

THE  
LARGE AND SMALL  
NOTEBOOKS  
OF  
JOSEPH WOOD

A YORKSHIRE QUAKER  
1750-1821

A TRANSCRIPTION  
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## INTRODUCTION

## A Note on the Transcription

In order to make the writings of Joseph Wood readily accessible to modern readers it was decided to make a transcription. (Their nature and condition of the Notebooks made it impossible to scan them.) The transcription is as faithful as possible to the original text. Spelling, punctuation, the use of capital letters and written style are unaltered and are as adopted by Joseph Wood and by the authors of the material he copied.

Written in a firm consistent hand, the Notebooks demonstrate the uncertainties that existed in the grammar of written English in the late 1700s and early 1800s. Variable spelling, inconsistent use of capital letters and irregularities in the tenses of verbs occur throughout. Punctuation is often absent or limited. Every effort has been made to ensure that these inconsistencies and omissions are retained. Where there is no or little punctuation, reading the passage aloud will frequently clarify the sense.

At some time in the past the Notebooks were renumbered. It is this later numbering which has been used in the Transcription. The original numbers are, however, still visible on many of the covers and, where applicable, are shown in italics at the top of the Contents page.

Wood included Contents pages in the Large Notebooks, placing these on the inside of either the front or back covers. For the Small Notebooks, a Contents page has been created, giving the dates of the entries, if these are known. In the Transcription the Contents pages appear at the beginning of each Notebook.

Only the pages of the Large Notebooks were numbered. Page numbers have therefore been introduced into the printed text of the Transcription to facilitate referencing and the compilation of the Name and Place Indexes for each Notebook.

This significant archival material is available in print in four volumes, each with a supporting searchable CD, as follows:

Volume 1 - Large Notebooks 1 - 18

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## A Note on the Indexes

The Indexes have been compiled as a research tool for those with an interest in Quaker family history, the history of Meeting Houses and Quaker settlements, Strangers and Public Friends and routes taken when travelling in Georgian England. The following points may be useful when consulting them.

There are inconsistencies in the spelling of personal names and the names of places – for instance, Hague / Haigh, Morehouse / Moorhouse, Baildon / Bayldon and Tottys / Tottis / Totties, Gisbrough / Gisbro' / Gisborough, Meltomhouse / Melthomhouse / Melthamhouse.

Where there are two versions, it is the first that appears in the Index. Where there are multiple spellings, the one that occurs most frequently is used.

There are occasions when printing can result in a name lying on the first or last line of a page appearing at the bottom of the previous page or at the top of the following page.

There are many instances where a place-name has two or more parts. The first letter of the second word is written as a capital or in lower case. Frequently there is a space, a dash or a dot introduced between the words e.g. Jacksonbridge / Jackson bridge / Jackson.bridge / Jackson-bridge, Dykeside / Dyke.side. These insertions do not appear in the Indexes. For this reason, it is advisable to make an initial search with the first part of the name and, if this fails, then with the second.

When searching for a name it should be noted that first names do not always appear with the surname, but are often to be found later in the sentence or in a following one.

A compilation of the Indexes of People and Place names will appear in 2012.

N.B. For the full Introduction to the Transcription see Volume 1

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London 1748.

## Friends

Admitting that you have, in some degree, been made instrumental in the hand of the Lord (spiritually) to bring many people out of Egypt through the Red Sea, and into the wilderness, many of whom having been convinced of Sin, and after sometime of distress and heaviness thereupon, have received a sense of Forgiveness, and have for a time rejoiced as upon the Banks of deliverance, having a Measure of divine Love shed abroad in their hearts; at which time they began to be sanctified. But, if I may be allowed to trace the comparison,(though very distant as to the Glory, and Greatness, both of the Work and the Qualifications of the Person that was to carry it on) it may be observed, that notwithstanding Moses was made instrumental in bringing the People thus far onward; yet it was not while under his dispensation, or by him, that they were to be brought into the promised Land; but that was to be the work of Joshua, who was still a more eminent Type of Christ.

Not that I am about to determine absolutely, how far the Lord may be pleased to bring forward his People, in this Gospel day, by human Instruments: Yet this I may venture to say both from Holy Writ and Experience; that it must be alone the Work of the spiritual Joshua, to fit, prepare, and lead his depending Children into the profession of the Promised Gospel Rest: Therefore when the Lord may be pleased to set about to bring any sincere Souls that are among you, more nearer to himself, and into a more spiritual dispensation, and to fulfil the Promise in them, of teaching them himself, and to bring them under his own discipline, exclusive of all human teaching; I say, when this comes to be the case with any Persons that are among you, you cannot hold them with all your might, for it is the Lord's doings. Altho' they may for a while lie under doubts and Confusion, and Distraction of Thoughts, from the different Opinions of zealous, jarring Guides in spiritual concerns; and not being so thoroughly established on the divine Teacher, therefore may for some time be loth to move from that way of Worship where, in time past, they had found so much Pleasure; nay and would not move while they found any Life therein; was not the Lord to deal with them as he did with journeying Israel, by first moving the Pillar of Cloud, and the Pillar of Fire, and then they found it their duty to depart from that place; otherwise they also were loth to move from the place where they had been favoured with the divine Presence; which is evident by Moses's crying out, Lord carry us not hence, except thy Presence go along with us.

So that when the Lord may be pleased to withdraw his Presence from the Souls of any, and thereby take away that Life they once had in ceremonial Performances, and outward Ways of Worship, they will then find the same occasion to withdraw from that way, as Israel did from

that place; the time being then come, that they are called to withdraw from this Mountain, or the other, and to Worship the Father in Spirit and in Truth: For how should the Soul be able to perform outward acts of Worship aright, that is in Darkness and Distress, that finds all consolation to be withdrawn? It can then no more rejoice, and sing, then the Captives in Babylon, whose Harps were hung on the Willows; but finds it needful, in such a Condition, to stand still, as to the outward; not in Indolence, not in Carelessness, not in Lightness and in differencey; but to keep close to the Lord in Spirit, and to wait, as at Jerusalem, by prayer and Supplication, until there is Power given from on high: For this is a time of Sorrow, and of Lamentation, a Time of Purging and Cleansing, a time of keeping close to the Lord in the way of the cross and Self denial, refusing to be comforted with any Superfluity of Temporal delights or Pleasures, until its Lord appears in a fresh dispensation of Grace and Love, with the Springing up of divine Life in the Soul. Therefore, I say again, when the Lord may please thus to visit, and call any from among you, think it not strange, for you cannot hold them; but be content, as Moses was, to be Instruments in the Lords hand in bringing the People just so far as the Lord may think fit; and be willing to give them up, and resign them over, and recommend them to the conduct and Guidance of the spiritual Joshua, the true Minister of the Sanctuary, the Anointing that teaches as never Man taught, who alone is invested with power and authority to bring his depending Children into the profession of the Promised Gospel rest; who must and will first sit on the Soul as a Refiner with Fire, and cleanse away all the Filth with the Spirit of Burning, and a Spirit of Judgment, and empty the vessel of all the old leaven, of all that is contrary to the divine Nature; and prepare the Temple as with a Whip of small Cords, before he will appear therein, to make his abode the second time without Sin unto Salvation. Therefore it is not apprehended needful, that you should hold the People so fast down to so much dependence upon your own teaching in particular, and to Crosses of your own prescribing; as also to so many ceremonial observations of Days, and Times, and Ordinances, most of which are of mans inventing; though some, in Time past without doubt, had been by divine Appointment, and have had they use: and though they were for a time continued in the Church for the sake of the Weak; yet it is very evident from Holy writ, that they were all to decrease, as the Gospel Dispensation increased and as the thing signified by them took place, as the New Creature, or Circumcision of the heart took place, as the great Sacrifice was come, as the spiritual Baptism took place, as the Bread and Wine of the Kingdom took place: for although, our Lord, when the time of his departure was near at hand, thought it needful to command, or give orders, that the Passover should be made ready, that he might partake thereof, on the same Account as he suffered himself to be Baptized, that he might fulfill all Righteousness; yet we do not find, that he hath anywhere commanded, that it should be continued in the Church, and called a Gospel ordinance, as many People are terming it; for the most account we have, with respect to the continuance thereof, is, that the Disciples were told by the Apostle, that as often as ye eat this Bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lords Death till he come: And this appears to be nothing new, and more than what eating of the Passover had all along typified: Excepting that when our Lord himself was partaking thereof, that the Type, or thing signified thereby, was then more nearer its Fulfillment and Accomplishment, on the account of the great Sacrifice, or Antitype, being then present near to be offered up. And now as this Dispensation of outward Bread and Wine, appears immediately to be closed up, and to cease, with regard to our Lord himself, as soon as ever he partook of it, by his declaring that I shall henceforth drink no more of the fruit of the Vine, until I drink it new in the Kingdom of my Father: So likewise, whenever he comes into the Soul with the promised Comforter, and fills it with the Bread and Wine of the Kingdom, that Soul will then find it Time to cease from the outward also. Not that I condemn any sincere Souls, that really think it their Duty to be found in the Use of outward Bread and Wine, but may they go on, and be faithful to the Light they have received, until the Lord may please to lead them farther: but let them beware of so resting in the Shadows, as to miss of the Substance. Likewise, on the other hand, where any are truly seeking the Lord, that are finding his Presence to be withdrawn from them in such Performances, and therefore find it needful to

withdraw from them, and to wait on the Lord with singleness of heart, for his inward and spiritual appearance; and when this is the case with any, why should not they go uncondemned also?

And now, as to Crosses of Mans appointing, which are not the Crosses of Christ; for although our Lord did expressly lay down the Necessity of denying ourselves, and taking up our Cross; yet we do not find that he left it so, as for one Man to appoint what another should take up his Cross in, as to each particular, neither in that Respect is one Man Able to chalk out a Path for another; for altho' the true Ministers of the Gospel are concerned at times to preach up Cross bearing, yet they are directing the Performance therein alone, according to the workings and Requirings of the Spirit of Christ, as made manifest in the Heart; for otherwise it might be justifiably termed bearing the Crosses of those that prescribe them, and not bearing the Crosses of Christ: For none may be truly called the Crosses of Christ, but what are according to the workings of his holy and pure Spirit upon the heart, convincing the mind what he would have done, and what he would have left undone, and by the working of his Holy power, subjecting the will into Obedience thereunto; and they that are truly, and in Earnest in the Christian Race, and are faithful in their Obedience to the Lord,s Requirings, will find that to be Crosses enough to their own Wills, without other Crosses imposed upon them; for they are the Crosses of Christ, and they only, that are taken up in Obedience to what the Lord is calling for, according to the powerful Convincement of his own holy Spirit: And such Crosses always have been, and still are, well known by the Redeemed of the Lord, to be the Power of God, to the plucking down of the strong holds of Sin and Satan, and in which path alone the Soul becomes purified, and cleansed from all Filthiness of Flesh and Spirit, and made a fit place of Residence for the most High: Which work, all the Cross bearing, and Self denial, and ceremonial Observations that are of Mans prescribing, can never be able to effect, (they being of no more service in the work of sanctification, than Roman Hair Clothes and Penances, or keeping of Lent, or Fasting upon every Friday, or sixth day of the Week) but are rather hurtful than helpful as bearing too near Analogy and Proportion to the noise of the Fools that were not to be heard in the building the Temple of Old, it being contrary to divine Appointment, and therefore would mar and spoil the work; and yet this appears to be too much the case with respect to the spiritual Builders in our day. But I am persuaded in my Mind, that the work will never be rightly carried on to the completing thereof, but in the profound silence of all that Fleshly Wisdom, Willings and Runnings, that are of mans inventing.

Likewise, your holding the People to so much Dependence upon your own Teaching in particular, the Consequence of which is like to be bad and destructive to your Society, for want of their being rightly gathered in their minds to have their Dependence more upon the Teacher in themselves; for what otherwise is like to be the case with the People, whenever it may please the Lord to call several of you aside by Death, but to be as Sheep without a Shepherd; instance the case of George Whitfield's Followers, upon his withdrawing from them; the effect of which you are not unsensible of, but very well know, that they are a scattered desolate People: Whereas, had they been sufficiently directed to, and rightly established upon, the divine Teacher, which could not be removed, their disappointment could not have been so great, neither would they have been so dispersed, though they for a while might have been without any outward Teacher.

But to return to the question concerning your being called aside, to which it is very likely you may Reply, that the Lord will raise up more Teachers to teach the People when you go hence; to which it may be observed, that we do not find it in Holy writ to be the mind of Providence to raise up Teachers, in this Dispensation of Time, to teach the People to depend upon their Teaching; for when many of the Jews, and religious Proselytes, followed Paul and Barnabas, after the congregation was broken up, we do not find, that Paul and Barnabas laid a strict charge upon them to come early on the Morrow morning, or on the Morrow Evening, to hear their Preaching but instead of that, they persuaded them to continue in the Grace of God, Acts C: 13. v: 43. But for People to depend chiefly upon the Teaching of any Man now living, that would be inconsistent with this Gospel Dispensation, wherein the Lord hath promised to teach

his People himself, and that they should be all taught of the Lord, needing not that any Man teach them, but as the Anointing teach them, which is Truth and is no lie. And this we may understand from Holy record, to be the way that the Gospel Churches were first planted by the Apostles, who went from place to place, directing the People to the teacher in themselves, even to Christ the true Light, that lighteth every man that cometh into the world; and then they withdrew, and left the People to wait upon the Lord, in their Places of Worship, gathering to that Light, and that power that was to teach them; and then it was not long before there were living Witnesses raised up to bear their Testimony to the truth of that Doctrine, as having received a measure of that Teaching, and thereby able to direct others to the same, as also Instruments of building them up in their holy Faith in and dependence thereupon; and glorious was the state of the Church at that time of day, for Purity of doctrine, holy order in discipline, Love to God, to one another, and to all Men, even Enemies, having much of the Power and Presence of the Lord among them; the Members of which Church, consisting of such that were born from above, circumcised in Heart, baptized with the Holy Ghost and with fire, squared stones, hewn by the Spirit, fit for the spiritual Building; not old, rough, fierce, cruel, implacable, unholy, unregenerate Spirits, but meek, gently, lowly poor in Spirit, merciful, peaceable in themselves, making peace among Men, renewed and sanctified in Spirit, holy in life and Conversation: Of whose States and conditions, the Apostles have given some general hints, declaring of them, to be such as had received like precious Faith with them, such that rejoiced with Joy unspeakable and full of Glory; such that had received, and were receiving a Kingdom that could not be moved; such that were come to Mount Sion, and to the City of the living God, to the heavenly Jerusalem, etc. and such that were fellow Citizens with the Saints, of the Household of God, that were built together in Christ for an Habitation of God through the Spirit; even such that God had blessed with all spiritual Blessings in heavenly places in Christ: And what state on earth can exceed this? But alas, it was not long before there began to be a declining from this state, according as it was foretold by the Apostle to the Thessalonians, that there would be a falling away, that the Man of Sin might be revealed: He not only telling them, how that it was to be fulfilled in Time, but that it was then begun. For the Mystery of Iniquity did already begin to work, only that which letted would let, until it was removed out of the way; ( even the plentifully Effusion of the spirit, that was then upon the Churches, which did then let, or hinder) but then that was withdrawn or removed, then the Man of Sin, or that wicked one, was more fully to be revealed and made manifest, whom the Lord in due time will consume with the Spirit of his Mouth, and the Brightness of his Arising. The Coming of which Man of Sin, (or great Whore, is generally understood by most Protestant Professors in Religion, to be literally fulfilled in, or by, Rome Antichristian; although they themselves are not exempted from the Fulfilment thereof, so far as they have drank, or are drinking of the Whore's Cup; for the great Whore is not alone by herself, but she is the Mother of Harlots, and all her Daughters are Harlots also, even all they that are building up Churches in her Spirit, (and with her Materials) out of the Guidance of the Spirit of Truth: For all the different and various Doctrines, Opinions, and Denominations in Religion, have proceeded and sprung up from the different Interpretations that the corrupt, depraved Mind of Man hath put upon the Holy Scriptures of Truth, the right Understanding of which they will never be able to come at, untill they are made partakers of the same Spirit by which they were first wrote: Therefore all the many and different Forms and ways of Worship, that Man according to his own Wisdom hath invented, set up, and rested in, for some Ages past, have been little less than so many dead weights that have kept down and hindered the pure Life of Christ rising up in the Soul, therefore may justly bear the name of Antichrist.

But I hope and trust, and that the Time is drawing near, when the Lord will again appear in his Glory, and cause Sion to arise and shine in her antient Beauty, by dispersing that Antichristian darkness, that have for a long time overspread the Hearts of men: For satisfied I am, and again repeated, as my Judgment, that the Lord will first shut up, and cut off, all that Life and Spirit from the Mind of Man, that it has in the many outward ways of Worship, and

cause all that outward dark dispensation to bow, and give way, before that everlasting Kingdom of Life and Peace will take Place, even that true Substance, which all the Types, Ceremonies, and Ordinances, that in time past were but only Shadows of.

From your sincere friend

Thomas Burton,  
Who heartily wishes you all Farewell in the Truth.

One day as my Mind were gathered inward, all outward things vanished; and I fancied myself in a large and open Country in the midst of which was a small Tower walled round with a pretty high wall. It were as tho' a voice said, It is one of the Daughters of Zion; as I came nearer I perceived the wall was covered with Ivy, and I mourn'd in my Mind against the weed, because it spoiled the appearance of it; and I thought a voice said pull of the branches from the Wall, and dig up the roots from the foundation list the pernicious weeds of the earth Reach and grow even to the heart and so pollute the inward parts untill I cannot abide in her: This seem'd to stay with me with much power. I wish all my dear Friends would enquire into their Conditions, and take care less the things of this Life Creep and grow round them and so spoil their Garments untill by degrees it reach to the heart also; for the lawful Self if not kept under, will by giving too much ear to its lawful pleadings, become unlawfull and spoil the beautiful daughters of Zion. I fear and mourn much for myself and for all my Friends lest we become a Prey to this near Temptation.

Mary Collier

Wakefield. 1776.

A short Testimony dropt by Elizabeth Walton of Barnsley in Pontefract Meeting.

My friends to be a professor is one thing, and to be a faithful Follower of the crucified Jesus is another: He did not crucify the Spirit of God to the World, but the world to the Spirit. I am sensible there is some here that suffer the vain Allurements of the World to stifle his calls and convictions. It will not serve us in the great day of account, to have the form. We must crucify the world to the Spirit of God in our hearts; for the true spiritual worshippers are only acceptable in the sight of God. Mind lest you trifle away the day of visitation so that your Eyes become dim that you cannot see and your Ears deaf that you cannot hear.

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An Abstract of divers Particulars of Advice at sundry times from the Yearly and Quarterly Meetings.

Education of Children Y : M. Anno 1689, 90

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That friends exercise a Godly Christian care for the due Education of Children, in the nurture fear and admonition of the Lord, and that none go into nor be found in the Vain and Gaudy habits, Dyes, Attire, nor Foolish Antick modes, and Fashions of the World either in Apparel, Furniture, or other Superfluity whatever. nor join with any in observing and keeping the Feast days, Banquets, or Vain Customs of the World. And also that Parents do not by any means indulge their Children, in speaking to either of them (or any others) in the Plural number, or allow them the liberty of those sports and Plays, which have viciate their minds and corrupt their manners, teaching them to avoid all unbecoming gestures, cringings, Bowings, and ceremonies in salutations contrary to our Ancient Plainness and simplicity.

Y: M. Anno 1690, 91, 92, 93, 95, 96, 1700, 1701, 1703, 19.

And not furnish Children with such things as tend to Pride, or lift them up in Vanity, or affect them with the vain Fashions of the World, but as much as in them lies restrain them therefrom, and to forward and encourage them as much as may be to read the Holy Scriptures and other good Books, that are profitable, and not to indulge them in corrupt Liberty, whereby they become exposed to the world, either in their Marriages, or evil conversation tending to their hurt and ruin. And that friends of all degrees take due care to breed up their children in some useful and necessary employment, that they may not spend their precious Time in Idleness, which is of evil example, and tends much to their hurt.

Y: M. Epistle of caution against Pride 1718 Q: M. 1719

That Friends keep to Truth and Plainness both in a Language, Habit, Deportment, Behaviour, and Dealings, and avoid Pride and immodesty in Apparel. Our Ancient friends were raised up to bear a faithful testimony against Pride, and the vain and foolish fashions of this World, as well as other Evils, and became a plain and self-denying People, and adorned our Holy profession by their grave modest and exemplary conversation, the contrary having brought a weighty exercise upon friends by reason of an undue Liberty, which too many under the profession of Truth run into, to the great grief of the Faithful Friends, by reason whereof the way of Truth is evil spoken of, and our holy profession greatly reproached, by many Men amongst us putting on extravagant Wigs, and wearing their Hats and Cloaths after the vain Fashions unbecoming the gravity of a religious People. And too many Women decking themselves with gaudy and costly Apparel, which shews more of Pride and Ostentation than for use and service and is inconsistent with that modesty, which should adorn their Sex, and did adorn the holy Women of Old, for certainly it does not become the gravity of our Profession, or any under it, to run into every new Fantastick mode, or Fashion, but to keep to that which is modest, decent, plain, and useful.

Wherefore we tenderly advise those that are blessed with the Riches of this world, would make it their Christian concern to be exemplary themselves, which certainly will be

very conducive to the much desired end, for then those of lower circumstances in the World (we hope) would be ashamed to take such undue Liberties as we here complain of.

And that Parents in the tender Years of their Children would not adorn them with gaudy Apparel, which Practice cannot come from the Spirit that leads out of the vain Customs of the World, but must proceed from Pride in that the Parents and Children being led into such Vanities and Fineries come gradually to be in Love with them which is apt to increase with their Years to that degree until it may be found very difficult to reclaim them, and as there ought to be a religious care duly exercise towards our Children, so also towards our Servants, that all appearances of Pride, Idleness and vain Conversation in them may be discouraged, and in order that friends may be the more hearty and effectual in suppressing the above-mentioned Evils, it is absolutely necessary that they stand fast in one Spirit, Labouring together against the work of the Enemy, that would destroy the work of God, and lay waste his heritage.

#### Marriages Q: M.

That all young and unmarried People be very cautious in their proceedings relating to Marriage, that their Eye be not so much to the world, and worldly ends, as unto the Lord and the concurrence of his Grace, and goodness in all those concerns, that they be not hasty or forward in making such proposals to any, (or excepting them when made) but with good advice caution and deliberation, and when or after such proposals be made, and are not embraced that there may be a waiting in patience some reasonable time to see what may be affected or done therein, before there be attempts made of such like proposals to any other, that so none may be found in such Levity or inconsistency as is manifest in the World, in running hastily from one person to another; and that before any such proposals be made, that the Parents or such as have those Persons in Tuition or Guardianship be first spoken to, and their consent obtained therein (if any such be)

That 12 Mths. time is little enough to forbear being concerned in relation to Marriage after deceased husband or Wife

Q: M. An. 1680 1685, 1709

and also that Widowers, and Widows be not too forward in making or accepting proposals of Marriage again after decease of a former Wife or Husband, but that there be some considerable forbearance in those cases, and that care be taken before any such Widows or Widowers be permitted to marry again, or consent be given thereto, that such provision and settlements in Temporal things be made, and done for the former Issue, Child or Children of such deceased Husband or Wife, as shall be seen or appear to be fair, just and reasonable, for the preserving of Love Peace and Unity, in Families, as also for preserving the rights of Infants, and those in Minority from been wasted or spent contrary to reason and Equity.

Q: M. An: 1709

And when any Marriages are accomplished or solemnised amongst Friends, that they be performed in the fear of God, and in a grave, sober, devout and solemn manner, and that Friends be careful at such times to keep out of the Forms, Modes, and customs of the world, in Feasting and other Superfluities, as also Riding too fast, or going in great Companies together, in a vain Splendour or wanton manner. And that care be taken (as much as possible may be) that none that make profession of Truth, do concern themselves in matters of Marriage or in making proposals relating thereunto with such as are not reputed of our Society, or of their near Kindred, at least not within the degree of second Cousins.

#### Mispending of Time

Y: M.An: 1689, 90, 91

That all in Gods holy fear, watch against, and keep out of the Spirit and corrupt Friendship of the World, and avoid unnecessary frequenting of Taverns, and Ale Alehouses, and all, looseness, Excess, and unprofitable, and Idle discourses, mispending their precious Time and Substance to the dishonour of Truth and scandal of our holy Profession.

## Against strife

Y: M. An: 1689, 92, 93, 95, 96, 97.

That every one watch against and shut out all occasion of strife, Offences, Contention and Division, as also Whisperings, Talebearing, Backbitings, and Evil speaking, tending thereunto, and that care be taken to put a stop thereto, and to shun going to Law one with another, but keep in that Love and Humility, in which their unity and Fellowship will always be dear and valuable; and to be kind and tender hearted one to another pressing for Universal Love.

## Offences Differences

Y: Ms. An: 1692, 93, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 1702

That where any hath Offences against another they first speak privately to the party concerned, and endeavour reconciliation betwixt themselves, and not Whisper or Aggravate matters against such behind their Backs, to the making of parties and that all may be watchful against that Spirit which would sow discord and make Dissensions, Divisions, Parties or Breaches, to the scandal of the Church of Christ, and that in all cases of controversies or Differences, the Persons concerned therein, either speedily compose matters betwixt themselves, or make choice of some faithful or unconcerned friend, justly and speedily to end and determine the same, or otherwise submit the choice to the Monthly Meeting, and such as refuse to submit to Truths order, or hear the Church are to be disowned.

## Covetousness

Y: M. An: 1689, 97, 99.

That all take heed and beware of Covetousness, over reaching oppressing or defrauding of any; and be watchful against an earthly Spirit getting up in any, for that will bring forth a slighting and neglecting of their Testimonies in keeping to first days and week days Meetings, and bring a decay of their strength and Zeal for God and his Truth.

## Attending of meetings

Y: M. An: 1691, 93, 96, 98, 1701, 1703

That Friends be diligent in keeping their week day meetings as well as their first days, and to keep all their Meetings for Discipline, and good order, as for Worship in the Love of God, and in the Name and Peaceable spirit of Jesus Christ, and to keep all heats, passions doubtful disputations, Contentions, Strife, Personal reflections, and Smilings out of their Meetings, and suffer no Contentious, Turbulent Quarrelsome Spirit or Person be concerned amongst them in ordering their Affairs that they may all be managed in the Peaceable Tender Spirit of Christ Jesus, and in his Power to stand fast in Righteous Judgment, over all unruly and disorderly Spirits, that would break in upon the good order settled amongst us, as well as over all those that seek to lay waste the Testimony of Truth, and to encourage faithful Womens Meetings knowing their service, and what need there is of their Godly care in the Church, in divers weighty respects proper to them.

Y: M. 1703

That all friends keep up their ancient Testimony in calling Months and Days, by Scripture Names, and not by Heathen, and comply not with the World in the superstitious observation of days.

That Servants Professing the Truth behave themselves in due subjection, humility and plainness, as becomes their profession, and places, and likewise Masters and Mistresses behave themselves towards their Servants according to the Apostles directions.

## Tythes

Y: M. 1690, 91, 92, 98, 99, 1701, 1703

That Friends Ancient testimony against Tythes of all sorts, and Steeplehouse rates, or Lays, be faithfully maintained and kept up in all the parts of it, and not avoided or shuned by any indirect way or courses in the Landlords or otherwise, and that in the peaceable Spirit of Christ, as becomes true Christians rather suffer patiently the spoiling of goods than any ways to strive or struggle with the spoilers and to retain them by force; and where any Friend or Friends shall be prosecuted upon any branch of their Christian Testimony for Truth, that such labour in a sense of the weight of their Testimony with the Prosecutor, before or at the beginning of the Prosecution, that so if possible the witness of God may be reached; and he convinced that their refusal to comply, proceeds not from Obstinacy, nor self Interest, but from a Godly care to preserve a Conscience void of Offence towards God and Man. It is therefore tenderly and in true Love advised, and desired that all Friends everywhere be very careful, and diligent that this our Ancient Testimony in every part and Branch thereof be Faithfully observed and kept, and that no Friend do by any means, or ways whatsoever invalidate the same, we being satisfied that the Payment of Tythes, either to Priest or Impropietor will not stand with our Christian Principle, they being both one in the ground, and if Paid to either in so doing, that which our Lord Jesus Christ came to put an end to is upheld; and thereby the hands of Truths opposers strengthened, and the sufferings of the Lords faithful and innocent People increased; for the more faithful Friends are therein we are really perswaded the Lord will the sooner make way for our ease and deliverance from that Burthen.

## Payment of debts

Y: M. 1692, 1698, 1703

That the Payment of just debts be not delayed by any Professing Truth beyond the time promised and agreed upon, nor occasion given of complaint to those they deal with by their backwardness of Payment, when no time is set, or limited, nor any to over charge themselves with too much Trading and Commerce, beyond their Capacities to discharge a good Conscience towards all Men, and that all Friends concerned be very careful not to contract debts to the endangering or wronging of others and their Families, which some have done to the grieving the hearts of the upright, nor to break their Promises, contracts and agreements, in their Buying and Selling, or any other Lawful affairs to the Injury of themselves and others, occasioning strife, contention and reproach to Truth, and Friends: and its advised that all Friends that are entering into Trade, or that are in Trade, and have not sufficient Stock of their own to answer the Trade they aim at, be very cautious of running themselves into debts, without devising with some of their Ancient and experienced Friends amongst whom they live, but be careful to keep within the Compass of their own Substance in the management of their Affairs to prevent failures and Breaches, and to avoid all indirect and unwarrantable methods, both in Trade and Merchandize whereby the Government may be defrauded of its due.

## Charity

Y: M. Epistle 1696

That such among Friends as are endued with plenty of outward substance, be timely and tenderly advised to do good therewith, in their day and generation especially with regard to the Poor, that the token of their charity may commend their memorial, and be good precedents to the Generation to come.

## Making Wills

Y: M. 1703

That all Friends in time of Health and strength of Judgement, take care timely, Lawfully, and firmly to make their Wills, and dispose of their substance as in Justice and Wisdom may be

agreeable to their satisfaction to prevent future inconveniences and trouble; Making such Wills in due time will shorten no Mans days, but the omission, or delay hath proved very pernicious to many and injurious to Truth.

#### Burials

Q: M. 1700 Y: M. 1717

That Friends abstain from all superfluities in Meat and Drinks etc at the Burial of their dead; and as much as in them lies in all their management relating thereunto, shew forth a self-denying life; being that which most becomes a holy profession, and in order thereunto, It's desirous that friends of each particular Meeting do appoint two sober weighty faithful Friends to inspect, and see into the practice of friends amongst them in this matter, that none professing Truth amongst us, at such times may run into excess, or superfluities in that case, either in providing too much meat or drink. It being our sense that the Burials ought not to be a time of Feasting, but rather a time of Abstinence and Mourning, and not to exceed what may be sufficient for necessary refreshment according as the circumstances of the place may require. That Friends should not give or Receive Cakes or Gloves at such times and not to shew a distinction of Habit etc as tokens of Mourning for the Dead.

#### Visiting families

Y: M. 1703

And in that a Godly care is growing among friends in many places that all things that are unsavoury and hurtful be removed, that so all that profess the precious Truth with us, may come up together in the good order of the Gospel, for the furthering of which, and encouraging thereunto; It is recommended that Weighty and sensible Friends of unblamable conversation be chosen in the Wisdom of God to Visit the Families of Friends in his Love, who are desired to advise or admonish in the peaceable Spirit of Truth, as the occasion may be seen.

That faithful Friends and Elders specially watch over the Flock of Christ, in their respective places, that they Faithfully and diligently walk up to the Testimony of Truth; and that where any of found, short weak, or faulty, they may be sought in the spirit of Love wherein Mercy is not only mixed with Judgement, but may appear over all their works, so that it may appear to all, that Church love abounds, before Church censure comes, and that a Gospel Spirit is the spring, and motive to all their Performances, as well in Discipline as Worship.

N: B. For further information in the particulars advised against we refer to the several Epistles or Manuscripts from whence this Abstract was collected.

From our Quarterly Meeting held at York ye. 28<sup>th</sup>. and 29<sup>th</sup>. days of ye. 4<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1727.  
Signed on behalf of the Meeting by.

Thomas Hammond

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An Account of my Journey to Balby Monthly Meeting held at Warmsworth in the 10<sup>th</sup>. Mo.  
1773

I set out from home ye 6<sup>th</sup>. of ye. 10<sup>th</sup>. Mo. and 4<sup>th</sup>. of Week about Noon went by Denby were I made a Little stay and then went forward by Dacinbrook and Cawthorne to Barnsley were I Drank Tea at Thomas Mortons after which I went by Ardsley to Little Houghton 15 Miles got there about 6 o Clock were I Lodg'd at my Cousin James Aldams. On the 7<sup>th</sup>. and 5<sup>th</sup>. of week about half Past 8 I set out towards Warmsworth 10 Miles went by Gawthorpe, Barmborough, Melton on Hill, and Sprodborough, were I crossed the river Don in a Ferry to Warmsworth got there just in time to the Meeting which was not very Large considering the number of Friends belonging it but Pretty Satisfactory after the Meeting of Worship was the Meeting for Discipline in which the Business belonging the 4 Particular Meetings viz. Balby, Sheffield, Woodhouse, and Thorne, was well managed the Meetings held about 3 Hours and a half after which I with Many other Friends Din'd at our friend Thomas Aldams there who is Great Grandson to that Worthy and Valiant Thomas Aldam of this place so oftens mentioned in George Fox's Journal and was as I suppose one of the first Preachers amongst the People call'd Quakers in those Parts from this Meeting I proposed going to David Dents at Thorne but I met with him and his Wife here going to our Country but I Concluded to go forward and was kindly invited to Lodge at my Friend Timothy Clarks at Doncaster that Night which I accepted of after Dinner we went to Catharine Aldams to see some Friends were they would have had us to have staid Tea but we declin'd the Invitation we Drunk each of us a Glass of Wine and eat some Fruit of the Peach kind and then set forward to Doncaster 2 Miles and a half we went by Balby were I saw the Orchard belonging to the Killam Family in which I suppose George Fox had the first Publick Meeting in this County we got to Doncaster about half past 5 walkt up and down into the several Parts of the Town until Dark which is Pretty Large and Commodious we spent the Evening in very agreeable conversation we having been Scholars together many Years in our Youth and not seen one another for a long time. On the 8<sup>th</sup>. and 6<sup>th</sup>. of Week about 9 o Clock I set out towards Thorne 10 Miles went by Hatfield got there about 1 in the Afternoon call'd at Emmanuel Singletons who Married Hannah the Daughter of Abraham Beaumont of Deershaw were I Din'd and from thence went to our kind

Friend Nathan Dearmans which I made my home during my stay at Thorne he having given me an Invitation to do so at Wandsworth after I had sat a while we took a Walk into the Town call'd to see the habitation of David Dent and from thence went to Mordecai Cassons were we Drunk Tea he is a very sober Religious Person was Formerly a Methodist but being dissatisfied he has attended friends Meetings for some time to satisfaction he came and spent the evening with us at Nathan Dearmans to great satisfaction before Dark I went down to our friend Hannah Atkinsons to see Jane Boothe who Liv'd Servant there she would have had me to tarry Supper but I could not being engag'd before I went down not to tarry. On ye. 9<sup>th</sup>. and 7<sup>th</sup>. of week before Breakfast Nathan Dearman and me took a Walk thro' the fields about a Mile to the River lookt about us in the Warehouse and then went up by the River side and so return'd to Town by the Canal which is made for bringing Turf for Fuel to Town betwixt 9 and 10 in the forenoon I set out towards Epworth in the Isle of Oxholm Lincolnshire having some Business to do there I travel'd thro' a very level Watry country there being Large Ditches for Fences and here and there a Willow; by Santoft to Epworth got there betwixt 12 and 1 took up my Quarters at the Queens-Head in the Market place I Propose getting my Business done soon and returning to Thorne that Night accordingly I sent for Benjamin Epworth who liv'd Servant with John Dixon there with whom my Business was he spent most of the Afternoon with me at the Inn and then let me Understand that it would be late in the Evening before my Business was done; I then began to Enquire of the people at the Inn if there was a Meeting of the People call'd Quakers any were near thinking I should like to be at some Meeting on 1<sup>st</sup>. day they told me there was one at Beltoft about 2 Miles out of town and that there was two Families lived in the Town, I accordingly went to one of 'em whose Name was William Read to Enquire concerning the Meeting but I found only his Wife at home she was very kind and invited me in and would gladly have had me spend the evening there but I could not she then Prest much on me to come to Breakfast and told me that her Husband and some of her Daughters would go with me to Meeting which I consented to; in the Evening I went to John Dixons and got my Business done and spend a Little time in Conversation and then return'd to my Inn at which Place I Paid 6d for Dinner and 6d Supper.

On ye. 10<sup>th</sup>. and 1<sup>st</sup>. of Week according to Promise I went to Breakfast to our Friend William Reads were I meet with a kind Reception but the Morning being very Wet and Stormy when Meeting time came I understood none of 'em was for going I askt the Reason they told me they did not use going on Rainy days at which I was sorry and told 'em I thought at going, they said if I went I should find Nobody there for as None liv'd very near the Meeting so they Never attended but when the Weather was tolerable good finding things thus Low amongst 'em I thought I could may be reach the Afternoon Meeting at Thorne they Prest much for me to stay telling me it was very unlikely for me to set out upon Account of the Rain and that I should be very Welcome at their House I told 'em when I was Hearty I did not think the 1<sup>st</sup>. day of the Week well spent if I did not get to some Meeting accordingly I set out betwixt 10 and 11 and left these Fair-weather worshippers without being at their Meeting tho' with some Reluctance and altho' it rain'd very Briskly when I set out yet before I got out of Town it cleared up and was Fair all the way after I got to Thorne a Little after one with difficulty the Roads being very Bad in that Low Country I call'd at Emmanuel Singletons were I washt and Brusht me up a Little and then went to Nathan Dearmans to Dinner and from thence to the Meeting which began at the 2<sup>nd</sup>. Hour and held about 2 Hours it is a Pretty Meeting of Friends tho' not very Large but was very Comfortable this Afternoon, I think they are about 13 Families belonging it as Frd. Dearman told me after the Meeting we spent the time very agreeably Nathan Dearman reading many very affecting Letters he had by him in Manuscript form one Friend to another in the Evening his Servants was call'd into the Room were he Read a long time in the Scriptures after which they read and then sat a time in Silence and then withdrew which I thought was a Practice worthy of Imitation in all Familys. On ye. 11<sup>th</sup>. and 2<sup>nd</sup>. of Week I set out from this kind Friends Family about 7 in the Morning stopt a Little at Emmanuel Singletons and then came to Doncaster were I stopt a little at Timothy Clarks who was a very agreeable Young Man and then set out towards Barnsley 15 Miles

thro' a very Pleasant country by Marr and Icclleton got to John Luptons of Beaver-hole by Barnsley were I din'd betwixt 2 and 3 in the Afternoon but it being the Fair day at Barnsley all the family was gone into Town but a Servant Woman after Dinner I went also were I met with 'em in the Street and Friend Dents with 'em we spent a Little time together at Thomas Mortons Drunk a Glass of Wine and then I set forward got to Denby between 6 and 7 were I supt at my Uncle John Woods and so got home betwixt 8 and 9 were I found our Family well Cousin John Woodcock accompanying me most of the way from Denby.

An Account of my Journey to the General Meeting at Monyash in Derbyshire in 8<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1774

I set out from home on Foot ye 13<sup>th</sup>. of 8<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1774 between 6 and 7 o Clock in the Morning on ye 7<sup>th</sup>. day of the Week and went by Bullhouse and Brookhouse and so thro' the Cut gate into Woodland in Derbyshire got to Joseph Chapmans about half Past 10 were I staid upwards of 2 hours and Din'd set forward again his Son John Chapman a Young Man that had attended our Meetings some time going along with me we call'd a little from their house got 1 Quart of ale Paid 2d each call'd again at Hope got 1 Pint of ale Paid 1d each and eat something I brought with me from home. we went by Breddaw, Windmillhouse and Tideswell to Whetstone got there about 6 o clock were we lodg'd at Peter Middletons were we met with a kind reception tho' he was not a Friend but a particular acquaintance of my Fathers my Brother Samuel Wood and John Firth also lodg'd here they being going to the Meeting but travelled on Horseback and so got hither before us I having Walk'd as near as I could guess about 23 or 24 Miles that day.

On 14<sup>th</sup>. and 1<sup>st</sup>. of Week We set out for Monyash 6 or 7 Miles and the Road being Mountainous the Riders and us was company most of the way we went by Milhousedale, Presly, and Taddington to Monyash got there about 9 o clock having been about 2 hours upon the Road we got some refreshment at the Bulls-head Paid 1d a Piece eating and 4d a Piece Liquor after which we took a Walk thro' the Village and a little way in the Fields and then return'd to Meeting which began at 11 and the Meetinghouse being not very large it was held in the Graveyard which is a large piece of Ground a Gallery was Erected and a Shade of Boards over it the seats was also brought out of the house and plac'd in regular order and many others made of Planks; the Number of Friends was but small there being but few in the County but we was favoured with several valuable Ministers as Thomas Colly of Sheffield Yorkshire, Ruth Fallas of Castle dunnington Leicestershire, John Bottom and Hannah Shipley of Utuxetter Staffordshire, John Storer of Nottingham and Anne Storrs of Chesterfield and a vast Concourse of People of other Societies attended and some from a great distance I think the GraveYard was well fill'd and their behaviour worthy of commendation John Storer stood up first Exhorting the People to settle down to the Work in themselves that so we might be favoured with a good Meeting Hannah Shipley was next concerned in Prayer John Bottom next in Testimony from Matt C. 7. v. 13. 14. Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the Gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life and few there be that find it. John Storer next stood up about 1 Hour and a half and was eminently favoured he shewed the happy state of those who had the fear of the Lord before their Eyes, and the unhappy life and Miserable death of the Wicked the text he oftens repeated was from Prov. C. 9. v. 10. The Fear of the Lord is the beginning of Wisdom: and the knowledge of the Holy is a good understanding. he likewise recommended us to read at our leisure the 1 Chap. of Proverbs beginning at 20 verse and 1 Chap. of Romans throughout were the lamentable state of those whom the Lord had forsaken of the cause of his forsaking them was evidently set forth. He had next a very solemn time in Prayer. The Meeting held upwards of 3 Hours and at close thereof he stood at again and desired as he was sensible some hearts had been reacht by the power of truth that such might keep close thereto, that it might not be like water spilt upon

a stone and that all might depart towards their several habitations in a sober orderly manner becoming the Solemnity of the occasion. About half past 2 we left the place in company with Jonathan Lupton and James Boothe of Sheffield when we had walkt about 4 Miles we came to a pleasant village situated in a deep valley call'd Ashford'eth Water were there is a Mill for Sawing, grinding and polishing Marble which is got in large quantities here both black and gray, we went into the Yard to look thereat which is very curious and beautiful. Here I parted with John Chapman he going towards home and I with other Friends for Sheffield 16 Miles when we had got to Assop 2 Miles we call'd and Din'd paid 4d a piece eating and the same for Liquor stopt upwards of an hour and then went on by Calver to Grindlefordbridge were we got 1 Quart of Ale paid 4d got to Sheffield about 9 o Clock it having rain'd most of the way were I lodg'd at Jonathan Luptons.

On 15<sup>th</sup>. and 2<sup>nd</sup>. of Week I went to Breakfast at Thomas Collys who had formerly been a Preacher amongst the People call'd Methodists and was convinced of Principles of Truth a few years ago and soon after had a few words in Meetings and is now grown a large and lively Minister of the Gospel having travel'd several journies in the service of Truth and being newly return'd from a Religious visit to friends in Ireland I spent the Forenoon in very agreeable conversation with him and his Wife and went from thence to William Fairbanks were I din'd. A little after Dinner I went to take my leave of Jonathon Luptons call'd again at Caleb Dickinsons were I stopt a little Joseph Ingle going along with me thus far I got out of Town betwixt 2 and 3 James Boothe coming with me about half a mile, I came by a Owlerton and Wadsleybridge to Lapwater were I call'd at William Turners his Wife having lived servant at my Fathers stopt 1 Hour and a half and Drunk tea came on by Grennaside, Wortley and Thuguland to Birchworth call'd at John Farrows to see George Chapman a young Man that was newly convinc'd who came with me almost home were I got about 9 o Clock.

An Account of my Journey to the Monthly meeting at Brighouse held there in ye. 10 Mo.  
1775

I set out from home ye. 27<sup>th</sup>. of ye. 10. mo betwixt 6 and 7 o Clock in the morning when I got to Shelly I overtook Anne Green of Highflatts we went by Kirkburton to Woodsomhall were we overtook William Dyson and Wife of Powker and Benjamin Dyson and his sister Martha of Skelmanthorp who appear'd to be under Convincement having attended our Meetings a considerable time, we went by Almundbury to Huddersfield were some of the Company having some business to do, I call'd at our Friend Thomas Firths and got some refreshment stopt about half an hour and then they calling of me again we went together to Brighouse, got there in good time to the Meeting which began as usual at the 11<sup>th</sup>. hour and was ready large John Swain, Christiana Hustler, Benjamin North and Robert Walker was all concern'd in testimony which I thought well of but did not reach the situation of my mind but in Wisdoms time Robert Walker stood up again and said "Friends never be asham'd of Poverty, for if there be any blessings it is to the poor, Blessed are the poor in Spirit; this shaming with Poverty he said had been the ruin of many, for he believed all the different Sects and denominations of Christians, had something that was good stirring amongst them in their first rise, but beginning to Shame with poverty and begging, it had led them both to Borrow and Steal, so that they had borrowed the words of the Prophets and Apostles, and stol'n the sayings of their Neighbours, to enrich themselves with, untill they were all become bankrupts and if we began to shame with being poor, we should certainly be in the same situation; but he desired we might never forget a begging trade". This (or words to this effect) as near as I remember was the greatest part of what he had to deliver at that time which much affected my mind; Afterwards he stood up again and said "The Lord has turn'd his hand upon some of you young People and if you do not turn to him he will turn his back upon you and you will be driven away as Chaff before the wind." George Conway went to Prayer next, after which Esther

Marshall had a very open time in Testimony. The Men and Women then separated in order to look into the affairs belonging the Monthly Meeting, a great deal of business was gone thro' and amongst others a Certificate was drawn and sign'd for our friend Esther Marshall who was going on a religious visit to Friends in the West and Southern Counties of England London and Parts adjacent. Also a Certificate was received and read on behalf of our Friend Robert Walker from the Yearly Meeting at Newport in Rhode-Island giving an account of his acceptable service there and the unity they had with him both in Ministry and Conduct in his late visit to America. Both Meetings held betwixt 5 and 6 hours, after which I din'd with Thomas Firths at their farm-house at Toothill and set forward towards home betwixt 5 and 6 the same evening Jonathan Green of Ingbirchworth accompanying me we called at my Grandmother Walkers at Paddock were we stopt about half an hour and got some refreshment after which I reacht home a little before 10 o.Clock being well satisfied with this days Journey.

An Account of my Journey to Balby Monthly Meeting held at Sheffield and Dolby and Dunning Mo. Meeting held at Castle-dunnington in Leicestershire in the 4<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1776.

Having had an inclination of mind for some time to pay a visit to the newly convinced Friends at Loughborough and our Friend Joseph Ingle of Sheffield being desirous to have my Company at his Marriage after weighing the matter little in my mind I consented to go it seeming to open a way for me to pay the beforementioned visit. Accordingly I set out from home ye. 4<sup>th</sup>. of ye. 4<sup>th</sup>. Mo. about half past 5 in the Morning and in about 5 hours time got to the house of my kind Friend John Swanwick of Sheffield were I got some Refreshment and then went to the Monthly Meeting for Worship which began as usual about 11 o Clock which was very large of Friends and some few of other Societies came in; We was likewise favoured with the Company of two Strangers viz. Barbara Drewry from Cumberland and Anne Storrs of Chesterfield. In the early part of the meeting Barbara Drewry had a few words in Testimony exhorting us to gather inward to the gift of God in ourselves if we was desirous to be favoured with a good Meeting after a considerable time of silence she stood up again and appeared a long time upon divers subject the states of several being closely spoke to. At the close of the Meeting she had a few words more to a particular state she apprehended had been nearly visited but had not come forward as was intended. The Women Friends then withdrew and the business of the Monthly Meeting was entered upon Joseph Ingle laid before the Meeting his continued intentions of Marriage with Esther Spencer a member of Dolby and Dunnington Mo. Meeting in Leicestershire, also Abraham Darby a member of Shrewsbury Mo. Meeting and Rebecca Smith of Doncaster declared their intention of taking each other in Marriage. Barbra Drewrys Certificate was likewise read she being going on a Religious visit to Friends of Bristol, London and parts adjacent some other business was gone thro' and I think the whole was well conducted. Both Meetings held upwards of 4 hours. after which I din'd and drunk Tea at Caley Dickinsons Several of the newly Convinc'd Friends came to sit a little with us and there whose company was very agreeable. After Tea we went to Thomas Colleys were we sup'd and spent the Evening to Satisfaction From thence I went to John Swanwicks were I lodg'd.

On 5<sup>th</sup>. and 6<sup>th</sup>. of Week. This Morning I breakfasted at William Hothams, set forward on my Journey about 10 o Clock in the Forenoon went by Dronfield in Derbyshire to Chesterfield were I din'd at William Storrs's tarryed about one and a half having the agreeable company of Barbara Drewry, Thomas Colley, and some other Friends who were going to have a Meeting there that Evening which I could not conveniently tarry so proceeded on my Journey when I had got a little out of town I was overtook by an empty Chaise in which I rode about 7 miles for 8d; got to my Cousin Dorothy Rodgers's of Alfreton about 6 that Evening were I lodg'd.

On 6<sup>th</sup>. and 7<sup>th</sup>. of Week. Betwixt 8 and 9 in the Morning I set about for Nottingham 16 miles call'd by the way and got some Brandy and Water paid 3d. Din'd at the Red Lyon in Nottingham Paid 8d eating and 3d Liquor stopt about 1 hour and then set forward for Loughborough in Leicestershire 14 Miles call'd by the way and got some Rum and Water paid 3d, got there about 7 that Evening were I lodg'd at Samuel Martens. Supp'd that night at William Hutchinsons.

On 7<sup>th</sup>. and 1<sup>st</sup>. of Week. Was at the Forenoon Meeting in town which began at 11 o Clock and held about 1 hour and a half, it consisted entirely of Persons lately Convinc'd of Principles of Truth and might perhaps be about 20 in number. Afternoon meeting began at the 3<sup>rd</sup>. hour was not quite so large as the former some Friends being gone to Castle Dunnington to be at the Monthly Meeting there the day following. After Meeting I drunk Tea at William Hutchinsons and from thence went to our friend William Powels who had formerly been a Preacher among the Baptists were we sat a little and got Supper and then return'd to my lodgings. Several of the People in this Town were convinced of the Principles of truth before they had any outward knowledge of Friends and had thereupon separated from all other Societies and met by themselves in Silence about which time it pleased the Lord to send some of his Servants to declare the Truth in that place with whom (as they told me) they found good Unity since which their number has increased, and a tender People there is amongst them whose growth and Preservation I much desire.

On 8<sup>th</sup>. and 2<sup>nd</sup>. of Week. Meeting with some disappointment it was 9 o Clock before I set out for Castle-dunnington 9 miles having the company of William Hutchinson and Sarah Marten we got there just in time to the Monthly Meeting for Worship which began at the 11<sup>th</sup>. hour. There was a pretty appearance of Friends and some few of other Societies John Storer of Nottingham and Barbara Drewry was there and both staid the Marriage the day following. In this meeting John Storer was first concern'd in Testimony a long time from John Chap: 9. v: 4. The Night cometh when no Man can work. exhorting us whilst the day of Gods gracious visitation was extended to make a right use thereof, lest the night should overtake us and we be ungathered. Barbara Drewry next she stood long and was much favoured shewing the different dispensations Man had to pass thro' in that great and necessary work of Regeneration mixing her discourse with something of her own experience of the dealings of the Lord with her since the time he was pleased to reveal himself to her; and have something very encouraging to some present who she apprehended at times were deeply tryed and dipp'd as it were into the bottom of Jordan. At the close of the Meeting was held the Mo. Meeting for discipline. The business of which was not so well conducted as in some places owing to the want of a proper Person for a Clerk; amongst other things at Friend Joseph Ingle of Sheffield and Esther Spencer daughter of Henry Spencer of this Town declared their continued intentions of Marriage with each other, and no objections appearing they desired leave of the Meeting to accomplish the same the day following which was agreed to. Both Meetings held about 4 hours. After which I din'd at Henry Spencers and from thence went to Thomas Bakewells were I drunk Tea and spent several hours very agreeably John Storer, Barbara Drewry and many more Friends being there from thence I bent with William Hutchinson to Joseph Evats were we supp'd and lodg'd that night.

On 9<sup>th</sup>. and 3<sup>rd</sup>. of Week. This morning we went to Breakfast at George Follows's were we again met with the beforementioned Friends. At 10 in the Forenoon the Meeting began and held about 3 hours was exceeding large and much favoured abundance of People and other Societies attending more than could get into the Meetinghouse who behaved well. John Storer appeared first a long time in Testimony reciting many remarkable passages of the life of Jacob particularly his journey to Padanaran and how he was concerned to seek the Lord in his several undertakings and how he was pleased to bless him both in Basket and in store, and indeed I thought he was wonderfully opened upon the foregoing subjects and some others. Barbara Drewry next she stood very long and was much favoured from John Chap: 10. v: 27. My Sheep hear my voice, and I know them and they follow me. Shewing the great difference there was betwixt the voice of the true Shepherd and that of Strangers directing the people to

Christ Jesus the true Shepherd and Bishop of Souls who alone can teach his people to profit. The young People then took each other in Marriage after which Ruth Follows had an extraordinary time in Prayer. The Marriage Certificate was afterwards read and Sign'd by as many as chused. The people then separated in an orderly manner and Friends in pretty generally went to dine with the new married Couple; after dinner we had a select opportunity together which was very precious and I hope will not soon be forgotten by some Barbara Drewry appear'd first exhorting us to come up in obedience to the Royal Law written in our hearts, John Storer next from Rom: Chap: 2. v: 13. For not the hearers of the Law are just before God, but the doers of the Law shall be justified. afterwards Barbara Drewry appear'd again and enlarg'd pretty much upon the former subject; when the opportunity was over she in an affectionate manner took her leave of us and set forward on her journey in order to reach the Monthly Meeting at Hartshill in Warwickshire the day following. soon after the Loughborough Friends prepared to return home and I accompanied them a little out of Town were we parted tho' with some reluctance for I observ'd the Tears in some of their Eyes when I took my leave of them. From thence I return'd to Henry Spencers, were I drunk Tea and supp'd and then went with Joshua Ingle to George Follows's were we lodg'd.

On 10<sup>th</sup>. and 4<sup>th</sup>. of Week. We got up pretty early and spent several hours in very agreeable conversation with our kind Friend Ruth Follows she relating to us something of her Travels in the Work of the Ministry in this Nation and Scotland. After Breakfast we went to Thomas Bakewells were we sat a little and then went to Henry Spencers were I din'd about 11 o Clock and then set out on my Journey homewards Joseph Ingle accompanied me about a Mile, soon after we parted I overtook a Young Man that was going to Alfreton so I got company all the way. We got to Derby 8 Miles and from thence went thro' the meadows to Baregate were we call'd and got some Refreshment paid 3d and a half each got to Alfreton betwixt 6 and 7 were I lodg'd at my Cousin Dorothy Rodgers.

On 11<sup>th</sup>. and 5 of Week I set out about 6 o Clock in the morning and in about 3 hours time reacht our Friend William Storrs's of Chesterfield were I got some refreshment and then went to their Week day Meeting which began at 10 and held about 2 hours was not large but pretty comfortable after which I din'd at William Storrs's; at half past 2 I set out for Sheffield call'd by the way and got a Glass of Brandy Paid 2d got there to John Littlewoods a little before 6 were I drunk Tea after which we had a pretty comfortable opportunity with his Wife who at that time lay very ill. That night I supp'd at William Hothams and lodg'd at John Swanwicks.

On 12<sup>th</sup>. and 6<sup>th</sup>. of Week. After breakfast I went to John Hoylands were I spend most of the Forenoon very agreeably and Din'd there John Holbem Senr. hearing I was there and being desirous to see me came and din'd along with us after which I went with him to Richard Bowmans and from thence went to Thomas Colleys sat a little at each place and then went to Caleb Dickinsons were I drunk Tea. afterwards I went and sat a little at William Fairbanks, call'd to take my leave of Joseph Ingle and his Wife who were at Wm. Hothams and then return'd to my lodgings.

On 13<sup>th</sup>. and 7<sup>th</sup>. of Week. I breakfasted at Caleb Dickinsons and then set out for Masbro' 6 miles in Company with Elizabeth Dickinson and Mary Rutherford to see Richard Eyre and his Wife who were under Convincement we got there a little after 10 but found not the Man at home however the Wife was very kind and friendly after we had got some refreshment we took a walk as far as the Town hall in Rotherham were Friends had lately had some Meetings After Dinner I set out towards home at about 2 oClock came by Kimberworth, Chapel Town, and High Green to Wortley 9 Miles were I got some refreshment paid 5d and so got home betwixt 7 and 8 that Evening.

An Account of my Journey to Brighthouse Monthly Meeting held there ye. 26<sup>th</sup>. of ye. 4<sup>th</sup>. Mo.  
1776

I set out from home betwixt 6 and 7 o Clock in the Morning Jonathan Green of Ing. Birchworth calling at our house to accompany me we went by Shelley, Kirkburton, Woodsom mill Kirkheaton, and Cown brig, to Bradley, were we call'd and got some Refreshment at the Cock Paid 4d each after which we went to Joseph Dysons to call of William Dyson and Wife of Powker, Benjamin Dyson, Mary Dyson and Martha Dyson of Skelmanthorp, they were just going to sit down to Tea, and was so kind as to give us an invitation to partake with them which we accepted of, at both places we stopp'd upwards of an hour and so got to Brighthouse just in time to the Meeting which began at the usual time and was pretty large of Friends Robert Walker stood up first and was prettily opened concerning the nature of that true Fellowship which comes from God and the necessity there was for us to experience a being washt as it were in the Blood of Christ to cleanse us from Sin from 1 John Chap: 1.ver: 7. If we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have Fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all Sin. Joseph Jackson next, he adapted the same text and enlarg'd pretty much upon it and afterwards had a pretty long time in prayer. Mary Firth appear'd next a short time in Testimony and afterwards Robert Walker again he stood long and was opened upon divers subjects. The Women Frds. then went apart and the business of the Meeting was entered upon and conducted throughout in an unanimous manner John Dilworth of Lancaster and Sarah Arthington of Leeds declare their intentions of Marriage with each other. both Meetings held about 4 hours. after which we din'd at Zephaniah Smiths of Shepherds Thorn. About 5 o Clock we set out towards home came by Bradley and Cown brig to Kirk-heaton near which place we overtook the Skelmanthorp People call'd at Woodsom mill and got some Ale paid 2d each came together as far as Shelly, were they left us and we call'd at Amorhouse and sat about an hour with Sarah Morton and so got home betwixt 10 and 11 o Clock.

An Account of my Journey to a Meeting held at Darwent in Derbyshire ye. 12<sup>th</sup>. of ye. 5<sup>th</sup>.  
Mo. 1776

George Chapman of Banktop in Woodland a member of our Meeting having some time had a desire on his mind that his Neighbours might be favoured with a Visit from Friends if any found any drawings upon their Mind that way, which was communicated to some Friends and amongst others to John Storer who found freedom of Mind to appoint a Meeting there on the 12<sup>th</sup>. of ye 5<sup>th</sup>. mo. 1776 which I suppose was the first Meeting of the People call'd Quakers held in that part of the Country.

On 11<sup>th</sup>. of ye. 5 mo. and 7<sup>th</sup>. of Week betwixt 3 and 4 o Clock in the Morning I set out towards Darwent were the Meeting was appointed to be held in a very large Barn belonging to George Walker having the Company of Mary Dyson and her sister Martha of Skelmanthorp (who came the night before to our house) we went by Bullas to Langside were we stopt near an hour and got some refreshment and then proceeded on our Journey thro' the Cut gate to Joseph Chapmans of Banktop were we got about 10 o Clock. After Dinner George Chapman and me when down to Darwent 4 miles in order to prepare the place for the Meeting; when we got there we went to John Thorpes who keeps a Public house were we met with our kind Friends George Hancock Elizabeth Dickinson and Mary Rutherford from Sheffield whose company was very agreeable. After getting some Refreshment we went down to George Walkers and began to prepare the place, erected a convenient Gallery and afterwards seated the greatest part of the Barn with Ladders, Planks, Forms and Chairs, which we Borrowed; there appearing a great willingness in the People to lend us what assistance they could we got

it pretty handsomely compleated about 8 o Clock that Evening and then return'd to our Quarters were we met with good usage Paid 6d Tea and 4d Suppers.

On 12<sup>th</sup>. and 1<sup>st</sup>. of Week; about 11 o Clock the Meeting began there was a pretty considerable number of Friends collected together from several Meetings and abundance of other People are considering the Country, For besides the inhabitants of Woodland who work pretty generally there; there was a many from Breddaw and parts adjacent some from Bamford, Aston, Athersage and other neighbouring places The most of them behaving with a remarkable Civility considering. That they were generally Strangers to us our Principles and Practice. John Storer of Nottingham and Thomas Colley of Sheffield were all the Publick friends that was present, John Storer appear'd first stood as near as I could guess about 2 hours and was exceedingly favoured opened the Principles of Truth in an extraordinary manner to the People, shewing, that the Lord was come to teach his People himself, and to bring them of from all the worlds ways and teachers to Christ the true teacher, and the true way to God, and that all should now hearken to him, who said " Learn of me" exhorting the people in a moving manner to beware of a Spirit of prejudice which had been a great hurt to him in the days of his Youth giving a very particular account of his convincement telling us that he was educated in the National Way but when the Lord was pleased to visit him in an extraordinary manner and his Eyes came in some measure to be opened he perceived many inconsistencies amongst them even in their Book of Common prayer divers of which he recited to us. Being thereupon uneasy he separated from them and went amongst the Calvinists, Presbyterians, Baptists and Methodists, all of whom he said he found to be Cisterns broken cisterns that would hold no water but in process of time the Lord was pleased to shew him that the People called Quakers were the People with whom he ought to join, which was a very great Cross to him for he was exceedingly prejudic'd against that People, after attending their Meetings sometime he began to look outward and saw some sitting in an unconcern'd manner whereupon he grew uneasy and thought himself as one alone, and that none was like him in all the earth but the Lord was pleased to shew him that it was the principle and not the People he was to look at and that if all the People forsook him their principles were the Truth and he ought to be faithful to what was manifested to him but says he " I afterwards found many dear Children of the most high God amongst them with whom I had true Unity" He was also opened in many other points of doctrine mixt with his own experience and finally with the Apostle recommended us to the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Thomas Colley appear'd next stood upwards of half an hour and was favoured Shewing the Necessity and advantage of true Silence from Psalms Chap: 46. v: 10. Be still and know that I am God: He was also pretty largely opened concerning the Lords Prayer and afterwards branched out into sundry points of doctrine directing us to the Light of Christ as the best of teachers and one that could not be remov'd in to a corner. John Storer was next concern'd a long time in Prayer. he afterwards stood up and commended the People for their good behaviour desiring them not to enter hastily into conversation but weightily ponder in their minds what had been delivered and when they got home search the Scriptures and see if it did not correspond therewith. The Meeting held upwards of 4 hours and the still Solid attentive behaviour of the People could not fail of being satisfactory to those whose minds were ardently concern'd for their welfare. After Meeting Friends generally din'd at the Inn were we paid 6d a piece for eating and 6d Liquor, most Friends set out towards their habitations as soon as they could but George Chapman, Mary Dyson her sister and myself tarried untill 6 o Clock and then came up to Joseph Chapmans of Banktop were the Young Women lodg'd but after Supper George and me went to sleep at Joseph Websters of Ridge.

On 13<sup>th</sup>. and 2<sup>nd</sup>. of Week After dinner we set at towards home George Chapman accompanying us about a Mile at parting we sat us down upon the Moor were our minds were drawn into solemn silence. We came thro' the cut gate were we met with two Young Men one of them was rude both in expressions and behaviour which brought a great exercise upon my mind after we had walkt together about a Mile we sat down were I got an opportunity to clear

myself the power of truth came over him so that he was afterwards more civil. We stopt about an hour at Thomas Earnshaws and drunk tea and so got home about 8 that Evening.

An Account of my Journey to Balby Monthly Meeting held at Sheffield in the 8<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1776

I set out from home ye. 1<sup>st</sup>. of ye. 8<sup>th</sup>. Mo. and 5<sup>th</sup>. of the Week about 3 o Clock in the Morning call'd at John Greens of Ing Birchworth were I tarried about an hour and Breakfasted, set forward again in Company with Mary Dyson and her Sister Martha from Skelmanthorp and Jonathan Green of this place. We went by Thurgoland to Wortley were we stopt about half an hour and got some Refreshment and then proceeded when we had got about half a Mile farther our Friend David Dickinson of Thurlstone came up with us and bore us Company to Sheffield were we got to the house of a Friend Caleb Dickinsons about half past 9 were we drunk Tea and Rested ourselves a little and then went to the Monthly Meeting for Worship which began at 11 and was large of Friends and some few of other Societies Thomas Colley appeared first stood pretty long and was favoured from Eccle: C: 9. v: 9. Rejoice, O young man, in thy youth, and let thy heart cheer thee in the days of thy youth, and walk in the ways of thy heart, and in the sight of thine eyes: but know thou, that for all these things God will bring thee into judgment. Afterwards Esther Tuke from York was twice concern'd in Testimony, first from Gen: C: 17. v: 1 walk before me and be thou perfect. and next from Micah C: 5. v: 7. And the remnant of Jacob shall be in the midst of many People as a dew from the Lord, she stood long each time and was much favoured. Afterwards Abiah Derby concluded the meeting in Prayer. At the close of the meeting was held the Monthly Meeting for discipline the business of which was conducted in a becoming manner amongst other things Samuel Darby of London laid before this Meeting his continued intentions of Marriage with Deborah Barnard of this meeting and at their request a Meeting was appointed next day for the accomplishing the same. The Monthly Meeting being at the desire of the young Womans Relations held here at this time, which fell by course at Thorne. Also Robert Tricket and Katherine Dent declared their continued intentions of Marriage. John Littlewoods Application to be a member of our Society was likewise laid before the Meeting and an appointment of four Friends made to pay him a visit and make their report to the next Monthly Meeting. Both Meetings held about 3 hours and a half, after which I din'd at John Swanwicks and from thence went to see Esther Tuke at John Hoylands were I drunk Tea, from thence I went to John Barnards of Uppertorp, Abiah Darby having sent word that she had a desire to see me. She gave me a number of Books to distribute in our Neighbourhood which I sincerely desire may be of service. I tarried about an hour and got a little private conversation with Deborah Barnard much to my satisfaction she being a Pious Religious Young Woman whose growth and Preservation I much desire. From thence I went to Thomas Colleys were I supp'd and afterwards went to my usual lodgings at my much Esteemed Friend John Swanwicks.

On 2<sup>nd</sup>. and 6<sup>th</sup>. of Week. This Morning I breakfasted at William Rutherfords, and from thence went to Caleb Dickinsons, Joseph Ingles, and John Hoylands sat a little at each place, and then went to the Meeting which began at 10 and was exceeding large and crowded a great number of the Town People attending far more than could get into the Meetinghouse. Several Strangers was there as Abiah Darby from Shropshire, Esther Tuke of York, and Esther Marshall of Leeds, whose Company we was favoured with the day before. Thomas Colley appear'd first in Testimony stood pretty long to advantage was opened a little concerning Marriage and afterwards branched out into much weighty counsel and advice exhorting us to come up in the experience of that great and necessary Truth of Christs second coming in us without Sin unto Salvation. Esther Tuke appear'd next stood very long and was much favoured opening many Truths in a convincing manner to the People from Prov: C: 1. v. 22, and 23. How long, ye simple ones, will ye love simplicity? and the scorners delight in

their scorning, and fools hate knowledge? Turn ye at my reproof; after a short time in Silence Samuel Darby and Deborah Barnard stood up and took each other in Marriage, after which Esther Tuke had a long and satisfactory time in Prayer. The Marriage Certificate was next read and sign'd by the young Couple and as many of their Relations and other People as chused. The Meeting held about 3 hours after which John Barlow call'd me into his house and gave me a Glass of Wine and Biscuit to it. From thence I went to Thomas Colleys were I din'd, and in the Afternoon drunk Tea at Caleb Dickinsons in Company with many Friends who came to sit with us. Our Friend Esther Tuke and Thomas Colley finding a concern on their minds to pay a Religious visit to the inhabitants of Woodland, and parts adjacent and as none of the People from the Town of Hope attended that lately held at Darwent Thomas Colley seemed a most desirous for the Meeting to be held in that Town if a convenient place could be met with, accordingly after several consultations had about it, it was agreed for me and some others to go and see if we could procure a place for the purpose and give notice of a Meeting to be held there the 11th of this Mo. I set out of Sheffield betwixt 5 and 6 that Evening for Hope 14 Miles having the agreeable Company of John Littlewood and Joseph Haigh of this Town and Jonathan Green of Birchworth, we went by Athershedge to Mythambridge were we stopt a little and got some Rum and Water, got to Hope betwixt 9 and 10 that Evening were we took up our Quarters at the Clerks of the Parish who keeps a public house there paid 4d Supper and 6d breakfast.

On 3<sup>rd</sup>. and 7<sup>th</sup>. of Week, we got up pretty early and took a walk into the Town and understanding that the largest Barn therein, belong'd to one Christopher Syddall we spoke to him about it who readily reply,d we should have it and he would make us all the convenience he could. We then gave notice thereof to several Persons in the Town desiring them to inform their Neighbours and acquaintance, also Wrote a paper and stickt it up about the center of the Town, and sent another to Athershedge. From thence we went to Breddaw and gave notice to the inhabitants there, here we parted with our two Friends from Sheffield they returning towards home, purposing to give notice as they passed along to the inhabitants they came near, and we return'd to Hope were we got each of us a Pint of Ale and then set forward for Joseph Chapmans 7 Miles giving Notice to the inhabitants of Woodland as we passed along. We got to Banktop betwixt 1 and 2 were we din'd and tarried until a little past 4 and then set forward again George Chapman accompanying us home were we got betwixt 8 and 9 that Evening.

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An Account of my Journey to the Welsh Yearly Meeting held this year at Newtown in  
Montgomeryshire

On ye. 22<sup>nd</sup>. of ye. 4<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1773, and 5<sup>th</sup>. day of the week about 6 o Clock in the morning, I set forward on my Journey my Father sending a man and a horse with me as far as Woodland in Derbyshire 12 miles and then I betook myself to my usual way of travelling on foot getting some refreshment as I travelled along my Mother had given me in my Pocket, went by Hope, Castleton, and Forest to Fairfield were I got a Pint of Ale at the Brown.Ox paid 2d and then preceded by Buxton to Leek in Staffordshire were I purposed to have tarried all night but the Town being so full of Soldiers I went about 3 miles farther to Chattleton were I got betwixt 8 and 9 in the evening and Lodg'd at the Sine of the Red Lyon, having travelled about 48 miles that day, paid 6d Supper and 5d Liquor.

On ye. 23<sup>rd</sup>. and 6<sup>th</sup>. of week after breakfast for which I paid 6d, I set out about half-past seven for Stafford 20 miles, called by the way at Sine of the Gate got 1 pint of Ale paid 3d, then proceeded by Hilderson and Sandon to Stafford, were I got some refreshment at the Bulls-head paid 1d eating and 2d Liquor, then proceeded by Penkridge, and Brude to Cotsall 40 miles got there about 8 in the evening were I lodg'd at the Sine of the seven stars paid 4d Supper and 8d Liquor.

On 24<sup>th</sup>. and 7<sup>th</sup>. of week, after breakfast for which I paid 5d I proceeded by Pattingham, and Hilton to Bridgnorth in Shropshire, were I got a pint of Ale at the Sine of the Carriage paid 2d, then proceeded to Sutton were I got a Pint of Ale paid 2d, then passed on by Madeley into Coalbrookdale, having travelled about 24 miles that day setting out about 9 in the morning and got here betwixt 6 and 7 in the Evening, were I was very kindly received and

agreeably entertained at our friend Robert Gilpins, whose Wife Margaret Gilpin and servant maid Sarah Bedaws, were both acceptable Ministers.

On 25<sup>th</sup>. and 1<sup>st</sup>. of the week in the morning Robert Gilpins and me went and sat a little at John Rowes's, from thence we went to their forenoon meeting which began at 10 and held about 2 hours there is a considerable number of friends belonging thereto, and I think 9 or 10 ministers, (but some of them was gone that day to a meeting at Shrewsbury) John Bottom from Staffordshire was here. Margaret Kilpin was first concerned in testimony, and afterwards John Bottom both in testimony and prayers. The afternoon meeting began as usual at the 3<sup>rd</sup>. hour, Our friend John Elliott from London, who had been at Newdale in the forenoon, got to this meeting, and he, John Bottom and Sarah Beddows had the publick concern therein in Testimony; at the close of this meeting was held their Preparative meeting the business of which was well conducted. Afterwards the two Strangers and several other friends drunk Tea at Robert Gilpins, after which we had a precious opportunity together in which George Parker and John Elliot had the public concern, this evening we went and Supt at Abiah Darbys of Sunnyside, taking a turn in her Gardens which are very large and beautiful, adorn'd with Harbours and Summerhouses.

On 26<sup>th</sup>. and 2<sup>nd</sup>. of week, George Parker a young man belonging this meeting, who had formerly been in profession with the Methodists, but being convinced some time ago and sine received a Gift in the ministry call'd of me in order to be my companion to the Yearly Meeting, whose company was very agreeable to me, we set forward about 8 o Clock went by Little-Wenlock and so over a great mountain called the Wrekin, from which we had an extensive prospect over a rich and beautiful Country, particularly the Valley that lies upon the banks of the Severn, we then passed thro' Hatcham to Shrewsbury, 14 miles were we din'd at our friend John Reynolds's, then proceeded on our Journey called by the way at the Sine of the Windmill were we got some refreshment paid one and a half pence for eating and 2d Liquor, got to Welshpool in Montgomeryhire, North Wales about half past 7 took up our Lodgings at the Royal-Oak (in company with many friends who were going to the Yearly Meeting.) having travelled 33 miles that day; paid 1d a piece Supper and 3d Liquor. This Town is situated in a very rich and beautiful valley which we had on our right hand for a considerable way as we came and continues from hence quite up to Newtown, the River Severn running down it which is navigable within about 2 miles of this place; we took a walk into several parts of this Town which is large populous and well built for a Welsh town.

On 27<sup>th</sup>. and 3<sup>rd</sup>. of week, after breakfast for which we paid 8d a piece, we set out betwixt 8 and 9 for Newtown 14 miles, up that pleasant valley beforementioned, on the right hand side of the road is the house and park of the Earl Powis, which is pleasantly situated. We din'd at the Sine of the Mule and Angler paid 6d a piece eating and 2d Liquor, got to the Sine of the Bear in Newtown betwixt 1 and 2 in the afternoon, were we got a Quart of Ale paid 2d a piece, and then went to see several friends at their Inns, and it being market day we took a walk thro' the market which was very large and well-stocked with provisions. At 6 o Clock began the Quarterly Meeting for Discipline for the Counties of Merionethshire, Montgomeryshire and Shropshire, which was held in a large room at the Sine of the Crown, the business belonging the two monthly meetings, in those Counties was here transacted viz. Merionethshire and Montgomeryhire, and Shropshire, likewise John Townshend, George Boon and Henry Wilkin appeared therein in Testimony and afterwards John Townshend in Prayer. The meeting held upwards of 2 hours. When we return'd to our Inn we found many more friends come in, and the house like to be crowded, so we got leave of our Landlord to remove to the Sine of the Plough, were we met with good accommodations, and no other company, we paid 6d Breakfasts and 8d Dinners and Suppers.

On 28<sup>th</sup>. and 4<sup>th</sup>. of week in the forenoon it was the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders, during which time George Young, a sober young man from Worcester and me took a walk round the park of Sr. John Price near this Town. At 3 in the Afternoon was a Meeting for worship which was held in the Town-hall, and was Select of friends only, It was not large there being but few friends in Wales, there was a pretty number of ministers from different

parts thereof, and some Strangers, as George Boone from Warwickshire, Thomas Waring from Herefordshire, Henry Wilkin from Gloucestershire, William Fry from Bristol, John Townshend and John Elliott from London, John Bottom from Staffordshire and Rachel Wilson from Westmorland. In this meeting Abiah Darby was first concerned in testimony, Sarah Beddows next in Prayer and afterwards John Townshend, Thomas Waring, William Fry, and George Boone in testimony. The meeting for Worship being over, the Women friends withdrew, and the Men entered upon the affairs of the Church, the Sufferings of friends in the several meetings was first read and afterwards the Queries was read and answered from the 7 Monthly meetings within the compass of this meeting, for as the number of friends is but small, they think it better to Answer the Queries from the monthly meetings than the Quarterly meetings, and by accounts brought in from the several Mo. Meetings, viz Carmarthonshire and Cardiganshire, Glamorganshire Westside, Monmouthshire and Eastside of Glamorganshire, Merionethshire and Montgomerieshire, Pembrokeshire, Radnorshire, and Shropshire; it appeared that Love and Unity in the general was well maintained, that the meetings was pretty well kept up, but not much convincement appear'd since last Year, account was given that in some of the meetings divers experienced a growth in the Truth. Both these meetings held about 4 hours. In the evening we went about Quarter of a mile to see a Man one of the People called Methodists, who had been so kind as to send into the Town, that if they was short of beds some friends should be very welcome to Lodge at his house; we spent about an hour there in very agreeable conversation, he confessing to the Truth of many things that we spoke to him, and was very loving.

On 29<sup>th</sup>. and 5<sup>th</sup>. of the week at 7 in the morning have was a meeting for discipline in which the Minutes and Epistles from the last Yearly Meeting in London was read, and a Committee was appointed to draw up a General Answer to the Queries, and prepare the Epistles Likewise a great number of Books printed in the Welsh language was divided to the several Monthly meetings to distribute amongst People of other Societies. This meeting was in a room at the Crown Inn and held about 2 hours. At 10 in the forenoon was a Publick meeting for Worship which was held in the Market-house under the Town-hall which friends had filled up for the occasion, and got it well seated and a convenient Gallery erected, one side being left open on purpose to accommodate the People for the house was quite crowded and the Street also as far as they could hear with Persons of different Persuasions and degrees. Rachel Wilson was first concerned in supplication, and afterwards George Boone, George Parker, Sarah Beddows, William Fry, Rachel Wilson, and Thomas Waring appeared in testimony, and George Boone in Prayer. The meeting held about 2 hours and a half. At 3 in the Afternoon was another Publick meeting for Worship, and as there had been notice given on the market day by the Bellman and papers stuck up in the Town, when the publick meeting would be held, so that it was got pretty generally spread, and abundance more people from a great distance was come to Town this Afternoon, far more than friends thought could hear at the Market-house, so they concluded to divided and hold two meetings at one time, they easily got an empty Barn belonging to Sir John Price for the occasion, and a very great crowd there was at both places but I was in the Market-house, were John Lewis, Abiah Darby, and George Boone appeared in testimony and Abiah Darby in Prayer, afterwards Rachel Wilson and Sarah Beddows in testimony to good satisfaction; my Companion was in the Barn who told me they had had an extraordinary meeting there, John Townshend, John Jones in the Welsh Language, and Thomas Waring had the concern therein in testimony, and Thomas Waring in Prayer; the meetings held about 2 hours and a half each. After Tea we went to see some Welsh friends at their Inn were we had a meeting, in which John Townshend was concern'd in supplication, and Daniel Rowes in testimony; From hence we went to the Red Lyon were we had another meeting, in which John Townshend Anne Summerland, and George Parker, were concerned in testimony, here we met with a young Woman, that was born in this Town but since she moved to Worcester, she was convinced a few years ago, having formerly been in profession with the Methodists, her name is Anne Wilson and she

having a Sister married in this Town to one - Peters desired us to go Breakfast with her there in the morning which we agreed to.

On 30<sup>th</sup>. and 6<sup>th</sup>. of week. This morning the Womens meeting for discipline began at 7 o Clock, during the time it was held, John Bottom took a walk with us to see the Methodist beforementioned again were we had an agreeable time together in an harbour in his Garden, and then return'd to Town, so to Breakfast with Anne Wilson at her Sisters house. At 10 in the forenoon began the last Publick meeting for Worship which was not quite so crowded as the former tho' there was a large appearance of People, Anne Summerland was first concerned in supplication, afterwards William Fry, Rachel Wilson, George Boone, Sarah Beddows, and Abiah Darby, in testimony, and George Boone in Prayer and afterwards George Parker in testimony, towards the conclusion of the meeting, George Boone and Rachel Wilson each address themselves in a few words to the People commending them for their good behaviour and in the Love of the Gospel bade them Farewel. The meeting held 3 hours. In these Publick meetings the Lord appeared in a very wonderful manner with his Ministers enabling them to preach the everlasting Gospel in the demonstration of the Spirit and Power of God, many of the People were much tendered and all behaved in as sober and orderly a manner as one could expect considering the very great crowd. At 3 in the Afternoon was another meeting for discipline at the Crown Inn in which the General Answer to the Queries was read, and two Epistles one to the Yearly Meeting in London and the other to the Quarterly and Monthly meetings of friends in Wales, it was likewise ordered to print a considerable number of other friends Books in the Welsh language, and then the next Yearly Meeting was agreed to be held at Brecknock at the usual time which is two weeks after the time call'd Easter, this meeting held about 2 hours. After which we drunk Tea with Anne Wilson at her Sisters, she having din'd with us this day at our Inn were she related to us a concern that was on her mind to appear in meetings, but she found an unwillingness to give up thereto, but my Companion gave her great encouragement so that I hope she will get thro' in time. Evan Bowen a Preacher among the Methodists was with us at Tea he lives some miles out of Town, and is very Loving to friends much desiring to have their Company, and is in a great measure convinced of the Principles of Truth, and I hope in time will have strength to make publick profession thereof. At 6 in the Evening was the parting meeting for Worship which was held at the Crown Inn, and is usually select of friends, but Evan Bowen and a few tender People desired they might have the Liberty to sit with us, which friends complied with, Rachel Wilson, Abiah Darby, and William Fry were concerned therein in testimony, and George Boone in Prayer, and afterwards Henry Wilkin in testimony, and John Elliott in Prayer. This meeting held about 2 hours, after which Anne Wilson went with us to most of the Inns, to take leave of our friends, we having betwixt meetings gone sometimes to one house and sometimes to another, were we had many comfortable opportunities together which made us near and dear one to another, and for my own part I may truly say I spent these few days in Newtown much to my satisfaction.

On ye. 1<sup>st</sup>. of the 5<sup>th</sup>. Mo. and 7<sup>th</sup>. day of the week. After getting some refreshment for which we paid 2d a piece we left the Town about 5 o Clock in the morning, got to Welshpool about 9 were we breakfasted at the Sine of the Castle paid 9d a piece, at 10 there was a meeting appointed in this Town for some friends who had been at the Yearly Meeting, there being no friends living near here, It was held in the Town hall were the Assizes for this County are held, the Ministers sitting in the Judge seat, there was not many friends but abundance of other People, who in general behaved pretty well, tho' some were not so settled as at Newtown, George Boone and Rachel Wilson appear'd therein in testimony, and George Boone in Prayer and afterwards Rachel Wilson again in testimony. The meeting held above 2 hours, and I hope was of service to some several of the friends saying they never saw People behave so well in this Town before; After dinner for which we paid 8d a piece eating and 2d Liquor, we proceeded on our Journey, called by the way and got a Quart of Ale paid 2d a piece got to Shrewsbury about 7 o Clock in the evening, call'd at Thomas Bartons who had

given us an invitation as he passed by us on the road, were we got some refreshment, and then went to John Reynolds's were we lodg'd.

On 2<sup>nd</sup>. and 1<sup>st</sup>. of week. After Breakfast we set forward about half past 6 got to Abiah Darby of Sunnyside of Coalbrookdale about half past 10 were we got some refreshment and then went to the meeting which began this day at 11, it being the General meeting for friends of this and Newdale meeting which is held ye. 1<sup>st</sup>. day of the Mo. one Mo. at one place and the other at the other. There was a large appearance of friends this day and some of other Societies, and two Strangers viz. George Boone and Rachel Wilson who both appeared therein in testimony and George Boone in Prayer, and afterwards Sarah Beddows had a few words in testimony, at the close of this meeting was held their Monthly meeting for discipline, which is usually held on a 3<sup>rd</sup>. day but for some reason was ordered to be held this day. In which the business belonging the three Preparative meetings that constitute this monthly meeting was well conducted, viz. Shrewsbury, Coalbrookdale and Newdale; both meetings held about 3 hours and a half. After meeting we went to Robert Gilpins were I took leave of that kind family, and then we went to dine at Abiah Darby's along with a great number of friends, she keeping as it were an open house for such as chuse to go there without exceptions. About 4 o Clock we set forward to a Meeting at Newdale (appointed for the two strangers to begin at 5,) three miles. The meeting of itself was not large but abundance of People of other Societies came in so that the house was quite full, Rachel Wilson was first concerned in testimony George Boone next, and afterwards Rachel Wilson twice more and George Boone in Prayer; The meeting held about 2 hours and a half and I believe was to good satisfaction. After which I was invited to Lodge at a many friends houses, but I return'd to Caleb Birchalls of Horsehays 1 mile and a half, they having given me an invitation at Newtown, were I parted with my Companion he returning home.

On 3<sup>rd</sup>. and 2<sup>nd</sup>. of week, Early in the morning Friend Birchall and me took a walk amongst the Iron works which to me was a great curiosity, and then return'd to Breakfast. About 9 o Clock I proceeded on my Journey my kind friend Caleb Birchall accompanying me about 4 miles, I came by Wellington, Bolas and Childs-Areal to Drayton, were I got some refreshment at the Deers-head paid 2d eating and 2d Liquor, so passed on by Wore, Derrington Forge, and Weston to our friend Henry Mulliners of Crew-green near Namptwich in Cheshire, were I got betwixt 8 and 9 in the evening having travelled 37 miles that day and was kindly received by the whole family, their son Joseph having a pretty gift in the ministry.

On ye. 4<sup>th</sup>. and 3<sup>rd</sup>. of week, I set forward again one of Roger Merricks Sons who liv'd there accompanying me about 3 miles, left there about 9 in the morning and came by Sandbach, Breton Green, Davenport Hall and Sweetenham, to Red Lyon brook, were I got some refreshment paid 1d eating and 2d Ale, then passed on by Chelford to Wilmsloe, got a Pint of Ale at the George and Dragon paid 2d then passed on by Cheadle to Stockport were I got about 7 o Clock, having travelled 33 miles went to my usual Lodgings in this town at William Hamiltons, but he was gone to their adjourn'd Quarterly Meeting at Middlewich, and his Wife was not at home, so I went to Thomas Shepherds were I lodg'd.

On 5<sup>th</sup>. and 4<sup>th</sup>. of week, after breakfast I call'd to see William Hamiltons Wife, were I spent part of an hour with her in very agreeable conversation amongst other things she told me our friend Robert Walker had had a meeting in that Town some time before to which came an Independent Preacher, who when he got to his own meeting, told his hearers where he had been, and began to make a Scoff of what he had heard, and in a deriding manner told them the Mans head Noddled strangely when he stood up to Preach, after a while he got into his Pulpit in order to perform what he calls his duty when he was seized with such a shaking in his head that he had fall'n down had not two persons supported him which many look'd on as a Judgment from the Almighty for deriding one of the Servants of the Living God. After drinking a Glass of Brandy, I set forward about 9 o Clock, came by Mottram to Tinsel, were I got a pint of Ale at the Bulls.head, paid 2d then came on by Woodhead to Salterbrook in Yorkshire were I got some refreshment paid 1d eating and 5d Liquor, got home between 6

and 7 in the evening, having travelled this day about 27 miles, and during the whole journey had fine weather, except a little Snow this afternoon.

An Account of my Journey to our Summer Quarterly Meeting at York in the ye. 6<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1773.

I set out from home ye. 20<sup>th</sup>. of ye. 6<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1773 about 5 o Clock in the morning my Cousin John Woodcock of Denby (who had been all night at our house set me on my road almost to Wakefield and then return'd) we met by appointment in our fields with Henry Dickinson junr. of Highflatts, Jonathon Green, and Anne Green and Mary Green of Ingbirchworth who was going to York, we went by Clayton, and Bretton to Crigglestone, were my Cousin and me called at my Uncle Charles Pollards and got a second breakfast of Tea, tarried most of 2 hours and then set forward again, my Cousin accompanying me within half a mile of Wakefield were we parted, and I went to our friend James Booths were I met with my Companions again and it being 1<sup>st</sup>. day we tarried Wakefield Meeting which was not large but pretty satisfactory, after which we din'd at James Booths, and about 4 o Clock set forward on our Journey again Jane Booth from this place going along with us and several of Wakefield friends accompanied us a few miles, and then return'd; we got to Leeds about 7 o Clock went to the Sine of the Scarborough Castle but they was full of company and so could not Lodge us, we got a Tankard of Ale paid 5d and then went up to our friend Benjamin Kays were we supp'd, and from thence to Hannah Gummingsalls were we lodg'd.

On 21<sup>st</sup>. and 2<sup>nd</sup>. of week, After breakfast I took a walk out of Town to see Sarah Collier were I tarried a considerable time and got some refreshment and then return'd to the monthly meeting which began at 11 and was very large of friends, and many others came in also, Edmund Gurney and Rachel Wilson call'd here in their way to York, and both of them appeared in this meeting by way of Testimony and stood very long and afterwards Edmund Gurney had a very open time in Prayer and I believe it was a satisfactory time to most present, At the close of this meeting was held the meeting for discipline in which the business of the 6 Preparative meetings that constitute this monthly meeting, was gone thro' to pretty good satisfaction viz. Leeds, Bradford, Brighouse, Halifax, Mankinholes, and m; and our friend Edmund Gurney had much weighty counsel and advice therein to drop, both meetings held betwixt 4 and 5 hours. After which we din'd at John Armisteads, and after dinner took a walk out of Town in Company with several friends, in our return I call'd to see James Eyres ( not friends but being acquainted with them when they lived at Thurlstone;) I tarried there about an hour, and then went to Joshua Ingles were we supp'd, and from thence to our former lodgings.

On 22<sup>nd</sup>. and 3<sup>rd</sup>. of week, we got up early in the morning and went to Breakfast at Joshua Ingles and then set forward on our Journey about 5 o Clock and Joshua Ingle, John Ingle and Sarah Ingle of this Town, John Swanwick of Sheffield and Rachel Marshal of Rawden meeting going along with us, when we had got a few miles out of town we was overtook by an empty Chaise, in which Anne Green, Jane Booth and myself got to ride about 7 miles for 1s. 2d by the way we call'd and got some Ale for which I paid 6d; got to the Sine of the Falcon in Tadcaster about 9 o Clock, were we got some refreshment paid 4d a piece, At 10 there was a meeting appointed for our friends Edmund Gurney, and Rachel Wilson, in this Town which we attended, it was held in a Large barn at the White horse which was well seated and a convenient Gallery erected; There was not many friends none living at that time either in or near the Town, but abundance of other People attended, who behaved very well, Rachel Wilson was first concerned in supplication, afterwards Edmund Gurney, and Rachel Wilson had each of them a large open time in Testimony, and Edmund Gurney in Prayer; after which Rachel Wilson was concern'd to appoint another meeting to be held in the same place on the 6<sup>th</sup>. day following. After this meeting which held about 2 hours and a half several People came to friends and expressed their satisfaction therewith, and desired they might be

favoured with more such opportunities. We din'd at the Falcon paid 8d a piece eating and 3d Liquor set forward again betwixt 2 and 3 o Clock having now increased accompany to 18 some more friends on foot having got to this meeting who went along with us, viz, Josiah Collier of London, Jeremiah Collier, Sarah Collier, Mary Collier, and Abraham Gelder of Leeds, James Brook of Raw near Huddersfield and Anne Wilson from Rawden meeting; got to York betwixt 5 and 6 in the evening, were we met with our friend Joseph Awmack in the street, who having heard that I was upon the road was coming to meet me, and insisted on me going with him to Lodge; I made several objections against it but he was not willing to be said nay, so I went with him to his house in Walmgate were I lodg'd during the time of the Quarterly Meeting, and met with very agreeable entertainment.

On 23<sup>rd</sup>. and 4<sup>th</sup>. of the week at 9 in the morning began the Quarterly Meeting for worship were we was favoured with the company of several Publick friends besides those of our own county, Edmund Gurney from Norfolk, Isaac and Rachel Wilson from Westmorland, Matthew Johnson from Northumberland, and Mary Robinson from Cumberland; This meeting was select of friends and a large appearance there was, but not so many as I have sometimes seen at this time of the Year. Edmund Gurney was first concern'd in testimony, Benjamin Hird next in Prayer and afterwards Anne Mercy Bell and Rachel Wilson in testimony, and Esther Tuke and Ann Mercy Bell in Prayer, and afterwards Rachel Wilson and Pheobe Marshall in Testimony; the meeting held about 3 hours. At 2 in the Afternoon was a meeting for discipline, The 1<sup>st</sup>. 8 Quarterly meeting Queries was read and answered to verbally by a representative from each of the 14 Monthly meetings in this county viz. York, Balby, Pontefract, Brighouse, Knaresborough, Settle, Malton, Thirsk, Richmond, Gisborough, Scarborough, Bridlington, Owstwick, and Cave; except Bridlington who sent word that for some time they have not held a Monthly meeting, they being so few in number, upon which this meeting appointed several friends to pay them a visit, and examine how things were with them. I being one of the representatives from our Monthly meeting, the other desired me to give in the Answers to the Queries; which I was backward to do but they pressing much I at length consented, which brought a great exercise upon my mind, having never been employ'd in that service before, but I desired that the Lord would be pleased to enable me to deliver them in as near as I could to the state of the meetings according to the account given at our monthly meeting, which I was enabled to do both to my own and friends satisfaction for which I was truly thankful to him who his strength in weakness, riches in Poverty, and a present help in the needful time. Our Quarterly meeting has for sometime been in the practice of chusing a Person to act as Clerk every Quarter for which purpose the monthly meetings are divided into three decisions, viz. York and the three following meetings chuse a friend one Quarter, Knaresborough and the four following meetings another, Gisborough and the four following meetings another, and it being the time for the representatives from York, Balby, Pontefract and Brighouse Monthly meetings, to chuse the friend this time, we withdrew into a Chamber, were after sitting a little time in Silence we chose our friend John Hustler of Bradford meeting, who was acceptable to friends, This meeting held better than 3 hours and then adjourn'd until next morning at 9 o Clock. After meeting I drunk Tea at William Tukes in company with a great many friends it being the house were Strangers are usually entertained, so that I spent the time very agreeably until the next meeting for Worship which began at half past 6 and held about 3 hours, and was much crowded many of other professions attending, Edmund Gurney and Rachel Wilson were both largely concerned in Testimony and afterwards Edmund Gurney in Prayer.

On 24<sup>th</sup>. and 5<sup>th</sup>. of week, my friend Joshua Ingle and me took a walk thro' several parts of the City, and so on to Micklegate walls which is very pleasant, got the Key and lookt into friends burial ground, and then return'd to our Quarters. At 9 o Clock met pursuant to adjournment were the remaining part of the business was gone thro' to pretty good satisfaction, the meeting held about 3 hours and a half. At half past 2 in the afternoon, began the parting meeting for Worship, which was very large and crowded there coming abundance of other people again, Rachel Wilson appeared first, and stood near 2 hours, Anne Mercy Bell

next, and afterwards Rachel Wilson in Prayer, the meeting held upwards of 3 hours; and altho' I had been at the Quarterly Meeting 5 times before viz three times in the 6<sup>th</sup>. Mo. and twice in the 9<sup>th</sup>. Mo. yet I never remember being there with greater satisfaction than at this time. After meeting I went to the Inn to take my leave of the friends who walkt with me from our meeting, they setting out towards home that night, but I having been out of health some time was going to Scarborough for the benefit of the waters; From thence we took a walk to see the prisoners in the Castle, and after supper Joseph Awmack went with me to Peter Bucks to speak to our friend John Robinson of Scarborough, to know if I could be boarded at his house during my stay there, he said they did not use to take in borders but I might call upon them, and he would direct me to a friends house when I got there. Afterwards we went to see some friends at William Tukes and then return'd.

On 25<sup>th</sup>. and 6<sup>th</sup>. of week, I parted with my kind friends Joseph Awmack and his Sisters, tho' they was very unwilling, pressing much for me to tarry first day over but Josiah Collier being going to see some Relations at Whitby, and I having had an inclination for that place before I left home, I concluded to go with him and his Sister Sarah thither; we set out of York about 9 in the morning for Malton 18 miles, when we had walkt about 10 miles we called and got some refreshment, paid 2d a piece eating and 6d Liquor, then proceeded when we had got a little farther we had a beautiful view of Castle Howard the seat of the Earl of Carlisle, which appears to be a very magnificent place and pleasantly situated. We got to Malton about 3 o Clock were we din'd at the Sine of the Globe paid 6d a piece eating and 4d Liquor whilst we were at dinner our friend Robert Milner came in, who desired us to go lodge at his house, which we accepted of, but before I went thither, I call'd to see my Cousin Matthew Bartindales, who were not friends but appeared very kind, and insisted on me staying Tea, after which I went to my Companions at Robert Milners, were we was made kindly welcome, he being a worthy friend, so that we had great satisfaction in his Company. After we had sat a while we took a walk into his work-shops he being in the sail cloth business, and from thence into the Gardens, and then crosst the river Darwent in his boat to see his bleaching ground, and then return'd to his house were we spent the evening in very edifying conversation together.

On 26<sup>th</sup>. and 7<sup>th</sup>. of week after getting some refreshment, we set out for Whitby 30 miles about 5 o Clock, Robert Milner accompanying us about 3 miles when we parted he kindly invited us to call at his house in our return, we got to Pickering 9 miles were we breakfasted at the Black-Swan, paid 6d a piece for Tea and 2d Liquor. After breakfast we went and sat a little at our friend Samuel Pearsons, and drunk a Glass of Wine and then set forward on our Journey, got to Slatergate 8 miles, and it coming in rainy, and the way being chiefly over the moors we call'd there with an intent to hire a Chaise, but found they did not keep any, however we concluded to dine there, but before we went to dinner Rachel Pearson and Samuel Pearsons Wife of Pickering came up in a Chaise she having received a Letter soon after we left their house which gave account of her Brothers decease at Whitby, and had made what haste she could to overtake us, that we might ride with her, thinking it would lessen the expense, so she alighted and tarried until we had din'd for which we paid 8d a piece eating and 5d Liquor. About half past 1 we set forward again, Sarah Collier and me going with friend Pearson in the Chaise and it clearing out we had a very pleasant ride over the Moors, until we came to the top of an hill were we had a prospect of a beautiful valley quite to the Town of Whitby, also on to the Sea and Ships at a considerable a distance from the Shore, After descending this steep hill from the moors, we had this beautiful valley to go thro' about 4 miles, got to Whitby about 4 o Clock, 13 miles from Saltergate for which we paid 3s 9d a piece; went to our friend Robert Websters were we lodg'd during our stay in that town, and was kindly received they being relations of Rachel Pearson and Josiah Collier, after we had sat a while Sarah Collier and me took a walk to meet her Brother, he having come on foot, we met him about half a mile from the Town he not being an hour behind us. After Tea we took a walk into most parts of the Town which is very populous, took a view of the Shipping, and then went into the Steeplehouse Yard which is upon a very high hill, so that we

had many scores of steps to go up from the street into it, and by the way are several seats made, for those to rest on that chuse, From the burying ground we had a beautiful prospect not only over the Town but on to the Sea, and the Country round for a great way. It being the market day I met with Isaac Richardson in the market who kindly invited me to lodge at his house, but he living in the Country I chose rather to tarry in the town.

On 27<sup>th</sup>. and 1<sup>st</sup>. of week was at their forenoon meeting which began at 10 and held about 2 hours, There was a large number of Persons under our name, but a great many was shamefully deviated from that becoming plainness, the Truth led our Ancestors into, they being the farthest degenerated in dress of any meeting I ever was in before, tho' there is some worthy friends amongst them. Isabel Richardson appear'd in testimony, and afterwards Isaac Richardson in Prayer. After meeting I din'd at Isabel Richardsons junr. were I tarried until the afternoon meeting, which was not so large as the forenoon the weather being very wet and stormy. About 5 o Clock we went to the Burial of friend whose name was John Webster We had Wine and Biscuits at the house, and from thence proceeded with the Corps to the Burial-ground, were we had a short time in silence, there being a great crowd of people (considering it was so very wet and stormy) but I thought the opportunity would have been much better in the Meetinghouse.

On 28<sup>th</sup>. and 2<sup>nd</sup>. of week, betwixt and 9 and 10 o Clock in the morning, I set out for Scarborough 19 miles, Robert Webster and Josiah Collier accompanying me about 3 miles were we parted, I got to Robin Hoods Bay 5 miles were I called at Chadwick Hepworths a Priest of the Church of England that went from Cumberworth, he was much pleased to see me, and tho' it was but half past 10 when I got there he insisted me tarrying dinner, and showed much freedom and respect to me in his way, after dinner it began to rain and be very misty, whereupon he prest much on me to tarry all night, informing me the way was dangerous there being a moor to go over with many Cross roads upon it; but I was not free to tarry, and he seeing me resolv'd to go, put on his Top Coat and went with me several miles, and gave me a Bottle of Geneva in my Pocket, we went from the Bay on the Sea sands about 1 mile which is only passable at Low-water, and so up the Cliff were there is plenty of Allom mines, we call'd to see the People make it; when we had got up to the Top of this very high hill, we entered upon the moor were my Guide left me when he had set me in at the right road. I went by Stantondale were friends have a Meetinghouse, but I suppose it is but a small meeting and so over another moor and then thro' a fine enclosed Country to Scarborough were I got to the house of that worthy friend and able minister of the Gospel John Robinson in Castlegate about 6 in the evening, when I got there, they had concluded to board me, of which I was very glad, for they was a family of valuable friends, and I had a good Bed, washing and good victualling for 5s a week whereas at some places they paid a Guinea, and there being only John and Wife and two daughters Anne and Mabel in the family we lived very retired and comfortable.

On 29<sup>th</sup>. and 3<sup>rd</sup>. of week, I began to drink the waters, John Robinson accompanying me that morning to the Spaw, which was about a mile from his house on the Sea sands. I gave the Women that serves with Waters 1s which is usual and for which they will serve one as long as they chuse to tarry, I first drunk a Glass of the Sea Water warm'd and then a Glass of the spaw, then took a turn upon the walks that are made about the spaw on Purpose for People to walk on that the Waters may operate; After I had walkt about half an hour, I went and got some more Water mostly a Glass of Sea water, and one or two of the Spaw, and then walkt again, which I think was a pretty general rule with me every morning when I drunk the waters which was 11 times in all. If the morning happened to be wet we had a walk made under cover one side being open towards the Sea, so that it was very pleasant After I had spent about 2 hours at the spaw and the water had begun to operate, I return'd to my breakfast, After which I took a walk to look at the Castle which is pleasantly situated upon a very high Rock, surrounded on all sides by the Sea, except that towards the Town The Yard containing several Acres of rich pasture ground, in the middle of which is a fine spring of fresh water which I thought was something extraordinary as it is such an height above any ground that is near,

from thence I went and view'd most part of the Town and then return'd dinner. In the afternoon I took a walk to the Pier, to view the Ships in the harbour which are pretty near dry at Low tide here I met with William Moorhouse an Independent Priest from Huddersfield, who was come to Scarborough for the benefit of waters, and was the only person I knew out of our parts. After a return'd I went with Philip Hassleton from Shields and John Robinsons two daughters to John Jacksons were we drunk Tea, and afterwards took a walk about a mile upon the sea sands and then return'd to Supper.

On ye 30<sup>th</sup>. and 4<sup>th</sup>. of the week, at 10 in the morning was their week-day meeting which was but small considering there were several there that did not belong their meeting. In the Afternoon I took a walk with John Robinson and William Calvert to Seamour about 4 miles out of town, were we spent a few hours at William Awmacs and then return'd to Town and supp'd at William Calverts.

On ye 1<sup>st</sup>. of ye 7<sup>th</sup>. Mo. and 5<sup>th</sup>. of week was market day so that I spent most of the forenoon in looking about me in the market which was well stock'd with Provisions. After I return'd I writ a Letter to my Parents. Towards the evening Anne Robinson junr. and me went to see a Ship Launched called the willing mind.

On ye 2<sup>nd</sup>. and 6<sup>th</sup>. of week was another of their week day Meetings at 10 in the forenoon which was not so large as the former, Barbara Priestman of Pickering meeting was there and had a few words in Testimony. In the Afternoon I writ a Letter to my Uncle Charles Pollard.

On ye 3<sup>rd</sup>. and 7<sup>th</sup>. of week, having begun to bathe the morning before I only drunk the Waters this morning; and it being market day I took a walk thither. In the afternoon I writ a letter to my kind friend Joseph Awmack.

On 4<sup>th</sup>. and 1<sup>st</sup>. of week, was at their forenoon meeting which began at 10 o Clock, and was pretty large there being 28 or 30 families belonging thereto, beside several friends who were come to Town on account of the waters which increas'd the meeting considerably. The Afternoon meeting began at 2 o Clock which was much as the former At the close thereof was held their Preparative meeting After which I went with John Robinson to John Jacksons were we drunk Tea.

On 5<sup>th</sup>. and 2<sup>nd</sup>. of week. In the afternoon I writ a Letter to my Cousin John Woodcock.

On 6<sup>th</sup>. and 3<sup>rd</sup>. of week. In the forenoon I writ a Letter to my Parents. In the afternoon Barbara Priestman came to Tea to our house so that I spend most of the Afternoon in agreeable conversation with her.

On 7<sup>th</sup>. and 4<sup>th</sup>. of week, was at the week-day meeting in the forenoon which was pretty large, Barbara Priestman had the concern therein in Testimony. In the Afternoon John Hart a young Man from Bradford Henry Priestman and myself took a walk into the Castle yard, were a Young Woman seeing us came and proferred to shew us the Battery, were there is 12 large pieces of Cannon placed for the defence of the Town, she likewise let us look into the Armory, were the Arms, Balls and Instruments of War of most if not all kinds are kept.

On 8<sup>th</sup>. and 5<sup>th</sup>. of week. In the afternoon I drunk Tea at Henry Priestmans.

On 9<sup>th</sup>. and 6<sup>th</sup>. of week we was favoured at the week day meeting with the Company of Mary Robinson from Cumberland and Barbara Sharpless of Settle who were on a religious visit to the meetings of friends in this County and Lincolnshire. The meeting began as usual at 10 in the forenoon, and was pretty large some few of other Societies attending, just before the conclusion thereof, Mary Robinson had a few words in testimony. The friends lodging at our house we spent the Afternoon very agreeably, Barbara Sharpless giving us an account of her Convincement, and that she was born in the Shire of Caithness in the Highlands of Scotland, and Lived there until she was grown when she married a Soldier, and afterwards came to live among his Relations in Lancashire, were she was convinced at a meeting appointed by some friends to be held in Blackburn, and afterwards received a Gift in the Ministry, since which she hath visited the meetings in Scotland, and went to see her Father, travelling a week after she left were there was any friends before she reached her fathers house, and gave several

friends books amongst the People as she passed along, she also had two meetings one of which was at Inverness much to her satisfaction. In the evening several friends came to sit with us, were we had a very satisfactory opportunity together, Barbara Sharpless being pretty largely concerned therein in Testimony.

On 10<sup>th</sup>. and 7<sup>th</sup>. of week, the friends set out, and went by Stantondale, to Whitby, John Robinson going a long with them, I spent most of the day in agreeable conversation with the family and some other friends that came to sit with us in the afternoon.

On 11<sup>th</sup>. and 1<sup>st</sup>. of week. Forenoon meeting at 10 which was large more friends being come up to Town. Afternoon meeting at 3 some People of other Professions came to sit with us which is usual in the Spaw season. After meeting we drunk Tea at William Calverts.

On 12<sup>th</sup>. and 2<sup>nd</sup>. of week in the Afternoon our friend George Winn of this Town hired a Boat for us to go to Sea in and accordingly several of us went as Anne and Mabel Robinson, Mary Calvert and Daughter John Wilson and George Winn of this Town, Martha White of York, and William Foster of Kirkbymoorside, and William Armstrong and Wife from the neighbourhood of Thirsk (who were not friends but lodg'd at William Calverts) and myself, we had a very pleasant sail for about 2 hours in which time we sailed 10 or 12 miles.

On 13<sup>th</sup>. and 3<sup>rd</sup>. of week in the Afternoon I drunk Tea at Henry Priestmans after which we took a walk into the Country several miles.

On ye. 14<sup>th</sup>. and 4<sup>th</sup>. of week in the forenoon was the weekday meeting which was very small. In the afternoon I went to see a Ship Launched called the Granby were there was a great crowd of People as is usual on such occasions.

On 15<sup>th</sup>. and 5<sup>th</sup>. of week John Robinson and Wife being gone to Seamour Fair, Antony Buck a young Man that was Captain of a Ship and lately convinced having put in here the day before to see his Mother being on a Voyage from Southampton to Shields, was so kind as to come sit with us most of the day, whose company was very agreeable he relating several things to me concerning his convincement, his Parents being much against him going to meetings. and likewise several of his Travels into foreign parts which were very entertaining, he also gave me a curious little Box he had bought from France.

On 16<sup>th</sup>. and 6<sup>th</sup>. of week, in the morning I paid of for Bathing having Bathed in all 14 times, for which I paid 3d a time, and with what I gave the Servants it just cost me 5 shillings, The manner of Bathing here is! there is a number of houses built of Wood, and fix't upon four Wheels having small sash windows for Light and will hold 8 or 10 Persons a piece being seated on every side except one, in these they hurry us into the Sea to a suitable depth with a horse, the Master going along with us, to set us the steps and bring the horse back, and if any be timorous to take hold of them until they be dipt, but I had no occasion for him after the first morning; when we have dipt ourselves 3 times, and tarried as long as we chuse, we return into the house to dress ourselves and then knock with a hammer they have put in the house for that purpose, and the man comes with the horse and hurries us back on to the Sand. I spent most of the afternoon in taking leave of my acquaintance in Town, and drunk Tea at Henry Priestmans.

On 17<sup>th</sup>. and 7<sup>th</sup>. of week, after taking my leave of this worthy family being truly sorry to part, I set at about 9 o Clock for Malton 22 miles, William Foster of Kirkbymoorside and a the young Man not a friend, that was going to Pickering accompanying me about 10 miles to Stanton, New-Inn, were we call'd and got some refreshment Paid 1d and a half pence a piece eating and 3d Liquor. then proceeded, I got to my Cousin Matthew Bartindales about 4 o Clock, were I drunk Tea and then took a Walk into most parts of the Town which is pretty large and pleasantly situated. After Supper I went to Robert Milners but he was gone from home, however his Partner a Young Man whose name is Robert Fawcet was very kind and desirous I should Lodge there, which I consented to, being much more easy among my friends than at my Relations tho' they were very kind to me.

On 18<sup>th</sup>. and 1<sup>st</sup>. of the week was at the meeting in Town, which began at 11 o Clock and held about 2 hours, it is but small of itself but was enlarged this day by friends from some other meetings. I din'd at my Cousins, after which I purposed going to York, but it begining

to Rain concluded to tarry another night at Robert Milners, and so spent the Afternoon in very agreeable conversation with Robert Fawcet he being at that time so far convinced of the Principles of Truth as constantly to attend friends meetings, and I believe is a sober seeking person, he told me a good deal of the dealings of the Lord with him and how he came to join the Methodists, and his reasons for leaving them again, being long dissatisfied with their formal way of Worship; and said, he thought that those that did not know how to worship the Lord in Silence, did not know what true Worship was.

On 19<sup>th</sup>. and 2<sup>nd</sup>. of week, After Breakfast I call'd to take leave of my Cousins were I drunk a Glass of Geneva and then set out for York about 8 o Clock, 18 miles, Robert Fawcet accompanying me about a mile and then return'd, I got there to the House of my friend Joseph Awmack in Walmgate about 1 o Clock, were I spent the afternoon very agreeably with him and his Sisters; towards the evening Joseph and me took a walk on Walmgate Walls and down the new Walk by the River side and then return'd to Supper.

On 20<sup>th</sup>. and 3<sup>rd</sup>. of week about 9 in the morning I set out of York my kind friend Joseph Awmack accompanying me about 10 miles we call'd by the way at the Falcon in Tadcaster were we din'd for which and Liquor I paid 1s 6d. I came on by Aberford and Swillingtonbridge to Woodlesford were I call'd at the Swan and got some refreshment paid 4d and then came by Oulton to Wakefield, got there about 7 o Clock were I supp'd at John Booths, and then came to James Booths were I lodg'd.

On 21<sup>st</sup>. and 4<sup>th</sup>. of week, I set out betwixt 9 and 10 in the morning, came by Sandal to Crigglestone were I sat a little at my Uncle Joseph Houghs and then came up to my Uncle Charles Pollards were I din'd; set out again betwixt 1 and 2 in the Afternoon came by Bretton and Clayton to my Cousin Sampson Houghs of Toppet were I tarried about an hour and a half and drunk Tea; then came up to Denby were I call'd to see several of my friends and Relations my cousin John Woodcock who lived servant with my Uncle John Wood accompanying me up the moor. I got home about 8 o Clock having been about 4 weeks and 4 days away and found myself benefitted by the waters.

#### An Account of my Journey to the Winter Quarterly Meeting at York in the 12<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1773

I set out from home ye. 27<sup>th</sup>. of ye. 12<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1773 about 7 o Clock in the morning, and went by Denby were I stopt about half an hour at my Cousin Elias Woodcocks, and then went forward by Hoyland and Bretton to Crigglestone, were I stopt upwards of half an hour at my Uncle Joseph Houghs and got some refreshment, and then proceeded by Milnthorpe, Walton, Crofton, Pontefract and Ferrybridge, intending for Sherborn that night but as I was walking upon the road, I met with our friend Samuel Dickinson of Brotherton who desired me to return to his house to Lodge which I consented to and got there about 3 o Clock were I met with very agreeable entertainment having travelled as near as I could guess about 23 miles that day

On 28<sup>th</sup>. and 3<sup>rd</sup>. of week about 9 in the morning I set forward toward York 21 miles, went by Milford, Sherborn, Towton and Tadcaster, got to Joseph Awmacks about half past 3 in the Afternoon were I lodg'd during my stay in the City, my Brother Abraham having been there about 3 weeks in order to be Apprentice with him. At five this evening was one of their weekday Meetings (they having two in the week) which was pretty large most friends who attend the Quarterly Meeting endeavouring to be there, John Slater had a pretty open time therein in testimony, the meeting held about 2 hours and a half.

On 29<sup>th</sup>. and 4<sup>th</sup>. of ye. week in the Forenoon was the Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders as is usual this Quarter, during which time several of us took a walk to our friend Thomas Priestmans in Marygate were we sat a little and then return'd to Dinner. At 2 in the Afternoon was a meeting for discipline which held about 3 hours and it being the time for the representatives from Gisborough, Scarborough, Bridlington, Owstwick and Cave Monthly

meetings to chuse a Clerk they withdrew and fixt upon William Chapman of Whitby who was acceptable to the meeting. The 1<sup>st</sup>. 8<sup>th</sup>. Quarterly meeting Queries was then read and answered verbally by a representative from each Monthly meeting except Bridlington, and after some of the business was gone thro' the meeting adjourn'd having held about 3 hours. At 6 in evening was the first meeting for Worship which was held in the Womens Meetinghouse and that was pretty well filled a pretty many of the Citizens attending, there was a considerable number of Ministers collected from different parts of the County and two Strangers viz Joseph Davis from Gloucestershire and Joseph Heath from Warwickshire who were returning from their religious visit to the meetings of Friends in Scotland and the County of Durham; After a considerable time in Silence a Methodist Preacher stood up and said a few words which hurt the meeting much there being a want of that Life and Power which accompanies the true Gospel Ministry; afterwards Joseph Davis and Esther Tuke had each a pretty long time in testimony.

On 30<sup>th</sup>. and 5<sup>th</sup>. of week at 9 in the morning was another meeting of discipline were a good deal of business was gone thro' amongst other things it was agreed that Bridlington Mo. meeting should henceforth be dissolved, that the friends of Bridlington particular meeting should be joined to Owstwick Mo. Meeting, and those of Cranswick meeting to Cave Mo. meeting. The meeting held about 3 hours and a half, after which I din'd at William Tukes and after dinner went to see the travelling friends at Dinah and Grace Hammonds they inclining to visit some meetings within the compass of our mo. meeting accordingly I writ a Letter to a friend in our meeting to inform them thereof; After drinking a Glass of Wine I went to the parting meeting of Worship which began at half past 2 and held about 2 hours and a half, was not so large as the former meeting being more select of friends, but was a very good favoured opportunity, Joseph Davis and Joseph Heath had the concern therein in testimony. After Tea I went and supp'd at William Tukes and spent the evening very agreeably Esther Tuke relating a good deal of her Travels in the service of Truth which was very entertaining.

On 31<sup>st</sup>. and 6<sup>th</sup>. of week, I got up very early, our friends Joseph Davies and Joseph Heath intending to have a meeting this evening at Pontefract the next day at Wakefield, and so to Highflatts on 1<sup>st</sup>. day, I thought they happened well for me dropping in with them in my way home, but it being a windy Snowy morning prevented my setting out so soon as intended, however I set forward about 9 o Clock, Joseph Ingle of Sheffield and Joshua Ingle of Leeds bearing me company as far as Tadcaster were we parted, they being for Leeds, soon after which it cleared out, it having Snown much all the way I call'd at Towton at the Stag were I got some refreshment paid 2d eating and 3d Liquor, got to Samuel Dickinsons of Brotherton, were I din'd and rested me about 1 hour and a half, and then set forward again got to Pontefract just in time to the meeting, which was appointed to begin at 5 and was pretty large they being 14 or 15 families belonging thereto, and they pretty generally there and likewise a pretty many of their sober Neighbours came in, Joseph Davis appeared first stood very long and was favoured from 2 Tim: C: 11. v 19. The foundation of God standeth sure having this seal the Lord knoweth them that are his. Joseph Heath had a few words next, and afterwards Joseph Davis appeared again. The meeting held about 3 hours and was very satisfactory, several being much broken and tendered therein. After which I was invited to lodge along with the friends at John Thistlethwaits which was very agreeable to me, having a great nearness to them, their company and conversation being very instructive.

On 1<sup>st</sup>. of ye 1<sup>st</sup>. Mo. 1774, and 7<sup>th</sup>. of week about 9 in the morning, I left this pleasant Town the principle employment of which is Gardening, the soil around it being particular for the growth of Liquorice, got to James Booths near Wakefield 8 miles just in time to get a little refreshment before the meeting which began at 11 and held about 3 hours, was large there being friends from several neighbouring meetings, and a pretty many of other Societies Joseph Davies was greatly enlarged therein in testimony setting forth the state of man before the fall, his miserable state in the fall and his happy recovery therefrom by Christ the promised seed. After meeting I din'd at James Booths and about 3 o Clock set forward again, stopt about an hour at my Uncle Pollards of Crigglestone, and drunk Tea, and then came to

Denby and supp'd at William Greens one of the People call'd Independents, were I tarried about 2 hours and so got home betwixt 9 and 10 that evening.

An Account of my Journey to the Northern Yearly Meeting held at Bolton in Lancashire in the year, 1774

On ye. 15<sup>th</sup>. of ye. 4<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1774, and 6<sup>th</sup>. day of the week about 8 o Clock in the morning, I set out from home in company with Betty Boothe and Anne Boothe of Wakefield who came to our house the evening before we travelled on foot and went by Newmill, Thong and Melton to Marsden were we din'd paid 3d a piece eating and 4d Liquor stopt about an hour, and then proceeded into Saddleworth were we call'd at John Nealds not a frd. but John Roebuck being servant with him at that time who was in some measure convinced, we tarried about 1 hour and a half and got some refreshment, and then John Roebuck accompanied us to within sight of Whitefield, got there about 7 o Clock were we lodg'd at our friend John Halls.

On 16<sup>th</sup>. and 7<sup>th</sup>. of week, we set out for Manchester 12 miles betwixt 7 and 8 o Clock in the morning John Hall junr. going along with us, we call'd at John Lees's of Heyside were we stopt about half an hour and then proceeded, call'd again at the Packhorse were we got 1 quart of Ale paid 4d, got to Manchester about 1 o Clock were the young Women took up their Quarters at John Cooks, and me and my companion at his Brother James Halls. After dinner we took a walk into several parts of the Town, stopt a little at Daniel Rogers's and drunk a Glass of Wine, and then return'd to John Cooks to Tea, after which we went to John Rouths were we met with our friends Isaac Sharpless and Samuel Spavold from Hertfordshire, who were just come to Town and intended to be at the meeting next day, we spent a little time very agreeably with them and then return'd to John Cooks were we supp'd and spent the evening comfortably together they being a family of very agreeable friends.

On 17<sup>th</sup>. and 1<sup>st</sup>. of week, After breakfast we went and sat a little at John Wadkins, and then went to the meeting which began at 10 and held about 3 hours, was pretty large of friends, and a few of other Societies came in also; Isaac Sharpless was first concerned in testimony stood long being led to treat on the Parable of the Prodigal Son, Samuel Spavold next, was much favoured earnestly intreating us to come to the experience of building upon the right foundation that so we might know a settlement in the unchangeable Truth. afterwards Isaac Sharpless had a long time in Prayer. The meeting held about 3 hours; at the close thereof the Samuel Spavold stood up and desired that the afternoon meeting might be put of until 4 o clock, and that friends would invite their sober Neighbours to come in, which answered his desire for the Meetinghouse was well fill'd, there being a great many of other Societies, and I thought there was as much stillness as ever I observed in such a mixt multitude. Isaac Sharpless was first concerned in testimony from Rom: C: 7. v: 24. O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this Death? dividing his discourse betwixt that and the forepart of the following verse, I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. Samuel Spavold next from Matt C: 11. v: 28. Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Isaac Sharpless had afterwards a long time in Prayer. The meeting held about 3 hours and was a very open satisfactory time; before which we drunk Tea at Michael Cooks and from the meeting went to John Cooks, were we supt and spent the evening very agreeably in the company with the family and several other friends

On 18<sup>th</sup>. and 2<sup>nd</sup>. of week, This morning John Hall return'd to his Fathers, after which Elizabeth Hall and Isaac Cook went with us to see some of the curiosities in the Town, we went first to the Infirmary and into the several parts thereof, and from thence to the Colledge were there is a large Library, and many other curiosities which they shewed us, amongst the rest, the Anatomy of a Man, Woman and Child; the Skeletons of a Rattlesnake, Crocodile, Lizard, Wildman of Wood and an Otter. from hence we proposed going to take a walk out of

Town, but I was taken very poorly, and so was obliged to return to James Halls, and go to bed, they was exceeding kind to me, and did all in their power for me, I began to be better about 2 o Clock in the afternoon, and then got up, and ate something, after which John Cooks sent for me to their house, were I drunk Tea and supp'd and tarried until Bedtime being finely recovered.

On 19<sup>th</sup>. and 3<sup>rd</sup>. of the week betwixt 7 and 8 o Clock in the morning we set out for Bolton 12 miles, called by the way at the Sine of the Robinhood were we got some refreshment our friends at Manchester had given us along with us, and a Quart of Ale for which I paid 4d; The weather now beginning to be very Stormy, obliged us to take Shelter several times, so that it was betwixt 11 and 12 o Clock before we reacht Bolton, were we took up our Quarters at the Kings-head in Deansgate, and met with very good entertainment, Paid 6d a piece Breakfasts and Suppers and 8d Dinners. The Quarterley Meeting for the County of Lancaster began at 3 o Clock in the Afternoon and held about 4 hours, at the opening of thereof, George Boone had a few words recommending the solid attention of friends to the business of the day. The London Yearly Meeting Queries was read and answered from the 5 Monthly meetings in this County, viz. Lancaster, Swarthmore, Filde, Hartshaw and Marsden. and by accounts it did not appear that there were much growth in the Truth nor any convincement since last year. Three Publick friends were deceased vis Mary Lonsdale of Swarthmore, Susanna Fothergill of Hartshaw, and Jonathan Rains of Marsden monthly Meetings. Testimonies concerning the two last were produced and read, after which Isaac Sharpless, William Dilworth, and Jonathan Harrison appeared in testimony setting forth the exemplary lives and godly conversations of our dear deceased friends, earnestly pressing us in a very broken and affectionate manner to lay hold of the gracious Visitations of our heavenly Father, and follow his faithful servants as they followed Christ. At the close of reading the Queries, George Boone appear'd again pressing us to feel after a growth in Grace and an improvement of our Talents. The Northern Yearly Meeting Queries was also read and answered from each Mo. Meeting verbally, and the general answer to the Select Queries was read, after some little business more was gone thro' the meeting adjourn'd to a suitable time at Lancaster. This was an highly favoured opportunity the presence of him who dwelt in the Bush being sweetly felt amongst us.

On 20<sup>th</sup>. and 4<sup>th</sup>. of week at 9 in the morning was the first Publick meeting for worship, which was held in a large Booth built of boards on purpose for the occasion and tho' one third larger than usual it was well fill'd, there being a fine Collection of Friends and a vast concourse of People of other Societies, there being great willingness in such to attend our Meetings in this Town and neighbourhood. Besides a considerable number of Ministers from different parts of the 4 Counties that constitute this meeting, we was favoured with the company of several Strangers as Isaac Sharpless and Samuel Spavold from Hertfordshire, George Boone and John Cash from Warwickshire, Frances Dodgson from Staffordshire, Esther Tuke and Christiana Hustler from Yorkshire, and Hannah Wigham from Northumberland, and divers others of less note. In this meeting Rachel Wilson was first concerned in supplication, George Boone next in testimony, he first shewed the commission of the true Gospel Ministers, and then the necessity there was for all to be baptised with the Baptism of Christ from Matt C: 28. v: 19. Go ye therefore and teach all Nations, Baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Frances Dodgson next the forepart of her discourse was concerning Baptism from Mark C: 16. v: 16. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved. and the Latter part concerning the Supper commonly call'd the Sacrament from Rev: C: 3. v: 20. Behold I stand at the door, and knock. If any man hear my Voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. Both which subjects she handled in a beautiful manner, the substance being set over the head of all shadows. Isaac Sharpless next, stood long, and was led to treat upon sundry subjects chiefly tending to turn the minds of the People inward to do the work in themselves, recommending them to the Light of Christ as an infallible guide. George Boone next in prayer, and afterwards Frances Dodgson had a few words more in testimony from Matt C: 19.

v: 16 What good thing shall I do that I may have eternal life. At the close of the meeting William Dilworth said a few words in commendation of the Peoples behaviour, and inform'd them when the other Publick meetings would be held, and that we should be glad of their company. At 3 in the afternoon was another Publick meeting for Worship which was very much crowded, a great many more People coming than could get into the booth, so that friends divided, and another meeting was held at the same time in the street, which I heard was large George Boone, Esther Tuke and some others having acceptable service therein, but I was in the booth, were Rachel Wilson led the way in a large and powerful testimony explaining at large our motive in coming to this Town, and that it was quite free from any lucrative view, and she was sensible there was a remarkable visitation extended towards the inhabitants of these parts, and earnestly desired they might join in therewith. Frances Dodgson appeared next setting forth the necessity there was for each individual to experience a state of freedom from Sin in this life proving from several texts of Scripture, that such a state was attainable. Isaac Sharpless next from John C: 9. v: 39. For Judgment I am come into the world, that they which see not might see, and that they which see might be made blind. Alice Rigg was next concerned a pretty long time in Prayer. Each of the aforesaid meetings held betwixt 3 and 4 hours.

On 21<sup>st</sup>. and 5<sup>th</sup>. of the week at 8 in the morning was the meeting of Conference (were the Men and Women meet together) Jonathan Harrison appear'd first in a lively exhortation, Esther Tuke next in Prayer, George Boone next in Testimony from 1 Thess: C: 2. v: 6. Nor of Men sought we glory. Frances Dodgson next from Rom: C: 8. v: 15. Ye have not received the Spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of Adoption, whereby we cry, Abba Father. William Dilworth a few words next, Frances Dodgson next in Prayer. Tabitha Mariot next in testimony from 2 Cor: C: 5. v: 20. We pray you in Christs stead be reconciled to God. George Boone next in Prayer. The Northern Yearly Meeting Queries was then read and answered verbally by a representative from each of the 4 Counties that constitute this meeting viz. Cumberland, Westmorland, Lancashire and Cheshire and by accounts it appeared there were some openness in some places to hear the testimony of Truth declared particularly at Penrith in Cumberland and Morley in Cheshire. This meeting held about 5 hours. Parting Meeting for Worship at 3 in the Afternoon. The crowd of People was so exceeding great, that friends divided again. Samuel Spavold, Esther Tuke, and John Cash I heard had extraordinary service in a crowded audience in the street. In the Booth Isaac Sharpless was first concerned in testimony from Matt. C: 9. v: 13. For I am not come to call the righteous but Sinners to repentance Frances Dodgson next from Jer: C: 5. v: 30 and 31. A wonderful and horrible thing is committed in the land: The Prophets Prophecy falsely, and the priests bear rule by their means; and my people love to have it so: and what will ye do in the end thereof: She was very close upon the Hireling Preachers and tho' many such were present of different denominations, the Power of Truth was so prevalent, that they were as still as if their craft had not been exposed. George Boone next from John C: 3. v: 3. Except a man be born again he cannot see the kingdom of God. Rachel Wilson next from Luke C: 19. v: 5. Zacchaeus make haste and come down. Isaac Sharpless next in Prayer and afterwards Frances Dodgson a few words more in testimony. At the close of the meeting which held about 3 hours Rachel Wilson made a short, commendatory speech to the People for their good behaviour during the several sittings of this large Assembly, withal desiring them to retire from the Town in a sober orderly manner, and in the Love of the Gospel bade them Farewel. After meeting I went to take leave of several friends at their Inns and then return'd to Supper. In the evening as we were set together up Stairs a considerable number of People who had been at the meeting and were collected together in a Room beneath us began to Fidle and Dance, which brought a great exercise upon my mind, accompanied with a concern to go down and speak to them, which after some reasoning I gave up to being join'd by Alice Eccleston a Publick friend from Freckleton meeting. When we got into the room, we stood still in awful silence before them for some time, and then taking the young Man by the Arm that was Fiddling, I desired him to be still, as I had a few words to say to them, which he immediately comply'd with; I then told

them that our coming to this Town was entirely upon a religious account, and in love to that part in them that must never die, and as their behaviour in the meetings had been satisfactory to us and commendable to them, we much desired that their behaviour might continue so as that we might leave the Town in Peace but if we should be the means of drawing many People together upon a solemn occasion, and now when the meetings were over they should stay drinking and spending their precious time in vanity at an Alehouse it would not only bring Sorrow and trouble upon our minds but very much hurt their own Souls, so that I desired them to desist or words to that effect. After which Alice Eccleston had a few seasonable words to them and they then told us they would do so no more and seem'd to be affected with what was delivered to them, and we return'd with the answer of Peace in our bosoms.

On 22<sup>nd</sup>. and 6<sup>th</sup>. of week early in the morning I parted with my old fellow travellers, my dear friend James Brandwood having engaged me to go to tarry a while at his house at Edgeworth about 6 miles from this Town, accordingly we set out about 8 o Clock in the morning, John Hall junr. going along with us on foot and Samuel Spavold upon horseback, who was on a religious visit to friends in Nottinghamshire, Derbyshire, Cheshire and Lancashire, and was to have a meeting at Edgeworth this evening, got there about 1 hour and a half time were we stopt a little at Thomas Thommysons, Samuel Spavold tarrying there, but we went with James Brandwood to his house were we were agreeably entertained. After dinner we return'd to Thomas Thommysons were we spent the afternoon very agreeably until 5 o Clock, and then went to the meeting which consists chiefly of convinced friends, who have got a good Meetinghouse built since I was there before divers of the neighbours likewise came in this evening so that it was pretty large, considering it was such a wet night, James Brandwood had a few words first in testimony, Samuel Spavold next stood a long time from 1 Cor: C: 12. v: 7. The manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal, after which he had a long time in Prayer, and afterwards a few words more in testimony. The meeting held about 2 hours and a half after which we Supt at Thomas Thommysons and after Supper had a precious tendering opportunity together in which Samuel Spavold was concern'd in testimony.

On 23<sup>rd</sup>. and 7<sup>th</sup>. of week. Altho' I had proposed making some longer stay at James Brandwoods yet as Samuel Spavold was taking some meetings betwixt here and Yorkshire I inclin'd to go with him accordingly we set out at 2 a Clock in the afternoon viz. me and my companion on foot and James Brandwood and Samuel Spavold taking, Sally Collier and Sarah Ingle of Leeds behind them on horseback, we went by Haslingden to Margaret Rains of Sunnyside in Rossendale, got there at 5 o Clock were we lodg'd, but drunk Tea and Supp'd at Henry Mariots. In the evening had an opportunity together in which Samuel Spavold was concerned in testimony.

On 24<sup>th</sup>. and 1<sup>st</sup>. of week, was at their meeting at Crawshawbooth which began at 10 o Clock and was pretty large of friends, and a few of other Societies came in also Our friend Alice Rigg from Kendal was likewise at this and the two following meetings. Samuels Spavold appeared first stood very long being led to treat upon sundry subjects and afterwards had an open time in Prayer after which Alice Rigg had a few words in testimony. The meeting held about 4 hours after which we din'd at Henry Mariots, and after dinner I parted with John Hall he intending for home and I for a meeting at Marsden appointed to begin at 5 this evening, I got a sober young man for a companion viz. George Jepson from Rawden meeting, the young Women still riding along with friends, we went by Burnley to Marsden 9 miles got there just in time to the meeting, which is pretty large of itself and abundance of other Societies came in so that the house was pretty well fill'd. Samuel Spavold was first concerned in testimony, Margaret Rains from Rossendale next, Alice Rigg next in Prayer and afterwards Samuel Spavold had a few words more in testimony. The meeting held about 2 hours and a half from thence we went to Richard Mariots of Edgend were I parted with my much esteemed friend James Brandwood he returning towards home and me and my companion being invited to lodge at John Eckroyds we accepted thereof were we met with a very kind reception.

On 25<sup>th</sup>. and 2<sup>nd</sup>. of week we set forward about 8 o Clock in the morning for Rawden 4 miles, the two Women friends from Leeds walking along with us, got to John Oddies of Coln were we stopt and got some refreshment and then walkt with them up to Rawden were we got just in time to the meeting which began at 11 and held betwixt 3 and 4 hours It was very large tho' there are not many friends belonging thereto but a great many of the Neighbours came in and we were favoured with an open satisfactory time together Alice Rigg was first concerned in testimony from Matt. C: 5. v: 8. Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God. Samuel Spavold next from John C: 1. v. 11 and 12. He came to his own but his own received him not. But to as many as received him, to them he gave Power to become the Sons of God. He had an open time in Prayer next and afterwards a few more words more in testimony. After meeting we went about 2 miles to Henry Wilsons of Wycollar dean were we din'd and tarried until betwixt 5 and 6 o Clock and then set forward for Keighley 10 Miles got there between 8 and 9 were we lodg'd at the Sine of the Post Boy paid 4d a piece Suppers and 5d Breakfasts.

On 26<sup>th</sup>. and 3<sup>rd</sup>. of the week betwixt 8 and 9 in the morning we proceeded by Bingley, Shepley, and Idle, to Apperley bridge 10 Miles were we got betwixt 11 and 12 to our friend Sarah Marshals, din'd and drunk Tea there spending the Afternoon in very agreeable conversation with her daughters Esther and Phoebe until 5 o Clock, and then parting with my companions I came on to John Hustlers of Undercliff 2 Miles were I lodg'd. John was gone from home but his Wife was remarkable, open free, so that we spent the evening very agreeably together, and she having just received a Letter from her brother Benjamin Hird who was then on a religious visit to friends in Scotland was so kind as to read it me which was very comfortable giving account that he found great openness among the People there, and that there were considerable encouragement for Gospel Ministers who found a concern to pay them a visit, and concluded with desires that all might be faithful to the little manifested to them.

On 27<sup>th</sup>. and 4<sup>th</sup>. of week I went with Christiana Hustler and some other Relations who were on a visit there to their week day meeting at Bradford about 1 Mile which began at 11 and was but small considering the number of friends belonging thereto, Christiana Hustler was twice concerned therein in testimony, at the close thereof was held their Preparative meeting the business of which was well conducted, John Robinson of Richmond Mo. Meeting and Elizabeth Walker laid before this their intentions of Marriage with each other, Both meetings held about 2 hours. After Meeting I came on by Oakenshaw and Scholes to Robert Croslands of Oldfieldnook were I stopt about an hour and din'd, then came forward by Kirklees-hall Coln-brig Kirkheaton and Woodsom-mill Kirkburton and Shelley to Paddock were I call'd to see my Grandmother Mary Walker sat a little with her, and so reacht home about 8 o Clock in the evening.

#### An Account of my Journey to the Summer Quarterly meetings at York and Durham in the Year 1774.

I set out from home ye. 26<sup>th</sup>. of ye. 6<sup>th</sup>. month. 1774 and 1<sup>st</sup>. day of the week, about 4 o Clock in the afternoon George Chapman accompanying me a little below Clayton were we parted after which I walkt alone by Bretton to Hollingthorpe were I stopt about an hour at Samuel Empsons, and drunk Tea, then proceeded by Hallgreen and Sandal (William Empson accompanying me about 2 miles) to James Booths near Wakefield got there about 9 o Clock were I lodg'd that night.

On 27<sup>th</sup>. and 2<sup>nd</sup>. of week betwixt 6 and 7 o Clock in the morning I set out for Leeds in company with Betty Boothe Anne Boothe and Mary Collier, got there betwixt 9 and 10 were I took up my Quarters at Joshua Ingles, about 11 miles began the Monthly meeting for Worship which was pretty large of friends, Isaac Gray Isaac Sharpless and Benjamin Hird was there

besides several Ministers belonging their own Monthly meeting Isaac Gray was first concerned in testimony from Rev: C: 22. v: 17. The Spirit and the bride say, come and let him that heareth say come, and let him that is athirst come. He was eminently favoured and as he felt the invitation run thro' his heart towards us, he was engaged earnestly to press us to join in therewith. Isaac Sharpless next, stood a long time from 1 Cor: C: 14. v: 20. Brethren, be not Children in understanding: howbeit in malice ye be Children, but in understanding be men. he had a long time in Prayer next, and afterwards George Conway appeared in testimony, concerning Joseph sending for his Father into Egypt, that as he had a care that the little ones should be brought along with him so he desired that such as were little among us might be brought forward on our Journey Sion-ward and that none might be left behind in a land of Famine. At the close of this meeting was held the monthly meeting for discipline the business of which was gone thro' to pretty good satisfaction. Both meetings held about 5 hours. After which I din'd at Benjamin Kays, drunk Tea at James Blakes's and Supp'd at Joseph Tathams.

On 28<sup>th</sup>. and 3<sup>rd</sup>. of week. This morning I breakfasted at John Armisteads, and then set out for York betwixt 6 and 7 o Clock in Company with Joseph Ingle senr. Sarah Ingle and John King of Leeds, William King of Mankinholes Meeting, and Betty Boothe of Wakefield. Call'd at the sine of the Falcon in Tadcaster were we stopt about 1 an hour and a half and din'd paid 4d a piece eating and 7d Liquor; called again by the way and got some Ale paid 2d got to York about 4 in the afternoon were I lodg'd at my kind friend Joseph Awmacks.

On 29<sup>th</sup>. and 4<sup>th</sup>. of week at 9 in the morning began the Quarterly meeting for worship which was select of friends and the largest I ever saw there. We had a fine collection of Ministers from different parts of our own County, and a great number of Strangers. as Isaac Sharpless, Isaac Gray and Samuel Spavold from Hertfordshire, Benjamin Evans from Suffolk, John Elliott from London, William Fry from Bristol, and David Ducket from Cumberland, Abiah Darby from Shropshire, Frances Dodgson from Staffordshire, Mary Malham from Herefordshire, Ruth Fallows from Leicestershire, Tabitha Mariot from Lancashire and Alice Rigg from Westmorland. In this meeting Benjamin Evans was first concerned in testimony being prettily opened concerning David and Goliath, Mary Malham next from Prov: C: 16. v: 25. There is a way that seemeth right unto a Man but the end thereof are the ways of Death, she stood a long time and was divinely favoured, William Fry next from John C: 15. v: 5. I am the vine, ye are the branches, he that abideth in me, and I in him that same bringeth forth much fruit: Abiah Darby next upon sundry subjects, chiefly tending to draw us to the teachings of the Spirit of Christ and not to move in a Religious duty without waiting for its influence, oftens repeating that concerning John the divine writing to the Seven Churches by the dictates of the Spirit, Frances Dodgson had an open time next from John C: 13. v: 8 If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me, Alice Routh was next concerned a long time in Prayer. The meeting held about 3 hours. At 2 in the Afternoon was a Meeting for discipline which held about 3 hours and half and it being the time for Knaresborough, Settle, Malton, Thirsk, and Richmond Mo. Meetings to chuse a Clerk The representatives withdrew and at their return nominated Benjamin Hird of Rawden meeting. The Quarterley meeting Queries were read and answered from the several Monthly meetings, and divers remarks made thereon and weighty advice dropt by several Strangers, vis. Isaac Sharpless, Thomas Corbyn from London, Benjamin Evans Isaac Gray, David Ducket and William Fry, a pretty deal more business was gone thro' to good satisfaction and then the Meeting adjourn'd until next day at 9 in the morning. At 7 in the evening was another meeting for Worship which held about 3 hours, Abiah Darby was first concerned therein in supplication Isaac Sharpless next in testimony from Luke C: 11. v: 1. Lord teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples to pray. Francis Dodgson next enlarging upon the same subject. Abiah Derby next from Mark C: 13. v: 37. What I say unto you, I say unto all, Watch. Ann Mercy Bell next stood a pretty long time, and afterwards Frances Dodgson had an open time in Prayer.

On 30<sup>th</sup>. and 5<sup>th</sup>. of week at 9 in the morning, met pursuant to adjournment, Isaac Sharpless had a pretty long time in testimony before the business began. A Letter from friends in Pennsylvania and New Jersey to the Indians and their Answer thereto was read, also the

Yearly Meeting Epistle. A great deal more business was gone thro' and the whole was conducted in a Spirit of Love and harmony. The meeting held about 4 hours. Parting meeting for Worship at 3 in the afternoon which was exceeding large abundance of People of Societies coming in Abiah Darby was first in concerned in testimony from Mark C: 1. v: 3. The voice of one crying in the wilderness Prepare ye the way of the Lord make his Paths straight. Frances Dodgson next from 1 Cor: C: 2. v: 11. What man knoweth the things of a Man save the Spirit of man which is in him? Even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God. Isaac Sharpless next from 1 Cor: C: 12. v: 7. The manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to Profit withal, Samuel Spavold next setting before us the shortness and uncertainty of time, and a great need there was for us to be always in readiness for our final change. Afterwards Alice Rigg had a long and favoured time in Prayer. The meeting held betwixt 3 and 4 hours. In the evening I went to take leave of many friends to whom I was nearly united, and then return'd to put my things in order for my Journey the next day towards the Quarterley Meeting at Durham, having met with a Companion to walk with me viz. William Awmack of this city; and our friends Abiah Darby and Frances Dodgson being on a Religious visit to friends in some parts of the Counties of York Durham and Northumberland, and as far as Edinburgh in Scotland was also for that Quarterly meeting and proposed taking the Meetings of Thirsk and Darlington in their way which happened very agreeably to us.

On 1<sup>st</sup>. and 7<sup>th</sup>. Mo. and 6<sup>th</sup>. of week. We set out about 7 o Clock in the morning being accompanied to Thirsk by Rebecca Awmack of York and John Chambers and his son William of Thirsk, got to Shipton 6 miles were we stopt and got some refreshment at John Awmacks and from thence went to Easingwoud 7 miles were we call'd at the New Inn got some Ale paid 2d a piece and then proceeded to Richard Adamsons of Spittlehill 9 miles were we got about half past 3 o Clock, got some refreshment when we went in and afterwards drunk Tea there and then went with the family 2 miles to the meeting at Thirsk which was appointed to begin at 6 in the evening and was very large there being many friends belonging thereto and abundance of other Societies came more than could get into the house Abiah Darby was first concerned in supplication, Frances Dodgson next in testimony from 1 John C: 5. v: 20. We know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding that we may know him that is true. She stood long and was eminently favoured. Abiah Darby next shewing the Call and Qualifications of true Gospel Ministers, and that Male and Female was all one in Christ She then intreated all who were Strangers to the work of regeneration, to come to repentance and amendment of Life, and shewed the difference betwixt the true and false Faith, she stood long and was favoured, Frances Dodgson was next concerned in Prayer. At the close of the meeting Abiah Darby made a short commendatory speech to the People for their good behaviour withal desiring when any of us were favoured with the overshadowings of good we should remember them. The meeting held about 2 hours and a half and was to good satisfaction after which we went to Sowerby half a Mile were we lodg'd at Bartholomew Smiths, After Supper we went and sat a little at Rebecca Taylors.

On 2<sup>nd</sup>. and 7<sup>th</sup>. of week, we return'd to Thirsk were we breakfasted at John Smiths and afterwards call'd at Mary Ellerbys to see the friends, and from thence went to John Chambers's, were we tarried a little and got some refreshment, and then set out for Darlington 25 miles got to North Allerton 9 miles, were we stopt about half an hour at Anne Flowers's and got some refreshment call'd twice afterwards upon the road, got 1 Quart of Ale paid 2d a piece and so got to Darlington in the County of Durham at about 6 o Clock in the Evening, were we lodg'd at Stephen Robson (very kind friends) they having sent us an invitation to York so to do. After Supper we went and sat a little with the friends at James Backhouses.

On 3<sup>rd</sup>. and 1<sup>st</sup>. of week, at 10 in the Forenoon was at the Meeting in Town which was large there being a considerable body of Friends belonging thereto, Abiah Darby was first concerned in supplication Frances Dodgson next in testimony from Psalms 116. v: 12 What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits towards me? Abiah Darby next from Luke C: 15. v: 17. How many hired servants of my fathers have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! Frances Dodgson was afterwards concerned in Prayer. The meeting held

about 2 hours and a half, and both friends had hard labour in plain and close testimonies, At the close thereof they requested that the afternoon meeting might be put of until 5 in the evening and that they would invite their neighbours to come in. I Din'd along with Samuel Boothe, and afterwards we went to Thomas Robsons were we drunk Tea and tarried until 5 o Clock and then went to the meeting which was very large many of other Societies attending Frances Dodgson was first concerned in testimony from Matt C: 5. v: 48. Be ye therefore Perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is Perfect. Abiah Darby next from Luke C: 24. v: 49. Tarry ye in the City of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high. She first exploded the hireling Ministry of this Nation with much Life and Zeal shewing that none ought to engage in that office but such as had a necessity laid upon them. Frances Dodgson was afterwards concerned in Prayer. The meeting held about 2 hours and a half.

On 4<sup>th</sup>. and 2<sup>nd</sup>. of week, we breakfasted along with the friends at James Backhouse's, and about 10 o Clock set out for the City of Durham 18 miles, two friends from this Town walking along with us viz. William Kitching and William Ianson, call'd at Ferry- hill were we tarried a considerable time to get 4 Tankards of Ale and then proceeded on our Journey reacht Durham betwixt 4 and 5 in the afternoon, were we took up our lodgings at the Sine of the Angel near the market place; Joseph King a Young man from Newcastle who had been at York, and with whom I had contracted that acquaintance which I believe will not soon wear out accompanied us hither that so we might have the pleasure of each others Company. The house was a very good one and agreeably situated, we paid as follows 6d a piece for Breakfast 1s Dinner and 8d Supper. In the evening we took a walk through several parts of the City and up to the Castle and Cathedral which are situated upon an hill adjoining each other, and almost surrounded by the River, we went into the several parts of the Cathedral and upon the top thereof which is very high, we had a fine prospect not only over the City but over a very rich and beautiful Country for many miles around, we return'd by the prison which appears to be a small dirty place.

On 5<sup>th</sup>. and 3<sup>rd</sup>. of week, at 10 in the Forenoon was the Quarterly meeting for Worship; there was a large appearance of Friends considering the extent of the County, and a considerable number of Ministers from different parts thereof also, but no Strangers except the two travelling friends beforementioned, and but few of other Societies came in. Frances Dodgson was first concerned in testimony from Prov: C: 23. v: 23. Buy the truth but sell it not. Abiah Darby next from Eze. C: 18. v: 4. The Soul that sinneth shall die. afterwards Margaret Linley and Abiah Darby were concerned in Prayer. After which Frances Dodgson had an extraordinary time in testimony from Isa: C: 33. v: 13. Hear, ye that are far off, what I have done; and ye that are near, acknowledge my might. The meeting held about 2 hours and a half. At 2 in the afternoon was the meeting for discipline the business of which was well conducted and Joseph Proctor having been at the Yearly Meeting at London inform'd us that he and some others call'd at Hartford to see a friend who was in Prison there because for Conscience sake he could not Pay an ungodly priest the Tythe of his Labour, and that they found him cheerful and easy under his confinement and was well satisfied with the opportunity they had with him, at the conclusion of the business James King had an affecting time in testimony. The meeting held about 2 hours. After we had parted with our friends at the Inn, they departing towards their several habitations, we went to see the travelling friends at Susanna Applebys were we understood they proposed having meetings at Newcastle and Shields the two following days, we concluded to go there also, not knowing we might have the like opportunity; From hence we went to see Benjamin March (he being so kind as to send his daughter the night before to our Inn for us to lodge at his house) he insisted on us tarrying Supper, and afterwards prest much on us to lodge there, which we at length complied with and fetcht our things from the Inn.

On 6<sup>th</sup>. and 4<sup>th</sup>. of week. about 9 in the morning we set out for Newcastle 15 miles went by Chester, call'd a little behind there, and got a quart of Ale paid 2d a piece and then proceeded, soon after we was overtook by our friends Thomas Doubleday and his Wife of Newcastle in their Carriage, who kindly invited us to Lodge at their house, directed us how to

find it, and told us that they would wait dinner for us, which we thought was very kind not having seen them before that we know of, got to Newcastle before 2 o Clock and found their house without much difficulty (which is pleasantly situated just without the walls being almost surrounded with beautiful Gardens,) were we met with a kind reception from the whole family. After dinner we took a walk into several parts of the Town which is exceeding large and populous; drunk Tea at James Kings his son Joseph and me being nearly united to each other. After Tea he took a walk with us to see their Glass Works which are very curious, from thence we went up by the River side where there was plenty of Shipping, and so by the Exchange into several other parts of the Town which I suppose is the largest by far of any in the County of Northumberland, and got to our Lodgings about 8 in the evening.

On 7<sup>th</sup>. and 5<sup>th</sup>. of week, in the morning Thomas Doubleday shewed us part of his house and all his Gardens, a Summerhouse, Greenhouse and several other curiosities and afterwards we walkt round one of the Publick walks belonging to the Town which was very pleasant, and then return'd to breakfast after which we went to see the friends at Isaac Thompsons were we tarried a while and then went with them to meeting, which began at 10 and held about 2 hours. There were a considerable number of friends but not many others. Frances Dodgson was first concerned in testimony from Cant: 2. v: 15. Take us the Foxes, the Little Foxes, that spoil the vines; for our vines have tender Grapes. Abiah Darby had a few words next but seemed much shut up. After meeting we din'd at James Kings drunk Tea at Elizabeth Holmes's who was indeed a Mother in Israel being a tender spirited upright hearted Woman with whom I found true unity and was glad I was there, Joseph King went along with us, and from thence we return'd with him to their house to Lodge where we spent the evening very agreeably they being a family of valuable friends.

On 8<sup>th</sup>. and 6<sup>th</sup>. of week betwixt 8 and 9 in the morning we parted with our beloved friends of this place, some of them accompanying us to the Water side, where we got into the passage Boat, and had a pleasant sail down the River Tyne 9 miles, for which we paid 2d a piece and in less than two hours time landed at North Shields in Northumberland, which is situated near the mouth of the River Tyne where abundance of large vessels come that are employ'd in the Colliery. We went to our friend Samuel Campions where we got some refreshment, and then went to the meeting which began at 11 and held about 2 hours and a half. The meeting of itself is not large, but several friends from Newcastle were there and divers of other professions came in, Frances Dodgson was first concerned in testimony stood along time and was favoured, Abiah Darby had a few words next being led to treat concerning Esau selling his birthright, and afterwards had a pretty long time in Prayer. After meeting we took leave of the two travelling friends and then went with Samuel Champion to his house where we din'd and after dinner set out for Sunderland 8 miles Frd. Champion accompanying us over the River Tyne which we crost in a Boat to South Shields in the County of Durham, from thence we travelled near the Sea coast to Monkwearmouth where we crost the River wear in a Boat to Sunderland, call'd there to see a young Man that lived with Solomon Chapman, stopt a little, and then set out for Durham 13 miles call'd by the way and got a Quart of Ale paid 2d a piece, got there betwixt 9 and 10 (having been upwards of 6 hours in coming from Shields) we met our friend Benjamin March in the street who took us with him to his house where we lodg'd, and met with very agreeable entertainment.

On 9<sup>th</sup>. and 7<sup>th</sup>. of week we set out about 9 in the morning call'd at the Sine of the Angel in Town, where we had left some things to wash, got some Ale and Wine and then set forwards for Darlington call'd twice by the way paid 3d a piece for Liquor and 1d eating, got to Stephen Robsons in Darlington about 3 o Clock in the Afternoon where we lodg'd. After Tea we went to William Kitchings where we saw them weave Huckaback which is a great manufactory in this Town, and after Supper we went and sat a little at James Backhouses drunk a Glass of Wine and then return'd to our Lodgings, where several friends came to spend the evening with us whose Company was very agreeable.

On 10<sup>th</sup>. and 1<sup>st</sup>. of week, about half past 6 in the morning we set out for Richmond 13 miles, William Kitching going along with us thither, and Stephen Robson, Richard Linley,

and William Ianson accompanying us 2 miles to the River Tees, which we crost into Yorkshire in a Boat and then went by Burton and Scuby to Richmond, were we got about 10 o Clock, took some refreshment at the Golden Fleece, paid 2d a piece eating and 4d Liquor; about 11 o Clock we went to the meeting in Town our friend Samuel Spavold being there in the course of his Religious visit to friends in this county. It was not large tho' there were friends from several neighbouring meetings and some of the Towns People also, Samuel had a very open time in testimony from 1 Cor: C: 2. v: 4. My speech and my Preaching was not with enticing words of mans Wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of Power, afterwards he had a long time in Prayer. The meeting held upwards of 2 hours, after which we din'd with Samuel Spavold and several other friends at James Mastermans, and about 4 o Clock set out for Leyburn 9 miles, William Sowerby accompanying us about a mile and then return'd, we went by Bellaby to Leyburn were we got to John Thompsons about 7 o Clock and Lodg'd there. After we had sat a little we took a walk thro' the village up to the Top of an hill were we had an Extensive prospect of a very rich and beautiful valley call'd Wensleydale and from thence return'd to Supper.

On 11<sup>th</sup>. and 2<sup>nd</sup>. of week, we set out about 7 o Clock in the morning and came down a beautiful valley by Spenithorn and Witton to Masham were we stopt about an hour and a half at our kind friend John Hildens and got some refreshment, and then came on by Gruelthorp, Kirby Grantley and Grantley hall the seat of Sir Fletcher Norton speaker of the house of Commons, near which place we call'd and got some refreshment at the Blackamoors head paid 2d a piece eating and 3d Liquor, and so came on by Ripley to Harrowgate (having travelled about 29 miles this day) were I proposed to tarry some time for the benefit of the waters, took up our Quarters at the Sine of the Horse shoe were we got about 7 o Clock in the evening.

On 12<sup>th</sup>. and 3<sup>rd</sup>. of week. This morning I began to drink the waters, and drunk them every morning as follows during my stay except one. I first took a Glass of Sulphur Water with a few Salts in it, and then took a walk for about 20 Minutes, and then return'd and drunk another Glass and so on keeping an equal distance of time until I had drunk 4 or 5 Glasses, he generally got wrought of before 10 o Clock, and then I breakfasted, after which I took a walk about a mile to High.harrowgate were I drunk a Glass of the Chalybeat waters. This forenoon I parted with my companion he setting out towards home having come some little out of his way, on purpose to have as much of my Company as he could and to see me settled into my lodgings which I saw was very kind.

From this time until ye. 14<sup>th</sup>. and 5<sup>th</sup>. of week nothing worth noticing happened. This day after dinner, I took a walk to Knaresborough 4 miles, on a visit to my friend Abraham Ogdens, soon after I got there his Wife took a walk with me to see the Castle, which is now a good deal in ruins part of it is in repair and used for a prison. It is situated upon a high and almost inaccessible Rock, upon that side joining the River Nydd. After Tea Abraham took a walk with me to shew me some further curiosities, we went out of the west end of the Town, and over a high bridge and so down a walk call'd the long walk which is exceeding pleasant, being thro' the middle of a Shrubbery, adorn'd with very stately trees of different kinds; on our left hand side runs the beautiful River Nydd, and on our right hand was many curious Rocks; About the middle of it we came to the dropping or petrifying well the Water of which is so hard that it will turn almost anything into a stone; A little below this was a seat were we sat down and my friend having a Latin Book in his pocket wrote by Virgil an heathen Writer long before our Saviours time, he read a piece therein which gave a clear account not only of the birth of our Saviour but the time when and how, and many other particulars relating thereto. At the bottom of this pleasant walk is the place as tradition tells us were old Mother Shibden lived. From thence we cross the river at the Lowbridge and went down the North side thereof having on our left hand side high and inaccessible Rocks, one of which they say is 60 yards perpendicular, near the foot of it is a place call'd St Roberts Chapel, which is hewn out of the Solid Rock, we went into it, were there is an Altarpiece, and a place were the Crucifix and Candlesticks were fixed, and an hole on each side were they say the Basons of holy water

stood; the roof is beautifully wrought and everything lookt very curious and I thought well worth observation, There is also a window cut out of the Rock, and by the door the picture of a Man who they say came to kill the Hermit. From thence we return'd to Town called at Dinah Knowle's were we tarried a little, and then came to Frd. Ogdens were I supp'd and tarried until 8 o Clock and then return'd to Harrogate.

On 15<sup>th</sup>. and 6<sup>th</sup>. of week, as soon as dinner was over I went to high Harrogate, were I spent the Afternoon in agreeable conversation with Rebecca Awmack at John Clemshaws, not friends but being Relations of hers she was come over to see them from York. After Tea I return'd and in the evening began to Bathe and Bathed every other night during my stay. The manner of Bathing here is as follows They heat the Sulphur water as hot as one can bear it and then puts it into a deep trough in shape almost like a Coffin we then strip ourselves and lies therein on our backs just holding our heads out of the water and every now and then the Person that waits on us as the Bathe cools comes and puts in more boiling water out of the Copper to keep it up to its heat when we have lain therein about half an hour we dip ourselves 3 times over head and then gets up, there being a bed in the Room which the waiter warms with a Pan, and we putting on a flannel Cap and Gown get therein were we sweat exceedingly when we have lain about an hour we get up and put on our Clothes, but are obliged to be very careful that night lest we catch cold.

Nothing particular happened further until 17<sup>th</sup>. and 1<sup>st</sup>. of week, when I set out pretty early in the morning and went to Abraham Ogdens of Knaresborough to breakfast. At 11 o Clock went to their meeting which held about 2 hours was but small they being but about only 14 families belonging thereto, and some of them living at a great distance. After dinner we took a walk to George Knowles's of Halls were I tarried a little and then return'd to Tea. After which I set out for Harrogate my kind friend Abraham Ogden accompanying me part of the way whose company was very agreeable.

Nothing particular happened further until ye. 20<sup>th</sup>. and 4<sup>th</sup>. of week. This morning I paid 1s and 6d a day for eating and 5d Liquor 2s a time for Bathing and 1s to the Woman that serv'd with water at the wells, and then set forward for Wakefield 24 miles betwixt 6 and 7 o Clock being glad to leave this place tho' I met with civil usage at the Inn, but there was very little agreeable company for me there being not one friend at any of the houses so that I spent most of my vacant hours either in walking alone into different parts of the Forest or in the Fields, or in reading writing or meditating in my Chamber, having one to myself were I met with great satisfaction. Came on by Harwood and Chapeltown to Shipscarbridge near Leeds 15 miles were I din'd at James Blakes's, after dinner I went to Leeds were I called to see Anne Awmack at her Uncle Joshua Handsworths, drunk a Glass of Wine there and then went to John Linlseys to see Esther Marshal, and from thence to Joshua Ingles were I drunk Tea and tarried until 5 o Clock, and then set forward again Joshua accompanying me about 3 miles got to Wakefield about 7 were I lodg'd at John Booths.

On 21<sup>st</sup>. and 5<sup>th</sup>. of week. After Breakfast I came to James Booths, were I tarried until 10 o Clock at which time their weekday meeting began which was but small. Our friend David Duckett in the course of his religious visit to the meetings in this County being this day at m several friends from here was gone thither, so that we were but 5 in all, but the Lord was pleased to fulfill his gracious Promise, That were two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them. Matt C: 18: v: 20. The meeting held about 2 hours. After which I din'd at James Booths, and then set forward towards home came by Sandal, Hallgreen, Haigh, and Hoyland to Denby were I tarried a considerable time at my Uncle John Woods and got some refreshment, and so got home about 8 in the evening.

An Account of my Journey to the Winter Quarterly Meeting at York in ye 12<sup>th</sup>. mo. 1774

I set out from home ye. 24<sup>th</sup>. of ye. 12<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1774 and 7<sup>th</sup>. day of the week betwixt 7 and 8 o Clock in the morning, having my much esteemed friend George Chapman of Banktop in Woodland for my companion this Journey who came to our house the night before. We went by Shelley, Kirkburton, Kirkheaton, and Colnbrig to Robert Croslands of Oldfieldnook were we stopt about 2 hours and a half and din'd then proceeding up by Scholes and Oakenshaw to Bradford call'd to see my Cousin Mary Wood who lived with Joshua Walker, they invited us in, were we stop'd about 1 hour and a half and drunk Tea, from thence we went to the Sine of the Crown and Cushion got there about 5 o Clock, were we lodg'd, and met with good entertainment, paid 9d a piece Supper and 6d Breakfast. In the evening Jethro Spicer a Young Man that lives in this Town who had had his education amongst the Moravions and was lately convinced the Principles of Truth and join'd Friends came to sit a little with us whose Company was very agreeable, he gave us a particular account of the Principles customs and manners of the Moravians, likewise an account of his Convincement.

On 25<sup>th</sup>. and 1<sup>st</sup>. of week about 9 in the morning we set out for Rawden Meeting 5 miles call'd at Sarah Marshals of Apperleebridge were we drunk Coffee and then went in Company with her daughter Esther to the meeting, were we unexpectedly met with our friend Jonathan Hodgson and his Companion George Atkinson from Settle meeting who were going towards York we rejoiced greatly to see each other. The meeting began at 11 and was large there being a considerable number of friends belonging thereto, Jonathan Hodgson appeared first in testimony, setting forth the infinite Love mercy and goodness of God, in that he should so far condescend to the workmanship of his hands as to write his Law in our hearts and put his Spirit in our inward parts earnestly pressing us to take heed thereto, and in all our Meetings labour to gather to the true Spiritual Shiloh, unto whom the gathering of the People ought to be. After some time of Silence he appear'd again, declaring something of his own experience, and that for want of coming up in faithfulness to what was manifested to him he had at times depriv'd himself of that liberty he might otherwise have enjoy'd. John Whalley had a few words next from Isa: C: 40. v: 31. They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength, Sybil Wilson next concerning Dinah Jacobs daughter suffering her Eye to wander amongst the People of the land and the loss she sustain'd thereby inferring therefrom the loss we as a People suffered by having our minds too much entangled with the People of the World, after a short time of Silence she appear'd again earnestly intreating us to come up in a diligent attendance of weekday meetings, and exprest how sorrowful it was to her to see so greater neglect thereof. Jonathan Hodgson afterwards appeared upon the same subject and enlarg'd considerably thereon. The meeting held upwards of 2 hours and was very satisfactory. After which we din'd at Sarah Marshals and from thence went to Edward Horners of Woodhouse were we lodg'd and met with a kind reception.

On 26<sup>th</sup>. and 2<sup>nd</sup>. of week, about 10 o Clock in the morning we set out for Leeds 8 miles in company with Joshua Ingle who came from there the day before to meet us at Rawden, we went by Calverley to Bramley were we call'd to see James Jackson a young man (not a friend) but is under a religious concern of mind, we din'd there, and spent about 3 hours together to mutual satisfaction, then came on by Kirkstall, were there is an old Abbey part in ruins, got to Joshua Ingles of Leeds about 3 o Clock in the afternoon, were we drunk Tea and then went to Jarviss Storrs's were we lodg'd spending the evening in very agreeable conversation chiefly upon religious subjects.

On 27<sup>th</sup>. and 3<sup>rd</sup>. of week, After breakfast we went up to Joshua Ingles to meet with some friends who were also going to York. We set out about 8 o Clock in company with Jonathan Lupton, Joseph Clarbour, Joseph Ingle from Sheffield, and George Jepson of Rawden meeting. Din'd at the Falcon in Tadcaster, paid 8d a piece eating and 3d Liquor, stopt about 1 hour and a half and then proceeded got to York betwixt 4 and 5 when my companion and me lodg'd at Joseph Awmacks. At 5 this evening was their weekday meeting which was considerably enlarged by friends who were come out of the Country. William Coning was

first concerned therein in testimony from Luke C: 13. v: 24. Strive to enter in at the strait gate, for many I say unto you will seek to enter in, and shall not be able. Esther Tuke next concerning the young man that came to enquire of our Saviour, what good thing he should do that he might inherit eternal Life mentioned in the 19 C: of Matt. beginning at 16 v: She repeated the whole passage dropt much suitable counsel and advice, and was eminently favoured.

On 28<sup>th</sup>. and 4<sup>th</sup>. of week began the Quarterly meeting, there were a pretty many Ministers from different parts of the County but no Strangers. In the forenoon was the select meeting, during which time we took a walk on the Micklegate walls, and into the Castle to see the Prisoners, and from thence to the Minster, and then return'd to dinner. At half past 1 was a meeting for discipline which held about 2 hours and a half and it being the time for the Representatives from York, Balby, Pontefract, and Brighouse monthly meetings to chuse a Clerk, they withdrew and at their return nominated William Fairbank of Sheffield meeting. The Queries were read and the 1<sup>st</sup>. 8<sup>th</sup>. of them answered verbally by a friend from each of the monthly meetings in the county some other business was gone thro' and then the Meeting adjourned until 9 o Clock in the morning. At 6 in the evening was a meeting for worship which was pretty large of friends for the season of the Year, and several of the Citizens attended also, William Coning was first concerned in testimony, setting forth the necessity there was for us all to be baptised into the present suffering state of the Church. Esther Tuke next from Isa: C: 5. v: 4. What could have been done more to my Vineyard that have not been done in it, wherefore when I looked that it should bring forth Grapes, brought it forth wild grapes. The meeting held about 2 hours, after which I supp'd at William Tukes, and spent the remainder of the evening there very agreeably having a comfortable opportunity together in which William Coning was concern'd both in testimony and prayer.

On 29<sup>th</sup>. and 5<sup>th</sup>. of week, At 9 in the morning met pursuant to adjournment, before the business of the meeting was entered upon William Coning appeared in testimony, and towards the conclusion of meeting Esther Tuke came in, and gave an account of her Journey (she being newly return'd from a religious visit friends in Ireland and West of England) She said she travelled in much weakness and fear lest she should bring dishonour to the truth, that she found things in many places but low altho' there appear'd to be a revival amongst the youth, and in some places considerable oppeness amongst those of other Societies. Afterwards William Coning appeared in testimony and Esther Tuke in Prayer. The meeting held upwards of 3 hours, after which I din'd at Peter Bucks. The Parting meeting for Worship began at 2 o Clock in the Afternoon and held about 2 hours, was pretty select of friends altho' some few of other Societies came in, William Coning was first concerned in testimony from Psalms 25. v: 9. The meek will he guide in Judgment: and the meek will he teach his way. Esther Tuke next from 1 John C: 2. v: 15. Love not the world neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. William Coning concluded the meeting in Prayer. In our return we call'd to see our antient friend Anne Mercy Bell who was in a poor state of health.

On 30<sup>th</sup>. and 6<sup>th</sup>. of week, in the morning we took a walk as far as friends burial ground my Brother Abraham having been buried there a little before, soon after we return'd, Esther Tuke sent her son to invite us to dinner, were we tarried until evening; William Coning being there he gave us a particular account of the dealings of the Lord with him from his youth, how he came to be convinced of the truth, and many close exercises and Tryals he met with within and without which was very affecting to my mind.

On 31<sup>st</sup>. and 7<sup>th</sup>. of week about 11 o Clock in the morning we set out for Selby 14 miles went by Fulford, Deeton, and Eskrith to Riccall were we call'd at the Turks head got 2 Pints of Ale paid 2d a piece, then proceeded went down the banks of the Ouse and then crost the River in a boat to Selby were we took up our Quarters at the George and Dragon got some refreshment, paid 4d a piece and then went down to see our friend John Armitage, they prest much on us to lodge with them, to which we made several objections having spoke for a Bed at the Inn, however at length his Son went with us, and spoke to the Landlord, and so we

brought our things to their house, were we lodg'd, and was much pleased with our quarters they being a family of very agreeable friends.

On 1<sup>st</sup>. of 1<sup>st</sup>. Mo. 1775 and 1<sup>st</sup>. day of the week we was at their forenoon meeting in town which began at 10 o Clock, and was not large, there being but about 9 families belonging thereto. At the close thereof was held their preparative meeting the business of which was well managed. Both meeting held about 2 hours, betwixt 1 and 2 in the afternoon we set out for Pontefract 15 miles, John Armitage junr. a pretty young man accompanying us about a mile, we came on by Thorpe, Hambleton, Frystone, and Ferrybridge to Pontefract were we got betwixt 5 and 6 o Clock and lodg'd at the Sign of the Elephant and Castle paid 6d a piece Supper and the same for Breakfast.

On 2<sup>nd</sup>. and 2<sup>nd</sup>. of week, After breakfast we called at John Browns to see Elizabeth Morton who is lately come forth in the ministry, sat a little with her, and then went to John Thistletwaits were we stopt a little, left the Town betwixt 9 and 10 o Clock, and in about 2 hours time got to James Booths near Wakefield were we din'd and tarried until half past 3 in the afternoon and then came on by Sandal, Crigglestone, Bretton, and Emley, to my Uncle William Steads of Siver Ing in Emley park were we lodg'd.

On 3<sup>rd</sup>. and 3<sup>rd</sup>. of week, We set out betwixt 8 and 9 o Clock in the morning for Skelmanthorp, George Haywood a young man that was under conviction accompanying us, who at the time lived with my cousin Joseph Stead there being many so far convinced in that village and the neighbourhood thereof, as constantly to attend our meetings of late and great openness appeared in many others, and Esther Tuke calling at Highflatts in her return from her late Journey, many of them was there at that time to whom she felt nearly united, and she and Thomas Brook (a man who had formerly been a Preacher both amongst the Methodists and Sardinians but was lately convinc'd and join'd with friends, and liv'd in York) sent by us a considerable number of Books to give away amongst them, and their neighbours, which we did, and I hope they will be of service, we stopt about an hour at Benjamin Dysons of Skelmanthorp one of the convinced friends, and then he and his Sister Martha who was also under conviction went up with us to William Dysons of Powker who with his Wife and Children were under conviction, here George Chapman left us pretty directly, but we tarried dinner and until about 3 o Clock in the Afternoon, The presence of him who dwelt in the Bush being sweetly felt amongst us to the tendering of our hearts and melting them down before him even as wax before the Fire, uniting us to him and one unto another and fully convincing me that divers of them are near that which is good who I sincerely desire may be preserved unto the end. I got home about 4 o Clock having disposed of most of the Books in the Town and neighbourhood aforesaid.

#### An Account of my Journey to the Northern Yearly Meeting held this year at Namptwich in Cheshire.

I set out from home ye. 16<sup>th</sup>. of ye. 4<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1775, and 1<sup>st</sup>. day of the week betwixt 7 and 8 o Clock in the morning, and went by Woodhead in Cheshire to Patfield in Derbyshire and so by Chausworth and Newmill to our friend William Holme's of Low Leighton were I got about 4 o Clock in the afternoon having travelled as near as I could guess about 24 miles that day. Friends have a very good Meetinghouse here tho' this is the only Family belonging the meeting and they only remov'd there about 2 years ago, he being one of the People called Methodists formally and sometime after his conviction believed it his duty to come and settle here to keep up the meeting, and I having been to see him about 7 weeks before, he desired me if I went to the Yearly Meeting to call for his Company, which was very agreeable he giving me an account of his conviction, and the many deep tryals he had to pass thro' as we travelled together.

On 17<sup>th</sup>. and 2<sup>nd</sup>. of week between 7 and 8 o Clock in the morning we set out and went by Newmill to Disley in Cheshire and so by Bullocksmithies to Stockport were we called at Robert Shepherds, William Hamiltons, and Thomas Shepherds stopt about an hour at William Hamiltons and got some refreshment, from thence we went to Morley 8 miles were we stopt upwards of an hour and din'd at our friend James Birch's who had formerly been a Preacher amongst the Methodists, then proceeded by Peever to Middlewich 15 miles got there betwixt 6 and 7 in the evening, took up our Lodgings at the Signe of the White Bear Paid 6d a piece for Supper and 4d Liquor.

On 18<sup>th</sup>. and 3<sup>rd</sup>. of week, we set out for Namptwich 11 miles betwixt 5 and 6 o Clock in the morning, breakfasted by the way, paid 6d a piece got to Town about 9 were we took up our Quarters at the Signe of the Linewheel in Pepper street, which was a very good retired house there being only William Hamilton and Thomas Cash besides ourselves at Inns there. Paid 1s a piece for Dinner and 8d a piece for Breakfasts and Suppers. There was the smallest collection of friends at Namptwich that I remember ever seeing at one of those Yearly Meetings but a great number of Ministers from different parts of the 4 Counties that constitute this meeting and some strangers as George Boone and John Cash from Warwickshire, John Townshend from London, John Storer from Nottinghamshire, Timothy Bevington from Worcestershire, William Symonds from Northamptonshire, John Bottom from Staffordshire, Joseph Jackson from Yorkshire, William Fry and Lydia Hawkesworth from Bristol, Abiah Darby from Shropshire and some others. At 10 o Clock this forenoon was the Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders for the County of Cheshire, which at the request of a friend I attended and was the first meeting of that sort I was ever at, and was much to my satisfaction, it was held in the Meetinghouse belonging the friends of the Town, the Elders had first a time of Conference by themselves and then join'd the Ministers who were set together in the other part of the house, John Storer, George Boone and Abiah Darby were all concern'd in Testimony dropping much weighty counsel and advice both to Ministers and Elders, and afterwards George Boone in Prayer. The Select Yearly Meeting Queries were Read and answered from the Monthly meetings in this County, which were generally satisfactory. The meeting held about 3 hours. At 3 in the Afternoon was the Quarterly Meeting for discipline, John Storer had an excellent time in testimony therein from Prov: C: 23. v: 23. Buy the truth but sell it not. The Northern and London Yearly Meeting Queries were Read and answered from the three monthly meetings in this County viz. Franley, Morley, and Namptwich, and by accounts there were some appearance of convincement in two of the particular meetings belonging Morley Mo. Meeting; several remarks were made and caution counsel and advice dropt by many weighty Brethren, and the whole business of the meeting was well conducted, Thomas Cash of Morley meeting was Clerk. The meeting held about 4 hours. After which I call'd with William Holme William Hamilton and James Brandwood at the Sign of the Lamb, to see Ralph Mathee a young Man that is under convincement; who as I understood had been a considerable Tradesman in Manchester and was then in profession with the Presbyterians, but being dissatisfied he left them and join'd the Methodists and became a noted Preacher amongst that People travelling into several parts of England were he was much followed and admired, but as his understanding came to be more and more opened he grew uneasy and being in some measure convinced of the principles of Truth he left that People and attended a meetings, and for the sake of retirement now makes his home at our friend James Brandwood of Edgeworth were he proposes learning to weave Cotton, he refuses the use of the Tobacco, Sugar, and Tea; and that this time wears his beard long. We had an opportunity together in a Room ourselves, but after we had sat a little at John Townshend came in, and had a very acceptable time both in Testimony and Prayer. Afterwards John Kirshaw and Ralph Mather came and sat a little with us at our Inn.

On 19<sup>th</sup>. and 4<sup>th</sup>. of week at 9 o Clock in the morning began the Yearly Meeting for Worship and altho' it was very wet the Booth which was large was pretty well fill'd Abiah Darby was first concerned in supplication George Boone next in testimony shewing that the only acceptable Worship is that which is perform'd in Spirit and in Truths opening some of

our principles and practices, setting forth the inconsistency of an Hireling Ministry with the Gospel dispensation and the great difference there is betwixt the Ministers of the Spirit and those of the Letter only. John Townshend next from Matt C: 16. v: 24. If any Man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his Cross, and follow me. Alice Rigg had a long time in Prayer next. The meeting held about 2 hours and a half. At 3 in the Afternoon was another Publick meeting for Worship and there being such a large number of People come to Town Friends divided a meeting being held at the same time in the Meetinghouse were I heard Timothy Bevington, John Cash, and John Storer had a very acceptable service, but I was in the Booth which was very much crowded, before the meeting was fully gathered John Townsend stood up endeavouring to settle minds of the people exhorting us to gather inward to the work in ourselves that so we might be favoured with a good meeting, but just when he was about concluding a number of seats broke down which threw the People into great confusion but I did not hear that any was hurt. Abiah Darby stood up next setting forth the condition of Man before the fall and in the fall our belief of the coming Death and Sufferings of Christ, also his inward and spiritual appearance in the hearts of the Children of Men, repeating the greatest part of the creed, commonly called the Apostles creed shewing our belief thereof and branching out into several points of doctrine. George Boone next from Gal: C: 5. v: 16. Walk in the spirit and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh, he stood long and was much favoured. John Townshend next in Prayer. The meeting held about 2 hours and a half. In my return from thence I stopt at the Meetinghouse but could not get in. John Storer was appearing in testimony and afterwards had an open time in Prayer. This meeting held about half an hour longer than the other. On 20<sup>th</sup>. and 5<sup>th</sup>. of week at 8 o Clock in the morning began the meeting of Conference which held upwards of 5 hours. John Townshend stood up first a pretty long time, had a lively and pathetic address especially to the youth, Joseph Saul next from Rev: C: 2. v: 2, 3, 4 and 5. I know thy works, and thy labour and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear with them that are evil; and thou has tried them which say, they are Apostles, and are not, and has found them lyars; and hast borne, and hast patience, and for my names sake hast laboured, and has not fainted. Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first Love. Remember therefore from whence thou art fall'n, and Repent, and do thy first works; or else I will come to thee quickly, and will remove thy Candlestick out of his place, except thou repent. George Boone next from Rom: C: 9. v: 6, and 7. They are not all Israel which are of Israel; Neither because they are the seed of Abraham, are they all Children: but, in Isaac shall thy seed be called. William Fry next from Duet: C: 33. v: 29. Happy art thou O Israel! Who is like unto thee O people, saved by the Lord. John Storer next he was very eminent, declaring of the wonderful good news of God in that he was pleased in so extraordinary a manner to favour us as a people with his living presence especially when in a collective body, pressing us much to come up in a diligent attendance at our respective meetings, and labour to come to a right concern of mind therein. Abiah Darby next from Luke C: 10. v: 2. The harvest truly is great but the labourers are few, pray ye therefore the Lord of the Harvest that he would send forth labourers into his harvest. Sarah Taylor and David Ducket each of them dropt a few seasonable words next and afterwards George Boone had pretty long time in Prayer. The Northern Yearly Meeting Queries were read and answered verbally by a representative from each of the 4 Counties the places mentioned were the most particular openness appeared, was about Bolton in Lancashire and Morley and Namptwich in Cheshire. The parting meeting for Worship at 3 in the afternoon, the crowds of People was still very great so that the meeting was held in two places again; The Meetinghouse was well fill'd and the day being fair friends set open the sashes, and the Publick friends sat by them without doors, the Grave yard tho' large being likewise pretty near full of People. William Fry, John Townshend, John Cash, Alice Rigg and Tabitha Mariot I heard had the concern therein. But I was in the Booth which was much crowded Abiah Darby appear'd first stood long time and was favoured from John C: 18: v: 36. My kingdom is not of this world. Lydia Hawsworth had a few words next from Jer: C: 23. v: 28. The Prophet that hath a dream, let him tell a dream; and he that hath my word, let him

speaking my word faithfully; What is the Chaff to the wheat? saith the Lord. George Boone next stood a long time from 2 Cor: C: 13. v: 14. The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the Love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. John Storer next he stood long and was much favoured, shewing the emptiness of all forms and Shadows which in their day were glorious, directing the People to the Light of Christ in themselves as the best of teachers, shewing the manner of its working and operation in the soul, pressing the People much to an inward retirement of mind, that so they might come to a right acquaintance with God, and to a true settlement in the Blessed Truth. Abiah Darby next in Prayer. The meeting held about 3 hours and a half, at the conclusion thereof John Storer made a short commendatory speech to the People for their good behaviour desiring them to leave the place in a sober orderly manner, and I think I may say this last meeting was one of the stillest solidest opportunities that I ever remember being at, on such a publick occasion, and am not without hopes but the Publick meetings held at this time will be of service, as People of different perswasions attended them from a great distance not only from several parts of this County of Chester but also from Shropshire and Staffordshire, there were several Priests there and abundance of Gentry, there being a good many of that sort of People in this town and neighbourhood. The Constables stood with their staffs in their hands at the booth doors to keep the People quiet if any should offer to make any disturbance, and was very useful in helping to direct People to their seats. About 7 o Clock this evening we left the town and came about 6 miles to our friend Henry Mulliners of Crew Green where we lodg'd and met with very agreeable entertainment.

On 21<sup>st</sup>. and 6<sup>th</sup>. of week betwixt 9 and 10 o Clock in the morning we proceeded on our Journey, got to Sandbach 5 miles and from thence to Congleton 7 miles where we din'd at the Swan paid 8d a piece eating and 3d Liquor stopt upwards of an hour and then proceeded by Gawzworth to Macclesfield 10 miles and from thence to Low-Leighton 11 miles call'd twice by the way got a pint of Ale at one place paid 2d and a Quart at the other for which we paid 4d and so got to my companions house betwixt 9 and 10 in the evening where I lodg'd.

On 22<sup>nd</sup>. and 7<sup>th</sup>. of week, the morning being wet prevented my setting out so soon as I intended but it clearing up I set out a little before 10 in the forenoon, and came by Hayfield and so over the Moors and Mountains into Woodland got to Joseph Chapman of Banktop upwards of 12 miles betwixt 2 and 3 o Clock where I din'd and tarried about 2 hours, and then set forward again dear George Chapman accompanying me which was very agreeable we call'd at our friend Thomas Earnshaw of Langside where we stopt a long time and got some refreshment, so that it was betwixt 10 and 11 in the evening before we reacht Newhouse.

#### An Account of my Journey to the autumn Quarterly meeting at York in the 9<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1775

I set out from home the 25<sup>th</sup>. of the 9<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1775 and 2<sup>nd</sup>. day of the week about 1 o Clock in the Afternoon, and went by Cumberworth, Skelmanthorp, Park.mill and Bretton to Crigglestone where I stopt about an hour and a half at my Aunt Pollards and drunk tea, then proceeded by Sandal to James Booths near Wakefield, where I got about 7 in the evening and lodg'd there.

On 26<sup>th</sup>. and 3<sup>rd</sup>. of the week I set forward about 7 o Clock in the morning, and went by Heath, Kaythorp Warmfield, Woodhouse, Normanton and Castleford to Aberford, where I met with our friend John Boothe and his Wife from Wakefield who was just alighted from their horse, we got some refreshment together at the George and Dragon stopt about half an hour, Paid 4d a piece and then I set forward again, went by Tadcaster to the Sine of the Wildman where I stopt about half an hour and got some refreshment Paid 6d and then proceeded got to the house of our friend Joseph Awmack in York about 3 o Clock in the Afternoon where I lodg'd during my stay in the City. At 5 in the Evening began the Select meeting of Ministers and Elders which I attended it was pretty large and held about 3 hours

We was favoured with the company of several strangers as John Storer from Nottingham, Joseph Proctor from Yarm, William Dilworth from Lancaster, Robert Dudley from Ireland and Thomas Corbyn and Sarah his Wife from London, Thomas Corbyn is not concerned in the ministry nor Robert Dudley much, but are exceeding useful in meetings for discipline being eminently gifted for that service. John Storer was first concerned in supplication and afterwards had a long time in testimony dropping much seasonable and weighty advice both to Ministers and Elders, Anne Mercy Bell stood up a short time next and afterwards the Select Queries were read and answered from all the Monthly meetings in the County except Scarborough. Some advice caution and counsel was next read from the last Yearly Meeting in London related Ministers and Elders, afterwards Thomas Corbyn, Joseph Proctor, and Margaret Hartley dropt some weighty advice in the Love of the Gospel. A number of friends were next appointed to oversee the succeeding meetings for Worship, and then the meeting adjourned until the close of the meeting for Worship 5<sup>th</sup>. day evening.

On 27<sup>th</sup>. and 4<sup>th</sup>. of week at 9 o Clock in the morning was a meeting for Worship which was large for the time of the year, and consisted of friends only, Mary Thornbeck was first concerned therein in supplication, Mary Buck had a few words next in testimony, Joseph Proctor appeared next stood long and had a very open time, setting forth that the Cross of Christ was the Power of God unto salvation proving from diverse texts of Scripture that there was no other way to attain to the Kingdom but by the Cross. John Storer next from John C: 10. v: 27. My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me, he stood long and was favoured, afterwards Sarah Corbyn was prettily opened concerning Mordecai the Jew being cloathed in Kings Apparel. The meeting held about 3 hours. At 2 in the Afternoon began a meeting for discipline John Storer had an extraordinary time in testimony before the business was entered upon. The representatives from the monthly meetings of York, Balby, Pontefract and Brighouse then withdrew to chuse a proper Person to act as Clerk and at their return proposed Robert Crosland of Brighouse meeting who took his seat accordingly. A committee was then appointed to examine the meetings accounts; and the meeting were call'd over to know if there were any suffering case but none appeared. The Queries were then read and answered in writing from all the monthly meetings in the County, and divers weighty remarks made thereon both by friends of our own County and Strangers; some other business was gone thro' and then the Meeting adjourn'd having held about 4 hours. At 7 o Clock in the evening was a meeting for worship which was large many of the Citizens coming in Elizabeth Thompson dropt a few words first, Mary Buck next John Storer next he stood long and was eminently favoured from Prov: C: 16. v: 1 The preparations of the heart in man, and the answer of the tongue is from the Lord. Jonathan Hardcastle had a few words next, and afterwards Robert Walker had an extraordinary time from Gen: C: 1: v: 3. God said, let there be light; and there was light. Shewing that this was the first days work in the new Creation as well as the old, exhorting us to believe in the light whilst we have the light that so we may be the Children of the light opening to us some of the mysteries of that great work of regeneration, so necessary to be known and experienced by every one. The meeting held about 2 hours and a half.

On 28<sup>th</sup>. and 5<sup>th</sup>. of week at 9 o Clock in the morning was another meeting for discipline which held 4 hours. The Committee appointed to examine the meetings accounts reported that they have found them fairly kept and duly stated, and there remain'd a small balance in hand but it was thought necessary a collection should be ordered, a great deal more business was gone thro' which was managed I believe in the Peaceable wisdom of truth. but there being so much before the meeting it was thought necessary to make another adjournment which was accordingly done. At 3 in the Afternoon met pursuant to the adjournment, the remaining part of the business was gone thro' to satisfaction, and much weighty counsel and advice was dropt by several friends in a spirit of love and meekness. The meeting held about 2 hours. Parting meeting for worship at 6 in the evening was not so large as the night before fewer of the citizens attending, William Dilworth dropt a few words first, Joseph Proctor appeared next stood very long and had extraordinary service from Rev: C: 3.

v: 20. Behold I stand at the door, and knock if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. Afterwards Margaret Hartley appeared twice in testimony expressing the sense she had of the renewed visitation from the Almighty to some, and pressing such in a tender manner to stand open and embrace the offers of his Love. Esther Tuke concluded the meeting in a pretty long Prayer which held about 3 hours.

On 29<sup>th</sup>. and 6<sup>th</sup>. of week I went to see several friends in the morning at William Tukes. In the afternoon I went with William Awmack and his sister Anne to John Thurnams of Osbaldwick about a mile from the City to see his daughter Anne who had been ill for some time, we found her very poorly but loving and glad of our visit, we drunk Tea there and tarried until evening, my mind being much comforted in own sitting together. After our return to Joseph Awmacks, we spent the evening in agreeable conversation among ourselves

On 30<sup>th</sup>. and 7<sup>th</sup>. of week I left York about 8 o Clock in the morning and came by Tadcaster to Aberford were I din'd at the George and Dragon Paid 8d eating and 2d Liquor rested about an hour and then came on by Swillington. bridge and Oulton to Wakefield were I got betwixt 5 and 6 in the evening, and lodg'd at our friend James Booths.

On 1<sup>st</sup>. of 10<sup>th</sup>. Mo. and 1<sup>st</sup>. of week, I set out betwixt 6 and 7 o Clock in the morning, and came by Sandal, Crigglestone, Bretton, and Parkmill to Skelmanthorp were I stopt about half an hour at Benjamin Dysons, and got a second breakfast of Tea with Martha Dyson, and so reacht home just in time to attend our own meeting which fell by course there this day at Highflatts.

An Account of my Journey to our Winter Quarterly Meeting held at Leeds in ye 12<sup>th</sup>. mo.  
1775

At our Quarterley meeting held in York in the last 9<sup>th</sup>. Mo. it was agreed that our Winter Quarterly Meeting should be held at Leeds as friends apprehended there were abundance of young people in the west part of this County that seldom if ever got as far as York, and therefore thought it might perhaps be of service to the well inclined to be favoured with such an opportunity.

I set out from home ye. 26<sup>th</sup>. of ye. 12<sup>th</sup>. mo. 1775, and 3<sup>rd</sup>. day of the week about 1 o Clock in the Afternoon in Company with George Chapman, Anne Green, and Elizabeth Green, and Henry Dickinson junr. and Wife all of our meeting and George Dickinson of Sheffield, we got to Wakefield about 6 o Clock in the evening, were we lodg'd at the Sine of the Fox paid 6d a piece Supper, 6d Liquor and 6d Breakfast.

On 27<sup>th</sup>. and 4<sup>th</sup>. of week we set out about 8 o Clock in the morning having increased our company considerably Joseph Collier, Elizabeth Boothe, Ruth Boothe, Betty Boothe, and Benjamin Boothe of Wakefield meeting, Joseph Woodhead junr. of ours, and James Boothe of Sheffield going along with us, got to Leeds about 11 o Clock were we took up our Quarters at the Sign of the Horse and Groom, met with agreeable entertainment our Landlady being a religious woman, paid 6d a piece Breakfasts and 7d Suppers, Soon after we got in I with several others were invited to dine with our friend Joshua Ingle which we accepted of and from thence went to the Quarterly Meeting for discipline which began at 2 o Clock and held about 3 hours, before the business of the meeting was opened Jonathan Binns was concerned in testimony from 1 of Kings C: 3. v: 9. Give therefore thy Servant an understanding heart. The business was then entered upon, and it being the time for the Monthly meetings of Knaresborough, Settle, Malton, Thirsk, and Richmond, to chuse a clerk the Representatives withdrew, and at their return nominated Robert Milner of Malton who was acceptable to the meeting and took his seat accordingly, after some little business was gone thro', the 1<sup>st</sup>. 8<sup>th</sup>. Quarterley meeting Queries were read and answered verbally by a representative from each of the monthly meetings in this County except Scarborough who sent theirs in writing, Robert

Walker, Thomas Pole and some others made some remarks thereon and dropt suitable counsel and advice, after which George Conway had a long time in Prayer. After Meeting I drunk Tea at Jarviss Storrs's in company with several friends and among others our valuable friend Thomas Pole, which was very agreeable to me. At 6 in the evening was the first meeting for Worship which held about 3 hours, and was very large abundance of young friends being present and a pretty many of the sober neighbours also coming in, so that the house was quite full altho' considerably enlarged with the addition of new Galleries. There were also a great many Ministers from different parts of the County and some Strangers, as John Stephenson from Durham, William Rathbone and Jonathan Binns from Lancashire and Thomas Pole a choice young minister from America. In this meeting Mary Proud was first concerned in testimony from Matt C: 1. v: 21. Thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his People from their Sins. Esther Tuke next from Mica: C: 6. v: 6, 7, and 8. Wherewith shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before the high God? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves of a Year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, or with ten thousands of Rivers of Oyl? shall I give my first born for my transgression, and the fruit of my body for the Sin of my soul? He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God? John Stephenson next exhorting us to come up in the practical part of Religion informing us that knowledge was not so much a wanting amongst us as obedience instancing the Parable of the Talents, and that if we were but concerned to come up in obedience to what was manifestly to be our duty tho' it might but appear small we should certainly been made ruler over more. Matt C: 25. v: 21. Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee the ruler over many things: Robert Proud next from Rom: C: 1. v: 9. That which may be known of God is manifest in them: So that none need complain for want of knowledge. Thomas Pole next from Rom: C: 8. v: 13. If ye live after the flesh ye shall die; but if ye through the spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live. John Stephenson concluded the meeting in Prayer.

On 28<sup>th</sup>. and 5<sup>th</sup>. of week at 9 in the morning was another meeting for discipline, and there being great deal of business to go thro' it held about 4 hours, towards the conclusion thereof William Rathbone appear'd in Testimony. After meeting I din'd at Jarviss Storrs's. At 3 in the Afternoon was the parting meeting for Worship which I think was full, as large as the former, William Rathbone appear'd first in testimony from Rev: C: 3. v: 20. Behold, I stand at the door and knock, if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come into him, and will sup with him, and he with me. Thomas Colley next from John C: 7. v: 6. My time is not yet come: but your time is always ready. Mary Proud next and had a very long and much favoured time upon John C: 10. v: 10. I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly. Robert Walker next from the passage concerning our Saviour going into the Temple of old, and whipping out the Buyers and sellers, shewing that as our hearts ought to be a temple of God so there was as much occasion now as in that day to experience the Whip of small chords, to drive out every thing he has a controversy against, he stood pretty long and was much favoured. Afterwards Phoebe Marshal had a very long time in Prayer. The meeting held about 3 hours.

On 29<sup>th</sup>. and 6<sup>th</sup>. of week about 8 o Clock in the morning we left Leeds, having besides all our former Company, Joseph Ingle, Elizabeth Dickinson, Mary Ruddiford and Mary James's from Sheffield, Thomas Earnshaw, John Chapman, and Martha Dyson from our meeting, we got to Wakefield betwixt 11 and 12 o Clock were we lost several of our company those belonging Wakefield meeting going to their own houses, and several others variously dispersing, but a considerable number of us went to the Sine of the Star, were we dined paid 7d a piece eating, and 6d Liquor. About 2 o Clock in the Afternoon we set out again, and as we had parted with several friends out of our parts so some others came up with us as Jonathon Bottomley, Daniel Broadheard junr. John Earnshaw junr. and John Green Junr.. We came by Sandal to Millthorpe were we parted with the friends from Sheffield, and so came on to Skelmanthorp, got there betwixt 6 and 7 were we call'd with Martha Dyson, drunk Tea with

her and supp'd tarrying until about 9 o Clock, and then set out again variously dispersing to our several habitations were I got betwixt 10 and 11 o Clock that evening.

An Account of my Journey to the Quarterly Meetings of Lincoln and York in ye. 6<sup>th</sup>. Mo.  
1776

I set out from home ye. 16<sup>th</sup>. of ye. 6<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1776 and 1<sup>st</sup>. day of the week about 7 o Clock in the morning for Sheffield 18 miles call'd by the way and got some refreshment, got to John Swanwicks about 12 o Clock were I din'd and afterwards went to their afternoon meeting which began at 2 o Clock and held near 2 hours was large but not very satisfactory a dull heavy spirit being too prevalent. After meeting I drunk Tea at George Ellis's and from thence went to William Ruddifords, William Broomheads, Thomas Colleys, and Caleb Dickinsons, sat a little at each place and then return'd to John Swanwicks to Supper were George Chapman and me lodg'd, having met by appointment at this place.

On 17<sup>th</sup>. and 2<sup>nd</sup>. of week, we set out about 5 o Clock in the morning, viz. me and my two companions John Swanwick and George Chapman, who were going to the Quarterly Meeting at Lincoln, and Joseph Clarbour and John Littlewood, who accompanied us a considerable way, which was very acceptable; we got to Richard Eyres of Masborough near Rotherham, in about 1 hour and a half time were we breakfasted and tarried about 4 hours, having an Opportunity with John Sanderson junr. formerly a member of our Meeting but for sundry reasons was thought deserving of a denial which was effected privately, and I was appointed to acquaint him therewith, which I did; and several of us gave pertinent advice to his present state ( he having lately join'd the Methodists ) but had painful sensations of his not being in the least concerned to receive it in a manner likely to answer the wish'd for and much desired end; it appearing to us that he was endeavouring to fill his head with that knowledge that puffeth up but was too much a stranger to that Power which alone can cleanse the heart, to which he was earnestly recommended to take heed, as unto a Light that shineth in a dark place; and altho' it seemed to have little or no effect upon his mind, yet it was satisfactory to us we got an opportunity to ease our own. About half past 10 we set forward again, and in about 2 hours got to Maltby 7 miles, were we stopt about 2 hours and din'd at the Sine of the horns, Paid 8d a piece eating and 4d Liquor. Here we parted with our kind friends Joseph Clarbour and John Littlewood they returning to Sheffield, and we proceeded on our Journey got about 5 o Clock in the evening to James Smith's of Carlton in Nottinghamshire, were we stopp'd upwards of an hour and drunk Tea, and then went to David Dents of Broomhouse were George Chapman and me lodg'd, but after Supper John Swanwick return'd to James Smith's to sleep.

On 18<sup>th</sup>. and 3<sup>rd</sup>. of the week in the morning we set out for Retford 8 miles call'd by the way at Checker Inn were we got some refreshment, then proceeded on our Journey got to Benjamin Mossmans of Retford were we stopt about 1 hour and a half and drunk Tea, being well satisfied with our visit to his house there appearing to us as if something that's good was at work in the young man. Betwixt 10 and 11 o Clock we set forward again for Lincoln 21 miles went by Leverton to Torsall were we din'd at the Red Lyon paid 6d a piece eating, and the same for Liquor, stopt about 2 hours, then proceeded to Saxelby were we got some refreshment at the Star, and from thence went to Lincoln were we got betwixt 8 and 9 in the evening and took up our Quarters at the Saracens head which was a good house, and the People were moderate in their charges, paid 6d a piece Breakfasts 1s Dinners and 8d Suppers; here we met with the company of many friends from different parts of the County and amongst others one John Pearson a tender spirited upright hearted man from Mumby-Chapel of whose Company we was very glad he was convinced when young and at present he and his family are all the friends belonging that meeting.

On 19<sup>th</sup>. and 4<sup>th</sup>. of week at 10 o Clock in the forenoon began the Quarterly Meeting for Worship. The appearance of friends were small considering the extent of the County, and no Publick friends were there this Quarter, there being but one or two belonging thereto, but the great Minister of the Sanctuary was experienced to be amongst us, who can teach his People himself, without the help of Instruments, whose Power was that day witnessed, to the tendering of the minds of some, and a good meeting I believe it was too many, divers of the Citizens came in and sat with us all the time, whose behaviour was commendable. At the close of this meeting was held Quarterly meeting for discipline. Joseph Burt of Broughton Mo. meeting was Clerk. The Queries was first read and answered in writing, from the 4 monthly meetings in this County vis. Broughton, Gainsborough, Spalding, and Waynfleet. and some deficiencies appearing a Minute was made thereon and ordered to be sent to the several monthly meetings requesting the Elders and Overseers to use their endeavours to stir up the negligent to their duty. John Pearson made a Proposition to this meeting of holding the Quarterly meeting circularly within the compass of each monthly meeting, as there were no friends at present resided in the City saved one ancient Woman The same was ordered to be laid before the several Mo. Meetings desiring them to deliver their sentiments thereupon at the next Quarterly Meeting. Some other business was gone thro', and the whole was conducted in a pretty orderly manner. Both meetings held upwards of 4 hours. At 5 in the evening was the Select meeting, after a considerable time in Silence the Queries relating to Ministers and Elders were read, and answered from all the Monthly meetings, in one of which there were complaints that some Elder or Elders overcharg'd themselves with business to the hindrance of their service, which was tenderly spoke to by some, and a Minute made thereupon desiring it might come under the care of friends to give suitable advice to such. This meeting held about 2 hours, after which several of us took a walk, up a very long and steep street to the Castle, which is situated upon an high hill, and is made use of for a Prison, went to see the Felons who were undressing themselves to go to sleep, and from thence into several places spent a little time in a Summerhouse in the yard, were we had a very extensive prospect tarried until we smoakt our Pipes, and drunk 2 bottles of Porter, and then took a walk thro' the Minster Yard and into different parts of the City (which is pleasantly situated upon the side of an hill) and so return'd to our Quarters.

On 20<sup>th</sup>. and 5<sup>th</sup>. of week at 10 in the forenoon was the Parting meeting for Worship, which was very large some Military Officers and a great many of the more Fashionable sort of the citizens attending. At their first appearance I thought they promised little towards the Comfort of a meeting, yet thro' the merciful regard of the Almighty it was a Profitable season to many, some being brought near to that which is good and near and dear one to another such experienced an united labour and travel of Spirit not only for the unconcerned ones under our name, but also for those of other Societies who gave us their company that day, whose behaviour in the general was much to be commended, most of them sitting with us all the time in a very sober and orderly manner. The meeting held about 2 hours. About 2 o Clock in the Afternoon my dear companions and me parted, they intending for the Quarterly meeting at Chesterfield, and me for York, at first I seemed very low in being separated from my Fellow travellers, but having the company of a very agreeable young Man viz. Jonathan Hopkins of Gainsborough, I soon began to revive, we came up by Broxholm to Storton were we drunk tea at an acquaintance of my Companions, and from thence came to Stowe, were we got some refreshment at another of his customers, and then proceeded on our Journey, got to my companions house in Gainsborough betwixt 9 and 10 that evening, were I lodg'd having travelled about 16 miles that afternoon.

On 21<sup>st</sup>. and 6<sup>th</sup>. of week, was at their week day meeting in Town which began at half past 11 and held for about an hour and a quarter was very small and laborious. In the afternoon we went to John Maws were we drunk Tea and Supped, and had a very agreeable opportunity together, being sweetly refreshed in a time of solemn silence.

On 22<sup>nd</sup>. and 7<sup>th</sup>. of week I spent most of the day in copying over some papers of my friends; betwixt 7 and 8 o Clock in the evening I proceded on my Journey Jonathan Hopkins

accompanying me got that night to Benjamin Davis's of Stockwith in Nottinghamshire 4 miles were we lodg'd.

On 23<sup>rd</sup>. and 1<sup>st</sup>. of week we set out for Beltoft meeting about 8 o Clock in the morning, 8 miles, got to William Reads of Epworth in the Isle of Axholm Lincolnshire about 10 were we stopt and drunk Tea and then proceeded to Beltoft got there just in time to the meeting which began at 11 and held about 2 hours, was very small considering the number that pretends to attend it, and much shut up they appearing to me to be almost strangers to the nature of true spiritual Worship. After meeting we went with Francis Elliss and his Wife to their house at Ealand 4 miles were we din'd, and understanding there were 4 families in that village professing with us, none of which had been that day at meeting, and I believe are too much in the practice of tarrying at home, we found an engagement of mind in love to pay them a visit, desiring if possible they might be helped forward, accordingly we got an opportunity with most of them at their houses, some of them appeared to us to be scarcely reachable, others of the younger sort especially more tender, and one young Man whose name was Robert Berrier much affected, he came and drunk Tea with us at Frances Ellis's. About 6 in the Evening we set out for Thorne in Yorkshire 7 miles Robert Berrier accompanying us about half way reacht there in about 2 hours time were we lodg'd at Nathan Dearmans.

On 24<sup>th</sup>. and 2<sup>nd</sup>. of the week. Early this morning I parted with my companion he returning towards home, and I went to Thomas Haighs were I breakfasted. After which I went to see Mordecai Casson were I tarried about 2 hours he took me into a Room, were we sat down by ourselves and had some very agreeable conversation together, he gave me some account of his convincement, and the many exercises he had to pass thro' in the early part thereof and since, having formerly been in profession with the Methodists, and was so kind as to read me a Letter which one of their Preachers sent him after he left them, and his answer thereto with which my mind was much affected, it being as I thought the most extraordinary piece I ever heard on the subject. From thence I return'd to Nathan Dearmans to dinner. In the afternoon I drunk Tea at James Bradys who accompanied me to York of whose company I was glad, he being an inoffensive young man. That evening about 4 o Clock we set out for Selby 15 miles went by Cowick to Snaith were we got some refreshment and then proceeded by Carlton and Camelford to Selby were we got about 9 o Clock and lodg'd at John Armitage's.

On the 25<sup>th</sup>. and 3<sup>rd</sup>. of week we set out for York betwixt 7 and 8 o Clock in the morning, stopt at Eskrith and got some refreshment, then proceeded got to our friend Joseph Awmacks of York about 12 o Clock, were I lodg'd during my stay in the City. At 5 this evening began the Select meeting, there was a large appearance of Ministers from different parts of the County and some Strangers as Isaac Gray from Hertfordshire, John Kendall from Essex, Mary Robinson from Cumberland, Hannah Wigham from Northumberland. After a time in solemn silence Thomas Colley had an extraordinary time in testimony, was opened first to the Elders exhorting them from the words of the Apostle Paul to the Romans when advising those that ruleth to do it with all diligence, and afterwards to the Ministers from 1 Pet: C: 4. v: 11. If any Man speak let him speak as the oracles of God: If any man minister let him do it as of the ability which God giveth. The Queries were next read and answered verbally by a Representative from each of the monthly meetings in the County except Pontefract and Scarborough, the former of which sent an account in writing, some deficiencies appearing in some of the answers, was closely spoke to, and several Testimonies were borne in the Life and Power of Truth by divers weighty Brethren and Sisters. The meeting held upwards of 3 hours, and then adjourn'd to the close of the meeting on 5<sup>th</sup>. day evening.

On 26<sup>th</sup>. and 4<sup>th</sup>. of Week, at 9 in the morning began the Quarterly meeting for Worship, which will Select of friends and a large appearance there was, the house being well fill'd. Robert Walker was first concerned in Testimony a long time informing us what was the inducement of our Forefathers to attend these meetings viz. The Promotion of Truth and Righteousness, querying of us if ours were the same, and afterwards branched out into sundry

weighty advices to the young and Rising generation, after which Margaret Hartley, Mary Robinson, Elizabeth Robinson, and John Kendall each gave us a slender specimen of their wares, Mary Proud did more from Matt C: 6. v: 33. Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and his Righteousness, and all things needful shall be added unto you. after which Isaac Gray had a very open time having something very encouraging to those whose faith at times were ready to fail from Luke C: 12. v: 7. Fear not therefore; ye are of more value than many Sparrows. The meeting held about 2 hours and a half. At 2 in the Afternoon began the Meeting for discipline, and it being the time for the Monthly meetings of York, Balby, Pontefract, and Brighouse, to chuse a Clerk the representatives withdrew, and at their return nominated our Friend Nathan Dearman of Thorne, who was acceptable to the meeting. The first eight Quarterly meeting Queries were read and answered in writing from all the Monthly meetings in the County except Cave; some weighty remarks were made thereon, and advice given to sundry deficiencies that appeared some other business was gone thro' to satisfaction. The meeting held about 3 hours and then adjourn'd until next day at 9 in the Morning. At half past 6 this evening was another meeting for Worship which was very large a great many of the Citizens attending so that both the house and Galleries were pretty well fill'd: Mary Buck dropt a few words first in testimony; Hannah Wigham was next concerned in supplication; John Kendal next short time in testimony; Mary Proud appeared next stood very long and was carried on in an extraordinary manner from Psalms 139. v: 23. Search me, O God, and know my heart. The meeting held about 2 hours.

On 27<sup>th</sup>. and 5<sup>th</sup>. of the week at 9 in the morning; met according to adjournment; The Yearly Meeting Epistle was read; also the Answers to the Queries from Cave Monthly meeting (which thro' mistake of the representatives were forgot and sent after them) some remarks were made thereon by our friend Isaac Gray. A great deal more business was gone thro' to mutual satisfaction the whole being managed in much Brotherly Love and Concord. Several living Testimonies were borne by divers weighty Brethren upon sundry subjects. The meeting held about 3 hours and a half. Parting Meeting for Worship at 3 in the Afternoon, was very large and Crowded, a great many of other Societies coming in. Margaret Hartley was twice concerned in testimony in the forepart of the meeting, Elizabeth Robinson appeared next stood pretty long and was favoured setting forth the nature of true spiritual Worship from our Saviours discourse with the Woman of Samaria. Jonathan Hardcastle dropt a few words next and afterwards Self Pennitt had a short time in testimony. Mary Proud was next concerned stood very long and was eminently favoured to open many Truths to the People from 1 Cor: C: 2. v: 3, 4. I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling. and my speech and my Preaching, was not with enticing words of mans Wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of Power. The meeting held about 3 hours; After which I drunk Tea at Mary Armitages were we got a little of the Company of our much esteemed friend William Coning.

On 28<sup>th</sup>. and 6<sup>th</sup>. of the week, I set out of York about 12 o Clock at noon, call'd at the Falcon in Tadcaster were I stopp'd a little and got some refreshment; here I met with a return'd Chaise in which I got a ride to Secroft 10 miles for which I gave the man 1 Shilling from thence I walkt to Leeds were I got to Joshua Ingles about 6 this evening; After getting some refreshment, I went to see Esther and Phoebe Marshal who some time ago removed from Apperleybridge into this Town, were I spent about an hour very agreeably, Esther being lately return'd from a religious visit to the meetings of friends in London, Bristol, Cornwall, and several other of the South and Western Counties in England, related many remarkable occurrences she met with in her Journey which was both entertaining and edifying. From thence I return'd to Joshua Ingles were I lodg'd that night

On 29<sup>th</sup>. and 7<sup>th</sup>. of week. I went to Breakfast with my Cousin Samuel Dyson; and about 9 o Clock, set out of Leeds and came to James Boothes near Wakefield were I stopt about 2 hours and din'd; from thence I came by Sandal, Hallgreen, Hollingthorpe, Bretton, and Parkmill to Skelmanthorp were I called at Benjamin Dysons stopt about 2 hours and drunk Tea with Mary Dyson, and then proceeded came by Cumberworth to Newhouse were I

got about 8 o Clock in the evening, and found all our family well which added to the satisfaction I enjoyed in my return from this Journey. Blessed and Praised be the name of the Lord who is enabling his little ones to perform every thing he is requiring of them, May I never forget his tender mercies to me, but walk before him in true humility of mind all the days of my appointed time until my change come.

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An Account of my Journey to the Yearly Meeting at London in 1775

I set out from home ye. 23<sup>rd</sup>. of ye. 5<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1775 and 3<sup>rd</sup>. day of the week, went to a Meeting at Highflatts appointed for the accomplishing the marriage of George Ellis and Hannah Dickinson which began at the 11<sup>th</sup>. hour in the forenoon and was pretty large Mary Firth Henry Dickinson and William Earnshaw were all concerned therein in Testimony, and the two latter in Prayer and afterwards Henry Dickinson had a few words more in testimony, the meeting held upwards of 2 hours, after which I got my dinner as speedily as I could at Anne Dickinsons and then proceeded on my Journey, my Father sending a Man and a horse with me as far as Woodhead in Cheshire from thence I walkt to Mottram were I got a Pint of Ale paid to two and a half pence and then proceeded got to my dear friend William Hamiltons of Stockport (who was to be my companion this Journey) betwixt 8 and 9 in the evening were I lodg'd.

On 24<sup>th</sup>. and 4<sup>th</sup>. of the week, we set forward betwixt 4 and 5 in the morning, got to Macclesfield betwixt 8 and 9, 12 miles were we call'd at a Relations of my companions who was one of the People called Methodists were we drunk Tea, and it being their weekday meeting in town we tarried it, which began at 11 and held near 2 hours. It was very small there being only 2 friends present beside ourselves, altho' there are 3 families belonging the meeting, but some of them at that time were confin'd at home by their Children being in the Small pox. After meeting we din'd at my Companions relations beforementioned, who were very kind, and about 2 o Clock set forward again got to our friend Henry Wests of Abbey Green near Leek in Staffordshire 12 miles betwixt 6 and 7 in the evening were we lodg'd.

On 25<sup>th</sup>. and 5<sup>th</sup>. of the week we set forward betwixt 6 and 7 in the morning Cornelius Bowman of this place who was also going to the Yearly Meeting accompanying us. We went thro' Leek for Sandon 19 miles call'd by the way and got a 6 pennyworth of Rum and Water, got there betwixt 1 and 2 in the afternoon called at the Sine of the Dog in Doublet were we expected to have met with Joseph Mulliner a choice young Man from Namptwich meeting and William Heald of Morley meeting in Cheshire, but was disappointed, we tarried all afternoon and all night waiting for them but they not coming up we were obliged to proceed without them.

On 26<sup>th</sup>. and 6<sup>th</sup>. of week we set forward betwixt 4 and 5 in the morning, got to Rugeley 10 miles were we breakfasted at the Crown paid 8d a piece, rested about an hour and then set forward for Litchfield 7 miles were we got some refreshment at the Red Lyon paid 5d a piece; here we met with a return'd Chaise in which we got a ride 10 miles for 1s a piece, we then turned out of the high road about 2 miles to our friend William Reynolds's of Wiginshill in Warwickshire were we got betwixt 3 and 4 in the afternoon and tarried there all night. In the evening we went to look into friends Meetinghouse there which is a very pretty place and kept in good repair, tho' they are the only family of friends at present belonging thereto. We sat as down therein and had a comfortable opportunity together, and then took a walk into the fields were we had a fine prospect over the country as far as Birmingham which is distant from this place about 8 miles.

On 27<sup>th</sup>. and 7<sup>th</sup>. of week, we set forward betwixt 8 and 9 o Clock in the morning to Coleshill 3 miles and from thence to Meriden 6 miles were we called at the Bulls-head, the

greatest Inn that I ever saw, stopt there several hours until our friends Joseph Mulliner and William Heald came up; after which we din'd paid 1s a piece Eating and 6d Liquor. Set forward again betwixt 3 and 4 got to our friend John Cash's of Coventry 6 miles betwixt 5 and 6 in the evening, were we lodg'd.

On 28<sup>th</sup>. and 1<sup>st</sup>. of week, was at their forenoon meeting in Town, which began at the 10<sup>th</sup>. hour, and was lodge there being a considerable number of friends belonging thereto, Joseph Mulliner had a few words first in Testimony, and afterwards John Cash had a pretty long time. After meeting I din'd at Joseph Heaths and after dinner I went to see James Hunts whose wife was a distant relation of mine. From thence I went to the afternoon meeting which began at took 2 o Clock and was larger than the former Joseph Mulliner appear'd first and had a pretty long time in Testimony, John Cash next he stood and was much favoured. At the close of this meeting was held their Preparative meeting, after which we drunk Tea at Joseph Heath's were we had a favoured opportunity together John Cash having an extraordinary time in testimony from Prov: C: 4 v: 7. Get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding. From thence we went and sat a little at William Gulsons, and from thence to John Seymours were we supp'd, and spent the evening.

On 29<sup>th</sup>. and 2<sup>nd</sup>. of week. We left Coventry about 5 in the morning, John Cash (who has an extraordinary gift in the Ministry) going along with us, will also design'd for the Yearly Meeting, and Joseph Heath and Samuel Newitt set us on our road about 6 miles the latter was largely convinced having formerly being in Profession with the Presbyterians. We got Dunchurch 12 miles were we stopt upwards of half an hour and got some refreshment at the Dun-Cow, paid 7d a piece and from thence proceeded to Daventry in Northamptonshire 7 and a half miles were we din'd at the Angel paid 10d a piece eating and 4d Liquor, stopt near 3 hours, and then set forward again for Greens Norton 11 miles; when we had got several miles on the road we parted with John Cash and Cornelius Bowman who went to lodge at William Symonds. After which we call'd and got some Brandy and Water paid 3 and a half pence a piece and then proceeded, got to our friend William Bodalys of Greens Norton near Towcester were William Hamilton and me lodg'd and the other two friends slept at his Brother John's who lives next Neighbour. After supper we had a satisfactory opportunity together in which Joseph Mulliner dropt a few seasonable words.

On 30<sup>th</sup>. and 3<sup>rd</sup>. of week, After Breakfast we went to see John Bodalys, were we got some Bread and Butter and drunk a Glass of Wine, and then set out to an appointed meeting at Bugbrook 5 miles in Company with several friends of this village who belong thereto, Joseph Mulliner having a Certificate from Namptwich Monthly meeting to visit the meetings of friends in this County of Northampton, got to John Ashbys of Bugbrook in time to get a little refreshment before the meeting which began at the 11<sup>th</sup>. hour. There were a pretty number of friends, and several other Societies attended; John Cash was first concerned stood very long and had an extraordinary time setting forth the Universality of the Love of God in Christ Jesus towards all mankind in opposition to the narrow doctrine of the Predestinarians, endeavouring in much Brotherly love to convince the People of the falsity of that doctrine which confines the Love of God to a few, shewing that the Lord is equal in all his ways, so that if any miss of Salvation the fault is in self and not in him. from Eze: C: 18. v: 29. Yet saith the house of Israel, the way of the Lord is not equal. O house of Israel, are not my ways equal? Are not your ways unequal. Joseph Mulliner had a few words next from Matt. C: 7. v: 21. Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the Kingdom of Heaven, but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in Heaven, afterwards William Symonds had a very open time in Prayer. After meeting we din'd at our friend Lamb Ashbys in this village, were we also lodg'd except William Heald and Cornelius Bowman who went with William Symonds. In the evening we had an opportunity in the family, in which John Cash and Joseph Mulliner were concerned in Testimony.

On 31<sup>st</sup>. and 4<sup>th</sup>. of week. We set out betwixt 7 and 8 in the morning to an appointed meeting at Northampton 6 miles, two young Men and a Woman accompanying us from this place, got there to our friend William Hopkins betwixt 9 and 10 were we got some

refreshment. The Meeting began at 11 and was not large for such a populous place, tho' several of other Societies came in, Joseph Mulliner appear'd first in Testimony from Prov: C: 23. v: 23. Buy the Truth but sell it not. John Cash next, he stood long, and had a close exercising time, endeavouring to stir up the professors of Truth to more diligence, setting before them the danger there was of continuing in a careless and lukewarm state and condition which appeared too much to prevail over the minds of some in that meeting. Joseph Mulliner had afterwards a few encouraging Expressions for the honest minded to hold on their way, reminding them of good Joshua's resolution Jos: C: 24: v: 15. But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord. After meeting we din'd at William Hopkins's, and about 3 o Clock we proceeded on a Journey, the weather being exceeding hot we hired a couple of Chaise to carry us to Newport-Pagnell in Buckinghamshire 14 miles got there in about 2 hours time, were we stopt about half an hour at the Saracens-head and got some refreshment, paid 4d a piece and then set forward again, got to Brickhill 9 miles about 8 o Clock in the evening were we lodg'd at the White Lyon paid 1s a piece eating and 9 d Liquor.

On 1<sup>st</sup>. of 6<sup>th</sup>. Mo. and 5<sup>th</sup>. of week, we set out about half past 5 in the morning, got to Leighton Buzzard in Bedfordshire 6 miles betwixt 7 and 8 were we Breakfasted at the Swan paid 8d a piece and then went to our friend Joseph Brooks were we tarried until meeting time it being their week day meeting which began as usual at 9 o Clock and was pretty large this day several calling who were on their way to the Yearly meeting, amongst others Robert Dudley from Ireland and William Dodson and Pheobe his Wife from Northamptonshire. The meeting was held in a Wool Chamber belonging to Joseph Brook which they have fitted up for a Meetinghouse, there being a pretty many convinced in this Town and neighbourhood who I hope are in a thriving way in the Life of true Religion Joseph Mulliner appeared first had a few encouraging expressions for the visited of the Lord to hold on their way, Pheobe Dodson next and enlarged pretty considerably upon the same subject. John Cash next a few words from Prov: C: 11. v: 24. There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is it that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to Poverty. William Dodson next he stood long and was led to treat upon sundry subjects to advantage, being much favoured and afterwards had a very open time in Prayer, after which Pheobe Dodson stood up again and in a tender and encouraging manner desired some present to give up to what was required of them, and altho' it might seem hard yet the Lord could make hard things easy. After meeting all accompany din'd at John Grants except John Cash and myself, who was at Joseph Brooks were we had the company of many friends and amongst others Elizabeth Raper a solid young Woman belonging to Amersham meeting in Buckinghamshire the daughter of an Esquire who was convinced about 2 years ago, her company was both entertaining edifying and instructive: after dinner we went and sat a little at John Grants and then set out for Dunstable 7 miles betwixt 1 and 2 in the afternoon, Cousin Abraham Malinson and several of the convinced friends accompanying us about half way, and Joseph Pattison a young Man from Wellingborough in Northamptonshire went with us from here to London. Got to the White-horse in Dunstable were we stopt about half an hour and got some refreshment paid 2d and a half a piece. Here we hired a couple of Chaise to carry us to Albans in Hertfordshire 12 miles were we stopt at the Sine of the Wool-pack and got some refreshment paid 2d a piece and then set forward again 4 of us on foot and 3 in a return'd Chaise, went by Mims to Barnet 10 miles were we that walkt lodg'd at the Red Lyon Paid 10d and a half a piece Supper 6d and a half each Liquor and 3d Beds. Those that went in the Chaise lodg'd at another house.

On 2<sup>nd</sup>. and 6<sup>th</sup>. of week we set out pretty early in the morning for London 11 miles in a couple of return'd Chaise, for which we paid 1s a piece went by Highgate in Middlesex were we had a fine prospect all over the City and Country for many miles around, got to the Green-dragon in Bishopsgate, London were we breakfasted Paid 8d a piece and then went to a Meeting at Grace church street, which began at 10 in the morning and held about 2 hours and a half was very large and Crowded Isaac Sharpless of Hitchin led the way in a large and lively Testimony from John C: 15. v: 22. If I had not come and spoken unto them, they had not had Sin: but now they have no cloke for their Sin. Katharine Phillips from Cornwall appeared next

she stood long and had an extraordinary time from Isai: C: 30. v: 1. Wo to the rebellious Children, saith the Lord, that take counsel, but not of me; and that cover with a covering, but not of my spirit. John Wigham from Northumberland dropt a few words next from John C: 10: v: 27. My Sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. Tabitha Mariot concluded the meeting with a pretty long Prayer; After which I din'd at Thomas Wrights Watchmaker to the King, In the afternoon we went to the Meeting of Sufferings for friends of London, which was held in Grace church street Meetinghouse, began at 3 and continued about 2 hours, several Epistles and Letters were read from the Colonies in America which were very comfortable. After meeting I went to our friend Thomas Bradleys in Tooley street in the Borough of Southwark and County of Surrey were I made my home during the time of the Yearly Meeting.

On 3<sup>rd</sup>. and 7<sup>th</sup>. of week, in the forenoon I writ a Letter to my Parents. In the afternoon began the Yearly meeting of Ministers and Elders during which time I took a walk thro' several parts of the Cities of London and Westminster cross't over Westminster Bridge, and so came thro' the Borough to my lodgings.

On 4<sup>th</sup>. and 1<sup>st</sup>. of week in the morning I got up pretty early and took a walk into several parts of Southwark in company with my Cousin John Kaye and then return'd to Breakfast, after which I went to the Peel meeting which began at 10 and held about 2 hours and a half, was pretty large altho' the house was not quite full, Robert Letchworth a member of that meeting dropt a few words first advising young people to remember their Creator in the days of their Youth. Tabitha Mariot from Lancashire next she stood long and divinely favoured at the substance of her discourse been from Isai: C: 63. v: 8. Surely, they are my People, children that will not lye; so he was their Saviour. Esther Tuke of York next, she stood long adapted the same text illustrated and carried it farther, branching forth into much Christian counsel and advice. John Cash of Coventry next from Jonah C: 2. v: 8. They that observe lying vanities forsake their own mercy. Tabitha Mariot concluded the meeting with a pretty long Prayer After which we din'd at John Elliotts in Bartholomews close. In the afternoon I was at Horsleydown meeting which began at 3 and held about 2 hours and a half was very large the house being much crowded, John Storer of Nottingham was first concerned in Testimony from the words of our Saviour to Nicodemus John C: 3. v: 3. Verily Verily I say unto thee, except a man be born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God. John Roper of Norwich next he was much favoured, opened and explained several of the Parables of our Saviour as that concerning Divers and Lazarus and the Prodigal Son inviting those that were strayed from their Fathers house to return setting before such for their encouragement with what gladness he was received. John Storer next in Prayer, and afterwards he and John Roper had each of them a few words more in Testimony tenderly advising those who were reach'd to hold on their way, as they was sensible the Visitation of the Almighty was this day renewedly extended to some. After Tea we took a walk thro' the Borough to the Kings bench prison went into the several parts thereof, and from thence by Westminster hall the house of commons, the house of Peers, and Westminster Abbey, and so thro' St James's Park by the King and Queens Palaces, and then past thro' the City to my Lodgings.

On 6<sup>th</sup>. day Printed papers were given forth were and how the Meetings for Worship would be held this week, which were as follows On 3<sup>rd</sup>. day morning at the 10<sup>th</sup>. hour at Devonshire.house and Peel. Afternoon at 4<sup>th</sup>. hour Horsleydown and Savoy. 4<sup>th</sup>. day morning at 10<sup>th</sup>. hour at Devonshire-house, Grace church street, Park, Peel, Ratcliff, and Westminster. Afternoon at 4<sup>th</sup>. hour at Wapping, and Savoy. 5<sup>th</sup>. day evening at 6<sup>th</sup>. hour at Devonshire house, and Park. 6<sup>th</sup>. day morning at the 10<sup>th</sup>. hour at Horseleydown and Savoy. Afternoon at 4<sup>th</sup>. hour at Peel, and Wapping.

On 5<sup>th</sup>. and 2<sup>nd</sup>. of week in the forenoon was another meeting of Ministers and Elders, during which time I employ'd myself in reading my Landlord having a fine collection of religious Books. At 4 in the afternoon began the Yearly Meeting for discipline which was held in Grace church street Meetinghouse, and it being the time for the Eastern division to chuse a Clerk, the Representatives names were call'd over who withdrew to consider a proper

Person at their return they nominated Joseph Docwra a friend from Essex who was acceptable to the meeting. The Representatives names from the several Counties and places were next call'd over and they answered to them, a Committee was then appointed to hear and determine Appeals and another to examine the accounts of the Society, Epistles from Friends in Wales, Scotland, Ireland, Holland, and the American colonies were read; and afterwards another Committee was appointed to prepare Answers to the Epistles both Foreign and Domestic, likewise a general one for the Press, also to receive the Sufferings and Answers to the Queries from the several Counties and Places. The Meeting held about 3 hours and then adjourned until next day at 10 in the forenoon. After meeting we took a walk down by the side of the Thames were abundance of Shipping lay, went as far as the Tower and then return'd.

On 6<sup>th</sup>. and 3<sup>rd</sup>. of week at 10 in the morning met pursuant to adjournment. The Committee appointed to examine the accounts of the Society reported that they found them fairly kept and duly stated and that there was a considerable balance in hand, so that there would need no Collection this Year. The Yearly meeting Queries were then read and answered in writing from the several quarterly meetings following viz. From Bedfordshire, Berkshire, Bristol, Buckinghamshire, Cambridgeshire and Huntingdonshire, Cheshire, Cornwall, Cumberland, Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire, Devonshire, Dorsetshire, Durham, Essex, Gloucestershire, and Hampshire. The amount of friends Sufferings in each Quarterly Meeting was given in and read along with the answers. By accounts it appeared there were 5 Publick friends deceased since last Year, Testimonies concerning three of them were produced and read as they came in course with the Answers. viz. Sarah March of Durham Quarterly Meeting, Hannah Ludgater of Essex, Quarterly Meeting, and Samuel Waring of Hampshire, there was only a short account concerning the other two in the Answers. Meeting held about 3 hours and then adjourned until 4 o Clock in the afternoon. At which time we met pursuant to adjournment, the Sufferings and Answers to the Queries from the remaining counties and places was read viz. Herefordshire, Hertfordshire, Kent, Lancashire, Leicestershire and Rutlandshire, Lincolnshire, London, Middlesex, Norfolk, Monthly Meeting of Norwich, Northamptonshire, Northumberland, Oxfordshire, Sommersetshire, Staffordshire, Suffolk, Surrey, Sussex, Warwickshire, Westmorland, Wiltshire, Worcestershire, Yorkshire, Wales, Scotland and Ireland. And by accounts it appeared that nine Publick friends were deceased since last Year, Testimonies concerning three of them were produced and read viz. Sarah Harris of Oxfordshire Quarterly Meeting, Rachel Wilson of Westmorland two concerning her viz. one from the Monthly Meeting of Kendal were she belong'd, and the other from Devonshire house London were she died when on a religious visit to friends in this City, John Fothergill the Physician who attended her likewise gave a short but very affecting account concerning her. The other was concerning Sarah Helm from Yorkshire. There was only a short account concerning the other Six in the answers to the Queries. And altho' in answering the Queries from the several Counties and places things appeared in too general a manner to be low and discouraging yet it was some cause of rejoicing to hear that there was a remnant in most places who experienced a growth in the Truth; and that considerable numbers were added to the Church by conviction since last year. At the close of the answering the Queries Isaac Sharpless had a pretty long time in Testimony. The Meeting held about 3 hours and a half and then adjourn'd until next day at 5 in the evening. After which I went and Supp'd at Richard Craftons in Leadenhall street his Son Richard being an intimate acquaintance of mine, and one I hope that is travelling towards Zion, so that I found my mind nearly united to him, and got as much into his company as I well could during my stay in London, and many satisfactory opportunities we had together sometimes in walking and at other times in retirement in his Closet.

On 7<sup>th</sup>. and 4<sup>th</sup>. of week in the forenoon we went to Westminster meeting which began at 10 and held about 2 hours and a half was pretty large altho' the house was not quite full, Anne Young from Sommersetshire was first concerned in testimony, from 1 Tim: C: 6: v: 17. Charge them that are Rich in this world that they be not high-minded, nor trust in uncertain Riches, Joseph Jackson from Yorkshire next from Isa: C: 54. v: 13. All thy Children shall be

taught of the Lord. Anne Young next had a few words more, John Green from Chester had a few words next, William Symonds from Northamptonshire next he stood long and was opened upon divers subject to advantage afterwards Joseph Jackson dropt a few words more. and after him John Roper of Norwich had a few encouraging expressions for the right minded to hold on their way. After meeting we din'd at John Fothergills in Harpur. street; and after dinner we went to see an Acquaintance of William Hamiltons who lived near the top of Oxford street which is reckoned by some to be one of the finest streets in Europe. From thence we went to Thomas Wrights in the Poultry were we drunk Tea, and afterwards went to the meeting which according to adjournment began at 5 in the evening. The meetings were first call'd over to know if there were any Propositions but none appeared except one from Bristol which was soon put an end to. The next business was the securing of some Estates which belong to Friends in the Island of Barbadoes there being few left under our Name in that Island. A large Committee was then appointed to overlook the new form of Registers. The Minutes of the Meeting for Sufferings was next examined and read and several Epistles which was writ to that Meeting from the colonies chiefly relating to the present troublesome times there and by the accounts it appeared that friends were pretty generally preserved calm and quiet notwithstanding the great commotions, also several answers from that meeting to friends in the colonies. An address was likewise read a Copy of which had been presented to the King (by a deputation from the Meeting of Sufferings) on behalf of Friends, and by accounts it was favourably received. The meeting held about 3 hours and then adjourn'd until next day at 4 o Clock in the Afternoon.

On 8<sup>th</sup>. and 5<sup>th</sup>. of week. In the forenoon was a meeting of Ministers and Elders, so that I spent most of my time in reading at my Lodgings until 4 in the afternoon when we met according to adjournment, and as the minutes of the Meeting for Sufferings were not quite gone through the day before, the remaining part was first read over. The Committee of Appeals was next call'd on, but no appeal had come before them except one from Devonshirehouse Monthly meeting against the Quarterly Meetings of London and Middlesex which was determined by them without the Yearly Meeting entering into the particulars thereof, some other business was gone thro but as they did not appear to be so much before the meeting this Year as some others, it was agreed that a meeting for Worship should be held next day at Devonshire house in the forenoon, besides those held at that two places beforementioned. This Meeting held about 3 hours and then adjourned until next day in the afternoon at 4 o Clock.

On 9<sup>th</sup>. and 6<sup>th</sup>. of week, in the forenoon I was at the meeting at Devonshire house which began at the 10<sup>th</sup>. hour, and was very large the house been much crowded. Amy Barnes from Northamptonshire had a short time in Testimony first, Jonah Thompson from Dorsetshire appear'd next he stood long and was much favoured oftens repeating the following words, Chuse Truth for thy portion and the God of Jacob for the lot of thy inheritance. Mary Prior of Grace church street meeting dropt a few words next and afterwards Joseph Mulliner from Cheshire, Anne Young from Somersetshire had a long time next from Isai: C: 55. v: 7, 8, Let the wicked forsake his ways, and the unrighteous man his thoughts, and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon, For my thoughts on not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways saith the Lord. Thomas Dann from Surrey had a few words next, and afterwards Jonah Thompson concluded the meeting in Prayer, which held upwards of 2 hours. After meeting I din'd at Josiah Colliers in Booth street Spitalfields, and from thence went to the meeting which began according to adjournment at 4 in the afternoon. The Names of the Correspondents both in the City and the several Counties and places were first call'd over, to see if there was any alteration, and were there was occasion for any new ones to be added suitable persons were nominated. Answers to several Written epistles both foreign and domestic was next read, but the Committee not having finished all of them, after calling over the Representatives names the meeting adjourn'd until next day at 4 in the afternoon. After meeting I got some refreshment at James Freemans who lives not far from the Meetinghouse,

and from thence went with William Hamilton to Mary Hindes and some other places and then return'd to my lodgings.

On 10<sup>th</sup>. and 7<sup>th</sup>. of week. At 4 in the afternoon we met pursuant to adjournment, the remaining part of the answers to the Epistles was first read, also a general Epistle to the several Provinces in America containing much weighty counsel and advice very suitable to their present situation, also the general Epistle to Friends in Great-Britain, Ireland and elsewhere was twice read, and with some Alterations Sign'd by the Clerk on behalf of the meeting and ordered to be printed. Towards the conclusion of the meeting Isaac Sharpless had a long and open time in Testimony, and this being the parting meeting for discipline, in the course of the business thereof several friends were concerned to drop a few words exhorting us to gather to that, that would unite us together which thro' divine favour was mercifully experienced by some. The meeting held betwixt 4 and 5 hours.

On 11<sup>th</sup>. and 1<sup>st</sup>. of week, In the morning I was at the meeting at Park, which was large the house being well fill'd, our companion Joseph Mulliner was first concerned in testimony from Eccle: C: 12. v: 1. Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not nor the years drawn nigh, when thou shalt say I have no pleasure in them; he stood long and was much favoured, mixing his discourse with some of his own experience of the dealings of the Lord with him from a Child. Joseph Elgar from Kent next from John C: 10. v: 27. My Sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. Another man dropt a few words next and afterwards William Rose from Buckinghamshire had a pretty long time being opened upon divers subject, the meeting held upwards of 2 hours. In the afternoon I was at the meeting at Wapping which began at the 3<sup>rd</sup>. hour. There was the smallest collection of friends that I had seen at any meeting since I came to Town, altho' there were a pretty considerable number and divers of other Societies came scattering in, William Rathbone of Liverpool dropt a few words first and afterwards John Wigham from Northumberland, Joseph Jackson from Yorkshire stood a pretty long time next and afterwards John Storer of Nottingham stood up, and was eminently carried on for a long time being opened upon sundry subjects, and I hope the opportunity will not easily be forgot by some. After a short time in silence he had a very open time in Prayer. The meeting held about 3 hours.

On 12<sup>th</sup>. and 2<sup>nd</sup>. of week, After dinner I took leave of my very kind friends Thomas Bradley and his Wife and went to call on my companions at Thomas Wrights from thence we went to John Listers were we stopt a little and drunk a glass of Wine; about 3 o Clock we set out of London intending for the Yearly Meeting at Hertford viz. William Hamilton, Joseph Mulliner, John Cash and myself, call'd at Tottenham to see several friends who live there, and stopt upwards of an hour and drunk Tea at Thomas Wrights Country house, and then proceeded to Waltham-cross were we lodg'd (at the 4 Swans paid 9d a piece Supper 1s Liquor and 3d Beds) having travelled this afternoon about 11 miles.

On 13<sup>th</sup>. and 3<sup>rd</sup>. of week, In the morning William Hamilton and myself got up very early, but our other companions not chusing to rise so soon, we set out by ourselves, and went by Hoddesdon to Hertford 10 miles, were we got about half past 6 to the house of our kind friend Stephen Hagger he having past us on the road the evening before and given us a kind invitation to lodge with him; here we was favoured with the agreeable company of his Brother Benjamin Hagger a choice young man who had lately been a Prisoner in this Town 33 weeks because for Conscience sake he could not pay an ungodly Priest the Tythe of his labour, and after so long a confinement he was set at liberty in consequence of a sequestration and sale of his goods, they taking from him by distress the value of £258 and upwards. The meeting for Worship began this forenoon at 10 o Clock there was a large appearance of friends; Samuel Spavold of Hitchen was first concerned a pretty long time in Testimony from Gen: C: 42. v: 1, 2. Why do you look one upon another? Behold I have heard that there is corn in Egypt: get ye down thither and buy for us from thence: Mary Robinson of Hitchin had a few words next, Jonathan Fallas from Cheshire had a long time next tending to stir up the careless and lukewarm to more diligence. John Roper of Norwich next from Heb: C: 11. v: 6. Without faith it is impossible to please God. Isaac Sharpless of Hitchin concluded the Meeting in

Prayer. At the close of which was held the Quarterly meeting for discipline; the Queries were read and answered from the three Monthly meetings in this County viz Hertford, Albans, and Baldock, and a pretty deal of other business was gone thro' to satisfaction, both meetings held 4 hours and a half. After dinner we went to see several friends at their houses in Town, and at 6 in the Evening began another meeting for Worship which held upwards of 2 hours, and was much as the former as to numbers, Tabitha Mariot from Lancashire stood up first and had hard labour in a plain and close Testimony, Afterwards Esther Tuke of York had a pretty long time from Matt: C: 5. v: 6. Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness; for they shall be filled.

On 14<sup>th</sup>. and 4<sup>th</sup>. of week, In the morning was a Meeting of Ministers and Elders; and at the 11<sup>th</sup>. hour in the forenoon a publick meeting of Worship which was large the house being very much crowded for besides a many more friends that was come to Town there were several of other Societies attended, Isaac Kendal of Colchester dropt a few words first and afterwards Isaac Sharpless of Hitchin, Esther Tuke of York, Isaac Gray of Hitchin, John Roper of Norwich and Samuel Spavold of Hitchin, had each of them a pretty long time in Testimony, and afterwards Mary Prior of London dropt a few words and Anne Young concluded the meeting with a pretty long Prayer, which held near 3 hours. About 4 o Clock we set out for Hitchin 15 miles call'd by the way and got some refreshment paid 4d a piece and then proceeded by Stevenage to Hitchin were we got to John Robinsons about half past 9 o Clock, William Hamilton and me lodg'd there and John Cash and Joseph Mulliner at Rudd Wheelers.

On 15<sup>th</sup>. and 5<sup>th</sup>. of week, In the morning we went to see several friends who reside in the Town, as Isaac Sharpless, Rudd Wheelers, and Samuel Spavolds, from thence we went to the meeting, were there was a considerable number friends, Isaac Kendal of Colchester dropt a few words first, and afterwards Tabitha Mariot from Lancashire, Jonathan Fallas from Cheshire, John Roper of Norwich and Samuel Spavold of this Town, were all pretty largely concerned in testimony and afterwards Jonathan Fallas had a few words more, the meeting held about 2 hours and a half. After which Joseph Mulliner and myself din'd at Thomas Listers and our other companions at Isaac Sharpless junr. After dinner we went to see our friend Sarah Crawley and her aged Mother, were we had a comfortable opportunity together, after which we went to take our leave of several friends and so left the Town about 4 o Clock in the afternoon and came that night to Hexton upwards of 5 miles were we lodg'd at Daniel Wiggs's. In the evening we had an opportunity in the family in which John Cash was concerned in testimony.

On 16<sup>th</sup>. and 6<sup>th</sup>. of week, about 5 o Clock in the morning we set forward again, and in about 3 hours time got to Amphill in Bedfordshire 9 miles were Joseph Mulliner and me took up our Quarters at James Humphreys and our companions at William Browns. It being their week day meeting day and they having notice of our coming, it was large, there being a considerable number friends belonging thereto; William Dodson and his Wife from Northamptonshire was there also in their return from London. The meeting began at 11 o Clock and held about 2 hours. Pheobe Dodson had a few words first in testimony, Joseph Mulliner next from Prov: C: 1. v: 20, 21. Wisdom crieth without; she uttereth her voice in the streets; She crieth in the chief place of concourse, in the openings of the gates in the city she uttereth her words. John Cash next from Jos: C: 24. v: 13. I have given you a land for which you did not labour, and cities which you built not, and ye dwell in them, of the vineyards and olive yards which ye planted not, do ye eat. Afterwards Pheobe Dodson and Joseph Mulliner had each of them a few words more in testimony. Towards the evening we went down to see our other companions at William Browns were we met with a many friends, and had a precious opportunity together, Pheobe Dodson was twice concerned in testimony and afterwards John Cash and Joseph Mulliner had each of them a favoured time, and William Dodson a very open time in Prayer. Afterwards we took a walk into several parts of the Town which is very beautiful, and most agreeably situated.

On 17<sup>th</sup>. and 7<sup>th</sup>. of week about 6 o Clock in the morning we set out for Poddington 18 miles William Brown sending his man with us as far as Stairton to shew us the way, were we calle'd on tarried a considerable time at the Red Lyon were we got some refreshment Paid 6d a piece and gave the man a shilling that came along with us, from thence we got to Daniel Browns of Poddington about 2 o Clock in the afternoon were we Lodg'd.

On 18<sup>th</sup>. and 1<sup>st</sup>. of week, we set out betwixt 7 and 8 o Clock in the morning for Wellingborough in Northamptonshire 5 miles Daniel Browns little son accompanying us thither got there in about 1 hour and a half time were we took up our Quarters at Benjamin Middletons. At 10 o Clock we went to their forenoon meeting, which was but small and a very poor time we had, a dull drowsy spirit being too prevalent; the afternoon meeting began at 2 o Clock was much larger than the former, many friends attending from several neighbouring meetings, Joseph Mulliner appear'd first in Testimony, setting forth the near unity that subsists between Christ and his Church, John Cash had afterwards a long and laborious time having plain and close service with some states, but towards the conclusion something encouraging opened being sensible that a renewed Visitation from Almighty God was afresh extended to the very hindermost present and strong desires were rais'd in the minds of some that they might be enabl'd to join in therewith. After meeting several friends came to see us at our lodgings were we had a comfortable opportunity John Cash having an open time therein in testimony. After which we went to see an ancient Friend, one Widow Richardson who had been for some time so poorly that she could not get to meetings, we found her near that which is good, and had a precious refreshing season with her, John Cash having to drop a few words of encouragement, seeming sensible that it would be well with her, when her change came, for which time he exhorted her to wait in Patience. From thence we went to Ephraim Patersons were we sat a little and then return'd to our lodgings.

On 19<sup>th</sup>. and 2<sup>nd</sup>. of week we breakfasted at Sarah Faulkners. After which we had a favoured opportunity together, John Cash being twice concerned therein in testimony. From thence we went to see Sarah Ball an ancient Widow were we had an opportunity in which John Cash was concern'd in testimony. From thence we went to the Widow Mary Martens were we had a satisfactory opportunity together in silence. After which we went to William Gibs's were we tarried a little and drunk a Glass of Wine and then return'd to Benjamin Middletons to dinner. Betwixt 3 and 4 o Clock in the afternoon the set out for Finden 3 miles (having a Young Woman for a guide) to meeting appointed to begin at 5 at this evening, got there to the Widow Garrets a little before the time were we drunk Tea, and then went to the meeting which was not very large, Joseph Mulliner and John Cash had each of them a pretty long time therein in Testimony; after meeting William Hamilton and Joseph Mulliner went to the Widow Garrets were they lodg'd, and John Cash and myself to John Harlocks in the same village were we took up our Quarters that night.

On 20<sup>th</sup>. and 3<sup>rd</sup>. of week we got up pretty early in the morning and went to the Widow Garrets to call on our companions were we got a little refreshment and then set out for Artleborough 2 miles (John Harlock accompanying us about half way,) breakfasted there at Jonathan Abbott. From thence we went to Rance 4 Miles, a Publick friend and his daughter from this village going along with us on horseback; got there to the house of our friend William Flinthams about 10 o Clock, were we got some refreshment and then went to the meeting which began at the 11<sup>th</sup>. hour. There was a pretty many friends and a few Neighbours came in also. Joseph Mulliner had two pretty open times therein in Testimony and afterwards John Cash had a very long time chiefly concerning Jacob wrestling with the Lord for a blessing. After meeting we din'd and drunk Tea at William Flinthams and then set out betwixt 4 and 5 o Clock for Geddington 10 miles, him and his Wife accompanying us thither on horseback, got there to our much esteemed friends William Dodsons betwixt 7 and 8 were we lodg'd, and was ready much pleased with their company they being a family of very valuable friends having several hopeful Children.

On 21<sup>st</sup>. and 4<sup>th</sup>. of week, at 10 in the forenoon, we was at their Meeting were there was a pretty appearance of friends, and a few others our companions were both silent, but

Pheobe Dodson had a few words therein in Testimony. After dinner we set out for Braybrook 8 miles to a meeting appointed to begin at the 5<sup>th</sup>. hour at this evening several friends going along with us from this place, I got there to the House of our friend Joseph Simpkins a little before the time, were we drunk Tea; and understanding there were but a few friends belonging the meeting, we consulted together and unknown to the friends of this place gave their Neighbours an invitation to come and sit with us. at that time appointed we went and sat us down into meeting which was held in the dwelling-house of John Simpkin; after we had sat be little the neighbours began to gather into the yard but did not offer to come into the house, one of my companions then spoke to me, desiring me to invite them in, which I did; and borrowed seats of one sort or another for them to sit on, and in a little time the house was well filled with People, we then set open another room door were a great many went in so that it was a large congregation. John Cash stood up first and had an extraordinary time in Testimony from Psalms 58. v: 11. Verily there is a reward for the righteous; verily he is a God that judgeth in the earth. Joseph Mulliner had a pretty open time next from Acts C: 10. v. 34, 35. Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of Persons. But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him; afterwards he and John Cash had each of them are a few words more in Testimony, and afterwards John Cash had a very open time in Prayer; Do at the conclusion of the meeting, he stood up again and told the People we were pleased with their company, and that their behaviour had been commendable, earnestly desiring them to take heed to the Grace of God made manifest in the secret of their own hearts, and I believe it may be said of the Truth that it was a satisfactory time, the Lords presence being evidently felt to be amongst us, and I believe a renewed visitation of his Love was that day extended towards the People; and altho' many of them appeared hard to reach to, yet some were deeply affected, and in particular one at Thomas Kestin a young Man, the Son of a Farmer in this village who was in Profession with the Presbyterians, he tarried after the People were dispersed and had some private conversation with some of us in a very broken and affectionate manner. We supp'd at John Simpkins and after Supper Thomas Kestin aforesaid and another Man and his Wife who was also much reacht in the meeting came to sit with us, were we had a comfortable opportunity together, and John Cash having an encouraging time in testimony. Our companions lodg'd at this place and William Hamilton and myself at Joseph Simpkins.

On 22<sup>nd</sup>. and 5<sup>th</sup>. of week, we got up about 4 o Clock in the morning, intending to set out about 5 but before we had got our Breakfast Thomas Kestin came to take his leave of us, when we had a precious tendering season together John Cash appearing therein in testimony, at parting he appeared very tender the tears running down his Cheeks. I am fully perswaded he was at this time favoured with an extraordinary visitation and I sincerely desire that he may be preserved unto the end. We set out betwixt 6 and 7 o Clock for Leicester 18 miles Joseph Simpkin and his Son John going along with us, we got two Little-Bowden, were we call'd at William Simpkins and sat a little with and then went to Harborough in Leicestershire to Burton 8 miles were we called at David Coopers and got some refreshment After which we had a favoured opportunity in the family John Cash having the concern therein in testimony, from thence we came to Oadby 4 miles, were we din'd at Matthew Cartwrights and from thence went to Leicester 4 miles were we got to the Sine of the Duke of Cumberland betwixt 3 and 4 in the afternoon drunk Tea there for which we paid 6d a piece. At 5 in the evening began the Quarterly meeting of Ministers and Elders for the Counties of Leicester and Rutland, during which time I went and sat with our friend Sarah Heffard at her house, After meeting a friend Daniel Woodland having heard of us, sent to invite us to lodge at his house, we accepted of the invitation, and accordingly went thither, were besides several other friends we were favoured with the agreeable company of Mary Brook and her companion Elizabeth Raper.

On 23<sup>rd</sup>. and 6<sup>th</sup>. of week, after breakfast we went to John Atkinsons to see our valuable friend Mary Leaver of Nottingham who was returning from a Religious visit to friends in America. The Quarterly meeting for Worship began at 10 this forenoon which was

pretty large considering the number of friends which belong thereto. Divers Strangers Publick friends were there, as Mary Brook from Bedfordshire, Mary Leaver from Nottinghamshire and our two valuable companions John Cash from Warwickshire and Joseph Mulliner from Cheshire. Mary Leaver was first concerned in testimony, she stood long and was much favoured. Mary Brook next she stood long and had an extraordinary time from John C: 9: v: 4. The night cometh wherein no man can work. Earnestly exhorting us to work while it was day, whilst his gracious Visitations were extended towards us, lest the night should overtake us, and the offers of his mercy be withdrawn from us. At the close of this meeting was held the Meeting for discipline, the Quarterly meeting Queries were read and answered from the 3 monthly meetings in these Counties viz. Dolby and Dunnington Hinckley and Leicester and Oakham. The Yearly meeting Epistle was also read, and the other business of the meeting was gone thro' an orderly manner being well conducted, both meetings held upwards of 4 hours. After dinner we parted with our dear and well beloved friend and fellow traveller John Cash, he again towards home, and we for Loughborough 11 miles having the company of William Merrill, Samuel Marton, William Hutchinson and John Milson, who liv'd there and was lately convinced, the two former having been in profession with the Methodists and the two latter with the Baptists, We came on by Mountsorrel were we call'd at the Nagshead and got some refreshment paid 3d a piece and the proceeded got to Loughborough betwixt 8 and 9 in the evening were I lodg'd at Samuel Martens and my companions at William Merrills. There are a considerable number of People lately convinced of the Principles of Truth in this Town some of which were formerly in profession with the Methodists others with the Baptists one of them having been a preacher amongst the latter mentioned People: They having sought the living amongst the dead forms and inventions of Men and spent their time and Money for that which does not profit at length by the powerful influence of the Spirit of Truth, they were brought from the husks and shells of religion, from a dependence one upon another, willingly to sit down under the teachings of Christ, well knowing by experience that he was the best of teachers, that speaks as never man spoke, and one that could not be removed into a corner, so that there is a pretty meeting newly settled in that Town and I hope it may be said that it is in a flourishing situation and then number increasing, and they have lately got a good Meetinghouse made that will contain a considerable number of People.

On 24<sup>th</sup>. and 7<sup>th</sup>. of week. I got up pretty early and went to William Merrills to Breakfast. After which we went to look into their Meeting House and then took leave of this tender People, and set at for Derby 18 miles call'd by the way and got some refreshment paid 7d a piece and then proceeded to Derby about noon were we din'd at the Bulls. head paid 8d a piece eating and 4d Liquor here at parted with my loving companions they proposing to be at the meeting at Uttoxeter the next day and I at the Quarterly meeting at Chesterfield. When I had travelled about 11 miles I called at the Sine of the Red. Lyon were I got some refreshment paid 6d and then came on to Alfreton 3 miles were I lodg'd at my cousin Dorothy Rogers.

On 25<sup>th</sup>. and 1<sup>st</sup>. of week I set out for Chesterfield 11 miles having the Company of Francis Tantum an agreeable youth from Breech meeting, got to our friend Isaac Metcalfes about a mile behind the Town to dinner were I took up my Quarters. Soon after I got in I was agreeably surprized to hear my Brother Samuel and some other friends from our meeting come Riding up to the door, who were come to the Quarterly meeting, which began at 3 this afternoon for worship, Was pretty large of friends and a many of other Societies, so that the Meetinghouse was well fill'd. John Storer had an acceptable time therein in testimony from Lev: C: 10. v: 3. I will be sanctified in them that come nigh me. The meeting held about 2 hours. At 6 this evening was the Meeting of Ministers and Elders.

On 26<sup>th</sup>. and 2<sup>nd</sup>. of week this morning at 9 o Clock was another meeting for Worship which was larger than the former of friends are not so many of other Societies, Mary Leaver had first an open time in supplication, and afterwards an extraordinary time in testimony being enabled to preach the gospel in the demonstration of the Spirit and Power of God for upwards of an hour and a half, many hearts being broken and a heavenly baptizing season it was which I hope will be remembered at times by some. At the close of this meeting was held

the Quarterly meeting of discipline for the Counties of Derby and Nottingham. The Queries were read and answered from the four Monthly meetings in these Counties viz. Nottingham, Mansfield, Sand and Clay, and Chesterfield. Afterwards Mary Leaver who had had a Certificate two years ago from this meeting to visit the meetings of friends in America, and had thro' divine assistance been enabled to accomplish the same; came amongst the Men and gave an account of her Journey in a solemn and affecting manner. She said she found things in many places are rather lowish, but there were a living number preserved, with whom she had near Unity; and altho' she had had many close exercising times to pass through yet that same hand which led her forth had been her support, so that she might say with the Apostles at their return, She lacked nothing; the Lord having been near in every time of tryal. She likewise produced a Certificate from friends in America (which was read) setting forth the near unity they had with her in this visit and how acceptable her services were amongst them, and that her sober and orderly conduct and weighty conversation out of meetings had endeared her to them. The written minutes from the Yearly Meeting, and the Printed Epistle were likewise read and the other business was gone thro' to a good degree of Satisfaction. Both meetings held about 5 hours. After which I went to dine at the Three-horse-shoes several friends being there that had walkt from Sheffield, so that I thought I should be more ready to set out with them. Paid 8d a piece eating and 4d Liquor. After which I set out for Sheffield 12 miles having the agreeable company of it Joseph Clarbour, James Boothe, Caleb Dickinson and Wife, George Hancock and Mary Rotherford all of that Town the two last mentioned were under convincement but are not received into membership We came by Dronfield were friends have a good Meetinghouse the door being unlockt we went into it. There is no constant meeting held there at present only two Persons being left belonging thereto. About 2 miles from the Town we drunk Tea at Jonathan Luptons of Green hill, from thence we got to Sheffield in Yorkshire were I lodg'd at John Swanwicks.

On 27<sup>th</sup>. and 3<sup>rd</sup>. of week, I breakfasted at Caleb Dickinsons, after which I went to take my leave of friend Swanwicks, and then return'd to Caleb Dickinsons were I spent the forenoon very agreeably with him and his Wife and some other persons that were lately convinc'd, there was a pretty many under convincement in this Town at present some from amongst the Predestinarians and others from the Methodists. After dinner I set out towards home by Wadsley bridge and Wortley into Oxspring lane were I met with our Servant Man Jonathan Hawksworth who was come there to see his Parents, he was very pressing on me to call, which I at length consented to, were I drunk Tea and supp'd at his Father Joseph Hawksworths after which we came on together by Denby were we stopt a little at Samuel Haighs, and so got home betwixt 9 and 10 in the Evening having been favoured with fair weather most of this Journey, and thro' divine mercy enabled to perform the same with much ease to my own admiration seldom having cause to complain of weariness.

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Marriage, is honourable in all and the Bed undefiled, and it is Gods Ordinance and not to be forbidden, and whom God joins together no man is to put asunder, and this is the Marriage that hath a Blessing, that minds Gods joining and Gods Ordinance, and the People of God were to practise it in all Ages, and the faithful did observe and do it, as Abraham the Father and pattern of the faithful charged his chief servant to go to his own People, and take a Wife to his Son Isaac, and said the Lord God of Heaven and Earth shall send his angel before thee; and his servant at Gods appointment took Rebecca, and Isaac brought Rebecca to his Mothers tent, and took her to Wife Gen: 24. So here was Gods Ordinance and Gods joining, and Isaac did not go contrary to God and his Father's minds, to take a Wife of the daughters of Canaan, nor had a Priest to Marry them, and Issac was blessed of God and he gave him Jacob and Esau, and Esau despised his Birthright and married a daughter of the Hittites which grieved his Father and his Mother Gen: 26 and 25. So Esau went from God's joining and grieved his Parents; and Rebecca said to Isaac if Jacob take a Wife of the daughters of the Land such as these be what good will my life do me Gen: 24 and 46. so here you may see the great care of Rebecca to preserve her Son from the snare that Esau was come into in this of joining in Marriage with other People, and Isaac called his son Jacob and charged him and said thou shalt not take a Wife of the daughters of Canaan but shalt go to thy Mothers kindred, and God Almighty bless thee and prosper thee Gen: 28. and Jacob obeyed his Father and his Mother, and the Lord appeared to him in his Journey and blessed him, and said I will greatly multiplied thee and will be with thee, and Jacob said if God will Bless me and prosper me in the way that I go and bring me to my Fathers house in Peace then shall the Lord be my God verse 21<sup>st</sup>. So here you may see Jacob minds the Lord and his Parents in his choosing a Wife, and the Lord blessed him abundantly. And the Sons of Jacob could not suffer their Sister to Marry with a Stranger tho' he was a great Person. And the Jews which were the offspring of Abraham Isaac and Jacob, were not to join in Marriage with other people as it is written thou shalt not take their daughters to thy sons, nor give thy daughters to their Sons for they will turn your hearts from the Lord after other gods Deut 7: 3. Jos: 23: 12. So here you may see according to Gods Ordinance there is a Power in Parents in giving their daughters in Marriage and in taking daughters to their Sons: they have a part in their Children to give and take in case of Marriage; and when the Jews did mix in Marriage with other People they corrupted them and drew them from God, and kindled his anger against them, As you may see Num: 25. where the Young Men took the daughters of Moab which kindled Gods anger and many of them died and a great Breach was made 'till Phinehas stood in the Gap, and stopped the proceedings, and turned away Gods wrath; and these went from Gods Ordinance and from Gods joining, and went from the good Example of their Fathers Abraham Isaac and Jacob. And you may see that Solomon the wise King he taking of Strangers turned his heart to Worship Idols for which the Lord rent the Kingdom from him only left him a lamp in Israel for David his Fathers sake: and you may see in all the passages of the Jews revolting from God for the most part the chief reason was their mixing in Marriage with other People. As in Nehemiah and Ezra where you may see the Jews had taken Strangers of the daughters of Ashdod which grieved the Lord, and his Servants Ezra and Nehemiah so here you may see they went from Gods Ordinance and Gods joining. And the Apostle saith to the Church be not unequally yoked a Believer with an unbeliever; he accounts it as light and darkness as Christ

and Belial as the Temple of God and Idols 2 Cor: 6. for Believers in the Light of Christ Jesus are the called of God, and the seed of Abraham and the Temple of God, and the Sons and daughters of God, and are of the Promise of the new covenant, and are Jews in spirit and have the circumcision of the Spirit made without hands, and are under the Law of the new covenant which God hath written in their hearts, and such cannot join or give or take in marriage with any sort or sect of Persons or People, that believe not in the light of Christ Jesus, with which he hath enlightened every one that cometh into the World; nor with such as believe not in the Grace of God but turns it into wantonness which is the same if not worse than if they did not believe it thro' want of knowing it nor in the Law of the new Covenant which is written in the heart according to Gods Promise, and do not Worship God in Spirit but in some Form without the Power of God, nor have not the circumcision of the Spirit to circumcise their hearts and Ears such the seed of Abraham may not join with in Affinity or Marriage not take their daughters to their Sons nor give their daughters to their Sons for you see it is contrary to Gods Ordinance, and contrary to the Spirits of Abraham Isaac and Jacob which were great Fathers and Pattens, and all true Believers in Christ Jesus are to follow their steps in this new Covenant, and will charge their Sons and daughters that they join not in marriage with any but amongst their own People that our Worshippers of God and such children as fear God and are reverent and obedient to Parents which all are obliged to by the Law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus, and by the doctrine of the Apostles I say such children will keep their Parents charge as Isaac and Jacob did, and not grieve and vex their parents as Esau did his Father and his Mother in marrying with the daughters of Strangers, For such Parents as are of Isaac and Rebecca's Spirits on much concerned in this case and cannot but grieve when their Children join in Marriage with such as are beforementioned and give away their believing Parents part that they have in them to the World which makes confusion and grieves Gods good Spirit and smites their Parents with grief, and such as smote Father and Mother in the time of Law were to die Ex 21: 25. for Parents have a great Power and part in their Children as in Num: 30: 3, 4, 5. If a daughter in her Fathers house unmarried make a vow or Promise, her Father hath Power to break it or to establish it and you may see 1st. Sam: 2 and 3 Chap: Old Ely did not use his Power to restrain his two Sons from their Wickedness for which the Lord cut of the Arm of Ely: cut of his Family from the Priesthood; and believers are a Royal Priesthood to offer to God spiritual sacrifice; so they are to use their in most endeavours to restrain their children from runing into the World which lies in Wickedness or into the Fashions or Familiarity which often doth great hurt; as Jacobs daughter in visiting the daughters of the Land of Canaan was defiled; so friends are to be careful and to watch over their children for their Preservation from those things which youth are prone to fall into to their great hurt; for we were but a few at the first when God called and chose us to be his People: and now here is a young Generation sprung up of young Men and young Women many of which came from the Loins of true Believers, and many of them runs into Pride and the Fashions of the World and take Wives and Husbands of the World, and go to the Teachers of the World to be married, and so go from Gods Ordinance, and from Gods joining, and the Men of the World see that friends are a Attieving People in their outward substance which makes them, seek after Friends Children to marry with them; and some friends when their Rebellious Children have done so, thro' Indulgence and Affection to their Children more than the Public good, have given them Portions, and this encourages the World to seek friends children in marriage, and encourageth wanton Children to consent to them, by which means a Breach is made upon our Youth to the wounding and grieving the Spirits of the faithful, that are Abrahams children and are of the same mind with Isaac and Rebecca and cannot give their children in Marriage to other People upon any account whatsoever; but are willing to give their Children the same Liberty as the Elders are Israel did to Zelophehad Daughters who might marry to whom they pleased in their own Tribe. So friends must use their Godly endeavours according to the utmost of their Power to stop the Gap of such Proceedings that their Arm be not cut of as Old Elys was. And you may see before the Flood when the Sons of God married with the Daughters of Men how it grieved God? and is it not all one when friends marries with other

People; And some friends Children are surprized and hurt and spoiled thro' their Parents allowing them to go into the Finery and Fashions of the World and to visit and accompany with Proud People as Jacobs Daughter did with the Daughters of Canaan, by which Opportunity she was ensnared; so friends are to prevent such things to the utmost of their Power, and stop the Breach that is made upon us by these things that you may inherit Phinehas's Portion, an Everlasting Priesthood in Christ our High Priest; and the Covenant of Peace in him in whom there is Peace, which is the desire of your true friend

William Edmondson

3<sup>rd</sup>. Mo. 1680

#### Friends keep to the Antient Principle of Truth

- 1<sup>st</sup>. At a word in all Callings and Dealings without Oppression.
- 2<sup>nd</sup>. To the sound Language thou to everyone?
- 3<sup>rd</sup>. In your Testimony against the Worlds Fashions?
- 4<sup>th</sup>. In your Testimony against the Priests and their Tythes, and their Maintenance?
- 5<sup>th</sup>. Against the Old Mass houses and their Repairing?
- 6<sup>th</sup>. Against the Worlds joining in Marriage by the Priests; and stand up for Gods Joining?
- 7<sup>th</sup>. Against Swearing, and the Worlds manners and Fashions?
- 8<sup>th</sup>. Against all looseness and (unlawful) Pleasure and Prophaneness whatsoever?
- 9<sup>th</sup>. Against all the Worlds ways and Worships and Religions and stand up for God, and to see that every one that hath done wrong to any, that they do restore?
- 10<sup>th</sup>. And that all differences be made up speedily, and that all bad things be judged speedily, that they do not fly abroad to corrupt Peoples minds; and that all Reports be stopped to the defaming any one?

George Fox

London 5<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 13<sup>th</sup>. 1671

To think of Death when one hath an object before their eyes, an acquaintance of the same Family, a Youth near in Bloom, makes the thoughtfull part in us recollect how we stand, suppose the like irresistible summons was sent, with this sentence, prepare thyself to leave all thou must die. A pinching time to nature, in leaving all; But happy are all those who are rightly prepared for such a time; Reflecting upon a Youth the late Joseph Earnshaw, an object now before mine eyes, his life and Behaviour in some respects worthy of our Imitation, a speaker of the Truth, and no Lyar nor Backbiter, but an honest well-meaning Youth, never prone to lewdness, thus he lived, and thus he died. Being seized with a Feaver of the Pleuretick kind that kept him low, and at last took him of suddenly, Scarce time or strength to say much, tho' I question whether he thought time was so near an end, uttering no words to signify the same, but departed quietly and I hope is at rest, a Rest surpassing the Pleasures and Peace this Troublesome World can give, and perhaps more happy is he tho' he is taken of in his Youth, than if he had lived to see more days, he now is not subject nor liable to the Temptations we are, nor see the days of sorrow he might have done, had his time in this World been prolong'd, its good for us to submit ourselves to the Almighty, not only when we cannot help it, but at all other times. He departed this Life at Birdsedge ye. 18<sup>th</sup>. of ye. 3<sup>rd</sup>. Mo: 1761 in the 18<sup>th</sup>. year of his Age

Joshua Marsden.

Birdsedge 3<sup>rd</sup>. Mo. 22<sup>nd</sup>. 1761

the morning of the day he was Interr'd.

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and that thou bring the poor that are cast out to thy house? when thou seest the naked that thou cover him, and that thou hide not thyself from thine own flesh? Then shall thy Light break forth as the morning, and thy health shall spring for speedily; thy righteousness shall go before thee, and the glory of the Lord shall be thy reward. Then shalt thou call, and the Lord shall answer, thou shalt cry, and he shall say, Here I am. Ye shall not fast as ye do this day to make your voice to be heard on high. Is it such a fast that I have chosen, a day for a man to afflict his Soul; is it to bow down his head as a bulrush, and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him? wilt thou call this a fast, and an acceptable day to do Lord."

Alas! my Brethren, what will a fast for a day do, while we are living in that which the Lord (who delighteth in justice) hath a controversy with? Are not many are keeping the Africans and their descendants in abject slavery, who as a nation, never have offended us the least injury. Are they not frequently sold in these colonies, so as to separate them from their nearest connections as if they had not the common feelings of Mankind: are not some kept to hard labour, and in want of the necessities of life? Thus are we treating the people of nations, who as such, had never sought our hurt: a people that belongs to the same common Father, and have an equal claim to the same common Saviour of mankind with ourselves, and consequently to the same privileges and freedom. Can we be so unwise as to suppose, that a God infinitely just, will be partial in our favour, or that he will hear our Prayers, until we have put away the evil of our doings from before his Eyes? How can any have the confidence to put up their addresses to a God of impartial justice, and ask of him success in a struggle for freedom, who at the same time are keeping others in a state of abject slavery? Can we suppose that the Lord will look upon us to be earnest with him? or can we really be so, while we are continuing in our iniquities? We surely cannot be feelingly and efficaciously so.

Oh! my Brethren, what will a fast for a day do for us? the cloud seems to gather blackness. It appears to me to be time for us all to be serious, and to examine ourselves and see how far we have administered cause for drawing down the threatned scourge; let us begin at the right end of the work; and on this occasion the advice of the Lord, through the mouth of his Prophet to Israel his People, formerly, seems peculiarly well adapted, Isaiah 1. 16, 17. "Wash ye, make you clean, put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes; ceased to do evil, learn to do well; seek judgment, relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow."

Every nation that encourages, by their laws or common usage, iniquity or injustice to be committed with impunity, and innocent blood to be shed, without inflicting exemplary punishment, will stand guilty before God, who looks to the rulers; and its inhabitants for justice.

Look into the histories of former ages, and consider how many great nations and powerful kingdoms have been overturned, and how many potentates and rulers have been removed from their dignified stations, because they neglected to promote (when it was in their power) true judgment, justice, and righteousness in the earth.

The weight that I sometimes feel hanging over this land and the West Indies, for the cruelties and injustice committed against a people, over whom our Almighty Creator hath not given us any just claim to exercise such power, seems to move all that is within me. Surely it is time to be serious both rulers and people, to seek for wisdom where it is to be found, that we may know what to do, that may avert the threatened storm, and move the Lord of all power to have compassion on the people, and shew mercy to us; he that can turn the hearts of men, as a man turns his watercourse in his field.

Oh! that our eyes may be opened to see the things that belong to our peace, and that our hearts may be bent to do our own necessary work, lest the Lord, the righteous Judge, should say to the inhabitants of this land, as he said to his Prophet concerning Israel formally, Jer. 14. 12. "When they fast I will not hear their cry."

Beloved people let us not deceive ourselves: a fast for a day will not do the work for us, it is an awful thing to approach a God infinitely pure, holy, just, and righteous, and a suitable preparation for such an approach is most assuredly necessary - humility of heart is wanting - pride and arrogancy abound - If those of the several denominations (who may think it their

duty) should on the day proposed attend their several places of worship, in all gaudiness of dress and modish vanities of the times, how, think ye, will it appear to him who passed amongst men in a seamless garment, the whole example of whose birth, life, and death was void of, as well as shewed, the emptiness of all earthly grandeur.

The conduct of the King of Nineveh, upon the preaching of Jonah, may be worthy of our remembrance, "He arose from his throne and laid his robe from him, etc" and by the decree of the King and his nobles, the people were directed to "cry mightily unto God: let them turn everyone from his evil way, and from the violence that is in their hands." Thus this people manifested by their works, that they were in earnest; and 'tis said, that God saw their works, that they turned from the evil way, and the evil intended against them was prevented.

I feel an engagement of mind to persuade people of all ranks, to come to a fast that will be available. Turn from the evil of your ways, do to all as you would they should do to you, put away pride, dress not your persons in superfluous and fantastic things: and let us humble ourselves, as in the sight of him, who seeth the inmost recesses of the heart, and let us not flatter ourselves, by thinking that a fast for a day may do, for I declare in a degree of awful dread, that God will not hear or answer the prayers of those who are determined to pursue their own wills and way, in contradiction to his will and way; for they that come to him must be resigned, their wills must be given up to be, and suffer, what he pleases. Remember the example of our blessed Lord, Luke 22. 42. "Father, if thou be willing remove this cup from me: nevertheless, not my will, but thy will be done." If this was the disposition of mind in which the Son approach the Father, what disposition of mind, judge ye, should a servant appear in? If this resigned state was but sufficiently laboured after by all of us, we should see soon a happy change; for our wills being resigned and given up, we should be brought to that state in which true prayer is begotten and brought forth, in the will of him that made us, which he always heareth and for ever will regard.

As what I have written is not intended to offend, I hope the freedom I have taken to offer to the public these few hints, on which the present occasion, appeared to me necessary for the serious attention of all, may not be unprofitable and with hearty desires that all may be favoured with wisdom to attend thereto - that freedom, the common right of all men, may be extended to all - tranquillity again restored, and the further effusion of human blood prevented, is the sincere desire of a well-wisher to all mankind.

Dan: Byrnes

Wilmington 6<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 20<sup>th</sup>. 1775

#### A Testimony of the Mens Meeting in Bristol, concerning William Fry.

It having pleased the Almighty in the course of his Providence to remove by death, our dear Friend William Fry, we are engaged to give forth following Testimony concerning him finding our minds drawn by the lively sense of Loss and we as well as the Church in general have sustained, to put up our petition to the Lord of the Harvest, that he will be pleased to send forth more faithful Labourers into his harvest.

Our dear and honourable Friend, was born in this City in the year 1723, of Parents in the profession with us, and in his early Youth was favoured with a tender visitation of divine Love, whereby he was assisted to walk circumspectly, and tho' at the time he stood almost alone amongst the Youth; yet as he continued faithful according to his measure, he was an eminent example of watchfulness and Self-denial.

In the 27<sup>th</sup>. year of his age he came forth in the Ministry, yet for several Years, he appeared but seldom in the publick exercise of his gift, being not only then, but always, as he expressed himself a little before his death, "more desirous to feel than to speak." And we have good ground to believe he was often led into deep travail of Spirit in our Meetings, that the Ministry might be kept living and than nothing might be offered in the will of the creature; he

was himself careful in this respect, and waited for the holy Anointing, the only true qualification before he opened his mouth in Testimony, which was not very frequent, but generally lively and edifying. He travelled in the service of Truth, thro' Ireland, Wales and parts of this Nation; in which he was enabled to discharge his duty to his own peace and comfort and edification of those amongst whom he laboured; concerning of which he spoke to a Friend who came to visit him, saying, "that he had ever found great peace and satisfaction, in giving up to those Services, the remembrance of which, was at times very lively with him, particularly so during his last illness." And as he was concerned to live near the truth, he became a good example to others in his life and conversation; and in his diligent attendance of our Meetings for worship and discipline, in the latter he was for many years eminently serviceable: to discharge of the necessary duties thereof, he devoted a large portion of his time: he was also a constant attender of the Yearly Meeting in London: and his service therein, we believe was very acceptable.

During his last and painful illness, which was of several months continuance, he had many favoured opportunities with those friends who visited him, and many solid weighty expressions dropt from him. Being asked by a friend of one evening if his pain was then great? He replied "I have been in extreme pain this day, but my mind is favoured with a calm which I desire to be thankful for." And observing he was dipt into very close seasons, he remarked that it had been the case with many favoured Servants of Lord, some of whom he named, and added, it was not to be wondered at, it was so with him, saying, "Oh how have I longed and do long to feel the arisings of that life, which is more desirable to a Remnant in the day, than the increase of corn, Wine or Oil." At another time, amongst other expressions, and which we hope were as bread cast on the waters to some present, "I have had a view, yea, what if I see years ago, (tho' I never mentioned it before) that there would be a gathering day in this city, tho' many Shepherds would be smote and gathered first, and if I do not live to see it I shall die in the faith of it ."

Some days afterwards he expressed himself in the following manner. "I think I have been favoured, during my illness to experience what I have often had to declare, that it is a good thing to dwell near the Truth, that inexhaustible fountain and Ocean of divine Love this sweet streams issuing therefrom sweetens the bitter cup; that it is that has supported me under the present afflicting dispensation, and the deep baptisms which it hath it been my lot to pass thro', wherein I may say, I have many times been dipt as to the bottom of Jordan." and afterwards he added "I have been favoured during my Illness with a Calmness, may I not say a holy calmness; what if I say a foretaste of that Joy, which shall be known when this mortal part puts on Immortality, and have been enabled to bear with patience and resignation, the present trying affliction without murmuring, or saying, " Lord what doest thou? Or why dealest thus with me? It is comfortable to witness, that which has been our morning light, to be our Evening song; and may those present, who have been acquainted with their visitation of Truth in the morning of their day, continued to abide under it, and pride it above every thing else: it was excellent advice given, to buy the truth, and sell it not; it is those that will find support under every tryal, and tho' we may have to say as our blessed Lord in his agony said if it be possible, Father, let this cup pass from me, which was the effect of his humanity, but Oh! how soon did the Divinity appear in him, nevertheless not my will but thine be done. You have known the place, where true prayer is wont to be made remember me, and desire for me, that I may be preserved without murmuring or repineing to the end. It is those and those alone that dwell near the rock, that are fitted for an habitation in that City, the walls whereof are Salvation and the gates stand open all the day, and there is no night there, it needs not the Sun by day, nor the moon by Night for the Lord God and the Lamb are the Light thereof." At another time he said, "I remember when on board a Ship, it was a comfortable sound in the night season, to hear the watchman say, all is well; and it has run sweetly through my mind , at this time with a degree of confidence, that All is well; and I have a hope, that I shall know the good pilot to steer me into that port, where I may with Patriarchs, Prophets and Apostles and those already gathered like shocks of corner fully ripe, enter into the garner of Peace."

And we have no doubt but that this hope of our deceased friend was well founded, many minds under a sense thereof, being led to praise the Lord on his behalf.

About a month before his death, he said, "Tho' many and severe Tryals come upon us; yet a little while, and they will be over, a short period will put an end thereto; I have many times thought, and that this time, how comfortable a thing it is, to be able to say with confidence, as one formerly, thou shalt guide me with thy counsel, and afterwards receive me into glory, whom have I in heaven but thee, and there is none upon Earth, I desire beside thee; my Flesh and my heart faileth, but God has the strength of my heart and my Portion for ever." Many other lively Expressions dropt at different Periods from him, during his illness, which are omitted for the sake of brevity: but after the last quoted, his voice became so broken, that it was with difficulty, he could speak so as to be understood, for a whole sentence together, but he continued sensible and in a quiet frame of mind to the last, and went of as one falling asleep, the 9<sup>th</sup>. day of this Mo. and was buried the 15<sup>th</sup>. in friends burying ground, near the Meetinghouse in the Fryars, after a solemn Meeting held on the occasion; and being a man who was well esteemed his corps was attended by a large number of Friends and others. Aged near 53 Years, a Minister about 26 Years.

Signed in and on behalf our Mens Meeting held in Bristol ye. 26<sup>th</sup>. day of ye. 5<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1776  
by Thos. Frank  
Clerk to the Meeting

Extract of a Letter from Bridgwater Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>. 1776.

This week our Town has been filled with Quakers, who held their Circular annual Meeting, for the Western Counties here, it was very large being attended by several respectable persons of both Sexes, belonging to that Society, from most of the Counties in England. The number of Quakers amounted to about 500. They most of them came in on Saturday and left the town on Wednesday, all the Inns and many private Houses were full, but they had no occasion to complain of their Guests, for they spent their money generously, tho' not a profusely; and behaved with a propriety and decorum consistent with the nature of their visit, and for which this People are justly distinguished and esteem'd. They had previously erected a large Booth,\* to hold their Meeting in, it was 80 feet square very commodiously seated and contained 2500 People.

Most of the principle inhabitants, divers Clergymen and a great many of the Neighbouring Gentry attended and appeared to be well satisfied, notwithstanding, the weather prov'd very wet the Booth was always fill'd with People, who behav'd with a Sobriety and attention that did them honour. Several Principle Speakers were there, among the rest Mr Storer of Nottingham, Mr Thompson of Compton near Sherborn; Mr Sharpless of Hitchin in Hertfordshire, Mr Gurney of Norwich, Mr Rutter of Bristol etc etc. The Quakers made a very respectable appearance in general, and it was remark'd that there was a number of pretty Young Ladies - the neatness and elegance of their dress exceeded anything we had ever seen of this kind - "As the Inns were all fill'd, many of the Inhabitants very civilly offered their Beds on the occasion, and Mr -----, a member of Parliament who lives here, quitted his house and genteelly offered it to the Quakers during their stay, and left 3 Servants to attend them - they accepted it and as many as could it be conveniently accommodated went thither - I believe our Towns People will have no objection to a another visit of this kind, as they could not be much less than £2,000 left in the Town on this occasion. "Not having been at a Meeting of this sort before, I took some pains in gaining authentic information of the principle view and design they had in this visit and conversed with a very sensible Quaker thereon. "He told me in brief us follows - That these Circular Meetings were held once a Year in rotation in each of the seven Counties that composed them, and with the concurrence of their Yearly Meeting in London - that their view in it was, twofold, first to promote the great cause

of Religion and virtue, by the Propagation of such Truths, as to relate to the happiness of mankind, and Secondly, to give the Publick in general, an Opportunity of becoming acquainted with their Religious Principles, by which the prejudices, which many for want of proper information had imbibed, might be removed, and the representations that some had made of their faith and doctrine, might have no effect - that by thus affording opportunity to any who were dissatisfied with them, to hear, and examine the principles they hold - such might judge freely for themselves, how far they were consistent with the Christian Religion as established by Christ and his Apostles in the new Testament, - "That on this account they generally chose to hold their Meetings in Places where few or no Quakers lived, as being most likely to answer the prime end of their institution. - "I further asked him whether their Ministers were not appointed, and paid for their attending as divers of them lived near 200 miles from this place. - for altho' I knew they were not paid for Preaching, yet I thought it not reasonable they should undertake such Journeys at their expence." - " He assured me," they were neither appointed to attend, nor paid anything for attending - that the Meetings was free for all those Ministers, who were approved by their own Meetings, - that they all attended freely and at their own expence in all places where none of their Friends lived to entertain them. - That as the Promotion of Morality and Virtue was the Prime end of their Labour, the hope that this end, might be in some degree answered, and the consciousness of having endeavoured to the best of their ability to promote it, was efficient recompense for their trouble on the occasion.

This account, which I had the strongest reason to Credit, gave me a very favourable opinion of the disinterestedness of the Quakers principles and of their sincerity in maintaining them, it also excited me to attend their Meetings, - and justice obliges me to own, that I heard little to which I could object but much to approve and commend, their discourse having a general tendency to discourage vice, and Immorality, and to promote those virtues, and that religion which is universally obligatory on Rational Beings and best conduces to their happiness. - I will not attempt to account for that principle which can incite a People thus to apply their time and Money, for the good of Mankind, from the most disinterested and benevolent motives, but must confess I think it a subject worthy the most Sagacious Philosopher to investigate, and perhaps on an impartial scrutiny, it may appear, from its Nature, tendency, and effects, to be divine in its Origin.

Taken out of the Publick papers

\*For erecting, and use of the Booth they paid £56

3 mo. 18<sup>th</sup>. 1777

Some Expressions that dropt from our dear Child Anne Leaver near her Conclusion - thought it was a pity should be lost, believing they may be of benefit to those who survive. From the above date to the closing period of Life, She at times was attended with great difficulty of breathing, and her Cough very troublesome, being seiz'd about one OClock in the morning with a violent pain in her shoulder, which after some time abated and she seem'd easy - till about three OClock - when she had a sharp pain in her breast and Stomach - which increased the difficulty of breathing and brought on a soariness in her breast. The doctor being sent for ordered her to be Bled which was performed in the afternoon and seem'd for some time to relieve her, yet express'd her belief that her time would not be long, said, the prospect of Eternity was awful, and tho' she had not committed any thing bad, yet at times found it difficult when at Meeting to get to that steady watchfulness and settled composure she longed for, thought herself little better sometimes when she returned than when she went which she thought was a sad thing - but she was thankful for the favoured opportunities we have sometimes had been in sitting together at home, said she hoped the Almighty had blotted out her transgressions and fervently prayed, She might be enabled to bear with patience the trying

dispensation she had to pass through, which she believed was allotted for her for further purification - and beg'd for a certain evidence that her conclusion might be happy and her passage easy, which was mercifully granted. she once expressed herself in this manner "Our Saviour said, with me there is peace, and I only wish to be at peace with him" At another time looking about her said it is pleasant, but I hope to see a pleasanter place soon and desired her Sisters who were present with her, would so learn to live, as to be fit to die, and pray'd the Almighty to bless them. saying at another time, I thought before I was so ill that morning, that perhaps I might recover, but then it fix'd on my mind I should not, It appears very awful to look at Eternity and few young people in time of health think so much of their latter end as they ought to do, tho' indeed they have as much cause as the more advanc'd having no more certainty of life, she plainly saw those of a cheerful disposition when in Company were in danger of going too far, adding, those who are taken in youth escape many snares and Temptations that such who live longer are in danger to be hurt by. several times express'd her humble thankfulness to the Almighty for this last weeks illness saying it had been a profitable tho painful dispensation to her, At another time said when in great pain - Oh its hard work, how needful when in health so to live as to be in readiness for it was enough to struggle with the pain of the body, and plainly saw it was as necessary for us to watch over our thoughts as words and Actions, desiring the prayers of those present that she might be supported under her affliction with patience. 3<sup>rd</sup>. Mo. 21<sup>st</sup>. She had a painful day but in the afternoon was favoured with stillness and composure of mind after which she thought herself going, took a solemn farewell of her any connections and Friends and desired all present might make due preparation for that solemn and awful time when the Soul must be separated from the body, saying she did not expected to have had anything of that kind to deliver but as it came into her mind, she dropt it, Said, I want to be gone, I seem to have no business here, After which her pain returned and she found she should not go so soon as she expected but begg'd for patience saying the Lords time is the best time. 22<sup>nd</sup>. the doctor was desirous to try something further which seem'd to trouble her, saying I hope surely nothing can be done, to bring me back again, desired she might have nothing to stupify her, for she was loth to go asleep. On having two Blisters laid on, Oh what am I to be troubled with these things for, I am out of the reach of Blisters no Mortal can help me, but if my Father desires it, to please him I'll submit, After the agony was somewhat abated said "Oh that we could be a little quiet that so many would not come to see me it disturbs and unhinges me - I long for such a Calm as we had last night that we might sit comfortably together, that I might go to my rest this night, this Night is what I long'd for and been pretty easy from her sharp agonies for near an hour said, we are pure comfortable now and talk'd pleasantly saying the unwearied enemy had been endeavouring to trouble her but she found as had been told her, he was a liar and a Coward and she would not mind him and he drew back. - Well no one can tell what I feel but if it is to purify me for an admittance into that holy place when no impure thing can enter, I am willing to bear ten times more and I hope with a tolerable degree of patience too I hope I am not impatient but really the conflict is so sharp at times that I cannot forbear crying out! Oh Lord keep me - keep me - my God my help and please to release me this night I long to be gone, Altho' I had many pleasing prospects in view I have resigned them all and would not return back to the world again for no consideration the thought affrites me its not worth a thought - If I had the whole world in possession I would part with it freely to be this night in that holy rest I long for. Oh I continue my old wish, that my dissolution may be this Evening if it please the Almighty. She at times lamented that People advanc'd in years should be so closely attach'd to the world as too many appear'd to be, saying they must soon leave it. She likewise said, she wondered how such would be able to meet the awful summons who spent their time in Dress amusements and dissipation which was so much the practice, with many in this Town and the world over. In the Evening had a precious Opportunity in holy stillness after which one at present had to supplicate the Almighty who in times past Calm'd the Wind and the Sea, to calm the sore conflict that a quiet Serenity might take place which was in mercy granted. We went down to supper but had not been long before she sent for her Mother to come tho' said she was not

worse but wanted to speak to her, upon my going to her she told me with sweet composure and calmness, My dear Mother I am now going and would have my Father and Sisters to come and sit with me a while and take a final leave - my prayer is granted for I have earnestly begg'd I might not see the light of another morning "took a solemn and affectionate leave saying she wondered she could part with her nearest connections so easy, For I have no Tears to shed but it is not thro' hardness of heart for I know I love you as well as ever but it is to me an earnest that I am going to something greater." She said she saw the emptiness of this World and would not for it all be call'd back. - Desiring her affectionate love to many of her absent Relations and particularly to some near her equals in the years, saying let them be admonished from me how they spend their time, again repeating that she plainly saw those who were young had as much need to be careful as those more advanc'd that they might be prepared for that solemn awful period "I am thankful Death is no Terror to me, after sometime said "it's all over and I am perfectly happy, have no pain, the conflict is at an end, then taking her last leave of us, saying, farewell - farewell fare you all well, I hope in a while to meet you all again where I am going, but hope you will not have such a conflict to pass through as I have had but I believe it is all for the best, Pausing a while "she said, I am now going to join the Saints and Angels and the Spirits of just Men made perfect" after which said, I have no more to say, I would have you leave me, for I am going to Sleep, then laying her head quietly upon the Pillow expired without Sigh or Groan ye 22<sup>nd</sup>. of ye. 3<sup>rd</sup>. Mo. at half past 11 o Clock at Night aged 20 Years and 6 Months.

Such was the happy conclusion of our dearly beloved Child whose loss to us is great but doubtless her Eternal gain.

The 20<sup>th</sup>. her Corps was taken to the Meetinghouse in Nottingham, which after a large solemn Meeting was decently interr'd in friends burying Ground there.

M. Leaver.

(A Copy)

#### Elizabeth Dale to Richard Shackleton

Dear Cousin Richard Shackleton

Thy very acceptable lines came duly to hand; I can't fully express how much I think myself obliged to thee for thy tender regard for a poor creature (even in my own opinion) sunk below thy notice; tis an obliging condescension in thee to propose commencing a correspondence with me and will be always gratefully remembered. I should have been very sorry indeed if thou had entertain'd a thought that I cou'd have been displeas'd with any part of thy Letter. Those passages that strike the most home to the source of my troubles, (I mean my own misconduct) were not unwelcome; and by painful experience can witness to the truth of thy just remarks; to walk in a path of inward and outward affliction has been, nor have I any expectation of much alteration for the better in this life; bereft even at times of the Flatterer hope: my inward situation is perfectly known to no one person; I am obliged frequently to has appeared serene and cheerful, when my poor heart is torn with conflicting passions; I have not a sufficient foundation to support myself under my daily tryals, and my attention too much taken up, and engrossed with the cares of this world; I seldom get to Meetings my husband being unwilling that any business shou'd be neglected however trifling on that account.

I have involved my poor Children too in many perplexities; may the Lord have mercy, and compassion on them who are innocent of my transgression; and direct their feet in the right path, which I have forsaken, and turned aside from, which has cost me my peace.

Thou art a Father of Children, and Daughters too, 'tis my sincere desire they may be preserved from the like error; and take warning from me who have not had one hours solid satisfaction I believe since I was married. I once thought no person on Earth capable of

drawing me so far aside; secure and confiding in my own imaginary strength, I dar'd at first to dally with the Temptation; I am convinced by sad experience that the most trifling digression from our known duty, is a very great advance to the Contrary.

I take notice of thy observation that few who have been guilty of my crime are ever of much service in the Society after; 'tis not likely they shou'd; the nature of the offence, and the consequence attending it excluded from a moral possibility of it; What right have we to expect miracles to be wrought in favour of the disobedient who have been knowingly so; and have neither ignorance nor a negligent education to plead for excuse.

Dr. Cousin in perusing what I have writ, I can't but think it may appear a little particular that I should use so much freedom in my first letter to a person I have never seen; but I am encouraged, and call'd upon as it were to an almost unlimited frankness by thine, which shows thee to be a sincerely well wishing, and sympathising Friend; and in some measure sensible of my Condition. Permit me to request a continuance of thy tender regard for me. My Husband, Self, and Children are mercifully favoured with good health, tho' 'tis a sickly time here with many – Wm. Longmire of Leeds died lately, his death was in the last weekly paper which was the first account we had of it. My dear Love attends thee, thy Wife, and Children from thy Affectionate Kinswoman

Elizabeth Dale

P: S. Please to excuse bad Writing and errors. I am in haste and have my little ones busy about me.

Haverfordwest 10 mo. 29<sup>th</sup>. 1770

Esteemed Friend Robert Dudley

Thine from Warrington of the 18<sup>th</sup>. of ye. 7 mo. I did not receive till about 13<sup>th</sup>. of 9<sup>th</sup>. being the Evening of my return home. I was detain'd at Worcester thro' indisposition considerably longer than I intended, however I know not but it might be permitted for some wise purpose (tho' a time of Exercise) unknown to us poor Mortals, and if the great end of our being is but answered it is enough - I was favoured to prosecute the remainder of my Journey to my satisfaction. I had the opportunity in my return of accompanying my friend C: Payton to several Meetings in her way to the Circular Meeting; which I find by repeated accounts was uncommonly satisfactory, which affords renewed cause of thankfulness to those who are travelling for the prosperity of Zion and the welfare of Jerusalem.

Thy friendly advice on the interesting affair now under my Consideration claims my deep and weighty attention and I may now proceed to inform thee that through the gracious condescension of at merciful Preserver I have had greater evidence of its Rectitude than I a poor unworthy Mortal did expect, and in times of favour I have seen the clearest prospect of it so that I hope our conduct hitherto have not been displeasing in the sight of Heaven, it is its blessing we crave whereby alone a foundation for Happiness can be laid in Time and Eternity. If thou should see thy friend at Woodbridge please to remember my dear love having often thought of your Situation since we parted with nearness and Affection and which I trust accompanies my mind in Writing these Lines and if you are likely to proceed should be pleas'd to be inform'd of it.

I have thro' Mercy had my health better of late If this affair between my Friend and me should take place I don't expect but it will be some time first for as thou observes its necessary to see when, as well as with whom to proceed. I think I have given thee the most particular account I am at present capable of, and therefore shall now Conclude with the Salutation of Gospel Love and Remain thy Assured Friend

Mary Colsworthy

P. S. This comes by Captain Harvey a Friend of the Nation who has given me expectation he'll forward it by post from Cork.

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The following Prayer was dropt in a public Meeting of Friends in Philadelphia by Nicholas Wall a Lawyer.

O Lord God arise and let thine enemies be scattered - Baptise me with the Baptism wherewith thou was Baptised, dip me yet deeper in Jordan - Thou has done much for me, and thou hast a right to expect much; Do thou give me grace to continue faithful, and where-ever thou leadest, O Lord I will follow thee, thro' persecution even unto Martyrdom, if my Life is required I will freely Sacrifice it, for now I know that my Redeemer lives - The mountains are removed Hallelujah. I thank thee O Father Lord of Heaven and Earth, that thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent and hast revealed them unto Babes and Sucklings.

## Part of a Welsh Sermon

A Bride should have nine Qualifications all beginning with the letter P. - viz. - Piety, Person, and Parts, Patience, Prudence, and Providence, Privilege, Parentage, and Portion, and that which should be first of all and most of all in consideration which is Piety, is now a days at the last of all the least of all and with many none at all, and that which should be least of all and the last of all in consideration, which is Portion, is now become first of all, most of all, and with many all in all.

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Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come. Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive Glory, and Honour, and Power: For thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are, and were created, Rev. IV. 8 - 11

From the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends held in London from ye. 27<sup>th</sup>. to the 30<sup>th</sup>. of ye. 5<sup>th</sup>. mo 1776. To the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends of the principality of Wales.

Dear Friends

The sweet influence of that love which cements into holy union the members of the one body, over which Christ Jesus our Lord his head; were sensibly felt to the tendering of some of our Spirits and gathering them into near fellowship with you who are in Sufferings; upon the reading your acceptable (tho' short) epistle dated 2<sup>nd</sup>. Instant. And tho' we have nothing to boast or glory in, but our Infirmities, the living sense of which at times greatly abases the Creature, yet for your Encouragement we can say, there are some amongst us who witness a being roused up, and afresh strengthened to bear witness to the efficacy of that pure grace, still allsufficient to save; bear up and preserve the humble dependant mind administering at seasons power to the faint, Riches to the poor, Wisdom to the foolish, and remains all in all to those who desire to adhere to its sacred dictates. And Dear Friends, Notwithstanding it may be the lot of some of the Lords Children, thus to pass thro' many hidden conflicts; we trust not barely on their own behalf - but dipt into Sufferings for the Bodys sake which is the Church, painfully bemoaning the defections of too many, from the antient simplicity, and holy highway, which leads to the Kingdom of rest and peace, for the return of whom are strong desires are raised in our hearts unto the Almighty, that he would be pleased to renew the days of his immediate power, that thro' the effectual operation of that word sharp and sharper than any two edged sword, he might pierce the Pavilion of sloth and fleshly ease.

But there is no Cause for the faithful Servants of Christ to be discouraged who walk not by sight, nor live of Bread alone, but with dedicated hearts do keep the Solemn Fast - in the appointment of unerring Wisdom, and thereby are prepared to receive, the times of refreshment, which comes from the presence of the Lord. - and its these that can say, the keeping of the Commandments is the Doctrine of Life - Therefore be encouraged Dear Friends, to dwell deep and keep the word of his patience; who alone can preserve in the hour of Temptation; and is a never failing source of Wisdom and Strength, to those who put their trust in him; there is yet Balm in Gilead, there is a Physician of value there, To him let us apply for counsel, who can confirm the doubting mind, gird up the loins of weary travellers, and cause their health to spring forth speedily. And Dear friends let not the smallness of your number furnish occasions of diffidence, or distrust, for the care of the good Shepherd is extended over his whole Flock and family, however remotely scattered, or solitary in their situations. "He will be as the Dew unto Israel, and they shall grow as the Lillys and cast forth their Roots as Lebanon."

We are glad to find your Christian concern continued to maintain the discipline of the Church, and would encourage your steady perseverance therein, believing that there are none shall shut a door in the Lords house for nought; Nor those who are under proper Qualifications are desirous to build, or repair the waste places in our Zion, miss of their reward, but upon all their defence will be seen a degree of glory.

We have with humble reverence to acknowledge this annual Assembly has been large and favoured with the labour of such, who have been help'd rightly to divide the Word of Truth, administ'ring the necessary portion to the various states of the people, feeding the Fat with Judgment; proclaiming Liberty to the captives; wisely enforcing the necessity of an inward watchful abiding under the sanctifying operation of Truth; cherishing its discoveries, and obeying its dictates, as the only way to draw down the renewings of Divine blessings, and to establish us on the immutable foundation, - the Rock of Ages To Him therefore, who is not only able to build you up in the most holy Faith; but to keep you also from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his Glory with exceeding Joy, do we desire to commend you with our own Souls, and affectionately bid you farewell.

Signed in and on behalf of said Meeting by

Elizabeth Talwin Clerk

## To Friends of the Womens Meeting in Dublin

I have had a concern on my Mind for sometime that our Women Friends might come up in their respective Duties and services in the Church; and to be Assistant in their places to support our Christian Testimony, I found freedom to communicate the following observations to your Meeting in particular, and to the Womens Meetings in this Nation in general as Friends may find a Service.

As the Man is not complete in the outward without the Woman; neither the Woman without the Man, but are Helpmeets for each other in things natural. So as the Man and Woman are Baptized by the one eternal Spirit and Power into the one Body, of which Christ is the head, they become Male and Female both one in Christ, have their respective Services allotted to them, and are made helpmeets for each other in the Spiritual Houshold or Family viz. the Church of Christ. Our Forefathers and Worthy Elders being sensible hereof, saw it necessary that Womens Meetings should be established, that they might unite with the Men in a holy concern for the good of the Body and and. A care in the following particulars seems properly to belong to Womens Meetings, and are accordingly recommended to them.

1<sup>st</sup>. That they admonish the Women to be diligent and exemplary in attending Meetings for Worship, and when they observe any remiss in that duty, or if they attend Meetings, but not duly at the Hour appointed, they should faithfully exhort them to be more diligent and careful therein.

2<sup>nd</sup>. That important point the Education of Children ought in a great Measure to become the care of Mothers; especially Daughters and consequently is not foreign to the notice of Womens Meetings, but properly their business in Love to intreat one another that in this they have at heart to bring them up in the Nurture and Admonition of the Lord, that they be careful not to deck them in gaudy Superfluous Apparel, thereby nursing the seeds of Pride and Levity, which being so cherish'd in them grow in time to such a degree as to give much trouble to the faithful Members, both of Men's and Women's Meetings and from which it is then found difficult if not impracticable to have reclaim them.

3<sup>rd</sup>. Where they hear or observe that any deviate from the Plainness of Speech Apparel, Address or Salutations constantly practiced and recommended by our antient Friends, as well as by the faithful at this day, or whose conversation in any other respect, is inconsistent and unbecoming the meek and Self-denying followers of Christ; that they be careful to discharge themselves by giving timely caution and admonition.

4<sup>th</sup>. In order to prevent Clandestine Marriages, when they hear or suspect any to keep Company with those not of our Profession (or even with those of that are) without the consent of Parents Guardians or Masters that they speedily enquire into the Truth thereof, and precaution such, and where they find the Parents Master, or Guardian have not kept their places as they ought, that the Men Friends be acquainted therewith, that they may join in a proper care that Truth and its Testimony may be preserved blameless.

5<sup>th</sup>. That they be careful to discover Backbiting, Whispering, Tatling, or Talebearing, and deal with those that offend therein.

6<sup>th</sup>. As the Women Friends will know the Experience of Cloathing and feeding Sickly, Infirm, or helpless Persons or Children, they shou'd enquire into the Necessities of such especially Widows and Infants, and when they cannot relieve themselves, that they make a report to the Men Friends both who such are and what they think a suitable Weekly Allowance or otherwise.

Lastly. In order that these things to be carefully observed it is expedient that the Womens Meeting of appoint two Overseers, who in their turn shall faithfully discharge the Meetings care, when they shall hear of anything or observe it themselves, that shall need to their assistance and care, and report to the several Womens Meetings it during a continuance in such Service, how they have discharged themselves of the trust reposed in them.

Dublin, 22<sup>nd</sup>. 1<sup>st</sup>. Mo. 1753

John Churchman

## An Invitation from the Spirit of Christ to the Churches.

Attend all ye that are oppress'd  
 Ye wounded come away  
 In me the weary find a rest  
 And troubled minds a stay

Tis I can calm the headstrong Youth  
 And purge away his pride  
 I am the way of life and Truth  
 Nor ask another guide

I from my Father's bosom came  
 Love pointed out the way  
 To reconcile and to reclaim  
 A world that ran astray

I am the Shepherd hear my voice  
 Under my influence come  
 Ye stragglers let me be your choice  
 And I'll conduct you home

My mission is to gather all  
 The outcast and forlorn  
 To free the Prisoner from his thrall  
 And comfort them that mourn

In me redemption does reside  
 Grace plentiful and free  
 Be wise and turn no more aside  
 And I'll your Captain be

My strain to you in Love I bend  
 That seek for rest in vain  
 Regard my call your errors mend  
 And you shall life obtain

And now is the accepted time  
 And the oppressed Seed to save  
 My voice shall make it springs sublime  
 And flourish o'er its Grave

Draw near to me all ye belov'd  
 E'er Earths firm base was laid  
 By soft persuasion be ye mov'd  
 To take my offered aid

Long have I waited at your Gates  
 Chill'd with the evening dews  
 My call I did reiterate  
 And with compassion woo

Your fall in Adam to retrieve  
 And turn your backs on sin  
 My counsel you would not receive  
 Nor use to let me in

That I the strong Man arm'd might bind  
 His lurking holds destroy  
 And introduce a tranquil mind  
 Love peace and heavenly joy

I promised tho' you slighted me  
 And did my work controul  
 A Bridegroom to each Bride I'd be  
 A Bishop to each Soul

Your last regards I now implore  
 Let me not be deny'd  
 Unlock the heart unbar the door  
 A Room for me provide

Behold my hands they are replete  
 From whence true honours flow  
 This I alone can make you great  
 And crowns of life bestow

By me the simple rise in sense  
 And fools true knowledge gain  
 Gifts I have plenty to dispense  
 E'en gifts to the prophane

Ye hungry come, come on your knees  
 My Tables richly spread  
 Drink Wine refined on the Lees  
 And eat Coelestial Bread

Buy Milk and honey without price  
 The festive board is free  
 Spend not your time to pamper vice  
 Nor coin for Heresy

To John Gough

Thy Rhymes I've read; my Frd. thy honest Rhymes,  
 Which well display the vices of the times;  
 The Lust of flesh and Eye, the pride of Life,  
 Tear Men asunder with divided strife:  
 Insidious Friends, which on vain Fools await  
 And smiling 'lure them to destructions gate:  
 Three Idols plac'd aloft for public gaze  
 To whom the world a willing homage pays,  
 The World besure - The World its own approves

And thro' all Nature like its likeness loves.

But oh my frd. to thee too well 'tis known,  
That not the vain and Frantic world alone,  
Not the blind Guides, and guided only stray,  
And grope and stumble in perditions way;  
Oh lend thy Spirits aid and sympathize  
While sorrows force, the muses art supplies;  
While virtues dearest, sinking cause I wail,  
And tell with bleeding heart the mournful tale.

When God was pleased at his appointed hour,  
To shake these Nations with Almighty power,  
And both these Islands in a ferment lay,  
Troubled, and toss'd like the surrounding sea;  
The specious scheme which human wisdom laid,  
And human strength secure not safe had made  
And all that artful Fabric proud and Tall  
It's frail foundations loss'ned 'gan to fall  
The veil of prejudice to be withdrawn,  
And God's eternal day began to dawn.  
Wak'd by the Lustre of such beaming light,  
And wrapt with wonder at the glorious sight;  
A chosen band up rais'd the drooping head,  
Who long had sought the living 'mong the dead.  
Who at their divers homes had seen from far,  
Had seen, and followed this resplendent Star.  
Led by one Guide, all to one station came,  
In Garb, in Speech, in manners, all the same;  
The object sought in homely guise they found,  
And King proclaim'd him to the Nations round;  
To their great King his own just rights restor'd,  
And men began to call upon the Lord.

Oh say, ye records of that glorious age,  
To public view spread wide the faithful page;  
Tell to the World, what Gospel Champions then,  
Wag'd mortal war, against the sins of Men;  
Relate their valour in this noble cause,  
While they maintain'd Religions sacred laws;  
How fiercest Sufferings patiently they bore,  
And spread their Masters Rule from shore to shore.

Hail. Heroes, Frds. who join the angelic throng,  
And with the morning Stars unite the song;  
Coelestial Anthems now your Souls employ,  
And with the Sons of God you shout for joy.

Such were the worthies who the fight sustain'd,  
Who kept the Faith, and more than conquest gain'd  
Consigning to the next succeeding race,  
Their dear earn'd purchase to profess in peace.

But oh, ye heav'ns astonish'd lend your ear,  
And thrice invok'd dull Earth affrighted hear;  
A Generation soon, too soon arose,  
To their own lasting bliss inveterate Foes;  
Degenerate offspring of a noble Vine,  
Their bitter Clusters yield no generous wine:

But Grapes of Gall their venom'd Juice distill,  
 And noxious cups of baneful poison fill:  
 A people rose, forgetful of that hand,  
 Their Sires which rescued out of Egypt's land;  
 A people rose that lov'd the servile chain,  
 And to the Land of Thraldom turn'd again;  
 A people rose, that fed as luscious prey,  
 On the mean Trash their Sires had thrown away,  
 A people rose, who turn themselves to jest,  
 False to their Faith, and Principle profest;  
 Blind, branded slaves, who grind in abject sort,  
 And for their foes make voluntary sport.

Return, Return, oh lost the sense of shame,  
 Assert your Birthright, and your freedom claim;  
 'Gainst vile oppression make a strenuous stand,  
 And leave indignant the polluted land.  
 No dolard, all thy grave advice we scorn,  
 We'll urge our flight on rapid courses born:  
 On our unbridled wills impetuous speed,  
 Elate we'll flee, nor ought thy precept heed.

Since Fools resolve to Egypt's land you'll flee,  
 Flee then, and swift shall your pursuers be;  
 Sure vengeance shall oertake your stubborn pride,  
 And in your fall shall God be glorified.  
 But what are these who listless midway stand,  
 'Twixt Egypts confines, and the promised land;  
 The wretched Fugitives unmov'd they view,  
 Nor lift a hand to stay the vagrant crew;  
 Spectators tame, they frigid Conference hold,  
 What days were once, what worthies ruled of old;  
 What Chiefs stood stedfast in the foremost fight,  
 None now remain to stop the general flight;  
 Then bless themselves that this so plain they see,  
 Nor with the multitude abandoned flee.  
 Oh quick of sight, your Brethrens faults to find,  
 But to your own unhappy state how blind;  
 Active to serve at the ends of selfish love,  
 But lame in virtues sacred cause to move;  
 Such lame, and Blind did Davids soul detest,  
 David whose soul e'en Gods own heart express'd;

Can those who manifest no noble zeal,  
 No firm attachment to the public weal;  
 Can those who base inglorious neuters stand,  
 Expect a bounty from the Royal hand?  
 Shou'd such as ne'er to mix in combat dare,  
 The Spoils, and honours of the conquest share?  
 With men to danger who their lives expose,  
 In glorious Battle 'gainst their Countries foes.

No. Tis not thus the God of armies draws,  
 And stirs to fight in his illustrious cause;  
 Nor views the Base, and Brave with equal eyes,  
 Nor deals to both an undistinguish'd prize.

Blessings and honours will the Chiefs await,

Who turn the dangerous battles to the Gate;1  
 But curst the Dastard who aloof hath stood, 2  
 And hath his sword kept back from hostile blood.

    Come then my Friend below'd above thy Peers,  
 Whose life instruct me, and whose converse cheers;  
 I feel the holy raptures warn'd thy breast,  
 And all thy Soul the sacred flame confest;  
 If in thy Veins e'er beat the pulse of Life,  
 And thy heart panted for the generous strife;  
 Come Brother, come, lets join the heart, and hand  
 And with Coelestial arms our foes withstand 3  
 To their chief City Babylon we'll go,  
 And meditate her fatal overthrow,  
 Mother of Harlots, haughty Queen she rides,  
 On foaming waves, which fence her tow'ring sides 4  
 Oh for a host that wou'd begird her round,  
 And her proud walls lay level with the ground;  
 With Heavens Artillery shake her gilded towers,  
 Ransack her palaces, and spoil her Bowers;  
 Into her inmost Chambers force their way,  
 And bear her deeds of Darkness to the day;  
 Break down the props of her presumptuous trust,  
 And all her Students humble to the dust;  
 Great Babylon her chief will thus deplore,  
 Is fall'n, is fall'n; Alas to rise no more:

    This sung thy Frd. and first the tribute pays,  
 To Friendship due in these unpolished lays.  
 These lays, the picture of their Masters mind,  
 Honest tho' poor, insincere tho' not refin'd;  
 The Critics Judgment may the Poet blame,  
 The friend of virtue must approve the theme.

Ballitore  
 30<sup>th</sup>. 12<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1766

Richard Shackleton

1. Isa. 22. 6                      2. Isa. 48: 10  
 3. 2nd. Kings. 10: 15.      4. Rev: 17: 5. 18:7. 17: 1.

To All those whom it may concern.

As I have often, in passing along the streets and highways, heard the most Sacred Name very profanely made use of, both by Men and Women, and many grievously calling for Damnation on themselves and one on another, my heart has been, and is, deeply afflicted thereat; and therefore I beseech you, in the Name of Jesus Christ, do not defile your Souls, which are dear and precious, by any wilful Sin: and amongst other things, do not take the Holy Name of God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him or her guiltless that taketh his Holy Name in vain. God would save you; why would any of you lose or destroy yourselves? Observe this attentively; for notwithstanding all what the Lord has done, and is doing for us, such as die in their Sins, where he is gone, they can never come. Abstain from drunkenness, and all excess, and from every appearance of evil; love one another, as Jesus Christ hath loved you; apply your souls to the witness of God within you, which reproves you for evil; submit to and obey its holy manifestations and discoveries, and it will do much more for you than all you can hear from

any man: this Witness of God is the Word of his Grace, even the Word of Life, which is able to save your Souls. In the love of the Gospel, I invite you all to come and taste how good and merciful the Lord is towards all those that return to him with their whole hearts.

Farewel  
Claude Gay

London, the 28<sup>th</sup>.  
of the 7<sup>th</sup>. Month 1777

A Serious and Poetical Address to the People of Manchester, Occasioned by the late Earthquake, felt there in the time of Divine Service, (so-called.)

"Heav'n gives the needful but neglected, Call."

Night Thoughts.

Britons while the Earth is Quaking,  
Burdened with her guilty Load,  
Hark! the great Jehovah's speaking,  
Listen to the voice of God,  
O revere it,  
While he only shakes his rod.

Deaf to all Expostulation,  
We Alas too long have been  
Favour'd tho' ungrateful Nation,  
Do not seek thy guilt to skreen,  
Judgments coming,  
Signs of the last day are seen.

Wars and Earthquakes join their Thunder,  
Stop and meditate the cause,  
While 'tis named do not wonder  
'Tis the breach of all good laws,  
Guilty Britons,  
View the Consequence and Pause.

Earth with human blood is drenching,  
While she trembles for the Guilt,  
War its fiery Bolts is quenching,  
In our Sons, whose Blood is spilt,  
British vengeance,  
Drives its Sword up to the Hilt.

View the Scenes on wide Atlantic,  
All in Thunder, Fire and Smoak,  
Fill'd with Fury, wild and frantic,  
Heav'ns dread Justice to provoke  
Dreadful Slaughter,  
Follows close each vengeful Stroke.

O ye Sons of wild Ambition,  
Swell'd with Luxury and Pride,

Britons view in this condition  
 From wide Oceans either side,  
 Yet Jehovah  
 Does the horrid sight abide.

He with Patience long has borne it  
 Pities Man, but hates our works,  
 Calls to peace, while Britons scorn it,  
 Worse than Infidels or Turks,  
 Fierce Destruction,  
 For its prey still prouls and lurks.

Mildly yet he stoops to call you,  
 Earth the trembling signal gives  
 Signal of what must befall you,  
 When your work reward receives,  
 Unless Britain  
 Hears, returns, repents and lives.

Britain's Guilt is a very weighty,  
 You in it have no small share,  
 You provoked the Almighty,  
 You address'd the King of War,  
 Shocking practice!  
 Better crav'd for Peace by far.

Churchmen, you who were Assembl'd,  
 Trembling less than stones for fear,  
 Think how you have but dissembl'd,  
 If Repentance was not there,  
 Practice this, and  
 You may of your Guilt Get clear.

Form and shew in stately Temples,  
 Wanting this your guilt increase,  
 Christian Lives and good Examples,  
 Spring from mental means of Grace;  
 Practice this, and  
 Britain's War will turn to Peace.

O Forsake your pride and Sinning,  
 Worship in the Lord's dread fear,  
 This is Wisdom's true Beginning,  
 All true Wisdom centres there;  
 Practise this, and  
 It will make the Conscience clear.

Earth now sets you an Example,  
 God would have you tremble too,  
 Worship him in his own Temple,  
 And he'll Quakers make of you;  
 Practice this, and  
 You'll be Christians real and true.

Thus work out your own Salvation,  
 It is God who works within,  
 By his Spirit's Inspiration,  
 Yield to be convinc'd of Sin,  
 Practice this, and  
 Gospel Worship will begin.

Tho' the Earthquake might affright you,  
 Least the Building down should fall,  
 It was but to Christ t'invite you,  
 Whose true Church is no stone wall  
 Come to Christ, and  
 You'll obey Jehovah's Call.

O believe the record given,  
 Of his son whose Light has reach'd  
 Ev'ry Creature under Heaven,  
 And in them the Gospel preach'd;  
 Practice this, and  
 Then you'll be divinely teach'd.

Stop your talk of Jesus's dying,  
 (Trade of which some make gain)  
 Strangers to true self - denying,  
 Do but take his Name in vain;  
 Pray in Secret,  
 'Till your Souls are born again.

God dwells not in an outward Building,  
 Not in Temples made with hands,  
 Worship is in the hearts true yielding,  
 To what God in it commands,  
 Practice this, and  
 Safe your Worship Temple stands.

Upon the Anniversary held at Preston in Lancashire by the people called Quakers ye. 19<sup>th</sup>. and  
 20<sup>th</sup>. of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Mo. 1738

To Prestons Solemnity many repair,  
 Who Presbyters Churchmen and Catholics are.  
 Both the Bench and Pulpit and the Gentry around,  
 Resort to the Bower and attend to the sound.  
 Of the Gospel gladdidings that published were,  
 Two days to the Churches assembled there.  
 Here men of distinction their Ladies were set,  
 Whilst the Fishers of Men stood spreading their net.  
 Brave Soldiers were sober their Serjeants attend,  
 And Beadles as Porters each day to the end.  
 When the People from Egypt were marching along,  
 Not one snarling mongrel moved his Tongue.  
 This notable passage occurs to my mind,

When such civil treatment in Preston we find.  
 In Preston that signally privileg'd Town,  
 For conduct and manners a place of renown,  
 Recorder and Mayor with Beauty and Grace,  
 Made way for the Gospel to flow in the place.  
 If once the Bereans obtained the name,  
 Of Nobles, then Preston twice merits the same.  
 May the God of all our mercies look down from above  
 And crown with his Blessings our labour of love.  
 And grant thee dear Preston many fresh visitations,  
 And make thee Old England the beauty of Nations.  
 Replenish our Monarch with Wisdom and Grace,  
 His Nobles and every branch of his Race.  
 From the Crown to the Dunghill each subject relieve,  
 And a twice double portion let Preston receive.  
 Cause Light in both Bench and Pulpit to shine,  
 When thou makes up thy jewels let Preston be thine,  
 Of all the Christian Towns in Europe excel,  
 The noble Prestorians carry the Bell.

Verses on the Yearly Meeting held at Preston in Lancashire ye 16<sup>th</sup>. and 17<sup>th</sup>. of 4 mo. 1766

Hail! happy Town how should'st thou now rejoice,  
 Since thou's been blest with a new spiritual voice.  
 The Spirit calls so doth the Light within,  
 To cleanse the heart from wickedness and Sin.  
 If you refuse to see by clearest Light,  
 Gross are your hearts and dull is your sight.  
 But better things we hope since Fothergill,  
 So boldly has asserted Man's free will.  
 Two Famous Heroines from distant parts,  
 With soft melodious voice and tender hearts.  
 Did hither come to teach you Truth and Grace,  
 And not in vain I hope to any place.  
 The Spirit now its mighty power displays,  
 Since Females preach in these our later days.  
 The Scriptures are fulfill'd in very deed,  
 And Joel's words we oftens now shou'd read.  
 Your Sons and Daughters both shall prophecy  
 Your Old men dream, the Young in Trances lie.  
 On Servants and on Maids the spirit fall,  
 A Sinful world to true repentance call.  
 Was I a partner with such Heroines,  
 I shou'd not long be burthened with my Sins.  
 O famous Fothergill get me a share,  
 Of Light and Love if any be to spare.  
 How one might spend their days and months and Years,  
 In charms of a rapturous love without all fears.  
 Had I a spirit of true Quakers love,  
 Through all the regions of the globe I rove.  
 The Light within a should daily me inspire,

To raise affection from each new desire.  
 I'd love their bodies even as well as Souls,  
 True Love Deficiencies always controls.  
 Methinks I feel spirit work within,  
 Or striving against the motions of each saying.  
 When Spirit moves, my heart to obey is the core,  
 I'm ready for to die with love of all.  
 What wonders now appears in these our days,  
 When females do thus celebrate God's praise.  
 From small beginnings what great things arise,  
 Wife's Widows Maids, can preach us to the skies.  
 My Brethren dear take warning by this thing,  
 And with loud voice such Womens praises sing.  
 O! I could dwell for ever on this Task,  
 Give me the Light of Love no more I ask.  
 If love is the fulfilling of the Law,  
 And full of it to happiness we go.  
 But I'll conclude and finish this address,  
 May we this inward Spirit all possess.

Note. The Original was found dropt in a Grocers Shop in Preston.

The number of Children in Friends School at Ackworth ye. 1<sup>st</sup>. of ye. 5<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1780.

from	Boys	Girls
Berkshire	1	0
Cambridgeshire Huntingdonshire and Isle of Ely	12	5
Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire	0	3
Durham	5	1
Dorsetshire	1	1
Essex	9	4
Hampshire	0	2
Herefordshire	4	4
Kent	2	0
Lancashire	3	1
Lincolnshire	1	0
London and Middlesex	9	7
Northumberland	2	0
Norfolk	1	1
Suffolk	1	0
Sussex	0	3
Warwickshire	0	1
Wiltshire	1	0
Worcestershire	2	0
Yorkshire	15	18
South Wales	1	0
Scotland	0	2
	70	53

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## Copy of Christopher Batty's Letter to Betty Lonsdale

Kendal. April 9<sup>th</sup>. 1780.

Miss Lonsdale,

The book you sent me I have perused, and as you will want to know my Sentiments thereon I have delivered my Thoughts to you in Writing. In Page the 5<sup>th</sup>. he tells us that "Paul instead of a Bible in his Hand went with Experience in his Heart into Arabia to preach the Gospel." but the People in Arabia might justly have called him a right Enthusiast, if he had not proved his Mission from the Bible, in one Place he says that he preached Jesus and the Resurrection, in another Place the Faith he once destroyed, Look also upon Stephen's Sermon in the Acts where he ranges all the Old Testament Prophecies in Order to proved the Point, he Thought most likely to turn the People from the Error of their Ways, now I leave you to judge whether we must follow Hugh Turford or these two were inspired Men. "In Page 13. he says, We all bring with us a Seed of Grace as well as a Seed of Sin etc. now all along through the whole Book he maintains that this grace if attended to, will lead a Man to Glory." Now I wonder how any Man in his Senses who has read the Scripture, can maintain such a Notion, Paul says of himself as a Jew, we were by Nature Children of wrath, even as other, I know says he in me that is in my Flesh dwells no good thing, I am determined to know nothing else, but Jesus Christ and him crucified. Paul follow the Light within ( even natural Conscience) before his Conversion, I believe as exactly as your Author but when he had Faith given, in the Righteousness of the Son of God, and then all the Dependence he had before, by following the Light within quickly vanished like Clouds before the Sun, seeing all his own Righteousness as Dung, and longed to be found in the Righteousness of God by Faith. In Page 20. your Author intimates that Paul quarrelled with the Galatians only for not following the Light within now I beg you'll read that Epistle without a Bias upon your Mind, and you'll find the Apostle blames them for having joined Circumcision or a Part of Moses' Law with the Gospel of Jesus through the ensnaring Talk of some false teachers: having begun in the spirit do ye seek to be made perfect by the Flesh, your Author supposes this means having left following the Light within, whereas 'tis very evident, he here contrasts the Law with the Gospel; the latter of which is the Spirit of Life. Of the Law he shews them that by sliding from under the Gospel, into the Elements of the Law they thereby become Debtors to perform unerring Obedience to every Command, and not continuing in the same became obnoxious to the Curse from which every one are delivered, not by following the Light within but by believing in the Atonement made by Jesus, who as Paul says, was not only made a Curse, but Sin for all who believe; that they might be made the Righteousness of God in him: he also says another of the Place that Jesus was made of God unto us Wisdom, Righteousness etc. this was Paul's Foundation this is every believer's Foundation in every Age, and whoever is building on any other will at the last Day meet with this Rebuke Depart from me I know thee not. In page 38, he says " as we are born into the World we are all innocent, this I have fully confuted on the other Side by plain Scripture, therefore shall say no more of it. In Page 41, he says, " Vice is not pulled down by Guardians, Parents, or Preachers, let Paul's own Testimony

of himself confute this, when God called him to the Ministry, it was to open the Gentile's blind eyes, to turn them from the Power of Satan to the living God.

In Page 48. He says instead of searching the Scriptures for a right Form, he desires they'll labour to live under the Government of a right Spirit, the Light within he means, here indeed I am shocked my very Blood chills, in my Veins. the positive Command to every one in Christendom is " Search the Scriptures, for in them ye think ye have eternal life etc. The Entrance of thy Word giveth Life, and in the Acts of the Apostles God commended the in Bereans, for Searching the Scriptures, but the most striking Say to all who thus undervalue the Word of God is in Revelations," if any Man shall add, or take from the Words of this Book (God says) I will take away his Part out of the Book of Life and out of the holy City. In Page 74. he says, "every Man has Rebukes for Sin, and these Rebukes are the Appearance of Grace. Judas had rebukes for Sin, and every smart ones too, but his hanging himself and directly, was a very poor Appearance of Grace. In Page 83, he says "Christ was not given for a Leader to the Gentiles till they had turned from their Ungodliness, has strangely here the Author tramples upon the Word of God and substituteth the Vaporous of his own Brain in it's Room. Abraham was justified when he was a Gentile, by believing Gods Word and the Offering up his Son proves the Sincerity of his Faith, and Paul says that God justifies the ungodly, now everyone that he's a building a Babel within, flies in the Face of these glorious Texts, because they say his Foundation, will rob him of his Idols, which he endeavours to conceal among his Stuff like Rachel. As I have no more Room to make any more Remarks I shall cease; but in Page 94. As great an Error is advanced as any; also Page 98. and 99. also 125. and 131. now I would not have you to think that I have wrote either on Purpose to shew my Wil, or to make you my Enemy, but truly out of a Regard for your Soul, if you are sunk into any of the above named Errors I shall be very sorry. I have spoken the Truth, and the Sentiments of my Heart, if it is best, it is wholly of the Lord

Your's C. B.

Copy of C. P's Answer to C. B's Letter.

Friend C.B. I lately lent my niece Elizabeth Lonsdale a small Book wrote by Hugh Turford, who informs me that by Reason of some Conversation which had passed betwixt thee and her upon religious Subjects, and from a Desire that thou mightest be better informed of our Principles, she had put that Book into thy Hands, and received thy written Sentiments upon its Contents: which at my Request she hath given me, upon perusing of which I find myself engaged to take this Way of labouring to support the Truth of the Doctrine contained in the said Book. But at the same Time wish thee to understand that it is from no other Motive than to justify (after a Christian Manner) of the Labours of the Author, and if possible to convince thee of the Danger of continuing in Sentiments so opposite to the Tenor of the Scriptures and the Experience of Thousands at this Day as well as in former Ages. Now in order to proceed with propriety therein, I shall begin with thy first Objection, or Note upon Page the 5<sup>th</sup>. Wherein thou sayest that the People of Arabia might justly have called Paul a right Enthusiast, if he had not proved his Mission from the Bible, but this is evidently rambling from Reason without Scripture to support thee, for the Arabians were Gentiles, or Heathens as Hugh Turford adds to what thou hast quoted; and therefore what could it have advantaged Paul or the Cause in which he was engaged, if he had repeated in their Hearing all the Writings of the Old Testament, since they undoubtably were either Strangers thereunto, or believed not therein, for which Reason we cannot suppose that the Contents of the Bible, would be regarded by them as a proof either of the Truth of his Doctrine or Mission, and therefore not that we find made Use of; indeed it would be highly irrational, and must appear so to every considerate Person to attempt to prove, or clear up a doubtful Matter merely on the Validity of another which is equally disputed, and which must have been strictly the Case with the

Gentiles, had the Apostles endeavoured to maintain the Gospel by the sole Writings of the Old Testament; besides we find that Paul in his Ministry to the Athenians, was led to make use of other means as in Acts Chap. 17. where he quotes and enlarges upon a Saying of one of their own Poets, which he undoubtedly supposed would have a greater Place with them.

Thy Citation of Paul's having preached Jesus and the Resurrection, and the Faith which he once destroyed as a Confirmation that Paul might have been justly accused of Enthusiasm if he had not proved his Mission from the Bible; does not by any Means answer thy Purpose, but militates against thy own Argument for first it appears that he in disputes with the Jews and some have been devout to the Men (whom he met with at Athens) preached them the Doctrine of Christianity respecting Jesus the Saviour and the Resurrection; upon which some Epicurean and Stoick Philosophers encountered him as a Setter forth of strange Gods, see the said 17. Chap. of Acts from Verse 16. to the End; and after they had brought him to the Areopagus (or Court on Mars hill) he stood up and explained the Doctrines concerning which he was attacked, but we find he neither attempted to prove his Gospel Mission, nor the Truth of his Doctrines by Scripture Testimony but by a Language adapted to the dark State of their Understandings; and secondly we may see the Inefficacy of a mere external Acquaintance with the Scriptures, in the very Person of that Apostle; for although he was well acquainted with the Sacred Writings in which the Coming of the Messiah was foretold; had been brought up at the Feet of Gamaliel, and taught according to the perfect Manner of Law of his Fathers. Yet for all this his Scriptural Knowledge, we find he persecuted and opposed the Church of Christ; and wasted it beyond Measure, until God called him by his Grace and reveal'd his Son in him, then it was that he preached the Faith which he once destroyed; a Faith founded upon his certain Experience, and not a merely on either the Records of Scripture or the Testimonies of Men. The Practice of Stephen is likewise equally inapplicable to the Point in Hand, for he was addressing the Jews who had, and believed in, the Writings of the Old Testament; therefore it was necessary for him to prove his Doctrine thereby. On thy Remarks on Hugh Turford's asserting in Page 13. that we all bring with us a Seed of Grace, as well as a Seed of Sin, and of his maintaining that this Grace if attended to, will bring al Men to Glory, thou exclaimeth "I wonder how any Man in his Senses who has read the Scriptures can maintain such a Notion," for my Part I am not less surprized that any Man in his Understanding can doubt of the Truth of Hugh Turford's Assertion, who is acquainted with the Sacred Records and believes them, for I think most will allow that this language of the Almighty to the Serpent Gen. 3. Chap. and 15. Verse, " I will put Enmity between thee and the Woman, and between thy Seed and her Seed, it shall bruise thy Head and thou shalt bruise his Heel," is a prophetic Description of the Animosity and Warfare which has since subsisted between the Seed of the Old Serpent and the Seed of the Woman (Christ Jesus) in the Minds of Mankind of whom John in the Beginning of his Gospel gives this testimony, that he the living Word was in the Beginning, was with God, and was God, that all things were made by him and without him was not anything made that was made, that in him was Life and this Life was the Light of Men, and that the Light shineth in Darkness and the Darkness comprehended it not, and that this was the true Light which lighted every Man that cometh into the World. Now this Light is the Grace which John says came by Jesus Christ, and this Grace of God the Apostle Paul also tells us brings Salvation, and hath appeared unto all Men, and then proceeds to shew it's Operation, and Work in us; which is to teach us that denying Ungodliness, and the World's Lusts we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present World; these without any further Enumeration of Texts, fully assert the Universality and Office of divine Grace, and the last of them clearly implies the Necessity of attending to the Dictates or Teachings thereof, in Order to attain to Glory or Salvation; and withal plainly shews that if attended unto, and followed, it will lead to that desirable State; Thou tells us Paul says of himself, as a Jew we are all by Nature Children of Wrath even as others; but wherein does this controvert the Doctrine of universal Grace, for we allow there is in us, a Seed of Sin (the Seed of the Serpent) as well as the Seed of Grace (Christ Jesus the Seed of the Woman) and that the Evil Seed in our Nature, is derived to us for through the Fall of Adam, but the having an evil

Seed in our Flesh if we join not in with it renders us no more Objects of divine Wrath, than the presentation of any Temptation to Wickedness renders us liable to the Punishment due to the Commission of it. Besides thou hast perverted the Apostles Meaning in the Text which thou hast quoted, for in his Epistle to the Ephesians Chap. 2. and Verse 1. 2. 3. says and you hath he quickened who were dead in Trespasses and Sins wherein in Times past ye walked to according to the Prince of this World, the Spirit that now worketh in the Children of Disobedience, amongst whom also, we all had our Conversation in Times past, in the Lusts of our Flesh, fulfilling the Desires of our Flesh and of the Mind (then says) and were by Nature Children of Wrath even as others; whereby it plainly appears, that those of whom the Apostle speaks (including himself) were such as themselves had fulfilled the Lusts of the Flesh, sinned and trespassed; and so became subject to that Spirit which bears Rule in the Children of Disobedience, by their having acted contrary to the righteous Law and Will of God which (under the Gospel Dispensation) is written or in other Words made manifest by the Light and Grace of Christ Jesus in the Hearts of Mankind, and he afterwards proceeds to shew in Verse 4 and 5. how they obtained Deliverance, “but God (said he) who is rich in Mercy for his great Love wherewith he loved us; even when we were dead in Sins and Trespasses; hath quickened us together with Christ; by Grace ye are saved, by which it is evident that the Apostle was in no wise treating upon Original Sin, but Sins they had actually committed, and of the Sufficiency of divine Grace to save therefrom. and the Prophet Ezekiel Chap. 18. Verse 20. tells us the Soul that sinneth it shall die; but the Son shall not bear the Iniquity of the Father: therefore although we admit of the Frailty of Corruption which thro' Adam's Fall, has been transmitted to us; yet as the Indwelling of an evil Seed in our Flesh hurts none of us, until we yield to such evil Motions as precede therefrom, if we perish our Destruction is of ourselves, and ought not to be imputed to Adam's Fall seeing the Means appointed of God for our Salvation is adequate to the End, viz, the Second Adam the Seed of the Woman, the Grace of God as is before described. I indeed wish thee and all Mankind to come both to the Resolution and Practice of the good Apostle Paul (as mentioned in thy Letter) and to determine as he did to attain true Knowledge of the Death and Sufferings of Christ Jesus our Lord, which can only be arrived at by the Help and Assistance of his aforementioned Light and Grace, for unless our States and Conditions are thereby manifested unto us, as they really are, and we by the assistance thereof forsake the Evil and take up our daily Cross and follow; we can never come to experience a Death unto Sin, and a new Birth unto Righteousness, which is the alone Way whereby we can arrive at a truly profitable Knowledge of the Death and Sufferings of Christ Jesus our Lord, and of being crucified with him as saith the Apostle, I am crucified with Christ, nevertheless I live, yet not I, but Christ live with me etc. thou sayest that Paul followed the Light within while a Persecutor; but when he had Faith given him in the Son of God, all the Dependence he had before by following the Light within quickly vanished etc. But let us hear his own of his Conversation Gall. 1. Chap. 15. and 16. Verses. but when it pleased God who separated me from my Mother's Womb and called me by his Grace to reveal his son in me, that I may preach him among the Heathen, immediately I conferred not with Flesh and Blood. He laid aside his fleshly Reasoning and blind Zeal (which thou as blindly calls the Light within) to follow the Revelation of Christ Jesus in and unto him; and so he became appointed and empowered by the holy Ghost to preach him whom he had persecuted, and against whose pricks (or inward Rebukes) he had kicked, tho' our Lord told him, it was hard for him so to do, now that which - - - pricked or rebuked him was the Light or Spirit of Christ in him, which if he had attended unto would have redeemed him out of that wrathful, persecuting Spirit which (whatever thou mayest think) proceeded not from the Light, but gross Darkness in himself, for that experienced Apostle told the Galatians in the same Epistle that the Fruits of the Flesh are manifest, which are these, Adultery, Fornication, Uncleaness, Lasciviousness, Idolatry, Witchcraft, Hatred, Variance, Emulation, Wrath, Strife, Sedition, Heresy, Envyings, Murthers, Drunkenness, Revellings etc. and adds that they who would do such things shall not inherit the Kingdom of God, but the Fruits of the Spirit are Love, Joy, Peace, Longsuffering, Gentleness, Goodness, Faith, Meekness, and Temperance

and they that are Christs have crucified the Flesh with its Affections and Lusts, in page 20. Hugh Turford says Paul charges the Galatians with observing Days and Times and Inclining to outward Worship, and then points out wherein they were blameable upon that Account which was because they had turned again to outward Observations, and Forms of Worship, after they had begun in the Spirit, and walked for a Season after an inward Guide, (i.e.) (Christ's Spirit) which is the only Leader to such a Life of Righteousness, as the Lord in all Ages required now thou says the Apostle blames them for having joined Circumcision, or a part of Moses' Law with the Gospel of Jesus, but any unprejudice Reader of this Epistle, will, or may clearly see that Hugh Turford's Remarks are perfectly consistent with its plain Import, for in the first Place, Paul upbraids them for disobeying the Truth and Departing from the Leadings of Christ's Spirit into legal Observations, and afterwards thus queries, "But now after that ye have known God how turn ye again to the weak and beggarly Elements whereunto ye desire to be again in Bondage, ye observe Days and Months and Years and Times etc.(again) tell me ye that desire to be under the Law, do ye not hear the Law, and then in Order to convince of the Impropriety of such their Desire, he (in an Alegorical Manner) enlarges upon the Nature and Effects of the Covenants, points out the Bondage under that from Mount Sinai, and the Freedom which is experienced by coming and abiding under the new and everlasting Covenant of Promise from under which they had been sliding; and elsewhere queries of them, received ye the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the Flesh, where by it evidently appears that he charged them with Observations of Days and times and Inclining to the outward Worship of the Law as Hugh Turford asserts, and the Consequence thereof was not as thou hintest, merely joining a Part of Moses' Law with the Gospel of Jesus, but a real Departing from the Means appointed under the Gospel, into the Elements of the Law, now let us consider, what it was they departed from; it is evident from many parts of the Epistle, that it was from the inward Guidance of the Spirit of Christ, as Hugh Turford also observes; for the Apostle says God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your Hearts, Crying. Abba, Father, which he a little further on implies (by Way of Query) they had turned from to the weak and beggarly Elements, and afterwards expresses his Concern for their Restoration, thus my little Children of whom I travel in Birth again until Christ be formed in you. have we not only that the Spirit of Christ had inwardly appeared to them, and that they had departed, or turned away from it, but that the Apostle was earnestly concerned that the same Spirit again might be formed in them, and become their Leader, for says he walk in the Spirit and ye shall not fulfil the Lusts of the Flesh, and in the last Chap. of his Epistle adds be not deceived God is not mocked for whatsoever a Man soweth that shall he reap; for he that soweth to the Flesh, shall of the Flesh reap Corruption, but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap Life everlasting. The Apostle in the abovementioned Epistle doth say as many as are under the Work of the Law are under the Curse, from which thou assertest "every one are delivered (not by following of the Light within) but by believing in the Atonement made by Jesus," now I take it by this Belief, thou mentions true Faith, then let me Query of thee, how is this Faith obtained, (if not by following of the Light within) the Scripture tells us, Faith is the Gift of God, and our Lord says that no Man can come but by him( who calls himself the Light of the World the Way the Truth and the Life) and also says that no Man knoweth the Father but the Son, and he to whom the Son revealeth him; by what other Means are we to arrive at this true Faith which God the Father gives but by the Light and Spirit of Christ, whereby the the Knowledge of God is revealed in us; for we are elsewhere told whatsoever is to be known of God is made manifest in Man, and whatsoever maketh manifest is Light: is it not therefore merely trifling to say we are delivered from the Curse of the Law (not by following the Light within, that is the Light or Spirit of Grace inwardly appearing to the Mind) but believing in the Atonement made by Jesus, seeing without the Revelation of this Spirit of Christ, we can have no true Knowledge of the things of God, and consequently no true Faith without which, it is impossible we read, to please God, but when by a diligent Attention to the Manifestations of the Light of Christ, we obtain true Faith, and by it's Operation in us come to experience the Blood of Christ (who as saith the Apostle through the

Eternal Spirit offered himself without Spot, to purge our Consciences from dead Works to serve the living God, then indeed are we made true Believers in, and living Witnesses of the Nature of the Atonement made by Jesus. Thy objections to Hugh Turford's saying in Page 38. that as we are born into the World we are all innocent, is already sufficiently answered in my Reply to thy Remarks on Page 13. and therefore think it unnecessary to make any addition to what is there said. Thou objectest to these Expressions in Page 41. viz. Vice is not put down by parents Guardians, nor Preachers, and in thy Letter says let Paul's own Testimony of himself confute this, when God called him to the Ministry it was to open the Gentiles blind Eyes, and then turn them from the Power of Satan to the living God; on this I may observe thou hast done injustice to Hugh Turford, in thy quotation, and mutilated the Text from the Scriptures. For H. Turford's are and how many Vice be brought down; when it is come to a Head, not by Parents, not by Guardians, not by Sureties, and I may say not by Preachers, and that this is true, we need not call in Scripture Testimonies to prove, but may daily see it verified in our own Observations among Mankind, yet that they maintain the same Doctrine, I shall advance a few Texts in Confirmation thereof, and first the suppressed Part of the Passage thou hast quoted, that is to turn them from Darkness to Light, this was Paul's Mission to the Gentiles, and it ever was and is the Concern of all rightly called, and truly qualified Gospel Ministers, to direct the People to the Teachings of the Light of Christ in themselves, yea and these know and have ever known, that though Paul impowered by the Holy Ghost may plant and Apollos may water, yet it is God that giveth the Increase. But more fully to answer thy Objections, let me remind thee as our Lord himself declared that those things which defile the Man are conceived in and proceed out of the Heart so consequently, where the Disease is, there also must the Remedy be applied, not by Man but by the great Physician of Souls Christ Jesus who hath himself declared that without him we can do Nothing, surely he that made the Heart best knows what lodges in it, and a loan is able to bind the strong Man armed (Satan) who keeps the Palace (the Heart) and his Goods are in Peace till a stronger than he (Christ Jesus) overcome him cast him out and then spoil his Goods (viz Sin) but though we believe with the Apostle John, as is recorded in the 1<sup>st</sup>. Epistle of his Chap. 2. Verse 27. that the Anointing which we have received of him abideth in us, and we need not that any Man teach us, but as this same Anointing teacheth us of all things, and is Truth and no Lie, and also the Prophet Jeremiah that under the new Covenant or Gospel Dispensation God is the Father and Teacher of his People himself, yet we are far from maintaining, that he limits or confines himself to this Way of Working only, we believe he useth both immediate and instrumental Means for Christ formerly made Use of Clay to open the Eyes of the blind, after he had mollified it agreeable to his Will as well as by his immediate and Divine Command therefore if those who speak as the Oracles of God and those who Minister do it of and from the Ability which he giveth that he, and not have the Instrument (the Clay) may be glorified in all things, the Labours of those, thus qualified and impowered are truly acceptable, but what is the Ax in the Hand of him that shaketh it; there is no power or Ability in the Instrument the Creature to do any thing of itself, that will ever tend to the Honour of God, it's own everlasting Peace, and the Benefit of Mankind, they who want Christ's Spirit which is the Spirit of Prophecy, and put them forth and go before them in their Gospel Labour, although they may preach the exact Letter of the Scripture, yet are they false prophets and neither ought to be, nor will be heard by the true Sheep of Christ, whose Spirit is indeed the only Key and that can truly and feelingly open our Understandings the Mysteries of God's Kingdom and enable to administer to Babes and those of Ripe Age suitable Food in due Season, for as saith the Apostle the natural Man understandeth not the Things of God neither can he know them (why) because they are spiritually discerned, therefore it behoves all who take upon them to be teachers of the People to examine the Foundations; for if there are engaged therein from any other Motive, or by any other Authority, than that which animated, influenced and qualified the Apostles and Primitive Ministers of the Gospel they will never profit the People at all nor obtain therein Peace to their own Souls. Thy next Objection is to Page 48, where Hugh Turford after advising the Professors of Christianity against contending about Forms

expresseth a Desire, that instead of Searching the Scriptures for a right Form they would labour to come under the Government of a right Spirit, this he knew was absolutely necessary for them in the first Place because the Mysteries thereof are only understood aright by the Assistance of that Spirit which inspired the Minds of the Prophets and Apostles, who wrote them, here indeed says the Letter Writer, I am shocked my very Blood chills in my Veins; but alas I am fearful he is not so effectually shaken as that the Scales are fallen from his Eyes, however I wish them to be opened, and therefore shall tell him that they who live under the Government of a right Spirit will never want, or be without a right Form, but are assuredly such of whom the Almighty hath thus spoken, this People have I formed to myself, and they shall shew forth my Praise, now in Order to shew how thou has perverted the Text which thou advanceth to convict Hugh Turford of Error; I shall repeat it as it really is, search (or ye search) the Scriptures, for in them ye think ye have Eternal Life, and they are they which testify of me, and ye will not come unto me that ye may have Life; whereby it plainly appears, that our Lord was upbraiding them for their inordinate Confidence in the Scriptures, when all the same Time they believed not the Testimony thereof concerning him, his Coming and Work in the hearts of Mankind therefore neglected to come unto him the living powerful Word, who alone was able to give them Life, that Word which John testified was in and from the Beginning, the Entrance of which indeed giveth Life, and Liberty to all who are willing to receive him in the Day of his coming, and these will find that his Fan is in his Hand, and he will thoroughly purge his Floor (the Heart) gather the Wheat into his Garner (his Bosom) and burn up the Chaff with unquenchable Fire a Work which the Writings of the old and new Testament, never did nor can do for us, yet we esteem the Scriptures as the best of Books, are able and willing to prove our Doctrine thereby, and believe that no People are more diligent Readers thereof, but we must deem them subordinate to that holy Spirit from which they have derived all their Excellency, that Spirit which inspired those who wrote them, and through the Help of which alone they are rendered truly profitable and are rightly understood; it was the Apostle who commended the Bereans for Searching the Scriptures to see if his Doctrine corresponded with their Testimony. I shall think thee also commendable if thou feelingly peruse them with the same honest simple Intention. Thy Remark on the Rebukes of Judas (as thou callest them) are so unworthy of any Reply, that I shall be brief in answering thee, but it appears from what our Lord spoke concerning that Betrayer of his Master, that the Transgression of Judas was unpardonable, if so, that Conviction which he felt could be no other, than an Assurance that the Day of his Grace was past, so that conscious of the Magnitude of his Transgression, and without Hopes of Pardon, we find he was led to an untimely End, but the inward Rebukes or Reproofs for Sin, which we experience, are so gentle at their first Appearances, that we are favoured to feel Mercy to cover the Judgment Seat to an Hair's Breath, and many of us by attending thereunto and departing from Iniquity, have happily found that these Reproofs of Instruction are indeed the Way to Life. In Page 83. Thou objects to these Expressions, viz, Christ was not given for a Leader of the Gentiles till they turned from their Ungodliness, now I join H. Turford in this also as well as in his other Testimonies, for unless we receive him in his first Office, as a Light shining into our dark Hearts, and by Believing in that his inward Appearance, labour in the Ability which he giveth to depart from these things which he maketh manifest to be evil how should he become our Leader, is it reasonable to suppose, that any Spirit or Being can properly be called or be our Leader, until we become it's Followers, no, therefore the Spiritual Offices of Christ are marvellously exprest in these Sayings behold I give thee, 1st. for a Witness to the People 2dly. for a Leader, and 3dly. for a Commander to the People, which Texts and many others plainly describe the various Operations of our great High Priest according to our several States and Growths in religious Experience. The passage thou quotest relative to Abraham's being justified by believing God's Word and offering his Son, has in my opinion no Tendency at all to invalidate Hugh Turford's Assertion, for Abraham was long before then turned from his Ungodliness, and had been largely acquainted with the Dealings of God with him, was come distinctly to know his Voice and faithfully to observe his Commands, in fine was

arrived at such a State that the Lord his God was become not only a Witness or Light and Leader but his Commander also, therefore all those who will be Partakers of the Benefit of Christ's Death must deny themselves, take up their Daily Cross and follow the Leadings of his Grace and Spirit in their Hearts and thereby come to experience a putting of the old Man with his Deeds which are corrupt, for, for this Purpose hath the Son of God been outwardly, and since inwardly manifested to all those who stand open to Conviction that he might destroy the Works of the Devil, by putting an End to Sin, Finishing Transgression, and bringing in everlasting Righteousness in the Room thereof; this also appears in the angelical language to Joseph, "thou shalt call his Name Jesus for he shall save his People from their Sins." whereby it is evident that the Coming and Office of Christ was and is to save Mankind, by delivering them from Sin, and not to procure them Salvation while they remained in it; therefore I shall further make manifest now after what Manner we are to be delivered by him from Sin. John tells us in his Epistle, this is the Message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you that God is Light and in him there is no Darkness at all, if we say we have Fellowship with him, and walk in Darkness, we lie and do not the Truth, but if we walk in the Light as he is in the Light we have Fellowship one with another, and the Blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth us from all Sin; Christ was manifested to take away our Sins, and in him is no Sin, and whosoever abideth in him sinneth not, he that committeth Sin is of the Devil and that in this the Children of God are manifest and the Children of the Devil; whosoever doth not Righteousness, is not of God, why then should any vainly hope to be Partakers of the Benefits of Christ's Death, whilst they remain Subjects and Inhabitants of that Kingdom which he came to destroy, for Sin is the Kingdom of the Devil, and for this Purpose was the Son of God manifested that he might destroy the Works of the Devil.

For the Apostle declareth that no Man can say that Jesus is the Lord but by the Holy Ghost, and elsewhere says that he that hath not the Spirit of Christ is none of his, therefore, it has been the Work of our Grand Adversary the Devil to persuade Mankind that the Lord in these our Days affords not a Measure of his Grace and good Spirit by the Assistance whereof we may be enabled to work out our Salvation, as he did in the Days of the Apostles, and that our Dependance now must be upon the Records of Scripture, and the Doctrines of inspired Men; but the Scriptures declare the contrary and many of us are sensible of the Truth of their Testimony, having thankfully to acknowledge the glorious Privileges, which we enjoy under the present everlasting and unchangeable Gospel, or new Covenant Dispensation, wherein he writes his Law in our Hearts, puts his Spirit in our inward Parts, and is indeed become our living and eternal Teacher, a Teacher that can never be removed into a Corner. O that the Sons and Daughters of Men, would come unto him and learn of him, who yet speaks as never Man spoke who tells us as he did the Woman at Jacob's Well all that ever we have done, and effectually convinceth us that in these Gospel Days they that worship the Father must worship him in Spirit and in Truth, for such the Father seeketh to worship him, and such I wish thee and all Mankind to be. Thou addest, Paul says God justifies the ungodly: and from the Brevity of thy Quotation I am at a Loss to perceive thy Meaning, if thou believest as I suppose thou dost that Mankind are justified in God's Sight, while in a State of Ungodliness and Pollution merely by believing that Christ hath atoned for their Sins by his Suffering upon the Cross, and that by imbibing such a Belief they may be Partakers of the Benefit of his Death without Coming to experience the Work of Sanctification and Redemption from Sin. I say if this is thy Belief I shall endeavour to manifest the Inconsistency of such a Notion, but I have heretofore treated much upon the Nature of true Faith and shewn from Scripture Testimony that it is the Gift of God communicated unto Mankind by the Revelation of the Divine light or Spirit of Christ within them. I shall refer thee therefor (see my Reply to thy Objection to Page 20) and only add that true Faith in former Ages failed not to produce good Works, or fruits, as is evident from Paul's Epistle to the Hebrews Chap. 11. Wherein he briefly sets forth the blessed Effects it had upon the Minds and Lives of the Patriarchs and Prophets; and James in his Epistle Chap. 2. also clearly shews that true Faith and good Works are inseparable, to which I likewise refer thee and shall now proceed to shew from Scripture

Testimony the Necessity of our experiencing Sanctification and Redemption from Sins before we can stand justified in the Sight of him who is of purer Eyes than to behold Iniquity in any of us with Approbation, the Apostle 1. Cor. Chap. 6. Ver. 9. tells the Believers that the unrighteous shall not inherit the Kingdom of God, and then after enumerating a Variety of Vices, in Verse 11. concludes with Saying and such were some of you, but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the Name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God, which Doctrine not only manifests the Necessity of being washed and sanctified before we can stand justified in the Sight of God, or obtain an Admittance into his Kingdom, but also describes the Way by which we are to arrive at that State, viz. by the Name, (or Power and Virtue) of Christ Jesus by the Spirit of our God and the same Apostle in his Epistle to the Romans Chap. 8. shews them plainly the Necessity of attending to and walking in Christ's Spirit, in Order to obtain Redemption from Sin, and the sinful Lusts of the Flesh. If ever there were any Builders of Babel within (as thou sayest in thine) surely these are they, who are thus labouring to raise a Tower (founded upon a dead Faith and the Sand of human Invention) whose top they think may reach to Heaven, wither they vainly hope to climb, and at the same Time think to hugg along with them thro' Life their Sins, their Babylonish Garment and their Wedge of Gold; but let all such consider, there is no going up to Bethel to pay Adoration and acceptable Worship to the Lord our God, until the strange Gods are put away, their Hearts purged from dead Works, and dead Faith, they made clean and their filthy Garments changed, I have examined the other Pages thou hast noted, but as I find Nothing in them for a Christian Mind to quarrel with, and as I have sufficiently answered what I find them to contain, I shall draw to a Conclusion, not without ardently wishing that thine Eyes may be opened to see the Error of thy Sentiments, and that like H. Turford and many Thousands more, thou mayst come to experience an Ability to say with us and the good Apostle formerly, what our Eyes have seen, and what we have looked upon, what our Ears have heard, and our Hands have handled of the good Word of Life that we declare unto you, then would all thy speculative Notions of Religion vanish, as Clouds before the Sun, and thou wouldst no more disbelieve the spiritual Appearances of Christ Jesus in the Hearts of Mankind, now in these our Days, for we assuredly know, that to them who look for him doth he appear the second Time without Sin unto Salvation and those only who truly believe in and thus receive him in the Way of Coming, and are faithfully concerned to follow him have a Right to call Jesus Lord.

C. P.

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An Account of my Journey to a Meeting held at Hope in Derbyshire ye. 11<sup>th</sup>. of ye. 8<sup>th</sup>. mo.  
1776

Our friend Esther Tuke having drawings on her Mind in the Love of the Gospel to pay a religious visit to the inhabitants of Woodland and parts adjacent mentioned her concern to me. Accordingly I with some other Friends went to Hope to procure a place for the purpose of holding a Meeting in; the 11<sup>th</sup>. of ye. 8<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1776. We readily got the promise of one belonging to Christopher Syddall and afterwards gave notice thereof to the Inhabitants both in Town and Country.

On ye. 10<sup>th</sup>. of ye. 8<sup>th</sup>. Mo. and 7<sup>th</sup>. of the Week betwixt 4 and 5 o Clock in the morning I set out towards Hope, Rode as far as Joseph Chapmans were I tarried about an hour and then set out on Foot in Company with his son of George we went down Darwent-dale and giving notice of the Meeting to the inhabitants as we passed along, call'd at John Thorpes of Darwent were we got a pint of Ale, and from thence proceeded to Hope got there about 1 o

Clock took up our Quarters at Nathan Woodrofes who is Clark of the Parish, were we met with agreeable entertainment Paid 4d dinner and supper and 6d Tea, here we met with several Friends from Sheffield come to assist us in fitting up the place, as Caleb Dickinson and his Wife, John Littlewood, Joseph Jepson, Robert Hartley, Samuel Davison, and Mary James's, who inform'd us that tho' the instigation of the Priest the Man who had made us a Promise of his barn was not willing to fulfil the same. Accordingly we set out for another and soon got one of belonging to Robert Ashmore which with the addition of a stable was a much more convenient place than the former so that the Priests envy hurt us not, We got a carpenter to assist us, with Wood and fitting up the Seats, got it compleated about 5 o Clock. After Tea several of us took a Walk as far as Bredaw were we sat a little at Benjamin Barbers to some degree of satisfaction he appearing to me to be a serious and weighty Man from thence we return'd to our Quarters at Hope were we got just in time to Supper. On 11<sup>th</sup>. and 1<sup>st</sup>. of Week at 11 o Clock the Meeting began which was not large of Friends tho' there was a number out of several Meetings. Besides our Friend Esther Tuke we was favoured with the Company of other Ministers viz. Thomas Colley of Sheffield and Anne Storrs of Chesterfield. There was a large concourse of People of other Perswasions far more than could get into the Barn. Anne Storrs was first concerned a short time in testimony from Rev: C: 2. v: 7. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith to the Churches; informing us that she felt the extendings of divine goodness towards that assembly and earnestly desired that we might be more attentive to hearken after the voice of divine Wisdom than after verbal Testimonies. Esther Tuke appear'd next stood pretty long chiefly concerning the Ministry shewing the difference there was betwixt the Ministers of the Letters and of the Spirit and that in Christ Jesus Male and Female were all one so that Women as well as Men according to the Prophecy of Joel had a right to exercise their Gifts when commission that so to do. Thomas Colley next he stood long and was favoured showing the insufficiency of Man to act in the things of God of himself, from the words of Christ to his immediate followers who declared that without him they could do nothing. Anne Storrs next had a long and very affecting time telling us that she felt the visitations of her heavenly Fathers Love extended towards the Inhabitants of that part of the Country and that she believed the Lord was about to gather a people there and thereaway to sit under his own teachings and that she firmly believed the work was already begun in the Minds of some present and that she would not have such discouragement altho' their trials might be great, for the Lord was on his way to Zion directing them to the teachings of the Spirit of Truth in themselves which would rightly direct them in the way of their duty shewing the concern that was upon the minds of the disciples of our blessed Lord and Saviour that they went not to inquire of Man what they should do but to the Lord himself saying, Lord, teach us to pray. Luke C: 4: v: 1. and that there was as much need to seek to him for directions in that great and Solemn duty now as there was formally. she then repeated the Lords prayer throughout and commented pretty largely upon it. Esther Tuke appeared next expressing the unity she had with the foregoing Testimony believing the Lord was at work in the hearts of some present to whom she had a word of encouragement to drop. The still solid attentive behaviour of the people in general that day came also under her notice in the course of this Testimony commending them for the becoming manner in which they had behaved. After a short time in Silence she stood up again and said she could not go easy way without dropping a few words to some whose behaviour had been unbecoming asking them if it were not uncivil to behave in such a manner to us who were Strangers and come in Love to pay them a visit exhorting them to Repentance and amendment of Life desiring them seriously to consider what their situation would be if it should be said to anyone of them this night shall thy Soul be required at thy hands. The Meeting held about 4 hours. Betwixt 4 and 5 o Clock I left Hope and came with George Chapman to their house were I lodg'd that night, and next day about noon reached home.

An Account of my Journey to a Meeting held at Skelmanthorp ye. 14<sup>th</sup>. of ye. 8<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1776

Our Friend Esther Tuke of York in the course of her religious visit to Friends in this part of the Country found a concern on her mind to pay a religious visit to the newly convinc'd people at and about Skelmanthorp and such of their Neighbours as might be inclined to come and sit with them which concern she communicated to me at Sheffield accordingly I went down thither and got promise of a large and convenient Barn belonging to Joseph Shaw and afterwards gave notice to some of the Inhabitants of a Meeting to be held there on the 14<sup>th</sup>. of the ye. 8<sup>th</sup>. Mo.

On ye. 13<sup>th</sup>. of ye. 8<sup>th</sup>. mo. 1776 At our Friends Esther Tukes request I went to give her the Meeting at Burton near Barnsley were a Meeting was appointed for her to begin at the Eleventh hour which was not large tho' diverse of other Perswasions came in, Tabitha Hoyland dropt a few words first in Testimony and afterwards Esther Tuke had an extraordinary time from Ephe: C: 2. v. 8 and 9. By Grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast. stood about 1 hour and a half and was much favoured. The Meeting held about 3 hours, after which we got some Refreshment in the the Meetinghouse Chamber which our friend John Lupton had prepared for us, and then set forward to Skelmanthorp Susanna Lupton of that meeting and John Swanwick and Tabitha Hoyland from Sheffield accompanying us, we called at John Websters were we stopt a considerable time and drunk Tea, got to Skelmanthorp about 7 o Clock were Esther Tuke and Tabitha Hoyland lodg'd with Martha Dyson but after getting some refreshment Susanna Lupton came up to William Dysons and John Swanwick along with me home.

On 14<sup>th</sup>. and 4<sup>th</sup>. of Week betwixt 5 and 6 in the morning we set of again for Skelmanthorp 3 Miles to assist in preparing the place for the Meeting call'd at George Haywoods of Low-Cumberworth were we breakfasted. and then proceeded to Skelmonthorp got a convenient Gallery erected and the barn commodiously seated with forms which we have borrowed in the Town, before 9 o Clock. At 10 the meeting began which was very large the Barn being well-filled and many that could not to get in I suppose there might be about 300 persons. Tabitha Hoyland had a short time in Testimony from John C: 3. v: 3. Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. Esther Tuke appear'd next stood I think about 2 hours and was wonderfully favoured in pointing out the way of Life and Salvation to the People the text she oftens repeated was from Malachi C: 3. v: 1 and 2: Behold I will send my Messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me; and the Lord whom ye seek shall suddenly come to his Temple, even the messenger of the Covenant whom ye delight in; behold, he shall come, saith the Lord of Hosts. But who may abide the day of his coming? Afterwards she had an extraordinary time in Prayer, The Meeting held betwixt 3 and 4 hours, At the close thereof I gave notice to the People That our Friend George Howarth was desirous to have a Meeting in the same place on 6<sup>th</sup>. day following to begin at 10 o Clock, after which we din'd with Martha Dyson, That Night the Friends went to Samuel Empsons of Hollingthorpe. After they was gone our friend Joseph Haigh and Joseph Jepson from Sheffield who was come to this Meeting had a desire to have a Select opportunity with the newly convinced people which we had at Benjamin Dysons and a tendering season it was in which we was brought near and dear one to another, betwixt 6 and 7 o Clock I set out towards home, the two Friends from Sheffield accompanying me to our house (were they tarried untill 6<sup>th</sup>. day) stopt a little at George Haywoods and so got home, just in time to the Supper.

An Account of my Journey to a meeting held at Skelmanthorp ye. 16<sup>th</sup>. of ye. 8<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1776.

On ye. 16<sup>th</sup>. of ye. 8<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1776 and 6<sup>th</sup>. day of the Week a Meeting was appointed at Skelmanthorp in Joseph Shaws Barn (the Seats and thing standing as they were on 4<sup>th</sup>. day

untill then) for our Friend George Haworth. Betwixt 8 and 9 in the Morning I set out towards there having the agreeable company of Joseph Haigh and Joseph Jepson two convinced friends from Sheffield (who had been at our house two nights) got to Skelmanthorp a little before Meeting time which began at the 10<sup>th</sup>. hour was not so large as the former altho' the Barn was pretty well fill'd Joseph Haigh dropped a few words first in Testimony from 1 John C: 2: v: 15. Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world, If any Man love the world the Love of the Father is not in him. which I suppose was the first publick testimony he bore in a Meeting Henry Dickinson appear'd next and afterwards George Haworth he stood pretty long and was favoured informing the People that he had good news to tell them for as soon as he entered the village he felt heart wonderfully affected under a sense of the extendings of the Love of God towards the inhabitants of that place and that he believed the Lord was at Work there and thereaway to gather the People to himself. He then set forth the Universality of the Love of God in Christ Jesus towards all mankind during the day of their visitation Likewise the state of Man in the full and the way and means of his recovery there from declaring there was a day and a time in which it was possible for every one to come to that experience. The text he had at times repeated was from 1 Cor: 15. v: 22. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ shall all be made alive. Henry Dickinson appeared again next and afterwards George Haworth had a pretty long time in Prayer and after a short time in Silence a few words more in Testimony. The Meeting held betwixt 2 and 3 hours and the still solid attentive behaviour of the People in general both at this and the foregoing Meeting was well worthy of commendation, and one thing I cannot well omit mentioning that the Man who was so kind as to let us have the use of his barn for this purpose was not willing to take anything for it, which conduct was very different from what we met with in some places. After Meeting I din'd with Martha Dyson were our friend George Howarth had an acceptable time in supplication at Table. After Dinner the two Friends from Sheffield set out towards home and I accompanied them as far as Oxspring lane were we parted, I came back by Birchworth were I drunk tea at John Greens, and so got home about 7 o Clock.

An Account of my Journey to a Meeting held at Barnsley ye 20<sup>th</sup>. of ye.10<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1776

Our Friend Thomas Colley having drawings on his Mind to pay a Religious Visit to the Inhabitants of Barnsley acquainted Friends therewith; accordingly a Meeting was appointed to be held there ye. 20<sup>th</sup>. of ye.10<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1776; and I finding an Inclination to be there set out from home that Morning about 7 o Clock having the Company of Jeremiah Smith a sober young Man who had lately begun to attend our Meetings and at that time liv'd Servant with William Dickinson of Highflatts. We went by Denby-dyke-side and Bagden to Hoyland near which place the newly convinced Friends from Skelmanthorp and that Neighbourhood came up with us viz. Benjamin Dyson, Mary Dyson, Martha Dyson, William Dyson and Wife and their Daughter Sarah, George Haywood and Mary Collier a young Woman who is under convincement that lives within the compass of Wakefield Meeting but had been to pay them a visit at Skelmanthorp. We went on by Kexborough and Darton to Mapplewell were we got a little Refreshment at an Inn and then proceeded to Burton got there just in time to their Meeting which began as usual about the 11<sup>th</sup>. hour were we met with Thomas Colley from Sheffield and Mary Leaver of Nottingham and Notice having been given a few days before of Mary Leavers intentions have been there; the Meeting was very large the house being quite full a great many sober People of other Societies coming in, whose behaviour was very commendable. Mary Leaver was first concerned in Testimony stood very long and was much favoured opening to us the Nature of true Spiritual Worship from our Saviours discourse with the Woman of Samaria also the Necessity and advantage of true Silence, informing us that the true Ministers of Christ had nothing prepared beforehand neither dare administer anything of their own; but were poor depending creatures waiting to receive from their Lord and Master

before they could communicate to the People: Instancing that great Miracle wrought by our Saviour in feeding the multitude How he looked up to Heaven and Blessed and brake and gave to his disciples and his disciples then handed it to the People. which remained to be the same with his faithful Messengers to this day they not daring to give that which they had not received immediately from him. She was afterwards largely opened concerning the Parable of the Talents and indeed the Power that attended her I would willingly hope would make lasting impressions upon the minds of some. Elizabeth Morton dropt a few words next and afterwards Mary Leaver had a long and very affecting time in Prayer. The meeting held about 3 hours. After which we went to Barnsley were we din'd at the Sine of the Admiral paid 6d a Piece eating and 2d Liquor. At the 3<sup>rd</sup>. hour in the Afternoon the Meeting began in the Town which was held in the School-house a very large building which was much crowded and many that could not get in. Beside our friend Thomas Colley, John Brown of Pontefract and Mary Leaver also attended. The People appear'd light airy and Talkative but being reprov'd by our Friend John Lupton they were more moderate for sometime but afterwards fell too much into their old practice again whereupon they met with a second reproof from John Brown which seemed to have the desired effect for a while. but upon the whole I thought they promised little towards the comfort of a Meeting. But such was the tender compassion of our heavenly Father towards them, that after a long time of Silence Thomas Colley had a large open and very convincing Testimony, first informing the People of our Motive in seeking such opportunities as these viz. that universal Righteousness might be establish throughout the Nations; and next was opened with the declaration of the most high by the mouth of his Prophet Isaiah C: 45. v: 22. Look unto me, and be ye saved all the ends of the earth: shewing from that and many other texts of Scripture the universality of the Love of God in Christ Jesus, in that his call was gone forth to all the ends of the earth For all have heard but all have not obeyed. He was afterwards concerned in an affectionate manner to direct the People to the teachings of the Grace of God in themselves as unto a light that shineth in a dark place until the day dawn and the day star arise in their hearts which if faithfully followed and obeyed would soon have make them wiser than all their former Teachers. For the time was now come That Man need not teach an every Man his Neighbour or his Brother saying know the Lord for all shall know him from the least unto the greatest. He likewise inform'd them he had no Lucrative view in paying them this visit nor wanted not to gather them to us as a People but that their Minds might be gathered to that true Light which enlighteneth every man that cometh into the World, that so they might come to experience a being reconciled to God, but he was afraid that many despised it because of the smallness of its appearance, and others was terming it when they met with its secret reproofs to be only the Light of Nature but he was concerned to convince such of their mistake from several texts both of the Old and New Testament: and towards a conclusion of his Testimony he was beautifully opened on the words of our Saviour to his immediate followers John C: 16. v. 7 and 8. It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. And when he is come, he will reprove the world of Sin, and of Righteousness and of Judgment: the Meeting held near 3 hours. After taking leave of some Friends in the street we set out towards home when we had got about two Miles we parted with our Friends from Skelmanthorp and so my Companion and me came on together my mind been much comforted under a sense of the Love of God which had that day been so largely extended. Stopt a little at Cawthorne and got a Pint of Ale, and then came on it by Dacinbrook and Denby to Strines were we again stopt a little and so got home about 9 o Clock, and tho' my Body was very weary, yet my mind was easy and well satisfied with my Journey.

An Account of my Journey to our Winter Quarterly Meeting held at Leeds the 12<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1776

I set out from home ye. 24<sup>th</sup>. of the 12<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1776 betwixt 12 and 1 o Clock in the Afternoon in company with George Chapman, Mary Shaw and my Sister Susanna, call'd of Martha Dyson at Skelmanthorp were we stopt about half an hour and then proceeded by Emley, Midgley and Netherton to Horbury were we call'd and got some refreshment stopped up about half-an-hour and then proceeded on our Journey have got to the Sign of the Star in Westgate Wakefield betwixt 5 and 6 in the Evening were we met by appointment were several Friends from Sheffield of whose company we was glad paid 8d a piece Suppers and 6d Breakfasts.

On 25<sup>th</sup>. and 4<sup>th</sup>. of Week we set forward about 8 o Clock in the Morning having the Company of Joseph Clarbour, Samuel Davison, Elizabeth Dickinson senr. Elizabeth Dickinson junr. Mary Rutherford and Mary James from Sheffield, Benjamin Boothe and his sister Anne and Mary Collier of Wakefield Meeting, got to Leeds about 11 took up our Quarters at the White Hart in Call Lane were we met with agreeable entertainment Paid 6d a piece Breakfasts and Suppers and 9d Dinners. The Quarterly Meeting began this day were we was favoured with the Company of several Strangers as Thomas Carrington from Pennsylvania in America, John Storer from Nottinghamshire, William Rathbone, Tabitha Mariott and Martha Routh from Lancashire. The Meeting for Discipline began at 2 in the Afternoon and held about 4 hours, a large appearance of Friends there was before the Business of the Meeting was opened, Thomas Carrington, John Storer and Robert Walker each appeared in Testimony, After which the Representatives from Guisborough, Scarborough, Oustwick and Cave Mo. Meetings withdrew to consider a proper Person to act as Clerk this Quarter, and at their return nominated our Friend Joseph Eglin of Hull who was acceptable to the Meeting. The Queries was then read and answered from all the Monthly Meetings in this County and many weighty remarks made thereon by sundry Friends. Some other Business was afterwards gone thro' and then the Meeting adjourn'd untill next day at 9 in the Morning. After Meeting I drunk Tea with Esther and Pheobe Marshal. At 7 in the Evening was held a Meeting for Worship which was exceeding large and crowded many of the Town's People coming in whose Behaviour was Commendable. John Storer was first concerned in Testimony stood very long and had an extraordinary time, setting forth in a lively and beautiful manner the Nature of the New-Covenant or Gospel dispensation under which there was no absolute need of Mans teaching as the Lord has promised under this glorious dispensation all shall know him from the least unto the greatest. Elisabeth Morton dropt a few words next and afterwards Tabitha Marriott concluded the Meeting in Prayer which held about 2 hours and a half.

On 26<sup>th</sup>. and 5<sup>th</sup>. of Week at 9 in the Morning met according to adjournment, the remaining part of the Business belonging to the Quarterly Meeting was gone thro' to mutual Satisfaction much Weighty counsel and advice was dropp'd by many concern'd Brethren to the comfort and Edification of the living amongst us and to the stirring up of the careless lukewarm and Indifferent. The Meeting held about 4 hours. At 3 in the Afternoon it began the Parting Meeting for Worship which was very large Thomas Carrington was first concern'd in a lively Exhortation pressing every individual in a moving and very affectionate manner to get down to the work in themselves. John Storer had a long time in Testimony next from Romans C: 8. v: 28. All things work together for good to them that love God. The Meeting held about 2 hours After which several of us drunk Tea at Joshua Ingles, and from thence went to Nathaniel English's of Shipscar to see our Friend Esther Tuke were we met with many valuable Frds. and had a precious heavenly opportunity together in which Thomas Carrington and Esther Tuke had each a lively time in Testimony. From thence we return'd to our Inn to Supper.

On 27<sup>th</sup>. and 6<sup>th</sup>. of the Week We left our Inn about 8 o Clock in the Morning and went to see our Friends Esther and Pheobe Marshal were I parted with all my former Fellow-travellers except George Chapman they setting out pretty directly for Wakefield but we tarried amongst our Friends there, until after 11 o Clock and then set out for Gildersom 4 Miles got

there to our Friend John Ellis's in about an hours time were we din'd and stopt about an hour and a half and then proceeded by Birstall and Gummersall, Cleck-heaton and Brighouse to Rastrick 9 Miles were we got betwixt 4 and 5 that Evening, call'd at William Preston's a Man who at times frequents Our Religious Meetings were we tarried about an hour and got some Refreshment and then went to our Friend Joseph Fryers were were we lodg'd.

On 28<sup>th</sup>. and 7<sup>th</sup>. of Week we set out about 9 in the Morning for Linley (were we understood two Men were so far convinced as constantly to attend our Meetings) we got there in about an hour's time John Fryer accompanying us most of the way we went to an Inn and got each of us a Pint of Ale and then sent for one of the Men whose name is Thomas Owen he was very glad to see us and invited us to his house were we din'd and tarried several hours, the other Man coming in we had a pretty satisfactory opportunity together. From thence we came to Huddersfield 2 miles were we stopt about an hour and drunk Tea at William Coopers, and then proceeded by Amberry and Kirkburton to Amorhouse were we call'd to see Sarah Morton a Young Woman formerly in profession with the Methodists but being dissatisfied had for some time frequented our Meetings to her satisfaction. We sat with her about half an hour, and then set forward again and so got home betwixt 6 and 7 that Evening.

An Account of my Journey to Brighouse Monthly Meeting held of there 25<sup>th</sup>. of ye. 4 mo.  
1777

I set out from home betwixt 6 and 7 o Clock in the morning having Jonathon Green of Ing Birchworth for my companion, when we got to Kirkburton William Dyson of Powker came up with us and accompanied us the remaining part of the way, we went by Huddersfield to Rastrick were we got to our Friend Joseph Fryers about half past 10 got some refreshment and then went to the Meeting at Brighouse which began about the 11<sup>th</sup>. hour, there was a considerable number of Friends collected and some few others Robert Walker was first concern'd in Supplication Benjamin North next few words in Testimony Robert Walker next stood pretty long and was favoured from John C: 21. v: 18 When thou wast young, thou guidest thyself, and walkest whither thou wouldest: but when thou shall be old, thou shalt stretch forth thy hands and another shall gird thee, and carry thee whither there wouldest not. George Conway next pressing us to experience our minds gathered inward to the teacher in ourselves the true spiritual Shiloh to whom the gathering of the Nations is to be. Benjamin North had a few words more just at the conclusion of the Meeting, at the close of which the Meeting for Discipline was held, The business of which was pretty well conducted amongst other things Samuel Blakey of Bradford Meeting laid before Friends his continued intention of Marriage with Mary Clough a member of Settle Monthly Meeting, also Robert Walker had a Certificate to visit some Meetings in his going and coming from the Yearly Meeting in London. both Meetings held near 5 hours. After which we din'd at Joseph Fryers and tarried untill 6 o Clock, and then set out towards home, Joshua Broadhead of Wooldale accompanying us almost to Huddersfield were we parted when we got to Shelley we met with William Thorpe (a preacher amongst the Methodists) who invited us to call at his house were we stopt about half an hour and got some Refreshment and so got home about 10 that Evening.

An Account of my Journey to the Summer Quarterly Meeting at York in ye. 6 mo. 1777

I set out from home ye. 23<sup>rd</sup>. of the 6 mo 1777 and 2<sup>nd</sup>. day of the week about 3 o Clock in the morning in order to reach the Monthly meeting at Leeds that day having Jonathon Green of Ing-Birchworth for my Companion, went by Cumberworth to Skelmanthorp were we

called of Martha Dyson (who was also going to York) stopt upwards of an hour and breakfasted there from thence we went to Emley were we parted with my dear and well beloved friend, Jeremiah Smith who had favoured us with his Company thus far on Journey. We travelled on by Midgley to Stockmoor were the rain coming apace we took Shelter at a farm house there, from thence we went by Netherton, Ossett, and Woodkirk to the Sine of the Star on Morley moor were we got some Refreshment paid 2d a Piece Eating and 3d Liquor then passed on by Morley and Holbeck to Leeds were we got to Joshua Ingles (having been much hindered by the rain) about 1 o Clock and after getting some Refreshment and cleaning ourselves a little we went to the Meeting house were we got just in time for the Meeting of discipline the business of which was gone through to mutual Satisfaction; amongst other things the 1<sup>st</sup>. 8<sup>th</sup>. Quarterly Meeting Queries was read and answered from all the Preparative meetings belonging to that Mo. Meeting, also George Armfield and Hannah Gomersall both of this town laid before Friends their continued Intentions of Marriage with each other, the Meeting held upwards of 2 hours; after which we din'd at Joshua Ingles, and after dinner went to see several friends at their houses viz. Samuel Briscoes, Esther and Phoebe Marshals, Jarviss Storrs's, Samuel Dysons, and Benjamin Kay's sat a little at each place and then went to John Armisteads were we supp'd, from thence return'd to Joshua Ingles were we lodg'd.

On 24<sup>th</sup>. and 3<sup>rd</sup>. of Week we set forward on our Journey betwixt 6 and 7 in the morning, Anne Boothe of Wakefield Meeting and Sarah Ingle of this going along with us, call'd at the New Inn upon Bramham-moor, were we got some refreshment at this place Sarah and Tabitha Brewer of Rawden Meeting came up with us, who also accompanied us, and got to the Sine of the Falcon in Tadcaster about 1 o Clock were we din'd. Paid 8d a piece Eating and 6d Liquor and got York that Evening about 6 o Clock to my usual Quarters at Joseph Awmacks were I lodg'd during my stay in the City that night I supp'd and spent the Evening very agreeably amongst many good Friends at William Tukes.

On 25<sup>th</sup>. and 4<sup>th</sup>. of Week at 9 in the morning began the first Meeting for Worship which was select of friends and a pretty large appearance there was, tho' not so many I think as I have sometimes seen at the Summer Quarter, no Strangers except Jonathan Hedley from the County of Durham. In this meeting Jonathan Hedley was first concerned in Testimony a short time. Robert Walker next from Isaiah C: 2. v: 4. Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shalt they learn war any more. Esther Tuke next from 1 John C: 1. v: 3. have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son, Jesus Christ. Robert Proud next from 2<sup>nd</sup>. Tim. C: 2: v: 19. The foundation of God stands sure. Pheobe Marshal next from 11 Cor. C: 10. v: 4. The weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds. Benjamin North next from Matt. C: 6. v: 19. Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal. 20 But lay up for yourselves treasures in Heaven, where neither moth nor rust corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor this steal. Esther Tuke next and was very much favoured divers states being opened and clearly spoke to. The Meeting held 3 hours. At 2 in the Afternoon began the Meeting for discipline the 1<sup>st</sup>. 8<sup>th</sup> Quarterly Meeting Queries was read and answered in writing from all the Monthly Meetings in this County except Cave a Representative from which gave a reason for the omission some other business was gone thro' and then the Meeting adjourn'd until 9 next morning The Meeting held 2 hours and a half. At 6 in the Evening began a Meeting for Worship which held near 3 hours. Pheobe Marshal was first concerned therein in Testimony from Matt: C: 5. v: 20. Except your Righteousness shall exceed the Righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the Kingdom of Heaven. Thomas Colley next from 1 Cor: C: 12. v: 7. The manifestation of the Spirit is given to every Man to profit withal. Mary Proud concluded the Meeting in Prayer.

On 26<sup>th</sup>. and 5<sup>th</sup>. of Week, at 9 in the morning met according to adjournment the remaining part of the business was gone thro' to pretty good satisfaction amongst other things the Representatives of the Yearly Meeting made their report that it was large and satisfactory at the conclusion of business the Yearly Meeting Epistle was read. The Meeting held 4 hours -

Parting Meeting for Worship at 3 in the afternoon was large a great many of the Citizens coming in Jonathan Hedley was first concerned a short time in Testimony Robert Walker next stood very long and was much favoured being opened in a particular manner to the states of the People. John Robinson next stood pretty long had a loving invitation especially to the Youth and entreating us to embrace the offer of Gods love which he in mercy felt to be afresh extended unto that large Assembly. Phoebe Marshal was afterwards concerned in Prayer, the Meeting held about 2 hours and a half. After Meeting we took a walk into the Castle to see the prisoners and then return'd to my Quarters were I tarried a little and then went to William Tukes were I sup'd and spent the evening.

On 27<sup>th</sup>. and 6<sup>th</sup>. of Week about 11 o Clock in the forenoon I left York in Company with Jonathon Green got to the Falcon in Tadcaster about 1 stopt about an hour and din'd there Paid 4d Eating and 2d Liquor and then proceeded on our Journey when we got upon Bramham-moor we overtook two of our former Companions viz. Sarah and Tabitha Brewer at the top of the moor we call'd and got some Refreshment Paid 4d stopt about an hour and then set forward to Leeds were we arrived that 8 o Clock that Evening. After drinking Tea at Joshua Ingles we went to Jarviss Storrs's were we lodg'd.

On 28<sup>th</sup>. and 7<sup>th</sup>. of Week we left Leeds betwixt 9 and 10 o Clock in the Forenoon got to Wakefield about 12 stopt upwards of an hour and din'd at James Boothes, came on by Sandal, Hallgreen, Hollingthorpe, Bretton, and Emley to my Uncle William Steads at Siver Ing were we stopt about 1 hour and a half and drunk tea and so got home betwixt 7 and 8 that Evening.

An Account of my Journey to a Meeting held at Castleton in Derbyshire ye 27<sup>th</sup>. of 7 mo 1777

I set out from home ye 26<sup>th</sup>. of this 7 mo 1777 and 7<sup>th</sup>. day of the Week about 6 o Clock in the Morning having my dear and well beloved Friend, Jeremiah Smith for my Companion which was very agreeable to me took our Mare along with this and rid one time for another which was a help to us, we went by Bullas to Langside were we call'd at our friend Thomas Earnshaws stopt about an hour and got some refreshment and then proceeded on our Journey got to our Respected Friend George Chapmans about 11 o Clock were we din'd. Set out again to about one George Chapman accompanying us got to his Fathers house at Twitchhill near Hope about three were we drunk Tea and then proceeded by Hope to Castleton were we got to the Sine of the Castle betwixt 4 and 5. were we found several Friends from Sheffield busy at work in preparing the place for the meeting. viz. Joseph Clarbour, John Littlewood, Richard Eyre, Caleb Dickinson and Wife, Mary Rutherford and Mary James's accordingly we began to assist them Erected a Gallery and got the place conveniently seated with forms and Planks or one thing or another (which with the assistance of some Men who lived there we fetch'd from different parts of the Town) betwixt 6 and 7 that Evening. After which we some of us took a walk to Peaks hole which is a large Cavern within the Earth and I thought one of the greatest natural curiosities I ever saw the entrance of which is very wide and spacious and several People are employ'd there in the spinning of Packthread as we advanced farther we began to descend a little and the place began to grow narrower and not so high, Our guide then put each of us a candle in our hands and after a while we was obliged to stoop as we passed along until we came to a River over which they ferryed us in a Boat two at a time when we got to the other side we came into a very wide and Lofty place the Top of which seemed very beautiful by the light of our Candles at the farther end of this place we came to another River over which our Guide told us he generally carried people on his back however we chused to go over by the help of stones which were laid to step on from thence we went a very long way sometimes rather ascending and sometimes descending our Guide showing us many curiosities as we passed along until we came to the third River over which we could not pass here he told us we was 750 yards from the entrance into the place and considerably above a

100 from the surface of the Earth, he then conducted us back and we return'd pretty directly to the Inn where we spent the Evening very agreeably some other Friends being come in viz. William Fairbank and Wife, Christiana Hustler, and Mary Barnard. The People of the house behaved civilly to us and were pretty reasonable in their charges. Paid 8d each Supper and 6d Breakfast. After Supper we had a pretty satisfactory opportunity together in which Christiana Hustler dropt a few words in Testimony.

On 27<sup>th</sup>. and 1<sup>st</sup>. of the Week at 11 o Clock the Meeting began which was held in a very large Barn belonging to Samuel Needham a person of property who readily and freely gave it up to the service of Friends for this time. Beside our Frd. Esther Tuke from York (on whose account the Meeting was appointed) there was several other Ministers attended as Thomas Colley, and Tabitha Hoyland from Sheffield and Christiana Hustler from Bradford Meeting and Notice having been pretty fully given to the Inhabitants for many Miles round a very great concourse attended so that the Barn was very much crowded and a great many that could not get in who behaved in an orderly a manner as could be expected in such Crowd. Christiana Hustler was first concern'd a short time in Testimony from the Words of one of the Apostles. Study to be quiet and mind your own business Exhorting us to gather to that which would still and calm our minds. Esther Tuke appeared next stood I think about 1 hour and a half and was much favoured she first inform'd the People of our motive in seeking such opportunities as these and afterwards branched forth in a lively manner upon divers other subjects chiefly tending to turn the Minds of the People from any outward dependents to the Gift of God in themselves that so they might know a building upon the right foundation and not rest contented in a state of uncertainty. Proving from several texts of Scripture the Universality and Sufficiency of the light of Christ for Salvation to all those who believed in it and obey it. Thomas Colley appear'd next stood long and was very much favoured, was opened with the saying of the Evangelical Prophet alluding to the Gospel times Isaiah C: 59. v: 1. Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee; feeling the extendings of the Love of God to flow towards them he appear'd much concerned that they might not rest by the way but might come to experience a state of Perfection from Sin reminding them of the promises they made or that was made for them at the time of Sprinkling viz. To renounce the Devil and all his works the pomps and Vanities of this wicked World, and all the sinful lusts of the flesh and to keep Gods holy will and commandment and walk in the same all the days of their Life, or words to this effect which is indeed the state of Perfection, he then queried of them if when before the Bishop they did not confirm and Ratify those Promises and take them upon themselves and earnestly pressed them not to rest contented with barely entry into those engagements but labour to come to the fulfilment thereof in themselves that so they might be fitted for that awful solemn change which sooner or later will overtake us all. After a short time in Silence he stood up again and commended the People for their good behaviour concluding with a short but lively Exhortation. Afterwards Esther Tuke had a pretty long time in Prayer the Meeting held about 4 hours. At this place Esther Tuke inform'd me that she found a concern on her mind to have a Meeting next day at Sheffield with such as were under convincement and such as were lately join'd the Society and that if there was any such from our Meeting there if they had freedom to go she should be pleased with their Company but there was only my companion and William Dyson and his Brother Benjamin I acquainted them therewith and they concluded to go except William who was obliged to get home that night accordingly I lent him my Mare and we set out on foot for Sheffield 16 Miles having the company of all the beforementioned friends who assisted us in preparing the place for the Meeting, and other two viz. Joseph Jepson, and John Eyre, we went to Hope where we din'd at the Clerks House paid 6d a piece Eating and 3d Liquor. Set out again and got to Athershedge where our Friend John Barlow invited us to call at the Bunch of Grapes which we did and got some Refreshment and he out of kindness defray'd the whole expence. Whilst here we heard of the death of George Hancock a sober inoffensive Young Man Convinc'd a few years ago, had a long and painful illness which he bore with a becoming Patience and finished his course in a tender sweet

frame of Spirit at the house of our frd. John Littlewood about the 11<sup>th</sup>. hour of this forenoon. I think the last words he was heard to say was "My Soul is at rest" May my life and latter end be like his. From hence we got to Sheffield betwixt 9 and 10 o Clock called at John Littlewoods were we sat a little, and from thence went to John Hoylands to see the friends were we met with John Swanwick who conducted us to his house were my Companion and me lodg'd.

On 28<sup>th</sup>. and 2<sup>nd</sup>. of week. Early this morning our Cordial friend George Chapman got here. After breakfast we went to see the friends at John Hoylands were we tarried until Meeting time which began at the 10<sup>th</sup>. hour and was held in the old Meetinghouse. Our friend Esther Tuke inform'd me I might have the liberty to sit with them of which I was glad; there was a pretty number of convinced ones collected more than I expected and a few Elders, Christiana Hustler and Thomas Colley had each a short time in Testimony and afterwards Esther Tuke was concerned stood near an hour, was first opened with the Prophecy of Moses concerning Christ A Prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto You from amongst your Brethren like unto him shall ye hear in all things (or words to this effect) and afterwards had in a lively and beautiful manner to treat of the Journeys of the Children of Israel from Egypt towards the land of promise. and after branching forth a little upon divers other subjects she sat down, and after a short time in Silence stood up again and spoke in a tender feeling manner to the state of some present with whom she said she felt a near Sympathy. The Meeting held about 2 hours and a half and I hope was a time of profit to some. After which I din'd at John Swanwicks, and from thence went to Thomas Colleys and John Hoylands sat a little at each place and then return'd to my Companion who was at Caleb Dickinsons were we drunk tea and then set out towards home betwixt 4 and 5 o Clock. Thomas Colley was so kind as to send his mare with us upwards of 6 Miles which was a great help to my Companion who was poorly, Samuel Davison accompanied us to take her back which was agreeable to me. Call'd at Wortley were we stopt about an hour and got some refreshment and so got home betwixt 10 and 11 o Clock.

#### An Account of my Journey to the quarterly Meeting at Rushworth in the 8<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1777

Rushworth is a branch of Halifax meeting joins with Friends at Halifax the 3<sup>rd</sup>. 1<sup>st</sup>. day in the month at which time their preparative meeting is held and when it falls out that there is five first days in one Month friends at Halifax attend the meeting at Rushworth which generally happening about once a Quarter, has from that obtained the name of quarterly meeting by the neighbouring People who generally resort to it in great numbers I having had for some time a desire to attend it acquainted my dear friend and intimate companion Jeremiah Smith therewith who found freedom to accompany me of which I was glad. We set out from our house the 30<sup>th</sup>. of ye. 8<sup>th</sup>. mo: and 7<sup>th</sup>. day of the week betwixt 1 and 2 o Clock in the afternoon went by Shepley, Farnley and Lockwood to our Friend Robert Kays of Lane-end were we met by appointment with our mutual friend William Earnshaw who had also a concern for the same place and of whose agreeable company we was truly glad. we stopt at this place above an hour and drunk tea, and then set out again by Milnsbrig and Outlanes and so over the moors and mountains to my Cousin Simeon Dysons of Lower-Goathouse were we got about half past seven and very wet we was it having rain'd most if not all the way, my Cousins were very kind and got us dry things to put on and something warm and nourishing to supper so that altho' we had none of us been so wet for several years yet I do not know that we any of us caught cold.

On 31<sup>st</sup>. and 1<sup>st</sup>. of week we went to the meeting which was about a mile from my Cousins house began about 11 o Clock and held for about 3 hours was not so large as at some other times tho' there was several of other Societies. George Conway appeared twice in the forepart of the meeting the subject of his discourse was the great advantage it was to those

whose dwellings were situated near a spring and what a help it was to keep all things sweet and clean and on the contrary where water was far to fetch things were generally much out of order from thence he drew many beautiful comparisons in a spiritual sense exhorting us to dwell near the spring and fountain of life in ourselves that so we might experience it to be as a well of water springing up in us unto Everlasting life William Earnshaw was next concerned pretty largely appear'd three times in Testimony upon sundry subjects but chiefly tending to wean the minds of the people from any dependence upon man and turn them to the Gift of God in themselves and towards the conclusion had in a tender and affection manner to exhort us to make our Peace with the Lord that so it might be well with us when that solemn awful change came which in a little time would overtake us all. after which George Conway was again concern'd in Testimony in the course of which he was beautifully opened from Psalms 137. v: 1, 2, 3 and 4. By the Rivers of Babylon, there we sat down, yea, we wept, when we remembered Zion. We hanged our harps upon the willows in the midst thereof. For there they that carried us away captive required of us a song; and they that wasted us required of us mirth, saying, Sing us one of Songs of Zion. How shall we sing the Lord's song in a strange land? William Earnshaw afterwards concluded the meeting in Prayer After Dinner we purposed setting off towards home but the day proving showery we concluded to tarry another night and there being a Young Man there who is under conviction his name Samuel Haigh I took a walk with him and his Mother (who had been with him at meeting that day) to their house near Soyland-mills 2 miles he appears to be a tender spirited uprighthearted young man I tarried upwards of an hour with them and got some refreshment, and then he went with me a little further to see a Young Man that is poorly who had comb'd with my Brother where we tarried a little and then I set out towards my lodgings Samuel Haigh accompanied me about half way which was very agreeable to me he being uncommonly near to my life, as we passed along he gave me some little account of his conviction and one thing remarkable was that before he was 8 years of age being with his Parents at Halifax he went with them to a friends meeting and altho' there was no verbal Testimony bore yet he said the solemnity of the time made such impressions upon his mind as remain'd with him ever since altho' it was 14 Years (or thereabouts after) before he began to attend our meetings constantly having been in profession with the people called Methodists amongst which people his Mother Brother and Sisters now walk yet appear friendly and well-disposed and carry tender towards him.

On 1<sup>st</sup>. of 9<sup>th</sup>. mo: and 2<sup>nd</sup>. day of week a little before 9 in the morning we set out towards home came by Outlanes and Milnsbrig to our friend Emanuel Brooks of Delf were we stopt about 1 hour and a half, and then came on by Honley to Thongs-brig near which place we parted with our friend Wm. Earnshaw and so got home about half past 3 o Clock.

An Account of my Journey to Brighouse Mo. Meeting held at Halifax ye. 17<sup>th</sup>. of 9<sup>th</sup>. mo:  
1777

An appointment being made by the Yearly Meeting at London, of a considerable number of Friends to visit the Quarterly and Monthly meetings of friends throughout Great Britain and Ireland, our friends George Boone from Warwickshire, Isaac Gray from Hertfordshire, William Rathbone from Lancashire, John Burgess from Leicestershire, and John Fothergill from London, found drawings on their mind to visit the Quarterly and Monthly meetings in our county and having been at our Monthly Meeting held at Highflatts the 15<sup>th</sup>. of ye. 9<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1777 from thence they went to Brighouse mo: meeting which being so large was agreed to be held at two places viz. at Halifax on 17<sup>th</sup>. and at Leeds on 19<sup>th</sup>. and some of them finding a concern on their minds to have a Meeting at Brighouse on 16<sup>th</sup>. in the evening in their way to Halifax my friend Jeremiah Smith and me found a desire to be with them at those two places and accordingly set out from my house on the ye. 16<sup>th</sup>. about 10 in the forenoon being 3<sup>rd</sup>. day

of the week went by Low-Shepley, Woodsom-mill, Amberry and Huddersfield to Linley were we call'd to inform Thomas Owen of the meeting stopt about an hour and got some refreshment, from thence we went to Joseph Fryers of Rastrick were we got betwixt 2 and 3 o Clock tarried some time there and drunk tea then went to William Prestons with whom my companion had been Apprenticed sat a little there and then went to the meeting which began at 5 and held about 2 hours and a half was very large the house being quite full many people of other Societies coming in, George Boone appeared first had an excellent time in Testimony from Rom: C: 6. v: 14. Sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the Law, but under Grace. William Rathbone next had a considerable time upon divers subjects. Mary the Wife of John Earnshaw of Oldham meeting in Lancashire a young Woman lately come forth in the ministry dropt a few words next from Rev: C: v: 14. Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven and earth and the Sea and the fountains of waters. After which George Boone had a long and much favoured time in prayer, towards the conclusion of the meeting Wm. Rathbone and George Boone both expressed their satisfaction with the behaviour of the people and had each of them a few words more by way of exhortation to them, After meeting we went to Thomas Coopers of Brighthouse were I lodg'd.

On 17<sup>th</sup>. and 4<sup>th</sup>. of the week about 9 in the morning set out for Halifax 5 miles John Hall of Whitefield going along with us went by Southouram were we called at George Conways got some refreshment there and then proceeded to Halifax were we got just in time to the meeting which began at the 11<sup>th</sup>. hour, was very large the house and Gallerys being quite full for beside a large collection of Friends there were abundance of People of other Societies. William Dilworth and John Routh from Lancashire who were likewise under appointment of the Yearly Meeting, met friends here also Sarah Taylor of Manchester. George Boone was first concerned in Testimony from John C: 4. v: 10. If thou wilt knowest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee give me to drink; there wouldest have askt of him, and he would have given thee living water. he stood long and was much favoured. William Rathbone appear'd next from Isaiah C: 2 v: 9. When thy judgments are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness. Robert Walker next concerning Esau selling his birthright. George Boone had afterwards a long and very open time in Prayer. After which he commended the People for their good behaviour and inform'd them that the meeting for Worship was then over and as we had some affairs to look into relating to our own Society he desired those of other Societies to withdraw but as this was a particular opportunity such as were disown'd or such as were under Convincement might have the liberty to tarry if they chose. Sarah Taylor appear'd first in Testimony (the Men and Women sitting together in this visit until the Queries was read and answered) after which Clerk read the Queries which were answered one by one from Brighthouse Halifax and Mankinholes Meetings the deficiencies were appointed out and feelingly spoke to and much weighty counsel and advice dropt in the Life and power of truth by sundry frds. as George Boon, Isaac Gray William Rathbone John Burgess John Fothergill William Dilworth Sarah Taylor and Robert Walker, and altho' it was a close laborious season I hope it was a time of profit to many, both meetings held about 7 hours After which we set out towards home came as far Salter-Ebble were we call'd and drunk Tea paid 4 a piece here we found a stop in our minds and return'd back to our friend George Conways at Southouram were we took up our Quarters that night.

On 18<sup>th</sup>. and 5<sup>th</sup>. week we set of early in the morning to Halifax with Anne Broadhead of Meltamhouse who had an inclination to speak with Dr Fothergill she being poorly when we got to the Sine of the Cock which was his Inn he was gone out into the Town so we called for some Rum and Water for which we paid 6d and tarried until he return'd when he readily and freely gave his advice to the Young Woman. We left Halifax about 10 o Clock and came to Exley were we met with my Sister Susanna and Cousin Mary Wood who had been at Mo. Meeting and lodg'd at George Conways so agreed to meet us here, we came on by Ealand and Fixby to Huddersfield were we got to William Coopers about 12 din'd there after which my Cousin and Anne Broadhead set out towards home but we tarried and spent the Afternoon

and pretty agreeably until betwixt 4 and 5 o Clock when we drunk Tea and then set forward again came by Amberry and Kirkburton to Shelly were we stopt and rested us a little at William Thorps and so got home betwixt 8 and 9 that evening.

Note. After the Queries was read and answered the Meeting adjourn'd to Leeds to be held there on the 19<sup>th</sup>. for, Leeds Bradford and Gildersom meetings to Answer the Queries and the other business belonging the monthly meeting to be there gone thro'.

An Account of my Journey to Morley Mo. Meeting held at Stockport in Cheshire ye. 29<sup>th</sup>. of ye. 10<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1777.

Having found drawings on my mind for some time to pay a visit to the monthly meeting of Morley in Cheshire, and hearing that our friend Esther Tuke was at Bradford and desirous to see me I found an inclination to go thither and so from thence to the aforesaid monthly meeting held at Stockport accordingly I set out from home ye 25<sup>th</sup>. of ye. 10<sup>th</sup>. Mo. and 7<sup>th</sup>. day of the week betwixt 7 and 8 o Cock in the morning met by appointment with my friend William Dyson of Powker at Shelly whose company was very agreeable to me, we passed on by Kirkburton and Kir-heaton to Colnbrig were we stopt about an hour and got some refreshment paid 2d a piece eating and 3d Liquor and then proceeded on our Journey by Kirkleeshall, Scholes, and Wibsy to Bradford were we got to the house of our friend Timothy Maud about 3 that afternoon, spent the remainder part of the Afternoon and Evening very agreeably there, in Company with Esther Tuke and Elizabeth Rathbone daughter of William Rathbone of Liverpool a sober religious young Woman, whose growth and preservation I much desire. Lodg'd that night on the opposite side of the street at our friend Jane Sutcliffes.

On 26<sup>th</sup>. and 1<sup>st</sup>. of the week. The night before our friend Esther Tuke acquainted us that notice was gone to Otley of her intentions of being there that day and was desirous of us to accompany her if we could find freedom to which we readily consented accordingly we set out betwixt 7 and 8 in the morning, Timothy Maud lent my Companion his mare to ride and I went in the Chaise with Esther Tuke and Elizabeth Rathbone to Benjamin Hirds were we breakfasted and then his Wife got into the Chaise and I walkt the remaining part of the way to Otley were we got just in time to the meeting There are only two familys of friends in this town and they lately removed into it, but are several others appear to be under convincement and great openness appearing in that neighbourhood friends purchased a place and has made a large and convenient Meetinghouse since which there has been a great resorting to our meetings in that place, and a blessed visitation appears to be extended to the inhabitants there with which I sincerely desire they may be enabled to join The meeting began about 10 o Clock in the forenoon and was pretty large many people of other Societies coming in as usual there was a long and low time in Silence but truth favoured us together in the end and Esther Tuke had an acceptable time in Testimony from Exodus C: 32. v: 1. Up, make us gods so that shall go before us; for as for this Moses, the man that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we wot not what is become of him, after a short time in Silence she stood up again and inform'd the people That the afternoon meeting which usually began at 3 was put off 'till 5 and that we should be pleased with the Company of sober people that chused to come sit with us especially such as would not think it a disappointment if nothing was said, as the true Ministers dare not move without the divine command let the expectations of the people be as they may, and after branching forth into several short exhortation she sat down. The meeting then concluded having held about 2 hours and a half after which my companion and me din'd at our friend Thomas Rhodes's an honest friend who had few words in meetings formerly in profession with the Methodists but was convinced and his Wife also some Years ago since which they found it their duty to remove out of the Country and settle in Otley. After dinner we went to the other Friends house whose name is Edward Burrow where the Women friends din'd spent the Afternoon there and drunk Tea and then went to the meeting about 5 o Clock

there was but few friends many of those that came from other meetings being return'd but many people of other Societies came in tho' not so large a number as usual the night being wet and the Methodists meeting beginning about the same time yet the house was nearly full and the Priest of the Town and some others (who perhaps did not chuse to be seen) stood at the window. It was an open good meeting Esther Tuke appear'd twice therein in Testimony, first time from Prov: C: 14. ver. 27 The fear of the Lord is a fountain of life, to depart from the snares of death. and the latter time from Rev: C: 3. ver: 20. Behold I stand at the door, and knock, if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. The meeting held about 3 hours after which we went to Thomas Rhodes to supper were the Women friends lodg'd, but me and my companion slept at Edward Burrows very kind friends his Wife (Jane Burrow) hath a fine gift in the ministry was convinced when young and her father being a Priest of the Church of England she suffered much and was at last turn'd out of doors by him as she related to us. They only removed about 11 weeks before from Bentham Meeting into this town (under a sense of duty) where I hope and believe if they keep their place they will be very serviceable.

On 27<sup>th</sup>. and 2<sup>nd</sup>. of week about 7 in the morning we set out again rode upon Timothy Mauds mare most of the way to Bradford which is about 10 miles got there about half past 9 were we stopt at his house near an hour and got some Refreshment and then set forward again, when we had travelled about 2 miles my Companion and me parted he returning towards home and I preceded on my Journey towards Stockport went by Northouram and Halifax to Soyland-mills-bank were I called to see Samuel Haigh stopt about half an hour and got some refreshment and then went forward again by Ripponden to my Cousin Simeon Dysons of Lower Goathouse were I stopt about an hour and drunk Tea and then crossed over the moors and mountains to John Halls of Whitefield in Lancashire, got there about 7 in the evening were I lodg'd having travelled about 35 miles that day.

On 28<sup>th</sup>. and 3<sup>rd</sup>. of the week, set out pretty early and went about 2 miles to John Earnshaws of Heyside to Breakfast were I met with his Father William Earnshaw who had been at the meeting at Whitefield on 1<sup>st</sup>. day we spent the forenoon very agreeably together took a walk over to John Lees's tarried about an hour and then return'd to John Earnshaws were we din'd about 1 o Clock I set forward on my Journey William Earnshaw and his Son accompanied me about 3 miles, went 5 Ashton to Stockport 13 miles got there about 5 in the evening, called at John Collier's the young Man formerly a the leader of amongst the Methodists but being dissatisfied have left them and come among friends stopt about an hour there and got some refreshment and then he went up with me to William Hamiltons were I lodg'd.

On 29<sup>th</sup>. and 4<sup>th</sup>. of week. The monthly meeting for Worship began at 11 o Clock there was a pretty appearance of Friends considering the Weather which was very severe that morning, it was a good meeting the power of him that can work with or without Instruments was measurably felt to the tendering of the hearts of some, at the close thereof was held the Moly. meeting for discipline, the business belonging the 3 particular meetings of Morley, Stockport, and Macclesfield were gone thro' to pretty good satisfaction, Ralph Neald and Hannah Heald of Morley meeting laid before this, their intentions of taking each other in marriage, both meetings held near 2 hours and a half. About 3 o Clock I left William Hamiltons in company with George Chapman and William Holme went by Disley and Newmill to Low-Leighton got there about 6 in the evening were we lodg'd at our fellow traveller William Holmes's.

On 30<sup>th</sup>. and 5<sup>th</sup>. of Week. The morning being very stormy prevented our setting forward until about 11 o Clock and when we had got about 2 miles the weather came on again so severe that we was obliged to call at a public house were we stopt about half an hour and got some Rum and Water then proceeded to Chauseworth called at George Walkers (who was lately removed thither from Darwent) they was very kind invited us to stay dinner which we did and then proceeded on our Journey again came by Patfield and Woodhead to Salterbrook

got there betwixt 5 and 6 in the evening were we lodgd paid 4d a piece Supper and 3d Breakfast.

On 31<sup>st</sup>. and 6<sup>th</sup>. of week. This morning my Companion and me parted and the moors being wet with the heavy rains of the preceding day I kept the turnpike road, set out about 6 in the morning and came by Bordel to Thurlstone were I stopt about half an hour at David Dickinsons and then proceeded to Ing-Birchworth, call'd at John Greens were I got a second breakfast of Tea and so got home betwixt 10 and 11 that forenoon.

An Account of my Journey to the Winter Quarterly Meeting held at York in the 12<sup>th</sup>. Mo.  
1777

I set out from home ye. 20<sup>th</sup>. of ye. 12<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1777 and 7<sup>th</sup>. of week about 7 o Clock in the morning, having my dear friend George Chapman for a Companion, went by Shelley, Kirkburton, and Kirkheaton, to Colnbrig were we stopt about an hour and got some refreshment Paid 4d each, and then proceeded on our Journey by Scholes Oakenshaw and Bradford to our friends and John Hustlers of Undercliff were we got about 2 o Clock spent the Afternoon very agreeably in company with his Wife who is a very valuable friend and she having something to relate to us of the tryals she met with in the time of her youth which being something similar to what we had passt thro'; it begot a great nearness one to another so that we were as Children of one Family, altho' our stations in this Life were very different.

On 21<sup>st</sup>. and 1<sup>st</sup>.of week. We set forward about 7 o Clock in the morning; went by Eccleshall, and Apperleebridge, and Guisley to Otley were we got to our kind friend Edward Burrows just in time to get a little refreshment before the meeting which began at 10 o Clock and held upwards of 2 hours was small not many coming in but such as attended meetings pretty constantly the presence of him who is the crown and glory of all our Assemblies was sweetly felt amongst us; Jane Burrow bore Testimony thereto and was livingly carried on from Matt: C: 11. v: 28. Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Afternoon meeting at 3 o Clock held about 2 hours was pretty large many of other Societies coming in; the forepart was dull and heavy but towards the close thereof, Jane Burrow had a pretty long time in Testimony from 1 Thes: C: 4. v: 11. Study to be quiet, and to do your own business and I thought it ended pretty well. Several of those who appear to be under convincement came and spent the evening with us at Edward Burrows whose company was very acceptable.

On 22<sup>nd</sup>. and 2<sup>nd</sup>. of week, we breakfasted at Thomas Rhodes's were we spent most of the forenoon and then return'd to Edward Burrows were we spent the remaining part of the day very agreeably.

On 23<sup>rd</sup>. and 3<sup>rd</sup>. of week betwixt 6 and 7 in the morning we set out for York 30 miles and Michael Teal a young man who is lately convinced accompanying us; we passed on by Pool, Arthington Wardley and Harewood to Collingham were we stopt about half an hour at the Sine of the half moon and got some refreshment, paid 2d a piece and then proceeded by Thorp-arch to Tadcaster were we stopt about one hour and a half at the Falcon and din'd Paid 6d a piece eating and 2d Liquor; and then proceeded on our Journey to my kind friend Joseph Awmacks of York betwixt 3 of 4 that afternoon were we lodg'd during our stay in the city. At 5 this Evening was their weekday meeting which held about 3 hours was much larger than usual several friends attending who was come to the ensuing Quarterly meeting and Mary Ingle was first concerned in testimony Cant. C: 4. v: 6. I will get me to the mountain of myrrhe, and to the hill of frankincense. Elizabeth Robinson next from Nathaniels question to Philip John C: 1. v: 46. Can there be any good thing come out of Nazareth; and Phillips answer Come and see. E: Wetherhill next from the Parable of the man sowing good seed in his field Matt 13 and 37. Thomas Cash next setting forth the necessity there was for the true

Ministers to wait in Silence until the Lord was pleased to open their way as when he shuts none can open acceptably. Mary Ingle concluded the meeting in Prayer.

On 24<sup>th</sup>. and 4<sup>th</sup>. of the week at 9 in the morning was the Quarterly meeting of Ministers and Elders which held about 3 hours, there was a considerable number of Publick friends from different parts of the county and two Strangers viz. Thomas Cash from Cheshire and Mary Ingle from Westmorland. The Select Queries was read and answered from all the monthly meetings verbally except Pontefract, Thirsk and Scarborough, the last sent theirs in writing, Pontefract sent a few lines informing the meeting they had nothing to complain of and a friend from Thirsk gave account they have not held such a meeting this Quarter; divers Testimonies were borne in the life and power of Truth and some weighty remarks made by Mary Ingle, Elizabeth Robinson, Thomas Cash, Esther Tuke, Elizabeth Wetherhill, Robert Walker, Robert Proud and William Rountree, The meeting for Discipline at 3 in the Afternoon. Our friends Elizabeth Robinson and Elizabeth Wetherhill found a concern to come amongst us soon after we were gathered and had each of them a plain close living and powerful Testimony to bear pertinent to the state of things amongst us. After they were withdrawn the business of the meeting was entered upon the representatives from York, Balby, Pontefract, and Brighouse monthly meetings were ordered to withdraw to chuse a proper Person to act as Clerk this Quarter at our return we proposed Joseph Tatham of Leeds who was acceptable to the meeting. The 1<sup>st</sup>. eight Quarterly meeting Queries were read and answered in writing from all the monthly meetings except Gisborough a representative from which answered theirs verbally; some other business was gone thro' and then the meeting adjourned until 9 next morning, having held about 2 hours and half. This afternoon we drunk tea at William Tukes were we tarried until 6 in the Evening at which time a meeting for Worship began there was about as many friends as usual at this Quarter but few if any of other Societies came in. Thomas Cash was first concerned in Testimony from Amos 7 and 2. By whom shall Jacob arise? For he is small. John Binns next from Matt 12 and 42. The Queen of the South shall rise up in the judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it: for she came from the uttermost parts of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and behold a greater than Solomon is here. Elizabeth Robinson concluded the meeting in Prayer which held about 2 hours.

On 25<sup>th</sup>. and 5<sup>th</sup>. of week at 9 in the morning, met pursuant to adjournment. A great deal of business was gone thro', and the whole was conducted in an harmonious manner; two lively testimonies were borne to the Truth by Joseph Wright and Robert Walker. The meeting held 4 hours. At 3 in the Afternoon was the parting meeting for Worship which held about 2 hours and a half Mary Ingle led the way in Testimony from John: 7 and 17. If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine. Thomas Cash next from Eccles: 7 and 4. The heart of the wise is in the house of mourning; Esther Tuke next from Eccles: 7 and 2. It is better to go to the house of mourning, than to the house of feasting: She stood long having to point out to us something of the gradual work of regeneration informing us from experience that whilst under that dispensation it was a time of sorrow and mourning indeed. Mary Ingle next from Sam: 1 and 4. The ways of Zion do mourn, because none come to the solemn feasts: all her gates are desolate: her Priests sigh, her virgins are afflicted, and she is in bitterness. Elizabeth Wetherhill next from Eccles: 5 and 1. Keep thy foot when thou goest to the house of God, and be more ready to hear than to give the sacrifice of fools. Mary Ingle next she stood pretty long being opened upon sundry subjects in a lively and beautiful manner. Thomas Cash next in prayer and afterwards Robert Walker had a pretty open time in testimony from 1 Thes: 4 and 11. Study to be quiet and do your own business. After meeting Mary Ingle and several other friends came to drink Tea at our lodgings; after which we dropt into silence, in which opportunity Mary Ingle was concerned in a plain and close testimony from Matt: 26, and 45. Sleep on now and take your rest; behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of Sinners. Afterwards she was concerned in Prayer. The opportunity being over and most of the friends gone, the remarks the young woman had to make remaining weighty upon my mind, and I believe on some others; a few of us sat down together in awful

solemn silence; and after some time Anne Awmacks mouth was opened in an encouraging manner from Luke: 12, and 32. Fear not, little flock; for it is your Fathers good pleasure to give you the kingdom, which was great relief to my mind.

On 26<sup>th</sup>. and 6<sup>th</sup>. of week. We set our fellow.traveller Michael Teal on his road about a mile and then return'd to our lodgings were we spent most of the forenoon and then we went on to William Tukes were we spent all the remaining part of the day very agreeably in company with the family Thomas Cash and some other friends in the evening we had a comfortable opportunity together; Thomas Cash was first concerned therein, in testimony from 1 Chron: 16, and 11. Seek the Lord and his strength. Afterwards Esther Tuke was twice concerned in Testimony upon one subject from the Apostle Paul's advice vis. That if any would not work neither should they eat. After supper we return'd to our lodgings.

On 27<sup>th</sup>. and 7<sup>th</sup>. of week in the forenoon we went to see John Thurnams of Osbaldwick about 1 mile to see his daughter Anne who had been poorly for several years tarried about an hour and then return'd to dinner. In the afternoon we went to see Margaret Whiteley a convinced friend lately accepted into membership were we met by appointment with Esther Tuke and her daughter, drunk tea and spent part the evening and then return'd took our lodgings.

On 28<sup>th</sup>. and 1<sup>st</sup>. of week, was at their forenoon meeting which began at 10 and held about 2 hours There are a considerable number of friends belonging the meeting yet far short of the number that usually attend ours at Highflatts. Din'd at William Tukes were we tarried until 2 o Clock at which time their afternoon meeting began James Hessay was concerned in testimony therein, setting forth the necessity there was for us to be preserved in a state of inward watchfulness from Mark: 13 and 37. What I say unto you, I say unto all, watch. At the close of this meeting was held their preparative meeting the business of which was well conducted; both meetings held 2 hours and a half. After which William Tuke and Wife their Son Henry and daughter Sarah, came and drunk tea with us at Joseph Awmacks were they spent most of the evening. After they was gone we had a little opportunity together in which Anne Awmack was twice concerned in Testimony.

On 29<sup>th</sup>. and 2<sup>nd</sup>. of week, we set out about 8 o Clock in the morning came by Tadcaster to the Sine of the Fox upon the top of Bramham-moor, were we din'd, paid 8d eating, and 2d Liquor; tarried about an hour and a half and then proceeded on our Journey; got to Joshua Ingles of Leeds about 5 in the evening were we drunk tea and then went to Jarviss Storrs were we lodg'd after supper we went and sat a little with Esther and Pheobe Marshal and then return'd; before we went to bed we had a precious opportunity together in which Mary Storrs was concerned in a tender broken manner in testimony.

On 30<sup>th</sup>. and 3<sup>rd</sup>. of week; we left Leeds betwixt 8 and 9 in the morning, came to James Boothes of Wakefield, were we din'd; tarried about an hour and a half and then proceeded, by Sandal, Hallgreen, Bretton, and Emley, to Skelmanthorp were we drunk tea with Martha Dyson, tarried about 1 hour and a half, and then came on by Cumberworth to Newhouse were we got about 7 o Clock that evening

An Account of my Journey to a meeting held at Skelmanthorp ye. 1<sup>st</sup>. of the 4<sup>th</sup>. mo. 1778

I set out from home pretty early in the morning, call'd at my Cousin Tobias Malinsons of Wood, were I met by appointment with my beloved friend Jeremiah Smith, and he, and Cousin George Malinson accompanied me to Skelmanthorp, were we got betwixt 8 and 9 o Clock assisted the friends there in preparing a place for the meeting which was held in the dwelling house of Patience Jakeman we soon got it conveniently seated with Chairs and Forms. About 10 o Clock the meeting began. The house was pretty well filled divers of the sober neighbours came in, tho' not so many as usual owing I believe through the want of timely and proper notice: Besides our friend George Haworth of Mankinholes meeting on

whose account this meeting was appointed our friend Henry Dickinson of Strines also attended, and in the early part thereof was concerned a short time in testimony exhorting us to turn our minds inward and wait for the arisings of him who is the resurrection and the Life of his People without which Preaching was in vain. George Haworth appeared next stood near an hour and was favoured, Shewing what Man was by nature and that in this state it was impossible to please God; therefore we ought every individual of us that have not already experienced a Change from a state of nature to that of Grace to be concerned not only to know the beginning of this work but also the carrying of it on until we come to be created anew in Christ Jesus, which is a state that Man by all his Wisdom, arts and parts cannot attain to, he then show'd the necessity there was for him to know this cessation of all his own willings and runnings and to be brought into a state of perfect stillness, lest he should not hear the still small voice of him who stands knocking for an entrance at the door of his heart, and if he refuse to let him in, in vain will all his endeavours be, to accomplish that great and necessary work of regeneration. Henry Dickinson appeared next, stood long and was much favoured, he was opened with the saying of Habakkuk C: 2. v: 1. I will stand upon my watch, and set me upon the tower, and will watch to see what he will say unto me, and what I shall answer when I am reprov'd. he afterwards branched forth into sundry lively and pertinent Exhortations very necessary to be observed by all, George Howarth was next concerned a pretty long time in Prayer, and afterwards dropt a few words more and then the meeting concluded having held upwards of 2 hours. I believe it was to the satisfaction of many several being much broken and tendered. The Publick friends din'd with Martha Dyson, but we din'd with her sister Mary, after dinner we assisted in carrying the forms home, and then came up to George Haworths of Low Cumberworth, where George Heywoods, Henry Dickinson, Cousin Susanna Malinson and her Son John, and Cousin Sarah Dyson was got before us, we all tarried and drunk tea there, after which we had a short opportunity together in which George Howarth dropt a few words; we all came together to Cousin Tobias Malinsons, were we supp'd and spent the Evening and so got home about 10 o Clock.

#### An Account of my Journey to the Quarterly Meeting for Westmorland held at Kendal and the Northern Yearly Meeting held this Year at Ulverstone in Lancashire 1778

I set out from home ye. 16<sup>th</sup>. of ye. 4<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1778, and 5<sup>th</sup>. day of the week, betwixt 6 and 7 o Clock in the morning, having Samuel Davison (a young man who is under convincement) from Sheffield for my companion this Journey which was very acceptable to me; went by Amorhouse were we stopt about half an hour at Sarah Mortons and then proceeded by Amberry to Thomas Firths of Huddersfield were we stopt about an hour and got some refreshment and then proceeded by Rastrick and Brighthouse to George Conways of Southouram were we tarried upwards of 2 hours and din'd. After which we set forward on our Journey again, George Conway accompanied us about 5 miles, in our way we called to see Joseph Haley a young Man formerly in profession with the Moravians but being dissatisfied, had left them and for some time has frequented friends meetings; we had a short but satisfactory opportunity with him, in which George Conway dropt a few words in Testimony; at parting the young man appeared very loving and exprest his satisfaction with our visit. We passed on by Halifax, Illingworth, Cullingworth, to Caleb Stansfields near Keighley, got there about 7 o Clock, were we lodg'd having travelled about 27 miles that day.

On 17<sup>th</sup>. and 6<sup>th</sup>. of week betwixt 7 and 8 in the morning we set forward on our Journey, Abraham Stansfield accompanying us about 3 miles, we went by Keighley, Steeton, Kildwick, and Bradley, to Skipton 12 miles, were we stopt about a hour and drunk Coffee at the Sine of the Hole in the Wall paid 6d each, and then proceeded by Gargreave, Coniston and Hellefield to Long Preston 11 miles, drunk Tea at the Kings Head, paid 6d each, stopt

upwards of an hour, and then proceeded by Settle to Jonathon Hodgsons of Giggleswick 5 miles and got there about 6 in the evening were we lodg'd.

On 18<sup>th</sup>. and 7<sup>th</sup>. of week, we set forward about 7 o Clock in the morning, Jonathan Hodgson set us on our way about 1 mile, the road for a considerable way lay at the foot of an high and almost inaccessible Rock, called Giggleswick Scarr, were we saw a well which ebbs and flows every Quarter of an hour, we passed on by Claypum to Ingleton 10 miles, call'd at the Wheat Sheaf stopt about an hour and drunk Tea paid 6d each and then proceeded to Kirby-Lonsdale in Westmorland 7 miles; and from thence 7 miles more to George Crossfields of Low-park, got there about 3 o Clock, were we rested that night, spending the Evening very agreeably with his Wife (he being gone from home) who is an able minister of the Gospel, her name, Jane Crossfield.

On 19<sup>th</sup>. and 1<sup>st</sup>. of week. The evening before some friends taking Thomas Colley and Mary Proud into the Chaise they left us their horses to ride, accordingly we set out for Kendal 5 miles pretty early in the morning; in order to attend the Quarterly Meeting which was agreed to be held that day on account of friends attending in their way to the Yearly Meeting. I rode upon Thomas Colleys mare and my companion on Mary Prouds, reached Kendal in about an hours time, took up our Quarters at Isaac Wilsons, (who having heard of our being on the road, had prepared a Bed for us) were we with many other friends were kindly entertained. At 9 in the morning began the Quarterly Meeting for Worship which was very large of friends and a considerable number of other Societies likewise attended. There was a pretty many Ministers from different parts of the County, and divers Strangers from the Counties of Cumberland, of Lancashire, and Yorkshire, who were on their way to Ulverstone. Joseph Smith was first concerned in this meeting, in a short Testimony, Jane Crossfield next in Supplication, David Duckett next in a short and lively Testimony, Joseph Proctor next he stood long and was favoured from Psalms 26: v: 6. I will wash my hands in innocency; so will I compass thine Altar, O Lord. Mirian Bowen next setting forth the necessity there was for us to be obedient to the dictates of the Spirit of Truth from John C: 2: v: 5. Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it. Jane Crossfield next pressing us to make a right use of time that when the solemn period comes we may not be behind hand with our days work from Dan: C: 5. v: 27. Thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting. afterwards Sarah Taylor, Mary Proud, and Martha Routh had each of them a short and satisfactory time in Testimony being led to speak upon sundry subjects. At the close of this Meeting was held the Quarterly Meeting for Discipline. The London Yearly Meeting Queries was read and answered in writing from the three Mo. Meetings in this County viz. Sedbergh, Strickland and Kendal, by which it appeared that one Publick friend was dead in Sedbergh Mo. Meeting this year, the Northern Yearly Meeting Queries were also read and answered verbally from each Mo. Meeting, were deficiencies appeared counsel and advice was imparted by sundry friends as way opened A Certificate from the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders at Philadelphia to the Quarterly and Monthly Meetings at Kendal on behalf of our friend Thomas Gawthrop, was read; he being lately return'd from a religious visit to friends in some of the Provinces of America. Some other Business was gone thro' and the whole was well conducted, both meetings held about 5 hours. After dinner we went to see Mary Ingle were we drunk Tea and tarried until 5 o Clock, at which time the Parting Meeting for Worship began which was not so large as the former tho' I believe there were more of other Societies attended. Joseph Smith appeared first and had an encouraging time in testimony from Ex: C: 14. v: 15. Speak unto the Children of Israel, that they go forward. Miriam Bowen had a few words next. William Rathbone next from 2 Kings. C: 4. Concerning a certain Widow that came to inform Elisha of the death of her Husband and how miraculously he multiplied her oil, repeating the passage throughout, David Duckett next stood very long was opened from John C: 4. v: 35. Say not ye, there are not four months, and then cometh harvest? Behold, I say unto you, lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest. Sarah Taylor next having something to drop very encouraging to some state or states who she apprehended from the feelings of her mind, was deeply try'd and prov'd, the text she had to repeat was from Matt: C:

8. v: 2 Lord, If thou wilt thou canst make me clean. and our Saviours answer v: 3. I will; Be thou clean. Miriam Bowen had a few words next, and afterwards Joseph Proctor had a long time in Prayer, the meeting held near 3 hours.

On 20<sup>th</sup>. and 2<sup>nd</sup>. of week about 9 in the morning we set out for Ulverstone 22 miles having the Company of William Heald and Ralph Neald from Morley meeting in Cheshire; we went by Crossthwaites to Newby-bridge in Lancashire were we cross'd the bottom of Winander-meer which is a very large water among the mountains said to be 10 miles long and in some places near a mile broad. Stopt at the Swan were we purposed to have din'd but the house being so crowded with friends we got a little refreshment for which we paid 2d a piece eating and 1d Liquor, and then proceeded by Penny-bridge to Ulverstone, were we got about 4 o Clock in the afternoon. When we had got about 10 miles from Kendal, we came up with Jane Tunstall and Hannah Davison two antient friends from Bentham meeting in Yorkshire, with whom we walkt the remaining part of the way to Ulverstone and they having a Sister living in the town (viz. the Widow Mary Fell) they took us with them to her house were my companion and me lodg'd and made our home during the time of the Yearly meeting, which was very agreeable to us she being a religious well minded woman. There was the smallest collection of Friends to Ulverstone that I ever remember seeing at any of the circular meetings; Tho' there was a pretty many Ministers from different parts of the 4 Counties; and some Strangers as Joseph Proctor from within the compass of Durham Quarterly Meeting, Thomas Colley, Thomas Parkinson, Mary Proud, Barbara Priestman, and Christiana Hustler from Yorkshire.

On 21<sup>st</sup>. and 3<sup>rd</sup>. of week. In the forenoon was held the Select meeting of Ministers and Elders for the County of Lancaster. and at the 3<sup>rd</sup>. hour the Afternoon the Quarterly Meeting for Discipline. The Womens was held in the Booth and the Mens in the Meetinghouse at Swarthmore about a mile from the Town Before the business of the meeting was entered upon Joseph Proctor and Thomas Colley had each of them an acceptable time in Testimony. The London Yearly Meeting Queries was read and answered from the 5 Mo. Meetings in this county by which it appear'd that some were added to the Church by convincement since last Year, in the Monly. Meetings of Lancaster Hartshaw and Marsden. The Northern Yearly Meeting Queries was also read and answered and some other business gone thro' to satisfaction. The Meeting held 5 hours. I return'd by Swarthmore hall formerly the seat of Judge Fell and afterwards of George Fox who married his Widow. A meeting was very early settled here and kept up near 40 Years until the present Meetinghouse was built by George Foxs order, which is large and still remains in pretty good repair.

One 22<sup>nd</sup>. and 4<sup>th</sup>. of the week at 9 in the morning was held the first publick meeting for Worship in the Booth, which was a place built of boards on purpose for the occasion and was large and well contrived being erected on a rising ground with the Gallery at the Bottom, so that people could see over one anothers heads, which was of great advantage to the meeting, as at such times many People attend who are not satisfied without they can see as well as hear. There was a large appearance of People of other Societies whose behaviour throughout the several sittings of this meeting was commendable in general, yet in such a mixed multitude it can hardly be expected to be without some exceptions. The booth was far from being full this forenoon; Jane Crossfield was first concer'd in Supplication Joseph Proctor next in Testimony he stood long and was favoured, informing us, That as the Lord was the strength of his People Israel formally, so he remains to be the strength of his spiritual Israel to this day; and as he fought their Battles for them and rescued them from the hands of their Enemies who rose up to withstand them in their Journey; it was a Type of that inward and spiritual warfare which every true believer experiences in their spiritual progress from Egypt to Canaan and such were redeemed from outward Wars and Fightings shewing largely from many texts of Scripture the inconsistency thereof with the Gospel dispensation and the nature of the Kingdom of Christ, who came to save Men's lives and not to destroy them. He was also concerned to draw the minds of the People from the many outward and Shadowy observations to Christ the true and living substance, and the alone way to the Father. Hannah

Harris appeared next stood very long and was much favoured setting forth in a lively manner the nature of true spiritual worship, from our Saviours discourse with the Woman of Samaria at Jacobs well. Mary Proud next from 1 Cor: C: 2. v: 14. The natural man receives not the things of the Spirit of God; for they are foolishness unto him; neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. Barbara Drewry next declaring something of her own experience of the dealings of the Lord with her when he was pleased to call her from the barren mountains of an empty profession, concluding with an exhortation to the people to turn inward and join in with the visitation of God's Love which appeared that day to be largely extended towards them. Joseph Proctor concluded the meeting in Prayer, which held about 3 hours. After which we din'd at John Fells. At 3 in the Afternoon was another Public meeting which was larger than the former, tho' the Booth was not crowded, Anthony Mason was first concerned in Testimony from Mic: C: 6. v: 6, 7, and 8. Wherewith shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before the high God? shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves of a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with the thousands of rams, or with ten thousands of rivers of Oil? Shall I give my first-born for my transgressions, the fruit of my body for the sin of my Soul? He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good: and what doth the Lord required of thee, but to do justly, and to have mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God. Alice Rigge next from John C: 3. v: 3. Verily verily I say unto thee, except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. Hannah Harris next from Isaiah: C: 41: v: 1. Keep silence before me, O Islands; and let the people renew their strength: let them come near, then let them speak. Thomas Colley next from 2 Cor C: 4: v: 5. We preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake; Joseph Proctor concluded the meeting in Prayer, which held upwards of 3 hours. In the evening our valuable friend, Jane Crossfield came to see us at our lodgings were we had a comfortable opportunity together in which she had a very encouraging time in Testimony.

On 23<sup>rd</sup>. and 4<sup>th</sup>. of week at 8 in the morning was the meeting of Conference which held about 4 hours. Jane Crossfield, Jane Pearson and, Joseph Proctor, Barbara Priestman and Tabitha Mariot appear'd in Testimony and Joseph Proctor in Prayer. The Northern Yearly Meeting Queries was then read and answered by a Representative from each of the four Counties, and some remarks made by divers friends upon the deficiencies that appeared. In answer to the 5th Query, account was given that considerable openness appeared in several places within the compass of Carlisle Monthly Meeting of Cumberland. In Rossendale, Bolton and Edgeworth in Lancashire, Chester and Morley meeting Cheshire.

At 3 in the Afternoon was the parting meeting for Worship, which was very much crowded. Thomas Cash led the way in a short but lively testimony. Thomas Colley appeared next a long time and was favoured from Rom: C: 8. v: 1. There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ-Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. Joseph Proctor next stood long and was favoured to open the way of Life and Salvation to the people from Eph: C: 2. v: 8. By Grace are ye saved, through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the Gift of God. Hannah Harris next stood a very long and had an excellent time, opening some of the Principles of truth to the People and tenderly intreated them to join in with the visitation of Gods Love which in mercy she felt extended largely towards them. Jane Pearson next cautioning the People against making a ridicule of the Servants of the Lord who in Love were come to pay them a visit free from any Lucrative view. She was also led to declare from several texts of Scripture the prophecy of Womens Preaching, and afterwards branched forth upon divers other subjects. Mary Proud was next concerned in Prayer, and afterwards Barbara Drewry had a pretty open time in testimony. William Jepson had a few seasonable remarks to the People and then concluded with the words of the Apostle Paul 2 Cor: C: 13. v: 40. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the Love of God and the communion of the Holy Ghost be with you all. Amen. The meeting held upwards of 3 hours; after which we drunk Tea at Hannah Salthouse's and then returned to our lodgings.

On 24<sup>th</sup>. and 6<sup>th</sup>. of week. We set out betwixt 3 and 4 o Clock in the morning for Lancaster 21 miles, the evening before we went to hire horses to carry us over the sands

thither, which can only be crossed at low water, and some friends thought it hardly prudent for us to attempt to walk over them lest we should miss our way or the Tide come on before we got of, which covers the sands and brings up vessels of considerable Burden, that when it returns is left upon the dry sand. There are several Carriers in the Town the keep horses on purpose to lett to carry People over the Sands and goes with them for guides themselves not only knowing the way but the proper times for crossing better than strangers. we went to all their houses but the horses were generally bespoke at last we got a Promise to be carried over for 3s a piece my Companion rode on a Horse by himself and I of a Pillion behind John Hall which was very easy to me and kept my Legs free from Plashes. When we had got about a mile from the Town we entered upon Ulverstone sands which is about 3 miles over; about the middle we had a broad river to ride through after we got on this side we had about 3 miles to go by land passed through two pleasant villages (vis) Flookborough and Hatherit and then came to Lancaster sands which they say is 11 miles over had another broad river to cross upon them. It is very good crossing the Sands at the proper times not only the Horses but Carts, Wagons, Chaise etc. I thought it very pleasant this morning and fine travelling far exceeding any road I had travelled before, excepting the Rivers which are no ways dangerous a Guide standing at each of them during the time of Low-water to conduct People through (who I understood was hired by the Government) Our horses went pretty quick being I suppose used thereto to get over in due time. The tide came on soon after we got off, we had then about 3 miles to go by land to Lancaster, passed thro' two villages on our way vis Heskett and Skirton, got there about 7 o Clock, stopt near 2 hours and breakfasted at the Sine of the old Sr. Simon, paid 6d apiece and then set forward for Preston 22 miles; in Company with William Heald and Ralph Neald beforementioned and Robert Shepherd of Stockport in Cheshire, John Hall of Oldham meeting John Heald of Ashton meeting and Anthony Thistletwhait of Preston Lancashire, came on by Scotforth and Gaugot to Garstang were John Hall, John Heald and my Companion and me stopt about 2 hours at the Eagle and Child and din'd in company with many friends paid 1d a piece eating and 4d Liquor. But the rest of our company after getting a little refreshment proceeded on their Journey. We set forward again about 2 o Clock, went by Broughton to Preston, were we got to our friend George Browns about 5 o Clock, my Companion and me lodg'd there but the other two friends slept at an Inn.

On 25<sup>th</sup>. and 7<sup>th</sup>. of week, we breakfasted at Alice Ecclestons, set forward about 9 in the morning, for Edgeworth 18 miles; stopt a little at Robert Abbots, and then proceeded to Walton 1 mile, were we call'd to see Anne Kennion. She was convinced when young had an excellent gift in the Ministry, and was favoured with a spirit of discerning above many, but getting from under that state of humble dependance and true watchfulness she lost her condition and at length was disown'd by friends may it be a warning to all those who are highly favoured (that may hear of it) to be aware of a self exalted Spirit considering that none of us have anything but what we receive from him who can give and take at his pleasure. We sat a short time with her in Silence in which she appeared tender and wept much when we took leave of her. Here we parted with John Heald he going towards home and we came on to Moulding-water stopt about an hour at the Sine of the dragoon, and got Tea paid 6d a piece, and then proceeded by Darren-Chapel to dear James Brandwoods of Edgeworth got there about 4 o Clock were we lodg'd that night.

On 26<sup>th</sup>. and 1<sup>st</sup>. of week about 8 o Clock in the morning we set out for Bolton 6 miles in company with James Brandwood and divers others convinced friends who live in that neighbourhood. There has been for many years Past considerable openness in and about Bolton and several being joined with friends and Meeting is constantly held there once a month and at other times they go to Edgeworth which fell there that day but at Thomas Colleys request was chang'd to Bolton he and Sarah Taylor intending to be there. We got there just in time to the meeting which began at 10 and held about 3 hours, was in the usual Meetingplace which is a large upper Room, (formerly an Assembly room) well furnished with seats and a convenient Gallery at one end. The meeting was large tho' the house was not quite full. Sarah Taylor appeared first was led to treat on diverse subjects, stood long and was

favoured. Thomas Colley next, he had a short but acceptable time in Testimony from 1 Cor: C: 10. v: 7. Neither be ye idolaters, as were some of them: afterwards he concluded the meeting with a pretty long Prayer. After which we din'd at John Woods. Here we parted with John Hall he purposing to reach home that night, about 2 o Clock we set out for Manchester 12 miles; got there, to our friend Richard Rouths about 5 were we met with the Mary Proud and Barbara Priestman (who had been at their meetings are that day) and divers other friends who came in to sit with them. After Tea we had a comfortable opportunity together in which they was both concerned in Testimony after which we supp'd and then went to John Rouths were we lodg'd.

On 27<sup>th</sup>. and 2<sup>nd</sup>. of week we breakfasted at John Cooks and afterwards went to see Isaac Cook and James Hall sat a little at each place and then return'd to John Rouths were we din'd. About half past one we set out for Whitefield 12 miles went by Oldham to John Lees's of Heyside; were we stopt about 1 hour and a half and drunk Tea; afterwards we called at John Earnshaw Sat about half an hour, and then proceeded to John Halls of Whitefield got there about 7 o Clock were we lodg'd

On the 28<sup>th</sup>. and 3<sup>rd</sup>. of week. At 9 in the morning we set out again across the Reaps to Marsden in Yorkshire were we got Tea at the George and Dragon paid 6d each stopt about an hour, and then came on by Meltham, Thong, and Wooldale to William Earnshaws of Tottis were we stopt about an hour and got some refreshment, and then came by Scholes, to Cousin John Chapmans of Lee-side were we drunk Tea, tarried upwards of an hour, and then set forward for home were we got between 6 and 7 that evening having travelled upwards of 20 miles that day.

An Account of my Journey to the quarter Meeting for Worship at Rushworth in the 5<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1778.

I set out from home ye. 30<sup>th</sup>. of ye. 5<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1778 having Jeremiah Smith my much Esteemed Friend for my Companion this Journey, Set forward from our house about 1 o Clock in the afternoon, went by Shepley and Amberry to Huddersfield called at the Sine of the Dog bought each of us a pint of Ale paid 2d a piece, and then proceeded to Linley were we call'd to see Thomas Owen stopt about half an hour, and then set forward again my Companion having a little business to do at Rastrick we went thither were we stopt about an hour and a half at his Master William Prestons and drunk Tea, then set forward for Southouram crosst the Kaldar in a boat, got to George Conways about 9 o Clock were we lodg'd.

On 31<sup>st</sup>. and 1<sup>st</sup>. of week, we set forward for Rushworth about 8 o Clock in the morning, George Conway, his little grandson, Cousin William Wood, and Joseph Haley walkt with us on foot whose company was very agreeable to us, I had a little private conversation with Joseph Haley in which he gave me some little account of his convincement which as near as I remember was to the following effect vis. About 8 or 9 years ago he found a strong inclination to be at a friends meeting but not being obedient he continued amongst the Moravians walking in a course of strict Morality, but found a want of that solid peace and satisfaction he believed the righteous were made experimental witnesses of, about 1 Year ago he left Pudsey and liv'd sometime among his Relations at Hightown, but being uneasy and believing it his duty to removed to Halifax he gave up in obedience and went and took a room there where he settled but still remained dissatisfied respecting Religion went amongst many different professions but chiefly attended the Independent meeting they was very kind to him invited him to sit with them in their private opportunities, but no solid satisfaction could he find there but continued attending for some time, until one first day morning finding his mind unusually distressed to such a degree that he could not get Spirits to go to any place of worship in the forenoon after dinner it came into his mind to attend the Quakers meeting that afternoon not expecting to meet with what he wanted but out of Curiosity, but he had not sat long in silence before the Almighty was pleased to reveal himself to him by favouring him

with the enjoyment of that which his Soul had long sought and mourned for since which time he has attended friends meetings and has oftens been deeply humbled under a sense of the goodness of the Almighty to him, and truly I thought there was the influence of Grace in his conduct and conversation and great instruction to be reap'd therefrom for myself. We went by Salter-hebble and Sowerby-bridge to Rippondon were we stopt and got a little refreshment at the Golden Lyon then went up to the Meetinghouse got there just in time to the meeting which began at 11 o Clock and was very large the house being very much crowded and many stood without that could not get in and notwithstanding the greatest part were People of other Societies their behaviour was very commendable. George Conway was first concerned in supplication, and after a short time in silence had a pretty long time in Testimony from Gen: C: 49. v: 18. I have waited for thy Salvation, O Lord. dividing his discourse betwixt that, and the Testimony good old Jacob bore for his God when he blessed the sons of Joseph, The God which fed me all my life long and unto this day, The Angel which redeemed me from all evil. After he sat down a young Man went to prayer which I thought was rather hurtful than otherwise to the meeting I would not say much about it but it appeared to me that both the matter and manner could have no other tendency than to expose himself and burden the minds of the faithful. Elizabeth Stansfield had a few words in Testimony next, and afterwards George Conway appear'd again from Prov: C: 14. v: 34. Righteousness Exalted a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people. The meeting held betwixt 2 and 3 hours, after which we din'd at Cousin Simeon Dysons. After dinner the young Man beforementioned came and requested an opportunity with us at my Cousins house which for condescension sake was complied with, we sat long in silence and I think it was as poor a time as most I've met with towards the conclusion he appear'd several times it seemed to me as tho' Life was more a wanting than words it being no more to my satisfaction than his prayer in the meeting. About 7 o Clock we set forward towards home, William Howarth who lived Servant with my Brother and had been at meeting that day, came along with us. We came back Outlanes and Milnsbrig to Lockwood were we stopt about half an hour and got some refreshment paid 1d a piece eating and 2d Liquor. and then proceeded by Farnley and Shepley to Newhouse were we got about 12 o Clock.

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An Account of my Journey to the Quarterly Meeting at York in the 6<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1778

I set out from home ye. 21<sup>st</sup>. of. ye. 6<sup>th</sup>. Mo. and 1<sup>st</sup>. day of the week about 3 o Clock in the afternoon went by Denby Dikeside, Clayton, Bretton and Crigglestone to Joseph Coopers of Durker got there about 6 in the Evening were I lodg'd that night.

On 22<sup>nd</sup>. and 2<sup>nd</sup>. of week, I set forward about 7 o Clock in the morning having Abraham Cudworth of Crigglestone, a sober young man that had lately begun to attend our religious meetings for my companion this Journey, we crosst the Kalder in a Boat and went by Hollowthorp, Thorp, and Hunslet to Leeds, got to Joshua Ingles about 10 o Clock were we drunk Tea and then went to the Monthly Meeting for worship which began as usual about the 11<sup>th</sup>. hour. There was a large appearance of frds. and some few sober neighbours attended. We was likewise favoured with the company of several Strangers, as William Jepson from Lancaster, Mary Leaver from Nottingham, Jonathan Hodgson, and Samuel Harrison from Settle Mo. Meeting and Elizabeth Wetherhill of Richmond Mo. Meeting. Robert Walker was first concerned in supplication, Robert Fawcett dropt a few words next, George Conway next stood pretty long from Rom: C: 9: v. 13. Jacob have I loved, William Jepson appeared next, Phoebe Marshal next from Ex: C: 32. v: 1. Up make us Gods, which shall go before us; for as for this Moses, the man that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we wot not what is become of him. Robert Walker next from Matt. C: 12. v: 33. make the tree good, and his fruit good. Jonathan Hodgson and Elizabeth Wetherhill had afterwards each of them a pretty long time in Testimony, and Robert Fawcett said the few words more, and then the Women frds. withdrew, the business of the meeting was then entered upon, and a great deal of business was gone thro', and amicably concluded from the 6 Preparative Meetings constituting this Monthly meeting, among other things John Horner of Bradford meeting laid before this his intentions of Marriage with Anne Robinson Wakefield of Newcastle Mo. Meeting. Both meetings held upwards of 5 hours after which we din'd at Joseph Birkbecks, drunk Tea with Pheobe Marshal, Supp'd and Lodg'd at Jarviss Storrs's.

On 23<sup>rd</sup>. and 3<sup>rd</sup>. of week, we breakfasted at Joshua Ingles, and about 5 o Clock set forward on our Journey, in company with Cousin Mary Wood from our meeting, Robert

Fawcett and his Brother Richard from Halifax meeting Joshua Lee, and Mary King of this Town, went by Seacroft to the top of Bramham-moor were we call'd and got some Rum and Water paid 3d a piece, stopt upwards of half an hour and then proceeded to Tadcaster stopt about 1 hour and a half at the Falcon were we din'd, paid 8d a piece eating and 2d Liquor, and then proceeded to York were we got about 4 o Clock, my companion and me quartered at my kind friend Joseph Awmacks and the other friends at an Inn. After Tea (I being unfit to attend the meeting that evening on account of the fatigue of my Journey) we went to see our esteemed friend Esther Tuke were we sat a little with her, she being confin'd to her room thro' indisposition of body.

On 24<sup>th</sup>. and 4<sup>th</sup>. of week at 9 in the Morning began the Quarterly Meeting for Worship which was select of friends and a large appearance there was, the house being quite full and a considerable number in the Galleries, we was favoured with the company of a few Strangers viz. William Jepson, and Mary Leaver beforementioned and Morris Birkbeck from the County of Middlesex. In this meeting Thomas Colley led the way in a large and powerful Testimony from Matt. C: 5: v: 13. Ye are the Salt of the earth: but if the Salt have lost his savour wherewith shall it be salted. William Jepson next stood pretty long from Gal: C: 6. v: 7. Be not deceived: God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. Phoebe Marshal had a short time next from Rom: C: 8. v: 1. There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. Jonathan Hodgson next stood pretty long after which Morris Birkbeck, and George Conway had each of them a short time in Testimony, Robert Fawcett said a few words next and afterwards Thomas Colley had an acceptable time in Prayer. The meeting held about 3 hours. At 2 in the Afternoon was the meeting for discipline and it being the time for Gisborough, Scarborough, Owstwick and Cave Monthly meetings to chuse a Clerk of representatives withdrew and at their return nominated William Proud of Hull, who was acceptable to the meeting. The Queries was read and answered from the 13 monthly meetings in this County, and much weighty counsel and advice was dropt by divers weighty Brethren, some other business was gone thro', and then the meeting adjourn'd until next day at 9 in the morning. This meeting held about 3 hours. At 7 in the evening was another meeting for Worship which was very large many of the Citizens attending, Mary Proud was first concerned in supplication, and afterwards had an extraordinary time in Testimony from Rom: 6. 16. His servants ye are to whom ye obey. Mary Leaver appeared next stood very long, was opened with the gracious invitation of the most high by the mouth of the Prophet Isaiah C: 45. v: 22. Look unto me, and be saved all the ends of the earth. and afterwards branched forth into sundry points of doctrine being favoured to open some of the principles of Truth and in a lively and beautiful manner set forth the nature of true spiritual Worship from our Saviours discourse with the Woman of Samaria. Robert Walker appear'd next labouring to gather our minds to the seed of the Kingdom in our own hearts from Luke 17. v: 21. The Kingdom of God is within you. Phoebe Marshal was next concerned in Prayer. Robert Fawcett said a few words next, and afterwards John Robinson had a very acceptable time in much tenderness and brokenness of Spirit exhorting us to make a right preparation for that solemn and awful change which in a little time would certainly overtake us all. The meeting held 3 hours.

On 25<sup>th</sup>. and 5<sup>th</sup>. of week, at 9 in the morning met pursuant to adjournment. William Jepson and William Rountree had each of them a pretty open time in Testimony. After which the business of the meeting was entered upon and a great deal was gone thro' to mutual Satisfaction; at the close thereof the Yearly Meeting Epistle was read. The meeting held about 4 hours and a half. At half past 3 was the parting meeting for Worship which was very large the house and Galleries being crowded many of other Societies attending. Robert Walker was first concerned in Testimony, setting forth the necessity there was for us in all things to be resigned to the will of the Almighty from that petition frequently repeated by most professors Matt: 6: v: 10. Thy will be done. Mary Leaver appeared next had a long and favoured time from 1 John 4: v: 16. God is love: and he that dwelleth in love, dwelleth in God, and God in him. George Conway had a short time next, and afterwards Thomas Colley had a very

extraordinary time from Acts C: 18. v: 24, 25, 26. And a certain Jew named Apollos, born at Alexandria, an eloquent man, and mighty in the Scriptures, came to Ephesus. This man was instructed in the way of the Lord: and being fervent in the spirit, he spake and taught diligently the things of the Lord, knowing only the baptism of John. And he began to speak boldly in the synagogue, whom when Aquila and Priscilla had heard, they took him unto them, and expanded unto him the way of God more perfectly. In the evening I had some private conversation with George Lomas an officer of the excise in this City who appears to be under a divine visitation and has for some time past attended our meetings to his satisfaction, his Father was a Priest of the Church of England at Monyash in the County of Derby.

On 26<sup>th</sup>. and 6<sup>th</sup>. of week, we breakfasted at Margaret Whiteleys, and then set out towards home in company with Samuel Davison, Elizabeth Dickinson and Mary Rudderford from Sheffield, left the City about 5 oClock in the morning came to Tadcaster were we stopt about an hour at the Angel and drunk Tea, then proceeded by Towton to Sherborn, were we stopt about an hour and din'd at Simeon Hunters, here we met with a return'd Chaise in which Elizabeth Dickinson, Mary Rudderford and myself got to ride by Milford, and Ferrybridge to Pontefract 8 miles for 2s. stopt about 1 hour and a half and drunk Tea at the Red Lyon paid 6d a piece and then went to see John Brown were we sat near an hour and from thence proceeded to Ackworth 3 miles, got there betwixt 7 and 8, took up our lodgings at the brown Cow, were we paid 6d a piece for Supper. Soon after we got in we went to see the Foundling Hospital which frds. has lately purchased for a National School for the better education of poor friends Children for the sum of £7000 with 80 Acres of land belonging thereto, we went into several parts thereof, the building is very large, and seems well adapted for the purpose intended for, and if I mistake not cost £13000

On 27<sup>th</sup>. and 7<sup>th</sup>. of week we set out about 5 in the morning, set our friends on their way as far as Hemsworth, 3 miles, were we stopt about an hour and a half and breakfasted, paid 6d a piece, after which we parted and I am my Companions came on by Heenley, Felkirk, Cheviot Hall, and Milnthorp to Durkar 9 miles were we got to Joseph Coopers about 10 o Clock tarried about 3 hours and a half and din'd, then came to Crigglestone were I sat near an hour at my Uncle Joseph Houghs, and then proceeded on my Journey my companion set me on my way as far as Bretton and then return'd, and I came by Emley, Woodhouse to Benjamin Dysons of Skelmanthorp were I sat a little and then went and drunk Tea with his Sister Mary and from thence came by Cumberworth to Newhouse were I got betwixt 7 and 8 that evening.

An account of a religious visit to the Families of Friends in Highflatts Meeting performed by Jane Burrow of Otley and myself accompanied by some other Friends.

Having had a desire on my mind for some time that a religious visit might be paid to the Families of friends in our meeting, believing it might be of service; but a sense of my own weakness prevented my communicating it to any friends in our meeting; but happening to be at Otley and falling into conversation with Jane Burrow on the subject of visiting Families, I inform'd her how long it was since a visit of that kind was paid to us, and likewise the service I had seen in them, the next time I saw her she inform'd me of the concern that was on her mind to pay us such a visit, and desired me to accompany her which in much weakness and fear I gave up to. She got to our house the 12<sup>th</sup>. of ye. 8<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1778, accompanied by her Son Anthony a pretty youth who rode before her.

And her concern being to visit all such as attended our meeting whether members or not if they was desirous. Those markt thus (+) are such as are disowned but yet continues to attend meetings; and thus (o) such as appear under convincement but are not yet accepted into membership

On 13<sup>th</sup>. of 8<sup>th</sup>. mo 1778 and 5<sup>th</sup>. day of week.

This morning George Conway of Southowram near Halifax came to our house and it being our Monthly Meeting at Highflatts, he and Jane Burrow had both of them acceptable service therein.

In the Evening we entered upon the visit; sat with my Fathers family viz. Samuel Woods of Newhouse were Henry Dickinson join'd us, and accompanied us the three following days, we had a precious tendering season together, Jane Burrow had an excellent time in Testimony, from Gen: 1: 3. God said, let there be light: and there was light. handled the subject in a very beautiful manner and afterwards branched forth into much suitable counsel and advice pertinent to the several states of the family to whom she said she believed the blessings of the Lord was handed forth in an extraordinary manner. after which George Conway appeared a considerable time.

On 14<sup>th</sup>. and 6<sup>th</sup>. of the week

We set out about 6 o Clock in the morning, went first Tobias Malinsons of Wood, were George Conway accompanied us, and then went to their weekday meeting at Skelmanthorp. In this family George Conway dropt a few words first Jane Burrow next appeared a long time was opened from Psalms 27: 4. One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life. spoke suitably to the several states of the family particularly cautioning the young Men to beware of making unsuitable connections in Marriage. G. Conway appear'd next and had a pretty open time, and upon the whole I thought it a favoured opportunity, after which we breakfasted there.

From thence we proceeded to Joshua Priests (+) of Denby, were Mary Dickinson join'd us, and was with us at that, and the two following families; This was a satisfactory opportunity I thought it appear'd as tho' a renew'd visitation was extended to the family. Jane Burrow had an extraordinary time in Testimony directing them to the principle of Truth in their own hearts, shewing the manner of its working and operation and earnestly intreated them to be obedient to its dictates that so they might experience a right preparation for that solemn awful change which was perhaps nearer to some than they was aware of. Henry Dickinson dropt a few words afterwards.

From thence we proceeded to Joseph Beaumonts were Jane Burrow appear'd first was opened from Luke 2: 29, 30. Lord, now let us thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word: for mine Eyes have seen thy salvation. Desiring that none present might rest short of the same happy experience that all might witness the Child Jesus brought forth in them, and exhorted them to beware of a spirit of prejudice which was hurtful to any were it took place. Henry Dickinson appear'd next and afterwards Mary Dickinson dropt a few words.

From thence for we proceeded to Samuel Haighs Jane Burrow appear'd first in Testimony from Matt. 18: 3. Except ye be converted, and become as little Children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of Heaven. had a plain close laborious time, and afterwards was concerned in Supplication. Mary Dickinson dropt a few words next, Henry Dickinson had a pretty long time next, after which Jane Burrow appeared again, but the situation of this family appeared to me very low in respect to Religion may the close weighty remarks there delivered have its due effect upon their minds was the sincere breathing of my Spirit. From thence we return'd to Joseph Beaumonts were we din'd.

From thence we proceeded to Joseph Steads (o) of Toppitt were we had a favoured opportunity much openness, and tenderness appearing. Jane Burrow appeared first and had largely to treat that text of Scriptures Gen: 49: 10. The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come: and unto him shall the gathering of the People be. Afterwards Henry Dickinson had a pretty open time. After which we drunk Tea there.

From thence we proceeded to John Greens of Ing Birchworth, and in our way we met with George Conway again and Jeremiah Smith who accompanied us thither, we had an open opportunity with John Haigh and this family together which was a painful laborious time, Henry Dickinson appeared first, George Conway next, Jane Burrow next was opened

concerning the great crowd that followed our Saviour when upon earth, and yet how few there was that came to partake of living virtue from him, inferring therefrom, what a number there was in this our day who bore the name of Christians and yet how few there were that was really so. exhorting those present to labour to get thro' the many crowding hindering things which greatly appeared to obstruct the work of true Religion. Afterwards George Conway appeared again, and altho' there was hard work yet I hope the Friends were enabled to discharge their duty faithfully. From thence we proceeded to my Fathers house to lodge were we got about 9 that evening before supper Jane Burrow was concerned in Supplication and after had an extraordinary time in Testimony, several young friends being present some of which were come in to see us, she was concerned earnestly to recommend to them the advantage that would accrue from frequent Retirement.

On 15<sup>th</sup>. and 7<sup>th</sup>. of week.

We set forward about 6 o Clock in the morning went first to Henry Dickinsons Senr. of Strines were we had a satisfactory opportunity, Jane Burrow, appeared first from 2 Tim: 4: 7, 8. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a Crown of righteousness, which the Lord the righteous judge shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing, spoke very encouragingly to the Parents and tenderly advised the Youth to love the appearance of Truth and faithfully follow its dictates which would preserve them from all evil. George Conway had afterwards a very long and acceptable time, after which we breakfasted.

From thence we proceeded to Anne Dickinsons of Highflatts, were Jane Burrow appeared first was opened concerning Lazarus being dead, and our blessed Lord raising him from the Grave, and commanding them to loose him, and let him go, Exhorting them to labour to know their minds loosened from the unnecessary cares and cumbers of this life, and join in with the visitation of Gods Love which appeared to be afresh extended towards them. George Conway had a long time next, and afterwards Jane Burrow and George Conway had each of them a short but close time, and altho' this opportunity was attended with a very close and heavy exercise, yet I thought ended better than expectation.

From thence we proceeded to Henry Dickinsons junr. and he having a young Woman in his family that was under convincement, we had a very satisfactory opportunity there, Jane Burrow was first opened from John 1: 11, 12. He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them he gave the power to become the Sons of God. and afterwards had largely to treat of that passage recorded in the 19<sup>th</sup> Chap: of 1 Kings concerning Elijah passing by Elisha as he was ploughing with twelve yoke of oxen and how he cast his mantle over him and he followed him and afterwards he queried of him what he had done to him. George Conway appeared next Henry Dickinson next, after which I dropt a few words and George Conway concluded the opportunity with a very pertinent exhortation; Jeremiah Smith accompanied us to this and the two following families. From hence we returned to Anne Dickinsons to Dinner.

From thence we proceeded to Daniel Brooks were Jane Burrow appeared first was closely concerned treat largely concerning the Type of the Vineyard recorded in the 5, Chap: of Isaiah which was planted with the choicest Vines but behold when fruit was expected it brought forth wild Grapes, George Conway appeared next and afterwards Henry Dickinson had a laborious season. Indeed this was a time of deep poverty attended with very heavy Exercise.

From thence we proceeded to Anne Cartwrights were Jane Burrow appeared first and afterwards George Conway, and had each of them a pretty encouraging time.

From thence we proceeded to Elihu Dickinsons were Jane Burrow appear'd first had to treat upon several subjects exhorting them to consider the many mercies and favours received from the Almighty and desired that they might be enabled to make suitable returns, set before them the deceitfulness of Riches, and the danger there was of the pure seed being opprest by the cares of the world. George Conway appear'd next enlarged upon the same subject, and the opportunity ended pretty well. After which we drunk Tea, and then return'd to my Fathers were we got about 6 in the evening.

On 16<sup>th</sup>. and 1<sup>st</sup>. of week.

This morning we proceeded to Caleb Marsdens of Birdsedge, where we Breakfasted and afterwards had an opportunity with their family and Mary Ward of Gooderbottom together. Jane Burrow appeared first had to treat concerning Gideons Army how they was tried and prov'd to see who was qualified for the Lords service and only they who lapped water at the Brook were to go up to Battle, and how the Almighty delivered the Midianites into their hands, from then she was led to speak to the several states of the family, believing some might be of singular service were they but willing to have that Philistine nature removed, and their own wills subjected, she then had a pretty exhortation to the servants, and afterwards addressed herself to Mary Ward and had a pretty open time from Luke C: 7. v: 47. Her sins which are many are forgiven for she loved much. George Conway had also a pretty long time, and I thought the opportunity was of some service.

From thence we went to our Meeting at Highflatts which was exceeding large and many People of other Societies attending, George Conway dropt a few words first, Jane Burrow, appeared next stood long and was much favoured, George Conway next stood a long time and afterwards concluded the meeting in Prayer which held about 3 hours. Our Evening meeting being put off until 5 was much larger of Friends than usual, and a pretty many sober Neighbours came in also. and I thought it was a favoured time. Jane Burrow led the way in Testimony, afterwards George Conway appeared twice after which Jane Burrow had a very open time The Meeting held about 2 hours. After we had drunk Tea at Anne Dickinsons we return'd to my Fathers, and after Supper had a favoured opportunity together in which Jane Burrow was twice concerned in Testimony and George Conway in Prayer, and afterwards a few words in Testimony.

On 17<sup>th</sup>. and 2<sup>nd</sup>. of week

We set out about 6 o Clock in the morning met by appointment with William Earnshaw who joined us this morning and continued with us to the end of the visit, parted with George Conway were we set out he returning home that day we went first to James Dickinsons of folly hall, when we breakfasted, and afterwards had a pretty comfortable opportunity with their family, Jane Burrow appeared first spoke very encouragingly to the heads of the family and cautioned them to walk steadily before their numerous Offspring. William Earnshaw appear'd next and afterwards Jane Burrow again had a very open time both Parents and Children amongst many other things had to recommend to them the great advantage there was in frequent sitting down in families to wait upon the Lord.

From thence we proceeded to Joseph Priests of Bellroid where we met with Hannah Marsden who accompanied us this and the following day. We had close work in this family but turn'd out better in the end. J: Burrow appeared first from Pro: C: 23. v: 23. Buy the Truth, but sell it not. William Earnshaw next, and afterwards Jane Burrow again.

From thence we proceeded to Thomas Dickinsons had a pretty satisfactory time there Jane Burrow was first concerned in supplication and afterwards had an open time in Testimony from Psalms 16: v: 8. I have set the Lord always before me. William Earnshaw appeared next and afterwards Jane Burrow again.

From thence we proceeded to Benjamin Dickinsons of Thurlstone where we had a laborious time, Jane Burrow appeared first from Luke C: 7. v: 20: Art thou he that should come, or look we for another. William Earnshaw appear'd next Mary Dickinson who lived in the family for dropt a few words next, and afterwards Jane Burrow appear'd again, and altho' the situation of things in the best sense appear'd but low yet opened with some degree of encouragement to them. At this place we din'd.

From thence we proceeded to Jonathon Greens where we had a very poor low time Jane Burrow appeared first had hard labour in a plain and close Testimony from Luke C: 16. v: 8. The children of this world are wiser in their generation than the children of light.

William Earnshaw appeared next and it seem'd as tho' the visitation of the Almighty was yet extended towards them for good.

From thence we proceeded to David Dickinsons were we had hard work, Jane Burrow appeared several times, but it seem'd as if the pure seed of the Kingdom was crusht as a Cart loaded with sheaves. Afterwards William Earnshaw had a few words. After which we drunk Tea there.

From thence we proceeded to Dorothy Roebuck(+) were we had a very favoured opportunity. Jane Burrow appear'd first from Matt C: 18. v: 11. For the Son of Man is come to save that which was lost. William Earnshaw next and afterwards Jane Burrow again exhorting them to join in with this extraordinary visitation of Gods Love lest they should never be favoured with another, from thence we proceeded to Benjamin Dickinsons were we got about 6 in the evening, my Companions lodg'd there but I return'd to my Fathers.

On 18<sup>th</sup>. and 3<sup>rd</sup>. of week.

This morning I set out from home very early, called at Benjamin Dickinsons of Thurlstone of my companions set out from thence a little before 6 o Clock, went first to Jonathon Greens were we got an opportunity with his Son Samuel, and Joseph Sanderson who was Apprentice at Joshua Roebucks, but both gone from home the day before Jane Burrow appear'd first, had hard work having a very sharp Testimony to bear from Eccle: C: 11. v: 9. Rejoiced, O young man in thy youth; and let thy heart cheer thee in the days of thy youth; and walk in the ways of thy heart, and in the sight of thine Eyes: but now thou that for all these things God will bring thee into Judgement. William Earnshaw appear'd next, and afterwards Jane Burrow again had something very encouraging to the young Apprentice and he appeared very tender. After the Opportunity was over, William Earnshaw and me got a little time with Samuel Green by himself (he having been lately guilty of some misconduct) in which we was enabled to discharge our duty, and had the answer of Peace in our own bosoms, left him pretty tender so that I hope the visitation of Gods love is yet extended towards him. After which we got a little refreshment with them.

From thence we proceeded to Godfrey Woodheads of Penistone were we breakfasted, and afterwards had an opportunity in their family to good satisfaction they being in great distress on account of their Son who took undue liberties and had left them. Jane Burrow appear'd first was opened in a beautiful concerning the two Sisters of Lazarus who came to inform our Saviour that their Brother was not only dead but had laid in the Grave four days so that by this time he stinketh, encouraging this afflicted family not to sorrow too much for altho' their Brother might be as it were dead in trespass and Sins and some of his actions already stinketh, yet the power that raised Lazarus from the Grave was also able to raise him and as it were loose his grave clothes and let him go, and an encouraging hope rested on her mind that this would be his happy experience. William Earnshaw appear'd next, and afterwards Jane Burrow had an open time, and indeed this was a tendering season.

From thence we proceeded to Joshua Earnshaws of Judfield Lanehead, were we had a pretty satisfactory opportunity, exhorting their heads of this Family to press forward and dwell near the spring of Life that so that they might be good examples to the rising Youth and indeed much weighty counsel and advice was imparted to them. Jane Burrow appeared first from Phil: C: 3. v: 12. Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect; but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that which I am also apprehended of Christ Jesus. 13, Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, for getting those things which are behind, and reaching forth to those things which are before. William Earnshaw next and afterwards Jane Burrow again.

From thence we proceeded to Sarah Earnshaws were we had a tendering time together Jane Burrow and William Earnshaw had each of them something to drop therein after which we got some refreshment at Joshua Earnshaws.

From thence we proceeded to John Saundersons of Middup were we had a very distressing time it appear'd as tho' the inordinate love of the world had almost choakt the good seed Jane Burrow was led closely to speak thereto from 1 John C: 2: v: 15. Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world, if any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. William Earnshaw appeared next, Jane Burrow next, and Wm. Earnshaw next, and afterwards

Jane Burrow again, but the pure seed of the Kingdom was so low that it did not appear to arise into much dominion, yet I hope those concerned was enabled to discharge themselves so as to leave pretty easy on their own account. After which we din'd there.

From thence we proceeded to Thomas Earnshaws of Langside were we had a comfortable opportunity with his family and George Chapman of Banktop in Woodland. Jane Burrow dropt a few words first afterwards William Earnshaw had a pretty open time, after which Jane Burrow appear'd again a long time and was much favoured spoke to the several states present, and I thought the good hand was near for it was a watering season in which we was made to rejoice together.

From thence we proceeded to William Earnshaws(+) of Bintcliffe, were we had a short and poor Opportunity in which Jane Burrow and William Earnshaw had each a few words to drop. From thence we came to my Fathers were we got about half-past 7 that Evening were we lodg'd.

On 19<sup>th</sup>. and 4<sup>th</sup>. of week.

We set out about 6 o Clock. Jeremiah Smith join'd us this morning and went with us thro' the remaining families, we went first to Daniel Colliers of Cumberworth were we had a pretty good time. Jane Burrow appear'd first set forth the necessity of being preserved in a watchful state, William Earnshaw next, and afterwards Jane Burrow again.

From thence we proceeded to George Haywoods (o) of Low Cumberworth were we breakfasted here Henry Dickinsons Senr. and my Mother came up to us, after which we had an opportunity with this family and John Ellis (+) of Woodnook Jane Burrow appeared first set forth the beauty and innocency of a Child apprehending she saw something of such a state present. William Earnshaw next, Jane Burrow next, was opened in an encouraging manner to the beforementioned state, and afterwards had close work with another state which appeared to her something like the fruitless Figtree to which our Saviour said Cut it down why cumbereth it the ground. Henry Dickinson appeared afterwards a pretty long time, and he and my Mother accompanied us the remaining part of this day.

From thence to proceeded to William Dysons (o) of Powker were we had a watering season together the overshadowings of the Love of God being sweetly felt amongst us to a mutual refreshment. Jane Burrow appeared first, William Earnshaw next, Jane Burrow next, and afterwards Henry Dickinson things opened thro' them in an encouraging manner both to Parents and Children.

From thence we proceeded to William Steads of Siver Ing had an opportunity with his family and John Radley (o) of Emley, we had hardish work but it ended pretty well at last. Henry Dickinson appeared first, Jane Burrow next, William Earnshaw next, and afterwards Jane Burrow again, after which we din'd there.

From thence to proceeded to Martha Dysons of Skelmanthorp were we had an opportunity with her and Benjamin Dysons (o) family together much to our satisfaction. Jane Burrow appeared first exprest the near unity she felt with them believing that they had not only been visited but closed in therewith. Henry Dickinson appear'd next, William Earnshaw next, and afterwards Jane Burrow again had a sympathizing Testimony to bear to this afflicted family.

From thence we proceeded to Mary Dysons (o) were we had an opportunity with her and Patience Jakeman (o) which was a refreshing season Jane Burrow appear'd first from 1 Cor: C: 15. v: 51, 52. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an Eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. Expressing her belief that the Gospel Trumpet was sounded in this part in order to gather the inhabitants thereof to himself that so they might come to experience that great change of corruptible putting on incorruptible and then Death would be swallowed up in victory and indeed she was wonderfully favoured, William Earnshaw next and afterwards Jane Burrow again, each of them had to testify to the goodness of the Lord which at that time were sweetly felt amongst us.

From thence we proceeded to Anthony Kinsleys (+) were we had an opportunity to some degree of satisfaction, the gathering Arm of the Lord appearing to be stretched out towards

them William Earnshaw appear'd first Jane Burrow next and afterwards Henry Dickinson had a pretty long time. From thence we return'd to Martha Dysons were we drunk Tea and then set out towards home were we got about 8 o Clock that evening.

On 20<sup>th</sup>. and 5<sup>th</sup>. of week.

This morning Caleb Marsden join'd us and continued with us until we had done. We set out about 6 o Clock went first to Hannah Bottomleys of the Thirstyland Woodend were we had a close laborious time, altho' it appeared a fresh and renewed visitation to the family, with which they was earnestly entreated to join lest they should never more have the offer, Jane Burrow appeared first from Matt: C: 7. v: 14. Strait is the gate and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it, William Earnshaw next, I dropt a few words next, Jane Burrow next, William Earnshaw next, and at the conclusion of the opportunity Jeremiah Smith dropt a few words and it appear'd and was closely spoke to that some unsuitable connection was hurtful to some in this family.

From thence we proceeded to John Bottomleys were we breakfasted, and afterwards had an opportunity with their family. Jane Burrow appeared first, William Earnshaw next, Jane Burrow next, and afterwards Wm. Earnshaw again. They was earnestly recommended to be prepared for that solemn awful change which in a little time would overtake us all and tho' there was little tenderness to be felt yet I think we left them pretty easy on our own account.

From thence we proceeded to Robert Kays of Laneend were we din'd, and then went to Joshua Brooks of Longroidbridge, were we had a suffering season the heavens appearing as it were shut upon us for a time. Jane Burrow appeared first, William Earnshaw next, Jane Burrow next, and afterwards Wm. Earnshaw again. yet I think we left them with a considerable degree of pain, having had hard labour amongst them, Jane Burrow being led to declare against persons making Images and likenesses of things that were not.

From thence we proceeded to John Brooks of Raw, were we had an opportunity with his family and Hannah Crosland (+) it was a tendering watering season. William Earnshaw appeared first, Jane Burrow next, had largely to treat concerning the Prophet going to anoint one of the Sons of Jesse declaring her belief that the anointing Oyl was poured forth upon some in this family, whom he would fit and qualify for eminent service if they on their part were but willing and obedient. Wm. Earnshaw next Jane Burrow next, and afterwards Wm. Earnshaw and Jane Burrow had each of them are a few words more.

From thence we proceeded to Richard Brooks had a poor time with him and John Walkers (+) family together. Jane Burrow appeared first from 1 Cor: C: 2. v: 14. The natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him, neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. William Earnshaw and next, and afterwards Jane Burrow and Wm. Earnshaw had each of them a few words more, from thence we return'd to John Brooks were we drunk Tea. and after a little time in stillness Jane Burrow and Wm. Earnshaw had each a few words to drop.

From thence we return to Robert Kay's were we lodg'd that night, after supper we had an opportunity with their family. William Earnshaw appear'd first, Jane Burrow next, she was led to treat of the several operations the vessels had to pass thro' before they was ready for use the various turnings upon the wheel, the hardening in the Sun, and afterwards the passing thro' of the furnace, all which she spiritualized in a very beautiful manner. Wm. Earnshaw next and afterwards Jane Burrow again. It was upon the whole a time of deep Poverty attended with heavy exercise.

On 21<sup>st</sup>. and 6<sup>th</sup>. of week.

After Breakfast we set forward about 6 o Clock in the morning went first to Emanuel Brooks of Delf, had an opportunity with his family it was a time of deep poverty but ended pretty well the visitation of Gods love appeared to be eminently renewed to them. William Earnshaw appeared first, Jane Burrow next from Psalms 139. v: 23, 24. Search me O God, and know my heart: try me and know my thought, and see if there because beat any wicked way in me. I dropt a few words next Wm. Earnshaw next, Jane Burrow next, Wm. Earnshaw next, and afterwards Jane Burrow again.

From thence to proceeded to James Brooks were we had a hard laborious season with his family and Mary Brook (+) William Earnshaw appeared first, Jane Burrow next from 1 Cor: C: 15. v: 34. Awake to Righteousness and Sin not. afterwards Wm. Earnshaw appeared again from thence we return'd to Emanuel Brooks were we got some refreshment, Jane Burrow and William Earnshaw were both concerned in supplication before we ate.

From thence we proceeded to Joshua Broadheads of Riding, were we had a heavyish time yet some things of moment were dropt. Jane Burrow appear'd first William Earnshaw next, and afterwards Jane Burrow again. To labour in all states to be content was earnestly recommended, and the youth cautioned against keeping unsuitable company, and running after the fashions of the world. After which we din'd there.

From thence we proceeded to Sarah Broadheads of Wooldale, were we had a watering season together, the Spring of life being opened to the refreshment of the weary travellers. Jane Burrow appeared first and sweetly bore Testimony thereto, William Earnshaw next and afterwards Jane Burrow again. The youth was cautioned against running into the unnecessary cares and cumbers of this life.

From thence we proceeded to John Parkins (+) had a poor opportunity to with him and George Lee (+) together. Jane Burrow appear'd first, William Earnshaw next, Jane Burrow next, and afterwards Wm. Earnshaw again. they was earnestly recommended to make a right preparation for that awful change which seem'd to be drawing near.

From thence we proceeded to Thomas Roberts junr. but he being gone from home we drunk Tea, and then proceeded to Thomas Roberts Senr.(+) were we had an opportunity with their family, William Earnshaw appear'd first Jane Burrow next, Wm. Earnshaw next and afterwards Jane Burrow again. We had closish work there, they appearing to be more desirous to hear words, than to dig in themselves to the spring of life, which was declared to them and they was earnestly recommended to labour to gather their minds into pure stillness, from thence we return'd to Sarah Broadheads got there betwixt 6 and 7 were Frd. Burrow, and Caleb Marsden lodg'd but after Supper, Jeremiah Smith and me went to Wm. Earnshaws.

On 22<sup>nd</sup>. and 7<sup>th</sup>. of week.

This morning we called of the other friends at Sarah Broadheads were we breakfasted, and then went to Ann Haighs had an opportunity with her family, Jane Burrow appeared first Wm. Earnshaw next, and afterwards Jane Burrow again. The youth was pressingly advice to leave of all self-willingness, self acting as, and self runnings, and labour to experience that great and necessary change of being regenerated and born again.

From thence we proceeded to Thomas Roberts junr. were we had heavy work and hard labour Jane Burrow appeared first from Job C: 1. v: 6. Now there was a day when the Sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan came also among them. William Earnshaw next, Jane Burrow next, and afterwards Wm. Earnshaw again. Much advice was dropt in this family the Parents were cautioned against running into the hurrys and cumbers are of this life and the Children were intreated to beware of the following the vain Customs and Fashions of this world. After the opportunity was over I not feeling easy desired them to sit down again, when I was enabled to drop a little advice to the heads of the family. After which Wm. Earnshaw and Jane Burrow each of them dropt a few words more.

From thence we proceeded to Joseph Haighs (+) were we had a favoured time. The visitation of Gods Love appeared to be in an extraordinary manner extended towards them, and things opened very encouragingly, indeed it was a precious season the tendering power of Truth being sweetly felt amongst us. Jane Burrow appear'd first, in William Earnshaw next, Jane Burrow next, Wm. Earnshaw next, and afterwards Jane Burrow again.

From thence we proceeded to Joseph Brooks were we had a favoured opportunity. Jane Burrow appeared first, William Earnshaw next, Jane Burrow next, Wm. Earnshaw next, and afterwards Jane Burrow again a state of perseverance was strongly recommended, and Jane Burrow had to declare that she believed the work was rightly begun and desire that they might know a going forward step by step unto the end, she had also largely to treat concerning Peter walking on the sea and how when he felt himself begin to sink his faith was ready to fail,

exhorting them when troubles came that appeared as if they might sink under them not to be faithless but believing, from thence we return'd to Sarah Broadheads were we din'd. From thence we proceeded to Alice Moorehouses (+) of Hollinggreave, were we had a time and much shut up, before we parted Jane Burrow had just to inform them of the nature of our visit.

From thence we proceeded to James Broadheads (+) of Biggin, were Jane Burrow appeared first from Matt: C: 6. v: 33. Seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you. William Earnshaw appear'd afterwards. We had hard work in this family, something appearing to obstruct the growth of that which is good and hinder this renewed visitation from taking place so freely in the mind as in some other places, of which they was caution to beware. before we left Jane Burrow appeared again in testimony which reacht to the witness in some present and melted them into tears.

From thence we proceeded to Daniel Broadheads of Meerhouse, were we drunk Tea, and afterwards had an opportunity with their family. Jane Burrow appeared first was opened concerning the Seed of the Woman which shall bruise the Serpents head, and afterwards had largely to treat of that passage in Rev: C: 12. v: 1. And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a Woman clothed with the Sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars. William Earnshaw appear'd next, Jane Burrow next, Wm. Earnshaw next, and afterwards Jane Burrow again. The heads of this family were exhorted to make a narrow inspection into their own states for something appear'd to be amiss. and the youth was intreated to be cautious of their company, obedient to their parents, and Live in love one with another. Upon the whole was a low time and the labourers had hard work. We tarried there until about 7 o Clock and then parted Frd. Burrow return'd to Sarah Broadheads and we to our several habitations.

On 23<sup>rd</sup>. and 1<sup>st</sup>. of week

This day the meeting was at Wooldale that in the forenoon was very large the house being quite full. William Earnshaw appear'd first Henry Dickinson next, Jane Burrow next stood long and was favoured. and afterwards dropt two short testimonies. The Meeting held about two hours, after which I din'd at at William Earnshaws. The evening Meeting was much larger than usual. Martha Dyson dropt a few words first, and afterwards Henry Dickinson appeared a short time. This was a good meeting, and held about 2 hours. We spent the evening with the frd. at Sarah Broadheads and then Jeremiah Smith and me went to William Earnshaws to lodge.

On 24<sup>th</sup>. and 2<sup>nd</sup>. of week.

This Morning we set out about 6 o Clock went first to Sarah Broadheads of Melthamhouse were Jane Burrow appeared first had to treat concerning the Children of Israel becoming commanded of the Lord utterly to destroy Amalek, William Earnshaw next, Jane Burrow next, and afterwards Wm. Earnshaw again. The spring of life was very low, it appeared as tho' there was not a willingness to give up all but rather a desire to spare the best of the things, the youth was tenderly in treated to remember their Fathers weighty counsel and advice and endeavour to walk in his footsteps. After which we Breakfasted, and afterwards Wm. Earnshaw and Jane Burrow each of them dropt a few words more.

From thence we proceeded to Joseph Haighs of Epsomhouse, were Jane Burrow appeared first Wm. Earnshaw next, and Jane Burrow next Wm. Earnshaw next Jane Burrow next and afterwards Wm. Earnshaw again. Two states were closely spoke to in this family by Jane Burrow the one appeared to her to be under great discouragements to whom she had to speak in a very encouraging manner from Matt C: 12. v: 13. Stretch forth thine hand, and he stretched it forth; and it was restored whole like as the other. Afterwards she spoke to the other state which appeared to lie under great temptations, and far from being in a state of perfect soundness was opened with the language of Joab to Amassa, Art thou in health, my Brother.

From thence we proceeded to John Haighs (+) were Jane Burrow appeared first from Job C: 5. v: 7. Man is born unto trouble, as the sparks fly upward, setting forth in an extraordinary

manner the difference betwixt that Trouble which brings death and that which leads to life, but feared the former was too much the case with this family. William Earnshaw appeared afterwards.

From thence we proceeded to Joseph Woodheads junr. of Fulstone, were we we had a comfortable refreshing season the Love of God was sweetly felt amongst us; and they was earnestly recommended to dwell under the tendering Influence thereof, and to be above of the cares of the world; Jane Burrow appeared first, Wm. Earnshaw next Jane Burrow next and afterwards Wm. Earnshaw again. After which we din'd there.

From thence we proceeded to Arthur Jepsons were we had hard work, death and darkness seem'd to cover the minds of most of the family. Jane Burrow appeared first, and afterwards William Earnshaw, and tho' they had both a pretty deal to say it seem'd to make very little impression upon their minds, they rather appear'd to be shut up as if they had not room to receive it.

From thence we proceeded to Godfrey Woodheads were we had a hard laborious time. Jane Burrow appeared first Wm. Earnshaw next, and afterwards Jane Burrow again to gather frequently into Silence and stillness to wait upon the Lord was strongly recommended in this family from Psalms 46: v: 10. Be Still, and know that I am God. They was also earnestly intreated to suffer the Lords Judgments to take place in their hearts, for the time will come that all outside coverings must be stript of for nothing will stand but what is of his own begetting, afterwards we drunk Tea there.

From thence we proceeded to Joseph Woodheads Senr. were we had a moderate satisfactory time. Jane Burrow appear'd first and afterwards William Earnshaw. They was earnestly recommended to keep Oyl in their Lamps that when the Midnight cry comes they might be prepared to enter in with the bridegroom.

From thence we proceeded to Sarah Broadheads of Wooldale, got there about 7 o Clock were the frds. lodg'd we spend the evening there, and then went to our former Bed at William Earnshaws.

On 25<sup>th</sup>. and 3<sup>rd</sup>. of week.

This morning about 7 o Clock we had an opportunity with William Earnshaws family of Tottis, which was a precious season, Jane Burrow appear'd therein from the language of Ahimaaz to King David to Sam: C: 18. v: 28. All is well expressing her satisfaction with this visit, and how sweet it was to sit under a feeling sense of that which is good free from that painful exercise which we met with in many places, encouraging them to persevere in the way of welldoing to the end. George Chapman sat with us here and then when about some business he had to do, and met us again at his Brothers, sat with us there and in the three following families and then return'd home. We breakfasted at this place.

From thence we proceeded to John Beaumont were Jane Burrow appeared first, William Earnshaw next, and afterwards Jane Burrow again. It was a poor time the spring of life appeared to be very low, they was intreated to examine themselves and see what was the cause if there was not something of a reserve was reminded of Abrahams willingness to offer up his only Son. They was also advised to a more diligent attendance of Meetings and frequent retirement in their own family.

From thence we proceeded to John Chapman's of Leaside, were William Earnshaw appeared first, Jane Burrow next, Wm. Earnshaw next, and afterwards Jane Burrow again. It was a tendering season, the necessity of abiding under the discipline of the cross was largely set forth, that they might experience with the Apostle Paul. That they had nothing to Glory in save the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, intreating them (as they had experienced a good beginning) to persevere in a watchful state that so they might know a holding out to the end, They was also cautioned against running into superfluities in meals, furniture, or Apparel, and to be careful not to be drawn aside in their behaviour amongst the People of this World. Afterwards we din'd there.

From thence we proceeded to Anne Beaumonts of Deershaw, were we had a suffering season the state of insensibility seemed to prevail and Death and darkness appeared to cover the

minds of some which was declared to them and they intreated to join in with the visitation if it was not already too late. Wm. Earnshaw appeared first Jane Burrow next, Wm. Earnshaw next and afterwards Jane Burrow again.

From thence we proceeded to Adam Beaumonts (+) were deep poverty and painful exercise was our lot; Jane Burrow appear'd first from Micah C: 6. v: 6, 7, 8 Wherewith shall I come before Lord, and bow myself before the high God! Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves of a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of Rams, all with ten thousands of rivers of Oyl? shall I give my first born for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good, and what doth the Lord require of thee; but to do, justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God. Wm. Earnshaw next, and afterwards Jane Burrow again, cautioning them to beware of taking the Lords name in vain, and intreated them to join in with the visitation of mercy, whilst it was extended.

From thence we return'd to Anne Beaumonts were we drunk Tea, and then proceeded to Anne Gouldthorps (+) were we was entirely shut up none of us having anything to communicate to them.

From thence we proceeded to Matthew Broadheads of Upper Holmhouse, were we had an opportunity with his family and Elizabeth Biritops (+) together. Jane Burrow appear'd first, Wm. Earnshaw afterwards. It was a laborious season, but some little tenderness appeared in some. Weighty counsel and advice was tenderly delivered both to Parents and Children which I desire may be remembered they was particularly cautioned against forsaking the Assembling of themselves together with their Brethren and Sisters. From thence we came to my Fathers were we lodg'd.

On 26<sup>th</sup>. and 4<sup>th</sup>. of week.

This morning we set out about 6 o Clock first to Abraham Bottomleys of Shepley Woodend were we had a poor low season, Jane Burrow appeared first recommending them to diligence and industry in a spiritual sense from 2 Pet: C: 1. v: 10. Brethren, give diligence to make your calling and Election sure. William Earnshaw next, Jane Burrow next, and afterwards and Wm. Earnshaw again. Suitable advice was given to the Children and they was cautioned against letting out their minds after the Customs and Fashions of this vain World.

From thence we proceeded to John Earnshaws were we breakfasted, and afterwards had a pretty comfortable opportunity with their family. Jane Burrow appeared first, William Earnshaw next, and afterwards Jane Burrow again. She exprest a tender feeling sympathy she felt with the heads of the family in their various exercises particularly in viewing the wounds of the Daughters of his People. Suitable counsel and advice in an encouraging manner was dropt to the youth.

From thence we proceeded to William Radleys of Shepley were upon the whole we had a pretty open time. Jane Burrow appeared first was led to treat of the uncertainty of time and the necessity there was for all to be prepared for their final change from Psalms 90: v: 12. Teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom. William Earnshaw next, and afterwards Jane Burrow again enlarging upon the former subject and cautioning the young Women to beware of hurtful Company and intreated them to be diligent in attending week day meetings.

From thence we proceeded to Sarah Mortons (o) of Heymoorhouse were we was dipt into deep poverty, at length Jane Burrow dropt a few words first, William Earnshaw next, and afterwards Jane Burrow a few words more. To cease from the willingness and runnings of the creature and Labour to get into stillness and quietness of mind were pressingly recommended to her.

From thence we proceeded to Joseph Firths of Shepley Lanehead, were we din'd and afterwards had an opportunity with their family. Jane Burrow appeared first, William Earnshaw next and afterwards Jane Burrow again; something hard appeared, but upon the whole things were pretty well; the youth was tendered, a renewed visitation seem'd to be

extended to them, and they was earnestly intreated to join in therewith. After which we drunk Tea there.

From thence we return'd to my Fathers were we got about 4 o Clock. Several friends came in to sit with us to night, After Supper we had a precious tendering season together, the presence of him who dwelt in the Bush was sweetly felt amongst us which was as a great seal to the finishing of the work Jane Burrow had an excellent time in testimony was led to treat our Saviour sending some of his disciples to prepare the passover and how he informed them, that they would meet a man bearing a Pitcher of water whom he commanded they should follow, and he would lead them to the place were he would eat the passover with them, all which she spiritualized in a very beautiful manner and indeed it was an highly favoured time some of our minds been deeply humbled under a sense of his great condescension not only in owning us at this time but throughout the whole of this undertaking, and altho' our exercises were at times very great and the weight of the work appeared to be heavy, yet strength was afforded to discharge our duty to our own admiration and may this labour of love have its due affect upon the minds of the visited is my earnest desire. The next morning our valuable friend Jane Burrow and her Son Anthony who rode before her set out towards home, George Chapman Jeremiah Smith, my Mother and me set them on their way many miles, were we parted in that love which had made us near and dear one to another.

An Account of my Journey to two meetings the one held at Braddaw, and the other at Hathersage in Derbyshire ye. 6<sup>th</sup>. of ye. 9<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1778.

Our friend Esther Tuke of York are having been a few weeks at Sheffield, in which time she and Thomas Colley, had divers large meetings in fresh places in the County of Derby as at Eckington, Buxton, Tideswell, Stoney-Middleton yet not finding themselves clear without paying the inhabitants of Braddaw and Hathersage a visit. She got a friend to write to me to inform me thereof. accordingly I set out from home ye. 5<sup>th</sup>. of ye. 9 mo. 1778. and 7<sup>th</sup>. day of the week, about 4 o Clock in the morning having my dear friend Jeremiah Smith for my companion, we set out early with an intent to assist friends in preparing places to hold the meetings in, took my Fathers mare and rode one time for another got to dear George Chapmans of Banktop in Woodland about half past seven were we breakfasted here George Chapman inform'd us that he and John Swanwick had been a few days before and given orders to two carpenters to fit up the places for the meetings, and had also given notice to the inhabitants for many miles round, which when we heard we concluded to stay dinner with him, and afterwards proceeded on our Journey, John Chapman coming along with us, called at his Fathers Joseph Chapmans of Twitchhill were we tarried and drunk Tea, and then proceeded to Hope were we got 6 pennyworth of Rum and Water and then proceeded to Braddaw were we got betwixt 4 and 5 that evening, took up our Quarters at one Schofields who keeps a public house there were we met with several friends who had walkt from Sheffield as Caleb Dickinson, Joseph Jepson, Samuel Davison, and Mary Ruddiford and Mary Pratt. had civil usage at this house, Paid 6d a piece Breakfast and Supper this evening and 8d dinner, they not having Beds for all of us some of us we lodg'd at private houses my Companion and me slept at George Cheethams one of the People called Methodists who were very civil to us and kindly invited us to Breakfast with them which we refused on no other Account than for the sake of having our friends company at the Inn. On 6th and 1st of the week at 10 o Clock in the morning the Meeting began. There was but few friends attended, nor no Minister besides Esther Tuke of York, and Thomas Colley and Tabitha Hoyland of Sheffield. It was a glorious meeting, the everlasting Truth being declared in the demonstration of the Spirit and of Power It was held out of doors in a large yard surrounded on all sides by buildings except the passage therein. It was well fitted up with seats and being situated on a rising ground with a convenient Gallery at the bottom the People could see over one anothers

heads, the number of which was very large, and their still solid attentive behaviour gain'd them honour, and indeed the Love of our heavenly Father appeared to be largely extended towards them, Tabitha Hoyland appear'd a short time first from Titus C: 2: v. 11, 12. The grace of God that bringeth Salvation hath appear'd to all men, Teaching us that denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously and godly in the present world. Esther Tuke next, stood long adapted the same text, illustrated and carried it farther and afterwards branched forth upon sundry other subject and indeed she shined in her Masters cause. Thomas Colley appear'd next stood very long, and was much favoured, opened the principles of Truth to the people in a very extraordinary manner; he asserted the divinity, universality, and sufficiency of the Light of Christ for Salvation; labouring to gather the minds of the people thereto, shewing them the emptiness of all outward ceremonies and shadowy observations, the insufficiency of Water Baptism to work that great and necessary change of Regeneration, and the inconsistency of the present mode of Singing Davids Psalms and Hymns with the true spiritual Worship of God; shewing the great difference there was between singing with Spirit, and singing other mens experience which they had no knowledge of. Esther Tuke appeared next stood pretty long from Psalms 51: v: 10, 11, 12, and 13. Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right Spirit within me. Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of thy Salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit. Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted to thee. She handled the subject in a beautiful manner, and towards a conclusion of her Testimony had particularly to speak to some states that had come before the view of her mind which appeared to her like those of old who thought to have built a Tower the top of which would reach to heaven but the foundation not being right the building could not stand, she was therefore concerned to direct them to Christ Jesus the true foundation and Rock of Ages upon which all the righteous ever built with safety. Thomas Colley appear'd a short time next, and afterwards Esther Tuke had a few words more desiring the People to depart to their several habitations in a solid frame of mind under an humbling sense of the Love of God which was that day largely extended towards them and like the noble Bereans, search the Scriptures and see if what had been delivered was not to Truth. The meeting held betwixt 3 and 4 hours. After dinner we set out for Hathersage 4 miles and a half got there just in time to the meeting which began at half past 3, was held in a large Malthouse Chamber belonging to a Roman Catholic which was well fitted up with seats and a Gallery erected at one end, the place was very much crowded and many could not get in. It was upon the whole a pretty good Meeting, but not so satisfactory as that at Braddaw, the generality of the People appearing more hard and dark, many of them being Papists, however some of the Truths of the Gospel were livingly opened amongst them. Esther Tuke appear'd first stood pretty long and was favoured from Luke C: 13. v: 24. Strive to enter in at the strait gate, for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in and shall not be able. Thomas Colley appear'd next a pretty long time from 1 John C: 5. v: 20. We know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding that we may know him that is true. Many deep mysteries of the Kingdom were opened concerning the state of the Church in the primitive times, her fleeing into the wilderness in the night of Apostasy, were she was hid from the world for a season, her many attempts to return, and at length her coming forth therefrom free from all the burthen of ceremonies and superstitious observations which greatly retarded her progress for a time, these things were largely treat on and the people were directed to that in themselves which alone could open their understandings. Esther Tuke appear'd next from Rev: C: 14. v: 6: And I saw another Angel fly in the midst of Heaven, having the everlasting Gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation and kindred and tongue and People. Saying with a loud voice Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come. The meeting held about 2 hours and a half, after which we got some refreshment at the bunch of Grapes, and then set out for Sheffield in company with divers friends from that place got there about 10 that evening were we lodg'd at our mutual friend John Swanwicks.

On 7<sup>th</sup>. and 2<sup>nd</sup>. of week, we breakfasted at Caleb Dickinsons, and afterwards went to John Hoylands, John Littlewoods, James Booths and Thomas Colleys, sat a little at each place, and then returned to John Swanwicks, soon after we got there the friends who were engaged in a religious visit to the families of Friends in that meeting came in. viz. Esther Tuke of York, Christiana Hustler of Bradford Meeting, and Martha Routh of Manchester, accompanied by John Barnard of Uppertorp and Elizabeth Dickinson and Tabitha Hoyland of that Town. At their request we sat with them in this family which was much to my satisfaction. They had all something to drop therein except E: Dickinson, and some of them appeared several times. After which we din'd with them there, tarried until about 4 o Clock and then set out towards home in company with Cousin John Chapman of Lees side, stopt a little at Wortley, and got some refreshment paid 2d a piece eating and the same for Liquor, and then proceeded by Thurgoland, Penistone, and Birchworth to Newhouse, were we got about 10 o Clock that Evening.

An Account of my Journey to the Winter Quarterly Meeting for our County of York held at Leeds in the 12<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1778

I set out from home ye. 26<sup>th</sup>. of ye. 12<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1778 and 7<sup>th</sup>. day of the week about 7 o Clock in the morning having George Chapman from Woodland for my companion this Journey. We went by Shepley, Woodsom mill, and Kirkheaton to Colnbrig were we stopt about half an hour and got some refreshment paid 4d each and then proceeded by Brighthouse to George Conways of Southouram were we stopt about 1 hour and a half and then proceeded on our Journey George Conway accompanying us, went by Hyperholm, and Coley-chapel to Shelf were we called at John Appleyards who married a friends daughter, stopt about the half an hour and got some refreshment, he was very kind set us on our road several miles and then return'd; and we passed on by Cullingworth to our worthy friend Caleb Standsfields near Keighley were we got about 6 in the Evening and lodg'd there that night.

On 27<sup>th</sup>. and 1<sup>st</sup>. of week we went with the family to their meeting at Keighley, which began at the 11<sup>th</sup>. hour, was small of itself, but many People of other Societies came in which is usual at that place, and several hath joined the Society there of late by convincement. It was upon the whole a good Meeting, George Conway was first concerned therein in Supplication, and afterwards appeared three times in Testimony at the close of this meeting was held their Preparative meeting the business of which was well conducted the 1<sup>st</sup>. 8<sup>th</sup>. Quarterley Meeting Queries was read and answered and some remarks made thereon. Both Meetings held upwards of 4 hours. After which we din'd at the Fleece, were Caleb Stansfield defray'd the whole expense and we could not prevail with him to accept of anything towards it. After dinner we parted with our Friend George Conway he returning towards home and about 5 o Clock we set out for Otley 10 miles, our kind friend Caleb Stansfield accompanied us several miles and then return'd we passed on by Morton and Keldwick, got to our esteemed friends Edward Burrows of Otley about 8 o Clock this evening, were we was very gladly received and tarried several Nights with them.

On 28<sup>th</sup>. and 2<sup>nd</sup>. of week This day we spend very agreeably among our friends in Otley. In the afternoon we went to Newall to see Michael Teal and from thence returned to Otley and drunk Tea at Thomas Rhodes's.

On 29<sup>th</sup>. and 3<sup>rd</sup>. of week. We was at Knaresborough Monthly Meeting which was appointed to be held there this day on account of friends attending in their way to Leeds. The Meeting for Worship was appointed to begin at half past 11, There was a considerable number of friends, but not so many as usual owing I supposed to the severity of the weather this morning. Jane Burrow was first concern'd in Testimony from Rev: C: 12. v: 1. There appeared a great wonder in Heaven, a Woman clothed with the Sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a Crown of 12 stars, she stood pretty long and was favoured.

Afterwards John Binns had an acceptable time from the Ephesians C: 2: v: 8. By Grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God. At the close of this meeting was held the meeting for discipline in which a great deal of business was Transacted to pretty good satisfaction, amongst other things the 1<sup>st</sup>. 8. Quarterly meetings Queries was read and answered from the 7 Preparative meetings are belonging this Monthly meeting viz Netherdale, Knaresborough, Rawden, Keighley, Farfield, Skipton, and Asquith and Otley. Both meetings held upwards of 4 hours.

On 30<sup>th</sup>. and 4<sup>th</sup>. of week. This morning Jane Burrow her daughter and two Sons with several other friends set out pretty early for Leeds 10 miles. About 8 o Clock we set forward accompanied by Michael Teale went by Headingley and Woodhouse, when we got within a Mile of Leeds a person informed us that two of our friends were thrown from their Horse and was much hurt and by the account he gave we understood it to be Edward Burrows Sons, accordingly we call'd at a house near were they was thrown, and found them much bruised with the fall, and a Doctor attending them who thought it most advisable to get them home as soon as they could accordingly a Chaise was ordered, and we tarried to help them in, their Mother Sister and the Doctor going along with them, and we afterwards understood they got well home and were in a hopeful way of recovery no dangerous symptom appearing, for which remarkable deliverance my spirit according to its measure was bowed in humble thankfulness to him who can preserve in eminent danger. We got to Leeds about 12 o Clock to take up our Quarters at the Signe of the White-Hart in Call-lane were we met with good entertainment paid 6d a piece Breakfast, Dinners, and Suppers. The Quarterly Meeting was fairly large and we was favoured with the Company of several Strangers as Joseph Proctor of Yarm, Henry Wilkin from Gloucestershire, Joseph Heath from Warwickshire, John Burgess and Ruth Fallows from Leicestershire and William Rathbone James Brandwood and Tabitha Mariot from Lancashire. The Select Meeting was held in the forenoon as is usual this Quarter at 2 o Clock in the Afternoon was the meeting for discipline before the business was entered upon Robert Walker had an acceptable time in Testimony. Afterwards the representatives from Knaresborough, Settle, Malton, Thirsk and Richmond Monthly Meetings were desired to withdraw to chuse a proper person to act as Clerk this Quarter who at their return nominated Robert Milner, of Malton who was acceptable to the meeting. The 1<sup>st</sup>. 8 Quarterly Meeting Queries was read and answered in writing from all the Monthly Meetings in this County except Gisborough and many weighty remarks made thereon by divers friends. Thomas Colley also laid before this meeting a concern which had long lain on his mind to visit some part of the continent of America and the West India Islands requesting friends approbation, with which friends had good unity and accordingly ordered the Committee to prepare a Certificate for him against the adjournment of this meeting. Some other business was gone thro' and the meeting adjourn'd having held about 3 hours. After which we drunk Tea at Joshua Ingles. At half past 6 in the evening was held a Meeting for Worship which was very much crowded and some few of other Societies attending: John Burgess dropt a few words first William Rountree next from a saying of the Apostle Paul 1 Cor: C: 3. v: 6. I have planted and Apollo watered but God gave the increase. Joseph Proctor next stood very long and was much favoured, endeavouring to gather the minds of the people to Christ the true foundation and Rock of Ages and the end of all the outward and shadowy observations from Luke C: 17. v: 21. For behold the Kingdom of God is within you. Esther Tuke next had a pretty long and satisfactory time from Mark C: 16. v: 16. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. James Brown would next a short time from Psalms 46. v: 10. Be still and know that I am God. Joseph Proctor concluded the meeting in Prayer which held about 2 hours and a half.

On 31<sup>st</sup>. and 5<sup>th</sup>. of week at 9 o Clock in the morning, met pursuant to adjournment. Thomas Colleys Certificate was produced read, approved and signed by a great number friends and a great deal more business was gone thro' to mutual satisfaction, before the opening thereof Henry Wilkin was concerned a pretty long time in Testimony. This meeting held about 4 hours - At 3 o Clock in the Afternoon was the Parting meeting for Worship,

which was very large the house and Galleries being well-filled tho' few of other Societies attended William Rathbone appear'd first pretty largely from 2<sup>nd</sup>. Kings C: 14. v: 9. And Jehoash King of Israel sent to Amaziah King of Judah, saying, The Thistle that was in Lebanon sent to the cedar that was in Lebanon, saying, Give thy daughter to my Son to wife: and there passed by a wild beast that was in Lebanon, and trode down the thistle. Henry Wilkin appear'd next. John Rorison next stood long and was favoured to drop much weighty counsel and advice to the Elders and tenderly to labour with the rising youth to embrace the offers of Gods Love. James Brandwood next, George Conway next, Robert Fawcett a few words next, and afterwards Tabitha Marriot had an excellent time in Prayer. This meeting held about 3 hours, after which we drunk Tea at Jarvis Storrs's and afterwards went to see some other friends and then return'd to our Inn.

On 1<sup>st</sup> of ye. 1<sup>st</sup>. Mo. 1779 and 6<sup>th</sup>. of week. This morning we got up very early and went to Joshua Ingles to breakfast. Our friend Samuel Armitage of Oulton a member of Wakefield Meeting, who departed this Life the 3<sup>rd</sup>. day before and was to be buried this day in friends burying ground near his own house, some friends spoke to my companion and me the evening before desiring us to set out early and prepare place to hold a meeting in after the Funeral on which account we left Leeds about half past 6 o Clock in company with Henry Dickinson of Strines, and Joseph Clarbour of Sheffield we went by Hunslet to Rothwell, to Oulton 5 miles got there to the house of the deceased about 8 o Clock after getting some refreshment with the Widow we went to see about a place to hold a Meeting in, and the weather being very cold we found none that we thought so suitable as a Neighbours house, which they was so kind to offer for the occasion on their own accord. It was very large, and with the assistance of some kind Neighbours we removed out part of the goods and then got it conveniently seated with forms planks and chairs. Betwixt 11 and 12 o Clock, they took up the Corps, and after the internment return'd from the burial ground to this place which was well filled and many in an adjoining room that could not get in. There was three publick friends attended (viz) Thomas Colley of Sheffield, Henry Dickinson of Highflatts Mg. and John Armitage of Selby. It was a glorious meeting the everlasting Gospel being preached in a demonstration of the Spirit and Power of God. Henry Dickinson appear'd first stood pretty long set forth the nature of true spiritual Worship from our Saviours discourse with the Woman of Samaria. John Armitage appeared a short time next, concerning Zaccheus climbing up into a Tree to see our Saviour, intreating them not to climb into the Tree of knowledge, but get down to the gift of God in themselves, for many serious enquiring People he believed were amongst them. Thomas Colley appeared next stood very long and was eminently favoured. Was first opened concerning the Ministry, informing the People that the true Ministers of Christ, dare not run in their own time, but waited to feel him to lead them into their several services who declared to some formerly when they urged him. My time is not yet come: but your time is always ready. John C: 7. v: 6. He then set forth the necessity there was for us all to be prepared for that solemn awful change which sooner or later would overtake us; but as this was a work man by all his arts and parts could not attain to, neither set one step a right therein, he was therefore concerned to direct them to the Light of Christ made manifest in men, as a sure and certain guide by yielding obedience to which they would come to experience a growing from one degree of Grace to another until they attain'd to a state of Perfection or freedom from Sin in this life, proving the possibility thereof, from many texts of Scripture, and instancing to them the Promises and vows made at the time of their Baptism (so called viz) to renounce the Devil and all his works the pomps and vanities of this wicked world, and to keep Gods holy will and commandment and walk in the same all the days of their Life, which was the highest degree of Perfection that we as a People make profession of. After a short time in Silence he dropt a few words more commending the people for their good behaviour and desiring them to let what had been delivered to have its due place in their minds for to him it appeared to be a favoured opportunity. The meeting held about 3 hours. After which we din'd with the Widow of the deceased, and then set forward again betwixt 3 and 4 o Clock (viz) me and my companion Joseph Clarbour and John Moon a Young Man

that had been in profession with the Methodists but being much dissatisfied had left them and for several years frequented no place of Worship the conduct of some in profession with us having been a stumbling block to him, otherwise he was fully convinced of the Principles of Truth and likewise come up in the practical part thereof. But hearing of the Quarterly Meeting being at Leeds he found a desire in his mind to be there, and accordingly left his place of abode near Stoxley in Cleveland and walkt on foot thither, were he attended the Meetings for Worship in which he told me he met with great satisfaction more than he had at present a call to express, and finding drawings in his mind to go into our parts, and hearing of us being at the funeral he came after us thither by himself, and indeed he was a Man of a solid and weighty countenance and I may say of a truth his company was both pleasing and profitable to me. We came by Wakefield and Sandal to Joseph Traviss's of Newmillerdam 8 miles got there about 6 in the evening were we lodg'd and met with a very kind reception.

On 2<sup>nd</sup>. and 7<sup>th</sup>. of week. This morning after Breakfast we parted about half past 6 o Clock Joseph Clarbour and John Moon set out for Sheffield. George Chapman went to Dircar to look at some sheep he had there, and I tarried about an hour longer, and then went to Crigglestone were I tarried at my Uncle Joseph Houghs until George Chapman came, we having both a concern on our minds for some time to visit Abraham Cudworth a young Man who was in some measure convinced of friends principles and for some time diligently attended our meetings but had of late declin'd, and I believe fallen in with unsuitable company to his hurt, accordingly we met with him by himself in his shop adjoining my Uncles house, At first he appear'd shy with us, but after some time of sitting together the Power of Truth arose into dominion in which we was enabled to drop what came before us which reached the witness of Truth in him and broke him into Tears and a great Tenderness and we left him very loving, saying with many tears he hoped when we saw him again we should find him in a better situation." O that this divine visitation may be prized, and then I make no doubt but it will be to his everlasting advantage. From thence we went to Samuel Empsons of Hollingthorpe were we sat a little and got some refreshment, and then proceeded to Moorhouse were my companion call'd to look at some sheep he had there. From thence we proceeded to Joseph Roebottoms of Haigh were we call'd to look at some sheep of ours tarried a considerable while and din'd there, and afterwards proceeded on our Journey when we got a little on this side of Hoyland, we parted my companion going by Clayton to see some sheep he had near there, and I went by Cousin Joseph Steads of Toppitt. He was born of Parents Professing with us, but as he grew up being desirous of more liberty gave over attending our meetings were and frequented the National Worship, after his marriage he began to be uneasy in his mind and at times would drop into our meetings, but his wife did all in her power to prevent it, in this situation he remain'd a long time, until after friend Esther Tuke appointed a Meeting at Skelmanthorp, were they attended and was both reach'd in a very extraordinary manner, since which time they have diligently attended our meetings, their hearts and house being likewise open to receive friends when any are inclinable to call there. I tarried about half an hour there, and then proceeded by Skelmanthorp to William Dysons of Powker were my companion met me again, tarried a good while and drunk Tea there and then proceeded by Cumberworth to New house were we got betwixt 6 and 7 o Clock that evening.

An Account of my Journey to our Spring Quarterly Meeting held at York in the 3<sup>rd</sup>. Mo. 1779

I set out from home ye. 20<sup>th</sup>. of ye. 3<sup>rd</sup>. Mo. 1779, and 7<sup>th</sup>. date of week, about 7 o Clock in the morning my Cousin Benjamin Walker accompanying me as far as Bradford in order to take medicine aback with him from Joshua Walker for my be loved friend Jeremiah Smith who was in a very poor state of health and was desirous to have his advice. We went by Shepley, Woodsome mill, Kirkheaton, and Colnbrig to Robert Croslands of Oldfieldnook, were we stopt about half an hour and got some refreshment, then proceeded by Scholes, and

Oakenshaw, to Joshua Walker's near Bradford were we stopt about 2 hours and din'd got the medicine made up, and then my Cousin return'd with it, and I preceded by Bradford to John Hustlers of Undercliff were I stopt betwixt 2 and 3 hours and drunk Tea, then proceeded by Ecclesall, Apperlee-bridge, and Guiseley took Edward Burrows of Otley were I got betwixt 7 and 8 o Clock that evening and was very kindly received.

On 21<sup>st</sup>. and 1<sup>st</sup>. of week, was at two meetings in this Town, that in the forenoon was pretty select of friends and upon the whole a satisfactory time. The Afternoon meeting began at Three o Clock several People of other Societies came and sat with us whose company was acceptable, each of these meetings held upwards of 2 hours. After which we went and drunk Tea at William Blakeys a family that is lately removed into this Town from Wensleydale, his Wife is a pretty Woman who came in by convincement, and I believe at this time is under great exercise of mind respecting appearing in the ministry and I believe her backwardness is giving up to the requirings of Truth was a hurt to both meetings this day.

On 22<sup>nd</sup>. and 2<sup>nd</sup>. of week, Jane Burrow and me went in the forenoon and sat a little at William Blakeys were we had a satisfactory time with his Wife she being quite open and free, to relate many exercises she had lately pass'd thro', and I hope she will in time get thro' and be an useful Instrument in the Lords hand. In the afternoon I drunk Tea at Thomas Rhodes's.

On 23<sup>rd</sup>. and 3<sup>rd</sup>. of week. I set out about 6 o Clock in the morning, Michael Teal of this meeting accompanying me. We went by Casley, and Harwood bridge to Thomas Pullens of Kirby were we got some refreshment and tarried about an hour, he is one of the People called Methodists, but fully convinced of friends Principles and have sometimes attended our meetings, but I'm afraid he stumbles at the cross, for my mind was much shut up during my stay at his house, yet he behaved civilly to us and appeared to be a solid man. From thence we went by Sicklinghall, and Wetherby to Bickerton were we din'd at the Blacksmiths arms Paid 6d each eating and 2d Liquor, stopt about one hour and a half and then proceeded by Marston to Rufford stopt about half an hour at the Bull and Dog, got a Pint of of Ale paid 2d, then proceeded by Akeham and Holegate to Joseph Awmacs in Walmgate York, were we got about 6 in the Evening having travelled 28 miles that day.

On 24<sup>th</sup>. and 4<sup>th</sup>. of week, at 9 in the morning began the Quarterly Meeting for Worship which was but small considering the fineness of the Weather, and select of friends only, We was favoured with the company of two Strangers viz. Isaac Gray from Hertfordshire and Mabel Wigham from the County of Durham, This was a satisfactory Meeting, Elizabeth Thompson, Self Pennitt and Mabel Wigham had each short time in Testimony, after which Robert Proud had a pretty long and favoured time from Matt. C: 6. v. 19 and 20. Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through and steal. Jonathan Hardcastle had a few words next, Esther Tuke appear'd next stood pretty long and was favoured from Psalms 58: v: 11. Verily there is a reward for the righteous: Mabel Wighams next, had a long and acceptable time, Was first opened in an encouraging manner to the mournful Sions travellers, entreating such to come up in their proper places and not be too backward in entering into the Lords service from Jos: C: 18. v: 3. How long are ye slack to go to profess the land which the Lord God of your Fathers hath given you. treat largely upon that subject, and afterwards had to remark that the Lord was gathering many from of the barren mountains of an empty profession, and convincing them of the Truth of our Principles, and she desired that the Ministers and Elders and every class amongst us would behave tenderly towards such, and that all might be careful not to be stumbling blocks to them neither in our dress, address nor any other part of our conduct. Hannah Hart dropt a few words next and afterwards Esther Tuke concluded the meeting in Prayer which held about 3 hours. At 2 in Afternoon was a meeting for discipline and it being the time for the Representatives of Gisborough, Scarborough, Ostwick and Cave Monthly Meetings to chuse a Clerk they withdrew and at their return nominated Joseph Eglin of Hull who was acceptable to the meeting. The Yearly Quarterly Queries was read and answered from the 13 Monthly meetings in this County, by

which it appeared that 2 Publick friends was deceased since last Year viz. Margaret Hartley of Settle Mo. Meeting and Dorothy Benson of Scarborough Mo. Meeting. Some convincement appear'd in many of the Monthly meetings and many were admitted into membership since last account. Some other business was gone thro' and then the meeting adjourn'd until next morning having held about 2 hours and a half At 6 in the evening was a Publick meeting for Worship which held near 3 hours, was large many People of other Societies attending, and a glorious time it was as ever I remember being at in this City. Tabitha Hoyland dropt a few words 1st from Eph: C: 4. v: 5. One Lord, one Faith, One Baptism. John Hoyland next from Joel C: 2. v. 20, and 29. And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your Sons and your daughter shall Prophesy, your old man shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions: and also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit. Esther Tuke next stood long, and had a very extraordinary time setting forth on the one essential and saving Baptisms the end of all Types and shadows from Matt C: 3. v. 11, and 12. I indeed baptise you with water unto repentance but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, who shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptise you with the Holy Ghost and with Fire. Whose Fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the garner; but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable Fire. Isaac Gray next had a pretty long and favoured time, shewing the tender compassion of the Almighty towards returning Sinners from Psalms 130: v: 4. But there is forgiveness with thee; that thou mayst be feared. Afterwards Esther Tuke appeared again, stood pretty long enlarging upon her former subject. Isaac Gray concluded the meeting in Prayer. After which at John Moons request I went to lodge with him at a relations house about 5 miles out of Town. A Young Man who was in profession with the Methodists but being dissatisfied had for sometime frequented our meetings, set us on our road several miles, I was much pleased with his Company, and hope he is in a growing way in the life of true religion, his name is William Beaston.

On 25<sup>th</sup>. and 5<sup>th</sup>. of week. after breakfast we return'd to Town got thither just in time to the adjourn'd Mg. for discipline which began at nine in the morning and held about 4 hours, Isaac Gray appeared therein in Testimony after which the business of the meeting was gone thro' to pretty good satisfaction, amongst other things the general answer to the Yearly meeting Queries was read approv'd and sign'd by the Clerk. At 3 in the Afternoon was the Parting meeting for worship, which was large and satisfactory many of other societies attending. Mabel Wighams was first concerned in supplication and afterwards had an extraordinary time in Testimony from Hosea: C: 10. v. 12. Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap in mercy; break up your fallow ground: Tabitha Hoyland had a short time next from John C: 3. v: 3. Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. Esther Tuke next stood pretty long was opened upon sundry subjects, to good satisfaction, Self Pennitt had a short time next, after which Robert Proud had a pretty long and favoured time from Psalms 46: v: 10. Be still and know that I am God. The meeting held near 3 hours. This night I lodg'd at William Awmacs. During my stay at York I had some conversation with Mary Maria Scot a young Woman of great natural parts, and come of a considerable family in Norfolk, from when she removed to Bawtry were I think she came to be convinced of friends Principles, and after some time came to William Tukes were she hath resided for about half a Year, she is a solid sensible Woman; and I hope may come to be a useful member in the Society.

On 26<sup>th</sup>. and 6<sup>th</sup>. of week I left York about 9 o Clock in the morning Esther Marshal of Leeds accompanying me, we came to Tadcaster were we stopt about an hour and half and din'd at the Angel Paid 6d a piece eating and 6d Liquor, then proceeded on our Journey, and got to the top of Bramham-moor were we stopt about an hour and drunk Tea paid 6d each and then proceeded to Leeds were we got about 8 o Clock that Evening after conducting my friend to her home, I went to Jarviss Storrs's were I lodg'd.

On 27<sup>th</sup>. and 7<sup>th</sup>. of week in the Forenoon I went to Joshua Ingles, Mary Storrs's, Joseph Birkbecks, Esther and Phoebe Marshals, sat a little at each place and then return'd to

Jarvis Storrs's to Dinner. About 3 o Clock in the Afternoon I left Leeds, and came by Hunslet, Thorpe, and Hollowthorpe to Dircar were I stopt about 1 hour and drunk Tea at the Widow Sarah Coopers, then proceeded by Crigglesstone, Bretton and Clayton to my Cousin Joseph Steads of Toppitt, got there about 9 o Clock were I lodg'd that night.

On 28<sup>th</sup>. and 1<sup>st</sup>. of week I set out about 8 o Clock in the morning, towards home my dear Cousin Joseph Stead accompanying me, got there in about an hours time, were we found all our family in a moderate state of health.

An Account of my Journey on a religious visit to part of the Meetings within the compass of Brighouse and Knaresborough Monthly meetings. in 1779.

Our beloved friend William Earnshaw having had a concern on his mind to pay a religious visit to some Meetings within the compass of Knaresborough and Brighouse monthly meetings, and being desirous to have a companion, he acquainted me therewith, and likewise inform'd me he should be glad if I could find freedom to accompany him, which after weighty considering I gave up to; having laid his concern before our particular and Monthly meeting at Highflatts in the 6<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1779 and obtained at friends approbation and Certificate. I set out from home ye. 26<sup>th</sup>. of ye. 6<sup>th</sup>. Mo. and 7<sup>th</sup>. of week; met by appointment with my esteemed friend and companion William Earnshaw of Tottis, at my Uncle William Steads of Siver Ing, about 9 o Clock in the morning, stopt a little and got some refreshment, and then proceeded to Wakefield were we din'd at John Booths, got to Leeds about 5 o Clock in the Evening were we drunk Tea at Joseph Birkbecks, and afterwards went to John Armisteads were we lodg'd, having travelled about 21 Miles this day.

On 27<sup>th</sup>. and 1<sup>st</sup>. of week. Was at their forenoon Meeting which began at 10 and held about 2 hours and a half, my Companion was twice concerned in Testimony in the forepart of the Meeting, Benjamin North appeared next, and afterwards my companion stood a long time; the meeting was large and attended with close and heavy Exercise yet things opened in an encouraging manner to the mourners, and a renewed visitation appeared to be extended to the youth with which they was exhorted to join. Afternoon Meeting at 2 held upwards of 2 hours was larger and more favoured than the former, several of other Societies attended, my Companion had a long time in Testimony, from Acts C: 10: v: 35. In every nation he that feareth God, and worketh for righteousness, are accepted with him. afterwards he had an open time in Prayer, and after that a few words more in Testimony. We drunk Tea this afternoon at Jarvis Storrs's and had a satisfactory opportunity with his family, and some other friends that came to sit with us, in which my Companion was concerned in testimony.

On 28<sup>th</sup>. and 2<sup>nd</sup>. of week, we set out for Gildersom 5 miles, having Nathaniel English for our guide, got to Robert Walkers, were we got some refreshment, and then went to the Meeting which began at 11 and held about 2 hours, was pretty large there being a friends School in the neighbourhood, and many scholars at it, but we had a poor low suffering time, my Companion had hard labour in two short plain and close Testimonies. After meeting we din'd at John Jacksons and then set forward for Bradford 6 miles, having dear Robert Walker for our guide, whose company was truly acceptable to us, got to Joshua Walkers near Bradford were we lodg'd. After Supper we went to see our ancient friend Beatrix Kitson, were we had a precious tendering season my companion appeared twice in Testimony, after which I dropt a few words, and afterwards he had an extraordinary time in Prayer.

On 29<sup>th</sup>. and 3<sup>rd</sup>. of week, we was at the meeting at Bradford, which began at 11 and held about 2 hours, was pretty large, and tho' a laborious season was upon the whole a good Meeting. I dropt a few words first from Matt. C: 20. v: 6. Why stand ye here all the day Idle? my Companion appeared twice afterwards in Testimony, Christiana Hustler had a favoured time next, and afterwards my companion had an extraordinary time it appeared in renewed visitation particularly to the youth. After meeting we went about 1 mile to John Hustlers of

Undercliff, were we din'd, and after dinner had a precious tendering season together, in which my companion and Christiana Hustler, each had of them an extraordinary time in Testimony, we spent the Afternoon very comfortably here, and After Tea we set forward again having Jeffrey Ryley for our guide, got to Benjamin Hirds of Upper Woodhouse 3 miles were we lodg'd this night had an opportunity there in the evening which was a time of deep suffering, and we were both quite shut up.

On 30<sup>th</sup>. and 4<sup>th</sup>. of week, we went about 1 mile to their meeting at Rawden, which began at 11 and held about 2 hours and a half. It was a very large Country meeting, but was not quite so large as usual this day, for want of proper notice; my companion had extraordinary service therein appeared three times in Testimony, after which Benjamin Hird appeared a considerable time and afterward my companion had an open time in Prayer, and after that a pretty long time again in Testimony, In the forepart of this meeting it appeared as tho we might have had a watering season together, but something seem'd to obstruct the Life from arising into that dominion we expected, my companion had to cautioned them against bringing up their trade and farms with them to meeting. From Rawden to Otley is about 4 miles, we went about half a mile to John Whaleys were we din'd, and then set forward, having John Whaley junr. and Benjamin Hustler for guides got to our kind friend Edward Burrows of Otley in time to Tea, were we lodg'd.

On 1<sup>st</sup>. of 7<sup>th</sup>. Mo. and 5<sup>th</sup>. of week, was at the Meeting in Otley which began at 10 and held about 2 hours and a half, was not large but an open good Meeting, the goodness of the Almighty been sweetly felt amongst us to our mutal refreshment, my Companion appear twice in testimony in the forepart of the meeting after which I dropt a few words from Rev: C: 22. v: 17. The Spirit and the bride say, Come, and let him that heareth say, Come. and let him that is athirst, come and whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely, my companion appeared twice afterwards in testimony and once in Prayer, and after that had a pretty long time in testimony again, and as there appeared to be a door of utterance opened in a remarkable manner in this meeting so I fully believe there was a door of entrance in many minds present, and we were made to rejoice together in the Lord and one in another. This Afternoon we drunk Tea at Thomas Rhodes's and in the evening was at Edward Burrows family meeting, which was a favoured opportunity in which my companion and Jane Burrow were concerned in Testimony.

On 2<sup>nd</sup>. and 6<sup>th</sup>. of week, we set out for Netherdale 10 miles having Edward Burrow for our guide, got to Robert Walkers of Darley were we drunk Tea and then went about half a mile to the Meetinghouse in Netherdale. The Meeting began at 11 and held 3 hours, there was a considerable number of Friends and many sober neighbours also came in, so that the house was pretty well filled. I dropt a few words first intimating the concern which had long lain on my mind to pay them a visit, and intreating every one present to get down in their minds that so we might experience inward labour that the stone might be roll'd as from the wells mouth and we know a being refreshed together, after which my Companion appeared three times in Testimony, was led in a particular manner to speak to several states present of those of our own Society, with whom he had hard work in general but a word of encouragement to some particularly the youths; after which feeling my mind drawn in the Love and goodwill of the Gospel of Christ to those not in profession with us, I had a pretty open time in my own apprehension with them from Isaiah C: 28. v: 16. Behold I lay in Zion for a foundation stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation he that believeth shall not make haste. afterwards my companion was fill'd with matter suitable to their states and had two very open times in testimony to them, and I thought the meeting ended in much sweetness and peace, notwithstanding the forepart thereof was attended with very heavy exercise. After meeting we went about 2 miles with Peter Buck of Newhouse were we lodg'd.

On 3<sup>rd</sup>. and 7<sup>th</sup>. of week, the morning being very wet, we rested the forenoon and after dinner set forward for Skipton 15 miles having dear John Buck, a sober inoffensive young man for our guide, with whom my Spirit was nearly united, and his company and conversation was very acceptable to us. We stopt and got some refreshment at Bowden

Bridge, and then proceeded to Skipton were we lodg'd at David Binns's, here at John Bucks request my companion gave me up to sleep with him were we had an opportunity of having some private conversation together, in which he related to me some of the deep exercises he had had to pass thro', and I earnestly desire he may be preserved in faithfulness amongst a backsliding People, and then I believe he will then be made a useful instrument in the Lords hand.

On 4<sup>th</sup>. and 1<sup>st</sup>. of Week, was at the meeting in Skipton which began at 11 and held about two hours and a half was pretty large and to good satisfaction, John Binns was first concerned in Testimony, after which my Companion appeared three times, I had a pretty open time next being enabled fully to clear myself, after which my Companion appeared again the careless and negligent were exhorted to more diligence, the faithless labourers encouraged, and the tender youth intreated to come forward. In the afternoon we drunk Tea at Jonathan Binns's, and in the evening had a satisfactory opportunity at David Binns's in which he dropt a few words first and afterwards my companion had a pretty open time.

On 5<sup>th</sup>. and 2<sup>nd</sup>. of week, we set out for Farfield 6 miles, having Thomas Smith and James Binns for our guides, also Jonathon Binns and his Wife and the aforesaid John Buck accompanied us, got to look John Marsdens of Farfield hall were we got some refreshment, soon after we got in, came my dear friend Jane Burrow and her daughter Anne of whose Company we was exceeding glad. The meeting began at 11 and held about 3 hours, there are but few friends belonging it, but was upon the whole a satisfactory meeting. I was first concerned therein in supplication, my Companion afterwards appeared twice in testimony feeling the extendings of the Love of God to flow towards them in order that they might experience a coming forward. Jane Burrow had a long and favoured time next from Luke C: 11. v: 1. Lord teach us to pray and after a short time in silence had a few words more to some state upon whom the anointing Oyl was poured forth to anoint them for service in the Church, afterwards my companion appear'd again from Luke C: 10. v. 41, 42. Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things: But one thing is needful; and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not to be taken away from her. After which he had an extraordinary time in Prayer. After meeting we parted with dear John Buck returning towards home. We din'd at John Marsdens and then went to Richard Smiths of Addingham 1 mile and a half were we lodg'd.

On 6<sup>th</sup>. and 3<sup>rd</sup>. of week after breakfast we had a little opportunity in which my Companion dropt a few words in Testimony; afterwards we set out for Keighley 7 miles, and the morning being very wet our kind friend Richard Smith would not suffer us to walk but provided horses for us and went with us himself for guide, got to the Sine of the fleece in Keighley, in time to get a little refreshment before the meeting, which began at 11 and held about 2 hours and a half, It was not large tho' several were of late come in by convincement but an open good meeting my companion appeared four times therein in testimony, after which I dropt a few words, things opened in an encouraging manner to some states who had set their faces Sionward and were oftens dipt as into the deeps. After meeting we din'd at the aforesaid Inn and then went about 1 mile and a half to Caleb Stansfields were we lodg'd.

On 7<sup>th</sup>. and 4<sup>th</sup>. of week. we set forward towards home Caleb Stansfield set us on our way to Illingworth 7 miles were we go some refreshment at an Inn, and then proceeded to Halifax 3 miles were we dropped in at their week day meeting, which was very small I suppose rather more so than usual, it began at 10 and held upwards of 2 hours George Conway appear'd first in Testimony my Companion next, I dropt a few words next from Isaiah C: 41. v: 1. Keep silence before me, O Islands; and let the people renew their strength after which my Companion appeared twice more, Silence was strongly recommended, and they was cautioned to beware of getting knowledge without life. After meeting we din'd at Henry Greens and his daughter being poorly we had an opportunity with her in which William Earnshaw and George Conway appear'd in testimony, after which we set out for home 16 miles, got to William Coopers of Huddersfield were we drunk Tea, here my companion and me parted each for our own homes were I got betwixt 9 and 10 that evening

with a degree of thankfulness upon my mind to him who had enabled us to get thro' this Journey to our mutual satisfaction, and tho' we travelled on foot we perform'd it with ease to our own admiration my companion being in the 62<sup>nd</sup>. Year of his Age.

An Account of my Journey to Brighouse Monthly Meeting held there in 8<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1779

I set out from home ye 27<sup>th</sup>. of ye 8<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1779. about 6 o Clock in the morning, went by Shepley, Woodsom mill, and Amberry to William Coopers of Huddersfield, were I stopt about an hour and a half and got some refreshment, then proceeded on my Journey, John Cooper accompanying me as far as Brighouse, were the Monthly meeting for Worship began at 11 o Clock, there was a very large appearance of friends the house being quite full, but no Stranger except our friend William Earnshaw from our Meeting, It was upon the whole a favoured opportunity, Robert Walker appeared first stood very long and was eminently favoured from Gen: C: 49. v: 10. The Scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come: and unto him shall the gathering of the People be. Phoebe Marshal was next concerned in Prayer, and afterwards Benjamin North had a short time in testimony from Acts C: 9. v. 4 and 5. Saul, Saul why persecutest thou me? It is hard for thee to kick against the pricks. At the close of this Meeting was held the Monthly Meeting for discipline the business of which was well conducted, amongst other things the Quarterly Meeting Queries was read and answered from the 6 particular meetings constituting the same, also Joseph Jowett of Leeds Meeting and Martha Wilkinson of Bradford meeting laid before this their continued intentions of taking each other in Marriage. Likewise Pim Devan of Leeds meeting and Elizabeth Jowett of Gildersom meeting laid before this their intentions of taking each other in marriage, a great deal more business was gone thro' and the whole was transacted in an amicable manner, both meetings held upwards of 5 hours. After which I got a little refreshment provided by friends at Joshua Lees's near the Meetinghouse, and then (having had drawings on my mind for some time to pay another visit to friends in Netherdale) I set forward in company with a friend of Bradford meeting who walkt got a Pint of Ale at Wyke, and then proceeded by Wibsey to Bradford near which place I parted with my Companion of which I was glad for indeed my Spirit was burthened with his company wearied with his unprofitable conversation, then passing thro' the town I went by Ecclesall to Apperleebridge were I got some Brandy and Water paid 3d and then proceeded to Ashold hall and Guiseley to our kind friends Edward Burrows of Otley were I got about 10 o Clock and tho' the family was gone upstairs to Bed yet when they understood who it was they readily came down and made every thing necessary for me being very weary with travelling.

On 28<sup>th</sup>. and 7<sup>th</sup>. of Week I spent this day amongst my friends in Otley, sat a little in the forenoon at William Blakeys and in the afternoon drunk Tea at Thomas Rhodes's.

On 29<sup>th</sup>. and 1<sup>st</sup>. of week about 7 o Clock in the morning, I set out for Netherdale with Michael Teal and Anne Burrow on foot and Jane Burrow, her Son Anthony, and Elizabeth Blakey on horseback got to Robert Walkers of Darley in Netherdale were we got some of refreshment, and then went to the meeting which began at the 11<sup>th</sup>. hour, there was a considerable number of friends, and tho' we was stript into deep Poverty in the forepart of the meeting, yet he that opens and none can shut, was pleased to open a door of utterance in a remarkable manner so that I believe the states of most present were spoke to and the meeting pretty generally broken and tendered. Elizabeth Blakey was first concerned in supplication, I appeared next in testimony from Jer: C: 2: v: 13. My People have committed two evils; they have forsaken me the fountain of living Waters, and hued them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water. Elizabeth Blakey appeared next, and afterwards Jane Burrow had been long and favoured time upon sundry subjects, I dropt a few words next from Rom: C: 10. v: 1. My hearts desire and Prayer to God, for Israel is, that they might be saved. Elizabeth Blakey appeared next and afterwards Jane Burrow had a few words more, after which I had a pretty

long time having to declare something of my own experience of the dealings of the Lord with me in my youth, intermixt with some advice to several states present that appeared before the view of my mind. The meeting held about 3 hours after which we went with Jonathan Hardcastle to his house at Hardcastle-Garth, 3 Miles were we din'd at his Son in law Robert Spence's, Except Elizabeth Blakey who went with William Bake to dinner and afterward return'd to Otley that night. But our friend Jane Burrow having had for sometime a concern on her mind to pay a religious visit to the Inhabitants of Boroughbridge we set out for that place 15 miles about 5 o Clock and the weather being extremely hot our friend Robert Spence would not suffer us to walk but furnished us that were on foot with horses and desired us to keep them as long as we had occasion for them which was very kind of him for we could not have reacht the place that night on our feet; Jonathan Hardcastle and my dear and well beloved friend John Buck junr. went along with us, we went by Ripley to Boroughbridge were we got about 9 o Clock that evening and took up our Quarters at Fletchers Inn were we met with very civil usage paid 8d a piece Supper and 8d Breakfast. There being 3 families under our name in the town we sent for some of them to consult about holding a meeting next day but could come to no conclusion that Evening, and indeed I thought some of them appeared very cool about it, as tho' they had not much concern either for the good of their neighbours or themselves, which altho' it added to our exercise, yet did not discourage us so much as to prevent our using what endeavours we could to obtained a place to hold a meeting in, and indeed our friend Boswel Middleton (to his praise be it spoken) offered of his own accord any convenience he could make in his own house if no other place more suitable could be obtain'd.

On 30<sup>th</sup>. and 2<sup>nd</sup>. of week, early in the morning some of the friends came up to us again and proposed a School room if it could be obtain'd, which when it was apply'd for, the Master readily and cheerfully lent it us for the occasion it was a large upper room and very convenient for the purpose, the friends of the Town took care to inform their Neighbours and we with the assistance of one of them prepared the place ready for the meeting, which we got conveniently seated with forms and Chairs, and then returned to our Inn, were we sat under a deep exercise of Spirit sensible of our weakness and earnestly begging of him that he would be pleased to arise for our help, and enable us faithfully to discharge our duty whether it might be in doing or suffering that so we might leave this place in peace. The meeting began at the 10th hour and held about 2 hours and a half the place was pretty well fill'd, and many of the fashionable People of the town was there who had never been at one of our meetings before, and the Lord was pleased to exalt his Name and Truth this day thro' weak instruments praised be his name, many was reacht and tendered and most if not all appear'd well satisfied. Jonathan Hardcastle dropt a few words first. I had a pretty open time next from Acts C: 10: v. 34, 35. Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh for righteousness, is accepted with him. Jane Burrow had an extraordinary time next from Gen: C: 49. v: 10. The Scepter shall not depart from Judah nor a lawgiver from between his feet until Shiloh come, and unto him shall the gathering of the People be. Jonathan Hardcastle dropt a few words next, and afterwards Jane Burrow had a highly favoured time from Rev: C: 1. v: 7. Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which he asked him. At the conclusion of the meeting several of the People came in a very friendly manner and shook hands with us, after which we went to our friend Boswel Middletons were we din'd, and about 2 o Clock set out for Otley 20 miles, stopt about 1 hour and drunk Tea at the Sine of the Bay horse in Knaresborough paid 6d a piece, and then proceeded on our Journey; parted with Jonathon Hardcastle at Harrogate, but John Buck went forward with us, to take the horses back to our kind friend Robert Spence had lent us, got to Edward Burrows of Otley about 8 o Clock this evening.

On 31<sup>st</sup>. and 3<sup>rd</sup>. of week, I got a pretty early, and set my esteemed friend John Buck a little on his way, were we parted with reluctance brought near and dear to each other in a feeling of that cementing Love which distance cannot separate. In my return I call'd and sat a

little with honest Michael Teal of Newall and then return'd Otley. In the afternoon I drunk Tea at William Blakeys.

On 1<sup>st</sup>. of 9<sup>th</sup>. Mo. and 4<sup>th</sup>. of week about 10 o Clock in the forenoon I set out towards home Michael Teal accompanied me several miles, came by Ashold hall, Idle, and Bradford to Oakenshaw were I stopt about 1 hour and din'd, paid 4d eating and 2d liquor, and then proceeded by Scholes, Colnbrig, and Kirkheaton to Woodsom mill were I got some Rum and Water paid 3d, then proceeded by Shepley, home were I got about 8 o Clock.

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An Account of my Journey to a Meeting held at Darwent in Derbyshire ye. 17<sup>th</sup>. of the 10<sup>th</sup>.  
Mo. 1779.

Our friends Jane Burrow and Elizabeth Blakey of Otley being on a religious visit to friends within the compass of Pontefract Monthly meeting and some few meetings adjacent, found a concern on their mind to visit the inhabitants of Woodland accordingly a Meeting was appointed for them to be held at Darwent ye. 17<sup>th</sup>. of ye. 10<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1779. To which I found my

mind inclined to go. I set out from home ye. 16<sup>th</sup>. and 7<sup>th</sup>. day of week betwixt 1 and 2 o Clock in the afternoon in company with my Brother Samuel Wood who took my Fathers mare and so we rode one time for another stopt a little at Thomas Earnshaws of Langside were we got some refreshment and then proceeded on our Journey got to George Chapmans of Banktop about 6 o Clock were we lodg'd, soon after we got there came in George Chapman and Samuel Davison of Sheffield who had been to prepare the place for holding the Meeting in, and soon after George Haywood and Jeremiah Smith got there who had rode both on one horse, so that we spent the Evening very agreeably in the sweet enjoyment of each others company.

On 17<sup>th</sup>. and 1<sup>st</sup>. of week, after Breakfast we set out for Darwent 4 miles got there betwixt 9 and 10 were we got some refreshment at one Websters who keeps an Inn there, The meeting began at the 11<sup>th</sup>. hour was held in a very large room in the dwelling house of Benjamin Thorpe, which was well seated and a convenient Gallery erected, a large number of People attended the place been quite full and many in adjacent Rooms, there being some up out of every family in Woodland and many from other parts, a glorious meeting it was the everlasting Truth being declared in the demonstration of his own Spirit to the tendering of many hearts, and all behaved in a sober orderly manner becoming the occasion. Besides the two publick friends beforementioned there was several attended from Sheffield who were laity come forth in the Ministry, as John Hoyland, Tabitha Hoyland, Elizabeth Dickinson, and Jane Colley. Elizabeth Blakey was first concerned in testimony from Mic: C: 6. v: 6. Wherewith shall I come before the Lord and bow myself before the most High God, stood a short time, and afterwards Elizabeth Dickinson had a few words from John C: 4. v: 23. The hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in Spirit and in Truth, for the Father seeketh such to worship him. Jane Burrow appear'd next stood near an hour and was very much favoured from Matt C: 11 v: 5. The poor have the Gospel preached to them, an extraordinary time she had opened some of the principles of Truth to the People mixed with her own experience of the dealings of the Lord with her and earnestly intreating them to labour to know a being stript into Poverty of Spirit that so they might be of that happy number, that hear and obey the Gospel sound, after a short time in silence she had another pretty long and favoured time setting forth the nature of true prayer and the necessity there was for us to Watch before we dare enter upon that solemn duty from Mar. C: 13. v: 37. What I say unto you, I say unto all, Watch. Elizabeth Blakey was next concerned in Prayer and afterwards had a very seasonable exhortation. The meeting held about 2 hours and a half, after which we din'd at the aforesaid Inn Paid 9d a piece eating and 2d Liquor about 3 o Clock we set forward for George Chapmans were we intended to lodge, viz. Jane Burrow and her son Anthony, and Elizabeth Blakey on horseback and George Chapman, Jeremiah Smith and myself on foot, and by the way we call'd at John Shepherds, and not a friend (and there being none under our name in that Country) except George Chapman, but having been at the meeting he kindly invited us to call and drink Tea with them which we comply'd with and after Tea we had a precious opportunity with his Wife and Children, (he being engaged from home) in which Elizabeth Blakey was first concerned in testimony from John C: 14. v: 27. Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you, let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. Jane Burrow next had a long and much favoured time from Luke C: 1. v. 41. When Elizabeth heard the Salutation of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy-Ghost. After which Elizabeth Blakey had an open favoured time again, and a precious visitation was felt to be extended unto the family, we got to Banktop about 6 o Clock the same evening. were we found George Chapmans Mother who had been at the meeting and come to lodge there on purpose to have the friends Company.

On 18<sup>th</sup>. and 2<sup>nd</sup>. of week. in the morning Joseph Webster and his wife came and got Breakfast with us, after which we had a satisfactory opportunity in which Elizabeth Blakey and Jane Burrow were both concerned in testimony, and indeed it appear'd to me as tho' the day was begun to dawn and the day star to arise in the hearts of divers in that part, and O saith

my soul that they may faithfully follow its leadings and then I doubt not but they will come to experience a gathering each one under their own Vine and under their own Fig tree where none shall make them afraid. About 10 o Clock we set out for Lumbroyd where a meeting was appointed to begin at 2 in the afternoon, called at Thomas Earnshaws of Langside where we stopt near an hour and din'd got to Lumbroyd just in time to the Meeting which was pretty large the house and Chamber being well-fill'd there being a pretty many from our side and several of other Societies. I was first concerned in Testimony from 1 Kin: C: 18. v: 21. How long halt ye between two opinions? If the Lord be God, follow him. Elizabeth Blakey had a few words next. Jane Burrow next stood pretty long and had close service setting forth the great loss those sustained whose dependants were upon Instruments intreating such to labour for themselves that so they might now a having bread in their own houses and water in their own Cisterns. Elizabeth Blakey was next concerned in Prayer, and afterwards had a pretty open time in Testimony. after which Jane Burrow had a solemn Farewel exhortation. The Meeting held upwards of 2 hours. Here we parted with George Chapman he returning home, and we went to Godfrey Woodheads of Penistone where we tarried about 1 hour and half and drunk Tea, and then came on in Company with my Father (who met us at Lumbroyd) got to a house betwixt 7 and 8 o Clock that evening were the friends lodg'd during their stay on our side.

An Account of my Journey to a Meeting held at Skelmanthorp ye. 19<sup>th</sup>. of 10<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1779.

Jane Burrow and Elizabeth Blakey of Otley in the course of their visit to friends in this part found freedom to have a Meeting with the inhabitants of Skelmanthorp, (there having been several convinced there a few years ago), accordingly I set out towards there about 1 o Clock in the Afternoon and got to our Friends Mary and Martha Dysons in about 1 hours time where I met with William Dyson and his Son Hutchison Dyson come to prepare a place to hold the meeting in, which with my assistance we soon got compleated, furnished it with forms and Chairs which they borrowed in the Town in as convenient a manner as we could. The meeting began about 3 o Clock, and was held in the dwellinghouse of Patience Jakeman, which tho' large was well filled and a considerable number sat in the parlour likewise. Besides the two publick friends beforementioned, we had the company of Henry Dickinson of Strines, who had a few words first in Testimony, Elizabeth Blakey had a short time next from Psalms 137. v. 1, 2. By the rivers of Babylon, and there we sat down, yea, we wept, when we remembered Zion. We hanged our harps upon the willows in the mixed thereof. I had a pretty open time next from Isa: C: 55. v: 1, 2. Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye two daughters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy and eat; ye come, by wine and milk without money, and without price. Wherefore do you spend money for that which is not bread? and your labour for that which satisfieth not? Jane Burrow had a long and highly favoured time next from 1 Tim: C: 6. v: 6. Godliness with contentment is great gain. endeavouring to draw the minds of the People from outward and Shadowy observations to Christ the true and living Substance and the alone way to God, that so they might attain to a state of real Godliness which leads to true contentment in every situation of life, as she was declaring the Truth to the People a troublesome Man broke through the crowd at the door and in a contentious manner began to ask her Questions withal demanding her immediate answer she desired him to be still until the meeting was over, and then she would endeavour to satisfy him but he being one of those that wanted not satisfaction but only to make disturbance, kept on asking impertinent questions, and railing against her and Friends, she stood silent for some time, and I was much afraid lest he should hurt that solemnity which I'm sensible was over the minds of the People, therefore gently stept to him and desired him either to sit down quietly or withdraw, but he would not, but kept on in a very abusive Language, to the grief of many who did not profess with us several of whom reprov'd him sharply, and tho' there was a crowded audience, yet few if any

were seen so much as to smile, after some time Jane Burrow desired the People to be still and take no further notice of him and she went forward with her Testimony and was wonderfully favoured, so that altho' he kept on every now and then with his noise yet her voice was quite over his and the Power of Truth was over all; when she had concluded and was set down, he still remained very troublesome, two of his neighbours laid hold of him and carried him out, after a solemn time in silence Jane Burrow had a long and favoured time in Prayer. The meeting held upwards of 2 hours, and Notwithstanding all the enemy could do, by his poor weak Instrument the beforementioned Man, we was favoured with a good meeting, and Truth triumphed gloriously over all. The two Strangers and many other friends drunk Tea at Mary and Martha Dysons, and I and several more at Patience Jakemans, after which they set out directly for our house, but I call'd and sat a little at William Dysons of Powker and then set out for home in Company with my Sister Rebecca Wood were we got betwixt 7 and 8 in the evening.

An Account of my Journey to our Winter Quarterly Meeting held at Leeds in ye. 12<sup>th</sup>. Mo.  
1779

I set out from home ye 25<sup>th</sup>. of ye. 12<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1779 about 6 o Clock in the morning, went by Shepley, Woodsom mill, Amberry, and Huddersfield, to William Prestons of Rastrick were I called of my friend Jeremiah Smith who went there at the evening before, and was to be my Companion this Journey, stopt there about 2 hours and got a second breakfast of Tea, and then we set forward went by Brighouse, Clifton, Scholes, and Oakenshaw to our friend John Robinsons of Dudley-hill were we stopt about an hour and din'd, then proceeded to Joshua Walkers sat a little there and then went to Timothy Mauds of Bradford, were we met with our dear friends Esther Tuke and Tabitha Hoyland and soon after Christiana Hustler came in, we drunk Tea there and spent several hours there very agreeably with the Family and these worthy Friends, and then my Companion rode up with Christiana Hustler to their house in the Chaise, but I supp'd here, and tarried until about 10 o Clock and then went to John Hustlers of Undercliff were we lodg'd.

On 26<sup>th</sup>. and 1<sup>st</sup>. of week, we set out for Rawden about 10 o Clock in the morning, got there just in time to the meeting which began at Eleven and held near 2 hours, there was a large number of friends whose outward appearance was plain, but appeared to me to be too many of them more in the form, than in the Power and Life, I had a closish time in Testimony amongst them from, John C: 13. v: 8. If I wash thee not, thou hast no with me, after which John Whalley had a few words from Gen: C: 33:v: 13. The flocks and herds with young are with me, and if men should over drive them one day, all the flock will die. After meeting we din'd at John Whalleys and then set out immediately for Otley accompanied by his Son John, in order to be at their Afternoon meeting which began at 2 o Clock, got there, were we found the meeting fully gathered, which was small being pretty select of friends; I found my mind dipt into deep mourning, in sympathy with some state or states present, and had a few words in testimony from Mic: C: 7: v: 1. Wo is me! for I am as when they have gathered the summer fruits, as the grapes gleanings of the vintage: there is no cluster to eat: my soul desireth the first ripe fruit. The meeting held about 1 hour and a half after which we went to Edward Burrows were we lodg'd. After Tea we had an highly favoured opportunity with this family and some other friends who were there, in which I had a very open time from Mal: C: 3: v: 16, 17. They that feared the Lord spake often one to another; and the Lord harkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the Lord, and that thought upon his name. and they shall be mine, saith the Lord of Hosts, in that day when I make up my Jewels; and I will spare them as a Man spareth his own Son that serveth him. after a short time in silence, I had a few words more, after which Jane Burrow exprest her unity with what had been delivered, and then tenderly desired some present who appeared

to her to be withholding more than was meet, to give up to the requirings of Truth, and then they would assuredly know their bonds loosed, and the prison door set open, and their souls set at Liberty to praise him. I had a few words more afterwards from Isa: C: 1: v: 19. If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land.

On 27<sup>th</sup>. and 2<sup>nd</sup>. of week. in the forenoon we went and sat a little at William Blakeys; and in the afternoon drunk Tea at Michael Teals of Newall.

On 20<sup>th</sup>. and 3<sup>rd</sup>. of week, in the forenoon we went and sat a little at Thomas Rhodes's and betwixt 1 and 2 o Clock in the afternoon we set out for Leeds, in company with at Michael Teal, Anthony Burrow and Isaac Burrow, got there betwixt 4 and 5, took up our Quarters at the Golden Lyon in Briggate, Paid 8d Breakfasts and 1s a piece Dinners and Suppers including Liquor. At 6 in the evening began the Quarterly meeting of Ministers and Elders which held about 2 hours; there was a large appearance of Ministers collected from different parts of the County, and some Strangers as William Rathbone and William Jepson from Lancashire and Thomas Cash from Cheshire. William Rathbone and Esther Tuke appeared therein in testimony after which the Quarterley Meeting Queries belonging to Ministers and Elders was read, and account given by a friend from each Monthly Meeting of the state of things amongst them except Gisborough and Scarborough the latter of which sent an account in writing, an appointment was then made of three friends to oversee the succeeding meetings of Worship and advise as they see occasion, after which Esther Tuke had an extraordinary time in Prayer. The meeting then adjourned to the close of the parting meeting for worship on 5<sup>th</sup>. day evening.

On 29<sup>th</sup>. and 4<sup>th</sup>. of week, at 9 in the morning was a Meeting for Worship which held about 3 hours, was large tho' pretty select of friends, and highly favoured, William Rathbone led the way in Testimony stood pretty long and was favoured from Job C: 6: v: 6. Can that which is unsavoury be eaten without Salt? or is there any taste in the white of a egg? William Jepson had a pretty long time next defining in a beautiful manner the nature of true Worship from John C: 4. v: 24. God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must Worship him in Spirit and in Truth, Robert Walker next from, Rev: C: 18. v: 4. Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her Sins. Esther Tuke next adapted the same text and afterwards branched forth in much weighty counsel and advice Robert Proud next from 1 Cor: C: 12. v: 7. The manifestation of the Spirit is given to every Man to profit withal earnestly intreating every individual to improve this Gift, Christiana Hustler had a few words next of tender counsel and advice to the visited of the Lord, and afterwards Thomas Cash concluded the meeting in prayer. At 2 o Clock in the afternoon was a Meeting for discipline which held about 2 hours and a half, it being the time for Gisborough, Scarborough, Owstwick, and Cave Monthly Meetings to find a Clerk the representatives withdrew and at their return nominated Joshua Eglin of Hull. the 1<sup>st</sup>. 8<sup>th</sup>. Quarterly meeting Queries was read and answered from all the Monthly meetings in the County except Gisborough, and divers weighty remarks were made by sundry friends, some other business was gone through, and then the meeting adjourn'd until next day at 9 in the morning after which we drunk Tea at Esther and Phoebe Marshals. At 6 in the Evening was a meeting for Worship which was very large many of other Societies attending, Mary Proud appeared first stood very long and was favoured from Luke C: 20. v: 17. The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner? William Rathbone next stood pretty long from Cant: C: 4. v: 12. A garden inclosed, is my sister my spouse: a spring shut up, a fountain sealed. William Jepson had a long time next from 1 Cor: C: 2. v: 9. Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither hath it entered into the heart of Man, the things which could have prepared for them that love him, afterwards Robert Walker had a long time in Prayer.

On 30<sup>th</sup>. and 5<sup>th</sup>. of week, and 9 in the morning was a meeting for discipline, which held about 4 hours, a great deal of business was gone thro' to pretty good satisfaction; amongst other things our Friend Thomas Colley return'd a Certificate he had at the last 12<sup>th</sup>. Mo. and produced an account in writing that he had perform'd a visit to four of the West India Islands, viz. Barbadoes, Antigua, Nevis, and Christophers, to good satisfaction, that in

Barbadoes he found some under our Name, tho' things seemed almost laid waste among them, he had many meetings in different parts of the Island, some were convinced, and many who had had their education amongst us, appeared to receive a renewed visitation. he produced a Letter, from a friend on behalf of himself and those few friends on the Island setting forth they unity with him both in Ministry and conduct, and his acceptable service amongst them which was read. He also gave account of several satisfactory meetings he had in the other three Islands amongst those of other Societies, as no friends reside there, and was favoured to return in Peace. Three in the course of the business many friends dropped much weighty counsel and advice; after meeting we din'd at Joseph Birkbecks. At 3 in the afternoon was the parting meeting for Worship which held about 3 hours, was very much crowded, more of other Societies attending on account of a Funeral which happened at the same time of a Son of our friend Nathaniel English. Thomas Cash had a short Testimony first setting before us the uncertainty of time and the necessity there was for us to be prepared, for our change. William Rathbone had a short time next from Psalms 90: v: 12. So teach us to number our days as to apply our hearts unto wisdom. Thomas Colley next had a long and highly favoured testimony to the Truth from 1 Pet: C: 4. v: 17 and 18. Judgment must begin at the house of God: and if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and Sinner appear. Esther Tuke next had a very long and favoured time, opening some of the Principles we profess in a beautiful manner to the People from Eph: C: 4. v: 5. One Lord, one faith, one Baptism showing our full belief in this distinguishing betwixt faith and fancy; and the Baptism of Water and that of the Holy-Ghost. Thomas Cash concluded the meeting with a short but pertinent Prayer. At close thereof the Ministers and Elders sat about half an hour together, William Rathbone had an open time in testimony, after which one of the friends appointed to oversee the meetings reported they was conducted to good satisfaction. Afterwards I went along with Jane Burrow to see one John Barwick who had formerly been in profession with the Methodists but being dissatisfied had left them and for some time has attended friends Meetings, there we met with Captain Bains who also appears to be in a good degree convinced of the Principles of Truth and has lately wrote a small treatise, entitled reasons why divine Providence continues the National Troubles etc. Which shows him to be a Man of real experience in the Life of true Religion, and I think is well deserving the perusal of every serious well disposed Person. We drunk Tea there and tarried about an hour and then returned to our Inn. Soon after we got there Thomas Cash came to see us, were we had a favoured opportunity together, in which he had an acceptable time in Testimony from 1 Chron. C: 16. v: 11. Seek the Lord and his strength.

On 31<sup>st</sup>. and 6<sup>th</sup>. of week my companion and me parted he returning towards home, and I went to Gervas Storrs (accompanied by John Buck from Netherdale) were we met with Esther Tuke, and soon after came in Sarah Tuke, and John Moon. After Breakfast we had a select opportunity together which was remarkably own'd by him in whose presence there is Life. Esther Tuke was led in a particular manner to speak to the several states of the Young Men. She was first opened from Num: C: 20 v: 26. Strip Aaron of his garments and put them on Eleazer his Son: exprest her unity with those whom the Lord had lately call'd into the work of the Ministry, and her thankfulness, that as he was pleased to call many of his Servants from works to rewards, so he was cloathing others as with their priestly robes to fill up their places, gave much weighty counsel and advice to this state, and then spoke in an encouraging manner to those who were travelling as thro' the wilderness whom the Lord would make as useful instruments in his hand, if they are on their part were but of the number of the willing and obedient that shall eat the good of the land; and indeed she is one whom the Lord has wonderfully qualified to divide the word aright, afterwards Sarah Tuke had a very open time in Prayer; after which John Buck and me went to Benjamin Kays and from thence to Joshua Ingles sat a little at each place, and got some refreshment at the latter. Betwixt 12 and 1 o Clock we set out for Otley, Joshua Ingle and his Brother Joseph, set us on our way about 2 miles got to Edward Burrows about 3 o Clock in the Afternoon were we lodg'd.

On ye. 1<sup>st</sup>. of ye. 1<sup>st</sup>. Mo. and 7<sup>th</sup>. of week 1780. We spent most of this day at Edward Burrows, went and sat a little at Thomas Rhodes's in the evening were we supt.

On 2<sup>nd</sup>. and 1<sup>st</sup>. of week about 8 o Clock in the morning I set out for Keighley in company with John Buck Michael Teal and Thomas Rhodes junr. on foot and Jane Burrow and her Son Anthony on Horseback got there about half past 10, drunk Tea at the Golden-fleece paid 6 a piece and then went to the meeting which began at 11 and held about 3 hours, there were but few friends but a considerable number who are so far convinced as constantly to attend our meetings, and divers of other Societies came in, there being considerable openness in this Town and Neighbourhood, We sat a considerable time in silence in deep Poverty of Spirit, but at length Truth arose into dominion and the meeting ended comfortably. Jane Burrow appeared first stood a pretty long and was favoured from Matt. C: 17. v: 5. This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased: hear ye him. I had an open time next from Nahum C: 1. v: 15. Behold upon the mountains the feet of him that bring you good tidings, that publisheth peace: O Judah, keep thy solemn feasts, perform thy vows: Jane Burrow next and had a larger and more open time than before from 2 Cor: C: 6. v: 17. Come out from among them, and be ye separate. Afterwards she had a long time in Prayer. After meeting we got some refreshment at the Inn and then went up with William Davy (a person of considerable Estate, but his Father dying when he was young he got into wild company, and at length got married by a Priest to a Woman of another Perswasion, and and for some time left friends, but being favoured with a renewed visitation had lately begun to attend meetings diligently and appears in a tender frame of Spirit) to his house at Whitley head about 2 miles were we lodg'd except Michael Teal and Thomas Rhodes who return'd from Keighley home.

On 3<sup>rd</sup>. and 2<sup>nd</sup>. of week we parted with John Buck he setting out towards home about 10 o Clock in the morning, and we came to Keighley were we got some Wine and Water at the Fleece paid 6d sat about an hour and then set out for Otley, and I came up to Caleb Stansfields were I stopt about an hour and din'd, then proceeded by Cullingworth, Illingworth, and Halifax to George Conways of Southouram, got there about 5 o Clock were I lodg'd that night.

On 4<sup>th</sup>. and 3<sup>rd</sup>. of the week I set at about 8 o Clock in the morning came my Ealand to Huddersfield got a pint of Ale at the Dog paid 2d then went up into the Cloth Hall to see my Father afterwards sat a little at William Coopers, and then came by Amberry to Sarah Morton's of Amorhouse stopt about an hour and din'd, and so got home about 3 o Clock in the afternoon.

An Account of my Journey to Knaresborough monthly meeting held at Otley in the 2<sup>nd</sup>. Mo. 1780.

Michael Teal of Newall having been at our house a few days, and being desirous for me to accompany him to their monthly meeting at Otley, I consented thereto and accordingly we set forward, on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. of ye. 2<sup>nd</sup>. mo. and 4<sup>th</sup>. day of the week betwixt 5 and 6 o Clock in the morning, and went by Shepley, Woodsom mill, Kirkheaton, Colnbrig, and Scholes, to Oakenshaw were we got some refreshment paid 2d a piece eating and the same for Liquor, and then proceeded to Bradford were we fell in with their week day meeting which began at 11 and held about 2 hours, was small, and not very open, altho' Truth arose into some dominion towards the latter in thereof; I was first concerned in testimony from Joel C: 1: v: 9. The meat offering and the drink offering is cut of from the house of the Lord: the priests of the Lords ministers mourn. Christiana Hustler next in concurrence she said with what had been delivered, and had a pretty open time from Heb: C: 11. v: 6. He that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him. After meeting we went to John Hustlers of Undercliff, were we din'd and spent about 3 hours very agreeably, and then proceeded on our Journey went by Idle, Ashold-hall, and Guiseley, to Otley, got

there about 7 o Clock in the evening were I lodg'd at my much esteemed friends Edward Burrows.

On 24<sup>th</sup>. and 5<sup>th</sup>. of week at 11 o Clock in the morning was the monthly meeting for Worship, which was pretty large, and several Ministers were collected from different parts thereof; I was first concerned therein in testimony from John C: 1. v: 45. We have found him of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets did write one Jesus of Nazareth. Afterwards John Binns had a very open time from John C: 1. v: 47. Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, and saith of him, behold an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile. At the close of this meeting was held the meeting for discipline, in which a great deal business was gone thro' amongst other things the Yearly Meeting Queries was read and answered from the seven particular meetings that constitute this monthly meeting viz. Netherdale, Knaresborough, Rawden, Keighley, Farfield, Skipton, and Otley, and by accounts it appeared, there was some convincement in some of the meetings, and two was accepted into membership since last Year viz. one in Skipton and the other in Netherdale meeting. Both Meetings held about 4 hours. In the afternoon we went and sat a little at William Blakeys they being both poorly, and then return'd to Tea, in the evening we had an opportunity together to pretty good satisfaction; Jane Burrow had an encouraging time in Testimony from Jer: C: 48. v: 28. Oh ye that dwell in Moab, leave the cities and dwell in the rock, and be like the dove that maketh her nest in the sides of the holes mouth. Afterwards I had a few words of encouragement to those who had frequently to go mourning on their way.

On 25<sup>th</sup>. and 6<sup>th</sup>. of week, I breakfasted at Thomas Rhodes's and in the afternoon I drunk Tea at Michael Teals of Newall.

On 26<sup>th</sup>. and 7<sup>th</sup>. of week, in the morning John Buck from Netherdale having heard of my being here came over to see me of whose company I was glad. About 12 o Clock we set out for Askwith 3 miles viz. Jane Burrow, Michael Teal, John Buck and myself, to the burial of a boy about 14 years of age, the son of Wilfrey Skirrow, who married one of our friends, we went by Western to Askwith were we got to John Holmes's in about an hours time, sat a little there and then went to see the Corps, and from thence to John Ashleys who married one of our name, were we got some refreshment and tarried until the Corps came by, then accompanied it to the Grave.yard, were after the internment, a meeting was held in the Meetinghouse which was pretty large there being a many of other Societies, and I thought it was an open good time, been in some measure overshadowed with the divine presence to my great comfort and satisfaction. It began about 4 o Clock and held upwards of an hour and half. I was first concerned in testimony from Deut. C: 32. v: 29. O that they were wise, That they understood this, that they would consider their latter end. Jane Burrow had a long and favoured time next from Acts C: 16. v: 30. What must I do to be saved. Ellen Waterhouse appear'd next from Eccle: C: 12. v: 1. Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years drawn nigh when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them. at the conclusion of the meeting I had a few words more of advice to them and then commending them up for their civil behaviour, in the love of the Gospel I bade them Farewell. After warming us a little at the Meetinghouse Fire, we return'd to Otley were we got betwixt 6 and 7 in the evening.

On 27<sup>th</sup>. and 1<sup>st</sup>. of week about 7 o Clock in the morning I set out for Bradford, John Buck and Michael Teal accompanying me, we went by Upper-Ashold to Shipley, and so up the banks of the Canal to Bradford were we got to Jeffery Ryleys about 10 o Clock were we sat about an hour, and drunk Tea, and then went to the meeting which began at 11 o Clock and held about 2 hours and a half was pretty large, and select of friends only we sat long in silence in a state of deep poverty and dependence of the People appearing to me, to be too much outward, at length Christiana Hustler stood up tho' in much weakness and had a more open time than could have been expected, being led to treat concerning the Sheep of Christ who hear his voice and a Strangers voice they will not follow. I had a few words next from Gen: C: 49. v: 10. The Scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come: and unto him shall the gathering of the People be. After meeting we

din'd at John Robinsons of Dudley hill, and betwixt 3 and 4 o Clock I parted with my Companions they returning to Otley, and I came on by Oakenshaw, Scholes, Colnbrig, Kirkheaton, Woodsom mill and Shepley, to Joseph Firths of Lanehead, were I stopt about an hour and supp'd; and so got home betwixt 9 and 10 in the evening.

Note. Ellen Waterhouse belong'd to Rawden meeting but had been at Askwith a few days on a visit.

In respect to the state of my own mind in this Journey it was oftens very low, both in and out of meetings, being dipt into a sense of the low state of the Churches yet strength was afforded to discharge my duty, and there I was favoured to return in Peace.

#### An Account of my Journey to Balby Monthly Meeting held at Sheffield in ye. 4<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1780

I set out from home ye. 5<sup>th</sup>. of ye. 4<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1780 and 4<sup>th</sup>. day of the week betwixt 7 and 8 o Clock in the morning called at Highflatts of Jeremiah Smith who was to be my companion this Journey; we went by Denby were we call'd at Samuel Haighs in expectation of meeting with Mary and Martha Dyson of Skelmanthorp and Sarah Dyson of Powker, we tarried about an hour but they came not so we concluded the stormy weather prevented their setting out; we then proceeded on our journey by Hoylandswain and Thurgoland to Wortley were we din'd at the Shoulder of mutton paid 3d a piece eating and 3d Liquor stopt about an hour and then proceeded to Wadsleybridge and Owlerton to Sheffield were we got to Mary Swanwicks betwixt 2 and 3 in the Afternoon, took a little refreshment there and then went to Caleb Dickinsons were we drunk tea, and from thence to William Ruddifords, whilst we sat there, came in the three Women friends from our meeting who set out after the storm abated, they Lodg'd here, but we went to our usual quarters at John Swanwicks which was made our home during our stay in Town.

On 6<sup>th</sup>. and 5<sup>th</sup>. of week, after breakfast we went and sat a little at William Ruddifords, got some refreshment and then went to the meeting for Worship which began about 11 o Clock was very large and pretty select of friends There was a considerable number of Ministers belonging to this meeting many of them being lately come forth in the Ministry, and some strangers viz. Mary Dickinson from Beverley, and Martha Dyson from our meeting, yet the meeting was held in silence and to me was a poor low stripping time, At the close thereof was held the Monthly Meeting for discipline, the business of which was well conducted. Both Meetings held about 3 hours, after which we din'd at John Swanwicks, and from thence went and sat a little at Caleb Dickinsons, drunk Tea at John Barlow's and supp'd at Thomas Colleys After supper, we had an opportunity together several friends being present in which Thomas Colley had an encouraging time in Testimony from Heb: C: 12. v: 1. Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set out before us.

On 7<sup>th</sup>. and 6<sup>th</sup>. of week in the morning I went to take leave of several friends, and about 10 o Clock we set out towards home John Swanwick accompanying us about 2 miles, call'd at Uppethorp, to take leave of Mary Dickinson, met with her at Mary Aldams in a Company with several other friends, tarried part of an hour and had a precious opportunity together in which I had a few words in testimony from Mic: C: 5. v: 7. The remnant of Jacob shall be in the midst of many People as a dew from the Lord, as the showers upon the grass, that tarrieth not for man, nor waiteth for the Sons of men. After which we drunk a Glass of wine and then came on by Owlerton and Wadsleybridge to Wortley were we din'd at the shoulder of mutton paid 3d a piece eating and the same for Liquor stopt about an hour then came on by Thurgoland and Hoylandswain to my Brother Samuel Woods of Netherdenby were we drunk Tea and tarried about 2 hours then came up with my Father, Elihu Dickinson

Clothier and John Firth called and sat a little at Henry Dickinsons of Strines and afterwards at Anne Dickinsons of Highflatts and so got to Newhouse betwixt 9 and 10 in the evening.

An Account of my Journey to Balby Mo. Meeting held at Sheffield in the ye. 5<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1780

I set out from home ye. 1<sup>st</sup>. of ye. 5<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1780 and 2<sup>nd</sup>. day of the week, betwixt 8 and 9 o Clock in the morning and had the agreeable company of John Swanwick who was come over to see me and he having a horse we rode one time for another, we call'd and sat about half an hour at Henry Dickinsons of Strines and then proceeded to my Brother Samuel Wood of Netherdenby were we tarried about 2 hours and Din'd then set forward again and went by Hoylandswain and Thurgoland to Wortley were we stopt about an hour at the Inn and got some refreshment paid 10d a piece and then proceeded by a Wadsleybridge and Owlerton to Sheffield were we got betwixt 6 and 7 o Clock to my Companions house my usual Quarters in this Town having been longer upon the road on account of the heavy rains which fell this afternoon which obliged us to take shelter several times.

On 2<sup>nd</sup>. and 3<sup>rd</sup>. day of the week. This morning I went and breakfasted at William Ruddifords, and having some little business to do at Mansfield, I set out towards there about 9 in the forenoon Joseph Clarbour accompanying me, a considerable way, we call'd at the Sign of the Parrot at Mosborough in Derbyshire were we got some refreshment for which my friend would not suffer me to pay anything, we tarried above an hour and then proceeded to Eckington were we call'd at John Barbers a person of considerable property to see his daughter Mary a Girl of about 15 years of age who appears to be under convincement having attended friends meetings diligently for near 3 years upwards of 4 miles from her habitation there being no friends in the neighbourhood; they was very kind, and would have us to take a little refreshment with them, we tarried about half an hour, and then parted my companion returning, and I preceded by Renneshaw, to Bolsover were I stopt upwards of an hour at the Cross keys and drunk Tea, then proceeded by Plesley to Mansfield in Nottinghamshire were I got betwixt 6 and 7 that evening having travelled about 20 miles that day, and lodg'd at George Ellis's.

On 3<sup>rd</sup>. and 4<sup>th</sup>. of week, I left Mansfield about 9 o Clock in the morning. the Person I wanted to see being gone from home, however I met him upon the road a little on this side the Town, and he return'd with me to Plesley were we stopt upwards of half an hour at an Inn and got some Rum and Water paid 6d and then proceeded by a Stoney-houghton, Bolsover, and Renneshaw to John Barbers of Eckington were I din'd stopt upwards of 2 hours and drunk Tea, and then proceeded Mary Barber coming along with me whose company it was very agreeable we came by Mosborough to Edward Hobsons of Birley were we stopt about half an hour and got some refreshment then set forward again Sarah Hobson accompanying us about a mile, got to William Ruddifords of Sheffield about 8 o Clock were I supp'd and then went to John Swanwicks to lodge.

On 4<sup>th</sup>. and 5<sup>th</sup>. of week after breakfast I went and sat a little at Caleb Dickinsons got some refreshment and then went to the Monthly meeting for Worship which began at 11 o Clock and was very large tho' pretty select of friends. Our friend Thomas Greer from Ireland was here in the course of his religious visit to friends in some parts of this nation. and Mary Dickinson of Beverley, who dropt a few words first from Psalms 105. v: 15. Touch not mine anointed and do my Prophets no harm. Elizabeth Barlow next from Isa: C: 45. v: 19. I said not unto the seed of Jacob, Seek ye me in vain. Thomas Greer had a pretty long and favoured time next from Amos C: 5. v: 4. Seek ye me, and ye shall live. Afterwards he had an extraordinary time in Prayer and after that a pretty long time in testimony again. At the close of this meeting, was held the meeting for discipline the business of which was well conducted amongst other things the 1<sup>st</sup>. 8<sup>th</sup>. Quarterly meeting Queries was read and answered from the 4 Preparative meetings that constitute this Monthly meeting viz. Warnsworth, Sheffield,

Woodhouse and Thorne: Both meetings held about 4 hours and a half. After which I din'd at William Ruddifords and drunk Tea at William Hoylands, were our Friend Thomas Greer met us having a concerned on his mind to have a select opportunity with those who were lately come forth in the ministry; having much weighty caution counsel and advice to drop therein, I hope it may be truly serviceable to us all. From thence I return'd to William Ruddifords sat a little there, and then came on to Caleb Dickinsons were I supp'd.

On 5<sup>th</sup>. and 6<sup>th</sup>. of week, betwixt 9 and 10 in the Forenoon I set out towards home, Elizabeth Dickinson accompanying me as far as Uppertorp were we tarried upwards of 2 hours and din'd. After which I came on by Owlerton and Wadsleybridge to Wortley were I got some refreshment at the Shoulder of mutton paid 8d tarried upwards of an hour, and then came forward to Penistone stopt about an hour and drunk Tea at Godfrey Woodheads, and then came by Ing Birchworth to Highflatts were I stopt about half an hour at Anne Dickinsons, and so got home about 9 o Clock in the evening.

#### An Account of my Journey to our Summer Quarterly Meeting at York in the 6. mo 1780.

I set out from home ye. 25<sup>th</sup>. of ye. 6<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1780 and 1<sup>st</sup>. day of the week about 7 o Clock in the morning in order to be at Burton meeting, Jeremiah Smith accompanying me thither, we went by Denbydykeside to Cousin Steads of Toppitt were we stopt about an hour and breakfasted, then proceeded by Hoyland, Kexborough, Darton and Mapplewell to Burton were we got just in time to the meeting which began at half past 10 and held upwards of 2 hours, is but small of itself, but was considerably enlarged this day by friends from other meetings, amongst the number our friends Tabitha Hoyland and Mary Ruddiford from Sheffield was there, It was upon the whole a low suffering time, Mary Ruddiford was first concerned in testimony from Luke C: 13. v: 6. A certain man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard: and he came and sought fruit thereon and found none. 7. Then said he unto the dresser of his vineyard behold these three years I come seeking fruit on this figtree, and find none; cut it down; why cumbereth it the ground? 8. and he answering said unto him, Lord, let it alone this year also, till I shall dig about it, and dung it: 9: and if it bear fruit, well: and if not then thou shalt cut it down. afterwards Tabitha Hoyland stood a considerable time, earnestly recommending us in all our gatherings to come to an earnest labour and travel of Spirit, for the arisings of the spring of Life. After meeting I went with some other friends to John Wilsons Country house were we got a little bread and a glass of wine, and then went with Mary Ruddiford to John Luptons of Beeverhole near Barnsley were we din'd and drunk Tea tarrying until 5 o Clock, and then I set out for Ackworth, John Lupton accompanying me about 2 miles, went by Burton grange, Cudworth, Brierly and Himsworth, got to the House at Ackworth about 8 o Clock were friends School for the better education of Children whose parents are not in affluent circumstances hath been for some time established, and appears to be in a thriving situation, there being already, 104 Boys and 67 Girls in the house, and the beautiful order in which they are kept is very admirable, and I hope may be of lasting advantage to some of them. I supp'd and Lodg'd there with Wm. Sowerby a Publick friend from Richmond meeting who has been there a few weeks.

On 26<sup>th</sup>. and 2<sup>nd</sup>. of week, I got up pretty early and viewed several parts of the house. When the Boys came to breakfast, after a solemn pause in silence our friend William Sowerby had a very seasonable exhortation to them. After which I went with George Lomas to his house who is one of the Schoolmasters and his family lives at a small farm he has taken for them in the village were I breakfasted, being well pleased with George's company, he being one that is under convincement, having been an officer of the Excise at York, but being uneasy with his employment had given it up, whereupon friends apply'd to him to come to this place which he consented to, and I think is likely as he keeps his place to be of considerable use, having the cause at heart which all ought to have who are engaged there,

About 10 o Clock I left Ackworth and went to Pontefract were I tarried about 4 hours and din'd at John Thistlethwaits before dinner went and sat a little at Amelia Walkers and after at John Wighams who are lately removed into this Town from Northumberland his Wife Hannah Wigham is an able Minister of the Gospel with whom I spent a little time very comfortably. About 3 o Clock I set forward on my Journey went by Ferrybridge and Milford to Simeon Hunters of Sherborn, were I stopt about an hour and a half and drunk Tea, then proceeded by Towton to Tadcaster, were I got a pint of Ale at the Falcon, and purposed lodging there all night but a return'd Chaise from York coming by, I got to ride therein about 8 miles for 9d, and so got to Anne and Rebecca Awmacks in York about 11 o Clock in the evening were I made my home during my stay in the City.

On 27<sup>th</sup>. and 3<sup>rd</sup>. of the week in the forenoon I went and sat a little at Joseph Awmacks and William Tukes, and in the afternoon we drunk Tea at Joseph Awmacks and from thence went to the Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders which began at 5 o Clock and held about 4 hours, was not large for the time of the year altho' we were favoured with the company of several Strangers as Joseph Heath from Warwickshire, William Dilworth, Sarah Taylor, and Tabitha Mariot from Lancashire, Mary Ridgeway and Jane Watson from Ireland, and Ruth Fallows from Leicestershire. The Queries were read and answered verbally by a friend from each Monthly meeting and much caution counsel and advice was dropt by sundry Friends in the life and Power of Truth. Certificates from friends in Ireland expressing their unity with the Ministry and conduct of our friends Mary Ridgeway and Jane Watson who work on a Religious visit to friends in this Nation, Scotland and Wales was read, and some other business gone thro' and then the meeting adjourn'd until the close of the meetings on 5<sup>th</sup>. day evening.

On 28<sup>th</sup>. and 4<sup>th</sup>. of the week at 9 in the morning was the first meeting for Worship, which held about 3 hours, was large tho' select of friends, and an open good meeting, Hannah Wigham was first concerned in supplication Mary Ridgeway had a long and favoured time next in testimony from Prov. C; 1. v: 22, 23. How long, ye simple ones, will ye love simplicity? and the scorners delight in their scorning, and fools hate knowledge? Turn ye at my reproof; behold, I will pour out my Spirit unto you. Tabitha Mariot next from Joel C: 2. v: 28. And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour forth my spirit upon all flesh. Robert Walker next from Mal: C: 4 v: 1. Behold, the day cometh that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: ruth Fallows had an highly favoured time next in Prayer, and afterwards Hannah Wigham a pretty open time in testimony. At 2 in the afternoon was a meeting for discipline and it being the time for Knaresborough, Settle, Malton, Thirsk and Richmond Monthly meetings to chuse a Clerk the representatives withdrew, and at their return nominated William Birkbeck of Settle meeting, some other business was gone thro' and amongst other things the 1<sup>st</sup>. 8<sup>th</sup>. Quarterley meeting Queries were read and answered from the 13 Monthly meetings in this County and sundry remarks made thereon and advice given by divers friends; before the business of the meeting Thomas Colley had an acceptable time in testimony. At half past 6 was another meeting for Worship which held about 3 hours was large a great many of other Societies attending Mary Buck dropt a few words first, Thomas Colley had a long and highly favoured time next from Matt. C: 13: v: 44. The kingdom of heaven is likened to treasure hid in a field: which when a Man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field. Afterwards Esther Tuke had an extraordinary time from Gen: C: 3. v: 19. Dust thou art, and unto dust thou shalt return.

On 29<sup>th</sup>. and 5<sup>th</sup>. of the week I breakfasted at Joseph Awmacks. At 9 in the morning was a meeting for discipline, Joseph Heath and Thomas Cutforth had each of them a short time in testimony, the business at the meeting was then entered upon, and a great deal was gone thro' to good satisfaction the whole being conducted in much harmony and concord, amongst other things the Minutes from the Yearly Meeting and the printed Epistle were read. The meeting held 5 hours. At four in the afternoon was the parting meeting for Worship which was very large a great many of other Societies attending, and the Lord was pleased to

exalt his own great and glorious name over all; Mary Ridgeway appear'd first stood long and was much favoured from Matt: C: 16. v: 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18. Whom do men say, that I, the Son of man, am? and they said, Some say that thou art John the Baptist; some Elias; and others Jeremias, or one of the Prophets. He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? and Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art Christ the Son of the living God, and Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not reveal this unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven. and I say also unto thee, that thou art Peter, and upon this Rock I will build my Church; and the gates of Hell shall not prevail against it. Robert Walker had a long and acceptable time next from Matt. C: 13. v: 58. He did not many mighty works there, because of their unbelief. Tabitha Mariot concluded the meeting in Prayer which held upwards of 2 hours.

On 30<sup>th</sup>. and 6<sup>th</sup>. of week I spent the day very agreeably among my friends in York, drunk Tea in the afternoon at Joseph Awmacs and supp'd at William Tukes. William Baiston a young man that is under convincement came to see me several times during my stay in the City, with whom I had a good deal of private conversation, he being under great exercise of mind upon the account of some entanglement he had got with a young woman before he left the Methodists, which now appeared to lie heavy upon him, he being afraid to break his engagements with her, and afraid to go to a Priest, O that all young men would be careful to seek unto the Lord for counsel in the beginning of this great and weighty affair, and move in his wisdom, then would they be preserved from many troubles which those who follow the counsel of their own will bring upon themselves. I thought this was a strait place to advise in, yet my Spirit felt a secret sympathy with him believing he Was concerned to act conscientiously.

On 1<sup>st</sup>. of 7<sup>th</sup>. Mo. and 7<sup>th</sup>. day of the week I left the City almost 4 o Clock in the morning in company with Michael Teall of Newall near Otley who had been to see his Brother at Scarborough and got to York the evening before; we had an agreeable walk together to Tadcaster were we stopt upwards of an hour and breakfasted at the Falcon Paid 6d a piece, and then proceeded on our Journey my companion for Otley and me for Wakefield intending to be at their meeting next day; came by Aberford, and Swillington to Woodlesford, were I stopt upwards of an hour and din'd Paid 6d eating and 4d Liquor and then proceeded by Oulton to Eastmore near Wakefield were I got about 4 o Clock, and drunk Tea with Mary Collier spending about 2 hours very agreeably with her and Isabella Himsworth a young Woman that is lately convinced from among the Methodists, and then came on by James Boothes, Mary Collier accompanying me thither were I lodg'd.

On 2<sup>nd</sup>. and 1<sup>st</sup>. of the week was at Wakefield meeting which began at 11 and held about 2 hours. The number of friends belonging this meeting is but small altho' enlarged of late by divers who appear to be under convincement, and many sober People of other Societies came in to day and the Lord was graciously pleased to favour us together. I had a pretty open time amongst them in testimony from Hab: C: 3. v: 16. My belly trembled; my lips quivered at the voice: rottenness entered into my bones, and I trembled in myself that I might rest in the day of trouble. After meeting David Barclay from London kindly invited me to go to dine with him at his house at Newmillerdam, which I accepted of, he being a person of very great property had taken a house there for the Summer season on purpose to be near Ackworth that he might lend friends what assistance he could relating to the school there. He is Grandson to Robert Barclay of Ury in Scotland the Author of the Apology, and both he and his Wife are very kind friends, I may truly say I was glad to find a living sense of Religion in the descendants of so worthy a man. I spent about 2 hours there very agreeably, and then set out for home David Barclay accompanying me part of the way to Crigglestone were I call'd at my Uncle Joseph Houghs stopt about an hour and drunk Tea, and then came on by Bretton, Parkmill, and Skelmanthorp to William Dysons of Powker, were I call'd and sat a little, and then came by Cumberworth to Newhouse were I got betwixt 9 and 10 in the evening.

## An Account of my Journey to the General Meeting at Ackworth in 7 mo. 1780

I set out from home ye. 26<sup>th</sup>. of ye. 7<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1780 and 4<sup>th</sup>. day of the week about 3 o Clock in the afternoon, and went by Cumberworth to William Dysons of Powker were I stopt about 1 hour and a half and drunk Tea and then proceeded having dear William Dyson for my companion this Journey, we went by Hoyland, Kexborough, Darton, and Mapplewell, to Royston were we got betwixt 8 and 9 in the evening and lodg'd at the Sine of the horse and Rider Paid 4d a piece Supper and 6d Breakfast.

On 27<sup>th</sup>. and 5<sup>th</sup>. of the week we set forward about 6 o Clock in the morning, and went by Havercroft to Ackworth were we got about half past 8 o Clock and at our friend George Lomas's request took up our Quarters at his house were we lodg'd during our stay there, At 10 this forenoon was a meeting for Worship which was not so large as I expected altho' there was a considerable number of friends collected from different parts of this County, the City of London and divers other parts of the Nation and amongst the number a pretty many who were in the office of the Priesthood. Those who were concerned in Publick testimony in the meetings for Worship at this time were Isaac Sharpless from Hertfordshire, William Rathbone from Lancashire, Robert Walker of Gildersom, Sarah Corbyn from London and Esther Tuke of York. In this Meeting which was much favoured, Isaac Sharpless led the way in a living, powerful and encouraging testimony from Phil: C: 2: v: 12. Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. Robert Walker had an extraordinary time next from Isa: C: 1: v: 26. I will restore thy Judges as at the first, and thy counsellors as at the beginning. Sarah Corbyn had a short but satisfactory time next concerning the call of the Lord to Samuel tenderly exhorting the youth to be obedient to his voice which was now calling to them in the secret of their hearts. At the close of this meeting the Scholars withdrew and the business was then entered upon, the Men and Women sitting together in this meeting but in the succeeding meetings of business apart. The names of the Representatives from our County such of the London Committee as were present at and friends from other Counties were taken down, and some other business was gone thro' and then the meeting adjourn'd. Both Meetings held about 3 hours. After meeting we went to see the Scholars sit down to dinner, which was a very pretty sight there being 134 boys and 85 girls, in all 219 set down together in one Room, and the clean and decent order in which they are kept is both admirable and commendable. At 3 in the afternoon met pursuant to adjournment Part of the business relating to the School at this place was gone thro', and then the meeting adjourn'd having held about 4 hours.

On 28<sup>th</sup>. and 6<sup>th</sup>. of week at 9 in the morning met pursuant to adjournment some other business was gone thro', the meeting held near 2 hours and then adjourn'd. At the close thereof was a Publick meeting for Worship which began at 11 o Clock and held near 3 hours, was large altho' the house was not quite full, a pretty many of other Societies attending and a glorious time it was may him who is the Author of all good have the Praise for he alone is Worthy. William Rathbone had an open time therein in testimony first from 1 Tim: C: 4: v: 8. Bodily exercise profiteth little: but Godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come. Isaac Sharpless appeared next stood very long and was much favoured from 2 Cor: C: 4: v: 3, 4. If our Gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost; In whom the God of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious Gospel of Christ, who is the Image of God, should shine unto them. Esther Tuke had a pretty long time next from Psalms 51. v. 10, 12, 13. Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew the right Spirit within me, restore unto me the joy of thy Salvation; and uphold me with thy free Spirit. Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and Sinners shall be converted to thee. She was opened to show the necessary call, preparation and Qualifications of the true Gospel Ministers and was pretty close upon those who run before they are sent Preaching for hire and divining for money, afterwards I understood there was a Priest of the Church of England present Robert Walker concluded the meeting with a pretty long and effecting Prayer. At 4 in the Afternoon met pursuant to adjournment. The business relating to the good order and management of the School was finished in this

meeting which held about 4 hours towards the conclusion thereof the Boys were call'd in and 10 of them read before friends three Verses a piece in the Bible then produced a Specimen of their writing at first when they came and another now, and their improvements were such as gain'd commendation both to themselves and the Masters.

On 29<sup>th</sup>. and 7<sup>th</sup>. of week we left Ackworth betwixt 5 and 6 o Clock in the morning George Lomas accompanying us about a mile, came by Havercroft to Royston were we stopt about half an hour at the horse and rider got two pints of Ale and then proceeded by Staincross to our friend John Websters off Carr green were we stopt about half an hour and then John accompanied us to Darton in order to assist in preparing a place to hold a meeting in the 2<sup>nd</sup>. day following; our friend Esther Tuke of York having a concern on her mind to pay the inhabitants of that part a Religious visit, and Elihu Dickinson the Tanner of Highflatts returning from Ackworth the day before I desired him to see if he could procure a place and leave me a few lines of what he had done at the Sine of the Rose and Crown in Darton which he very readily complied with. We got there about 11 o Clock were we found a letter at the Inn which inform'd us he had procured a Barn the largest and most convenient of any in the Town. After getting some refreshment for which we paid 2d a piece eating and the same for Liquor we went up to the place and got a Carpenter to prepare it with seats We erected a Gallery and lent him what assistance we could until betwixt 4 and 5 o Clock and then my companions and me return'd to the Inn were we got some Rum and Water paid 3d a piece and then set out towards home came by Kexborough and Hoyland near which place we parted towards each of our homes I call'd at my Cousin Joseph Steads of Toppett were I stopt about an hour and drunk Tea, then came by Denby to Henry Dickinsons of Strines were I stopt about half an hour and got home betwixt 9 and 10 o Clock.

An account of my Journey to a Meeting held at Darton ye. 31<sup>st</sup>. of the ye. 7<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1780

I set out from home ye. 31<sup>st</sup>. of ye. 7<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1780 and 2<sup>nd</sup>. day of the week about 1 o Clock in the afternoon having Jeremiah Smith of Highflatts for my Companion this Journey we went by Denby to cousin Joseph Steads of Toppett were we rested us about half an hour and then proceeded by Hoyland and Kexborough to Darton were we got betwixt 3 and 4 o Clock. At 5 in the evening the Meeting was appointed to begin which was held in a very large Barn belonging to one a Richard Carr a Farmer there, who appear'd very willing to assist us in what he could and I hope the young man will not lose his reward. There was a very large concourse of people (such a meeting being quite new in that place) collected from different parts and several of the Gentry so called who reside in the neighbourhood amongst the number Sir Thomas Blackett formerly Wentworth Bart. of Bretton hall whose Behaviour was a very commendable and the Lord was pleased to favour us together with a blessed and heavenly meeting the sweet enjoyment of his Love being shed abroad in our hearts. Besides our friend Esther Tuke of York on whose account the meeting was appointed we were favoured with the Company of Tabitha Hoyland from Sheffield. Esther Tuke had a few words first, feeling the extendings of divine goodness towards the assembly she earnestly desired that each mind present might labour to gather into the solemn silence of all flesh that so we might know a worshipping the Almighty in an acceptable manner. Tabitha Hoyland appear'd next from Matt: C: 9. v: 13. I am not come to call the righteous but Sinners to Repentance. Afterwards Esther Tuke had an highly favoured time stood very near 2 hours, was first concern'd to labour to gather the minds of the People from the barren mountains of an empty profession to Christ the true Light which enlighteneth every man coming into the World from John C: 1. v: 1, 2, 3, 4. In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was Life: and the life was the Light of men. she then had close labour with those who were living as it were without God in the

World drinking up iniquity as an Ox drinketh up Water exhorting them to come to Repentance and Amendment of Life whilst the day of Gods gracious and merciful visitation was lengthend out to them. She spoke long to these states, and then was led to explode the hireling Ministry treating concerning the Temple of the great Goddess Diana and the uproar that was among the People when by the Preaching of Paul many were turn'd to Christ, then the Craftsman saw that by which they got their wealth was in danger and therefore stirred up the People against him, which was much the case in this our day when those who are looking for their gain from their Quarter sees that by which they get their wealth to be in danger, but Christ was come to teach his People himself who is sending forth his Ministers and as they freely receive from him so do they freely give unto them. She then had an encouraging time to those who were heavy laden and weary of their Sins and Iniquities, and afterwards was led to treat concerning Prayer repeating the Lords Prayer throughout and commenting pretty largely thereupon; Many were much tendered and I believe the Power of Truth was over all. The meeting held at 3 hours, at the conclusion of which I had a few words to the People commending them for their still solid attentive behaviour earnestly desiring that they might return to their several habitations under a sense of this renewed Visitation which the Almighty was pleased to extend towards them, and then would they be profited by this opportunity and the end thereof be in some measure answered. We set out a pretty directly for home having the Company part of the way of William Dyson, Hutchinson Dyson and Sarah Dyson of Powker Patience Jakeman Mary Dyson and Anthony Kinsley and his wife of Skelmanthorp, we call'd at a Public house in Hoyland and got some refreshment paid 4d a piece, stopt upwards of half an hour, and then my companion and me came on to Joseph Steads, were we stopt upwards of half an hour and supp'd, and then proceeded on our Journey got to Newhouse about 12 o Clock the same evening.

An Account of my Journey to the General Meeting for the Peak of Derbyshire held this year at Castleton. ye 13<sup>th</sup>. of ye. 8<sup>th</sup>. Months 1780

This Meeting having been formally held one year at Monyash and the other at Matlock but friends thinking it might be of more general service to circulate to some other places appointed it to be held at Castleton accordingly I set out towards there the 12<sup>th</sup>. of ye. 8<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1780, and 7<sup>th</sup>. day of the week betwixt 1 and 2 o Clock in the Afternoon having Jeremiah Smith of Highflatts, Hutchinson Dyson of Powker and George Haigh of Heymoorhouse (a Young Man who had lately begun to attend our meetings) for my companions this Journey. We had an agreeable walk over the Moors and Mountains into Woodland, got to George Chapmans of Banktop in Derbyshire about 6 o Clock in the evening were we lodg'd.

On 13<sup>th</sup>. and 1<sup>st</sup>. of the week we set forward betwixt 7 and 8 o Clock in the morning Thomas Earnshaw of Langside and his daughter Elizabeth and George Chapman going along with us, we went by Hope to Castleton were we got to the Bulls-head about 10 o Clock got some refreshment there Paid 2d a piece eating and the same for Liquor. The meeting began about 11 o Clock and was held out of doors in a very large yard a large number of seats were placed in a regular order and a convenient Gallery erected and covered over the head with boards that would hold eight Persons, and notice having been given a long time beforehand there was the largest number of People collected together that ever I saw at any General meeting, many computed them to be about 2000 and some thought considerably more. We was favoured with the Company of no other Publick friend beside Thomas Colley from Sheffield who was sufficiently qualified for the service of the day, having a long living and powerful testimony to bear to the Truth, from Gal: C: 6. v: 14. God forbid that I should glory save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I am to the world. Afterwards he had a very open time in Prayer. The meeting held about 2 hours and a half. At the conclusion thereof Thomas Colley stood up again commending the People

for their good behaviour withal informing them that we had no other motive in paying them this visit than love to their immortal Souls, and therefore earnestly desired that they would seriously weigh those things that were thrown before them and beware of stifling those tender impressions Truth had that day made upon many minds, either by tarrying unnecessarily at Alehouses or rushing hastily into abundance of conversation; but retire from the place in a solid frame of mind. Here we parted with Thomas Earnshaw and his daughter and after getting 6 pennyworth of Rum and Water at the Bulls head we came on to Joseph Chapmans of Twitch hill were we din'd and drunk Tea he is one of the people call'd Methodists and hath let in a bitter Spirit against friends but his Wife was very kind and exceeding glad of our company being I believe fully convinced of the Truth though under great Sufferings both inwardly and outwardly. She inform'd us that one of the Methodist Preachers had been labouring amongst the People of his own perswasion to prevent them from attending friends meeting some of whom had been so weak as to submit to his Perswasions yet divers others of that the more thoughtful sort were there. Likewise the Priests of Hope and Castleton (I suppose disturb'd at most of their flock being at our meeting) gave publick notice that they intended to Preach a Sermon against friends this afternoon, these things brought to my remembrance, how that Pilate and Herod formally agreed together to crucify Christ. We tarried until betwixt 6 and 7 o Clock, and then came up to George Chapmans were we lodg'd.

On 14<sup>th</sup>. and 2<sup>nd</sup>. of week about 1 o Clock in the afternoon of the we set out towards home (except Hutchison Dyson who purposed tarrying a week to assist George in his business) call'd at Thomas Earnshaws of Langside were we tarried upwards of 2 hours and drunk Tea, then proceeded got to Newhouse betwixt 7 and 8 o Clock the same evening.

An Account of my Journey to Knaresborough monthly meeting held at Otley in ye. 9<sup>th</sup>. Mo.  
1780

I set out from home ye. 20<sup>th</sup>. of ye. 9<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1780, and 4<sup>th</sup>. day of the week about 4 o Clock in the morning and went by Shepley, Kirkheaton and Colnbridge to Robert Croslands of Oldfieldnook were I call'd of Edward Burrow who had been at Lanehead to see his daughter and was returning home having come hither the Evening before, I tarried upwards of an hour and breakfasted and then proceeded by Oakenshaw, Dudley-hill, Ashold-hall, and Guiseley, to Otley were we got to my companions house about 2 o Clock in the Afternoon having had an agreeable walk together he being a worthy Elder whose company and conversation was both pleasant and instructive.

On 21<sup>st</sup>. and 5<sup>th</sup>. of week at 9 in the morning was the monthly meeting of ministers and Elders, John Binns and Ellen Waterhouse appeared therein in testimony the Queries were then read and answered verbally by a friend from each meeting within the compass of this monthly meeting except Farfield. At the close thereof was a meeting for Worship which was not large considering the number of friends belonging thereto, and before my mind was got well collected the meeting broke up, we not having sat together above a Quarter of an hour as several of us thought; This was a heavy exercise to my mind, there being no opportunity for those who had anything upon their minds to unburden themselves. At close of this meeting was the meeting for discipline the business of which was pretty well conducted, John Binns laid before this meeting a concern he had for some time had on his mind to pay a religious visit to some meetings in the North part of this County, and the families of friends in some Meetings, requesting their Certificate which was readily complied with, the meeting ended about 4 o Clock, after which I din'd at Michael Tealls who had lately married our friend Martha Dyson of Skelmanthorp. In the evening had a satisfactory opportunity at Edward Burrows with their family and some other friends that came in, in which I was concerned in Testimony from Jude v: 21. Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

On 22<sup>nd</sup>. and 6<sup>th</sup>. of week in the morning I breakfasted at William Blakeys, and in the afternoon drunk Tea at Michael Tealls.

On 23<sup>rd</sup>. and 7<sup>th</sup>. of week, after Breakfast Jane Burrow came on with me to Michael Tealls were we had a favoured opportunity, in which I was concerned a pretty long time in testimony from Eccle: C: 11. v: 7. Truly the light is sweet, and a pleasant thing it is for the Eyes to behold the sun. About 11 o Clock I left Otley, Michael Teale and his wife to accompany me about a mile and then return'd, I came by a Yeadon, Apperleebridge, Ecclesall, and Dudley-hill to Oakenshaw were I stopt upwards of half an hour and got some refreshment, paid 2d eating and the same for Liquor and then proceeded by Scholes and Colnbrig to Kirkheaton and were I call'd at John Taylors one of the People called Methodists whose son was lately come to be an Apprentice with my Father, were I got some refreshment tarried near an hour, and then came on by Little Lepton to George Haywoods of Moorside, (who was lately removed from Low-Cumberworth thither) were I got about 7 o Clock, and at his pressing invitation consented to lodge all night.

On 24<sup>th</sup>. and 1<sup>st</sup>. of week. After Breakfast I set out towards home George Haywood accompanying me came by Shelley to Newhouse were we got about 10 o Clock in the forenoon.

#### An Account of my Journey to the quarterly meeting at Rushworth in ye. 10<sup>th</sup>. mo: 1780

I set out from home ye. 28<sup>th</sup>. of ye. 10<sup>th</sup>. mo: 1780 and went by Newmill to Tottis were I call'd at William Earnshaws tarried about half an hour and then proceeded to Holmfirth were I have some business to do, which I finished about 11 o Clock in the forenoon, and then left the town and went by Honley to Lockwood were I call'd at William Schofields who was not a friend, but had lived servant with my Father, were I tarried about an hour and din'd, and then went up to Robert Kays of Laneend were I met by appointment with my Cousin John Chapman of Low Cumberworth who was to be my companion this journey, we tarried about an hour and he dined, and then we proceeded on our Journey my Companion rode and I walkt went by Milnsbrig and Outlanes to my Cousin Simeon Dysons of Lower Goathouse in Rushworth were we lodg'd, got there about 5 o Clock in the evening.

On 29<sup>th</sup>. and 1<sup>st</sup>. of the week we went to the meeting which began at 11 o Clock in the forenoon and held upwards of 3 hours. There were not many friends but a large number of People of other Societies, and the Lord was pleased to favour us with the lifting up of the Light of his countenance upon us, and an open comfortable, refreshing season it was may he have the Praise who alone is worthy. Soon after the meeting was gathered came in our esteemed friend James Brandwood from Lancashire who being going to Halifax about some business, purposed to reach their Afternoon meeting but as he was traveling upon the road over against the Meetinghouse he felt a stop in his mind accompanied with a concern to come to this place, and meeting with a man he got him to take his horse to a Friends house, and so crossing the valley came directly to the meeting. I appeared first had a pretty open time therein in testimony, setting forth the necessity there was for those who were preserved from many gross evils that abound in others to come to true Repentance from Luke C: 13. v: 4, 5. Those eighteen upon whom the Tower in Siloam, and slew them, think ye that they were sinners above all men that dwell in Jerusalem? I tell you, Nay: but except ye Repent, ye shall all likewise perish. George Conway next from Cant: C: 1: v: 7. Tell me, O thou whom my soul loveth, where thou feedest, where thou makest thy flock to rest at noon; for why should I be as one that turneth aside by the flocks of the thy companions. James Brandwood had an open time next setting forth the necessity there was for us to know a real change of heart that so every of us might be experimental witnesses of the truth of that Prophecy. Isa: C: 55. v: 13. Instead of the thorn shall come up the fig tree, and instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree. George Conway had a pretty long time next, and afterwards James Brandwood

had a favoured time in Prayer, and after that an extraordinary time in Testimony from Psalms 89. v: 15. Blessed is the people that know the joyful sound: they shall walk, O Lord, in the light of thy countenance. George Conway had a few words next and at the conclusion of the meeting Robert Fawcett dropt a few words. James Brandwood din'd with us at my Cousins, and after dinner my companion set out towards home, but it being rainy I concluded to tarry another night, and went with James Brandwood to Samuel Whiteleys of Dyson-lane were he had sent his horse before meeting tarried there until he set out for Halifax, and then I return'd to my Cousins.

On 30<sup>th</sup>. and 2<sup>nd</sup>. of week, I spent the forenoon very agreeably there, and about 2 o Clock in the afternoon set out towards home, came by Outlanes to Huddersfield were I stopt about half an hour at William Coopers, and then came on by Almondbury to Sarah Mortons of Heymoorhouse were I tarried upwards of an hour and got some refreshment and then came on the turnpike road by Shepley to Newhouse were I got betwixt 8 and 9 o Clock in the evening.

An Account of my Journey to our Winter Quarterly Meeting held at Leeds in ye. 12<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1780.

I set out from home ye. 23<sup>rd</sup>. of ye. 12<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1780 and 7<sup>th</sup>. day a week about 5 o Clock in the morning, went by Shelley to the Sine of the Punch-bowl in Kirkburton were I met by appointment with John Schofield of Skelmanthorp a sober young Man at this time in Profession with the Methodists but having been for some time dissatisfied in his mind had lately begun to attend friends meetings; and having been particularly reacht under the ministry of our friend Jane Burrow at a meeting held at Skelmanthorp upwards of a year ago, found drawings in his mind to pay her a visit, and accordingly concluded to accompany me thither; of whose company I was glad feeling my spirit measurably united to him, and I sincerely desire he may come up in obedience to the manifestations of Truth and then I doubt not but he will become as a Pillar in the house of God never more to go out. We stopt about half an hour and got 6 pennyworth of Rum and Water, and then proceeded by Amberry and Huddersfield to Joseph Fryers Senr. of Rastrick were according to appointment we met with Sarah Earnshaw junr. of Totties who came there evening before designing to accompany us this Journey. We stopt upwards of about an hour there and got a second Breakfast of Coffee; and then proceeded by Brighouse, Bellybridge, Wyke and Wibsey to Bradford, were we stopt upwards of an hour and a half and din'd at the Nagshead paid 6d a piece eating and 2d Liquor, then proceeded by Idle, Ashold hall, and Guiseley to Otley, were we got to Michael Tealls about 5 o Clock in the evening Sarah Earnshaw lodg'd there, but after Tea we went to my usual Quarters at my kind friend Edward Burrows.

On 24<sup>th</sup>. and 1<sup>st</sup>. of week at 10 o Clock in the Forenoon was at their meeting in Town which held about 2 hours was not large but open and satisfactory, Martha Teall dropt a few words first, I had a pretty long time next from 1 Cor: C: 3. v: 11, 12, 13, 14, and 15. Other foundations can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any man build upon this foundation, gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; Everyman's work shall be made manifest. For the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by Fire; and the fire shall try every mans work of what sort it is. If any mans work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. If any mans work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by Fire. Martha Teall appeared again next from Matt. C: 11. v: 25. I thank thee, O Father, Lord of Heaven and Earth, because thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes. Sarah Earnshaw had a few words next from Luke C: 12. v: 47 and 48. The servant that knew his Lord's will, and prepared not himself, neither did according to his will, shall be beaten with many stripes, But he that knew not, and did commit these things worthy of stripes, shall be beaten with few

stripes. After which I had a few words more to some particular state present which much affected my mind from Acts C: 7. v: 51. Ye stiff-necked, and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost. Afternoon meeting began at 2 and held about 2 hours, the forepart thereof was low, but Truth favoured in the end and we were refreshed together, Sarah Earnshaw had a few words first from Num: C: 24. v: 5. How goodly are thy tents, O Jacob, and thy Tabernacles, O Israel! I had an open time next from Matt: C: 2. v: 15. Out of Egypt have I called my Son. Martha Teall had a few words next, after which Jane Burrow had a pretty long and favoured time from 1 Sam: C: 15: v: 22. Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice and to hearken, than the fat of Rams; tenderly intreating all to be faithful to the day of their visitation and come up in obedience to the requirings of Truth. After meeting we drunk Tea at Michael Tealls, and after Tea had a satisfactory opportunity together, in which Martha Teall was first concerned in testimony from Psalms 141. v: 5. Let the righteous smite me; it shall be a kindness; and let him reprove me; it shall be an excellent Oil, that shall not break my head: Jane Burrow next from 3 John. v: 4. I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in Truth. afterwards I had an open time in Prayer, and Truth I think was over all.

On 25<sup>th</sup>. and 2<sup>nd</sup>. of the week in the forenoon we went and sat a little at Thomas Rhodes's, and in the afternoon at William Blakeys, and in the evening John Scofield (my companion) appearing to be under great exercise of mind went out of doors and tarried a considerable time, afterwards he told me that as he was walking in this distressed situation he found a concern to go and see one Joshua Dawson a Preacher among the Methodists who lived in the Town and tell him that he had seen within these few days that as there had been a great gathering amongst that People, the time was coming in which there would be a great scattering, after his return we had a pretty satisfactory opportunity together, Jonathan Hodgson from Settle being present was first concerned in testimony from Matt C: 11. v: 28. Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. I was next concerned from 2 Cor: C: 11. v: 2 and 3. I am jealous over you with Godly jealousy: But I fear lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is Christ.

On 26<sup>th</sup>. and 3<sup>rd</sup>. of week. John Thompson of Leyburn came into dinner, after which we were favoured with a satisfactory opportunity together in which he was twice concerned in testimony, and afterwards I had a few words of encouragement to some who were at times ready to distrust that arm of divine Power that had in times past so wonderfully wrought for their deliverance. We left Otley about 2 o Clock in the Afternoon in company with John Buck from Netherdale and Cornelius Buck from Bradford (Sarah Earnshaw being gone before in company with some of Otley friends) we got to Leeds about 5 o Clock were we took up our Quarters at the White Hart in Call Lane paid 6d a piece Breakfasts and 1s dinners and the same for Suppers Liquor included. John Schofield purposed when he set out not to make any stay here but go forward directly home but his understanding being more clearly opened and his Judgment convinced, and feeling a restraint in his own mind he concluded to tarry with us until the meetings were over which I believe was of service to him, O that he may be preserved in the simplicity of the pure truth and come forward in the line of duty then will he be enabled to withstand his poor Souls enemies both within and without which I believe will be many.

On 27<sup>th</sup>. and 4<sup>th</sup>. of week, at 9 in the morning began the Quarterly Meeting for Worship which held about 3 hours. There were the largest collection of friends that I ever remember seeing there the house being pretty well fill'd, we was favoured with the company of divers Strangers as William Rathbone and Martha Routh from Lancashire, Mary Ridgeway and Jane Watson from Ireland and Deborah Darby from Shropshire. It was an open good meeting, William Rathbone was first concerned therein in testimony from Rev: C: 2. v: 2, 3, 4. I know thy works, and by labour, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear with them which are evil; and thou hast tried them which say they are Apostles, and are on not; and hast found them Lyars; and hast borne, and hast patience, and for my namesake hast laboured, and

hast not fainted, Nevertheless, I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first Love. Thomas Colley had a pretty long time next being led to treat upon the Parables of the Vine, and the Talents. Sarah Earnshaw dropt a few words next, Mary Ridgeway had a favoured time next, setting forth that without Righteousness and true holiness no man shall see the Lord to his comfort. Esther Tuke concluded the meeting in Prayer. At 2 in the Afternoon was a meeting for discipline which held about 2 hours and a half. It being the time for the representatives from York, Balby, Pontefract, and Brighouse Monthly meetings to chuse a Clerk they withdrew and at their return nominated William Tuke of York who was acceptable to the meeting. The 1<sup>st</sup>. and 8<sup>th</sup>. Quarterley meeting Queries were read and answered in writing from all the Monthly meetings in the County and some remarks made thereon and advice given by sundry friends, some other business was gone thro' and then the meeting adjourn'd until 9 o Clock next morning. After which we drunk Tea at Joshua Ingles were we met with William Hodgson of this Town, a choice young man who had left the Methodists and come among friends about a year ago. I thought his company was of service to my companion. At 6 in the evening was a another meeting for Worship which held upwards of 2 hours, was very much crowded many of other Societies attending Thomas Colley had a long and much favoured time in testimony from Matt C: 5. v: 13. Ye are the Salt of the earth: but if the Salt have lost his savour wherewith shall it be salted? it is a thenceforth good for nothing but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men. afterwards Robert Walker had an extraordinary time in Prayer .

On 28<sup>th</sup>. and 5<sup>th</sup>. of week, at 9 in the morning met pursuant to adjournment the remaining part of the business was gone thro' to good satisfaction, and several living testimonies were borne to the Truth by sundry friends. The meeting held about 3 hours, after which we din'd at Joshua Ingles. At 3 in the afternoon was the parting meeting for Worship, which held about 3 hours, many of other Societies attended, so that the house was very much crowded, and a highly favoured time it was, Mary Ridgeway had the whole of the publick concern therein, in two large living and powerful testimonies, the first from Jer: C: 6. v: 8. Be thou instructed, O Jerusalem, lest my soul depart from thee: lest I make thee desolate, a land not inhabited. and the latter time from Isa: C: 9. v: 5 and 6. Every battle of the warrior is with confused noise, and garments rolled in blood, but this shall be with burning and fuel of fire. For unto as a Child is born unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The prince of Peace. She stood as I thought at both times about 2 hours and a half. After meeting we drunk Tea at Carolina Hopwoods who had left the Methodists some years ago, and was lately joined in Society with friends. I was well satisfied with my visit there, She is a great pattern of plainness and self-denial, from thence we went and sat a little in company with some other friends at Joshua Ingles, were we were favoured with a sweet refreshing season together in which Mary Thornbeck of Settle was twice concerned in testimony, from thence we return'd to our Quarters

On 29<sup>th</sup>. and 6<sup>th</sup>. of week, I set out of Leeds betwixt 8 and 9 o Clock in the morning in company with my former companions and divers other friends, as William Earnshaw, Jeremiah Smith, Joshua Dickinson, Anne Green and Sarah Dickinson from our meeting, John Lees and John Earnshaw from Lancashire and Gervas Brady from Sheffield, we came by Hunslet and Thorp to Wakefield were we stopt about 2 hours at the Egmont Arms and din'd paid 6d a piece eating and 3d Liquor, then proceeded by Horbury to Flockton were we parted with William Earnshaw and his daughter and the two friends from Lancashire, the rest of us came by Emley were we called at the Nags-head and got 2 quarts of Ale, and then proceeded by Cumberworth to Newhouse were we got about 8 o Clock in the evening. the friends dispersing towards their several habitations except Gervas Brady and John Schofield who lodg'd with us all night.

An Account of my Journey to our Spring Quarterly meeting held at York in ye. 3<sup>rd</sup>. mo: 1781

I set out from home ye. 25<sup>th</sup>. of ye. 3<sup>rd</sup>. mo: 1781 and 1<sup>st</sup>. day of the week, about 4 o Clock in the morning met upon Clayton common by appointment with my esteemed friend William Dyson of Powker, who was an agreeable companion to me this Journey, and John Schofield along with him who accompanied us to Hoyland and then returned. We past on by Kexborough, Darton and Notton to Havercroft were we stopt about 1 hour and a half at the Stag and Breakfasted, paid 6d a piece, and then proceeded to Ackworth were we got to their forenoon Meeting, altho' we were rather latish, it began at 10 and held about two hours was very large, there being at this time 305 Children in the School, Elizabeth Brady was first concerned his supplication, and afterwards had a few words in testimony from Matt: C: 10: v: 28. Fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the Soul, but rather fear him which is able to destroy both body and Soul in Hell. After meeting we din'd at Abraham Taylors, and after dinner sat a little at George Lomas's, and then set out for Pontefract 3 miles got there in time to their afternoon meeting which began at 3 and held near 2 hours. There are a considerable number in this Town and Neighbourhood who are lately so far convinced as constantly to attend our meetings, but many friends being this afternoon gone to Ackworth made this meeting but small, I had a short time therein in testimony from Luke C: 10. v: 42. One thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her. After meeting we drunk Tea at Amelia Walkers, and after Tea went and sat a little at John Wighams were we had a favoured opportunity, which would have been more so had not we been disturbed by company coming in, so that Hannah Wigham was hindered from clearing herself fully altho' she was a considerable time concerned in testimony; after which we return'd to Amelia Walkers were we lodg'd.

On 26<sup>th</sup>. and 2<sup>nd</sup>. of week, we left Pontefract about 10 o Clock in the forenoon, and went to Ferrybridge were we call'd at Thomas Wainwrights whose Wife Elizabeth Wainwright and her maid Frances Johnson and servant man, (who died a little before and was buried at his request among friends) had some time ago left the Methodists and begun to attend our meetings. We sat with them about half an hour, and had a precious time in Silence, under a renewed sense of his Love shed abroad in our hearts, which tendered and contrited our Spirits before him who is still condescending to own his poor depending Children and favour them with the lifting up of the Light of his glorious countenance upon them, by which they are enabled to step a little forward in a spiritual Journey. This was indeed a season that I hope will not be easily forgot. From thence we went to Millford were we din'd at the Black bull paid 6d eating and 3d Liquor stopt upwards of an hour and then proceeded by Sherborn and Towton to Tadcaster were we stopt about half an hour at the Angel got some refreshment paid 1d a piece eating and 2d Liquor, then proceeded when we had got within 6 miles of York the Diligence came up with us and the driver offering to take us up for 6d a piece we accepted the proposal and I rode in the inside and my companion with him upon the Box, and so got to Anne and Rebecca Awmacks about 7 o Clock in the evening, were we met up with a kind reception and lodg'd there during our stay in the City.

On 27<sup>th</sup>. and 3<sup>rd</sup>. of week, I having some business with a person in the Castle, we went thither in the morning, and in our return call'd at William Tukes were we spent several hours very agreeably and din'd. At 5 in the evening was the meeting of Ministers and Elders which held near 3 hours. There was a considerable number of Ministers from different parts of our own County but no Strangers, after a pretty long time in Silence John Armitage had a few words in testimony; The Queries peculiar to this meeting was then read and answered in writing from all the Mo. meetings in the County except Settle, after which the advices recommend in 1775 was read, and an appointment of 3 friends made to oversee the meetings for Worship and make a report as they find at the close of the meeting for worship on 5<sup>th</sup>. day evening to which time this meeting adjourn'd.

On 28<sup>th</sup>. and 4<sup>th</sup>. of week, at 9 in the morning was the first meeting for worship which was select of friends, and not large but much as usual at this time of Year. Henry Tuke and

Elizabeth Barlow had each a few words in testimony, Phoebe Marshal next she stood pretty long from Rev: C: 22. v: 17. The Spirit and the Bride say, Come, and let him that heareth say, Come, and let him that is athirst, come; and whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely. Mary Ellerby had a pretty long time next from Eccle: C: 7. v: 2. Its better to go to the house of mourning, than go to the house of feasting: Mary Proud next from Sam: C: 4: v: 1. How is the gold become dim! How is the most fine gold changed! Christiana Hustler had a short but encouraging time next, from Gal: C: 6: v: 9. Let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap if we faint not. Afterwards Barbara Priestman had a few words. The meeting held upwards of 2 hours and a half. At 2 in the afternoon was a meeting for discipline and it being the time for Knaresborough, Settle Malton Thirsk and Richmond monthly meetings to chuse a Clerk the representatives withdrew and at their return nominated Benjamin Hird of Rawden meeting who was acceptable to this meeting. The Yearly meeting Queries were read and answered in writing from all the Mo. meetings in the county, by which it appeared that 3 publick friends were deceased since last Year viz. George Howarth of Brighthouse John Leaf of Malton, and Isaac Richardson of Scarborough Mo. Meetings. A testimony concerning George Howarth was produced and read and a short account in the Answers to the Queries concerning the other two. By the account received it appeared that the states of the meeting in general appeared low yet some few experienced a growth in the Truth; some convincement appeared in divers meetings, and one or more were admitted into membership since last year, in the Monthly meetings of York, Balby, Pontefract, Brighthouse and Knaresborough, I think in all 14 or 15, 7 of which were in our own Mo. meeting some other business was gone thro' and then the meeting adjourn'd until 9 o Clock next morning. At 6 in the evening was a publick meeting for Worship, which was not very large altho' some few of other Societies attended Robert Walker had a very long time therein in testimony from Luke C: 17. v: 10. When ye shall have done all those things which are commanded you, say, We are unprofitable servants, after a short time in silence he had a few words more and afterwards Pheobe Marshal had a pretty long time, Setting forth the danger that there was of the use of our Society contenting themselves with being the descendants of believing Parents, without experiencing a real change of heart, earnestly intreating us to labour to know a being set at liberty by the Truth from John C: 8: v: 36. If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed. The meeting held upwards of 2 hours.

On 29<sup>th</sup>. and 5<sup>th</sup>. of week, at nine in the morning met pursuant to adjournment, a great deal of business was gone thro' to good satisfaction amongst other things the general answer to the Yearly Meeting Queries was read, and our friends Christiana Hustler and Pheobe Marshal who had been on a religious visit to the meetings of friends in Ireland, came in and gave an account of their Journey, to friend satisfaction, informing us that they had found the states of the meetings in general but low, yet was made sensible there was a renewed visitation extended, and in a particular manner to the Youth of the Male Sex divers of whom appeared to be under the forming hand for vessels of use in his house; and altho' they went forth in great weakness yet they found a sufficiency of strength to discharge the several services required at their hands and were favoured to return with peace in their bosoms. This meeting held about 4 hours, after which we din'd at William Tukes. At 3 in the afternoon was the parting Meeting for Worship, which was the largest more of other Societies attending, and held about 3 hours, Sarah Priestman had a few words first from Deut: C: 6. v: 4. Hear, O Israel, the Lord thy God is one Lord. Christiana Hustler had a pretty long time next from Isa: C: 40. v: 31. They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint. Esther Tuke next stood a considerable time from John C: 4. v: 10. If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; and thou would'st have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water. Elizabeth Barlow had a few words next and afterwards Thomas Colley had a long and favoured time in Prayer. At the close of the meeting the Ministers and Elders met together pursuant to adjournment. After a short time in Silence Henry Tuke had an extraordinary time in Prayer, after which the friends appointed to oversee

the meetings reported they had nothing to offer by way of complaint, the Answers to the Queries from Settle Mo. meeting were produced and read in this, and Mary Ellerby had a short but favoured time in testimony, the opportunity held about half an hour, after which we drunk tea at William Thurnams.

On 30<sup>th</sup>. and 6<sup>th</sup>. of week we left York about 8 o Clock in the morning in company with Michael Teall of Otley and went by Hologate, Acomb, Askham, Healey Wighill and Thorp to Collingham, where we stopt upwards of an hour at the half-moon and din'd paid 6d a piece eating and 3d Liquor, and then proceeded by Harewood and Wardley to Arthington where we came up with Hannah Danson of Bentham meeting who accompanied us to Otley call'd and got each of us a Pint of Ale and then went by Pool to Michael Tealls of Otley where we got about half past 6 in the evening, drunk Tea there, and then I went to my usual Lodgings at my kind friend Edward Burrows.

On 31<sup>st</sup>. and 7<sup>th</sup>. of week. This day I spent pretty agreeably amongst friends in Otley.

On 1<sup>st</sup> of 1<sup>st</sup> mo: and 1<sup>st</sup>. of week, in the morning we went in company with divers friends of this town to the meeting at Askwith, they meeting being held there the first 1st day in each month in the forenoon. It began at 10 and held upwards of 2 hours and was a very poor low suffering time in Silence Nobody having anything verbally to administer. In the afternoon was at the meeting in Otley, which began at 3 and held near 2 hours, It was very small and life appeared at a low ebb, at length I got strength to discharge my duty in a plain and close testimony from 1 Cor: C: 15. v: 34. Awake to righteousness, and Sin not, for some have not the knowledge of God. After meeting my companion and some other friends came and drunk Tea with us at Edward Burrows after which we had a favoured opportunity together in which Jane Burrow had a long and encouraging time in testimony and afterwards I had a few words from Isa: C: 1. v: 8, 9. The daughter of Zion is left as a cottage in a vineyard, as a lodge in a garden of cucumbers, as a City besieged. Except the Lord of Hosts had left unto us a very small remnant, we should have been as Sodom, and we should have been like unto Gomorrah .

On 2<sup>nd</sup>. and 2<sup>nd</sup>. of week, this morning my companion and his Sister Mary (who had been at Otley some time and was returning into our parts) set out pretty early intending to reach their Brothers in Bradley Lane, and betwixt 9 and 10 in the forenoon I set forward and came by Guiseley, Ashold-hall and Idle to John Hustlers of Undercliff where I din'd and tarried upwards of 3 hours and then accompanied by Edmond Peckover I came to Bradford where I drunk Tea at Jeffery Ryleys, tarried upwards of an hour, and then I came up to John Robinsons of Upperhouse, in the evening they brought me several Manuscript of ancient friends to read and amongst others a Letter of George Fox's own handwriting, being kindly invited to lodge here I accepted the invitation.

On 3<sup>rd</sup>. and 3<sup>rd</sup>. of the week, I set out about 9 in the morning, called at Oakenshaw and got a pint of Ale, and then came on by Scholes and Cooperbridge into Bradley lane where I call'd of my Companion at his Brother Joseph Dysons, who with his Wife have attended meetings a considerable time, and she appears to be under a good degree of conviction, I din'd there and tarried about 2 hours, and then we set forward came by Colnbrig, Kirkheaton, Woodsom-mill, and Kirkburton to Shelly where my companion and me parted. I call'd at my Cousin Benjamin and Joseph Walkers of Paddock where I tarried about 2 hours and drunk Tea; whilst I was there one of the People called Methodists came in, and being grieved as I suppose that some of their members had come amongst friends, fell pretty warmly upon me, which opened a way for me not only to defend the Principle we profess, but likewise to inform her, of some inconsistencies both in Principle and Practice, with a true Christian religion, which they as a People held, She said she had not heard the like before and would take it into consideration. I reacht Newhouse betwixt 7 and 8 o Clock in the evening where I found all the family in health.

## An account of my Journey to the General Meeting at High-Whitefield in Lancashire in 1781

I set out from home ye. 23<sup>rd</sup>. of ye. 6<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1781, and 7<sup>th</sup>. day of the week, betwixt 7 and 8 o Clock in the morning, and went by Newmill to Tottis were I met by appointment at William Earnshaws, with George Earnshaw of Shepley-Woodend, and John Kirk of Holmfirth who had attended our meetings about 2 Years he appeared to me to be a sober, innocent inoffensive young man; O how sweet is the company of those whose conduct and conversation are apparently seasoned with the heavenly Salt of the Kingdom, altho' they may appear of mean natural capacities, in comparison of those of bright Genius's and extensive natural abilities who can talk much of Religion and concerning the things of God but yet remain strangers to the Power of Godliness altho' sometimes covered with the form thereof, such are so far from being a savour of Life unto Life, that they are a savour of Death unto Death, their conversation instead of edifying being really burdensome unto the living. We got some refreshment here, and about 10 o Clock set forward on our Journey, and went by Wooldale, Thong, and Meltham to Marsden were we stopt better than half an hour and got some refreshment paid 3d a piece and then proceeded by Delph in Saddleworth to stones were we stopt about half an hour and got 2 Pints of Ale paid 4d. and then proceeded by Austerlands to John Earnshaws of Glodwick-clough in Lancashire, got there betwixt 4 and 5 in the evening, (having travelled as I suppose about 24 miles) were we Lodg'd.

On 24<sup>th</sup>. and 1<sup>st</sup>. of week, about 9 o Clock in the morning we set out for Whitefield 5 miles in company with the family, call'd by the way and sat a little at John Lees's got to Whitefield just in time to meeting which began at the 11<sup>th</sup>. hour and was held as usual in a large Barn belonging to our friend John Hall which was conveniently seated for the occasion. There were not many friends but a large concourse of People of other Societies attended, the Barn being well filled and many that could not get in, The still solid attentive behaviour of the People in general was worthy of commendation, which hath formerly been very different at that place. Our friend James Brandwood of Edgeworth meeting was there. After a solemn time of silence I was concerned in testimony from 1 Pet: C: 1. v: 24. 25. All flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man, as the flower of grass, the grass withereth, and flower thereof falleth away: But the word of the Lord injurious for ever. Setting before the People the shortness and uncertainty of time and the necessity there was for us to be prepared for our final change, exhorting them to gather unto that living powerful ingrafted word which is able to save the Soul, and that will endure when time shall be no more. James Brandwood appear'd next stood about an hour and was much favoured. The substance being exalted and set over the head of all shadows from Christs own words to his immediate followers John. C: 14. v: 6. I am the way, the Truth and the Life. no man cometh unto the Father but by me. Afterwards he had an extraordinary time in Prayer and after a short time in Silence a few words more in testimony exhorting the People to join in with the renewed visitation of Gods Love which was this day eminently felt to be extended towards them. The meeting held about 3 hours. After which George Earnshaw return'd with his Brother but we din'd in company with many friends at John Halls. About 4 o Clock John Kirk and myself set out towards home, and had a very agreeable walk over the Reaps to Marsden in Yorkshire were we call'd at the Ram and got some refreshment Paid 3d and a half a Piece and then set forward again having rested us about half an hour came by Meltham to Thong near which place I parted with my companion and so came on by Newmill to my Fathers were I got betwixt 11 and 12 that evening, being well satisfied with this little Journey.

## An Account of my Journey to the General Meeting for the Peak of Derbyshire held at Tideswell in the Year 1781.

I set out from home ye 11<sup>th</sup>. of ye 8<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1781 in company with my dear friend Jeremiah Smith (who boarded with us) and John Kirk of Holmfirth we left Newhouse about 6 o Clock

in the morning on the 7<sup>th</sup>. day of the week and had an agreeable walk over the moors into Woodland got to our mutual Friend George Chapmans of Banktop in Derbyshire about 11 o Clock; were we spent the remainder of the day very agreeably with his Wife( he and the rest of the Family being busy with their hay) until towards Evening we went and lent them a little assistance.

On 12<sup>th</sup>. and 1<sup>st</sup>. of week, we set forward about 6 o Clock in the morning for Tideswell 12 miles, call'd at Hope and got 6 pennyworth of Rum and Water stopt about half an hour, and then proceeded by Braddaw to Tideswell were we got about 10 o Clock and took up our Quarters at the Cross daggers got some refreshment for which we Paid for 3d a piece and then went to the meeting which began at the 11<sup>th</sup>. hour and held about 4 hours. There were a considerable number friends collected from different parts and a vast concourse of People of other Societies attended, the Priest of the Town are left his own place of worship and came to the meeting which was held in a field adjoining the Town, a convenient Gallery being erected under an Ash Tree and a considerable number of seats fitted up fronting the same for the People to sit upon. We were favoured with the company of divers Publick friends as John Storer of Nottingham and Thomas Colley and Elizabeth Dickinson of Sheffield. John Storer was first concerned in testimony stood about 1 hour and a half and was favoured; was first opened concerning Worship setting forth, that notwithstanding the inhabitants of this land had been in such an peculiar manner favoured, yet many of the Professors of the Christian religion and were too superstitious, imagining that Worship consisted of outward forms and ceremonies which many were zealous in the performance of, who were in reality worshipping they knew not what, he was largely opened upon this subject from Acts C: 17: v: 22, 23. I perceive that in all things ye are too superstitious. For as I passed by, and beheld your devotions, I found an altar with this inscription, To the unknown God. whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, him declare I unto you. Exhorting the People to seek the Lord, that so they might feel after him and find him, informing them that he was not far from them. For in him we live, and move, and have our being, and it is he alone that can open our understandings to comprehend the Truths recorded in the sacred writings, the diligent reading of which, he pressingly recommended, told them how painful it was to a religious mind to hear and see how Cursing, Swearing, and Drunkenness, abounded in this high professing land, intreating them to turn to the Light of Christ made manifest in the secret of their own hearts which is as a swift witness against every appearance of evil, and which if faithfully followed and obeyed would not only preserve them from all Sin but lead them into all Truth. After he had sat a short time in Silence, some towards the outside of the gathering been rather lighter and talkative he stood up again, and desired them to forbear such unbecoming behaviour, and seriously consider, the great work we were met about, that so everything might be done decently and in order. Thomas Colley appeared next from 1 John C: 1: v: 3. That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ. Informing the People of our motives in seeking such opportunities, as these, and that Man whilst in a state of nature could not please God, setting forth his condition in the fall, and the way and means of his recovery therefrom by Christ the the promised seed; exhorting the People to come unto him and that so they might experience a being set free from the Power of Sin and Death; informing them where he was to be found, and that they need not say who shall ascend up to Heaven to fetch down Christ from above, or who shall descend into the deeps to fetch him up from thence for the word is nigh even in the heart and mouth; he stood near an hour and was much favoured. John Storer had a very long time in Prayer next, and afterwards a short comment did to my speech to the People for their good behaviour, intreating those whose minds had this day been reacht not to ascribe anything to the instrument for although Paul may plant and Apollo water yet the increase of all good comes from God, recommending them unto him that so they might experience an establishment in the Truth. After meeting we din'd at the aforesaid Inn, Paid 8d a piece eating and 4d Liquor. About 4 o Clock Jeremiah Smith and me set out for Sheffield 17 miles of company with William Rotherford of that

place went down Middleton dale which is exceeding curious, being a very deep valley upwards of two miles in length, little broader in the bottom than the breadth of a fine Turnpike road which goes quite through it, on each side of which is very high and in most places inaccessible Rocks in which birds of various kinds make their nests by many of which we saw as we passed along at the lower end of this curious family is a large and Populous village through which we passed called Stoney Middleton, to Grindleford bridge were we stopt about half an hour at the Sign of the Bell and got some refreshment Paid 4d a piece and then proceeded, here we came up with Gervas Brady from Sheffield who accompanied us thither; we passed over the moors to Whiteley wood, where we overtook many more friends both Men and Women on foot who had been at Tideswell with whom we walkt to Sheffield where we got about 10 o Clock that evening and lodg'd at William Rotherfords.

On 13<sup>th</sup>. and 2<sup>nd</sup>. of the week. After breakfast I went to John Swanwicks where I spent the remainder of the day with him, he being in a poor state of health, apprehensive of a decline and had sent several times for me to come and see him I was well pleased with the visit finding him in a tender frame of Spirit. In the evening he and his Wife set out for Uppertorp that they having Lodg'd there for some time the Doctor thinking it not safe for him to sleep in the Town, and I return'd to my Lodgings calling at Caleb Dickinsons in my way where I sat a little.

On 14<sup>th</sup>. and 3<sup>rd</sup>. of week, this morning we breakfasted at Samuel Davisons, sat a little in the forenoon at Caleb Dickinsons, and din'd at John Swanwicks. About 2 o Clock in the afternoon we set out towards home, John Ingle setting us on our road a few miles, came by Owlerton and Wadsley bridge to Wortley where we stopt about half an hour at the Inn and got some refreshment paid 3d a piece, and then proceeded came by Pennistone and Birchworth to Strines where we call'd to see Henry Dickinson who had been some time in a poor state of health, we found him something better, tarried about half an hour and so got home about 9 o Clock in the Evening.

#### An Account of a visit to the several particular Meetings within the compass of Pontefract Monthly Meeting in the Year 1781.

Agreeable to the advice of the Yearly Meeting our Monthly meeting nominated a number of friends to visit the several particular meetings within the compass thereof, to call upon their respective members for an account of their Sufferings, and to make a particular enquiry of them whether or know they bore a faithful and Christian Testimony against the receiving or paying of Tythes, Priests demands or those called Churchrates, likewise concerning the Militia, and how friends stood clear respecting Stoppages.

Accordingly 4 of the friends who were under this Appointment met at Highflatts ye 9<sup>th</sup>. of ye 9<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1781 and 1<sup>st</sup>. day of the week, viz. Williams Sowerby of Ackworth, John Webster of Carr.Green near Barnsley, Joshua Marsden of Birdsedge and myself. The meeting began as usual at the 11<sup>th</sup>. hour and was very large the house and Chamber being well filled many of other Societies attending we was also this day favoured with the company of our friends Robert Grub from Ireland, and Jane Burrow from Otley, Robert accompanied us thro' the visit which was very acceptable, In this meeting Henry Dickinson was first concerned in testimony from Prov: C: 20. v: 27. The spirit of the man is the Candle of the Lord. Jane Burrow stood next very long, being led to speak to various states and was much favoured, William Sowerby had a few words next from Matt: C: 21. v: 13<sup>th</sup>. My how shall be called the house of Prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves. At the close of the meeting for Worship was held our Preparative meeting the business of which being gone thro' the 4<sup>th</sup>. and 6<sup>th</sup>. of the Quarterly Meeting Queries were read and answered by all the heads of the Families present and were weakness and unfaithfulness appeared suitable advice and admonition were given; but divers heads of Families being absent, the meeting appointed, Thomas Roberts of Wooldale,

Godfrey Woodhead of Fulstone and myself to visit such and to make a report to another meeting. Both meetings held about 5 hours; after which all of us who were upon the visit din'd at Anne Dickinsons and After dinner we with some other friends who were under appointment had an opportunity with Joseph Haigh and his Wife of Highflatts who had some time ago made application to be received into membership, the visit was to a good degree of satisfaction we believing that she was rightly convinced and in a proper situation of mind to be received into membership, and he appeared to be tender having wrote a paper to Friends expressing his Sorrow for breaking the rules of the Society which was ordered to be laid before the Monthly meeting. After the opportunity I came pretty directly home were I got betwixt 6 and 7 o Clock in the evening.

On 10<sup>th</sup>. and 2<sup>nd</sup>. of week, I set out for Burton 9 miles on foot about 6 o Clock in the morning, the rest of my companions going on horseback call'd at my Cousin Joseph Steads of Toppit were I tarried about an hour and breakfasted, and then proceeded by Hoyland, Kexborough, Darton and Carr green to Burton were I got in time to get a little refreshment before the meeting which began at the 11<sup>th</sup>. hour and was very small there being few friends belonging thereto, Robert Grub had a few words therein in testimony, at the close of the meeting for Worship was held their Preparative meeting in which the 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Queries were answered by the heads of the Families present and a great deal of advice and counsel were administered in the course of their business things appearing to be very low amongst them. Both meetings held about 3 hours and a half. At this meeting John Boothe of Wakefield who was under appointment joined us and accompanied us thro' the remainder of the visit and after meeting John Webster left us and joined us no more being engaged about some business. We din'd at John Wilsons Countryhouse in Burton, and after dinner I preceeded on my Journey, went by Woolley to Hollingthorpe 5 miles were I got about 5 o Clock in the evening and lodg'd at Samuel Empsons.

On 11<sup>th</sup>. and 3<sup>rd</sup>. of week, I set out for Wakefield 4 miles, about half past 9 in the morning went by Hallgreen and Sandal to James Boothes near Wakefield. The meeting began at 11 o Clock which was not large but pretty satisfactory, our friend Henry Dickinson of Strines who was also under appointment but being in a poor state of health declined going along with us, but after we were gone feeling a necessity laid upon him he met us here, and accompanied us the remainder of the visit, he was first concerned a pretty long time in Testimony, Robert Grub had a few words next and afterwards Henry Dickinson appeared again stood pretty long and was favoured. At the close of the meeting for Worship was held their Preparative Meeting in which the 4<sup>th</sup>. and 6<sup>th</sup>. Queries were read and answered clearly by all the heads of Families present. Both meetings held about 3 hours. After which Henry Dickinson and me din'd at James Boothes, and after dinner proceeded on our Journey (he being on foot) got to Pontefract betwixt 6 and 7 in the Evening were we took up our Quarters at John Thistlethwaits.

On 12<sup>th</sup>. and 4<sup>th</sup>. of week, we breakfasted at Amelia Walkers. The meeting began at the 11<sup>th</sup>. hour and was pretty large several of other Societies attending Henry Dickinson was twice concerned therein in Testimony and afterwards Hannah Wigham had a long and highly favoured time from Rom: C: 2. v: 28, 29. He is not a Jew which is one outwardly neither is that circumcision which is outward in the flesh: but he is a Jew which is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart. At the close of the meeting for Worship was held the adjournment of their Preparative meeting in which the 4<sup>th</sup>. Query was read and answered by all the heads of the Families present and a good deal of weighty advice dropt, but having met with some opposition the day before in regard to answering the 6<sup>th</sup>. Query we found ourselves to weak to propose it here, so it was pass'd over altho' not with ease to my mind. Our friend Williams Sowerby was not here to day, he returning home after the Meeting at Wakefield. Both meeting held 4 hours. After dinner, I went and sat a little at Hannah Wighams were I met with Elizabeth Wainwright of Ferrybridge and Anne Thorp a young Woman that was lately convinced from among the Methodists, we was comforted in one anothers company. After which we set out for Ackworth 3 miles were we got betwixt 6 and 7 in the Evening, but

as this Meeting consisted at present only of those who belong'd the School it appeared unnecessary to us to hold a meeting for the purpose of enquiry. But the Boys having as usual the time of retirement along with the Masters in their dining room, we went and sat with them; After a short time in silence Henry Dickinson had some excellent advice to drop unto them from 3 John. v: 4. I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in Truth. We spent evening very agreeably with the Family were Henry Dickinson and me lodg'd.

On 13<sup>th</sup>. and 5<sup>th</sup>. of week, in the morning we went together and drew up the report of our Visit in writing to be laid before the Monthly meeting, the substance of which was as follows viz. That a number of the friends who were under appointment to enquire of their respective members relating to the particulars of the 4<sup>th</sup>. Quarterly meeting Query report. That they have visited all the particular meetings except Ackworth, and do not find that any directly pay Tythes, Priests demands or those call'd Churchrates; but fear there are some in most Meetings who are not enough concern'd to bear an upright living Testimony, and also too easily submit to Stoppages, and some suffer there Neighbours to pay for them: In respect to the Militia friends appeared quite clear, advice was given according to the ability received. At the 9<sup>th</sup>. hour began Meeting of Ministers and Elders. The Queries relating thereto were read and answered by an Elder from each of the Meetings except Pontefract and Burton, they being none present from the later and none under that appointment in the former, some other business was gone thro' and divers living testimonies were borne by sundry friends. The meeting broke up just in time to go into the Monthly meeting for worship which began at 11 o Clock and was large and in a good degree favoured, Henry Dickinson was first concerned therein in Testimony, setting forth the humility that sought to cover each mind in the gathering and assembling of ourselves together from Mic: C: 6: v: 6. Wherewith shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before the high God? Hannah Wigham appeared next stood long and had an excellent time from Isa: C: 1. v: 2. Here, O heavens; and give ear, O earth; for the Lord hath spoken; I have nursed and brought up children, and they have rebelled against me after a short time in silence she stood up again and had a very encouraging time to some and more especially to those of the younger sort, At the close of this meeting was held a Monthly meeting for discipline in which the business belonging the 5 Preparative meetings were gone thro' which constitute the same viz. Pontefract, Burton, Wakefield, Highflatts, and Ackworth. The Queries were read and answered in writing from all particular meetings, and the general answer drawn from the same approv'd and signed: Joseph Haigh and his Wife of Highflatts were accepted into membership and the other business was unanimously conducted. Both meetings held about 4 hours and a half. We din'd at the School, and after dinner I set out for home about 5 o Clock in company with John Dickinson of Strines and Joseph Lister of Beaver-hole near Barnsley (my former companion riding upon his Sons horse)) We came by Havercroft and Royston to Staincross were we parted with Joseph Lister, and then proceeded by Mapplewell to Darton were we stopt near half an hour and got some Ale paid 2d a piece, and then proceeded by Kexborough, Hoyland and Denby to Newhouse were I got about 11 o Clock in the Evening.

#### An Account of my Journey to the quarter meeting at Rushworth in 10<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1781

I set out from home ye 29<sup>th</sup>. of ye 9<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1781 and 7<sup>th</sup>. day of the week about 1 o Clock in the Afternoon and went by Shepley and Farnley to Lockwood were I met by appointment with John Kirk of Holmfirth who was to be my companion this Journey, we call'd at John Brooks of Raw were we tarried upwards of an hour and got some refreshment, and then proceeded by Parrack to Outlane were we got 3 pennyworth of Brandy and Water, and then set forward again, got to Cousin Simeon Dysons of Lower-Goathouse in Rushworth betwixt 7 and 8 o Clock in the Evening were we lodg'd.

On 30<sup>th</sup>. and 1<sup>st</sup>. of week was at their Meeting which began as usual at the 11<sup>th</sup>. hour, there were not many friends, but a considerable number of People of other Societies attended far more than could be expected considering the morning which was very wet many of them appeared to me to be a people that were inquiring the way to the kingdom with their Faces thitherward; may they never leave seeking until they find him who declared himself to be the way the Truth and the Life was the Travel of my Spirit among them this day. Robert Fawcett was first concerned in testimony from Isa: C: 25. v: 6. In the mountain shall the Lord of hosts make unto all the People a Feast of fat things, a feast of wines on the lees; of fat things full of marrow, of wines on the lees well refined. I had a pretty long time next from Isa: C: 28: v: 16. Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation; he that believeth shall not make haste. George Conway had a long time next from Christs own words John C: 6. v: 44. No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: I appeared again next, stood a pretty long time; was first opened from Matt: C: 13. v: 33. The kingdom of heaven is likened to leaven, which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal, until the whole was leavened. and afterwards had plain close labour with those of our own Society intreating them to join in with the visitation of Gods Love, lest they should be rejected and others called in to fill up their places. George Conway had a long time in Prayer next. And afterwards Robert Fawcett had a few words more in Testimony. The meeting held 4 hours or upwards.

On 1<sup>st</sup>. and 10<sup>th</sup>. mo: and 2<sup>nd</sup>. day of the the week the weather continuing very stormy prevented our setting out so early as we intended, but it clearing up about 11 o Clock, we set out of and came by Outlanes and Milnsbridge to Lockwood were we stopt upwards of an hour and din'd at William Schofields (not a friend but had lived Servant at our house) and then proceeded, came together to Deadmanstone were we parted towards our separate habitations, I came by Farnley to Sarah Mortons of Heymoorhouse were I stop upwards of an hour and got some refreshment, and so got home about 7 o Clock in evening

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An Account of my Journey to Knaresborough Monthly Meeting held at Otley in 10<sup>th</sup>.  
mo:1781

Having felt drawings upon my mind for some time to visit the meeting of friends in Netherdale I set out towards there ye. 24<sup>th</sup>. of ye. 10<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1781 and 4<sup>th</sup>. day of the week about 7 o Clock in the morning intending to take the Monthly Meeting at Otley in my way; call'd at my Cousins Benjamin and Joseph Walkers of Paddock were I stopt about an hour and breakfasted, then proceeded by Shelley Kirkburton and Woodsom mill to Kirkheaton were I stopt near an hour and got some refreshment at John Taylors (not friends) and then proceeded by Colnbridge and Scholes to Oakenshaw were I din'd paid 4d eating and 2d Liquor stopt about an hour and then proceeded by Dudley-Hill, Idle, Esholt-hall and Guiseley, to Otley were I got about 6 o Clock in the evening and took up my Quarters as usual at my kind friend Edward Burrows.

On 25<sup>th</sup>. and 5<sup>th</sup>. of week the Monthly Meeting for Worship began at the 11<sup>th</sup>. hour and was pretty large Benjamin Hird was first concerned in supplication and afterwards had a short time in testimony from Prov: C: 16. v: 1. The preparations of the heart in man, and the answer of the tounge is from the Lord. At the close of this meeting was held the meeting for discipline in which a good deal of business were transacted to pretty good satisfaction. amongst other things John Whalley junr. of Rawden meeting laid before this, his continued

intentions of marriage with Mary Baker a member of York monthly meeting. Both meetings held about 5 hours.

On 26<sup>th</sup>. and 6<sup>th</sup>. of week, I spent this day amongst my friends in Otley, sat a little in the forenoon at Thomas Rhodes's and in the evening at Michael Tealls were I supp'd.

On 27<sup>th</sup>. and 7<sup>th</sup>. of week about 11 o Clock in the forenoon I set out towards Netherdale, went by Newall and Blubberhouses to my dear friend John Bucks junr. of Thornthwaite 10 miles got there about 2 o Clock in the afternoon were I lodg'd.

On 28<sup>th</sup>. and 1<sup>st</sup>. of the week, was at their meeting held at Dacre in the Netherdale which began at the 11<sup>th</sup>. hour and held about 2 hours and a half which was pretty large altho' not many of other Societies attended, we were favoured with the company of Jane Burrow from Otley, who had to the approbation of their last monthly meeting to visit the Families of Friends in this meeting. This was upon the whole a laborious meeting but ended comfortably I appear'd first, had a pretty long time in testimony from Isa: C 27. v: 2, 3. A vineyard of red wine. I the Lord do keep it: I will water it every moment: lest any hurt it, I will keep it night and day. after a short time in silence I appeared again from the words of the Prophet when led to view the calamities an highly favoured People formally had brought upon themselves Sam: C: 1. v: 16. For these things I weep; mine eye, mine eye runneth down with water, because the comforter that should relieve my soul is far from me: Jane Burrow had a short time next from Rev: C: 17. v: 3, 4. I saw a Woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and Ten horns. and the woman was arrayed in Purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stone and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand, full of abominations and filthiness of her fornications. afterwards she appeared again and had a long and encouraging time to some states and to whom she had to call to Arise and arm themselves, and prepare for the Battle, under a feeling sense that the Almighty was calling some into service in his Church. after which I had a few words of encouragement to some who appeared to me in a situation similar to one formerly who was ready to conclude that he was a worm and no Man. After meeting Jane Burrow inform'd friends of her concern, having before requested that I would accompany her, I told her that notwithstanding I had felt drawings upon my mind some time ago to pay them a visit of that kind, the concern appeared to me to be gone, but this day I thought I felt the renewings of it again, but as I had not the approbation of our Monthly meeting was afraid to move in it, the friends told me as the visit was going upon and not of my appointment I might join them if I felt a freedom in my own mind, without any breach of order; accordingly we proceeded to Peter Bucks of Newhouse, Anne the Wife of John Spence and Peter Moore both Elders of this meeting going along with us, she accompanied us to every Family and he to most. After dinner we sat with this Family, and altho' we had laborious work we were comforted under a sense of a renewed visitation both to the aged and the youth I was first concerned in supplication and afterwards Jane Burrow had two pretty long times in Testimony, in which she had seasonable advice unto drop to their different states.

From thence we proceeded to John Bucks of Thornthwaite, were we had a favoured opportunity Jane Burrow was largely opened therein testimony from Mark C: 2. v: 19, 20. Can the children of the bride chamber fast while the bridegroom is with them? as long as they have the bridegroom with them they cannot fast. But the days will come when the bridegroom shall be taken away from them, and then shall they fast in those days. After which I was led to treat of the call of the Lord to Samuel when a Child; before he knew What it was. believing this was applicable to some state in the Family.

From thence we proceeded to Cornelius Bucks (+) of Benthuse were Jane Burrow was largely opened from Luke C: 15. v: 8. What woman having ten pieces of Silver, if she lose one piece, doth not light a candle, and sweep the house, and seek diligently till she find it. intreating them to labour to experience their Candle lighted that so they might know their houses to be swept and again find that which might appear to be lost. From thence we return'd to Peter Bucks were Jane Burrow lodg'd, but after Tea, I went to my beloved friend John Bucks were I slept this night.

On 29<sup>th</sup>. and 2<sup>nd</sup>. of Week.

This morning I got up early and went to Peter Bucks to breakfast, After which we proceeded on the visit to Jacob Pattricks of Height were we had hard labour but were enable to discharge our duty from Hos: C: 4. v: 6. My People are destroyed for lack of knowledge: were the words that came before the view of my mind which I had to drop unto them and enlarge a little thereupon, after which Jane Burrow had a very long time adapting the same text and earnestly labouring to gather their minds unto that which would give them a right knowledge of themselves.

From thence we proceeded to William Biltens of Hayshaw, were we had a favoured opportunity, I appeared first from Luke C: 10. v: 42. One thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her. Jane Burrow had afterwards too long and favoured times intreating them to mind the Lords time which is always the best time, and not suffer the cares and cumbers of Life to hinder them from coming up in their respective duties to Almighty God and his People, for it appeared clear to us if there were but a coming out of the many things and that might appear necessary, and cleaving close to the one thing needful, they might come to be very useful in their day age and generation.

From thence we proceeded to Miles Biltens were we had a very suffering season, Jane Burrow was opened therein from Matt. C: 7. v: 13, 14. Wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many their be which go in thereat. Because strait is the gate and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it. she had very hard labour in a plain and close testimony.

From thence we return'd to William Biltens were we drunk Tea, and then went to a meeting at the Meetinghouse, There being a number of Friends appointed by the Monthly Meeting to visit their several Preparative meetings, and to enquire how friends stood clear in their Testimony against Tythes and things of that nature. Accordingly John Binns of Skipton, Caleb Stansfield of Keighley and Jeremiah Hustler of Rawden Meetings attended here this day. The meeting for Worship began at the 11<sup>th</sup>. hour was pretty large and satisfactory divers of other Societies attending John Binns was first concerned in testimony exhorting us to work while it is called to day, I had a pretty long time next from Isa: C: 21. v: 12. The morning cometh, and also the night: if he will enquire, enquire ye; return, come. Jane Burrow appear'd next, had close labour with some of our own Society, and afterwards had something very encouraging to those of other Societies. After a short time in silence she appeared again having a loving invitation to them intreating those who were a far of to draw nigh, and those who were nigh to acknowledge the Lords might. After which I had an open time from Matt: C: 11. v: 28. Come unto me all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. At the close of the Meeting for Worship was held their Preparative Meeting, The 1<sup>st</sup>. 8<sup>th</sup>. Quarterly Meeting Queries were read and answered, and the 4<sup>th</sup>. Query by all the heads of Families present, divers remarks were made thereon and were things appear'd amiss suitable advice was dropt. Both Meetings held about 4 hours.

From thence we proceeded to Robert Walkers of Darley were we din'd, and after dinner sat with them in their family I had a few words first cautioning of them to beware of a light and airy Spirit, which if too much way was given thereto might be of pernicious consequence. Jane Burrow appear'd next was first opened from Prov: C: 23. v: 21. Drowsiness shall clothe a man with rags. intreating them to be diligent in a spiritual labour which appeared to be too much a wanting and afterwards had an encouraging time to them from sense of a renewed visitation which was felt indeed to be powerfully extended to the tendering of some hearts, and I fully believe that if there is but a joining heartily in therewith, he who hath been the God of their Father will be their God and bless them both inwardly and outwardly.

From thence we went to John Dowgills were we drunk Tea, and afterwards sat with their family, we were dipt into deep Poverty, and sat a long time in Silence at length Truth arose into some dominion, and Jane Burrow had a long time in supplication, after which I was opened in testimony from 1 Sam: C: 15. v: 22. Behold to obey is better than Sacrifice; and to

hearken than the fat of Rams. Jane Burrow had two plain and close testimonys next and afterwards I appear'd again from Psalms 139. v: 23. Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts. and although we had hardish Labour, yet we were enabled to discharge what appeared to us to be our duty, they were earnestly intreated to give up all and spare nothing alive that the Lord had commanded should be destroyed. then would their Spirits again be replenished with the dew of Heaven as in former times. From thence we went to Robert Spence's of Hardcastle garth were I lodg'd, but after supper Jane Burrow went to sleep at Jonathan Hardcastles.

On 30<sup>th</sup>. and 3<sup>rd</sup>. of Week

This morning after Breakfast we went and sat with Cornelius Bucks, were we had a very painful suffering time, I had a few words first from Jer: C: 22. v: 29. O earth, earth, earth, hear the word of the Lord: Jane Burrow had a long time next being led to treat of the Parable of there vineyard which was let out to husbandmen, who when he sent his servants to receive the fruit thereof, they beat one, killed another, and stoned another, which appeared to be the situation of some in this family, unto whom he had sent his Son, and she earnestly desired that they might reverence him, and not say in their heart this is the heir come let us kill him. After a short time in Silence she had another long and laborious time, after which I had a few words more, intreating them to come into the vineyard and work altho' it might appear to be the Eleventh hour of the day with some, but my mind was fill'd with pain because I could not feel a desire to entertain this heavenly guest not withstanding he had so long condescended to stand knocking at the door of their hearts for an entrance.

From thence we return'd to Robert Spences were we sat with him and Jonathan Hardcastles family together, to some degree of satisfaction Jane Burrow appear'd first had a long and highly favoured time, encouraging those who had experienced the anointing Oyl poured forth upon them, to come up in their proper places in the Church, and intreated the Elders not to discourage these but rather rejoice that the Almighty was raising up fitting and qualifying to fill up the places of those Worthies who had been useful in their day. Afterwards I had a pretty long time from Gen: C: 42. v: 1, 2. Why do ye look one upon another? Behold I have heard that there is corn in Egypt: get ye down hither, and buy for us from thence; and that we may live, and not die. By Jonathan Hardcastle had a few words afterwards. John Spence joined us in the opportunity and continued with us the remaining part of the visit whose company was very acceptable.

After dinner we proceeded to William Adamsons of Winsley were we sat with his Family and Christopher Moores (+) of Bondgate together, had a very laborious time, I had a few words first from John: C: 6. v: 27. Labour not for the meat that perisheth, but for that meat which endureth to everlasting life. Afterwards Jane Burrow appeared several times, earnestly desiring that none might crucify the Lord of Life and Glory unto themselves afresh and put him to open shame, but exprest a jealousy that the right thing was crucified as betwixt two thieves, a good deal of labour were bestowed for their help and recovery towards the conclusion of the opportunity, I appeared twice more intreating them not to rest contented in the form but labour to be made partakers of the Life and Power of Truth, then would they be diligent in the attendance of their meetings both on first and other days of the week, which from the feelings of my mind I was afraid was too much neglected by them.

From thence we proceeded to James Atkinsons (+) of Synderhill were Jane Burrow had a few words exhorting them not to look outwards, but turn the eye of their minds inward to the gift of God in themselves, which would teach them their duty to him and one unto another.

From thence we went to John Spences of Birstwith were we lodg'd, and after Tea sat with her family were we were favoured with a precious season, and of God being shed abroad in our hearts to the tendering of our Spirits before him, who is still condescending to bless the provision of Zion and satisfying her poor with bread; They were encouraged to come up in the services the Almighty had called them into, then would they be made instruments to repair the breaches in Zions walls, and the Lord would bless and Prosper his own work in their hands. I

appeared first from Jos: C: 18 v: 3. How long are ye slack to go to possess which the land of Lord God of your Fathers have given you? Jane Burrow appear'd next from the petition of Elisha unto Elijah 2 Kings C: 2: v: 9. I pray thee let a double portion of thy Spirit be upon me. She was largely opened thereon, and after a short time in Silence had another long and highly favoured time testimony, after which I was led to treat how it was with Gideon formally when the Almighty called him into his service how affrighted he was and afraid he should be mistaken requesting the Almighty a sign and Infinite goodness was pleased to grant him a double sign which appeared to me to be the situation of some in this family whom he was pleased to condescend to give a double sign unto; not only convincing them immediately of his own holy Spirit but instrumentally by his Servants whom he had sent to speak comfortably unto them and encourage them to come forward in the line of their duty. It was indeed an highly favoured time, I thought the most so of any that ever I remember being at.

On 31<sup>st</sup>. and 4<sup>th</sup>. of week

This morning after breakfast we proceeded to Mary Furnish's (+) of Sheepcote, Jonathan Hardcastle going along with us to this and the two following Families We had an highly favoured time here being made sensible that the gathering Arm of the Lord was stretched forth for their help and recovery, Jonathan Hardcastle had a few words first. Jane Burrow a pretty long time next from Matt C: 15. v: 24. I am not sent but to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. and afterwards from Matt C: 6. v: 33. Seek ye first the Kingdom God and his righteousness, and all these things should be added unto you. Jonathan Hardcastle look a few words next, and afterwards I had an open time being led to treat of the Parable of the Prodigal Son encouraging some to be faithful to this the day of their visitation for it still remained an undeniable truth that there is more joy in heaven over one sinner that truly repenteth than over ninety and nine just persons that need no repentance.

From thence we proceeded to Grace Grange's (+) of Mendwith hill were we sat with her and Jane Heynor (+) together, It was a time of deep suffering and hard labour I had a few words first being sensible that knowledge was not so much a wanting amongst them as obedience. Jane Burrow appear'd next from Matt C: 8. v: 20. The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head. And afterwards had a pretty long time from Matt C: 7. v: 21. Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven, but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. I appeared next from Eccle: C: 8. v: 11. Because sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart the Sons of men is fully set in them to do evil. Jane Burrow next from a sense that notwithstanding the hardness of heart that had been so sensibly felt the call of him who willeth not the death of a sinner was still felt to be extended unto them from Gen: C: 3. v: 9. The Lord God called unto Adam, and said unto him where art thou. I had a few words next from Gen: C: 3. v: 19. Dust thou art, and unto dust thou shalt return, Jonathan Hardcastle had afterwards a few words.

From thence we proceeded to Gilbert Blakes of Clocking Syke were we din'd and after dinner sat with the family. We had close labour under a sense of the sorrowful declension that was amongst them in departing from him who had been their morning light; and who would yet if there were a returning be their evening Song. Jane Burrow was twice concerned in Testimony and afterwards John Hardcastle had a few words. I appeared next a pretty long time from Heb: C: 10. v: 26, 27. If we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for Sins, but a certain fearful looking for of judgement, and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries. Afterwards Jane Burrow appeared twice more the latter time being led to treat how it was with one formerly, when the kingdom was departed from him Dan: C: 4. v: 33. He was driven from men, and did eat grass as oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven, till his hairs were grown like eagles feathers, and his nails like birds claws afterwards Jonathan Hardcastle had a few words more.

From thence we proceeded to John Theakers (+) of Banks were we sat with their family but had nothing to administer unto them verbally.

From thence we went to Marmaduke Gills of Dacre were we had a favoured time great encouragement opened to the head of this family who appeared to have a share of deep Exercise, and a renewed visitation appeared to be extended to divers others, I appeared first from Isa: C: 26. v: 13. O Lord our God, other lords besides thee have had dominion over us: but by thee only will we make mention of thy name. Jane Burrow had a long time being first opened from Psalms 6. v: 6. I will water my Couch with my tears. had great encouragement to this state and afterwards was opened to several other states unto whom she was enabled to drop suitable advice.

From thence we proceeded to Peter Moores of Hartwith were we lodg'd, and after Tea sat with their family and John Moore of Cliff in Bewerley and John Moores junr. of Pateley who were requested to meet us here they living at a considerable distance and the roads being very bad. It was to some degree of satisfaction not withstanding we had very close work with the Aged who appeared to us to be settled down too much at ease in the form, but had an encouraging time to the youth some of whom appeared to be under a visitation from heaven I appeared first having in the remembrance of by past favours to declare the Lords gracious dealings with my Soul from my youth and under a renewed sense of his Love at this time shed abroad in my heart to invite the young men now present to come and enlist themselves under the Lords Banner and enter cheerfully into his service, and for their encouragement I had this testimony to bear for the God of my Life that they never could serve a better Master. afterwards Jane Burrow appeared three times first to the youth encouraging them to give up the prime of their days to serve the Lord who loves an early sacrifice, next to the Aged from Psalms 42. v: 1. As the heart panteth after the water brooks, so doth my Soul pant after thee, O God. expressing the sense she had of a want of this earnest desire after the enjoyment of him in whose Presence alone there is Life. and Lastly had abundance of advice to drop both unto the Parent and Children pointing out unto them in a lively and beautiful manner the duty of each station and intreating them to come up in the practical part thereof. Afterwards I had a few words to some states that came before the view of my mind from Matt: C: 26. v: 45. Sleep on now, and take your rest: behold the hour is at hand, and the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of Sinners. What a pity it is that the Eyes of those in the station of Elders should be shut to their own Interest

On 1<sup>st</sup>. of ye 11<sup>th</sup>. Mo. and 5<sup>th</sup>. of Week.

This morning after breakfast, we proceeded to Abraham Theakers (+) of Dacre banks were we had a favoured time under a sense of a renewed visitation of our heavenly Fathers Love, in which we were led in an encouraging manner to labour with them that they might so remain under an humbling sense of his goodness; and submit to the operation of his Power, so that the fallow ground of the heart might be plowed up, and the pure heavenly seed of the kingdom take deep root downwards, and so grow upwards and bring forth fruit some Thirty some Sixty and some an hundredfold. I had a few words first, Jane Burrow had two long and favoured times next, and afterwards I had a pretty long and open time.

From thence we went to John Gills (+) were Jane Burrow had an awful solemn message to deliver from 2 kings C: 20. v: 1. Set thine house in order; for thou shalt die and not live. and after a little time in Silence had another short testimony from Amos C: 4. v: 12. Prepare to meet thy God O Israel.

From thence we proceeded to John Smith's were Jane Burrow had to recommend patience and resignation of mind, as our necessary duty under every allotment of Providence; and afterwards concluded the opportunity in Prayer and Praises to Almighty God for his manifold mercies to us, whose presence had gone along with us thro' this visit and was now pleased to own us in the conclusion thereof. Afterwards I had to express how much I was obliged to some who had favoured us with a good deal of their company in this visit, who spirits I had felt to help to bear up my spirit in some deep exercising seasons we had had to pass thro', desiring that they might come up in obedience to the requiring us of Truth; that so they might be like unto Zacharias and Elizabeth walking in all the commandments of the Lord blameless; and that I had been made sensible in my passing along through this meeting, that

because some whom the Lord had formally appointed for service had rejected him so he had rejected them, and was now pouring out his Anointing Oyl upon others, and I earnestly desired that others harm might make them beware; that so it might be their chiefest concern to come up in the line of their duty faithfully, and altho' there might be a long warfare as betwixt the house of Saul and David yet if this were their concern they would assuredly experience the house of Saul to grow weaker and weaker and the house of David stronger and stronger and so in a degree of that Love that had nearly united our Spirits together I tenderly saluted them and bade them Farewell. Peter Moore left us this morning being called away about some business and Marmaduke Gill join'd us and accompanied us to have the families we visited this day whose company was truly acceptable. I had at this time a few words of encouragement to him he appearing to me to be not only an Elder by outward nomination but an Elder indeed worthy of double honour. How useful are such to poor Ministers, being unto them as Aarons and Hurs, ready to bear up the Arms of that hang down, well as those who are bear the minimal ones; all tho' they give up their time to accompany their friends on these occasions, are so far from being helpful, that they are rather burdensome, being themselves as the barren heath in the desert that knows not when good comes.

From thence we return'd to Abraham Theakers were we din'd, and about 3 o Clock set out for Otley, John Spence carrying Jane Burrow behind him and Abraham Theaker was so kind that he would not suffer me to walk but sent his Son (of the same name a hopeful young man) and a couple of horses with me. We got to Edward Burrows about 6 in the evening were I lodg'd. But after Tea our kind friends return'd towards their own habitations in Netherdale.

On 2<sup>nd</sup>. and 6<sup>th</sup>. of week, I left Otley other 10 o Clock in the forenoon and came by Guiseley, Apperlee. bridge Ecclesall and Bradford to John Robinsons of Upperhouse were I stopt about an hour and din'd; then proceeded by Oakenshaw, Scholes and Colnbridge, to Kirkheaton were I stopt near an hour at John Taylors, and got some refreshment, and then proceeded by Woodsom mill to Sarah Mortons of Heymoorhouse were I rested me a little and so got home about 9 o Clock in the evening.

#### An Account of my Journey to our Winter Quarterly Meeting held at Leeds in 12<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1781

I set out from home ye. 25<sup>th</sup>. of ye. 12<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1781 and 3<sup>rd</sup>. day of the week, at about 6 o Clock in the morning, having Jeremiah Smith for my companion this Journey, we went by Low-Cumberworth were we met at Cousin John Chapmans, with Joseph Brook and John Roberts of Wooldale and John Kirk of Holmfirth who accompanied us to Leeds; we stopt about half an hour and got some refreshment, and then proceeded by Skelmanthorp, Emley, Midgley, Netherton, and Horbury, to Wakefield, were we stopt about an hour and a half at the White horse and din'd, paid 6d a piece eating and 2d Liquor, and then proceeded by Newton, Thorpe, and Hunslet to Leeds were we got about 3 o Clock in the Afternoon and took up our Quarters at the Sine of the Three Legs in Call lane, Paid 6d piece Breakfasts 9d Dinners and 8d Suppers. At 5 o Clock this evening began the Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders which was pretty large and satisfactory. We had no Strangers except our valuable friend Ruth Fallows from Leicestershire. Before the business of the meeting was entered upon, Elizabeth Hoyland, Esther Tuke, Sarah Priestman and Henry Tuke were all concerned in testimony; The Queries peculiar to this meeting was then read and answered verbally by a representative from each Monthly Meeting in this County except Thirsk and Gisborough from which there was no account, and Owstwick who sent some account in writing; much weighty counsel and advice was dropt by sundry friends, and divers living testimonies were borne to the Truth. A number of friends were appointed to oversee the Meetings for Worship and advise as occasion may require. The Meeting then adjourn'd to the close of the Meeting for Worship on 5<sup>th</sup>. day evening having held about 2 hours and a half.

On 26<sup>th</sup>. and 4<sup>th</sup>. of week at 9 o Clock in the morning was a Meeting for Worship which was very large altho' select of friends; Esther Tuke was first concerned in supplication, Ruth Fallows next in a living and Powerful testimony, being led to treat how it was under the former dispensation when the Glory of the Lord So fill'd the house that the Priest could not stand to minister 2 Kings C: 8. v: 10, 11. And it came to pass, when the Priests were come out of the holy place that the cloud filled the house of the Lord, so that the Priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud: for the glory of the Lord had filled the house of the Lord. and the renewed feelings of his Power which she said at the time filled her Soul she was made to believe if we were but willing to turn inward we should experience the glory of the Lord so it to fill an hour earthen Tabernacles that we should sensibly see we had no need of outward or verbal Testimonies. Esther Tuke had a favoured time next from Psalms 110. v: 3. Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy Power. and after a short time in silence had another long an extraordinary time from Jer: C: 10. v: 17. Gather up thy wares out of the land, O inhabitants of the fortress. The Meeting held near 3 hours. At 2 in the afternoon was a Meeting for discipline, which held about 2 hours and a half. It being the time for Knaresborough, Settle, Malton, Thirsk and Richmond monthly meetings to chuse a Clerk the representatives withdrew and at their return nominated our friend Benjamin Hird of Rawden Meeting who was acceptable. The 1<sup>st</sup>. 8<sup>th</sup>. Quarterley meeting Queries were read and answered in writing from all the monthly meetings in the County some other business was gone thro' and divers testimony is borne by sundry friends and then the meeting adjourn'd until next day at 9 in the morning, after which we drunk Tea at Joshua Ingles. At 6 in the evening was another Meeting for Worship which was very large divers of other Societies attending; Hannah Wigham was first concerned therein in supplication, Pheobe Marshal had a long and much favoured time next from Job. C: 21. v: 17. How oft is the candle of the wicked put out? Afterwards Robert Fawcett dropt a few words. The meeting held not quite 2 hours.

On 27<sup>th</sup>. and 5<sup>th</sup>. of week, at 9 in the morning met pursuant to adjournment a great deal of business was gone thro' to good satisfaction, being very unanimously conducted. Divers living Testimonies were borne to the Truth, and against the many things that had crept in amongst us to the diming of the Beauty of our Zion. An Epistle from the Women Friends to the Monthly and particular meetings in this County was read, and such a number ordered to be printed as every family may have one. The meeting held about 3 hours and a half. At 3 in the Afternoon was the parting meeting for Worship which held about 3 hours and was very large more of other Societies attending. Thomas Colley appeared first stood long and was much favoured from Isa: C: 60. v: 1. Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. Esther Tuke had a long and highly favoured time next from Deut: C: 33. v: 29. Happy art thou, O Israel: who is like unto thee, O People, saved by the Lord. Henry Tuke had a few words next reminding us how the Almighty had graciously condescended to favour us in the course of these meetings, in a particular manner both immediately and instrumentally, earnestly desiring that we might be so humbled under a sense thereof as to walk some degree worthy of the Benefits received. Benjamin North had afterwards a few words. At the close of this meeting the Ministers and Elders met together pursuant to adjournment, and sat about half an hour, Robert Walker was concern therein in Testimony, after which one of the friends appointed to oversee the meetings for Worship etc. reported that they had attended to the appointment. After meeting I went to my friend Joseph Birkbecks were I drunk Tea and from thence went and sat a little at Joshua Ingles and then return'd to the Inn.

On 28<sup>th</sup>. and 6<sup>th</sup>. of week, Jeremiah Smith and me parted with the other friends from our meeting, and went to Gervas Storrs's to Breakfast, and from thence to Joshua Ingles were we sat a little, and got some refreshment, and about 11 o Clock set out for Otley, got there in about 3 hours time were we took up our Quarters as usual at our kind friend Edward Burrows.

On 29<sup>th</sup>. and 7<sup>th</sup>. of week we spent the day amongst our Friends in Otley sat a little in the afternoon at Thomas Rhodes's, and in the evening at Michael Tealls were we supp'd.

On 30<sup>th</sup>. and 1<sup>st</sup>. of week; having been rather poorly of a pain in my bowels ever since I came to Otley I found myself much worse this morning being so bad that I was obliged to get up very early and call some of the family who appeared anxious to assist me with everything that was necessary and it turning to a looseness I got so much better as to attend their forenoon Meeting which began at 10 and held upwards of 2 hours, was small and much shut up in the forepart thereof, but ended better, I had an encouraging time in testimony to some state or states from Zech: C: 9. v: 12. Turn ye to the strong hold, ye prisoners of hope. After dinner we set out for Bradford, but the weather coming on very wet and my disorder returning, when we got about a mile we concluded to go back to Otley. The tender affection care and regard of friend Burrows family in this proving time, I desire may ever be gratefully remembered by me.

On 31<sup>st</sup>. and 2<sup>nd</sup>. of week we left Otley about 9 o Clock in the morning, then came by Yeadon, Apperlee-bridge, Eccleshall and Bradford to John Robinsons of Upperhouse were we stopped about 1 hour and a half and din'd, then proceeded by Scholes, Oakenshaw, Clifton and Brighouse to William Prestons of Rastrick got there about 6 in the evening were we lodg'd, my companion having been Apprentice with him. He is not a friend altho' he has formally attended our meetings, and appears to retain a love for them, being very kind to us.

On 1<sup>st</sup>. of 1<sup>st</sup>. Mo. 1782 and 3<sup>rd</sup>. day of the week we breakfasted at cousin Joseph Fryers, and betwixt 11 and 12 o Clock set out towards home, stopt near an hour at the Talbot in Huddersfield were we got 6 pennyworth of Brandy and Water and then proceeded by Amberry, Kirkburton and Shelley to Cousin Benjamin and Joseph Walkers of Paddock were we stopt about an hour and drunk Tea, and so got home betwixt 5 and 6 in the Evening; and altho' I was exceeding weary occasioned by indisposition of Body yet my mind was made truly thankful that I was favoured with strength to get to my outward habitation.

#### An Account of my Journey to the Northern Yearly Meeting at Rochdale in Lancashire held there in the year 1782

I set out from home the 15<sup>th</sup>. of ye. 4<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1782 and 2<sup>nd</sup>. day of the week about 9 o Clock in the morning having William Dyson of Powker for my companion this Journey, and John Parkin a young Man from Sheffield going along with us. We went by Newmill, Thong and Meltham to Marsden were we stopt upwards of an hour at the Golden.Fleece and din'd, Paid 3d a piece for eating and the same for Liquor. From thence we proceeded into Saddleworth I have been some business with a person there, went by Delpth to Robert Winterbottoms of Strines were I transacted to the business I call'd about and afterwards got some refreshment stopt about 1 hour and a half, and then proceeded to John Halls of Whitefield in Lancashire, got there betwixt 6 and 7 in the Evening were we Lodg'd.

On 16<sup>th</sup>. and 3<sup>rd</sup>. of week I set at about 7 o Clock in the morning for Rochdale 4 miles in company with John Hall Senr. (the other friends tarrying at his house until the afternoon) got there in about one hours time and took up my quarters at William Brearleys a Public house without Sine in Yorkshire street were I also bespoke Lodgings for my Fellow travellers I had left behind. We met with very civil usage the Landlady being a very agreeable Woman Paid 6d a piece Breakfasts 6d Dinners and 4d Suppers. At 9 o Clock this morning was the Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders for the County of Lancaster which was held in a large room at the Flying horse used for an Assembly Room which friends had fitted up on purpose for holding the Womens meeting in: John Townshend was first concerned supplication and afterwards George Boone had a long and favoured time in Testimony chiefly to the Ministers from 1 John C: 1: v: 2. The life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and shew unto you that eternal Life which was with the Father and was manifested unto us. Sarah Taylor had an acceptable time next and afterwards George Boone was concerned in Prayer. The Queries were then read peculiar to these meetings and answered

from all the Monthly Meetings in this County, divers remarks were made thereon and much weighty counsel and advice were administered by sundry friends of both Sexes, and the heart tendering Presence and Power of the Almighty were eminently felt amongst us. The Meeting held 3 hours. At 3 in the Afternoon was the Quarterly Meeting for Discipline the Men being in the Booth, before the business was entered upon our Friend William Rathbone had an acceptable time in Testimony. The London Yearly Meeting Queries were read and answered from the Five Monthly Meetings in this County (viz.) Lancaster, Swarthmore, Filde, Hartshaw and Marsden, by which it appeared that there were some convincement in Lancaster Mo. meeting, and one Publick friend was deceased in Filde Monthly meeting viz. Henry Binns but there was no testimony concerning him; The Northern Yearly Meeting Queries were also read and answered verbally by a Representative from each monthly meeting a great deal more business was gone thro' and divers living testimonies were borne to the Truth. The meeting held 4 hours.

On 17<sup>th</sup>. and 4<sup>th</sup>. of the week at 9 in the morning began the Yearly Meeting for Worship which was held in a large Booth 30 yards along and 27 broad built on purpose for the occasion, having a Wood frame with scoured Woollen Pieces nailed thereto within and without, and thatched with straw, There were a large appearance of friends and a great concourse of People of other Societies attended altho' the Booth was not quite full this morning, We were favoured with the company of a considerable number of Ministers from different parts of the four Counties that constitute this meeting, and a pretty many Strangers as Robert Valentine from Pennsylvania in America, George Boone from Warwickshire, John Storer from Nottinghamshire, Samuel Spavold from Hertfordshire, John Townshend from London, Thomas Colley, William Sowerby, Esther Marshal, Mary Firth and divers others from Yorkshire; In this meeting John Townshend was first concerned in supplication George Boone was next concern'd in testimony stood long and was favoured from 2 Cor: C: 4. v. 6, 7. God who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the Power may be of God, and not of us. He treat a little of the way and manner of the operation of this light in the hearts of the Sons of men for their Salvation and Redemption, and was afterwards opened largely to set forth the Call work and wages of the true Gospel ministers intermixt with his own experience in that great and important work, Tabitha Mariott appeared next stood long and was favoured from Isa: C: 57. v: 21. There is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked. Samuel Spavold next had a long and acceptable time from 1 Cor: C: 12. v: 7. The manifestation of the spirit is given to every man to profit withal. labouring to gather the minds of the People thereunto that so they might be brought from the shadow to the substance of true Religion. After a short time in Silence he was concerned in a powerful manner in Prayer. The Meeting held 3 hours and a half at the conclusion of which our friend William Dilworth had a short commendatory speech to the People for their good behaviour withal informing them when the other Public meetings would be held. At 3 in the Afternoon was another Public meeting for Worship which held 3 hours; The Booth was very much crowded and many could not get in, so that friends divided and holding another Meeting at the same time in a large Assembly Room at the Flying-horse which I understood was also much crowded; but I was in the Booth were George Boone led the way in a long living and Powerful testimony from Luke C: 5: v: 32. I came not call righteous but Sinners to Repentance. Setting forth the Love of God in Christ Jesus to the children of men whilst in this state earnestly pressing the People to join in with his merciful visitations that so they might experience a state of true Repentance and know a being reconciled to God. John Storer appeared next stood very long and was favoured, from Jer: C: 17. v: 9,10. The heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked: who can know it? I the Lord search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings. Setting forth the state of Man in the fall in which state it is impossible to please God the way and means of his recovery therefrom by Christ the promised seed into mixing his discourse with his own experience of the Lords

merciful dealings with his Soul. Afterwards George Boone had an excellent time in Prayer. At the close of the meeting George Boone and John Storer had each of them a short commendatory speech to the People for their good behaviour, and a few words by way of exhortation to them.

On 18<sup>th</sup>. and 5<sup>th</sup>. of week at 8 o Clock in the morning was the Meeting of Conference which are select of friends the Men and Women meeting together John Townshend, John Storer, Barbara Drewry, and George Boone had each are a long time in Testimony after which Sarah Taylor was concerned in Prayer and afterwards in testimony and another Woman friend in Prayer. The Northern Yearly Yeeting Queries were then read and answered verbally by a Representative from each of the Counties that constitute this Meeting, and where things appeared amiss so much weighty counsel and advice was dropt by divers friends of both Sexes, in order that things might again be restored to their former beautiful order. It did not appear by the accounts brought in that any particular openness appeared in any of the four Counties except Cheshire, in which the neighbourhood of Morley, the city of Chester and another Place was remarkt. The meetings held five hours. At 3 in the Afternoon was the last meeting for Worship; The concourse of People were very great, the Booth being exceedingly crowded, notwithstanding, there were meetings held in two other places at the same time (viz) at the Flying horse Inn, the Assembly room, and in a large Room at the Black-Bull, both which places were well fill'd and many could not get in; but I was in the Booth were John Storer led the way in a pretty long testimony from Isa: C: 41. v: 1. Keep silence before me, O Islands; and let the people renew their strength: let them come near, then let them speak. George Boone had a very long and highly favoured time next from Rom: C: 1. v: 16, and 17. I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto Salvation to every one that believeth, fought therein is the righteousness of God revealed from Faith to Faith. John Townshend appeared next, having an Affectionate call in Gospel Love to the People to come to Repentance and Amendment of Life that so they might know their Sins blotted out and experience a being brought into favour with him that made mankind for a purpose of his own Glory. After which George Boone had an extraordinary time in Prayer. and afterwards John Storer had a short commendatory speech to the People for their good Behaviour which indeed was very extraordinary throughout the several sittings of this Meeting considering that the in generality of the People in this part were reckoned to be almost uncivilised in regard to a moral behaviour, and consequently much strangers to Piety and Virtue but what contributed greatly to keep the baser sort quiet was the great care and pains that was taken by Justice Townley and Justice Chadwick who were also Colonels in the Lancashire Militia and lived in this neighbourhood not only in attending themselves at the meetings but ordering the Constables to attend in order that if any disturbance was made they might apprehend the offender or offenders, they also sent the Bellman about the Town and put up Papers in different parts thereof to this import that if any were guilty of acting any unbecoming behaviour either in word or deed to the People called Quakers during their stay in the Town that such should be made Examples off or words to the like Effect, they also requested that they might have as many friends to lodge with them as they could accommodate, the Priest of the Town also offered his Beds for the service of friends and several I understood accepted the offer at each place, were they met with much civility.

On 19<sup>th</sup>. and 6<sup>th</sup>. of week betwixt 7 and 8 o Clock in the morning my companion and me set out towards home 27 miles in company with John Kirk of Holmfirth, John Haigh of Thirstyland Woodend, George Haigh and Pheobe Haigh (their mother) of Heighmoorhouse who appeared to be under convincement having attended our meetings a considerable time, we came by Littleborough and over Blackstone-edge to Rippondon in Yorkshire were we stopt about an hour at the Golden-Lion and each got of us a Pint of Ale and something to eat which some of the company had in their Pockets, and then preceded by Outlanes and Parrack to John Brooks of Raw were John Kirk and me called my Companion and the other friends having call'd before to see some Relations we stopt about 2 hours and got some refreshment, and then the other friends calling of us (except Pheobe Haigh) we proceeded by Lockwood

and Farnley to Sarah Mortons of Heighmoorhouse were my companion and me called the other friends being dispersed to their several habitations, we tarried near 2 hours and got some refreshment and then came on a little together were we parted in a degree of that Love which had nearly united us together; and I got home betwixt 8 and 9 o Clock in the evening.

An Account of my Journey to our Summer Quarterly Meeting at York in 6<sup>th</sup>. month 1782

On the 23<sup>rd</sup>. of the 6<sup>th</sup>. mo: 1782 and 1<sup>st</sup>. day of the week betwixt 4 and 5 o Clock in the morning, I set out from home William Taylor accompanying me as far as Wakefield, he is a sober young who had been Apprentice with my Father and now liv'd servant with us and he was educated in the way of the Church of England but in the time of his Apprenticeship was convinced of the Principle of Truth and by yielding obedience thereunto became a sober steady young man a diligent attender at our religious meetings and a good example in the family. We went by Cumberworth Skelmanthorp, Emley and Bretton to Crigglestone were we stopt upwards of an hour at my Uncle Joseph Houghs and got a second breakfast of Tea and from thence proceeded to Dircar were we call'd at Christopher Walkers not a friend but having married the Widow of Joseph Cooper he had begun to attend meetings we tarried about half an hour and then set out for Wakefield in company with him and three of his Wifes children by her former husband, got there just in time to the meeting which began at 11 o Clock and held about 2 hours we sat in great poverty of Spirit for some time, but at length truth arose into dominion and I had a few words in testimony tending to stir then up to diligence in their Assemblies that so they might experience a being quickened and made alive unto God praising his great and worthy name. After meeting we din'd at James Booths and after dinner went to see Mary Collier we found her at Richard Linecars (who had a Son that had some time ago began to attend an meetings) we tarried upwards of an hour, they behaved friendly towards us, and ordered each of us a Glass of wine, About 4 o Clock William Taylor set out for home and I for Leeds, stopt about half an hour at Newton and got a pint of Ale and then proceeded by Thorp and Hunslet to Leeds were I got about 7 o Clock in the Evening and lodg'd at my kind friend Gervas Storrs's.

On 24<sup>th</sup>. and 2<sup>nd</sup>. of the week at 11 o Clock in the morning was the Monthly meeting for Worship which was large divers of other Societies attending; but there were no Strangers except Joseph Wright from Clifford meeting, Robert Walker was first concerned in testimony stood very long and was much favoured from John C: 9. v: 4. The night cometh wherein no man can work, tenderly intreating us to work while it is call'd to day. Robert Fawcett dropt a few words next and afterwards Pheobe Marshal had a few words, being opened from Matt C: 20. v: 21, 22. Grant that these my two Sons, may sit the one on thy right hand, and the other on the left in thy kingdom. But Jesus answered and said, Ye know not what ye ask, are ye able to drink of the cup that I shall drink of, and to be baptised with the Baptism that I am baptised with? was much favoured in the opening of this, and after she sat down Robert Fawcett dropt a few words more. At the close of this meeting and was held that their Monthly meeting for discipline the business of which was amicably conducted both meetings held upwards of 3 hours. After which I din'd at Esther and Phoebe Marshals, and drunk Tea at Joshua Ingles. The weather being extremely hot I set out for York betwixt 6 and 7 o Clock in the Evening, Sarah Ingle and William Hodgson a tender spirited young man who was some time ago convinced from among the Methodists accompanying me about 5 miles and then returned. I got to Tadcaster about 11 o Clock were I rested me about 3 hours in the middle of the night at the Falcon and got some refreshment for which I paid 8d and then proceeded to York were I got about 5 o Clock in the morning, and took up my Quarters as usual at my kind friends Anne and Rebecca Awmacs in Walmgate.

On 25<sup>th</sup>. and 3<sup>rd</sup>. of the week at 5 o Clock in the evening began the Quarterly Meeting for Ministers and Elders which was small there being no Strangers there this Quarter, Esther

Tuke, Tabitha Hoyland, and Henry Tuke were all concerned in Testimony, the Queries peculiar to these meetings were then read and answered from all the Monthly meetings in the County (except Pontefract who sent a note) and divers remarks were made thereon by sundry friends. Three friends were then appointed to oversee the succeeding meetings for Worship and advise as occasion may require. and then the meeting adjourn'd to the close of the meeting for Worship on 5th day evening having held about 3 hours.

On 26<sup>th</sup>. and 4<sup>th</sup>. of the week at 9 in the morning was a meeting for Worship which was pretty select of friends and altho' there were a considerable number yet the smallest collection I ever remember seeing at this time of the year. Before the meeting was gathered Robert Walker stood up and had a very long and highly favoured time in testimony setting forth the great declension that was too apparent amongst us as a People, the way in which it had come in, and under a renewed sense of the Love of God mercifully extended had to point out the way by which we might again be restored to our former beautiful situation. Afterwards Esther Tuke had a long and acceptable time from Isa: C: 60. v: 1. Arise shine; for thy light is come. and the glory of the Lord is risen upon me. The meeting held 3 hours, after which I din'd at William Baistons. At 2 in the Afternoon was a meeting for discipline and it being the time for the Representatives from York, Balby, Pontefract and Brighouse monthly meetings to chuse a Clerk the Representatives withdrew and at our return nominated our friend Henry Tuke of York who was acceptable to the meeting. The 1<sup>st</sup>. 8<sup>th</sup>. Quarterley meeting Queries were read and answered in writing from all the Monthly meetings in the County and some other business was gone thro', and then the Meeting adjourn'd until next day at 9 in the morning having held about 2 hours.

On 27<sup>th</sup>. and 5<sup>th</sup>. of the week at 9 in the morning met pursuant to adjournment the business of the meeting was gone thro' to good satisfaction the whole being conducted in much Brotherly love and condescension. The meeting held near 3 hours, after which I din'd at William Baistons. At half past 2 in the Afternoon was the parting meeting for Worship which was large many of other Societies attending. Henry Tuke was first concerned therein in testimony from Acts C: 10. v: 34, 35. Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of Persons: But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him. Esther Tuke next from Tit: C: 2. v: 11. The Grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men. she stood not long, but after a short time in silence had another more large and open time in testimony from Matt C: 16. v: 15, 16, 17, 18. Whom say ye that I am? And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art Christ the Son of the living God. And Jesus answered and said unto him, blessed art thou Simon Barjona: for flesh and Blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven. and I say also unto thee, that thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church; and the gates of Hell shall not prevail against it. The meeting held about 2 hours and a half at the close of which the Ministers and Elders sat about half an hour together, when the friends appointed to oversee the meetings reported that they had attended to the appointment and had nothing to offer by way of complaint. After which I took a walk to the Castle to see the Prisoners; and in my return call'd to see William Tuke were I sat a little and then came to my lodgings.

On 28<sup>th</sup>. and 6<sup>th</sup>. of week about 6 o Clock in the morning I left the City in company with Joseph Lister a young man who at this time lived servant with Thomas Haigh of Smeaton a friend belonging to Pontefract meeting. We came to Tadcaster were we Breakfasted at the Travelling man paid 6d a piece, stopt upwards of an hour, then proceeded by Towton, Sherborne and Milford, were we stopt about an hour at the Black Bull, and got some refreshment Paid 2d a Piece, had some religious conversation with our Landlord who was a Papist, we parted friendly and came on to Ferrybridge were we call'd at Thomas Wainwrights, his Wife and servant maid being lately join'd with friends, we spent about 2 hours very agreeably and got some refreshment and then my companion and me parted and I came up to Pontefract were I got to my usual Quarters in this Town at Amelia Walkers about 5 o Clock in the Evening. After Tea I went and sat a little at John Wighams and in my return call'd at John Thistlethwaits were I supp'd.

On 29<sup>st</sup>. and 7<sup>th</sup>. of week I breakfasted at John Wighams were I spent several hours in very agreeable conversation with his Wife who is an able minister of the everlasting Gospel; a tender spirited, upright hearted Woman and a Mother in our Israel. From thence I return'd to Amelia Walkers were I sat a little, and about 11 o Clock set out towards home, came to Havercroft were I stopt about an hour and got some refreshment Paid 4d, and then proceeded by Royston and Staincross to John Websters of Carrgreen were I stopt about 2 hours and a half and drunk Tea then proceeded by Cawthorne and Dacinbrook to my brother Samuel Woods of Netherdenby, were I stopp'd about 2 hours and supp'd, and so got home about 10 o Clock in the Evening.

An Account of my Journey to the circular Yearly Meeting for the Seven Western counties held at Tamworth in Warwickshire in the year 1782.

I set out from home ye. 11<sup>th</sup>. of ye. 9<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1782 and 4<sup>th</sup>. day of the week about 7 o Clock in the morning, my dear friends Jeremiah Smith and William Taylor accompanying me as far as Birchworth (and then return'd) were I met by appointment with Anne Green who was going to see Relations at Alfreton in Derbyshire; we went by Pennistone to Wortley were we got some refreshment at the Inn stopt upwards of half an hour, paid 4d and then proceeded by Owlerton to William Rotherfords of Uppertorp were we got betwixt 12 and 1 o Clock Din'd and drunk Tea there, and then proceeded to Caleb Dickinsons of Sheffield were we supp'd and afterwards I went to Thomas Colleys were I lodg'd.

On 12<sup>th</sup>. and 5<sup>th</sup>. of the week, in the morning I return'd to Caleb Dickinsons were we Breakfasted and about 6 o Clock in the morning set out for Chesterfield 12 miles Gervas Brady accompanying us a considerable way we went by Norton in Derbyshire, Cold.Aston and Hunstone to Whittington were we stopt upwards of half an hour at the Bulls-head and drunk Tea paid 5d a piece, and then proceeded to Chesterfield were we got just in time to their Week day meeting which began at 10 and held about 2 hours, was small but being in some degree own'd with the presence of our great Lord and Master made it pretty satisfactory. After meeting we Din'd at John Friths were we tarried until about 3 o Clock, and then proceeded by Tupton, Clay cross, Stratton and Higham to Alfreton 10 miles got there about 6 o Clock in evening were we Lodg'd at my Cousin Dorothy Rodgers and met with a very kind reception.

On 13<sup>th</sup>. and 6<sup>th</sup>. of week I set out about 8 o Clock in the morning and went by Swanwick to Pentridge 2 miles, Anne Green and Mary Rodgers accompanying me thither, were we called at Joseph Suttons, an honest Friend who was convinced about 20 years ago, stopt upwards of an hour and got a dish of Tea, and then proceeded on my Journey Joseph Sutton accompanying me about a mile which was very acceptable his conversation being both instructive and edifying and I may truly say I was glad to find so valuable friend in this County. After we parted I passed by Heage, Holbrooke, Coxbent and Little Eaton and so for several miles through pleasant Meadows on the banks of the River Darwent to Derby 14 miles, were I din'd at the White-hart paid 8d eating and 4d Liquor, stopt about an hour and then proceeded to Castle-Donnington in Leicestershire 9 miles got there about 6 o Clock in the Evening were I lodg'd at Joseph Evatts very kind friends.

On 14<sup>th</sup>. and 7<sup>th</sup>. of week, After Breakfast I called to see George Fallows whose Wife was at this time on a Religious visit to Friends in Ireland. Betwixt 7 and 8 o Clock I preceded on my Journey Joseph Evatt junr. a tender youth setting me on my way many miles went by Breedon to Ashby-de-la -Zouche 9 miles were I got a Dish of Tea at the Sine of the Hackler Paid 6d stopt about an hour and then proceeded by Meesom in Derbyshire to Tamworth in Warwickshire 13 miles, in the way I went over a piece of waste ground call'd No mans heath upon which I saw a square piece cut out were the Counties of Derby, Leicester, Warwick and Stafford meet in such a narrow point that a person may lie down in all the four shires at once,

I got to Tamworth at about 3 o Clock in the Afternoon, where I took up my Quarters at William Allens in Bow-bridge-street, a good house the landlord and landlady being very agreeable People paid 8d a piece Breakfasts, Dinners, and Suppers. At 6 in the Evening was a Meeting of Ministers and Elders which held about 2 hours; There were a large appearance of Ministers from different parts of the 7 Counties that constitute this meeting (viz) Cornwall, Devonshire, Sommersetshire, Gloucestershire, Herefordshire Worcestershire and Warwickshire, and some strangers as John Storer from Nottinghamshire, William Symonds from Northamptonshire Thomas Cash from Cheshire, William Rathbone and William Dilworth from Lancashire, Abiah Darby and Anne Summerland from Shropshire, Alice Rigg from Westmorland, Sarah Corbyn from London, and Hannah Shipley from Staffordshire with some others from different parts. Abiah Darby, John Storer, Catharine Phillips, and George Boone were concerned in testimony in this Meeting, and George Boone in Prayer.

On 15<sup>th</sup>. and 1<sup>st</sup>. of the week at 10 o Clock in the morning was the first Publick meeting for Worship which was held in a large Booth 32 yards long and 25 broad, Erected in the Castle yard belonging to the Earl Ferrers, being built of Wood and covered with straw on purpose for the occasion. It was very large of Friends and others altho' the place was not quite full, George Boone appeared first had a short but acceptable time in Testimony from 1 Chron: C 28: v: 9. And thou Solomon my Son, know thou the God of thy Father; and serve him with a Perfect heart, and with a willing mind. If thou seek him he will be found of thee; but if thou forsake him, he will cast thee off for ever. Setting before us the necessity there was for all to come to the true knowledge of God, let our name or profession as to Religion being what it would, Pointing out the way and means by which it might be attained and tenderly intreated us to seek him that so we might find him who was not far from us for in him we live move breathe and have our being. Catharine Phillips appeared next stood very long and was much favoured. Labouring to remove all prejudice from the minds of the People, that so they might stand open to receive the Truths of the Gospel; Informing them of our motives in paying them this Religious Visit that it was not to gather them into an empty Formality, but to gather them to that of God in themselves, that so by taking heed thereunto they might first know a ceasing to do evil, and then learn to do well; and so Experience a being regenerated and born again without which none can see the Kingdom of God. She was then largely opened from John C: 13. v: 8. If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me setting forth the one essential saving Baptism the substance of all Types and Shadows and the necessity there was for us to experience it let our profession as to Religion be what it may seeing that without it we could have no part in Christ. Afterwards George Boone had a long and Powerful time in Prayer. The Meeting held 2 hours and a half, at the close of which George Boone inform'd the People when the other meetings would be held. At 3 in the Afternoon was a another Publick meeting for Worship which was very large the Booth being crowded and many that could not get in, so that another meeting was held at same time in the Town hall, but I was in the Booth were Abiah Darby was first concerned in testimony from Psalms 68: v: 1. Let God arise, let his enemies be scattered. William Symonds next from 1 Cor: C: 1. v: 18. The preaching of the cross is to them that Perish, foolishness; but unto us which are saved, it is the power of God. Catharine Phillips appeared next stood very long and had an excellent testimony to the truth from Isa: C: 35. v: 8. An highway shall be there and a way, and it shall be called the way of holiness: the unclean shall not pass over it; but it shall be for those: the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein. Sarah Corbyn dropt a few words next, After which Catharine Phillips concluded the meeting with a lively and heart affecting Prayer, which held upwards of 2 hours and a half.

On 16<sup>th</sup>. and 2<sup>nd</sup>. of week at 9 o Clock in the morning was a meeting for those of our own Society only and a pretty large appearance there was Sarah Fell had an excellent time in testimony first from Zep: C: 3: v: 10. From beyond the rivers of Ethiopia my suppliants, even the daughters of my dispersed, shall bring mine offering. George Boone had a pretty long time next from Heb: C: 1. v: 1, 2. God, who at sundry times, and in divers manners spake in time past unto the Fathers by the Prophets. Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son,

whom he hath appointed heir of all things. William Symonds and Hannah Bevington had reached a short time next and afterwards John Storer and Catharine Phillips appeared stood pretty long and was much favoured. The careless and negligent were exhorted to more diligence, the humble and contrite hearted encouraged, and the deeply exercised in treated to trust in the Lord Jehovah who is the strength of the righteous in every Age under every dispensation, and whose Presence still was experienced to crown the Assemblies of his People. After a short time in Silence Catharine Phillips had an extraordinary time in Prayer. After which there was a short time in Conference, the several Counties being called over to see if Representatives appeared from each and the meeting was agreed to be held the next year in Sommersetshire the place being left as usual to be fixt by their Quarterly Meeting. This meeting held 3 hours and a half. At 3 in the Afternoon was another Publick meeting for Worship, which was very large the Booth being much crowded, the Priest of the Town and a great many of the Country Gentry (so called) being there. George Boone appeared first stood pretty long from John C: 1. v: 17. Grace and Truth came by Jesus Christ. Abiah Darby had a pretty long time next from Mark C: 10. v: 17. Good Master, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life? John Storer appeared next stood long and was much favoured from John C: 8. v: 24. If ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your Sins: calling the People unto Repentance and amendment of Life, that so they might come to be true believers in Christ, knowing a passing from death unto life, pointing out the state of man in the Fall and transgression in which state it is impossible to please God, and the way and means of his recovery therefrom by experiencing a death unto Sin and a new birth unto righteousness which could only be affected in us by the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Sarah Fell had a short but acceptable time next. After which Abiah Darby concluded the meeting in Prayer which held about 3 hours.

On 17<sup>th</sup>. and 3<sup>rd</sup>. of the week. In the morning I took a walk to the Castle which is a very ancient Building, upon the top of an high round hill went into several of the rooms the doors being open and upon the top thereof from whence I had a very extensive prospect over a rich and fertile country. At 10 in the forenoon was the parting meeting for Worship, which was large the Booth being pretty well fill'd. Alice Rigg was first concerned in Testimony, intreating friends not to rest in an empty Formality, but feel after that Power by which our worthy Ancestors were gathered to be a People, and would if this were our concern, redeem us from all Iniquity, and Purify us unto the Lord a Peculiar People that would shew forth his Praise, for want of which, a painful Jealousy hath seized her mind, that too many were become as stumbling Blocks, to have their sober neighbours; and feeling the extendings of the Love of God to flow towards those of other societies, she had to entreat them to be faithful to the day of their visitation, and mind the manifestations of the Spirit of Truth in their own Breasts, being more concerned to come up in Obedience thereunto, than to suffer their eyes to wander after the conduct of others to their own hurt, for notwithstanding many amongst us were swerving aside as on the right hand or the left, yet the Principle we possess is the same the foundation remains to be the same, and still standeth sure the Lord knowing them that are his. Catharine Phillips appeared next from 1 John C: 1: v. 3, 5. That which we have seen, and heard, declare we unto you, but ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ. This then is the message which were we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. she stood 2 hours and a half, and was eminently favoured, opening the Principles of Truth to the People in an admirable manner, informing them also of the reasons of our dissenting from them in Practice, the inconsistency of War and supporting an hireling Ministry with the present glorious Gospel dispensation etc. After a short time in Silence she concluded the meeting in Prayer and Praises to Almighty God whose power was this day eminently displayed amongst us to the tendering of the hearts of the People before him. After which George Boone had a short, commendatory speech to the People, for their still solid attentive behaviour, which was remarkable through the several sittings of these large Assemblies. This meeting held 4 hours. At the conclusion of which a large number of friends Books were

distributed amongst the People. At 3 in the Afternoon I left the Town and came by Elford in Staffordshire to Wisney bridge 9 miles were I got a Pint of Ale, and then proceeded by Branstone to Burton upon Trent got there about 7 o Clock 6 miles were I lodged at the Crown a very good house and Paid 10d for my Supper.

On 18<sup>th</sup>. and 4<sup>th</sup>. of the week I set out betwixt 5 and 6 o Clock in the morning, came up to Eggington in Derbyshire 4 miles, were I stopt about an hour and breakfasted at the Coach and Six Paid 8d and then came on by Little-Over to Derby 7 miles were I stopt about half an hour at the White hart and got some refreshment, paid 3d and a half, and then came by Little-Eaton, Coxbent, Holbrook, and Heage to Joseph Suttons of Pentridge, were I got about 2 o Clock and it proving very wet, I tarried 4 hours, Din'd and drunk Tea there, and then came by Swanwick to my cousin Dorothy Rodgers of Alfreton were I lodg'd.

On 19<sup>th</sup>. and 5<sup>th</sup>. of week, we were invited to Breakfast with a Widow woman of considerable Property in the town, who is one of the people call'd Methodists, we were met with a very kind reception. About 10 o Clock in the forenoon I left Alfreton, in company with Anne Green, who was going to return home, we went by Wessington to Jonathon Johnsons of Brackenfield 4 miles, Cousin Mary Rodgers accompanying us thither were we spent the remaining part of the day very agreeably.

On 20<sup>th</sup>. and 6<sup>th</sup>. of week. After getting a little refreshment we set out about 6 o Clock in the morning. Jonathan Johnson taking his horse and carrying Anne Green behind him to Darley 8 miles we went by Tansley and Matlock thither were we Breakfasted Paid 6d a piece, and it being very rainy we tarried near 4 hours, and then came by Rousley, Beeley, and Chatsworth the seat of the Duke of Devonshire, a very large and elegant Building, in a most beautiful situation to Baslow 7 miles were we stopt about an hour and din'd at the Greyhound, paid 4d eating and 4d Liquor, and then proceeded by Stoak-hall to Grindleford bridge 4 miles were we got betwixt 4 and 5 in the Afternoon, and it coming on very wet we lodg'd there at the Sine of the Bell, paid 9d a piece for Tea and Supper this evening, and 6d Breakfast next morning.

On 21<sup>st</sup>. and 7<sup>th</sup>. of week, we set out betwixt 6 and 7 o Clock in the morning, and came by Hathersage, and Bamford to Darwent 8 miles were we stopt about half an hour and got a pint of Ale and then proceeded to my beloved friend George Chapmans of Banktop in Woodland 4 miles, got there betwixt 12 and 1 o Clock having travelled from Matlock up a very pleasant valley on the banks of the River Darwent about 26 miles, we spent about 4 hours here very agreeably, Din'd and drunk Tea; and betwixt 4 and 5 o clock, I set out towards home, leaving Anne Green there, came over the moors to Thurlstone in Yorkshire called at David Dickinsons, were I heard the sorrowful news of the decease of our dear friend Sarah Earnshaw daughter of William Earnshaw of Totties who departed this life yesterday morning ye. 20<sup>th</sup>. of the 9<sup>th</sup>. mo: 1782 and was buried in Friends Burying ground at Wooldale ye. 23<sup>rd</sup>. of the same Aged 23 years a Minister of 2 Years. She was one that was favoured with the Powerful visitations of Truth when young, and by yielding obedience thereunto became a good Example to the youth amongst us, a Pattern of Plainness, humility and Self-denial, a diligent Attender of our Religious meetings, and a faithful labourer in Spirit therein for the arisings of Life. Her appearances in the work of the ministry were not large, nor very frequent, but as she was careful to move under the direction of divine Wisdom were truly acceptable to the living amongst us, and being faithful to the Talent committed to her charge she experienced a gradual growth in her gift. I stopt here about half an hour and got some refreshment, and then came by Birchworth to Newhouse were I got a little before 10 this evening.

An Account of my Journey to our Winter Quarterly Meeting held at Leeds in the ye. 12<sup>th</sup>. Mo.  
1782

I set out from home ye. 21<sup>st</sup>. of ye. 12<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1782 and 7<sup>th</sup>. day of the week betwixt 4 and 5 o Clock in the morning, and went by Shepley to Heighmoorhouse were I met by appointment with John Kirk of Holmfirth who was to be my companion this Journey, stopt about half an hour at Pheobe Haighs, who once told me, before her convincement, she had been for many years so very infirm that it was with difficulty she could get to and from bed or even walk up and down the other house, in which state a desire was raised in her mind to get to a meeting of Friends, and being obedient thereunto, she set forward, and was enabled to get to Highflatts on a Week day, from that time forward she mended apace and not only became a diligent attender of our own meetings, but walked on foot to many others at a considerable distance, I thought this was worthy to be recorded amongst the many miracles the Almighty is working for his People inwardly and outwardly. From thence we went by Woodsommill to Kirkheaton were we stopt upwards of half an hour at John Taylors and got some refreshment, and then proceeded by Colnbridge, to our friend Robert Croslands of Oldfieldnook, were we called of Anne Green of Moorroidnook, and Sarah Dyson of Woodhouse, and who was going to Otley and came hither the Evening before, we stopt about an hour and got Tea, and then proceeded by Scholes, Oakenshaw, Dudley.hill and Eccleshall to Apperlee.bridge, were we stopt near an hour and got some refreshment Paid 2d a piece Eating and 3d Liquor, and then proceeded by Esholt-hall and Guiseley to Otley, got there betwixt 4 and 5 o Clock in the evening were the Young Women lodg'd at Michael Tealls and we at Edward Burrows my usual Quarters in this Town.

On 22<sup>nd</sup>. and 1<sup>st</sup>. of week, was at their meeting in the Forenoon which was small and rather a lowish time, towards the close thereof I have some pretty close work in testimony, altho' dropt in much weakness from Mal: C: 3. v: 8. Will a man rob God? yet ye have robbed me, but ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. After a short time in silence I had a few words more. The meeting began at 10 and held about 2 hours. Afternoon Meeting at 2 held about 2 hours was larger considerably than the former Martha Teall appeared first had a pretty long and laborious time, I appeared next from Num: C: 23. v: 10. Let me die the Death of the righteous, and let my last end be like unto his. and after a short time in silence, I was again concerned in testimony from Prov: C: 1. v: 22, 23. How long, ye simple ones, will ye love simplicity? And the scorers delight in their scorning, and fools hate knowledge? Turn ye at my reproof; behold I will pour out my spirit unto you. The testimony of Truth when forth with much sharpness to some states, yet under a sense of a renewed visitation to them. Jane Burrow had a long time next from 1 Sam: C: 17. v: 29. Is there not a cause? Expressing her unity with the foregoing Testimonies, and tenderly intreating every individual to examine into their own states and conditions, for certainly there was a cause for the doctrine that had been delivered and under a feeling sense of a renewed visitation extended had to labour with such to join in therewith, and concluded with a word of encouragement to the humble sincere hearted Zions travellers. After which Martha Teall concluded the meeting in Prayer and Praises to Almighty God whose Power had been eminently manifested the therein to the strength and comfort of his poor dependent children.

On 23<sup>rd</sup>. and 2<sup>nd</sup>. of Week. I Breakfasted at Thomas Rhodes's; This afternoon divers friends came to Edward Burrows in their way to Leeds and in the evening we had a favoured opportunity together in which John Thompson and Jane Burrow were each of them largely concerned in Testimony.

On 24<sup>th</sup>. and 3<sup>rd</sup>. of week, I Breakfasted at Michael Tealls, and about 12 o Clock set out for Leeds, in company with my former companions, and Thomas Davison and John Dewhirst of Bentham Meeting, got there about 3 o Clock in the Afternoon were we took up our Quarters at the Bull and Bell in Briggate Paid 6d a piece Breakfasts, Dinners and Suppers. At 5 in the Evening began the Quarterly meeting of Ministers and Elders, which was large and favoured with the company of many Strangers as Matthew Johnson and John Wigham

from Northumberland, John Storer and Anne Dent from Nottinghamshire, William Rathbone, Tabitha Mariot, Sarah Taylor and Martha Routh from Lancashire. before the Business of the meeting were entered upon Sarah Taylor, John Wigham, Tabitha Mariot and John Storer were all concerned in testimony. The Queries peculiar to these meetings were then read and answered verbally by a Representative from all the Monthly meetings in this County except Thirsk, Gisborough, and Owstwick; and divers weighty remarks were made thereon and a much weighty counsel and advice dropt by sundry friends, an appointment was then made of three friends to Oversee the succeeding meetings for Worship, and advise as occasion may require, and make report at the close of the meeting for Worship on Fifth day Evening, to which time this meeting adjourn'd having held about 3 hours.

On 25<sup>th</sup>. and 4<sup>th</sup>. of the Week, at 9 o Clock in the morning was a meeting for Worship, and altho' select of friends, was very large and eminently favoured. Henry Tuke was first concerned therein in Testimony from Luke C: 12. v: 35, 36, 37. Let your loins be girded about, and your lights burning; and ye yourselves like men that wait for their Lord, when he will return from the wedding; that when he cometh and knocketh, that they may open unto him immediately. Blessed are those servants whom the Lord when he cometh shall find watching: verily I say and you that he shall gird himself, and make them to sit down to meat, and will come forth and serve them. William Rathbone next from Isa: C: 43. v: 21. This People have I formed for myself; they shall shew forth my Praise. Martha Routh next from John C: 11. v: 28. The master is come and calleth for thee. Sarah Taylor next from Isa: C: 55: v: 7. Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. Christiana Hustler and Elizabeth Hoyland had each of them a few words next, Robert Walker had a pretty long time next from Rom: C: 12. v: 2. Be not conformed to this World; but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind. Tabitha Mariot was next concerned in Prayer and Praises to Almighty God. After which John Wighams had a short but acceptable time in testimony. The meeting held near 3 hours. At 2 in the Afternoon was a meeting for discipline; before the business of the meeting was entered upon William Rountree was concerned a short time in testimony, It being the time for Guisbro', Scarbro', Owstwick and Cave Monthly meetings to chuse a Clerk, the Representatives withdrew and at their return nominated George Esthill of Scarborough meeting, who was acceptable. The 1<sup>st</sup>. 8<sup>th</sup>. Quarterly meetings Queries were then read and answered in writing from all the Monthly meetings, divers weighty remarks were then made thereon, and much weighty counsel and advice dropt in order that all were things that were amiss they might be amended and we as a People again restored into our former beautiful situation. some other business was gone thro' and then the meeting adjourn'd until next morning at 9 o Clock having held about 3 hours. After which we drunk Tea at Joshua Ingles. At 6 in the evening was a Publick meeting for Worship, which was exceedingly crowded a great many of other Societies attending, and the Lords Name and Truth was exalted above every Name William Rathbone was first concerned in Testimony from Psalms 51. v: 10. Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right Spirit within me. John Storer next stood very long was eminently favoured, being led to treat concerning the great multitude that followed Christ from place to place when in that prepared Body to do the will of him that sent him, and yet how few amongst them were true Believers in him, which appeared to him to be much the case in this our day amongst the Professors of the Christian Religion of every denomination, but he was concerned earnestly to labour with such not to content themselves with a Name or an outward Profession of following Christ, but come to believe in his inward and spiritual appearance in their hearts that so they might experience him to come in them the second time without Sin unto Salvation; and except we thus believed in him, and outward belief of what is recorded concerning him in the Scriptures of Truth would avail us nothing, but we should died in our Sins. Esther Tuke had a short time next concerning the Wise men who saw his star in the East, and by following its direction came to the place where Christ was born, whom when they had found they fell down and worshipped, opening their treasures and offering unto him Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh. After which

Sarah Taylor concluded the meeting (which held upwards of 3 hours) in Prayer and Praises to Almighty God whose Power had been eminently manifested therein to the tendering of the hearts of many.

On 26<sup>th</sup>. and 5<sup>th</sup>. of the week at 9 in the morning met pursuant to adjournment, Henry Tuke, Robert Walker, William Rathbone, John Binns, John Wighams, Joseph Brown, John Storer, and John Thompson were all concerned in testimony; the business was then entered upon, and a great deal was gone thro' to good satisfaction but as there was a good deal more upon the Book and the meeting having already held 4 hours friends concluded to adjourn again until 3rd hour in the afternoon., Met pursuant to adjournment of 3 o Clock, the remaining part of the business was gone thro' to mutual satisfaction. This meeting held about an hour, after which I drunk Tea at Joshua Ingles. At 5 in the Evening the parting meeting for Worship began which held about 2 hours and a half was large of many other Societies attending, Sarah Taylor was first concerned in testimony from Matt C: 5. v: 6. Blessed are they and which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled. John Wigham next from 1 Cor: C: 9. v: 24. They which run in a race, run all, but one receive the prize? So run that ye there may obtain. William Rathbone next, a few words, and afterwards Esther Tuke had a pretty long time, being first opened concerning the Ministry, and afterwards had an excellent invitation to the people from 1 John C: 1. v: 3. Have Fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ. John Storer had a long and favoured time in Prayer next. After which Robert Walker concluded the meeting with a lively Exhortation.

On 27<sup>th</sup>. and 6<sup>th</sup>. of week I left Leeds a little before 9 o Clock in the morning in company with William Earnshaw of Tottis, Joseph Brook of Wooldale, George Earnshaw of Shepley Woodend and my former companions, (except Sarah Dyson who return'd to Otley) came by Beeston, Churwell, Birstall and Milnbrig, to the Sine of the Pack-horse were we stopt about an hour and Din'd, Paid 6d a piece eating and 2d Liquor, then proceeded by Roberttown and Colnbrig to Kirkheaton were I parted with all my Fellow travellers except Anne Green, who call'd with me at John Taylors were we stopt about an hour and got some refreshment and then came by Woodsommill to Heighmoorhouse, were we call'd at Pheobe Haighs, tarried about an hour and got some refreshment, and so got home about 7 o Clock in the Evening, having travelled about 20 miles this day.

An Account of my Journey to Brighouse Monthly Meeting held at Halifax in the 1<sup>st</sup>. Mo. 1783

Brighouse Monthly Meeting in the 11<sup>th</sup>. and 12<sup>th</sup>. 1<sup>st</sup>. and 2<sup>nd</sup>. Months divides Leeds, Bradford and Gildersome friends meeting together to transact the weighty affairs of the Church on the last 6<sup>th</sup>. day in the Mo. but one, and Brighouse, Halifax, and Mankinholes friends On the last 6<sup>th</sup>. day and I having an inclination to be at the upper division of that Monthly meeting held at Halifax, set out towards there ye. 31<sup>st</sup>. of ye. 1<sup>st</sup>. Mo. 1783 and 6<sup>th</sup>. day of the week, about 6 o Clock in the morning and went by Shepley, and Amberry to Huddersfield, were I met at William Coopers with John Kirk of Holmfirth who accompanied me this Journey, we tarried here about an hour and Breakfasted, and then proceeded by Fixby-hall, Ealand and Salterebble to Halifax were we got just in time to the meeting which began at 11 o Clock, and was not large, in the gathering thereof my mind was so much favoured as to be made sensible that I was in the way of my duty in being there after which I was much stript and sat until towards the conclusion of the meeting in a dry barren situation of mind when Mary Firth was concerned in supplication and made instrumental to raise the life in some measure into dominion and afterwards had a very acceptable time in Testimony, after which Robert Fawcett appear'd and stood a pretty long time; At the close to the meeting was held their monthly meeting for discipline the business of which was a pretty well conducted. Both meetings held about 4 hours, After which we set out with cousin Simeon Dyson of Lower-

Goathouse, towards his house call'd at Kings cross, were we stopt about an hour and got some refreshment, and after Paying 1d a piece eating and 2d Liquor be proceeded by Sowerby. bridge, thither were we got betwixt 5 and 6 o Clock the same evening and lodg'd there that night.

On 1<sup>st</sup>. of 2<sup>nd</sup>. Mo. and 7<sup>th</sup>. day of the week about 12 o Clock we set out towards home and came by Outlanes and Milnsbrig to Delpth were we call'd at Emmanuel Brooks stopt about an hour and got some refreshment and then proceeded by Honley to Thongsbridge were I parted with John Kirk and then came by Wooldale to my dear friend William Earnshaws of Tottis were I spent betwixt 4 and 5 hours very agreeably and supp'd, and then came by Newmill to Newhouse were I got betwixt 10 and 11 o Clock this evening.

#### An Account of my Journey to the Northern Yearly Meeting held at Northwich in Cheshire in 1783

I set out from home ye. 12<sup>th</sup>. of the 4<sup>th</sup>. mo: 1783 and 7<sup>th</sup>. day of the week betwixt 7 and 8 o Clock in the morning having Joseph Lister a young man from Beeverhole near Barnsley for my companion this Journey. We went by Newmill to Tottis were we call'd and sat about half an hour at William Earnshaws who accompanied us to Holmfirth from whence we proceeded to Holm were we called at William Knights an acquaintance of mine (not to a friend) stopt about half an hour and got some refreshment and then proceeded over the Moss to Woodhead in Cheshire were we stopt about 1 hour and half at the George and Dragon and Paid 6d a Piece eating and 2d and a half Liquor and then proceeded by Tinsel to Mottram were we stopt about half an hour at the Pack horse and got some refreshment Paid 2d and a half a piece and then went by Geecross to Stockport got there about 6 o Clock we were lodg'd at my friend Caleb Birchalls, having travelled about 27 miles.

On 13<sup>th</sup>. and 1<sup>st</sup>. of the week, we set out betwixt 8 and 9 o Clock in the morning, and went by Cheadle and Hanford to Morley 8 miles were we got a little before 11 o Clock, their usual meeting time, which was pretty large there being a considerable number of friends belonging thereto, and divers sober People of other Societies attending, John Cash and his Wife from Coventry were there who had acceptable service therein. John was first concerned a pretty long time in Testimony from 2 Tim: C: 2: v: 19. Let every one that nameth the name of Christ, depart from Iniquity. Afterwards Elizabeth Cash had a few words from Matt: C: 22. v: 37. Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, with all thy Soul, and with all my mind. The meeting held upwards of 2 hours, after which we din'd at our worthy friend Thomas Cash's who lives not far from the Meetinghouse and after dinner took a walk with him about a mile to our friend James Birch's were we drunk Tea and after Tea had a Religious opportunity in his family which towards the latter part thereof was mercifully owned by the Shedding abroad of divine Love, Thomas Cash had an encouraging time therein in testimony. Afterwards we return'd with him to his house were we lodg'd, and in the evening sat with them in their family meeting which was to me a favoured opportunity altho' held in silence.

On 14<sup>th</sup>. and 2<sup>nd</sup>. of week, After Breakfast. Thomas Cash accompanied us to Samuel Taylors, and about 9 o Clock we set out for Northwich 14 miles in company with Caleb Birchall of Stockport and Samuel Taylor aforesaid, called at the Widow Mary Hewitts of Mobberley were we got a little refreshment, and then proceeded by Knutsford and Tapley to Northwich were we got about 1 o Clock in the afternoon, and took up our Quarters at the George and Dragon in Witton street a good house Paid 8d a piece Breakfasts, 12d Dinners and 10d Suppers.

On 15<sup>th</sup>. and 3<sup>rd</sup>. of the week at 9 in the morning was the Meeting of Ministers and Elders, which was pretty large and held in a great Room built on purpose for holding the Cloth Fairs in, which are usually held in this Town, The owner lending it to friends which they fitted up with seats to accommodate the Women friends in their meeting; there were

beside many Publick friends belonging the 4 Counties several Strangers as Robert Valentine from Pennsylvania in America, John Storer from Nottinghamshire, Henry Wilkin from Gloucestershire, Thomas Colley from Yorkshire, Joseph Heath and John Cash and his Wife from Warwickshire, and Rachel Wigham from Northumberland, and Hannah Shipley from Staffordshire, before the business of the meeting was entered upon Rachel Wigham, Henry Wilkin, William Rathbone and Sarah Taylor were concerned in testimony; The Queries peculiar to these meetings were then read and answered in writing from all the Monthly meetings in this County, many remarks were made thereon, and much weighty advice was dropt by sundry friends. An appointment of a number of Elders to Oversee the succeeding meetings of Worship, and advise as occasion may require was then made, and to make report at the conclusion of the meeting for Worship on 5<sup>th</sup>. day Afternoon to which time this meeting adjourn'd having held about 3 hours. At 3 in the Afternoon was the Quarterly Meeting of Discipline for Cheshire which was held in the Booth a Place built of Boards on purpose to accommodate the Yearly Meeting being 28 Yards long and 23 broad. Before the business was entered upon Henry Wilkin and Robert Valentine were concerned in testimony. The London Yearly meeting Queries were read and answered in Writing from the three monthly meetings in this County (viz) Franley Morley and Namptwich and by accounts some convincement appeared in Morley monthly meeting, and one Publick friend was deceased since last Year in Namptwich Monthly meeting of (vis) Jonathan Fallows, a testimony was produced and read concerning him. The Northern Yearly Meeting Queries were also read and answered verbally by a Friend from each monthly meeting, a great deal more business was gone thro' to pretty good satisfaction. The meeting held about 4 hours and half.

On 16<sup>th</sup>. and 4<sup>th</sup>. of the week, at 9 in the morning was a Publick meeting for Worship which was very large a great concourse of People of other Societies attending, the Booth being well filled, and the behaviour of the people commendable, they being pretty much strangers to friends there not having been that we could learn a meeting of our Society before in this Town. William Rathbone was first concerned and had an acceptable time in testimony from Rom: C: 8: v: 13. If ye live after the flesh ye shall die; but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live. John Storer had a very long time next opening the way of Life and Salvation to the People in an extraordinary manner from John C: 8. v: 24. If ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your Sins. Rachel Wigham had a pretty long time next setting forth in a lively and Powerful manner the one essential saving Baptism the substance of all Types and Shadows from Mark C: 16. v: 16. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved. Thomas Colley had afterwards a favoured time in Prayer, after which William Rathbone had a short commendatory speech to the People for their good behaviour withall informing them when the other Publick meetings would be held. At 3 in the Afternoon was another Publick meeting for Worship the concourse of People was very great the Booth being very much crowded and many could not get in, so that some friends held a meeting at the same time in the Cloth Hall, but I was in the Booth were Robert Valentine appeared first and stood pretty long being opened from Psalms 46: v: 10. Be still and know that I am God. Thomas Colley had a very long time next setting forth the nature of true spiritual Worship from our Saviours discourse with the Woman of Samaria, and afterwards was largely opened from John C: 10. v: 10. I am come that they might have Life, and that they might have it more abundantly. John Storer had a pretty long time next setting forth the excellency of the fear of the Lord from Psalms 111. v: 10. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of Wisdom. and after a short time in Silence concluded the meeting in Prayer, which held about 3 hours and that in the Forenoon about 3 hours and a half.

At 8 o Clock in the morning on the 17<sup>th</sup>. and 5<sup>th</sup>. of the week was the meeting of Conference select of friends and tho' there were a considerable number when collected together yet I thought the fewest I ever saw at any of those meetings before, Rachel Wifham, Robert Valentine, Henry Wilkin and John Storer were concerned in testimony, After which the Northern Yearly Meeting Queries were read and answered verbally by a friend from each of the 4 Counties that constitute this meeting. and by accounts it appeared that there were

some openness to hear the Testimony of Truth declared within the compass of Pardshaw Monthly meeting in Cumberland, Hardshaw Monthly Meeting in Lancashire Morley meeting in Cheshire, and the City of Chester. Afterwards Sarah Taylor was concerned in Prayer. The meeting held about 4 hours. At 3 in the Afternoon was the Parting meeting for Worship The concourse of People was very great the Booth being quite full and a great many that could not get in, but it being a fine day, they pull'd some of the Boards off at one end and the People stood without as far as they could well hear, notwithstanding, there were a meeting in the Cloth hall at the same time which I understood was crowded, but I was in the Booth, were William Rathbone was first concerned a pretty long time in testimony from the Eccle: C: 11. v. 7, 8. Truly the light is sweet, and a pleasant thing it is for the eyes to behold the sun. But If a man live many years and rejoice in them all: yet let him remember the days of darkness; for they shall be many. Thomas Colley appeared next, stood very long and was much favoured from Acts C: 17. v: 19, 20. May we know what this new doctrine whereof thus speakest is? For thou bringest certain strange things to our ears: we would know therefore will these things mean. opening the Principles of Truth to the People and informing them we had no new doctrine to declare unto them but the same as the Apostles and Primitive believers had. Rachel Wigham had a pretty long time next labouring to gather the minds of the People to the Gift of God in themselves, that so they might experience a drinking of that living Water which Christ gives an so thirst is no more after outward and shadowy observations. Henry Wilkin had a few words next, Alice Rigg had a long time next from Acts C: 17. v: 30. The times of ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to Repent. John Storer was pretty largely opened next, from the Parable of the Ten Virgins. After which Thomas Colley was concerned in Prayer, and afterwards William Rathbone had an excellent exhortation to the People from 1 Chron: C: 12. v: 18 Thine are we, David, and on thy side, the son of Jesse: peace, peace be unto thee, and peace be to thine helpers; for thy God helpeth thee. and at the conclusion thereof in the Love of the Gospel bade them farewell. The meeting held upwards of 4 hours. After which we took a walk to other Pits where they get and make Salt in large Quantities which is the principal employment of the Inhabitants of this Town.

On the 18<sup>th</sup>. and 6<sup>th</sup>. of week about half past 5 in morning we set out for Manchester 21 miles in Company with John Earnshaw and Thomas Hall of Oldham meeting, Gabriel Evans, Jonathan Bradshaw, Ralph Bradshaw, Peter Bell, and William Oddie of Manchester. John Bradshaw was a young man, come among friends sometime ago by convincement, but not yet accepted into membership, she was very near to me, all tho' I had never seen him before, his dwelling appearing to be in the simplicity of the pure Truth. We came by a Mayortown to Buckley-hill were we Breakfasted at the Swan, paid 8d a Piece stopt better than an hour, and then came by Bowden and Altrincham to Manchester in Lancashire, were we Din'd and drunk Tea at John and Samuel Wadkins tarried near 5 hours, and then came along with John Earnshaw to his house at Glodwick clough 7 miles were we got about 8 o Clock in the evening.

On 19<sup>th</sup>. and 7<sup>th</sup>. of week, we set out about 10 o Clock in the Forenoon John Earnshaw setting us on our way about 2 miles and then return'd, we came to Robert Winterbottoms of Strines in Yorkshire (not a friend) stopt half-an-hour about some business, and then came by Delpth to Marsden, in our way we saw and conversed with a Woman who wanted but a few weeks of 109 Years of age, she was walking in the Yard, and appeared to have her sight and hearing pretty well. We din'd at the Golden-fleece in Marsden, Paid 4d a piece Eating and the same for Liquor, stopt about an hour, and then came by Meltham to Holmfirth were having a little business we called at Josias Wadsworths a distant relation (but not a friend) stopt about an hour and drunk Tea, and then came to William Earnshaws of Tottis were we tarried 2 hours and supp'd, and then came by Newmill to Newhouse were we got about 10 o Clock the same Evening.

An account of my Journey to our Summer Quarterly Meeting held at York in the 6<sup>th</sup>. month  
1783

I set out from home the 22<sup>nd</sup>. of the 6<sup>th</sup>. month 1783 and 1<sup>st</sup>. day of the week betwixt 5 and 6 o Clock in the morning my Esteemed friend William Taylor accompanying me as far as Wakefield, we call'd at my Cousin John Chapmans of Lower Cumberworth who was to be my companion this Journey stopt about half an hour there, and then proceeded by Skelmanthorp Emley and Bretton to Joseph Travis's of Painthorp, , were we stopt upwards of an hour and got Tea, Town then proceeded by Sandal to Wakefield, was at a friends meeting there, which began at 11 and held about 2 to hours was small altho' several People other Societies were there,(and held in Silence) but pretty comfortable, After meeting we parted with William Taylor he returning to Joseph Travis's, and my Cousin and me din'd at Thomas Booth's, were we tarried until half past 5 o Clock and drunk Tea, the weather being extremely hot and then set out for Leeds, went by a Newton, Thorp, and Hunslet got to Gervas Storrs's about 8 o Clock in the evening were we Lodg'd.

On 23<sup>rd</sup>. and 2<sup>nd</sup>. of the week at 11 o Clock in the morning of the Monthly meeting for Worship began which was large and favoured with the company of several Strangers, and as William Matthews and John Pemberton from America, Jonathan Hodgson and his Wife from Settle Meeting, and Joseph Wright of Clifford meeting. John Pemberton was first concerned in Testimony from Matt C: 6. v: 19, 20. Lay not up for yourselves treasure upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and Steal. But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, when neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and with thieves do not break through nor steal. After which William Matthews had an encouraging time from Phil: C: 1. v: 29. Unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, but only to believe on him, but also to suffer for his sake. At the close of this meeting was held at the meeting for Discipline the business of which with was well conducted, William Payne of Balby mo: meeting and Barbara Arthington of Leeds laid before this meeting their intentions of taking each other in Marriage, also John Whitaker of Marsden Monthly meeting in Lancashire and Mary Ramsbottom of Mankinholes meeting. A great deal more business was gone thro' to good satisfaction. Both meetings held about 4 hours and a half. After dinner we went to Nathaniel English's of Shipscar were we spent several hours very agreeably and drunk Tea, his daughter Jane was lately come forth in the ministry, and appeared to be in a tender humble frame of mind. In our return to our lodgings we call'd at Benjamin Kays and Joshua Ingles, were we sat a little at each place.

On 24<sup>th</sup>. and 3<sup>rd</sup>. of week, we Breakfasted at Emmanuel Elams, and betwixt 4 and 5 o Clock set out for York in the company with Jonathan Hodgson of Settle meeting Robert and Richard Fawcett and William Wood of Halifax meeting, Richard Lapage Hannah Walton and Sarah Collier of Leeds meeting, call'd at the Publick house upon the top of Bramham moor were we stopt an hour and drunk Tea paid 8d a piece, and then proceeded by Tadcaster to the Sine of the Wildman were we stopt about 2 hours and din'd Paid 8d a piece eating and 6d Liquor and then proceeded to York, were we got about 4 o Clock, and I took up my Quarters as usual at my kind friends Anne and Rebecca Awmacs. At 5 o Clock this evening was the Quarterly Meeting for Ministers and Elders which held about 4 hours, was pretty large and favoured with the company of several Strangers as William Matthews and John Pemberton from Pennsylvania in America John Burgess from Leicestershire, Mary Gilbert from Berkshire, and Mary Routh from the Lancashire. Robert Walker and Mary Routh had each of them are a few words in Testimony. The Queries peculiar to these meetings were then read, and answered from all the monthly meetings in this county, and divers pertinent remarks were made thereon, and much weighty counsel and advice dropt by sundry friends. An appointment of three friends were then made to Oversee the succeeding meetings will Worship and advise as occasion may be require, and make report at the close of the meeting for Worship on 5<sup>th</sup>. day to which time this meeting adjourn'd.

On 25<sup>th</sup>. and 4<sup>th</sup>. of week at 9 o Clock in the morning was a meeting for Worship, which tho' select of friends was very large. John Pemberton had a pretty long time therein in Testimony first from 1 Pet. C: 1. v: 13. Gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end. John Armitage had a few words next from Deut: C: 6. v: 4. Hear, O, Israel, the Lord our God is one Lord. William Matthews had a long time next from Isa: C: 32. v: 17 The work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness, quietness and assurance for ever. Esther Tuke had a pretty long time next from Psalms 116. v: 12 What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits towards me? Afterwards Christiana Hustler concluded the meeting in Prayer which held about 3 hours. After which I Din'd at William Baistons. At 2 in the Afternoon was a Meeting for Discipline which held about 3 hours, John Pemberton was concerned in Testimony therein the Business was then entered upon and it being a at the time for the Friends of Knaresborough, Settle, Malton, Thirsk and Richmond Mo. Meetings to chuse a Clerk the representatives withdrew and at their return nominated David Priestman of Malton meeting who was acceptable. The 1<sup>st</sup>. 8<sup>th</sup>. Quarterley meeting Queries were then read and answered from all monthly meetings in this County divers weighty remarks were made thereon and suitable counsel and advice was dropt by sundry friends some other business was gone thro' and then the Meeting adjourn'd until next morning at 10 o Clock. After meeting several of us went to see the Prisoners in the Castle, got some refreshment at the in Paid 2 d a piece, and then return'd to the meeting for Worship which began at half past 6 o Clock this Evening, and was very large a great many People of other Societies attending, Mary Proud first stood very long and was much favoured from 1 Cor: C: 2: v: 11. What man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God. And William Matthews had a very long time next labouring to gather the minds of the People to the Gift of God in themselves and that by taking heed thereunto they might come to experience a real change of heart, they being created anew in Christ Jesus unto good works, for whatever name or profession as to religion we might bear without real holiness we shall never see the Lords face to our comfort. Self Pennitt had afterwards few words. The meeting held about 2 hours and a half.

On 26<sup>th</sup>. and 5<sup>th</sup>. of the week at 10 in the afternoon met pursuant to adjournment. John Pemberton was first concerned in testimony, the business was then entered upon, and a great deal was gone thro' to mutual satisfaction, being conducted in much harmony and concord, towards the conclusion thereof the Yearly Meeting Epistle was read. At 4 in the Afternoon was the Parting meeting for Worship which was very large the house and Galleries being well fill'd a great many of other Societies attending. Robert Fawcett had a few words first, Esther Tuke had a long time next from Isa: C: 59. v: 2. Your Iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your Sins have hid his face from you. Thomas Colley had an extraordinary time next from Isa: C: 55. v: 2 Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? and your labour for that which satisfieth not? hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness. At the conclusion of this meeting, one of the friends appointed to oversee the meetings for Worship reported that they had attended to the appointment, but had nothing to offer by way of complaint to this meeting (the Minister's and Elders being met together pursuant to adjournment) several matters came weightily under consideration and divers living testimonies were borne by sundry friends tending to stir up this part of the Body to more vigilance and circumspection. both meetings held about 4 hours.

On 27<sup>th</sup>. and 6<sup>th</sup>. of week about 5 o Clock in the morning we left York in company with all the friends that walkt with us from Leeds, came to Tadcaster and Breakfasted together at the White-horse paid 8d a piece stopt about 1 hour and half, and then we parted with our fellow travellers and came on by Collingham to Harewood were we Din'd at Lascelles coat of Arms, paid 8d a piece eating and 6d Liquor, stopt about an hour and a half and then proceeded by Arthington and Pool to Otley got there about 4 o Clock, were we took up our Quarters at Edward Burrows.

On 28<sup>th</sup>. and 7<sup>th</sup>. of week we spent this day amongst our friends in Otley.

On 29<sup>th</sup>. and 1<sup>st</sup>. of week in the morning we breakfasted at Michael Tealls. At 11 o Clock was at the General meeting in Town, which held about 3 hours, there were a pretty large appearance of friends and a great concourse of People of other Societies attending whose behaviour was very becoming, the Meeting House, the chamber and yob which was conveniently seated been all much crowded, several Publick friends attended from different parts of this monthly meeting, and Robert Walker from Gildersome, who stood up in the very early part of the meeting and had an extraordinary time from Rev: C: 22. v: 13. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last; directing the People unto Christs inward appearance in the secret of each heart, who is the beginner, a carryer on and finisher of the great work of mans and Redemption. After a short time in silence he had a favoured time in Prayer, and afterwards an excellent exhortation to the People, and many of whose hearts were this day bowed, and I believe in deep humility before the Lord, whose presence owned this Assembly.

On 30<sup>th</sup>. and 2<sup>nd</sup>. of week, betwixt 6 and 7 o Clock in the morning, we left Otley, and came by now and Guiseley, Esholt hall and Idle to John Hustlers of Undercliff, were we got Tea and tarried about 2 hours and then came by Bradford to John Robinsons of Upperhouse were we din'd and tarried about 3 hours and then came by Oakenshaw and Scholes to Robert Croslands of Oldfieldnook, were we tarried about 2 hours and drunk Tea, then came by Colnbridge to Kirkheaton, and Shelley to Cousin Benjamin Walkers of Paddock were I parted with my companion, tarried there about an hour and supp'd, and then came home a little after 11 o Clock this evening.

#### An Account of my Journey to the General meeting at Smeaton 7 mo: 1783

I set out from home the 12<sup>th</sup>. of the 7<sup>th</sup>. month 1783 and 7<sup>th</sup>. day of the week betwixt 4 and 5 o Clock in the Afternoon went by Denby to my Brother Samuel Woods 2 miles were I stopt upwards of half an hour and got some refreshment and then proceeded by Cawthorne and Barnsley to John Luptons of Beeverhole 8 miles, got there about 8 o Clock in the evening were I lodg'd.

On 13<sup>th</sup>. and 1<sup>st</sup>. of week about 6 o Clock in the morning I set forward on my Journey Joseph Lister accompanying me, we went by Lower-Cudworth to Kirkby were we called at the White-Lyon and got some refreshment paid 3d a piece stopt better than half an hour, and then proceeded by Kirk-Smeaton to Little-Smeaton, were the General meeting (which was formerly held at Pollington but for some years past had circulated) was this year appointed to be held, we got to our friend Thomas Haighs in this village, about half past 10 o Clock, having travelled about 14 miles this morning were we got Tea and about 11 o Clock went to the meeting, which was held in a very large Barn well fitted up with seats on purpose for the occasion; there were a considerable number friends attended, and a pretty many People of the Societies but not so many as I expected, when Thomas Colley from Sheffield, Hannah Wighams from Pontefract and Elizabeth Brady from Ackworth were there, and as Thomas Colley was born at this place and well known to the inhabitants I thought many more would have come out of curiosity but the Country hereabouts is but thinly inhabited. Elizabeth Brady had a few words in testimony first from Job C: 32. v: 8. There is a spirit in man now and: and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding. Thomas Colley appeared next was opened from Matt. C: 15. v: 8, 9. This people draweth nigh by unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips, but their heart is far from me. But in vain do they worship the, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men. he stood near 2 hours and was eminently favoured. The Meeting held 3 hours and the still solid attentive behaviour of the People was very commendable yet they did not appear to me to be so truly hungering and thirsting after righteousness as in some places where my lot have been cast, but were too much set down at ease in the traditions of their Forefathers. After meeting we din'd at Thomas Haighs along

with a great many of more friends, and the weather being extremely hot we tarried until betwixt 5 and 6 in the evening and drunk Tea, and then set out for Pontefract 6 miles got there about 8 o Clock were we lodg'd at John Wighams.

On 14<sup>th</sup>. and 2<sup>nd</sup>. of week After breakfast we call'd at John Thistlethwaits and Amelia Walkers sat a little at each place, and about 11 o Clock left Pontefract and came about a mile and a half to James Harrison's of Hardwick were we stopt upwards of 2 hours and din'd then came by Ackworth to Havercroft were we got 2 pints of Ale paid 2d a piece stopt better than half an hour and then came by Royston and Staincross to John Websters of Carr-green were we stopt better than half an hour and got some refreshment, here my companion and me parted and I came by Cawthorne to my Brother Samuel Woods of Netherdenby were I tarried near an hour and supp'd and so got home about 10 o Clock the same evening.

An Account of my Journey to the Quarterly Meeting for the counties of Derby and Nottingham held at Mansfield in Nottinghamshire in the 9<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1783.

I set out from home the 26<sup>th</sup>. of the 9<sup>th</sup>. month 1783 and 6<sup>th</sup>. day of the week betwixt 8 and 9 o Clock in the morning having John Broadhead a young man who lived with Thomas Roberts of Wooldale for my companion this Journey, we went by Birchworth to Penistone were we stopt about an hour, at Godfrey Woodheads and got some refreshment then proceeded by Wortley and Wadsley. bridge to Owellerton were we call'd to see William Benson, stopt about an hour and din'd there then proceeded to William Rotherfords of Uppertorp, were we tarried 2 hours and drunk Tea, and from thence went to William Wrights of Sheffield, sat a little there, and afterwards at John Holbens, got to John Barlows about 7 o Clock in the Evening were we lodg'd.

On the 27<sup>th</sup>. and 7<sup>th</sup>. of the week in the morning we went to see Caleb Dickinsons, and return'd from thence to John Barlows to Breakfast, after which we went to Hannah Friths and James Booths sat a little at each place and about 10 o Clock set out for Mansfield 23 miles, went by Mosborough in Derbyshire and Eckington to Renneshaw were we stopt about 2 hours at the three Black jacks and din'd paid 6d a piece eating and 4d Liquor, then proceeded by a Balborough and Clown to Plesley were we stopt an hour at the Nags head and drunk Tea paid 6d a piece and then proceeded on our Journey got Mansfield in Nottinghamshire about 7 o Clock in the evening were we took up our Quarters at George Ellis's.

On 28<sup>th</sup>. and 1<sup>st</sup>. of the week, was at their forenoon Meeting in Town which began at 10 and held 2 hours, was small altho' larger than usual, several friends from different parts being there who were come to attend the ensuing Quarterly Meeting amongst others our friend Tabitha Mariot from Lancashire, several of the Towns People likewise came in. Tabitha Mariot was first concerned in Testimony stood long and was much favoured from Matt: C: 11: v: 29 Learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart. Afterwards Mary Leaver had a pretty long time from Rom: C: 2: v. 28, 29. He is not a Jew which is one of outwardly; neither is that circumcision which is outward in the Flesh: But he is a Jew that is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart. At 2 in the Afternoon the Quarterly Meeting for Worship began which was very large and a great concourse of People of other Societies attending, so that the house and Galleries were much crowded, and many of return'd because they could not get in, John Storer was first concerned in Testimony from Isa: C: 57. v: 15. Thus saith the high and lofty one that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones; stood pretty long and was favoured; Tabitha Mariot had an extraordinary time in Prayer next. After which John Storer appeared again stood very long and was much favoured from 2 Pet: C: 1: v: 10. Give diligence to make your calling and election sure. The Meeting held upwards of 3 hours. At 6 in the evening was the Meeting of Ministers and Elders which was held in William Mariots parlour, was but

small but pretty comfortable, and the usual Queries were read and considered but no Answers given from any of the Monthly meetings After which Tabitha Mariot had an excellent testimony to the Truth, and John Storer was afterwards concerned in Prayer, the Meeting held betwixt 2 and 3 hours.

On 29<sup>th</sup>. and 2<sup>nd</sup>. of week at 9 o Clock in the morning was another Meeting for Worship, pretty large of friends and some few of other Societies attended, John Storer appeared first and stood pretty long from Matt C: 18: v: 20 Where two or three are gathered together in my Name there shall my presence be in the midst of them. Mary Leaver next stood a considerable time from Mark. C: 13. v: 37. What I say unto you, I say unto all, Watch. Tabitha Mariot had an extraordinary time next from Rev: C: 2: v: 5. Repent, and do the first works: or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place. John Storer was afterwards concerned in Prayer. At the close of this meeting was held the Meeting for Discipline, in which the Quarterley meeting Queries were read and Answered in writing from the 3 Monthly Meetings in these Counties, viz. Nottingham, Mansfield, and Chesterfield a pretty deal more business was gone thro' to good satisfaction. Both Meetings held 4 hours and a half. After which we Din'd at Richard Leavers and after dinner return'd and sat a little at George Ellis's, and about 3 o Clock set out for Broomhouse in Company with Elizabeth and Anne Dent two of David Dents daughters the younger about 9 years of age, and Hannah Yates a Young Woman from Blyth who all walkt with us, we went by Warsop to Norton were we stopt about half an hour at an Inn and got 3 pints of Ale paid 6d and then proceeded, had a fine prospect on the left hand side of the road of Welbeck the seat of the Duke of Portland, in whose Park there is growing an oak tree, which a Coach road cuts through the middle thereof. then passing through Worksop we got to David Dents at Broomhouse about 8 o Clock in the Evening (and having travelled 14 miles this Afternoon) were we lodg'd.

On 30<sup>th</sup>. and 3<sup>rd</sup>. of the week, had an appointed Meeting at this place, with Friends from Blyth meeting, which was small and heavy in the forepart thereof, but ended well. I was three times concerned in Testimony therein, the first from Hos: C: 11. v: 12. Ephraim compasseth me about with lyes, and the house of Israel with deceit: but Judah yet ruleth with God, and is faithful with her saints. The second time from Matt. C: 5. v: 16 Let your light so shine before men that they may seek your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. The third time from 1 Tim: C: 1. v: 15. This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners of whom I am the chief. Afterwards I had a few words more of Exhortation to the Youth. The meeting began at 11 and held upwards of 2 hours, my mind was made truly thankful for the opportunity, being strengthened to discharge my duty faithfully to the various states present. At this meeting was one Anne Johnson from Worksop a woman who had been educated amongst the Roman.Catholics, but coming under Religious concern of mind she left them and for some time went amongst the Methodists, but not finding that satisfaction she expected, left them likewise and came among friends, having attended our meetings about 2 Years; she appeared to me to be a tender spirited Woman, I felt near to her and cannot but earnestly desire her preservation.

On the 1<sup>st</sup>. of the 10<sup>th</sup>. month and 4<sup>th</sup>. of the week, about 10 o Clock in the forenoon we left Broomhouse, and went by Carlton to Blyth 4 miles were we lookt into friends Meetinghouse and Burying Ground which is pleasantly situated and kept in neat order. We stopt about 2 hours and a half at Benjamin Wilson's a friend in this Town, and Din'd, then set out for Doncaster 12 miles, in order to be at Balby monthly meeting to be held at Warnsworth the day following, came by Harworth and Rossington in Yorkshire, to Doncaster, call'd by the way and got each of us a pint of Ale, paid 2d a piece, got to our friend Richard Cockens about 6 o Clock in the Evening were we lodg'd.

On 2<sup>nd</sup>. and 5<sup>th</sup>. of the week, in the morning we went to Timothy Clarks were we Breakfasted, and afterwards went to see Hannah Walker were we sat a little and drunk a Glass of Wine and then return'd to Richard Cockens, and about 10 o Clock set out with him and his

wife, went by Balby to Warnsworth the 3 miles were we got just in time to the meeting for Worship which began at 11, and as a friend told me was larger than he ever remember seeing one there before, there were several Publick friends attended belonging their own Monthly Meeting, and we very unexpectedly met with our friend Anne Dent from Nottinghamshire there, Thomas Colley had a pretty long and acceptable time therein in testimony from Psalms 68: v: 1. Let God arise, let his enemies be scattered; let them also that hate him flee before him. At the close of this meeting was held the monthly meeting for Discipline, in which the business of the 4 Preparative meetings that constitute the same viz. Warnsworth, Sheffield, Woodhouse, and Thorne was gone thro' to pretty good satisfaction, Edward Hobson of Woodhouse Meeting and Anne Booth of Sheffield laid before this their intentions of taking each other in marriage. Both Meetings held about 3 hours and a half. After which we din'd at Catharine Aldhams and about 4 o Clock set out for Upper-haugh 9 miles, Jared Collier of Newel going along with us about 8 miles in his way home, we went by Coningsborough, Hooton-roberts and Kilnhirst got to Joseph Clarks of Upper-haugh about 7 o Clock in the evening were we lodg'd.

On 3<sup>rd</sup>. and 6<sup>th</sup>. of the week, we set out about 9 o Clock in the morning, came by Wombwell and Stairfoot to John Luptons of Beever.hole were we stopt about 3 hours and Din'd, then set forward again, Joseph Lister setting us on away several miles, we came by Barnsley and Cawthorne to my Brother Samuel Woods of Netherdenby. After Tea my companions set out towards home, but I tarried betwixt 4 and 5 hours, and supp'd, then came by Denby to Newhouse were I got about 10 o Clock the same Evening having travelled 18 miles this day.

The following Manuscript I met with at a friends house in the beforementioned Journey which I chuse to insert here.

### Publius Lentulus's Letter to the Senater of Rome being a true description of our Lord Jesus Christ.

It being the custom of the Roman Governors to advertise the Senate and People of such material things as happened in their respective Provinces. In the days of Tiberius Caesar the Emperor, Publius Lentulus president of Judea, wrote the following Epistle to the Senate concerning our Blessed Saviour. There appeared in these our days a man of great virtue named Jesus Christ who is yet living among us, and of the Gentiles is accepted for a Prophet of truth. But his own Disciples call him the Son of God, he raiseth the Dead and cures all manner of diseases a man of Stature somewhat tall and comely with a very reverent countenance such as the beholders may both love and fear, his hair is of the colour of a chestnut fall ripe, plain to his ears, in the midst of his head a seam or partion of his hair, after the manner of the Nazarites , his forehead plain and very delicate, his face without spot or wrinkle beautified with a lovely red, his nose and mouth so formed as nothing can be reprehended, his beard thickish in colour like the hair of his head, not very long but forked, his look innocent and mature, his eyes grey and clear, quick in reprovig, he is terrible in admonishing, courteous and fair spoken, pleasant in conversation mixt with Gravity, it cannot be remembered that any have seen him laugh but many have seen him weep, in proportion of body most excellent, his hands and arms very delectable to behold, in speaking very temperate, modest and wise. A man for his singular beauty surpassing the Children of men.

From a Lady extremely ill at Bath to her Husband at London

Thou who doth all my worldly thoughts employ  
Thou pleasing source of all my earthly Joy  
Thou tenderest Husband and thou best of Friends  
To thee this fond this last Adieu I send  
At length the conqueror Death asserts his right  
And will for ever vail me from thy sight  
He woos me to him with a cheerfull grace  
And not one terror clouds his meager face  
He promises a lasting rest from pain  
And shews that all Life's fleeting Joys are vain  
The eternal scenes of heaven he sets in view  
And tells me that no other Joys are true  
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Our friends William Sowerby and Hannah Wigham acquainted our Monthly Meeting held at Burton with a concern that had been some time on their minds to pay a Religious visit to the families of friends in our meeting, and having the unity and approbation of the said meeting, to proceed therein as way might open, they came with the friends from this side the same Evening being ye. 13<sup>th</sup>. of ye. 11<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1783.

On 14<sup>th</sup>. of 11<sup>th</sup>. mo: and 6<sup>th</sup>. of week in the forenoon was at an our Week day meeting at Highflatts towards the the conclusion thereof William Sowerby had a few words in Testimony, exhorting us to wait upon the Lord that so we might know in our own experience, that he is good.

After meeting we came down to my Fathers Samuel Woods of Newhouse together, (William Earnshaw coming along with us who accompanied us on the visit until first day) were we din'd, before Dinner William Sowerby was concerned in Prayer that the Lord would be pleased to be near us, and unite us Spirits together, and prosper his work in our hands, and that he would bless this family, and enable us to walk before him uprightly. After dinner, they sat with the family It was rather a lowish time in the forepart thereof but ended well Hannah Wigham appeared first from Matt C: 6. v: 33. Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you. William Earnshaw next, Hannah Wigham next, William Earnshaw next, William Sowerby next, Hannah Wigham next William Sowerby had a few words more, the various states of the family were spoke to, the rightly

concerned were encouraged to come up in obedience, and not be too thoughtful about the things of this Life, nor rest at ease in a state of Poverty of Spirit, and that the Elders might be engaged to dig as with their staves in their hands and bear the ark and of the testimony as upon their shoulders in the sight of the People, and those who were anointed for the work of the ministry, to come up in more are devotedness of heart, and not be ashamed to speak of the Lords goodness. The unexperienced were intreated to take up their cross, and be willing to bear it in the days of their youth, and be cautious of their company.

From thence we proceeded to Tobias Mallinsons of Wood, were we had a poor low time, Hannah Wigham had a short time in testimony therein and warning them against seeking after the company and friendship of the world which had been hurtful to many amongst us. After which we drunk Tea there, and William Sowerby had some very suitable advice to drop to the Youth.

From thence we went to Daniel Brooks were we had a painful laborious time, The danger of resting contented with a Profession without a Profession in the Truth was set before them, and are they intreated to join in with the renewed offers of Gods Love, that so they might experience their calling and Election made sure, and be united in Love to God, one unto another and all mankind. and cautioned against a murmuring repining disconted Spirit which was very hurtful where it prevailed. Hannah Wigham appeared twice, afterwards William Sowerby twice, after which Hannah Wigham appeared again and afterwards William Earnshaw had a few words. From thence we return'd to Tobias Mallinsons to Supper were the men friends Lodg'd but the Women friends came up with me to sleep at my Fathers.

On 15<sup>th</sup>. and 7<sup>th</sup>. of week.

This morning we went to Ann Greens of Moorroidnook, and sat with her and Martha Radley of Park together. It was an open satisfactory time William Sowerby appeared first from James C: 4. v: 8. Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Hannah Wigham next from Cant: C: 2. v: 15. Take us the foxes the little foxes, that spoil the vines. William Earnshaw appeared three times next, After which William Sowerby appeared again from Prov: C: 10: v: 4. The hand of the diligent maketh rich. and Afterwards Hannah Wigham and William Sowerby had each of them a pretty long time. They were encouraged to draw night in spirit unto the Lord, and be willing to part with everything he call'd for, and not be too thoughtful about their dress, but be diligent in a spiritual labour of that their Souls might be favoured with that blessing that makes truly rich and adds no sorrow with it, a great deal of counsel and advice was dropt tending to strengthen those good desires which were at times rais'd in their minds, and to discourage everything of a contrary nature.

From thence we went to Henry Dickinsons of Strines were we had a very long and laborious time, I appeared first, Hannah Wigham next William Sowerby next, Hannah Wigham next, William Earnshaw next, Hannah Wigham next, and afterwards William Sowerby again. The danger of keeping loose company, and slighting the counsel and advice of Religious parents who were concerned for their Welfare, was largely opened unto the Children, and they were intreated to come up in obedience to God and their Parents, and to be concerned to know the God of their Fathers and serve him with a Perfect heart and willing mind that so they might experience preservation in the time of Temptation. The Parents were encouraged to persevere in the way of well doing, and if their Godly Labours for their Childrens preservation had not the desired effect, to be aware of suffering wrath to have place in their minds, instancing the case of Moses who when exceedingly try'd and prov'd with the Children of Israel said unto them Numb: C: 20. v: 10. Hear now ye rebels. which was so offensive to the Almighty that he was not to enter the promised Land. At the conclusion of this Opportunity Henry Dickinson exprest his full unity with the labour bestowed.

From thence we went to Elihu Dickinsons Tanners of Highflatts were we din'd, and after dinner sat with the family. A renewed call appeared to be extended towards them, and the danger of being diverted from coming up in obedience thereunto by seeking too much after the things of this life were largely opened unto them. Hannah Wigham had a long time first from Jer: C: 45. v: 5. Seekest thou great things for thyself? seek them not. William

Earnshaw had a pretty long time next, afterwards Hannah Wigham from Prov: C: 3: v: 17. Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace.

From thence we went to Joseph Haighs were we had an open satisfactory time, The Parents were encouraged to come forward in the line of their duty, and to train up their children in the fear of the Lord. William Sowerby appeared three times, first, Hannah Wigham had a long time next. and afterwards William Earnshaw. From thence we return'd to Elihu Dickinsons Tanners to Tea, after which Dinah Woodhead went home, and joined us again the next day after meeting.

From thence we went to Henry Dickinsons, were his Father and Mother met us and sat with us in their family. Hannah Wigham had a long time therein first, I had a few words next, William Earnshaw next, William Sowerby appeared several times next and afterwards William Earnshaw had a few words more, after which Henry Dickinson had a pretty long time. It was a laborious season but ended up pretty well, they were; intreated not to rest themselves at ease in the form, nor be contented with being the descendants of believing Parents, but come under a living concern and exercise of mind, that a double portion of their good spirit might rest upon them, that so as faithful Elders were removed there might be a succession from one generation to another to fill up their places. From thence we went to Elihu Dickinsons Clothiers were the friends Lodg'd but after supper I came home.

On 16<sup>th</sup>. and 1<sup>st</sup>. of week

In the morning we sat at Elihu Dickinsons Clothiers, Hannah Wigham had a pretty long and encouraging and time therein, were there but a disposition of mind to take place to seek after that which is good from Matt. C: 7. v: 7, and 8. Ask, and it shall be giving you; seek and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. For every one that asketh receiveth, and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

At 11 o Clock was at our Meeting at Highflatts which was not very large but upon the whole open and satisfactory, Hannah Wigham was first concerned in testimony from John C: 12. v: 26. Where I am, there shall also my servant be. William Earnshaw had a pretty long time next, William Sowerby next from Eccle: C: 10. v: 18. Through Idleness of hands the house droppeth through. Hannah Wigham had a favoured time next from Rom: C: 12. v: 1. I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God which is your reasonable service. After which Henry Dickinson had a long time. After Meeting William Earnshaw left us and went home.

From thence we went and sat with Sarah Hinchcliffe (+) to some degree of satisfaction William Sowerby appeared twice therein, the first time from the Parable of the grain mustard seed, and the latter time from the lost piece of Silver From thence we went to Elihu Dickinsons were we din'd.

At 4 o Clock was at the Evening meeting which was considerably larger than usual the forepart thereof was dark and cloudy, but Truth at length broke through and Hannah Wigham had three long and favoured times in testimony, the first from Gal: C: 6. v: 9 Let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap if we faint not. The second from Psalms 27. v: 4. One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of Lord, and to enquire in his Temple. and the third time from 2 Chron: 1. v: 10. Give Me now wisdom and knowledge, that I may go out and come in before this People, Afterwards William Sowerby had a few words. After meeting we went to Elihu Dickinsons were the friends lodg'd but after Tea I came home.

On 17<sup>th</sup>. and 2<sup>nd</sup>. of week

In the morning we went to James Dickinsons of Folly were we had a painful laborious time, The Parents were intreated to come up in the faithful discharge their duty to their offspring, and Children cautioned against running into unprofitable company, and to avoid foolish jesting and vain talking but a painful jealousy seized our minds that the hearts of the youth were so much filled with other guests, that there were not room to receive the wholesome advice at this time given, Hannah Wigham appeared twice and afterwards William Sowerby

several times, After which I had a few words, and after we had got upon our feet and William Sowerby and Hannah Wigham had each if few words more to the Elder daughter. From thence we went to Joshua Dickinsons, were we could feel but little of the life of true Religion William Sowerby appeared twice exhorting them to seek after that blessing which makes truly rich and adds no sorrow with it, expressing a jealousy that this concern was much a wanting.

From thence we went to Joseph Priests of Bellroyd were we din'd, and after dinner sat with the family It was rather a lowish time in the forepart thereof but ended comfortably. Hannah Wigham had a long time first from Luke C: 10. v: 7. The labourer is worthy of his hire. Afterwards Williams Sowerby appeared three times and afterwards Hannah Wigham had a few words more, things opened in an encouraging manner to the Parents, were they but willing to come up in obedience, and not sit down at ease in a state of Poverty, a great deal of very suitable advice was dropt to the youth, intreating them to be cautious of their company and not frequent Fairs, and to guard against a light and airiy conversation.

From thence we went to Thomas Dickinsons were William Sowerby appeared three times, first from Heb: C: 13. v: 14. Here have we no continuing city, but we seek one to come. recommending this concern of mind to them, that so they might be prepared for their final change. and Secondly had a good deal of suitable advice to drop unto the children from Eph: C: 6. v: 1. Children, obey your Parents in the Lord: for this is right. and Lastly had a few words to those who were under bodily affliction intreating them to be patient and resigned to the Lords will, after which we return'd to Joseph Priests were we drunk Tea.

From thence for we went to Benjamin Dickinsons of Thurlstone were we Lodg'd, and in the evening sat with the family. It was upon me the whole a poor low time, notwithstanding Hannah Wigham was opened in an encouraging manner to some states present who appeared to be near the Kingdom, and afterwards appeared again from Isa: C: 40. v. 30, 31. The youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men are shall utterly Fall: but they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength.

On 18<sup>th</sup>. and 3<sup>rd</sup>. of week

In the morning we went to Thomas Earnshaws of Langside, and sat with their family, and Mary Sanderson of Middop together, Hannah Wigham appeared first from Prov: C: 22. v: 6. Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it. After a short time in Silence She appear'd again, cautioning those who were under affliction of body against relying too much upon the Physicians, but to seek unto the Lord for help, lest he should be offended For altho' they might be useful in their places, yet if the dependence of any were too much placed upon them it would not be well pleasing unto the Almighty, instancing, the case of one of the Kings of Israel 2 Chron: C: 16. v: 12. And Asa in the thirty and ninth year of his reign was diseased in his feet, until his disease was exceeding great; yet in his disease he sought not to the Lord, but to the Physicians. A great deal of weighty counsel and advice what afterwards dropt by William Sowerby who appeared several times to the various states in the family, and there appeared an openness in their minds to receive the same, so that the opportunity was upon the whole to good satisfaction. At the close thereof William Sowerby had a plain close testimony to bear to Mary Sanderson, setting before her the necessity there was for her to experience a real change of heart. After which we din'd here.

From thence for we went to John Greens of Judfield Lanehead were we had a painful suffering time Hannah Wigham appeared first from 1 John C: 4. v: 8. God is love. William Sowerby appeared next and afterwards Hannah Wigham had a long time. The man and his wife were in treated to love God above all and then they would dwell in true love and unity one with another, but for want of this a painful breach thereof was evidently felt. The young man, her Son was intreated to come up in obedience to the renewed visitation at this time felt to be extended towards him to the tendering of his heart.

From thence we went to George Chapmans of Penistone were we drunk Tea, and afterwards sat with the Family. We were dipt into deep suffering in sympathy with those who were oftens in this state, Hannah Wigham appeared first from Psalms 36. v: 6. Thy judgments

are a great deep. William Sowerby next from Luke C: 10. v: 7. The labourer is worthy of his hire. After which Hannah Wigham William Sowerby had each of them a long time. Things opened in an encouraging manner to those who were oftens dipt into the deeps, such were intreated to come up in obedience to what the Lord required of them, and not to be too much discouraged in a State of Suffering, if they did not bring it upon themselves through their own disobedience, as everyone whom the Lord makes useful in his hand are refined in the furnace of Affliction, in order that they may be the better able to bear the weights and burdens that may befall them, and become more useful to others.

Afterwards the family withdrew and we sat with Ann Batty (+) in the same room. William Sowerby and Hannah Wigham, had each some suitable counsel and advice to drop, which reached the witness of Truth, and broke her into tenderness. After which we supp'd here, and after Supper, the friends return'd to Benjamin Dickinsons to lodge, but I slept with my respected friend George Chapman.

On 19<sup>th</sup>. and 4<sup>th</sup>. of week

In the morning I call'd of the friends at Benjamin Dickinsons, and from thence we went to David Dickinsons of Batty-mill, were we had a comfortable opportunity, they were encouraged to come forward in the line of their duty, and not look too much at those things that might arise for their discouragement for if there were but a will the Lord would make a way. Hannah Wigham had a long time first and afterwards were William Sowerby from Luke C: 13. v: 24. Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able.

From thence we return'd to Thurlstone to Jonathon Greens, were we sat with him and his daughter Dorothy Roebuck (+) together, It was a painful distressing time he appeared to be in a very dry barren situation of mind. I had a few words to him first, and afterwards Hannah Wigham had a pretty long time being opened from the parable of the fruitless Figtree. After we had got on our feet Hannah Wigham had an open encouraging time to the daughter who appeared very tender, and afterwards I had a few words.

From thence we return'd to Benjamin Dickinsons were we din'd, and after dinner, sat with William Earnshaw (+) and his Wife of Carlcoats who were requested to meet us here. It was a poor low time William Sowerby appeared first from 2 Tim: C: 2. v: 19. Let everyone that nameth the name of Christ depart from Iniquity. Afterwards had another pretty long time exhorting them not to rest content in a dry barren situation of mind, but come under a concern to experience redemption therefrom, by being regenerated and born again without which none can see the Kingdom of God. Afterwards we had an opportunity with that of the three ancient Women who reside in the family; and after that with the youth by themselves, and afterwards with the friend and his Wife, their various states were opened, and much suitable counsel and advice was dropt by William Sowerby and Hannah Wigham and I would willingly hope the abundant labour at this time bestowed will tend to the advantage of some state or states in this family.

From thence we went to Samuel Woods of Netherdenby were we lodg'd, and after Tea sat with the family to some degree of satisfaction, Hannah Wigham had a long time first from Heb: C: 12. v. 6, and 8. Whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth. but if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then ye are bastards and not Sons. Exhorting the heads of the family when overtaken in a fault to endure the chastisement of the Lord for the same, and be careful to do so no more, that their conduct might not be in any respect a reproach to their profession William Sowerby had an open time next imparting much weighty counsel and advice to the youth. Afterwards Hannah Wigham had a long and highly favoured time to them from Prov: C: 1. v: 10. My Son if sinners entice thee, consent thou not.

On 20<sup>th</sup>. and 5<sup>th</sup>. of week

After Breakfast William Sowerby had a few words to drop to the heads of the family, intreating them to dwell near that which is good in themselves, that so they might be good examples to those who were under their care. From thence we went to Joseph Steads of Toppett, were we had an open satisfactory time, William Sowerby appeared first in an

encouraging manner expressing that altho' the spring of Life seemed low, yet he believed if they were but concerned to wait upon the Lord at night when their heads were laid upon their pillows, and see how they had spent the day, and in the morning to feel the spirit of prayer and supplication poured forth upon them for preservation, they would experience strength to come forward in the line of their respective duties. Hannah Wigham had a long and highly favoured time next from Matt: C: 18. v: 8, 9. If thy hand or thy foot offend thee cut them off, and cast them from thee: it is better for thee to enter into life halt or maimed, rather than having two hands or two feet to be cast into everlasting fire, and if thine eye offend thee pluck it out, and cast it from thee: it is better for thee to enter into Life with one eye, rather than having two eyes to be cast into hellfire. Intreating them that has they had given up many things for the sake of Truth, that they would not make any reserve but be willing to part with every thing the Lord required at their hands, and not spare the best of things as Saul did when he was sent to destroy Amalek for obedience remains to be better than sacrifice. expressing the satisfaction she had felt, that there was a care rested upon them to train up their children in a becoming manner, and encouraging them to preserve therein. William Sowerby had a pretty long time next from Judg: C: 5. v: 6 and 7. The highways were unoccupied, the inhabitants of the villages ceased. That altho' this was too much the lamentable situation in our Society, too few being concerned to travel in the high road to heaven, yet he would not have them to take example by such, believing they had suffered loss thereby, but as the good hand was felt to be near, he would have them encouraged to come forward in the way of their duty, and in a diligent attendance of Meetings for Worship and Discipline, and then he was fully perswaded they would become useful therein. Afterwards we din'd here.

From thence we proceeded to Samuel Haighs of Denby, were we had a poor dull time, William Sowerby appeared twice therein, exhorting them not to let the care for the body, exceed that for the Soul, nor sit down at ease, in a Lifeless indifferent state.

From thence we went to Joshua Priests (+) and sat with his family and John Priest (+) of Cathill foot together. It was a poor low time, William Sowerby appeared three times therein, was opened from 2 kings C: 20. v: 1. Set thine house in order; for thou shalt die and not live. setting before them the necessity there was for them to be prepared for their final change, by coming under a concern of mind to experience a state of freedom from Sin on this side the Grave, for without holiness none can ever see the Lord to their comfort.

From thence we went to Joseph Beaumonts were we drunk Tea, and afterwards sat with the family. William Sowerby appeared first from John C: 6: v: 27. Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life. It was for want of this spiritual labour, that some were ready almost to faint, setting before them the necessity there was for them to come under this exercise, and afterwards had an encouraging time to their Son from Prov: C: 3. v: 5. Trust in the Lord with all thine heart: and lean not unto thine own understanding. After which we supp'd here, and after supper came up to Highflatts were the friends lodg'd at Elihu Dickinsons but I came home.

On 21<sup>st</sup>. and 6<sup>th</sup>. of week

In the forenoon was at our week day meeting at Highflatts which was larger than usual, Henry Dickinson had a few words therein first from Luke C: 10. v. 40, 41. Martha, Martha, thou art careful, and troubled about many things: but one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her. Hannah Wigham had a very long time next from Gen: C: 22. v: 5. Abide here with the ass: and I and the lad will go yonder and worship: afterwards William Sowerby had a few words labouring to stir us up to a more diligent attendance of week day meetings.

At the close of this meeting we sat in the Meetinghouse with John Ellis (+) of Woodnook and John Haigh (+) of Birchworth together. William Sowerby appeared twice and afterwards Hannah Wigham had a pretty long time, they were encouraged notwithstanding they appeared to be in a very Wounded situation to seek after that which was able to heal them, and which was at this time felt to be extended towards them. Afterwards we Din'd at Elihu Dickinsons, and after dinner had a satisfactory opportunity with him and his Wife a great deal of suitable

advice being dropt unto them. William Sowerby appeared first Hannah Wigham next and afterwards William Sowerby had a few words more.

From thence we went to Joshua Marsdens (+) of Birdsedge were we had a painful afflicting time with his Wife and family (he being from home) under a sense of the dull stupid senseless benumb'd state that some were unhappily fall'n into, Hannah Wigham had a long time first expressing a desire she had felt that the eyes of those who were grown dim might be again reanointed, and that all the prejudice might be laid aside, shewing to the dangerous consequence of letting anything of this sort have place in the mind, as well as neglecting the attendance of Meetings. Afterwards William Sowerby had a very plain close time from Jer: C: 48. v: 10. Cursed be he that doeth the work of the Lord deceitfully.

From thence we went to Joseph Firths of Shepley-lanehead were we Lodg'd, and after Tea sat with the family, Hannah Wigham had a long time therein setting before them the necessity there was for all those who were active in the Church, to know a being refined, and frequently baptized in their Spirits without which what ever outward qualifications they might have they could not be truly useful.

On 22<sup>nd</sup>. and 7<sup>th</sup>. of week.

In the morning we went to Abraham Beaumonts (+) of Deershaw, and sat with his family and Anne Gouldthorp (+) of Upper.Holmhouse together. It was a poor low time, William Sowerby appeared three times therein being first opened from Hosea C: 13. v: 9. O Israel, thou hast destroyed thyself; but in me is thine help. Afterwards he had some suitable counsel and advice to the Children and also to the Parents labouring that they might come under a concern to train them up in the nurture and admonition and fear of the Lord which they could not do except they were concerned to live in his fear themselves.

From thence we went to John Haighs (+) of Epsomhouse, were we had a pretty satisfactory opportunity Hannah Wigham appeared first and afterwards William Sowerby from 1 John C: 1. v: 3. Have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.

From thence we went to Joseph Haighs were we din'd, and after dinner sat with the family. It was a suffering time in silence. After we got upon our feet William Sowerby had some suitable counsel and advice to drop to his Wife.

From thence we went to Joshua Broadheads of Wooldale were we drunk Tea, and afterwards went to Ann Haighs, and sat with her family. Hannah Wigham had a pretty long time therein exhorted them not to sit down in ease and indifferency, but be concerned and frequently to retire in their spirits, that so they might know the been rightly prepared for their final change.

From thence we return'd to Joshua Broadheads were we lodg'd and in the Evening sat with the family. Hannah Wigham appeared first, intreating some to give up to the Lords requirings, and not keep back what he had given them to distribute to others, for by so doing they not only hurt themselves but others also, Afterwards William Sowerby appeared much to the same import. I then gave up to a few words which had lain for some time with considerable weight upon my mind from Matt C: 22. v: 37. Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart. After which Hannah Wigham was much enlarged upon the same subject, and afterwards William Sowerby had a few words. Joshua was intreated not to set his affections so much a form the things of this world nor to dwell at ease in ..... houses whilst the house of God lieth waste, but come under a religious concern for his own good and the good of the Church, and then he would be of some use in his day age and generation.

On 23<sup>rd</sup>. and 1<sup>st</sup>. of week

Was at our meeting held at Wooldale which was very large of friends and a great many of other Societies attended, Hannah Wigham had a long and favoured time in supplication, and afterwards Henry Dickinson had a pretty long time in testimony At the close of this meeting was held a meeting for discipline, a number of friends being here who were under appointment of the Monthly Meeting to call upon the respective members there of for an account of their Sufferings, and enquire how they stood clear in our Testimony against Tythes

Priests demands, those call'd Church rates, and the militia and were weakness and unfaithfulness appear'd to administer necessary counsel and advice. The 4<sup>th</sup>. and 6<sup>th</sup>. Quarterley meeting Queries were read and answered by all the heads of families present, some weighty remarks were made thereon, and suitable counsel and advice was dropt by sundry friends. Both meetings held 4 hours and a half, after which we din'd at Joshua Broadheads. After Dinner William Sowerby, William Earnshaw, Godfrey Woodhead, John Webster, Jeremiah Smith and myself, being under appointment of the Monthly meeting sat here with William Taylor a young Man who had attended our meetings many years and requested to be admitted a member of the Society. At our request Hannah Wigham joined us in that the said visit which was to a very good satisfaction week being a unanimous in our opinion that he was worthy of the notice of friends. William Sowerby was concerned therein in testimony first from Matt: C: 5. v: 3. Blessed are the poor in Spirit. Afterwards Hannah Wigham had a very long and encouraging time from John C: 13. v: 1. Having loved his own which were in the world, he loved them unto the end. In the Evening we came to Godfrey Woodheads of Foulstone were we Lodg'd.

On 24<sup>th</sup>. and 2<sup>nd</sup>. of week

In the morning we went and sat with Arthur Jepsons were we had a poor distressing time from a sense of the darkness and insensibility that appeared to us to cover their spirits. I had a few words first, Hannah Wigham had a long time next from Eccle: C: 12. v: 13. Fear God, and keep his commandments; for this is the whole duty of man. Afterwards William Sowerby had a pretty long time.

Afterwards we sat with William Jepsons (+) Hannah Wigham had a pretty long time first, William Sowerby next, I appeared next, and afterwards William Sowerby had a few words more. They were call'd upon to awake out of that dull sleepy state which seem'd to cover their minds, that Christ might give them light, and cautioned against unprofitable company and conversation, but instead thereof to retire to that Gift, which God had placed in the secret of each heart, that so they might experience a being brought out of the spirit of the world, into which they appeared to be too much leavened.

From thence we went to Joseph Woodheads junr. were we din'd, and after dinner sat with the family we were much stript and for some time sat in great weakness and feebleness of mind, but Truth arose for our help, and Hannah Wigham had a pretty long and encouraging time, to those who were oftens deeply try'd and prov'd, and at times sorely beset within and without from Exo. C: 14. v: 13. Stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord, which he will shew to you to day: for the Egyptians whom ye have seen to day, shall ye see them again no more for ever. Afterwards William Sowerby appeared twice encouraging them to come up in obedience to the Lords requirings, instancing the case of the Children of Israel when commanded of the Lord to go up against their enemies to battle, but they refused, until they felt his displeasure, and then went up without his renewed command, and thereby brought themselves under greater sufferings, he could not therefore but desire that those who were called into service might be willing to go forth in the Lords time and with his strength lest this should should be their case.

From thence we went to Joseph Woodheads Senr. were we had a pretty satisfactory time William Sowerby was led in an encouraging manner to some state from 2 Cor: C: 12. v: 9. My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness.

From thence we return'd to Godfrey Woodheads to Tea, were we lodg'd and in the evening sat with the Family. It was an open favoured time Hannah Wigham was first concerned in supplication and William Sowerby appeared next concerning the Pascal Lamb, that was to be eaten with the bitter herbs, so those who would be partakers of Christ our great Passover must expect many bitter cups to drink, After a short time in silence he appeared again a long time from Psalms 32. v: 1. Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, who sin is covered. intreating those who were thus favoured, to come forward in a faithful discharge of their duty, giving up in obedience to the discoveries of Truth, and concluded with much suitable counsel and advice to the Youth.

On 25<sup>th</sup>. and 3<sup>rd</sup>. of week

In the morning we went to Alice Moorhouse's (+) of Biggin, were we had an open tendering time William Sowerby appeared first concerning Peters fall and Repentance, I had an encouraging time next from the Parable of the Prodigal Son, Afterwards William Sowerby had some tender advice to drop to the Children.

From thence we went to Matthew Broadheads of Newmill, were we had a painful distressing time much Rawness and insensibility appearing both in Parents and Children, and great deal of labour was bestowed for their help and recovery Hannah Wigham had a very long time first being opened from Rom: C: 6. v: 23. The wages of Sin is death: And in the course of her Testimony was led to treat largely concerning the man that was going from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell among thieves setting before them the danger there was in departing from the right thing in themselves to go and build again that which the Lord hath appointed for utter destruction reminding them of the curse that was pronounced against such Jos: C: 6. v: 26. Cursed be the man before the Lord that riseth up and buildeth this city Jericho; he shall lay the foundation thereof in his first-born, and in his youngest Son shall he set up the gates of it. To William Sowerby had afterwards a pretty long time.

From thence we proceeded to John Beaumont of Tottis, were we din'd, and after Dinner sat with the family. It was a poor low time, Hannah Wigham appeared first from Acts C: 14. v: 17. Nevertheless he left not himself without a witness. earnestly pressing them to take heed unto that of God in the secret of their own hearts, that so none of them might be deceived by imagining themselves to be in a better situation than they really are. I appeared next, encouragingly of the daughter to come up in a diligent attendance at meetings for Worship and discipline, and intreating the Parents not to hinder but rather put her forward therein, afterwards Hannah Wigham was much enlarged upon the same subject.

From thence we went to Ann Dawsons (+) it appeared to be a time of renewed visitation to them, Hannah Wigham had a long time first from Job C: 28. v: 28. The fear of the Lord, that is wisdom; and to depart from evil that is understanding. Afterwards William Sowerby appeared three times first from John C: 10. v: 10. The thief cometh not but for to steal and to kill and to destroy. The second time from Psalms 51. v: 10. Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. Exhorting them not to suffer anything to steal away their minds from pursuing after the right thing, or settle them down in a state of ease and indifferency after having been favoured with an awakening season, but that they might press after a change of heart and come to experience a right spirit renewed within them. Afterwards he had some tender advice to drop to a Boy who was Apprentice there.

From thence we went to William Earnshaws were we drunk Tea, and afterwards sat with the family and John Kirk of Holmfirth together. Our spirits were dipt into painful suffering, in sympathy with some state or states who were oftens in this situation and to whom Hannah Wigham had a long and encouraging time, reminded them that none was so poor at times as the Lords Ministers, nor any so blind as his Messengers. From thence we went to Joshua Broadheads of Wooldale were we lodg'd.

On 26<sup>th</sup>. and 4<sup>th</sup>. of week

In the forenoon was at the Weekday meeting at Wooldale which was pretty large James Broadhead Burying a Child to day and not being in unity came up and buried the corps so as to be at the meeting which enlarg'd it considerably a pretty many of other Societies being there, William Sowerby was concerned pretty long time in testimony from Acts C: 10. v: 34, 35. God is no respecter of Persons: But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh for righteousness is accepted with him. After meeting we din'd at Joshua Broadheads.

From thence we proceeded to Thomas Broadheads (+) of Cliffbottom, They appeared to be in an unsettled situation of mind but a visitation of the Love of God was felt to be extended towards them. William Sowerby was concerned a pretty long time from James C: 4. v. 7, 8. Resist the Devil, and he will flee from you, Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you.

From thence we return'd to Wooldale to Thomas Roberts junr. and sat with the family, William Sowerby had a short and encourage time therein from 1 Chron: C: 2. v: 18. Peace, peace, be unto thee, and peace be to thine helpers. After which we drunk Tea there, and After Tea had another opportunity in which William Sowerby appeared twice, and afterwards Hannah Wigham had a pretty long time, much suitable counsel and advice was dropt both to the Elders and the youth tending to stir them up to diligence that so they might know a coming forward in their respective duties.

From thence we went to Thomas Roberts senr.(+) and sat with them, Hannah Wigham appeared first setting before them the emptiness of a Profession of Religion without a Profession of the Life and power thereof, and the necessity there was for all to experienced a being regenerated and born again without which none can see the Kingdom of God. William Sowerby afterwards enlarged upon the same subject from John C: 12. v: 32. And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me. Afterwards return'd to Thomas Roberts junr. were we supp'd, and then went to Joshua Broadheads to lodge.

On 27<sup>th</sup>. and 5<sup>th</sup>. of week.

In the morning we went to Sarah Broadheads of Melthamhouse, and sat with the family Hannah Wigham appeared twice therein, and was pretty much favoured, being first opened from Luke C: 10. v: 42. One thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her. recommending this to their choice and exhorting them to come up in obedience to the discoverers of Truth, and not look too much at others whose conduct might be orderly, and who might be well esteem'd by friends, thinking if they followed their example all would be well, but mind the leadings of Truth, and be willing to part with every thing that the Lord call'd for at their hands and as this became the concern of some state present she did not doubt but they would become useful members of the Church.

From thence we went to Daniel Broadheads (+) were we had a painful time, under a sorrowful sense of the careless lukewarm insensible state which appeared so much to prevail, William Sowerby appeared first labouring to make them sensible of the situation they were in, and the danger there was of settling down at ease in this state, I had a few words next concerning the man that was going from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell among thieves, expressing that altho' their situation may be something similar to this yet if they were a but sensible thereof, I believed the good Samaritan would have compassion upon them, but this appeared to be too much a wanting. Afterwards William Sowerby enlarged upon the same subject.

From thence we return'd to Sarah Broadheads were we din'd, and after dinner William Sowerby had a pretty long testimony to bear unto the Widow from Luke: C: 3: v: 17. Whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and will gather the wheat into his garner; but the chaff he will burn with fire unquenchable, setting before her in a lively manner the office of Christ and the necessity there was for all to know a passing through this winnowing season.

From thence we went to Daniel Broadheads of Mearhouse, and sat with the family, William Sowerby had an encouraging time first from Rev: C: 3. v: 12. Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out. After a short time in silence he had a loving invitation to be youth from Matt: C: 11. v: 29, 30. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light. I had a pretty long time next from Prov: C: 14. v: 27. The fear of the Lord is a fountain of life, to depart from the snares of death. Afterwards William Sowerby had a few words more. After which we drunk Tea here.

From thence we went to James Broadheads (+) of Scholes. It appeared to be a time of renewed visitation to some of them. Hannah Wigham had a pretty long time therein from Rev: C: 3. v: 20. Behold, I stand at the door, and knock. If any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

From thence we went to Joseph Brooks of Wooldale, were we had a pretty open satisfactory time William Sowerby appeared twice, the first time having suitable advice to

drop to the Children encouraging them to prize the day of their visitation, and come up in obedience to God and their Parents, and afterwards had an encouraging time to the Parents to come forward in the line of their duty. After which Hannah Wigham had two long and favoured times, the first from 1 Thess: C: 5. v: 6. Watch and be sober. and the second time from John C: 20. v: 27. Be not faithless, but believing. They were recommended to a state of watchfulness, that the enemy might not prevail against those, who were at times a cast down below hope, and ready to fall into a state of despondency, and intreating such to be careful not to let in an evil heart of unbelief so as to dispute the sufficiency of the Almighty, nor hinder one another for coming up in their service but rather help one another forward, Afterwards we supp'd here and then went to Joshua Broadheads to lodge.

On 28<sup>th</sup>. and 6<sup>th</sup>. of week

In the morning we went to James Brooks of Delpth were we had a painful distressing time William Sowerby appeared 4 times therein, the necessity of being regenerated and born again without which none could see the Kingdom of God was largely declared unto them, The Parents were intreated to bring up their children in the nurture admonition and fear of the Lord, which they could not do what they were strangers to this fear themselves, the youth were cautioned against unsuitable company and connections, and exhorted to Watch lest they should fall into temptation expressing a fear that some of them were in danger of being drawn into something dishonourable.

From thence we went to Emanuel Brooks were our spirits were dipt into deep Poverty, Hannah Wigham had a few words first, William Sowerby, had a pretty long time next from Eccle: C: 4. v: 13. Better is a poor and a wise child, than an old and foolish King who will no more be admonished. They were exhorted in times of deep Poverty, to be honest and not put forth their hands to steal, and cautioned in these times against making Idols, or forming anything to go before them, but to serve the one true and living God, and waiting Patience for his Arisings. Afterwards he had a convincing testimony to the Youth, directing them to the Law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus manifested in the secret of each heart, by taking heed to which they might experience a being set free from the Law of Sin and Death. From thence we went to Robert Kays of Lane end were we Din'd.

After Dinner we went to Joshua Brooks of Longroidbridge, and sat with the family, but had nothing to administer unto them but an example of silence which appeared most suitable to some of their states.

From thence we went to John Brooks of Raw and sat with the family and Richard Brook together Hannah Wigham appeared first being opened from Eccle: C: 7. v: 2. It is better to go to the house of mourning, than to the house of feasting, had an encouraging time to a young man (one of John's Sons) who appeared in near his dissolution. William Sowerby appeared next having much suitable counsel and advice to drop both to the Elders and the youth, exhorting them whilst in health to come to a close home work in themselves that so they might have something to flee unto if a time of tryal should overtake them. After a short time in silence he appeared again, concerning the sheep of Christ who hear his voice and a Strangers voice they will not follow expressing a jealousy that some were following after strange voices.

From thence we return'd to Robert Kays were we lodg'd, After Tea we sat with the Family, Hannah Wigham had a long and favoured time first from Matt: C: 6. V: 20, 21. Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. Afterwards William Sowerby appeared twice. They were cautioned against setting their affections on the World or the enjoyments thereof, but to experience their minds wean'd therefrom, and not hide their talents by wrapping them in a Napkin and burying them in the earth, but come under a concern of mind to join the faithful few in the support of good order and wholesome discipline in the Church.

On 29<sup>th</sup>. and 7<sup>th</sup>. of week

In the morning William Sowerby had some suitable advice to drop to the friend and his Wife. After Breakfast we sat here with Elizabeth Walker (+) and Hannah Crosland (+) of Row. It was a favoured time. William Sowerby appeared pretty long therein from Ex: C: 14. v: 11. Because there were no graves in Egypt, hast thou taken us away to die in the wilderness? Cautioning them against letting in a murmuring repining Spirit, which would retard their Journey, when distresses might overtake them but bear with patience the turning of the good hand, and then they would experience all things in due time to work together for their good.

From thence we proceeded to Hannah Haighs (+) of Thursteland-Woodend and sat with the family and Sarah Dickinson of Smithyplace together. It was upon the whole a pretty open time, William Sowerby appeared first from Isa: C: 29. v: 8. It shall even be as when an hungry man dreameth, and behold he eateth; but he awaketh and his soul is empty. I had a few words next from John C: 13. v: 8. If I wash thee not thou hast no part with me. Many close things were dropt to some who imagined themselves to be in a better state than they really were, and afterwards William Sowerby had an encouraging time to some state who appeared to be under a powerful visitation from on high.

From thence we went to Martha Bottomleys were we din'd, and after dinner sat with the family, William Sowerby appeared three times had much suitable counsel and advice to drop both two of the Mother and her Children, intreating them to prize the day of their visitation, as none could turn to the Lord in their own time, and be willing to suffer with those who suffer for the testimony of truth not conniving, but taking the spoiling of their goods cheerfully.

From hence Dinah Woodhead went home, and we came to Sarah Radleys (+) of Shepley. It was a poor low time, I appeared therein first from John C: 6. v: 53. Except ye eat the Flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you. William Sowerby appeared next from Prov: C: 10. v: 4. The diligent hand maketh rich. and afterwards had a pretty long time more, The danger of sitting down at ease within an empty Profession was opened unto them, and the necessity there was for them to be more earnest and diligent in their search after that which is good, and not suffer their minds are to be employ'd about trifles when met together for the Worship of Almighty God. From thence we came to Joseph Firths of Lanehead were the friends lodg'd, but after Tea I came home.

On 30<sup>th</sup>. and 1<sup>st</sup>. of week

This day the friends went to the Meeting at Parrack accompanied by John Firth and return'd with him to their house the same Evening.

On 1<sup>st</sup>. of 12<sup>th</sup>. mo: and 2<sup>nd</sup>. of week

This morning I call'd of the friends at Lanehead and from thence we went to Benjamin Walkers of Paddock, were Dinah Woodhead met us; we sat with the family and Mary Piccles (+) of Shelley together. It was rather a lowish time at first, but Truth arose into dominion, and William Sowerby was concerned four times therein in testimony. They were intreated not to look too much at the conduct of those from whom they might have expected better things, but labour to get down to the sure foundation the Revelation of the Fathers will through the Son of his Love, for notwithstanding one may fall away on the right-hand, and another on the left, yet this foundation remains to be the same and the Lord continues to know all those who are his, and as they were concerned to know a building here, he did not doubt but some would become serviceable in the Church: he had likewise some encouragement to those who were set as without the camp, intreating them to keep under the operating Power of that good hand which had in some measure made them sensible of their situation, and then he doubted not but in due time way would be made for her restoration.

From thence we went to William Dysons of Woodhouse, were we had a precious tendering time, William Sowerby appeared three times therein, first to the youth from Isai: C: 30. v: 20, 21. Thine eyes shall see thy teachers: and thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, this is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left, advising them faithfully to follow its leadings, and then they would experience

preservation. The next time from Isai: C: 49. v. 15, 16. Can a Woman forget her sucking child, that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb? yea, they may forget, yet I will not forget thee. Behold, I have graven thee upon the palms of my hands; thy walls are continually before me. and afterwards from Luke C: 12. v: 32. Fear not little Flock; for its your Father's good pleasure to give you the Kingdom. He had much encouragement to drop to the Parent, who tho' he might be oftens deeply try'd and Prov'd and ready at times to conclude himself forsaken yet would the Lord again appear from season to season as his trust was in him alone to the refreshment of his Soul.

From thence we went to William Steads of Siver-ing, We were we din'd and after dinner went and sat with Charles Steads (+) we sat a long in silence but a length William Sowerbys mouth was opened in much suitable counsel and advice to the family he appeared three times, exhorting them to come to know in their own experience that there is a God who is worthy to be worshipped honoured and obeyed, and not content themselves with the report, or a bare name to live, but be willing to come up in obedience to discoveries of Truth, by parting with everything the Lord may call for at their hands, After which we drunk Tea there.

From thence we return'd to William Steads were we lodg'd, and in the Evening sat with his Family, and Benjamin Steads together, it was a dull heavy time in the forepart thereof but ended better, Hannah Wigham was first concerned therein, a long time in supplication, afterwards William Sowerby appeared in Testimony from Isa: C: 33. v: 13. Hear ye that are far off, what I have done; and ye that are near, acknowledge my might. Having a loving invitation to those who were at a distance from the Lord to draw near unto him, and exhorting those who had at times experienced a being brought nigh to acknowledge him in all their ways words and actions, and not flee either inward or outward Sufferings for his sake. After which he had a long time to the young man and his Wife from Gen: C: 49. v: 10. The Scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come: and unto him shall the gathering of the People be. Exhorting them to gather there unto; that so they might experience preservation from the Temptations which are in the world, and tho' they might feel themselves weak and feeble, yet if this were their concern they would experience a gathering strength; and towards the conclusion had some seasonable advice to drop to the Lasses, who appeared very Raw and unconcerned.

On 2<sup>nd</sup>. and 3<sup>rd</sup>. of week.

In the morning we went to Anthony Kinsleys (+) of Skelmanthorp, Hannah Wigham had two long times in Testimony there, was first opened from Psalms 4. v: 4. Commune with your own heart upon your Bed, and be still. Labouring to gather them into stillness and quiet the Spirit, to wean those who were well disposed from the teachings of men and any dependence upon the Arm of flesh, and to turn them unto Christ the free teacher in themselves, exhorting them to come up in obedience to his teachings, for this was more a wanting with some than knowledge.

From thence we went to Mary Dysons and sat with her and Patience Jakeman (o) together to pretty good satisfaction William Sowerby appeared first from 2 Chron: C: 10. v: 16. Every man to your tents, O Israel. and afterwards appeared again from James C: 4. v: 8. Drawn nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Hannah Wigham had a pretty long time next, and afterwards William Sowerby had a few words more. Those who were under affliction of Body were encouraged, and cautioned against repining at their situation, but when anything of this sought presented to flee unto their tents, and not be ready to say, If the Lord had any delight in me I should not be thus Afflicted, but remember that none were more so than many of the Lords peculiar servants that we have left upon record, both inwardly and outwardly, instancing Job and divers others, therefore would not have her too much discouraged, but trust in the Lord who causeth all things to work together for good to them that truly love and fear him. Those who were in health were exhorted frequently to be concerned to draw near in spirit unto God, that so they might experience him to drawn nigh unto them and strengthened them to come forward in the way of their duty.

From thence we proceeded to John Chapman's of Low-Cumberworth were we din'd, and after dinner sat with the family. It was rather a lowish time, Hannah Wigham appeared twice therein, exhorting those who had been favoured with a right sense of their situation, to examine themselves, and see whether or know their Love was fixt upon God alone, and when try'd with Poverty of Spirit, to wait in Patience, until the Lord himself was pleased to return, and beware of forming anything in the seasons to go before them as the Children of Israel did when Moses was withdrawn, and thereby brought the Lords displeasure upon them.

After which we drunk Tea here and then proceeded to Sarah Mortons of Cumberworth, were her Hannah Wigham had a long and favoured time was first opened with Good is the Lord and worthy is he to be waited upon, encouraging her whose mind that she was sensible had been divinely favoured, to stay it upon God and not be too much discouraged in the times of withdrawing for he was many times nearer than we were aware instancing his walking with two of his disciples, and they knew not that it was he until he made himself known by the breaking of Bread, would have her therefore to come up in a diligent attendance of meetings and a diligent waiting upon the Lord in Spirit therein, who will suddenly come into his Temple. perhaps when not expected.

From thence we went to Daniel Colliers, Hannah Wigham had a few words their first, William Sowerby had a long time next from John C: 20. v: 27. Be not faithless, but believing. Intreating the Parent to be content with his outward situation, for by murmuring, repining, and being discontent with the situation Providence had placed them in, many brought themselves into great spiritual Poverty and want, barrenness covered their minds, and an evil heart of unbelief took place. Afterwards he had some very suitable counsel and admonition to drop to the Son. From thence we went to Joseph Firths of Lanehead were we lodg'd.

On 3<sup>rd</sup>. and 4<sup>th</sup>. of week.

In the morning we went to Pheobe Haighs (o) of Heighmoorhouse were we had an highly favoured time William Sowerby appeared three times was first opened from Matt. C: 12. v: 39, 40. An evil and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign: and there shall no sign be given to it, but the sign of the the Prophet Jonas: for as Jonas was three days and three nights in the Whale's belly. So shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. Afterwards Hannah Wigham had a pretty long time from Heb: C: 6. v: 14. Surely blessing I will bless thee, and multiplying I will multiply thee, William Sowerby had afterwards few words more from the same text. They were encouraged to come up in obedience to the extraordinary visitation felt to be extended not only to the Parent but the Children, and then they would know in their own experience that the Grave of Sin could not prevent the resurrection of Christ in their own hearts, and those who experienced this would know that they had no need to look for any other sign, seeing that man is altogether unable of himself to bring about this miraculous change. They were also cautioned against looking after the formal Professors amongst ourselves, by taking examples at them to their hurt, but to be concern'd to live so in the Lords fear, that their Lights might shine before men, and as this remained to be they concern the Lord would Bless and multiply his favours upon them both inwardly and outwardly, and in due time they would not only become living members of the Church militant here on earth but when these few Probationary days were at an end, join the glorious Church triumphant far above the Heavens. After which we got some refreshment here.

From thence we proceeded to Abraham Bottomleys of Shepley-Woodend were we had a painful Suffering time, I appeared first from Eph: C: 5. v: 14. Awake, thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light. William Sowerby next Hannah Wigham next, and afterwards William Sowerby again. The those who were advancing in Years, were laboured with to rise out of that dull sleepy indifferent state which was felt so much to prevail over them to their hurt, and the youth were intreated to join in with the visitation of Gods Love were renewedly extended lest they should be rejected and others called in to fill up the places intended for them

From thence we went to John Earnshaws were we din'd, and after Dinner sat with the family, were we had a pretty satisfactory time, Hannah Wigham appeared twice therein, in an

extrodinary manner to those who might be at times so reduced as to think themselves unable either to take care of their own family or the Church, yet when the call was again extended "Arise take up thy Bed and walk" these would receive renewed ability to come forward in the line of their duty, she had likewise a great deal of suitable advice to drop to the various states of the youth present - after which we drunk Tea there, and after Tea we parted with Dinah Woodhead she going home, and the friends came on with me to my Fathers house were they lodgd.

On 4<sup>th</sup>. and 5<sup>th</sup>. of week

Having now finished the visit, We had a comfortable opportunity together, divers of our family being present, this morning, feeling the evidence of peace in our own minds, now in the conclusion thereof; Hannah Wigham had a very encouraging time therein, to those whom the Lord had formed and those whom he was forming for service in his house from Isa: C: 43. v: 21. This People have I formed for myself; they shall shew forth my Praise. After which they set forward towards their outward habitations.

An Account of my Journey to our Winter Quarterly Meeting held at Leeds in the 12<sup>th</sup>. month  
1783

I set out from home ye. 23<sup>rd</sup>. of the 12<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1783 and 3<sup>rd</sup>. day of the week about 6 o Clock in the morning having my respected friend William Taylor for my companion this Journey, we went by Shepley and Woodsommill to Kirkheaton were we stopt about 1 hour and a half at John Taylors, and got Tea, from thence we proceeded by Colnbridge and Robert-town to John Smiths of Littletown, not a friend but distant Relations of my Brother Samuels Whose little daughter was there whom we call'd to see, they were very kind, we stopt about an hour and din'd there, and then proceeded by Little-Gummersall, Birstall, Morley, Churwell, and Beeston to Leeds, were we got about half past 2 in the Afternoon, and took up our Quarters at the Bell and Bull Inn in Briggate paid 6d a piece Breakfasts Dinners and Suppers. After getting a Pint of Ale we went to Joshua Ingles were we drunk Tea and tarried until 5 o Clock and then I went to the Quarterly meeting of Ministers and Elders, which was pretty large and we were favoured with the company of some Strangers there as John Smithson from Westmoreland James Brandwood and Martha Routh from Lancashire, before the business of the meeting was entered upon John Smithson had a short time in testimony, the Queries peculiar to these meetings were then read and answered verbally from 7 of the monthly meetings in this County, Settle and Richmond sent theirs in writing, and a few lines were produced from Scarborough, from Gisborough, Owstwick and Cave there were no account; many living testimonies were borne, and much weighty advice was dropt by sundry friends of both Sexes. Robert Grub, Thomas Priestman and John Jackson were appointed to oversee the succeeding meetings for Worship, and advise as occasion may require, and make report at the conclusion of the meeting for Worship on 5<sup>th</sup>. day evening to which time this meeting adjourn'd having held 3 hours.

On 24<sup>th</sup>. and 4<sup>th</sup>. of week at 9 o Clock in the morning was a meeting for Worship which was very large altho' select of friends, Esther Tuke had a long and highly favoured time first setting before us the state of an highly favoured People formally unto whom the Lord had delivered many excellent Laws and statutes, but who were so deeply revolted that the Book of the Law was lost, which when good King Josiah heard thereof, his spirit was covered with mourning and lamentation, and he ordered that diligent search should be made for it until it was found, and that it should be again read in the hearing of the People; and altho' this was the state of many in our Society who had not only departed from the righteous Law in their own hearts but from those excellent rules established by divine Wisdom as an hedge about us, yet there were a remnant preserved who were made to lie mourning as with their faces upon the ground for these things unto whom she had a word of encouragement to drop and to call unto

them to Arise and search the camp, and cause the Books to be opened, and the Law to be read unto the People, and those excellent rules to be maintained in their original purity, and tho' many amongst ourselves Goliath like might rise up to oppose these, yet he that was with David formerly would be with his little ones now and Bless and prosper his own work in their hands. Ellen Abrams had a few words next from James C: 1. v: 16, 17. Do not err, my beloved brethren. Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above. Sarah Priestman next and afterwards Martha Routh had an extraordinary time in Prayer. After which Christiana Hustler had a pretty long time from Matt: C: 12. v: 43, 44, 45. When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest, and findeth none. Then he saith I will return into my house, from whence I came out, and when he is come, he findeth it empty, swept, and garnished. Then goeth he, and taketh with him self other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter in, and dwell there: and the last state of that man, is worse than the first. At the close of this meeting was held a meeting for discipline, and it being the time for York, Balby, Pontefract and Brighouse, Monthly Meetings to chuse a Clerk, the Representatives withdrew and at their return nominated Henry Tuke of York who was acceptable. The 1<sup>st</sup>. 8<sup>th</sup>. Quarterley meeting Queries were then read, and answered from all the Monthly meetings in this County, divers weighty remarks were made thereon, and many living testimonies were borne to the Truth some other business was gone thro' and then the meeting adjourn'd until 10 o Clock next morning - At 5 in the evening was a Publick meeting for Worship which was much crowded several of other Societies attending, Sarah Priestland had a few words first, Sarah Grub appeared next, intreating us to examine our foundations, and see what we were building upon, shewing the difference there was betwixt building upon the rock and the sand. John Smithson had a favoured time next under a sense of a renewed visitation extended to the youth from Psalms 8: v: 4. What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the Son of man, that thou visitest him? Afterwards Elizabeth Hoyland had a few words. This meeting held 2 hours and a half and the two foregoing meetings about 6 hours.

On 25<sup>th</sup>. and 5<sup>th</sup>. of week at 10 o Clock in the morning met pursuant to adjournment a great deal of business was gone thro' to good satisfaction. A proposition was made to this meeting for joining the two Monthly meetings of Owstwick and Cave into one, which met with the approbation of this meeting, the further consideration thereof was left to the said Month meetings. This meeting held 4 hours - at 4 o Clock in the Afternoon which was exceeding large many of other Societies attending Ellen Abrams dropt a few words first from Matt: C: 12. v: 41. The Men of Nineveh shall rise up in the Judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it; because they repented at the preaching of Jonas: and behold, a greater than Jonas is here. Martha Routh next labouring to gather the minds of the People into a state of true silence, and then she believed we should experience the Lord to gather with us. John Smithson had a pretty long time next from Matt. C: 5: v: 3. Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the Kingdom. Joseph Brown had a few words next from Matt: C: 6. v: 23. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness. Pheobe Marshal had a long time next from Isai: C: 30. v: 1. Woe to the rebellious children, saith the Lord, that take counsel but not of me; and that cover with covering but not of my spirit. Mary Proud had a few words next from Rom: C: 12. v: 7. Let us wait on our ministering or he that teacheth, on teaching. Esther Tuke had a pretty long time next from Matt: C: 7. v: 26. Everyone that heareth the sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: The Meeting held 3 hours. At the close thereof the Ministers and Elders sat about an hour together. One of the friends appointed to oversee the meetings for Worship etc reported that they had attended to the appointment, and discharged the trust reposed in them according to ability afforded. A number of friends being under appointment to visit the Ministers and Elders in this county, and some of them having performed the said visit unto those in these stations in the Monthly Meetings of Cave, and Owstwick and Thirsk. their report were read here. After this meeting we went to Joshua Ingles were we drunk Tea.

On 26<sup>th</sup>. and 6<sup>th</sup>. of week about half past 8 o Clock in the morning we set out towards home in company with Joseph Brook and Thomas Roberts of Wooldale, John Chapman of

Lower-Cumberworth, Ann Green of Moorroidnook and my Sister Rebecca Wood, we came by Hunslet Long Lofthouse and Newton to Wakefield, were Joseph Brook Thomas Roberts and myself call'd at Thomas Booths being under appointment of the Monthly meeting to visit Mary Collier a friend of this Town who appeared to be in danger of joining herself in marriage with a Person of another Society. She received us in a friendly manner, acknowledged the care of friends over her for good, and said she would take the advice communicated into consideration. We stopt here about 3 hours and din'd. and then I came by Sandal to Crigglestone were I called at my Uncle Joseph Houghs of William Taylor, Ann Green and my Sister, who came hither to dinner stopt about an hour and drunk Tea, and then my companion and me set forward again but the evening been Stormy the Women tarried all night we came by Bretton and Hoyland to my Cousin Joseph Steads of Toppett were we stopt about an hour and a half and supp'd, and then came by Denby to Newhouse were we got betwixt 9 and 10 o Clock in the Evening.

An Account of my Journey to our Spring Quarterly Meeting at York in the 3<sup>rd</sup>. Mo. 1784.

I set out from home ye. 22<sup>nd</sup>. of ye. 3<sup>rd</sup>. Mo: 1784 and 2<sup>nd</sup>. day of the week betwixt 5 and 6 o Clock in the morning, and went to my Brother Samuel Woods of Netherdenby were I tarried about an hour and a half and breakfasted, met here by appointment with my dear friend George Chapman of Penistone who was to be my companion this Journey. We proceeded by Cawthorne Kexborough Darton and Mapplewell to Royston were we stopt about half an hour and got 2 Pints of Ale paid 4d and then proceeded by Havercroft and Purston to Pontefract were we Din'd at Amelia Walkers, and after dinner sat a little at John Thistlethwaits and Afterwards went to John Wighams were we drunk Tea, tarried in Pontefract betwixt 3 and 4 hours, and then proceeded by Ferrybridge and Milford to Sherburn, were we got about 8 o Clock in the evening and lodg'd at the Sine of the Red-Bear, having travelled about 29 miles, were we paid 8d a piece for our Suppers.

On 23<sup>rd</sup>. and 3<sup>rd</sup>. of week we set forward about 6 o Clock in the morning and went by Towton to Tadcaster 7 miles were we stopt upwards of an hour and Breakfasted at the Angel Paid 8d a piece, and then proceeded York 9 miles, got there to our kind friends Ann and Rebecca Awmacks in Walmgate about 12 o Clock were as usual we took up our Quarters. In the afternoon I went to see Joseph Awmacks were I drunk Tea, and Afterwards went to the Quarterly meeting of Ministers and Elders which was pretty large for the time of the Year, began at 5 and held about 3 hours. The Queries peculiar to these meetings were read and answered in all the meetings in this County, an number of friends were appointed to Prepare a General Answer and therefrom to be approv'd in the Meeting for Discipline and from thence transmitted to the Yearly Meeting in London. The following friends and were then appointed to oversee the succeeding meetings and advise as occasion may require and make report to the adjournment of this meeting (viz) Phillip Maiden, Nathan Dearman, Mary Fairbank and Ann North. some other business were gone thro' and then the meeting adjourn'd until the close of the meeting for Worship on 5<sup>th</sup>. day evening.

On 24<sup>th</sup>. and 4<sup>th</sup>. of week at 9 in the morning was a meeting for Worship which was select of friends and I thought full as large as usual at this time of the Year. Gervas Storrs, Elizabeth Thompson, Christopher Barker, John Hoyland, Joseph Brown, and Joseph Wright had each short time in Testimony, Phoebe Marshall had a pretty long time next in supplication, after which Joseph Wright and Gervas Storrs had each a few words more, Christiana Hustler had a pretty long time next, William Rountree and Henry Tuke each a few words next, and afterwards Christiana Hustler had a few words more, after which Elizabeth Priestman, Esther Tuke and Self Pennitt were each concerned in Testimony. At the close of this meeting was held the meeting for Discipline and it being the time for Knaresborough, Settle, Malton Thirsk and Richmond monthly meetings to chuse a Clerk the Representatives

withdrew and at their return nominated at Robert Grub of Thornton in the Clay meeting who was acceptable; The Yearly Meeting Queries were read and answered from all the Monthly meetings in this County in some of which account was given that divers Persons attended their meetings who appeared to be under convincement, and in Pontefract one Person had been accepted into membership since last year Likewise account was given that two Publick friends were deceased (viz) William Coning of Thirsk and Elizabeth Wetherald of Richmond Monthly meetings, Testimonies concerning them were produced and read some other business were gone thro' and then the meeting adjourn'd until next day at 9 in the morning. Both meetings held 5 hours. After which we Din'd at William Baistons and after dinner went to William Tukes were we drunk Tea - At 5 in the Evening was a meeting for Worship which I understood was pretty large several of other Societies attending, Christopher Barker dropt a few words first and afterwards Mary Proud, Esther Tuke and Pheobe Marshal had each a pretty long time in testimony. But I was on a Committee appointed to examine the accounts of Sufferings, and prepare a General Answer to the Queries, or take into consideration any other matter that might probably come before us. which met also at 5 and sat 4 hours.

On 25<sup>th</sup>. and 5<sup>th</sup>. of week. In the morning we went to Breakfast at Thomas Priestmans and from thence came to the meeting for Discipline which met at 9 o Clock pursuant to adjournment Christopher Barker had a few words first in supplication, The General Answer to the Queries was read, also the Answers to the Select Queries both of which were approv'd and Sign'd a great deal more business was gone thro' to mutual satisfaction. The meeting held 4 hours, After which we din'd at Henry Tukes - At 4 in the afternoon was the Parting meeting for Worship pretty large several of other Societies coming in Joseph Brown had a few words they in first from Psalms 125. v. 1 and 2. They that trust in the Lord shall be as mount Zion, which cannot be removed, but abideth for ever. As the mountains are round about Jerusalem, so the Lord is round about his People. Henry Tuke was next concerned in supplication, and afterwards Sarah Grub had a pretty long time in testimony from John C: 14. v: 6. No man cometh unto the Father but by me. The meeting held upwards of 2 hours. After which the Ministers and Elders sat about 20 minutes together, when one of the friends appointed to oversee the meetings etc. made report that they had attended to the appointment and had nothing to remark to this meeting.

On 26<sup>th</sup>. and 6<sup>th</sup>. of week we left York and about 7 o Clock in the morning, Edward West a young man from Whitby who had been convinced a few years ago, and was going to live at Leeds accompanying us to Tadcaster, whose company was very acceptable, we stopt there about 1 hour and a half and Breakfasted at the Angel Paid 8d a piece, and then came by Towton to Sherburn, stopt about half an hour at the Red Bear and got 2 Pints of Ale, Paid 4d and then came by Milford to Ferrybridge were we call'd to see Elizabeth Wainwright, tarried there about 2 hours and drunk Tea, She gave us in a very tender and broken frame of Spirit a particular account of her convincement which was both edifying and instructive. From thence for we came up to Pontefract, to Amelia Walkers about 6 o Clock were we lodg'd, in the Evening we went and sat about half an hour with Hannah Wigham to good satisfaction

On 27<sup>th</sup>. and 7<sup>th</sup>. of week about 7 o Clock in the morning we left Pontefract and came to Ackworth were we call'd at the School Inn and Breakfasted, Paid 8d a piece. Here we met with divers friends from Sheffield, and had a comfortable refreshing opportunity together in which John Hoyland was concerned in Testimony from Rev: C: 14. v: 13. Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord, from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit that they may rest from their labours. We stopt here about 1 hour and a half, and then came by Himsworth, Brierley and Cudworth to John Luptons of Beeverhole near Barnsley were we got about 12 o Clock. After dinner my companion set out towards home, but I having an inclination to be at their meeting next day tarried here all night. I was very Poorly all the Afternoon of a bad cold, but the affectionate care and kindness of the friend and his Wife, towards me, I hope will be ever gratefully remembered.

On 28<sup>th</sup>. and 1<sup>st</sup>. of week. In the morning my esteemed friend William Taylor came here to meet me, I was very glad to see him being low both in body and mind, May the Lord

preserve him in the Innocency and simplicity of the pure Truth. They that run in a race run all but one obtaineth the prize. Many begin well and run well for a season, but its those only who hold out to the end that shall be saved. We went together in company with divers of the family to their meeting at Burton which began as usual at half past 10 and held upwards of 2 hours was small, and a poor low time to me, but Truth favoured a little towards the close thereof, I was twice concerned therein in Testimony the first time from Luke C: 9. v: 23. If any man will come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. The next time had to set before them the necessity there was for us to be always prepared for our final change from 2 Kings C: 20. v: 1. Set thine house in order, for thou shall die and not live. Afterwards I was concerned in Prayer. After meeting we return'd to our friend John Luptons we were we Din'd, and about 3 o Clock set out towards home, James Harrison junr. setting us on our way about 3 miles we came by Barnsley and Cawthorne to my brother Samuel Woods of Netherdenby were we drunk Tea and tarried betwixt 2 and 3 hours and then came by Denby to Newhouse were we got betwixt 8 and 9 at night.

An Account of my Journey to the quarter Meeting at Rushworth in the 5<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1784.

I set out from home ye. 30<sup>th</sup>. of ye. 5<sup>th</sup>. mo: 1784 and 7<sup>th</sup>. day of the week betwixt 10 and 11 o Clock in the forenoon and went by Newmill to Wooldale were I stopt near 2 hours and din'd at Thomas Roberts junr. and then set forward in company with my dear friend John Broadhead a young man who had had his education in the Society but left friends and was a Servant in several great families in the neighbourhood of London until he became very uneasy therewith, and thereupon left this course of Life and came and bound himself Apprentice to his Uncle here, soon after which he was favoured with a powerful visitation from on high and been concerned to come up in obedience thereunto, he became a sober steady exemplary young man. and some few times of late had dropt a few words in our meetings I thought attended with a good degree of the savour of Truth. May he who is the preparer and qualifier for every good work not only preserve those whom he is engaging in, his service, but raise up many more for the harvest truly is great but the faithful Labourers are few. We proceeded by Honley to Emanuel Brooks of Delph were we got some refreshment and it being very wet we tarried upwards of 4 hours and then proceeded by Milnsbrig and Outlanes to our Cousin Simeon Dysons of Lower-Goathouse in Rushworth, got there about 9 o Clock in the evening were we lodg'd.

On 31<sup>st</sup>. and 1<sup>st</sup>. of the week, the meeting began at 11 o Clock, and held 4 hours there were but few friends but many of other Societies attended the house being crowded, and the Lord was pleased to favour us with his love and life giving presence to the strength and comfort of the poor in Spirit. John Broadhead had a few words first labouring to turn the minds of the People to the Light of Christ in the secret of their own hearts which would manifest unto them the works of darkness. After which I appeared twice and stood pretty long each time, the first from John C: 8. v: 12. I am the light of the world: he that followeth me Shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life. and the next time from Rev: C: 14. v: 7. Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come, and worship him that made heaven and earth and the sea and the fountains of water. George Conway appeared next from John C: 14. v: 6. No man cometh to the Father but by me. Robert Fawcett next from John C: 15. v: 4. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine? No man can ye except ye abide in me. George Conway was next concerned in Prayer. and afterwards I had another pretty long time in Testimony. From thence we return'd to cousin Simeon Dysons were we din'd and after dinner many friends being present we had a pretty satisfactory opportunity in which George Conway had a few words in testimony. After Tea we set the friends of Halifax several miles on their way, and then return'd, amongst the rest was one Enoch Bottomly who had been joined in profession with the Methodists but being dissatisfied

had a little while ago left them and attended friends meetings, he appeared to me to be a solid young man, and gave me some account of his convincement which was satisfactory.

On 1<sup>st</sup>. and 6<sup>th</sup>. mo: and 2<sup>nd</sup>. of week, we set out towards home a little before 11 o Clock and came by Outlanes and Milnsbrig to Emanuel Brooks of Delph were we stopt about 2 hours and din'd and then came by Honley to Thomas Roberts of Wooldale stopt there about 1 hour and a half and drunk Tea, afterwards we went and sat a little with Sarah Broadhead, and from thence went to William Earnshaw's of Tottis were we tarried near 2 hours, and then came to Newmill were we call'd to see Jonathan Broadhead a Lad about 16 years of age who is under religious concern of mind, my companions set me on my way about 1 mile further and then return'd and I got home about 9 o Clock the same evening.

#### An Account of my Journey to a few Meetings in company with William Earnshaw and John Broadhead

Having the Unity and Approbation of Friends, we met by appointment at Thomas Roberts of Wooldale and set out from thence about 7 o Clock in the morning on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. of ye. 7<sup>th</sup>. mo: 1784 and 6<sup>th</sup>. day of the week went by Honley to Emanuel Brooks of Delph were we stopt about half an hour and got some refreshment, and then proceeded by Milnsbridge and Outlanes to our Cousin Simeon Dysons of Lower Goathouse in Rushworth were we got about 12 o Clock. At 5 in the evening we were at an appointed meeting at their Meeting House which was not large altho' several of other Societies attended but it was an open satisfactory time, William Earnshaw appeared first From Titus C: 2. v: 11. The Grace of God that bringeth Salvation hath appeared unto all men. I had a long time next John C: 14. v: 6 I am the way, and the truth, and the life, no man cometh unto the Father but by me. William Earnshaw was next concerned in supplication and afterwards had several pertinent exhortations to drop to the People John Broadhead had a few words next from Matt C: 16 v: 24. If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me. After which I was largely opened from the same text and concluded with intreating the People to let their obedience keep pace with their knowledge that so they might glorify God whilst here, and Glorify him eternally in the heavens when time to them here shall be no more. The meeting held upwards of 3 hours. From thence we returned to our cousins were we lodgd.

On 24<sup>th</sup>. and 7<sup>th</sup>. of week. After Breakfast William Earnshaw had some suitable advice to drop in the family, and about 1 o clock in the Afternoon we set out for Langfield 9 miles, Cousin Simeon Dyson accompanying us about half way, when we had got about two miles it came on such heavy rain that we were obliged to take shelter in a house were we tarried near 3 hours and then proceeded thro' a mountainous country to John Greenwoods of Langfield were we got about 7 o Clock in the evening.

On 25<sup>th</sup>. and 1<sup>st</sup>. of the week we was at their meeting at Shoebroad near Todmorden which began at 11 o Clock there were a pretty many friends but we had exceeding plain close hard labour amongst them John Broadhead dropt a few words first, I appeared next from Luke C: 22. v: 36. He that hath no sword, let him sell his garment, and buy one. William Earnshaw next from Deut. C: 22. v: 11. Thou shalt not wear a garment of divers sorts, as of woollen and linen together. I had a pretty long time next from Rom: C: 9. v: 3. I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my Brethren my kinsfolk after the flesh. John Broadhead had a few words next intreating them to work whilst it was called To day: After which William Earnshaw was pretty much enlarged upon the same subject. At the close of this meeting was held their Preparative Meeting in which Samuel Gandy, a friend belonging thereto, William Earnshaw and myself had a good deal of advice to drop. Both meetings held 3 hours. - At 5 in the evening we had an appointed meeting here, and at our request to those of other Societies being invited, a vast concourse attended, we understood afterwards, that the Methodists had appointed a meeting at Todmorden at the same time, but hearing of ours dropt theirs and came

to it so that the house was well filled, and a great many sat in the chamber. Samuel Gandy had a pretty long and favoured time first from Psalms 42. v: 2. My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God: when shall I come and appear before God. I had a very long time next from Deut: C: 18. v: 15. The Lord thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy Brethren, like unto me: unto him shall ye hearken. William Earnshaw had a short time next, John Broadhead had a few words next from Matt C: 12. v: 36. Every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of Judgment, William Earnshaw was concerned a long time next in Prayer, and afterwards had a few words more in testimony; after which I had a pretty long time shewing the difference betwixt the true and false ministry, and concluded with some tender exhortations to the People, and a short commendatory speech for their good behaviour, and in the Love of the Gosport bade them Farewel. The meeting held about 3 hours After which we went and sat a little at the Richard Sutcliffes of Todmorden, and then return'd to John Greenwoods to lodge.

On 26<sup>th</sup>. and 2<sup>nd</sup>. of week about 8 o Clock in the morning we set out for Whitefield in Lancashire 10 miles, William King, John Hanson, Thomas Firth and John Grimshaw accompanying us about 8 miles were we call'd at a public house, and got some refreshment before we parted we had a satisfactory opportunity together in which myself and William Earnshaw were concerned in testimony. We got to John Halls of Whitefield betwixt 12 and 1 o Clock were we din'd, from thence we set out for John Earnshaws of Glodwick clough 4 miles call'd by the way at John Lees's of Rose were we drunk Tea, got to John Earnshaws about 7 o Clock in the evening were we lodg'd.

On 27<sup>th</sup>. and 3<sup>rd</sup>. of the week at 10 in the morning was at Oldham Meeting held at John Lees's of Rose. They were a pretty many friends their parlour being well filled, and upon the whole it was a satisfactory time William Earnshaw had a few words first, I appeared next from Hos: C: 6: v: 4. O Ephraim, what shall I do unto thee? O Judah, what shall I do want to thee? for your goodness is as the morning cloud, and as the early dew it goeth away. Afterwards William Earnshaw appeared three times being opened in a particular manner to various states present After which I appeared again from Lam: C: 3. v. 27<sup>th</sup>. and 28<sup>th</sup>. It is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth; he sitteth alone and keepeth silence. The meeting held 2 hours, After which we Din'd at John Lees's. At 5 in the Evening we had an appointed meeting for those of other Societies, and friends being building a Meetinghouse in the Burying ground adjoining to this friends house which was covered in, but not finished, we had it there they erecting a Gallery therein and seating it with Planks a great concourse of People attended, the house being well fill'd, whose behaviour was very commendable. We sat down amongst them in a very poor stripped situation of mind but the Lord in his own time was pleased to arise for our help. I appeared first from Rom: C: 6. v: 23. The wages of Sin is Death; but the gift of God is eternal life thro' Jesus Christ our Lord. William Earnshaw had a short time next. I appeared next stood upwards of an hour opening the way of Life and Salvation unto the People, labouring to gather them from the teachings of men to Christ the true teacher and the alone way to God. William Earnshaw had a few words next, and afterwards I had a few words more. The meeting held 3 hours and was divinely favoured, The hearts of the People were very much tendered and many came in a friendly manner to shake hands with us, and bid us Farewel. After meeting we return'd to John Earnshaws to lodge, and in our way thither he and John Broadhead and myself call'd at Henry Kings of Oldham were we supp'd.

On 28<sup>th</sup>. and 4<sup>th</sup>. of week. In the afternoon we took a walk to Oldham were we drunk Tea at Henry Kings and afterwards went and sat a little at John Whitakers and then return'd to our lodgings.

On 29<sup>th</sup>. and 5<sup>th</sup>. of the week betwixt 10 and 11 o Clock in the forenoon we set out towards home John Earnshaw accompanying us as far as Delpth in Saddleworth Yorkshire, the rain coming on heavy we were obliged to stop a considerable time by the way and get some refreshment. We din'd at the fleece in Marsden Paid 4d a piece eating and 2d Liquor, from thence we came by Meltham and Thong to Wooldale, but were obliged to stop and take

shelter several times by the way. I drunk Tea and tarried a considerable time at Thomas Roberts's and so got home about 10 o Clock the same Evening.

An Account of my Journey to the General Meeting for the Peak of Derbyshire held at Eyam  
in the year 1784

I set out from home ye 7<sup>th</sup>. of ye 8<sup>th</sup>. mo: 1784 and 7<sup>th</sup>. day of the week about 8 o Clock in the morning in company with Joshua Broadhead and John Broadhead of Wooldale and James Taylor of Woodhouse a young man who had lately begun to attend our religious meetings, we went by Bullhouse to Langside were we stopt upwards of half an hour got some refreshment, here we met with George Chapman Penistone with whom we went to his farmhouse at Banktop in Woodland Derbyshire were we din'd and drunk Tea, tarried about 4 hours, and then proceeded by Hope to Bradwall, got there about 8 o Clock in the Evening were we Lodg'd at the Sine of the White-hart a very good house Paid 6d a piece Supper and Breakfast. We travelled about 21 miles this day, the road we found very wet and had many very heavy storms of Rain.

On 8<sup>th</sup>. and 1<sup>st</sup>. of about 9 o Clock in the morning we set out for Eyam 6 miles went by Great-Huckley, Greenlow, and Foolow, got to Eyam just in time to the meeting which began at 11 o Clock and was held in a Croft adjoining the Town, in which a Gallery was erected and many seats conveniently placed, There were a pretty many friends attended from different parts and several Ministers as Thomas Colley and Elizabeth Dickinson from Sheffield and Ann Dent from Nottinghamshire, likewise a vast concourse of People of other Societies whose behaviour was very commendable; The Lord was pleased to favour us together with the shedding abroad of his divine Love and life giving presence, and not only to break and bless the Bread and give to his disciples but renewedly to commission them to hand unto the multitude. Ann Dent had a short time first, labouring to gather the minds of the people into stillness from Isai: C: 41. v: 1. Keep silence before me, O Islands; and let the people renew their strength. Thomas Colley had along and favoured time next from John C: 17. v: 3. This is life eternal, that they might know the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent. He was next concerned in Prayer and afterwards had a very pertinent exhortation to the People. The meeting held about 3 hours. After which we parted with George Chapman, who called of us this morning at Bradwall and walkt with us hither he returning the same way, and we by Sheffield, in company with divers friends who walkt from there as Joseph Clarbour, Enoch Dickinson and John Marshall; About half a mile from the Town we passed by 7 North at grave stones upon a Moor, with the names of the Persons cut on and the Year of Our Lord, upon the enquiring the reason we were inform'd that in the year 1666 there was a sore Pestilence in Eyam of which great numbers dying and were buried upon this common lest by opening the Graves, if they were buried in the Steeplehouse yard the distemper should again breakout. We came to Grindlefordbridge were we stopt upwards of an hour and Din'd at the Bell paid 6d a piece eating. and then proceeded to Sheffield were we got about 7 o Clock in the evening and. having travelled this afternoon 12 miles John Broadhead and me drunk Tea at Thomas Colleys and afterwards went to Elizabeth Dickinsons were we lodg'd.

On 9<sup>th</sup>. and 2<sup>nd</sup>. of week. after Breakfast I went to William Rotherfords of Uppertorph were I tarried several hours and din'd, and then went to Richard Bowmans were I met with my former companions. About 2 o Clock we set out towards home, came by Wadsleybridge to Wortley, were we stopt near an hour at the Inn and got some refreshment Paid 6d a piece and then came by Thurgoland to George Chapmans of Penistone were we stopt upwards of half an hour and supp'd and afterwards came on together to Birchworth were parting with my companions, I came and sat about an hour at Ann Greens of Moorroidnook were I met with Jeremiah Smith, with whom I came to Newhouse were we got about 10 o Clock in the evening.

An Account of a Visit to the heads of Families in Pontefract Monthly Meeting in the 11<sup>th</sup>. and 12<sup>th</sup>. Mos. 1784

Our Monthly Meeting held at Burton in the 11<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1784, having nominated William Sowerby of Ackworth, Nathaniel English of Castleford, William Earnshaw of Tottis, John Chapman Lower Cumberworth and myself, to call upon the respective members thereof for an account of their Sufferings and enquire how they stand clear in Testimony against the Payment of Tythes Priest demands those called Church rates and the Militia, and were weakness or unfaithfulness appeared to administer necessary precaution or advice. The said friends met together by appointment, (except Nathaniel English) at Highflatts ye. 20<sup>th</sup>. of ye. 11<sup>th</sup>. mo 1784 and 1<sup>st</sup>. day of the week, The meeting for Worship began as usual at 11 o Clock, and was very large Henry Dickinson appeared first and stood pretty long from Amos C: 6. v. 1. Woe to them that are at ease in Zion, and trust in the mountain of Samaria. John Broadhead had a few words next querying of us what we had known of the state of convincement and conversion directing us to the revelation of The Fathers will thro' the Son of his Love as a sure foundation for us to build upon with safety. Afterwards William Sowerby had a long time, the careless and incomes are under stirred up to more diligence, danger of continuing in that state was clearly pointed out to them the weak was strengthened, and deeply exercised encouraged to trust in the Lord and they would never be confounded. At the close of this meeting the members of our Society of Men and Women requested to stop a little, the 4<sup>th</sup>. and 6<sup>th</sup>. of the Quarterley meeting Queries was read and answered by all the heads of Families present, but divers being absent the further consideration there of work referr'd to the close of the meeting for Worship the 1st day following, a great deal of weighty caution, counsel and advise were dropt by sundry friends, and towards the conclusion of the meeting, myself, Henry Dickinson and William Sowerby had each a pretty long time in Testimony. Both meetings held upwards of 4 hours.

On 29<sup>th</sup>. and 2<sup>nd</sup>. of week, about 7 o Clock in the morning, I set out towards Burton in company with my dear friend William Earnshaw (who had Lodg'd at our house) we met by appointment with my Cousin John Chapman Brother Samuel Woods of Netherdenby were we stopt about half an hour and then proceeded by Cawthorne and Barugh to John Websters of Carr green were we call'd and got some refreshment and then accompanied by him we went to Burton were we got a little after 11 o Clock at which time the meeting for Worship began which was small and heavy in the beginning but ended better; William Earnshaw appeared first being largely opened concerning Jacob Wrestling with the Lord for a blessing, and afterwards William Sowerby had a long time being led to treat concerning the manna which the Israelites were it to gather fresh every morning. At the close of this meeting was held their Preparative meeting, the 4<sup>th</sup>. and 6<sup>th</sup>. Queries were read and answered by most of the heads of families of these and Wakefield meeting, but some being absent an appointment was made to visit them, divers remarks were made, and pretty much advice was dropt in the Power and authority of the Truth; the business being gone thro' I had a short time in testimony from 2 Tim: C: 4. v: 10 Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world. Both Meetings hold about 3 hours. After which William Sowerby set out for Ackworth and we return'd with John Webster to his house were we stopt about an hour and din'd, and then came to my Brother Samuel Woods were John Chapman left as but we tarried upwards of an hour and supp'd and then came up together to John Kirks of Moorroidnook were we parted my having to call there, tarried up to an hour with them and then came home were I got betwixt 9 and 10 in the evening.

On the 7<sup>th</sup>. of the 12<sup>th</sup>. Mo and 3<sup>rd</sup>. of the week I set out towards Pontefract call'd at Lower Cumberworth of my Cousin John Chapman were I met by appointment with my esteemed friend John Broadhead of Wooldale who accompanied us this Journey, we set out from thence about 10 o Clock in the forenoon, the roads we found very difficult occasioned by a large fall of Snow, but better as we got lower down the Country; we went by Skelmanthorp, Emley and Burton to Crigglestone were we stopt about an hour at my Aunt

Hannah Pollands and Din'd; then proceeded by Milnthorp, Walton and Crofton to Pontefract got there about 5 o Clock in the Evening were John Chapman took up his Quarters at John Thistlethwait's, but we call'd to see Hannah Wigham were we drunk Tea and tarried about 2 hours and then went to Amelia Walkers were we lodg'd.

On 8<sup>th</sup>. and 4<sup>th</sup>. of week, the meeting for Worship began at 10 in the forenoon and was pretty large but a poor low suffering time in silence, at the conclusion thereof the members of our Society of both Sexes were requested to stop a little, the 4<sup>th</sup>. and 6<sup>th</sup>. Queries were read and answered by all the heads of families present and an appointment made to visit those who were absent, a great deal of weighty counsel and advice was dropt by sundry friends, beside those who were under appointment who all attended here (and laboured according to the ability received) except William Earnshaw who was represented by the severity of the weather. Both meetings held upwards of 3 hours After dinner we went and sat a little with John Thistlethwait who was poorly, and then left the Town, and came to Ackworth School were we lodgd.

On the 9<sup>th</sup>. and 5<sup>th</sup>. of the week a little before 7 o Clock in the morning we set out for Burton in company with Leonard West of this place we came by Himsworth Brierley and Cudworth to Burton were we got some refreshment at the Sine of the Sun paid 4d a piece, and then I went to do meeting of Ministers and Elders which began at half past 9. The meeting was very small, the Queries were read and answered by an Elder from Highflatts Meeting there being none present from any other, William Sowerby had some excellent advice to drop at the conclusion of the business. - at 11 o Clock the Monthly meeting for Worship began which was not large by reason of the snow but pretty satisfactory, Hannah Wigham had two pretty long and encouraging times therein in Testimony being first opened from Isa: C: 40. v: 1, 2. Comfort ye, comfort ye my People, saith your God. Speaking ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, her iniquity is pardoned: for she hath received of the Lords hand double for all her Sins. At the close of this meeting was held a meeting for discipline the business of which was conducted to satisfaction and John Nield of Ackworth appeared here and laid before us his continued intentions of marriage with Susanna Kemp of Brighouse Mo. meeting. Both meetings held 4 hours. After which we din'd at Arthington Wilsons of Barnsley, and about 5 o Clock set out towards home in company with divers friends of our Meeting as John Kirk, Jeremiah Smith and William Taylor we came by Cawthorne to my Brother Samuel Woods of Netherdenby were John Chapman left us but we tarried upwards of an hour and supp'd, and so got home betwixt 9 and 10 in the evening.

An Account of my Journey to our Winter Quarterly Meeting held at Leeds in the 12<sup>th</sup>. Mo.  
1784

I set out from home the 28<sup>th</sup>. of ye 12<sup>th</sup>. Mo: 1784 and 3<sup>rd</sup>. day of the week about 3 o Clock in the morning having my esteemed friend William Taylor for my companion this Journey. We went by Denby, Hoyland, Haigh and Hallgreen Millthorp and Sandal to Thomas Booths of Wakefield were we met by appointment with our mutual friend George Chapman of Penistone who came here the night before, we tarried about an hour and Breakfasted, and then proceeded by Newton, Thorp and Hunslet, to Leeds, were we got a little refreshment at John Broadheads, and then went to Brighouse Monthly Meeting held in this Town, the meeting for Worship began at 11 o Clock and was very large many Strangers attending, William Matthews appeared a short time therein exhorting us to gather to the Gift of God in ourselves that so we might experience a being comforted and refreshed, but if this was neglected we should not only suffer loss ourselves, but cause the living to suffer also. At the close of this meeting was held the meeting for discipline, the Business of which was well conducted, John Nield of Pontefract Mo. Meeting and Susanna Kemp of Leeds. and Thomas Brady of Balby Mo. meeting and Esther Marshall of Leeds, presented their intentions of marriage before this

meeting. Also Pheobe Blakes had concurrence thereof to visit the families in Mankinholes meeting. Both Meetings held 4 hours. After which we din'd at Benjamin Kays. At 5 in the evening was the Quarterly Meeting for Ministers and Elders which was pretty large being favoured with the company of many Strangers as a William Matthews Nicholas Waln and Rebecca Jones from Pennsylvania and Rebecca Wright from New Jersey in America, William Rathbone, Tabitha Mariot and Martha Routh from Lancashire. The Queries particular to these meetings were read and answered from all the Mo. Meetings in this County except Knaresborough, and Gisborough and Scarborough from which there were no Representatives, many living testimonies were borne therein in the Power and Wisdom of Truth,, and David Priest man, William Fairbank, Philip Maiden, Timothy Maud, Ann North, Dinah Woodhead and Elizabeth Webster were appointed to oversee the succeeding meetings for Worship and Discipline, and give advice as occasion may require and make report to the adjournment of this meeting on 5<sup>th</sup>. day evening. The meeting held at 3 hours. After which we took up our Quarters at the Bell and Bull in Briggate, were we paid 6d a piece Breakfast, Dinners and Suppers.

On 29<sup>th</sup>. and 4<sup>th</sup>. of the week at 9 o Clock in the morning was a meeting for Worship which was very large although select of friends, Rebecca Jones was first concerned therein in supplication, Esther Tuke next in testimony from Duet: C: 33. v: 29. O Israel: who is like unto thee, O people saved by the Lord. A woman friend I did not know dropt a few words next. Nicholas Waln had a pretty long time next from Rev: C: 3. v: 6. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the Churches. Robert Walker next from Matt: C: 18. v: 3. Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the Kingdom of heaven. William Matthews next in Prayer. and afterwards Christiana Hustler and Elizabeth Priestman had each of them a lively exhortation. At the close of this meeting was held a meeting for discipline, and it being the time for Knaresborough, Settle, Malton, Thirsk Mo. Meetings to chuse a Clerk, the Representatives withdrew and at their return nominated David Priestman of Malton who was acceptable. The 1<sup>st</sup>. 8<sup>th</sup>. of the Quarterley meeting Queries were read and answered from all the monthly meetings, divers weighty remarks were made thereon and many lively Testimonies were borne to the comfort and edification of the rightminded some other business was gone thro' and then the meeting adjourn'd until next day at 10 in the morning. Those meetings having held five hours. - At 5 in the evening was a Publick meeting for Worship which was exceedingly crowded a pretty many of the Towns People coming in Nicholas Waln was first concerned therein in Testimony from Gen: C: 49. v: 10. The Scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come: and unto him shall the gathering of the People be. Tabitha Mariot next from Rom c: 6. v: 20. The wages of Sin is Death. Christopher Barker dropt a few words next. Rebecca Jones had a long time next, setting forth the deplorable situation of those who were desirous to be heirs of two Kingdoms from Matt: C: 6. v: 24. No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other: he cannot serve God and mammon. William Matthews and Rebecca Wright was afterwards largely opened upon the same subject and under a sense of a renewed visitation extended, earnestly intreated the rebellious to join in therewith and give up their whole hearts unto him who is calling for the same, lest his wrath should be kindled and he should leave striving with them. The Meeting held 3 hours.

On 30<sup>th</sup>. and 5<sup>th</sup>. of the week at 10 in the morning met pursuant to adjournment, Nicholas Waln, Joseph Brown, and William Matthews were first concerned in testimony; and the business was then entered upon and conducted to mutual satisfaction many lively testimonies being borne in the course thereof by sundry friends, the meeting held upwards of 4 hours. - At 5 in the evening were two Publick meetings for Worship at the same time, and one in the Meetinghouse and another in the Schoolroom were the Womens Meetings are held both which were very large the places being well fill'd with friends and others who attended; But I was in the Meetinghouse were William Rountree dropt a few words first Nicholas Waln had a very long time next. Being opened from 1 Cor: C: 1. v. 12,13. I am of Paul; and I, of

Apollos; and, I of Cephas; and I, of Christ. Is Christ divided? At certain before us for the danger their walls of letting out of our desires after this that or the other Instrument and thereby neglecting the Gift in our own hearts, and how much more profitable it would be for us closely to attend thereto, and be willing to receive the word of the Lord, whether immediately or by what Instrument the Almighty might be pleased to make use of to convey it unto us, he was then led in a plain close a manner to do various states of the Society pointing out the way by which weakness had come over the several classes in the Church and the way and means of restoration, even by submitting to the operation of that divine Power which is able to save the Soul, and which was evidently felt to be extended for our help and recovery. Christiana Hustler was next concerned in Prayer. Martha Routh had a short time next in testimony from John C: 6. v: 12. Gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost, afterwards Rebecca Jones enlarged a little upon the same subject and then in an encouraging manner to speak to some mournful state or states present with whom her Spirit had been led to sympathize. The Meeting held 3 hours In the Schoolroom I understood William Matthews, Robert Walker, and Henry Tuke had acceptable service in Testimony, and Thomas Colley in Prayer. At the close of these meetings the Ministers and Elders sat about an hour together in which opportunity Rebecca Jones had a lively testimony to bear. After which one of the friends appointed to oversee the meetings reported that they had attended to the appointment and given advice as they thought necessary. The report of the friends who had lately visited the Ministers and Elders of Settle and Knaresborough Monthly Meetings was also read and some other business gone thro' to good satisfaction.

On 31<sup>st</sup>. and 6<sup>th</sup>. of the week. In the morning George Chapman set out towards home, but we went a little out of town to breakfast at Richard Lapage's and then return'd with him to the meeting appointed for accomplishing the marriage of John Nield and Susanna Kemp which began at 10 and held about 3 hours. The said meeting was large and divinely favoured a pretty many of the Town People coming in, and divers friends from different parts of the county attending likewise all the Strangers except William Rathbone and Rebecca Jones. Rebecca Wright was first concerned in in supplication Martha Routh next in testimony from 1 Cor: C: 1. v: 21. It pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe. William Matthews next from Heb: C: 5. v: 9. He became the author of eternal Salvation unto all them that obey him. Young people then took each other in marriage and afterwards Esther Tuke was pretty largely opened concerning the marriage in Cana of Galilee. After meeting we Din'd at Gervas Storrs's, and about 2 o Clock set out for Leeds in company with Leonard West, Joseph Donbavand and John Sergeant of Ackworth and Edward West of Thorne came by Hunslet Long Lofthouse and Newton to Wakefield were we stopt about an hour at the Swan in the Lofts and drunk Tea paid 6d a piece and then parting with the other friends we came by Sandal Millthorp, Hallgreen, Haigh and Hoyland, to my Cousin Joseph Steads of Toppett were we tarried upwards of an hour and supp'd, and then came by Denby to Newhouse were we got about 11 o Clock at night.

#### An Account of my Journey to our Spring Quarterly Meeting held at York in the 3<sup>rd</sup>. Month 1785

I set out from home ye. 28<sup>th</sup>. of ye. 3<sup>rd</sup>. Mo. 1785 and 2<sup>nd</sup>. day of the week betwixt 6 and 7 o Clock in the morning having for my companion this Journey, John Broadhead of Wooldale who came to our house the night before we went by Cumberworth to Skelmanthorp were we stopt betwixt 2 and 3 hours and Breakfasted at Anthony Kinsleys, and from thence went by Emley Bretton and Crigglestone to Dircar were we stopt upwards of 2 hours and Din'd at Christopher Walkers. had some agreeable conversation with John Robinson a person that links in this village who came to see us, he had formerly been leader of a class amongst the Methodists but being dissatisfied had some time ago left them and come amongst friends he

gave us some account of his convincement which was very acceptable. About to o Clock we set forward on our Journey, Christopher Walker who was going to sell be about some business accompanying us as far as Castleford, we went by Heath, Warmfield and Normanton to Nathaniel English's of Castleford were we lodg'd, got there about 5 o Clock, having travelled this day about 20 miles. After Tea we went and sat a little at Morris Birkbecks and then return'd to supper

On 29<sup>th</sup>. and 3<sup>rd</sup>. of week about 9 o Clock in the morning we went out for York 22 miles stopt a little at Aberford and got each of us a Pint of Ale, and then proceeded to Tadcaster were we din'd at the Angel paid 9d a piece eating and 4d Liquor and then proceeded to York were we took up our Quarters at Ann and Rebecca Awmacks. After getting some refreshment I went immediately to do Quarterly meeting of Ministers and Elders which began at 5 and held about 3 hours. was pretty large and favoured with the company of some strangers as a William Rathbone and Martha Routh from Lancashire and Rebecca Wright from New Jersey in America. The Queries were read and answered in writing from all the mature meetings in this County, and a number of friends were appointed to prepare a General Answer therefrom to be approv'd in the Quarterly Meeting for Discipline, and from thence transmitted to the Yearly Meeting. Robert Grub, Thomas Priestman, Thomas Brady, Mary Fairbank and Mary Maiden were appointed to oversee the succeeding meetings, and advise as occasion may require etc some other business was gone thro' and several testimonies were borne and then the meeting adjourn'd until 5<sup>th</sup>. day evening.

On 30<sup>th</sup>. and 4<sup>th</sup>. of week and 9 in the morning was a meeting for Worship which was pretty large for the time of the Year, Isaac Taylor appeared therein first from Mark C: 2. v. 22. No man putteth new wine into old bottles: else the new wine doest burst the bottles, and the wind spilled, and the bottles will be marred: but new wine must be put into new bottles. William Rathbone next from 1 Cor: C: 12. v: 13. By one spirit are we Baptised into one body. Pheobe Blakes next in supplication. Elizabeth Hoyland next in testimony from Matt: C: 15. v: 32. I have compassion on the multitude, and I will not send them away fasting, lest they faint in the way. Morris Birkbeck and Hannah Hart had afterwards each of them a few words. At close of this meeting was held a Meeting for Discipline, and it being the time Richmond, Scarborough, Guisborough and Owstwick and Cave Monthly meetings to chuse a Clerk the Representatives withdrew and at their return nominated John Rountree of Scarborough who was acceptable. The Yearly Meeting Queries were read and Answers thereto from all the Monthly meetings in this County by which it appeared that there was some convincement in divers of them but none had been accepted into membership since last year except one in Balby Mo. Meeting. Also one Publick friend was deceased viz Thomas Priestley of Settle Mo. meeting, a satisfactory account concerning him was given in their answers, a pretty deal more business was gone thro' and then the meeting adjourn'd until next day at 10 in the morning. Both meetings having held at 5 hours. After which we din'd and drunk Tea at William Baistons. - At 5 in the evening was another meeting for Worship larger than the former divers of other Societies coming in, towards the close thereof Pheobe Blakes had a pretty long and acceptable time in testimony from Isai: C: 55: v: 1. Ho, everyone that thirsteth come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money, come ye, buy and eat, yea, come buy wine and milk without money and without price. The meeting held 2 hours and a half.

On 31<sup>st</sup>. and 5<sup>th</sup>. of the week at 10 o Clock in the morning met pursuant to adjournment. Joseph Brown and Benjamin Hird had each a short testimony to bear, the business was then entered upon, and a great deal was gone thro' to pretty good satisfaction. Thomas Colley laid before the meeting his concern to visit friends in America, and produced a Certificate from friends of Balby Mo. Meeting expressing their unity therewith, which was read and signed by a great number of friends. This meeting held 5 hours. After which we Din'd and drunk Tea at Henry Tukes. At 5 in evening was Parting Meeting for Worship which held about 2 hours and a half divers of other Societies attended, and William Rathbone had an acceptable time therein in testimony from Eph: C: 5. v: 15, 16. Walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise redeeming the time, because the days of evil. At the close of this meeting

and the Ministers and Elders sat about an hour and a half together. The friends appointed to Oversee the meetings reported they had attended to the appointment, but had nothing particular to remark, Also the report of the friends who had visited the Ministers and Elders in Balby Mo. meeting was received and read and divers testimonies were borne to the Truth.

On 1<sup>st</sup>. of the 4<sup>th</sup>. mo. and 6<sup>th</sup>. of the week after breakfast we went and sat a little at William Tuke us and about 10 o Clock left York and came to Tadcaster were we din'd at the Angel paid 8d a piece eating and 4d Liquor stopt about an hour and a half and then came by Towton Sherborne and Milford to Ferrybridge were we stopt better than half an hour at the Clock and drunk Tea paid 8d a piece and then proceeded to Thomas Hagues of Little Smeaton got there betwixt 7 and 8 o Clock in the evening were we lodg'd having travelled about 28 miles this day.

On 2<sup>nd</sup>. and 7<sup>th</sup>. of week about 10 o Clock in the morning we set forward on our Journey stopt about 2 hours at Richard Cockens of Doncaster were we Din'd, and then proceeded to Balby Loversall and Wadsworth to Tickhill were we stopt about an hour and drunk Tea at the White.horse paid 8d a piece, and then passing by Oldcoats and Carlton in Nottinghamshire we got to David Dents of Broomhouse about 8 o Clock in the evening having travelled this day 24 miles.

On 3<sup>rd</sup>. and 1<sup>st</sup>. of the week, we went in company with divers of the family to their meeting at Blyth which began at 11 and held better than 2 hours, was but small, and a lowish time in the forepart thereof, but ended better, John Broadhead dropt a few words to first, I appeared next from Isa: C: 3. v: 7. I will not to be a healer; for in my house is neither bread nor clothing: make me not a ruler of the People. And after a short time in silence appeared again pretty largely from Jer: C: 30. v: 15, 16. Hear ye, and give ear, be not proud for the Lord hath spoken Give glory to the Lord your God, before he cause the darkness, and before your feet stumble upon the dark mountains and while ye look for light, he turn it into the shadows of Death, and make it gross darkness. After which John Broadhead had a few words more from James C: 2. v: 20. Faith without works is dead. After meeting we Din'd at Benjamin Wilsons, and after dinner my companion set out for Retford about some business he had to do there, and I went to Hannah Booths to Tea in company with John Crookshanks from Old-Meldrum meeting in Scotland who had come to David Dents to be instructed in the farming Business, and tarried to bear me company to their house, he appeared to me to be an innocent inoffensive young man, whose preservation I much desire. After Tea we had a satisfactory opportunity together in which I appeared twice, and then return'd to David Dents, having very agreeable conversation with the aforesaid friend in our way he informing me of the Lords gracious dealings with his Soul and how he was brought to the knowledge of the Truth.

On 4<sup>th</sup>. and 2<sup>nd</sup>. of week, in the Afternoon I went in company with Ann Dent to Benjamin Johnsons of Worksop were we drunk Tea, his Wife and daughter was lately join'd with friends and he had begun to attend an meetings.

On 5<sup>th</sup>. and 3<sup>rd</sup>. of week, my companion not having finished his business was oblig'd to return to Retford; in the afternoon in company with David Dent I went and drunk Tea at Rebecca Eddisons of Gateford.

On 6<sup>th</sup>. and 4<sup>th</sup>. of week we set out for Sheffield 18 miles betwixt 8 and 9 in the morning, came by Anston in Yorkshire to Aston were we stopt about half an hour at the Golden Lion and got some refreshment paid 6d a piece and then came by Handsworth Woodhouse were we stopt 2 hours at John Bowers and Din'd, and from thence came to Sheffield got to be a Gervas Bradys about 4 in the afternoon were we took up our Quarters.

On 7<sup>th</sup>. and 5<sup>th</sup>. of the week we breakfasted at Thomas Colleys and went from thence to Balby Monthly meeting held in this Town; the meeting for Worship began at 11 and was very large, Jane Colley appeared first Elizabeth Hoyland next, Thomas Colley had a long time next from Jer: C: 45. v: 5. Seekest thou great things for thyself seek them not. Afterwards Frances Dodgson had a long and favoured time from Isai: C: 48. v: 17. I am the Lord thy God, which teacheth thee to profit, which leadeth thee by the way that thou shouldest go. At the

close of this meeting was held the meeting for Discipline in which the business of the four Preparative meetings constituting the same viz. Warmsworth, Sheffield, Woodhouse, and Thorne, was amicably transacted. Both meetings held 5 hours. After which we Din'd at John Hoylands, drunk Tea at Gervas Bradys and supp'd at Thomas Colleys.

On 8<sup>th</sup>. and 6<sup>th</sup>. of the week, After Breakfast we call'd and sat a little at William Wrights, and about 10 o Clock left the Town and came by Owlerton to Wortley got 2 Pints of Ale at the Inn, and then came to George Chapmans of Penistone stopt upwards of an hour and din'd and so came by Birchworth to Newhouse, were we got betwixt 4 and 5 in the Afternoon.

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An Account of my Journey to our Quarterly Meeting at York in the 9<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1785

I set out from home ye. 25<sup>th</sup>. of ye. 9<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1785 and 1<sup>st</sup>. day of the week, about 5 o Clock in the Morning and went by Cumberworth to Anthony Kinsleys of Skelmanthorp, where I met by appointment with George Haigh of Heighmoorhouse, we stopt about an hour and Breakfasted and then proceeded by Emley, and Bretton to Abraham Cudworths Painthorp; (he was convinced when young but proved unfaithful, but divers being greatly convinced in this neighbourhood, he was favoured with a renewed visitation, and he and his Wife had both for some time past constantly attended our Religious Meetings.) we stopt about an hour here and drunk Coffee, and then went with them to the Meeting at Wakefield which began at 11 and held upwards of 3 hours: There are very few members belonging thereto, but several were lately convinced and appears hopeful, and some few of the Methodists came in, John Broadhead and some other friends from our Meeting was also there; and we were favoured with an open favoured time together; I appeared therein first from Gen: C: 35. v: 2, 3. Put away the strange Gods that are among you, and be clean and change your garments; and let us arise, and go up to Bethel; and I will make there an Altar unto God, who answered me in the days of my distress, and was with me in the way which I went. and after a short time in silence I appear'd again from Job C: 38. v: 2. Who is there that darkeneth counsel by words without knowledge. John Broadhead appeared next setting forth the nature and effect of true

and savings Faith. Afterwards I had a pretty long time to those who were newly convinced from John C: 8. v: 31. If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed. After Meeting we came to Christopher Walkers of Dircar were most of the convinced friends Din'd and drunk Tea with us After Dinner we had a favoured opportunity together, (two of the Methodists who had been at the meeting coming in,) myself and John Broadhead appear'd therein several times. In the Evening George Haigh and me return'd to Abraham Cudworths were we Lodg'd.

On 26<sup>th</sup>. and 2<sup>nd</sup>. of the week we Breakfasted at William Pickards, he and his Wife being under convincement having formerly been in Profession with the Presbyterians. After Breakfast we went by Sandal to Wakefield were we stopt about an hour at Thomas Booths and got some refreshment. About 10 o Clock we set out towards York in company with John Broadhead, Susanna Bottomley, and Mary Bottomley, from our Meeting, who met us here from Dircar this morning; we went by Oulton, Swillington. bridge were we got some refreshment at Lowthers. Arms paid 2d a piece and stopt better than half an hour and then proceeded by Garforth to Aberford were we din'd at the Hare and Hounds paid 6d a piece eating and 5d Liquor stopt 2 hours and then proceeded to Tadcaster were we got about half past 6 in the evening, having travelled 25 miles this day and took up our Quarters at the Angel were we paid 8d a Piece for Breakfast and Supper.

On 27<sup>th</sup>. and 3<sup>rd</sup>. of the week; We set about about 9 o Clock in the morning, and in about 3 hours time reached York, as were I took up my Quarters at Ann and Rebecca Awmacks. At 5 in the evening began the Quarterly meeting of Ministers and Elders which was pretty large altho' we were only favoured with the company of two Strangers viz. Patience Brayton from New-England in America and Elizabeth Candler from Norfolk. The Queries read and answered from all the Mo. Meetings except Gisborough, and many weighty remarks made thereon by sundry Friends William Fairbank, Robert Taylor, Blashell Forster, Ann North, and Mary Dearman were appointed to Oversee the succeeding meetings for Worship and Discipline, and advise as they see occasion, and make report to the adjournment of this meeting on 5<sup>th</sup>. day evening.

On 28<sup>th</sup>. and 4<sup>th</sup>. of the week at 9 in the morning was a meeting for Worship, which was large for the time of the year altho' select of friends. Hannah Hartley and Joseph Brown had each a few words first Elizabeth Hoyland appeared next from Isa: C: 60. v: 1. Arise shine; for thy light is come, and the Glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. Henry Tuke next from 1 Thes: C: 4. v: 11. Study to be quiet, and to do your own business. Mary Proud and Elizabeth Candler had each a short time next and Afterwards Esther Tuke had a long time from Joel C: 2: v: 15. Sanctify a fast. After which Elizabeth Candler concluded the meeting in Prayer. At the close of which was held a meeting for Discipline; John Birkbeck of Settle was chosen Clerk. The Queries were read and answered from all the Mo. Meetings, and many remarks made thereon and sundry living testimonies borne by divers friends to the comfort and edification of the Body some other business was gone thro' and then the Meeting adjourn'd until next day at 10 in the forenoon. Both Meetings held upwards of 5 hours. After which I Din'd and drunk Tea at Henry Tukes. At 5 in the Evening was another meeting for Worship which was large many of other Societies attending Patience Brayton was first concerned in supplication and afterwards had a long and favoured time in testimony and being led in an encouraging manner to the mourners in Zion intreating such to cast their care upon the Lord who careth for them. Elizabeth Candler appeared next from Isai: C: 53 v: 1. Who hath believed our report? And to whom is the arm of the Lord revealed? The meeting held better than 2 hours.

On 29<sup>th</sup>. and 5<sup>th</sup>. of week at 10 in the morning met pursuant to adjournment a great deal of business was gone thro' and conducted in much harmony. The meeting held better than 3 hours. After which I din'd at William Baistons. At 4 in the Afternoon was the Parting meeting for Worship which was large many of other Societies coming in. John Hoyland and Christopher Barker had each of them a few words, after which Esther Tuke had a pretty long time from John C: 10. v: 27. My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.

And after a short time in Silence she had another open time from Amos C: 3. v: 3. Can two walk together except they be agreed. At the close of this meeting the Minister's and Elders sat about half an hour together when one of the friends appointed to oversee the meetings reported they had discharged the trust reposed in them according to the best of their understanding. Both meetings held near 3 hours after which I supp'd and spent evening very agreeably at William Tukes.

On 30<sup>th</sup>. and 6<sup>th</sup>. of week, I left York about 8 o Clock in the morning in company with my former fellow travellers and Joseph Lister of Barnsley, came to Tadcaster were we stopt about an hour at the Angel and drunk Coffee Paid 8d a piece and then proceeded on our Journey, here we parted with Joseph Lister and after coming about 3 miles together George Haigh and the Women friends went for Leeds and John Broadhead and myself came to Aberford were we Din'd at the Hare and Hounds Paid 6d a piece eating and 2d Liquor, stopt better than an hour and then came on to Castleford were we got about 5 o Clock in the evening and lodgd at Nathaniel English's.

On 1<sup>st</sup>. of ye 10<sup>th</sup>. Mo. and 7<sup>th</sup>. of week After Breakfast we went and sat a little at Morris Birkbecks and betwixt 10 and 11 o Clock in the forenoon, we set out Nathaniel English accompanying us to Pontefract, from whence we came to Ackworth were we stopt 2 hours and Din'd at George Lomas's and then came by Himsworth, Brierly and Cudworth to John Luptons of Beaverhole got there about 5 o Clock in the evening were we lodgd.

On 2<sup>nd</sup>. and 1<sup>st</sup>. of the week, we was at their meeting at Burton which began as usual at half past 10. A large committee of Men and Women friends being appointed by our last Mo. meeting to visit this Preparative meeting as way might open, for which purpose it was agreed for the future to be held one week sooner than the usual time; several of whom attended here to day viz. Morris Birkbeck, Leonard West, Godfrey Woodhead, George Chapman, William Taylor, John Broadhead myself, Dinah Woodhead and Martha Dickinson and several other friends who were not under appointment, Likewise a pretty many of other Societies came in so that the meeting was pretty large and satisfactory. Morris Birkbeck appeared first from Matt C: 7. v: 21. Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord shall enter into the Kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in Heaven, I had a pretty long time next from Isai: C: 14. v: 1. For the Lord will have mercy on Jacob, and will yet choose Israel, and set them in their own land: and the stranger shall be joined with them, and they shall cleave to the house of Jacob. At the close of this meeting was held their Preparative Meeting, Both meetings held upwards of 2 hours, after which we set out towards home in company with William Taylor, and our former fellow travellers who had unexpectedly come this way from Leeds, came to John Websters of Carrgreen were we stopt about 2 hours and Din'd and then came by Darton, Kexborough, and Hoyland to Toppitt were William Taylor and me call'd and got some refreshment at my Cousin Joseph Steads, and so got home about 7 o Clock in the evening.

An Account of my Journey to the Monthly Meeting at Brighouse held there ye. 28<sup>th</sup>. of ye.  
10<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1785

I set out from home ye. 28<sup>th</sup>. of ye. 10<sup>th</sup>. mo: 1785 and 6<sup>th</sup>. day of the week about 6 o Clock in the morning, and went by Shepley to Heighmoorhouse were I stopt a little and then proceeded by Amberry and Huddersfield to Joseph Firths of Toothill were I stopt near an hour and got Tea and then went to the Meeting at Brighouse, which was large and favoured with the company of some Strangers, as Patience Brayton from New England in America, Elizabeth Candler from Norfolk and Sarah Lees from Malton Mo. meeting Patience Brayton was first concerned therein in supplication Phebe Blakes next in testimony from John C: 5. v: 25. The dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live. Benjamin Kay and Sarah Lees had each of them are a few words next, Elizabeth Candler had a pretty long time

next from Psalms 27. v: 4. One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the House of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to enquire in his temple. Patience Brayton had a long and much favoured time next from Job: C: 38. v: 22. 23. Hast thou entered into the treasures of the snow? or hast thou seen the treasures of the hail, which I have reserved against the time of trouble against the day of battle and war? At the close of this meeting was held the meeting for Discipline in which a great deal of business was gone thro' to pretty good satisfaction: both meetings held upwards of 4 hours. After which I went to Joseph Fryers of Rastrick were I Din'd, and then went to Joseph Firths of Tooth-hill to see the friends were I drunk Tea, after Tea we had a satisfactory opportunity together in which Sarah Lees, Elizabeth Candler, and Patience Brayton were all concerned in testimony. After which I return'd to Joseph Fryers were I lodg'd.

On 29<sup>th</sup>. and 7<sup>th</sup>. of week about 10 o Clock in the morning I set out for Dircar 13 miles, stopt about half an hour at Joshua Lees of Brighthouse, and then proceeded by Mirfield, Dewsbury, Heaton and Ossett to Christopher Walkers of Dircar were I got betwixt 3 and 4 o Clock in the afternoon were I Lodg'd.

On 30<sup>th</sup>. and 1<sup>st</sup>. of the week after breakfast, I went to William Pickards and Abraham Cudworths of Painthorp sat a little at each place and about 9 o Clock set about for Burton in company with Christopher Walker and his wife Thomas Cooper, John Robinson, Abraham Cudworth and William Pickard and his Wife, we went by Hollingsforth, and Woolley got to Burton just in time to the meeting which was not large, but very open and satisfactory; Of the Committee appointed to visit this meeting there was only George Chapman, William Taylor, and myself attended. I was first concerned his supplication, and afterwards had a long time in testimony from Job: C: 2. v: 9, 10. Dust thou still retain, thine integrity curse God and die. But he said unto her: thou speakest as one of the foolish women speaketh; What? Shall we receive good at the hand of God, or shall we not receive evil? After a little time in silence I appear'd again in an encouraging manner to some state unto whom the call of the Lord appeared to be powerfully extended from John C: 11. v. 28. The master is come and calleth for thee. At the close of this meeting was held their Preparative meeting, Both meetings held about 3 hours and a half. After which I Din'd at John Websters of Carrgreen and a little after 4 o Clock set out towards home in company with my dear friends George Chapman and William Taylor we came by Darton, Kexbro' and Cawthorne; a little on this side we parted with George Chapman and so came up to my Brother Samuel Woods of Netherdenby were we drunk Tea and stopt about 1 hour and a half and then came by Denby to John Kirks were we sat a little, and got to Newhouse about 9 o Clock

An Account of my Journey to our Winter Quarterly Meeting held at Leeds in the 12<sup>th</sup>. Mo.  
1785

I set out from home ye. 27<sup>th</sup>. and the 12<sup>th</sup>. mo: 1785, and 3<sup>rd</sup>. day of the week betwixt 6 and 7 o Clock in the morning in company with William Taylor, we went by Denby to my Cousin Joseph Steads of Toppett were we stopt about half an hour and got some refreshment, and then proceeded by Hoyland and Bretton to William Pickards of Painthorp were we met by appointment with our mutual friends George Chapman of Penistone and Thomas Earnshaw of Judfield, stopt here about an hour and Din'd and then went by Sandal, Wakefield, Newton, Thorp, and Hunslet to Leeds were we got a little before 4 o Clock and took up our Quarters at the Bell and Bull in Briggate, After which I went and drunk Tea at John Broadheads.

At 5 in the Evening began the Quarterly meeting of Ministers and Elders, which was large and favoured with the company of several Strangers viz. John Pemberton, and Rebecca Jones, from Pennsylvania in America, Mehetabel Jenkins, and Patience Brayton from New England in America, William Rathbone from Lancashire, Deborah Darby from Shropshire, and Mary Davies from at Sommersetshire. William Rathbone had an acceptable time therein in

Testimony. The Select Queries were then read and answered from all the Mo. meetings in this County except Gisborough and Scarborough from which there were no Representatives, divers weighty remarks were made thereon and sundry living Testimonies were born to the Truth. After which Thomas Priestman, John Jackson, Philip Maiden, Mary Fairbank, Mary Maiden and Hannah Kay were appointed to oversee the succeeding meetings and give advice as occasion may require and make report to the adjournment of this meeting on 5<sup>th</sup>. day evening. The meeting held near four hours.

On 28<sup>th</sup>. and 4<sup>th</sup>. of the week at 9 in the morning was a meeting for Worship which was large tho' select of friends, Deborah Darby had a short but lively Testimony first, Rebecca Jones had a pretty long time next from Isai: C: 33. v: 13. Hear, ye that are far off, what I have done; and ye that are near, acknowledge my might. Mehetabel Jenkins next from Psalms 110. v: 3. Thy People shall be willing in the day of thy Power. Rebecca Jones next being largely opened from Matt. C: 22. Concerning the Parable of the marriage of the King's Son, and under a feeling sense of divine favour extended had to call unto this large Assembly to "Come for all things are now ready" Phoebe Blakes concluded the meeting in Prayer. At the close of which was held a meeting for discipline, John Rountree of Scarborough been chosen Clerk, The 1<sup>st</sup>. 8<sup>th</sup>. of the Quarterley meeting Queries were read and answered from all the Mo. Meetings, and it will were deficiencies appeared much labour was bestowed in the love of the Gospel by caution counsel and advice, in order that these things which dim the beauty of our Zion might be removed. Some other business was gone thro' and then the meeting adjourn'd until next day at 10 in the morning. At 5 in the evening was a Publick meeting for Worship which held near 3 hours and was very large many of other Societies attending. Mehetabel Jenkins appeared first and stood long from Matt: C: 7. v: 21. Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. William Rathbone next from Ex: C: 14. v. 13. Stand still and see the salvation of the Lord, which he will shew to you to day; for the Egyptians whom ye have seen to day, ye shall see them no more for ever. Rebecca Jones next from Matt. C: 11. v: 28. Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Afterwards she concluded the meeting in Prayer.

On 29<sup>th</sup>. and 5<sup>th</sup>. of the week at 10 in the morning met pursuant to adjournment; John Hoyland and William Rathbone were first concerned in testimony the business was then entered upon and conducted under the influence of the Peaceable Spirit of Truth towards the conclusion thereof our friend Sarah Grub (whose certificate had been indors'd by this meeting 6<sup>th</sup>. Mo. last to visit Ireland in company with Rebecca Jones) came in accompanied by several Women friends and gave an account of her Journey. After which Esther Tuke and Rebecca Jones had each a living and powerful Testimony to bear. The Meeting held 4 hours and a half. At 5 in the evening was the parting meeting for Worship which was much crowded many of other Societies coming in Mehetabel Jenkins was first concerned his supplication, Sarah Grub next in testimony from Rom: C: 2: v. 28, 29. He is not a Jew which is one outwardly; neither is that circumcision which is outward in the flesh: But he is a Jew which is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart in the spirit and not in the letter; whose praise is not of men but of God. William Rathbone next setting forth the Universality of the love of God towards all mankind from the Passage of the Little Captive maid and Naaman the Assyrian 2 Kings. C: 5. v: 3. Would God my Lord was with the Prophet that is in Samaria; for he would recover him of his leprosy. Esther Brady next from Matt C: 10. v: 37. He that loveth Father or Mother more than me is not worthy of me. John Pemberton next from 2 Tim: C: 2. v: 19. Let everyone that nameth the name of Christ depart from Iniquity. Rebecca Jones concluded the meeting in Prayer and Praises to Almighty God whose everlasting arm of divine Power had been eminently made bare throughout the several sittings of this large and solemn Assembly for the saving help of his People It having been one of the most solemn weighty and divinely favoured Quarterley meetings that ever I remember attending. At the close of this meeting the Ministers and Elders sat about half an hour together when one of the friends appointed to

oversee the meetings reported they had nothing to offer by way of complaint. Both meetings held 3 hours and a half.

On 30<sup>th</sup>. and 6<sup>th</sup>. of week. This morning William Taylor and Thomas Earnshaw set out towards home but George Chapman and me spent the day amongst friends at Leeds. Breakfasted at Joshua Ingles, Din'd at Benjamin Kays, and afterwards went to John Armisteads, Joseph Walker and Joseph Jowetts sat a little at each place, and then went to Thomas Copelands were we drunk Tea in company with many friends and from thence went and sat a little at John Broadheads and afterwards returned to our Inn.

On 31<sup>st</sup>. and 7<sup>th</sup>. of week After Breakfast we call'd and sat a little at Benjamin Birkbecks, and then came to Pym Nevins's were we met with many friends and had a favoured opportunity in which Deborah Darby and Esther Brady were concerned in testimony. About 11 o Clock we set out in company with William Hamilton of Stockport in Cheshire and James Lister of Barnsley came by Hunslet, Long-Lofthouse, and Newton to Wakefield were we stopt about an hour at Thomas Booths and Din'd, then came by Sandal to Millthorp were we parted George Chapman going with James Lister to Barnsley, and William Hamilton and myself came to Christopher Walkers of Dircar were we got betwixt 4 and 5 o Clock In the evening most of the convinced friends in this neighbourhood came to sit with us, with whom we had a satisfactory opportunity in which I had a few words to drop.

On 1<sup>st</sup>. of the 1<sup>st</sup>. Mo. 1786 and 1<sup>st</sup>. day of the week we were at Wakefield meeting, and having given notice the day before that our friends Esther and Elizabeth Tuke from York intended to be there a great many of other Societies attended, so that the meeting was large and eminently favoured. Elizabeth Tuke had a few words first in testimony from John C: 11. v: 25. I am the resurrection and the Life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live. Margaret English daughter of Nathaniel English of Castleford dropt the following words next from Matt: C: 9. v: 13. I am not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance. Which was the first time I heard her. Esther Tuke had a long and much favoured from time from Matt: C: 4. v: 16. The people which sat in darkness saw a great light; and to them which sat in the region and shadow of death is light sprung up. I had a pretty long time next from Isai: C: 40. v: 29. He giveth Power to the faint: and to them that have no might he increaseth strength. After which Esther Tuke concluded the meeting in Prayer. which. held about 3 hours. After meeting we return'd Christopher Walkers; Caleb Birchall who had come from Leeds this morning to the meeting accompanying us, were they lodg'd, but afterward dinner I came up to William Pickards of Painthorp were I drunk Tea and supp'd. In the evening at Joseph Pickard of Crigglestone and David Pickard of Ossett who had been at the meeting today and were reach'd unto therein, coming in with Abraham Cudworth, we had a precious tendering season together in which I appeared twice. and afterwards went with Abraham Cudworth to lodge.

On 2<sup>nd</sup>. and 2<sup>nd</sup>. of week, Christopher Walker and his Wife with the two friends from Stockport coming up in the morning to Painthorp we Breakfasted together at William Pickards After which we had an opportunity together in which I had a few words to drop, and then the Cheshire friends set out for Sheffield, and after dinner I set out towards home came by Bretton and Emley to Anthony Kinsleys of Skelmanthorp were I sat a little and then came up to William Dysons of Woodhouse were I drunk Tea and tarried near 2 hours and then came by Cumberworth to Birdsedge were I call'd and sat a little with Mary Dyson and got home betwixt 6 and 7 o Clock in the evening.

An Account of my Journey to Brighthouse Mo. Meeting held at Halifax in the 1<sup>st</sup>. Mo. 1786.

I set out from home ye. 27<sup>th</sup>. of ye. 1<sup>st</sup>. Mo. 1786 and 6<sup>th</sup>. day of the week a little after 4 o Clock in the morning having for my companion George Chapman of Penistone, we went by Shepley to Heighmoorhouse were we Breakfasted at George Haighs stopt about an hour, and

then proceeded by Amberry to Robert Firths of Huddersfield were we stopt about half an hour and got some refreshment, and then went by Ealand to my Cousin William and Mary Woods of Halifax were we got betwixt 10 and 11 o Clock, having travelled 16 miles this morning; after getting some refreshment, we went to the Monthly meeting for Worship which began at 11 and was a very poor meeting, I sat there in in a very low discourage state of mind, towards the conclusion thereof I was favoured with so much strength as to drop a few words in Testimony from Matt: C: 9. v: 37. The harvest truly is plentiful, but the labourers are few. At the close thereof was held the meeting for discipline in which a great deal of business was transacted, and I believe there was a sincere remnant who'll were honestly engaged that the camp might to be cleans'd from those things which stain the beauty of Zion, yet there were others who endeavoured to obstruct the work, by darkening divine counsel with a multitude of words which brought an additional weight upon divers minds who know their sufficiency for every service to be of the Lord alone. Both Meetings held 4 hours. After which we Din'd at my relations beforementioned, were we also spent the evening and lodg'd.

On 28<sup>th</sup>. and 7<sup>th</sup>. of the week, After Breakfast we call'd to see the Widow Sarah Green and from thence went to look at the Piece-hall which is the most curious and largest I ever saw. About 9 o Clock we left Halifax, and went to Robert Crosland of Oldfieldnook were we call'd to see our ancient friend Caleb Marsden he did not know us at first but being told who we were he appeared much pleas'd to see us, we tarried about an hour and got some refreshment, and then came by Hightown, Eckenwike and Dewsbury to Heaton bank top were we call'd with a letter at Susanna Whitakers, and tho' She was not in profession with us, and only a distant Relation to my Brother's Wife, yet she behaved with a remarkable kindness, we spent about an hour in conversation with her and got some refreshment, and then went down a beautiful valley upon the banks of the River Calder to Dircar got there about 4 o Clock having travelled 16 miles were we lodg'd at Christopher Walkers In the evening divers convinced friends came to sit with us, with whom we had a pretty satisfactory opportunity, I appeared twice in the forepart thereof, having a few words each time, and after a long time in silence, in which the current of divine Life appear'd unto me to be obstructed by some withholding more than was meet, George Chapman dropt a few words, after which I had a long time.

On 29<sup>th</sup>. and 1<sup>st</sup>. of the week we went up to Painthorp and Breakfasted at Abraham Cudworths, and about 9 o Clock set out for Burton in company with John Robinson and his Son, Abraham Cudworth and two of his Apprentices viz. Edward Pickard and William Child who appear'd to have an inclination to attend our meetings, we went by Woolley to Burton were we got just in time to the meeting; Of the Committee appointed to attend here there were present, Godfrey Woodhead, George Chapman, William Taylor, myself, Dinah Woodhead and Sarah Priest, also several other friends who were not under appointment, and many of other Societies came in, so that it was a large meeting and eminently favoured, I had a very long time, there in Testimony from Hag: C: 1. v: 7. Thus saith the Lord of hosts; consider thy ways. Afterwards Dinah Woodhead had a pretty long time setting before us the necessity there was for us to be prepared for our final change from 2 Kings C: 20. v: 1. Set thine house in order; for thou shalt die and not live. At the close of this meeting was held their Preparative meeting The Yearly Meeting Queries were read and answered and divers remarks made thereon, and some other business was gone thro'. Both meetings held about 3 hours and a half. After which I with several other friends came and Din'd with Joseph and James Lister of Barnsley. About 5 o Clock I set out towards home in company with William Taylor, George Haigh and Hutchinson Dyson from our meeting, and Joseph Lister who was going to visit Susanna Bottomley, Jonathan Bashforth who was convinced the first time we attended the Preparative meeting at Burton accompanying us about 2 miles and then return'd. he appeared to me to be an innocent tenderspirited youth, who I believe will grow in the Truth if he keeps under the divine hand. We came by Cawthorne to Netherdenby were William Taylor and me called, and tarried upwards of an hour at my Brother Samuel Woods were we drunk Tea, and then came by Denby to Newhouse, were we got betwixt 9 and 10 in the evening.

An Account of my Journey to the Northern Yearly Meeting held at Blackburn in Lancashire  
in 1786

I set out from home the 15<sup>th</sup>. of the 4<sup>th</sup>. Month 1786 and 7<sup>th</sup>. day of the week betwixt 5 and 6 o Clock in the morning having for my companion James Lister of Barnsley; we went to George Haighs of Heighmoorhouse were we stopt about an hour and Breakfasted and then proceeded by Amberry Huddersfield and Ealand to my Cousin William and Mary Woods of Halifax were we stopt about 3 hours and Din'd, and then proceeded up a very deep and curious valley to Todmorden 12 miles, James Green accompanying us to Hepton bridge were we stopt about an hour at the White Lyon and got some refreshment, and then proceeded to the Widow Hannah Greenwoods of Longfield, got there betwixt 7 and 8 o Clock were we lodgd.

On 16<sup>th</sup>. and 1<sup>st</sup>. of the week, we was at their meeting at Shoebroad, which was this day large many seeking People of other Societies attending. I had a long time therein in Testimony from Rom: C: 9. v: 16. It is not of him that willeth nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy. and afterwards had a few words more from Luke C: 11. v: 1. Lord, teach us to pray. The meeting began at 11 and held 3 hours, and I may say my mind was bow'd in humble thankfulness before the most high for this days peculiar favour.

On 17<sup>th</sup>. and 2<sup>nd</sup>. of week we Breakfasted at Ambrose Greenwoods, and a little before 10 o Clock went down to Todmorden in Lancashire, were we call'd at Rebecca Kings, Richard Sutcliffes, and Samuel Gandys, sat a little at each place, and then went by Holmes Chapel to Burnley were we stopt about 2 hours at the Black.bull and Din'd, paid 8d a piece eating and 4d Liquor. and then proceeded by Paddiam to Holtsmill were we stopt about an hour at the Bulls head and drunk Tea paid 6d a piece, and then proceeded thro' Rishton to Blackburn, were we got about 8 o Clock in the evening having travelled this day 22 miles, and took up our Quarters at the Sine of the Cat and Shoulder of Mutton in Northgate were we Paid 8d a piece Suppers and Breakfasts and 10d Dinners.

On 18<sup>th</sup>. and 3<sup>rd</sup>. of the week at 9 in the morning was the Quarterly meeting of Ministers and Elders for the County of Lancaster, in which William Rathbone and Esther Tuke were concerned in testimony Mehetabel Jenkins next in supplication and afterwards Tabitha Mariot and George Dillwyn in testimony The Select Queries were then read and answered from all the Monthly meetings in this County and divers weighty remarks were made thereon by sundry friends, some other business was gone thro' and then the meeting adjourn'd to the close of the meeting for Worship tomorrow evening having held 3 hours and a half. At 3 in the afternoon was the Quarterly meeting for discipline which held 5 hours, William Rathbone and William Jepson appeared therein in testimony; The Yearly Meeting Queries were then read and answered from the five Monthly Meetings in this County viz. Lancaster, Swarthmore, Filde, Hartshaw and Marsden. by which it appeared two Publick friends were deceased since last Year viz. Jane Routh of Lancaster Mo. Meeting and Ann Binns of Hartshaw Mo. Meeting a Testimony concerning the former was produced and read and an agreeable account concerning the latter was inserted in the Answers. It also appeared that some few had join'd the Society by convincement since last year in Lancaster, Hartshaw, and Marsden Mo. meetings. A great deal more business was gone thro' and many living testimonies were borne to our mutual comfort and edification, and then the meeting adjourned to a suitable time at Lancaster.

On 19<sup>th</sup>. and 4<sup>th</sup>. of the week, at 9 in the morning began the Yearly Meeting for the four Northern Counties which was held in a large Booth built of Boards on purpose for the occasion 28 yards long and 26 wide which was very full a vast concourse of People of other Societies attending, amongst whom were several Priests and teachers of separate congregations. Beside many Publick friends from different parts of the 4 counties constituting this meeting who attended here we were favoured with the company of several Strangers as William Matthews from Pennsylvania, George Dillwyn from New Jersey and Mehetabel Jenkins from New England in America, Mary Davies from Sommersetshire, Esther Tuke, Sarah Priestman, John Hoyland and Wife, Joseph Brown and some others from Yorkshire. In

this meeting Jonathan Harrison appeared first, Esther Tuke was next concerned in supplication, John Hoyland had a few words next from 1 Pet: C: 4. v: 11. If any man Minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified. William Jepson had a long time next from John C: 1. v: 1, 2, 3. In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made. George Dillwyn had a pretty long time next from Luke C: 17. v: 21. The kingdom of God is within you. and afterwards had a long time in Prayer. After which William Rathbone and Esther Tuke had each of them some excellent exhortations to drop to the People withall commending them for their good behaviour. The Meeting held 3 hours. At 3 in the Afternoon was another Publick meeting which was exceeding large the Booth being very much crowded and many hundreds that could not get in, so that the Boards at the end of the Booth fronting the Gallery were taken down and People stood without as far as I could see. Anthony Mason was first concerned in Testimony from Isai: C: 9. v: 5. Every battle of the warrior is with confused noise, and garments rolled in blood; but this shall be with burning and fuel of fire. Esther Tuke had a long time next from Isai: C: 9. v: 6. Unto us a Child is born, and unto us a Son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder; and his name shall be called, Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. George Dillwyn had a long time next from Luke C: 2: v: 10, 11. Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people, For unto you is born this day, in the City of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. William Jepson next been largely opened from of the Parable of the Talents. The meeting held 3 hours. At the conclusion of which William Rathbone had an excellent exhortation to the people withal commending them for the continuance of their good behaviour. In evening Anthony Mason came to sit with us at our Inn were we had a comfortable opportunity together in which he was opened in an encouraging manner in testimony from Mark C: 11. v: 2, 3. Go your way in to the village over against you; and as soon as ye be entered into it, ye shall find a colt tied whereon never man sat, loose him, and bring him. and if any man say unto you why do ye this? say ye that the Lord hath need of him.

On 20<sup>th</sup>. and 5<sup>th</sup>. of week, at 8 in the morning was the Meeting of Conference which was select of friends and a pretty many there were when collected not so many as I have sometimes seen on these occasions, John Hoyland, Elizabeth Hoyland, Joseph Brown, Mehetabel Jenkins, William Rathbone were first concerned therein in Testimony, Sarah Taylor next in Prayer, and after which George Dillwyn, Mehetabel Jenkins, Esther Tuke and Sarah Priestman appeared in testimony. The Queries peculiar to these meetings were then read, an Answer by a friend from each of the 4 Counties which constitute this meeting viz. Cumberland, Westmorland, Lancashire, and Cheshire, in the course of which divers other Testimonies were borne to the Truth. The Meeting held 5 hours. At 3 in the afternoon was the last Publick meeting which was much crowded Jonathan Harrison appeared first, but he had not stood long before a friend desired him to sit down, soon after which Mehetabel Jenkins appeared from Psalms 46. v: 10. Be still, and know that I am God. William Matthews next from Rom: C: 10. v. 1, 2, 3. My hearts desire and Prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved. For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge. Four they being ignorant of Gods righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness have not submitted themselves to the righteousness of God. William Jepson next from Rom: C: 1. v: 16. I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ: for it is the Power of God unto salvation. Esther Tuke next being largely opened from our Saviours discourse with the Woman of Samaria. Mehetabel Jenkins next in Prayer, and afterwards George Dilwyn had some tender advice to drop to the People. and the Meeting having held 3 hours and a half concluded in a solemn awful manner, William Rathbone having a short commendatory speech to the People, and in the love of the Gospel bade them Farewell. At the close thereof the Ministers and Elders met a short time together, when Tabitha Mariot had an

extraordinary time in Prayer. After which one of the Elders reported that the meetings have been very well conducted one instance excepted which had been under their care to advise.

On 21<sup>st</sup>. and 6<sup>th</sup>. of the week, in the morning I with some other friends went to see Esther Tuke at her lodgings where we had a comfortable opportunity together, she having a few encouraging expressions to drop to us. Betwixt 9 and 10 o Clock we left to Blackburn in company with Joshua Broadhead and George Earnshaw from our meeting, and John Earnshaw and Henry King of Oldham meeting, came to James Brandwoods of Edgworth where we stopt above an hour and Din'd, and then came by Offaside to Bury where we got some refreshment at the Hare and Hounds Paid 8d a piece stopt better than an hour and then came by Middleton to Elly-clough where we drunk Tea at Benjamin Lees's stopt better than an hour and then came by Oldham to John Earnshaw of Glodwike-clough got there about 10 o Clock in the evening were my companion and me lodg'd the other friends stopping with Henry King. We travelled this day about 28 miles.

On 22<sup>nd</sup>. and 7<sup>th</sup>. of week a little before 2 o Clock in the afternoon we set out in the company with Joshua Broadhead, John and George Earnshaw setting us on our way several miles, we came by Lees and Heigh to Saddleworth-Kirk in Yorkshire where we stopt about an hour and got some refreshment Paid 6d a piece and then came over the High moors and down Bradshaw to Upper-Thong where each of us got a Pint of Ale stopt near an hour and then passing thro' Holmfirth we got to Wooldale about 9 o Clock were my companion and me lodg'd at John Broadheads.

On 23rd and 1st of away, we was at our meeting at Wooldale, were several people of other Societies came in it was a laborious time but ended pretty well. I appeared first from Zeph: C: 2. v. 8. I have heard the the reproach of Moab, and the revilings of the children of Ammon, whereby they have reproached my People; and magnified themselves against their border. John Broadhead and Dinah Wood head had afterwards each of them a short time, I have a pretty long time next from John C: 4. v: 22. But ye worship ye know not what up. After which William Earnshaw appeared twice being largely opened upon sundry subjects in concurrence with the the foregoing service. The meeting held 3 hours. After which I came with two friends from Sheffield viz. Joseph Saunders and Thomas Goodin to my cousin Daniel Broadheads of Mearhouse where we din'd and then they came with me home where we got about 5 o Clock in the evening.

#### An Account of my Journey to the General Meeting for the Peak of Derbyshire held at Hope in 1786

I set out from home the 12<sup>th</sup>. of the 8<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1786 and 7<sup>th</sup>. day of the week betwixt 3 and 4 o Clock in the afternoon having William Taylor for my companion, and John and Joshua Broadhead of Wooldale going along with us; we went by Middlecliff and Swinden, and so thro' the Cutgate, having a very wet Journey over the moors into Woodland got to our friend George Chapmans farmhouse at Banktop in Derbyshire about 8 o Clock in the evening where we lodgd.

On 13<sup>th</sup>. and 1<sup>st</sup>. of the week at 8 o Clock in the morning we set out for Hope, George Chapman accompanying us thither, got there in about 2 hours time, and took up our Quarters at Joseph Syddalls. The meeting began at 11 and was held in a croft adjoining the Town were a Gallery and other convenient seats were erected; there were many friends collected from different parts, and several who are at times concerned in the work of the Ministry, as John Cash from Warwickshire, John Bottom from Staffordshire, George Jones from Cheshire, John Broadhead, John Hoyland and Wife and Jane Colley from Yorkshire, and Ruth Fallows from Leicestershire, Also a great concourse of People of other Societies attended (altho' many were prevented by the wetness of the morning) whose solid attentive behaviour was very commendable, notwithstanding it rained all the time of the meeting, without any intermission

yet they mostly kept their places, and did not appear to be disturb'd therewith. John Bottom appear'd first therein in Testimony from Prov: C: 6. v: 23. Reproofs of instruction are the way of life. Jane Colley had a few words next from Isai: C: 40. v: 31. They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength, John Cash had a pretty long time next from Eph: C: 4: v: 7. Unto every one of us is given Grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ. John Hoyland next from John C: 1: v: 11 He came unto his own and his own received him not. John Bottom next from Matt: C: 22. v: 37. Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy Soul and will thy mind. John Broadhead next from Acts C: 2. v: 58 Repent and be baptised. Ruth Fallows had a long and favoured time next being largely opened concerning Baptism shewing the great difference there is betwixt that of Johns which must decrease and that of Christs which must increase and the necessity there was for everyone to experience this Baptism in order that they may be cleans'd, fitted and prepared for an admittance into that Kingdom into which nothing that is unclean must ever enter. Afterward she concluded the meeting in Prayer, which held near 3 hours. We din'd at the beforementioned Inn were we Paid 10d a Piece eating and 4d Liquor and betwixt 3 and 4 o Clock, set out towards Sheffield in company with George Jones of Stockport and Joseph Clarbour, Joseph Saunders and Thomas Goodin of Sheffield Meeting, we pass thro' Hathershedge, and got there betwixt 7 and 8 in the evening, were we call'd and drunk Tea with Jane Colley whose husband was on a Religious visit to America. After Tea my companion and me came on to my Brother Daniel Doncasters in Copperstreet were we lodg'd during our stay in town.

On 14<sup>th</sup>. and 2<sup>nd</sup>. of the week. After Breakfast we went to Joseph Broadheads, Gervas Bradys and Richard Waltons sat a little at each place and then return'd to Dinner; after which we went and spent the afternoon at John Hoylands in company with many friends; After Tea we had a very favoured opportunity together in which John Hoyland, Ruth Fallows, and Elizabeth Hoyland were concerned in Testimony. In our return to my Brothers we call'd and sat a little at Samuel Doncasters.

On 15<sup>th</sup>. and 3<sup>rd</sup>. of week in the forenoon we went to William Rotherfords of Uppertorp were we Din'd; After dinner, at John and Joshua Broadhead set out towards home but it continuing very wet, we concluded to tarry another night, went and sat a little with Frances Dodgson and then return'd to William Rotherfords were we drunk Tea in company with many other friends who were come in. After Tea we had an opportunity together, in which John Cash had a long time in Testimony in the evening we return'd to my Brothers.

On 16<sup>th</sup>. and 4<sup>th</sup>. of week, After Breakfast we went and sat a little at William Wrights were we unexpectedly met with Anne Dent from Nottinghamshire, and from thence came to Joseph Clarbours of Packhorsehill were we got some refreshment, and about 9 o Clock set out towards home, came by Owlerton and Wortley to Penistone were we stopt several hours at George Chapmans, and Din'd and drunk Tea, and then came by Birchworth to Newhouse were we got about 6 in the evening.

#### An Account of my Journey to our Autumn Quarterly Meeting held at York in the 9<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1786

I set out from home on the 24<sup>th</sup>. of the 9<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1786 and 1<sup>st</sup>. day of the week about 5 o Clock in the morning and went by Cumberworth to Anthony Kinsleys of Skelmanthorp were I met by appointment with George Haigh of Heymoorhouse who was going to York, and Hutchinson Dyson of Woodhouse who accompanied us to Wakefield and then return'd; stopt here upwards of an hour and Breakfasted, and then proceeded by Bretton to William Pickards of Painthorp were we met with our esteemed friend Thomas Earnshaw of Judfield who was going with us to York, stopt about an hour and drunk Coffee and then went with them to the Meeting at Wakefield, which began at 11 o Clock and held about 3 hours, many being lately convinced in these parts, and several others attending it was pretty large and satisfactory, we

unexpectedly met here with our friends Sarah Grubb from Malton Meeting and Mary Rotherford and Catharine Tricket of Sheffield meeting of whose company we were glad; Sarah Grubb had a pretty long time therein in Testimony from 1 Pet: C: 4. v: 12 Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery tryal which is to try you, as though some strange thing had happened to you. Afterwards I had a short time from Matt: C: 8: v: 27. What manner of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him. At the close of this meeting Sarah Grubb not finding herself clear requested another meeting which was agreed to be held at Painthorp and was I suppose the first Publick meeting of friends that was ever held there. We return'd to William Pickards were we Din'd and assisted in preparing a place for holding the meeting, which was held in a large room at Abraham Cudworths, and began at 4 o Clock, many of the Neighbours coming in the place was well fill'd. Catharine Tricket had a few words first and afterwards Sarah Grubb had a long time from 1 Thes: C: 5. v. 19, 20. Quench not the spirit and Despise not prophesyings, and after a short time in silence was pretty largely opened concerning Baptism from 1 Pet: C: 3: v: 21. Baptism doth also now save us, not for the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good Conscience towards God, by the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The Meeting held upwards of 2 hours. After which we drunk Tea together at William Pickards and then the Women friends to return'd to Wakefield. several tender People from Ossett and Horbury who had been at Both meetings tarri'd and sat the evening with us were we were favoured with a precious opportunity together in which I appeared first from Joel C: 3. v: 10. Beat your ploughshares into swords, and your pruning hooks into spears; let the weak say I am strong. Thomas Earnshaw dropt a few words next in much tenderness and brokenness of spirit which was the first time and I thought a good degree of the savour of Life attended it After which I appear'd again from Psalms 40. v. 1, 2, 3. I waited patiently for the Lord; and he inclined unto me, and heard my cry, He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock and established my goings. and he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God. many shall see it and fear, and shall trust in the Lord. Afterwards we return'd to Abraham Cudworths to supper and we were we Lodg'd.

On 25<sup>th</sup>. and 2<sup>nd</sup>. of week, we set out about 9 o Clock in the morning, and went by Sandal, Heath, Calthorp, Warmfield and Normanton, to Castleford were we stopt about an hour at the Haunch of Venison, and got some refreshment Paid 2 d a piece and then proceeded to Aberford were we Din'd at the Hare and Hounds, paid 8d a piece eating and 4d Liquor, stopt about an hour and a half and then proceeded to Tadcaster and got there betwixt 6 and 7 in the evening, were we lodg'd at the Angel, Paid 8d a piece for Supper and Breakfast.

On 26<sup>th</sup>. and 3<sup>rd</sup>. of week, we set out betwixt 8 and 9 in the morning and in about 3 hours time reached York were we stopt and got some refreshment at John Tukes, and then I went with my companions to Henry Tukes, were they lodg'd; and afterwards I went to my usual Quarters at Ann and Rebecca Awmacs in Walmgate and at 5 in the evening began the Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders which held about 3 hours, We were favoured thereat with the company of several Strangers as George Dilwyn from New Jersey, and Mehetabel Jenkins from New England in America, George Gibson from Essex and Mary Leaver from Nottinghamshire. The Queries were read and answered from all the Mo. meetings and many weighty and instructive remarks were made thereon, some other business was gone thro' and the following friends were appointed to oversee the succeeding meetings and advise as occasion may require and make report to the adjournment of this meeting viz. Phillip Maiden, Thomas Pennitt, William Proud, Timothy Maud, Ann North and Mary Dearman.

On 27<sup>th</sup>. and 4<sup>th</sup>. of week, at 9 in the morning was a meeting for Worship, which tho' select of friends was very large for the time of the year, Mary Leaver appeared first and stood pretty long from 1 Thes: C: 4. v: 11. Study to be quiet, and do your own business. George Gibson next from Isai: C: 65. v: 8. As the new wine is found in the cluster, and one saith, destroy it not; for a Blessing is in it; so will I do for my servants sake. Mehetabel Jenkins next from Heb: C: 11. v: 1. Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not

seen. Afterwards Mary Birkbeck had a few words. At the close of this meeting was held a Meeting for Discipline, John Rountree of Scarborough being chosen Clerk, The Queries were read and answered from all the Mo. Meetings and many weighty and pertinent remarks made thereon by sundry friends the substance of which the representatives were desired to take to their respective meetings, some other business was gone thro' and then the meeting adjourned until next day. Both meetings held 5 hours. And 5 in the evening was another meeting for Worship, to which several of other Societies came Mehetabel Jenkins was first concerned therein in supplication, Esther Tuke had a long time next in testimony from Hab: C: 2. v: 1. I will stand upon my watch, and set me upon the tower, and will watch to see what he will say unto me, and what I shall answer when I am reprov'd. Afterwards George Dillwyn had a long and much favoured time in Prayer. The meeting held near 3 hours.

On 28<sup>th</sup>. and 5<sup>th</sup>. of the week, I breakfasted at Joseph Awmacs, at 10 in the forenoon met pursuant to adjournment. George Dilwyn had an acceptable time first in testimony; the Business was then entered upon and gone thro' I believe under the influence of that Wisdom which is profitable to direct. The friends who had lately been on a visit to the Monthly and Preparative meetings of Gisborough and the Ministers and Elders belonging thereto reported that they had gone thro' the same to satisfaction. This meeting held upwards of 3 hours. In the afternoon I drunk Tea at Henry Tukes At 4 o Clock was the parting meeting for Worship and more of other Societies came in this evening, Mary Leaver appeared first and stood very long setting forth the state of man before the fall and in the fall and the way and means of his restoration by Christ the promised seed. Margaret English had a few words next. Mehetabel Jenkins a short time next from Heb: C: 12. v: 26. Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also Heaven: George Dillwyn next from John C: 1. v: 29. Behold the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the World. This Meeting held 3 hours, at the close of which the Ministers and Elders sat near an hour together, when one of the friends appointed to Oversee the meetings reported that they had nothing to offer by way of complaint except the untimely coming in of many friends to the first meeting for Worship: Also the report of the visit to Gisborough Monthly meeting etc was read, and a List of the Ministers and Elders names therein brought up to be preserved. After meeting I went and supp'd at Linley Murrays of Holgate who was lately removed thither from New-York in America. where I met with many friends; After supper we had a favoured time together in which Mehetabel Jenkins, Hannah Wigham, Mehetabel Jenkins again, and George Dillwyn were all concerned in testimony and afterwards Hannah Wigham in Prayer.

On 29<sup>th</sup>. and 6<sup>th</sup>. of week in the morning I call'd at William Tukes, were we had a satisfactory opportunity, in which Esther Tuke and Margaret English were concerned in testimony and afterwards Esther Tuke had a few words more. And betwixt 9 and 10 o Clock I left the City in company with my former companions, and William Holme and his Son from Derbyshire, and Benjamin Rishton of Leeds meeting accompanied us as far as Tadcaster, were we stopt about half an hour at the Angel and got each of us a Pint of Porter paid 3d a piece and then came to Aberford were we Din'd at the Hare and Hounds Paid 8d a piece eating and 3d Liquor, stopt about an hour, and then came by Garforth and Swillingtonbridge to Oulton were we got a Quart of Ale and then came to Wakefield were we stopt a little at Thomas Booths, and then came to Dircar, got there betwixt 9 and 10 in the evening, and Lodg'd at our friend Christopher Walkers were we were kindly received and entertained.

On 30<sup>th</sup>. and 7<sup>th</sup>. of week, After dinner accompanied by John Robinson, Christopher Walker and Abraham Cudworths we went over to Ossett to see some persons there who it appear'd to be under some degree of convincement, as David Pickard and his Wife and Joel Pickard who had formerly been in profession with the Presbyterians, and Joseph Baines who had been a member of the Independent Society he appeared to be a very solid weighty man, We drunk Tea at David Pickards and after Tea had a satisfactory meeting with them and some few other neighbours who of their own accord came in to sit with us I appeared first therein from Obad: v: 18, The house of Jacob shall be a fire, and the house of Joseph a flame, and the house of Esau for stubble, and they shall kindle in them, and devour them: and there shall not

be any remaining of the the house of Esau: and afterwards I had a few words more to some particular state, Thomas Earnshaw dropt the following words next from Isai: C: 40. v: 31. They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength. After which I was pretty much enlarg'd upon the same subject. Afterwards we return'd to Christopher Walkers, were several friends was come to see us; in the evening we had a precious opportunity together in which I was concern'd in testimony.

On 1<sup>st</sup>. of 10<sup>th</sup>. Mo. and 1<sup>st</sup>. of week, we went to William Pickards of Painthorp to Breakfast, and about 9 o Clock set out for Burton in company with William Pickard, Abraham Cudworth, John Robinson, Judith Dyson, and another Young Man and Woman who at times attend our meetings. We went by Hollingthorp, Woolley, and Staincross, got to Burton just in time to do meeting of the Committee appointed to attend here there was only William Taylor and myself, but several of other friends attended, and some sober People of other Societies came in, I had a few words first, John Robinson next, and afterwards I had a long time from John C: 21. v. 18, 19. When thou was young, thou girdest thyself, and walkedst whither thou wouldest; but when thou shalt be old, thou shall stretch forth thy hands, and another shall gird thee and carry thee whither thou wouldest not. This spake he signifying by what Death he should glorify God. And at the close of this meeting was held their Preparative meeting. After which we parted with George Haigh, and came to John Luptons of Beeverhole were we Din'd, and afterwards drunk Tea at Joseph Listers of Barnsley, were I parted with my companion Thomas Earnshaw, and set out towards home in company with William Taylor, Jonathan Bashforth setting us on our way several miles we came by Cawthorne to my Brother Samuel Woods of Netherdenby, were we stopt about an hour and supp'd, and then came by Denby to Newhouse were we got about 10 o Clock in the evening.

An Account of my Journey to Brighthouse Monthly Meeting held at Halifax in the 11<sup>th</sup>. Mo.  
1786.

I set out from home the 23<sup>rd</sup>. of the 11<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1786 and 5<sup>th</sup>. day of the week betwixt 1 and 2 o Clock in the afternoon, in company with Thomas Earnshaw of Judfield, we went by Shepley, Amberry, and Huddersfield to Ealand were we got each of us a Pint of Ale at the Sine of the Crown and and then proceeded to Halifax were we got a little after 6 in the evening, and took up our Quarters at my Cousin William and Mary Woods.

On 24<sup>th</sup>. and 6<sup>th</sup>. of the week in the morning our friend John Broadhead from Wooldale met us here by appointment, intending to accompany us to Ossett I having had for sometime a weighty concern upon my mind to pay a religious visit to the inhabitants of that place, and having laid the same before the Ministers and Elders belonging to our particular Meeting, they signified their full Unity and concurrence therewith, which was a great strength to my poor weak mind. At 11 o Clock in the forenoon began the Monthly meeting for Worship in this Town, which was pretty large for this season of the Year, but dull and cloudy in the forepart thereof, towards the conclusion Pheobe Blakes had an acceptable time therein in Testimony from Gal: C: 3. v: 1. O foolish Galations, who hath bewitched you that ye should not to obey the Truth. At the close of this meeting was held the Meeting for Discipline, in which the 1st. 8th. of the Quarterley Meetings Queries was read and Answers thereto from all their Preparative meetings, Also Thomas Earnshaw and Hannah Cooper both of Brighthouse meeting laid before this their continued intentions of taking each other in Marriage a great deal more business was gone thro', and both meetings held near 5 hours In the afternoon we drunk Tea at Sarah Greens, and after our return to my Cousin's had an opportunity which I appeared twice in testimony.

On 25<sup>th</sup>. and 7<sup>th</sup>. of week we left Halifax about 7 o Clock in the morning and went by Hipperholm, and Hightown to Milnbridge were we call'd and got each of us a Pint of Ale at the Sine of the Boot and Shoe, and then proceeded by Eckenwike, Dewsbury and Earlsheaton

to Ossett, were we got to David Pickards betwixt 12 and 1 o Clock, soon after we acquainted him with our desire to have a meeting in that place which both he and his Wife seem'd much pleased with and freely offered their house for the occasion, and took care with the assistance of some others who appeared to be under convincement to give what information to the People they could, and also got his parlour very conveniently seated At 4 o Clock the meeting began and held 3 hours it was not large the notice being so short altho' there were Persons of several different professions attended as Protestants, Presbyterians and Methodists, and one Antinomian or Ranter, who all behaved in a very becoming manner, and the Almighty was mercifully pleased to own us together by his love and life giving Presence to the tendering of many hearts, and I had a few words therein first from Prov: C: 16. v: 1. The preparations of the heart in man, and the answer of the tongue is from the Lord, John Broadhead next from Acts C: 10. v. 34, 35. Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness is accepted with him. I had a long time next from 2 Cor: C: 5. v. 14, 15. The love of Christ constraineth us, because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead; and that he died for all, that they which live, should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them. Afterwards I had a few words more. After meeting we drunk Tea, and tarried until 9 o Clock and then set out for Painthorp in company with William Pickard, Abraham Cudworth and Christopher Walker, who had been at the meeting, and the evening being very dark Joseph Baines, and Joel Pickard set us on our way about a mile and then return'd, we came by Netherton, to Painthorp got there betwixt 10 and 11 o Clock were we lodg'd at Abraham Cudworths.

On 26<sup>th</sup>. and 1<sup>st</sup>. of the week, This morning John Broadhead set out intending to be at Highflatts Meeting, but Thomas Earnshaw and me felt most easy to be at the meeting at Wakefield which was not large, it being a very wet day but open and satisfactory, I was twice concerned therein in Testimony the first time from 2 Thes: C: 3. v: 5. The Lord direct your hearts into the love of God, and into the patient waiting for Christ, and the latter time from Mic: C: 6. v: 8 He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good, and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to work humbly with thy God? The meeting held 2 hours, After which we return'd to William Pickards of Painthorp were we Din'd and drunk Tea and after Tea had a satisfactory opportunity with the newly convinced friends in this neighbourhood who were all present, Thomas Earnshaw had a few words first from Mark C: 12. v: 30. Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength. I appeared next from Lev: C: 2. v: 13. With all thine offerings thou shalt offer salt. After which I appeared twice more upon sundry subjects, chiefly in an encouraging manner unto them to come forward in the line of their respective duties, that so they might attain to the experience of loving the Lord with all their heart, which would be more acceptable unto him than whole burnt offerings or sacrifice. This evening we supp'd at Abraham Cudworths we were we Lodg'd.

On 27<sup>th</sup>. and 2<sup>nd</sup>. of the week we spent the forenoon at Abraham Cudworths Din'd at William Pickards and betwixt 1 and 2 o Clock set out towards home, came together to Bretton were we parted and I came up by Emley to Anthony Kinsleys of Skelmanthorp were I stopt about 2 hours and drunk Tea and then came by Cumberworth to Birdsedge were I call'd to see Mary Dyson and sat a little with her and so got home about 8 o Clock in the evening.

An Account of my Journey to our Winter Quarterly Meeting held at Leeds in the 12<sup>th</sup>. Mo.  
1786

I set out from home the 26<sup>th</sup>. of the 12<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1786, and 3<sup>rd</sup>. day of the week about 6 o Clock in the morning, and went by Cumberworth to Anthony Kinsleys of Skelmanthorp, were I stopt better than an hour and Breakfasted and then proceeded by Emley and Bretton to William Pickards of Painthorp, were I met with George Chapman of Penistone who was to be my

companion this Journey, we stopt here about an hour and Din'd, and then set out in company with Abraham Cudworth (who return'd after the Meetings the day following) went by Sandal and Wakefield to Long Lofthouse, where we got a Quart of Ale at the White Horse, and then proceeded by Hunslet to Leeds where we got a little after 4 Clock and took up our Quarters at the Bell and Bull in Briggate, After which I drunk Tea at John Broadheads At 5 in the evening began the Quarterly meeting of Ministers and Elders, which held near 5 hours. We were favoured thereat with the company of many Strangers, as George Dillwyn and Rebecca Wright from New Jersey, Zacharias Dicks and Ann Jessop from North Carolina and Rebecca Jones from Pennsylvania in America William Rathbone from Lancashire, John Dollins from London, Ann Summerland and Deborah Darby from Shropshire, Alice Rigg from Westmorland, Hannah Stevenson from Bristol and Susanna Gaylard from Warwickshire. The Queries peculiar to these meetings were read and answered from all the Mo. Meetings in the County except Gisborough and Scarborough who gave account they have not held such a meeting this Quarter several deficiencies appeared in the Answers which were weightily spoken to, and many living Testimonies were borne to the Truth, some other business was gone thro' and the following friends were appointed to oversee the succeeding meetings and advise as occasion may require, and make report to the adjournment of this meeting viz. Robert Grubb, William Fairbank, David Priestman, Mary Fairbank, Ann North, and Hannah Kay.

On 27<sup>th</sup>. and 4<sup>th</sup>. of the week. At 9 in the morning was a Meeting for Worship which was very much crowded altho' select of friends, George Dillwyn had a short time therein in testimony first from John C: 7. v: 38. He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. Esther Brady next from Rev: C: 2. v: 29. He that hath an ear let him hear what the spirit saith unto the Churches. George Dillwyn had a long time next in Prayer. and afterwards Rebecca Jones had an excellent exhortation to us. At the close of this meeting was held a meeting for Discipline; William Tuke of York being chosen Clerk, The 1<sup>st</sup>. 8<sup>th</sup>. of this meetings Queries were read and answered from all the Mo. Meetings except Settle who thro' mistake had left theirs behind, many weighty remarks were made upon the deficiencies which appeared and several living testimonies were borne to the Truth, by sundry friends, some other business was gone thro', and then the meeting adjourn'd until next day at 10 in the forenoon. Both meetings held 5 hours. At 5 in the evening the concourse of People was so great that two Publick meetings were held at the same time one in the Meetinghouse and another in the School room a very large building, and both places much crowded but I was in the Meetinghouse, where Esther Brady was first concerned in supplication, Alice Rigg next in testimony from John C: 15. v: 5. Without me ye can do nothing. John Dollins appeared twice next having a few words to drop each time. Mary Proud had a pretty long time next from Eph: C: 5. v: 14. Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light. Christopher Barker had a few words next and afterwards George Dillwyn had a pretty long time from Cant: C: 4. v. 12. A Garden inclosed is my Sister my spouse; a spring shut up, a fountain sealed. The meeting held 3 hours.

On 28<sup>th</sup>. and 5<sup>th</sup>. of the week at 10 in the morning met pursuant to adjournment the business was conducted in much harmony and concord and several testimonies were borne to the Truth. The meeting held 2 hours. At the close of which a large Committee of which I was one met to consider of a Plan for building a New Meetinghouse in this Town large enough to contain the Quarterley meeting when held here; we sat about 2 hours At 5 in the evening was two Publick Meetings for Worship as before but I was in the Meetinghouse where Esther Tuke appeared first and stood pretty long from Mic: C: 7. v: 14. Feed thy people with thy rod. Rebecca Wright next from John C: 6. v: 27. Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for the meat which endureth unto everlasting life Zecharias Dicks next Labouring to turn our minds to the divine light, shewing the manner of its operation and how if way was given thereunto it would leaven into its own nature and make us the People we profess to be. Rebecca Wright had a very long time next from Prov: C: 23. v: 23. Buy the Truth and sell it not Alice Rigg next from Job. C: 42. v: 5, 6. I have heard of thee by the hearing of the ear; but

now mine eye seeth thee. Wherefore I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes. Afterwards Hannah Wigham concluded the meeting in Prayer. At the close of which the Ministers and Elders met pursuant to adjournment when one of the friends appointed to oversee the meetings reported that they had attended to the appointment and discharged the trust reposed in them according to the best of their understandings and that the meetings upon the whole had been well conducted. Both meetings held 4 hours This afternoon before the meeting we Drunk Tea at John Broadheads.

On 29<sup>th</sup>. and 6<sup>th</sup>. of week we Breakfasted at Joshua Ingles and afterwards went to Mary Tathams to see the friend from America. Betwixt 10 and 11 o Clock we left Leeds and came by Hunslet, Middleton and Ardsley, (the Town where James Naylor lived) to Ossett were we got betwixt 2 and 3 o Clock and Din'd at David Pickards. After Dinner we had a satisfactory opportunity with the convinced friends in this Town and some others who came in to see us, in which I appeared twice the first time from Hos: C: 2. v: 14, 15. I will allure her, and bring her into the wilderness, and speak comfortably unto her. and I will give her vineyards from thence, and the valley of Achor for a door of hope, and the other time from Numb: C: 24. v: 5. How goodly are thy tents, O Jacob, and thy tabernacles, O Israel! After which we went and sat a little at Joseph Baines's and then return'd to David Pickards to Tea. Betwixt 8 and 9 o Clock we set out for Dircar in company with William Pickard of Painthorp who met us here, Joseph Bains and Joel Pickard setting us on our way about 2 miles we got to Christopher Walkers about 10 o Clock were we lodgd.

On 30<sup>th</sup>. and 7<sup>th</sup>. of the week, in the forenoon we went and sat a little at John Robinsons and towards evening went up to Painthorp were we lodg'd at Abraham Cudworths. After Supper we had an opportunity at which all the convinced friends in this neighbourhood were present. I had a pretty long time therein first, George Chapman had several weighty and seasonable remarks to drop next after which I appeared again. They were intreated to keep upon their Watch, lest after being awakened the enemy of Souls should again Lull some of them asleep, and so take the opportunity to sow tares amongst them, and those who were under deep exercise were encouraged to trust in the Lord whose arm of divine Power would be their support.

On 31<sup>st</sup>. and 1<sup>st</sup>. of the week we Breakfasted at William Pickards and betwixt 9 and 10 Clock set out for Burton in company with John Robinson, Christopher Walker and William Pickard went by Hollingthorp, Woolley, and Staincross and got there just in time to the meeting. Of the Committee appointed to attend here there was only George Chapman, William Taylor and myself. It was a time of deep labour and heavy exercise but thro' the fresh extendings of divine regard was I hope a profitable season to some and ended comfortably. I had a pretty long time therein in testimony from Hos: C: 14. v: 5. I will be as the dew unto Israel; he shall grow as the lily, and cast forth his roots as Lebanon. At the close of this meeting was held their Preparative meeting. Both meetings held 2 hours. After which we Din'd at John Dearmans of Barnsley, and drunk Tea at Joseph Listers. Betwixt 4 and 5 o Clock I set out in company with William Taylor, Joseph Lister and Jonathan Bashforth setting us on our way about 2 miles, we came by Cawthorne to my Brother Samuel Woods of Netherdenby were we tarried about 2 hours and supp'd and so got home about 10 in the evening.

#### An Account of my Journey to a meeting held at Painthorp in the 2<sup>nd</sup>. Mo. 1787

I set out from home ye 25<sup>th</sup>. of the 2<sup>nd</sup>. Mo. 1787 and 1<sup>st</sup>. day of the week about 6 o Clock in the morning in company with William Taylor, and went to my Brother Samuel Woods of Netherdenby were we tarried about an hour and a half and Breakfasted, and then proceeded by Cawthorne to Joseph Listers of Barnsley, were we got some refreshment and then went with them to the meeting at Burton which was pretty large there being friends from several

other meetings there, and a few others came in. It was an open satisfactory time the Power of Truth prevailing to our mutual comfort and refreshment. Of the committee appointed to attend here there was William Earnshaw, William Taylor, John Broadhead, myself, Dinah Woodhead and Hannah Stead William Earnshaw had a long time therein in testimony first been led to speak to various states but principally to the youth to some of whom a precious visitation appear'd to be extended which they were tenderly intreated to join in with, John Broadhead appeared next from Luke C: 11. v: 21, 22. When a strong man armed keepeth his palace his goods are in peace. But when a stronger than he shall come upon him and overcome him he taketh from him his armour wherein he trusted, and divideth his spoils Dinah Woodhead next I had a pretty long time next from Prov: C: 23. v: 23. Buy the Truth. but sell it not. After which William Earnshaw had a pretty long time again from Psalms 25. v: 9. The meek will he guide in judgment. At of the close of this meeting was held their Preparative meeting. Both meetings held 2 hours and a half. After which William Earnshaw John Broadhead, Thomas Earnshaw of Judfield and myself came on with John Webster to his house at Carrgreen were we Din'd, After dinner we set out towards a meeting appointed for us this evening at Painthorp, went by Staincross Woolley and Hollingthorp, got to William Pickards about 5 o Clock were we drunk Tea. The meeting was at Abraham Cudworths began at 7 and held upwards of 3 hours, it was very large the room being much crowded, and many there could not get in; It was a glorious meeting, no praise unto man but unto the Lord alone whose Power was eminently felt to the tendering of many hearts, Thomas Earnshaw dropt the following words first from Rom: C: 4. v: 8. Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin. John Broadhead appear'd next from John C: 3.v: 3. Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. I had a long time next from Tit: C: 3. v: 5. Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy. Ghost, John Broadhead had a long time next setting forth in a lively manner his experience of the Lords dealings with him, and recommending them to the Grace of God by taking heed to which they might come to experience a being redeemed from all evil. William Earnshaw was pretty much enlarged upon the same subject next, I had a pretty long time next from 1 Tim: C: 2. v: 11, 12. Let the woman learn in silence with all subjugation, But I suffer not a woman to teach nor to usurp the authority over the man, but to be in silence. John Broadhead had a few words next, after which William Earnshaw was concerned in Prayer and afterwards had an excellent testimony from 1 Cor: C: 2. v: 9. Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither hath it entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. At the close of the meeting I had a short commendatory speech to the People for their good behaviour many of whom came to shake hands with us in a very friendly manner, and I believe divers were convinced of the Truth this evening. and O that they may but become willing to take up the Cross and not stumble thereat, for I believe a precious visitation is extended to the inhabitants here and hereaway from amongst whom the Lord would form unto himself a People to shew forth his Praise. This was the third Publick meeting held here, Our friend Ann Jessop from North Carolina in America and Susanna Gaylard from Warwickshire having had one of about 2 weeks before. We supp'd this evening at Abraham Cudworths, were Thomas Earnshaw and me Lodg'd and our other companions at William Pickards.

On 26<sup>th</sup>. and 2<sup>nd</sup>. of the week this morning accompanied by Mary Cudworth we went and Breakfasted at Ann Pickards of Crigglestone, whose husband was convinced in an opportunity I had with him when he lay upon his Death bed near 2 Years before in the time of Silence, he acknowledging he had met with that which he had been many years seeking for amongst the various Professors of the Christian Religion, but could not find it, The solid weighty counsel and advice he afterwards gave to his Wife, had that effect upon her mind, that some time after his decease she was favoured with strength to make public profession of the Truth, and now appears to be a solid weighty friend whose preservation I much desire. After Breakfast we had a satisfactory opportunity there in which William Earnshaw and John Broadhead each of them appeared twice. From thence we return'd to Painthorp were we Din'd

at William Pickards; betwixt 1 and 2 o Clock we set out towards home, parted here with Thomas Earnshaw he having to go by Kexborough William Pickard and Abraham Cudworth set us on our way about a mile and then return'd, we came by Bretton and Emley to my Uncle William Steads of Siver Ing who were we stopt about an hour and a half and drunk Tea, then came up to Woodhouse were I parted with my companions, call'd and sat a little at William Dysons, and then came by Cumberworth to Birdsedge were I call'd at William Dysons to see Martha Teall who was come over from Otley sat a little there, and got home about 8 o Clock in the evening.

An Account of my Journey to a Meeting held at Dodworth in the 4<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1787

Having had for some time a weighty engagement of mind to pay a religious visit to the inhabitants of Dodworth, and having acquainted several friends therewith, and had their Unity and concurrence therein, I set out towards the Preparative Meeting at Burton the 1<sup>st</sup>. of the 4<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1787. and 1<sup>st</sup>. of week about 7 o Clock in the morning, William Taylor accompanying me thither we went by Dykeside, Hoyland, Kexbro' and Darton to John Websters of Carrgreen, were we got some refreshment and then proceeded to the meeting at Burton, Of the Committee appointed to attend here there was. James Harrison, William Earnshaw, Godfrey Woodhead, George Chapman, William Taylor, John Broadhead, Leonard West, myself and Hannah Wigham, and Dinah Woodhead. many seeking People of other Societies came in whose company was very acceptable, After a long time of Silence John Broadhead dropt a few words first William Earnshaw had a pretty long time next from Isai: C: 41. v: 1. Keep silence before me, O Islands; and let the People renew their strength. Sarah White from Ackworth appeared next from Jer: C: 14. v: 22. Are there any among the vanities of the Gentiles that can cause rain? Or can the heavens give showers? art not thou he, O Lord our God? therefore we will wait upon thee. I had a short time next from Lam: C: 3. v: 27, 28, 29. It is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth. He sitteth alone and keepeth silence, because he hath born it upon him. He putteth his mouth in the dust; if so be there may be hope. At the close of this meeting was held their Preparative meeting. After which a number friends who were under an appointment of the Monthly Meeting to visit William Pickard and his Wife of Painthorp who had some time ago made application to be accepted into membership, sat with them to our mutual comfort and satisfaction, they appearing to us to be in a proper situation of mind to be united with friends. After the opportunity we went to Barnsley were we Din'd and drunk Tea at John Dearmans and about 6 o Clock set at for Dodworth in company with William Earnshaw, John Broadhead, and Thomas Earnshaw from our meeting who were united with me in the concern, and several friends of this meeting went along with us, as John Lupton Arthington Wilson, John Dearman, Joseph and James Lister and Jonathan Bashforth, and John Taylor of Pontefract meeting. The meeting began at 7 o Clock and was held at William Shaws who freely offered his house for the occasion and made what accommodations he could, There never having been a meeting of friends in this Town before and the inhabitants there being much Strangers to us and our Principles, it was exceeding large, and notwithstanding they appeared to be very Raw and ignorant, and some of them light and talkative at first, who was reproved by others, yet there was a solid People amongst them, and the Power of Truth so far prevailed that before the meeting ended an awful solemnity appeared to cover the whole, John Broadhead appear'd to a pretty long time first from Acts: 3. v: 19. Repent ye, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord. William Earnshaw next from 1 Pet: C: 1 v: 24, 25. All flesh is as grass, and all the glory man as the flower of grass, the grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away; but the word of the Lord endureth for ever. After a short time in silence he appeared again. John Broadhead next from Numb: C: 23. v: 10. Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his. I had a very long

time next from Acts C: 17. v. 30, 31. The times of ignorance God winked at; but now, commandeth all men every where to Repent. Because he hath appointed a day in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men in that he hath raised him from the dead. William Earnshaw and myself had afterwards each of us a pretty long time chiefly tending to turn the minds of the People unto Christ the true teacher and the lone way to God. After which John Broadhead had few words more. The meeting held upwards of 3 hours, and considering the great concourse of People three rooms being very much crowded, and many that could not get in, their behaviour was as well as could be expected. We got a little refreshment at the Sine of the Cartwheel which the friends of Burton Meeting would not suffer us to pay for, they defraying the whole expense. After which, we return'd with them to Barnsley, Christopher Walker and Abraham Cudworth (who went before us to assist in preparing the place and giving notice to the People) came with us we got to our kind friend John Luptons of Beeverhole about 12 o Clock were the beforementioned friends with us from our Meeting lodg'd except John Broadhead who was at Josephs Listers he being under the necessity of setting out very early in the morning.

On 2<sup>nd</sup>. and 2<sup>nd</sup>. of week, This morning Abraham Cudworth and Christopher Walker set out towards home before we got up. After Breakfast we went and sat a little at Joseph Listers and afterwards call'd at John Dearmans were we parted with Thomas Earnshaw, and left Barnsley, came by Cawthorne to my Brother Samuel Woods of Netherdenby were we stopt about 2 hours and Din'd, and I got home about 3 o Clock in the afternoon.

#### An Account of my Journey to the quarter Meeting at Rushworth in the 4<sup>th</sup>. month 1787

I set out from home ye 28<sup>th</sup>. of ye 4<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1787 and 7<sup>th</sup>. day of the week, call'd of George Haigh of Heymoorhouse, who went along with me, we left his house about 11 o Clock in the forenoon, and went by Amberry to Huddersfield, were we stopt about 1 hour and Din'd at William Coopers, and then proceeded by Ealand to my cousin William Wood of Halifax, got there about 4 o Clock in the afternoon were we Lodg'd.

On 29<sup>th</sup>. and 1<sup>st</sup>. of the week about 9 o Clock in the morning we set out for Rushworth 6 miles in company with my Cousins William Wood and John Beaumont got there just in time to the meeting which began at 11 and held 3 hours and a half was very large abundance of People of other Societies attending, towards the close thereof Robert Fawcett appeared a short time. After meeting we went with many other friends to my Cousin Simeon Dysons of Lower-Goathouse were I tarried all night, but after dinner my companion set out towards home.

On 30<sup>th</sup>. and 2<sup>nd</sup>. of the week, our friends William Earnshaw, and John Broadhead being on a Religious visit to a few meetings this way. one was appointed for them at Rushworth to day to begin at 11 o Clock, which I attended It was small there being a few friends and others, William Earnshaw had two pretty long and acceptable times therein in Testimony after which John Broadhead had a few words. The meeting held 2 hours. At the close of which a weighty exercise came over my mind about another meeting in the evening which appear'd discouraging having been exceeding poor and quite shut up in the foregoing meetings, however after consulting friends about it another meeting was appointed to begin at 6 in the evening and notice thereof being given to those of other Societies a great number attended, the house being well filled It was a time of remarkable favour, the most high condescending in a peculiar manner to overshadow the assembly to the tendering of many hearts. I had a very long time therein in testimony first from Cant: C: 2. v: 3. As the apple-tree among the trees of the wood, so is my beloved among the sons. I sat down under his shadow with great delight, and his fruit was sweet to my taste. John Broadhead had a long time next from Cant: C: 8. v: 4. I charge you, O daughters of Jerusalem, that ye stir not up, nor awake

my love, until he please. William Earnshaw had a long time next intreating the People to close in with the present remarkable visitation in mercy extended towards them, and branched forth into much weighty counsel and advice, very suitable to their states. Afterwards I had a short, commendatory speech to the People for their good behaviour and concluded in a few exhortations to them. The meeting held near 3 hours

On 1<sup>st</sup>. of 5<sup>th</sup>. Mo. and 3<sup>rd</sup>. of the week, this morning John Broadhead set out early for Huddersfield market, and about 9 o Clock William Earnshaw and me left Goathouse and came by Outlanes to Milnsbridge to Robert Kays of Laneend were we stopt 2 hours and Din'd, then came by Honley to Mythombridge were we parted, and I came by Newmill to Godfrey Woodheads of Fulstone were I tarried 3 hours and Drunk Tea, and from thence came to Birdsedge were I called and sat a little with Mary Dyson and so got home about 8 o Clock in the evening.

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An Account of my Journey to a meeting held at Painthorp in the 5<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1787

I set out from home the 13<sup>th</sup>. of the 5<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1787 and 1<sup>st</sup>. day of the week, and went by Cumberworth to Anthony Kinsleys of Skelmanthorp and got there about half past 5 o Clock in the morning were I stopt about an hour and half and Breakfasted, then proceeded the foot way through the fields to Christopher Walkers of Dircar were I met with Thomas Earnshaw of Judfield stopt about half an hour here and then we set out in Company with the family towards their meeting at Wakefield, by the way we came up with William Earnshaw and his Daughter Hannah and Hutchinson Dyson from our Meeting and Jeremiah Smith from Stockport meeting in Cheshire, who intended to join us in this days visit, The meeting began at 11 and held about 2 hours and a half, was pretty large many more having been lately convinced in these parts, and very satisfactory, I had a short time therein in Testimony first from Cant: C: 6. v: 11, 12. I went down into the garden of nuts to see the fruits of the valley, and to see whether the vine flourished, and the pomegranates budded. Or ever I was aware, my soul made me like the chariots of Amminadib. Afterwards William Earnshaw appeared three times been largely opened in an encouraging manner to various states. After meeting we all went to Christopher Walkers of Dircar to dine and after dinner came up to Painthorp where a Publick meeting for those of other Societies was appointed at 5 o Clock in the evening which was held as usual at Abraham Cudworths. The notice being short it was not so large as expected altho' a pretty many Professors of different sorts attended, It was a low time to me for a considerable time, but the most high was mercifully pleased to look down upon us, and cause his glorious Truth to arise into dominion to our mutual comfort and refreshment, I had a very long time therein in Testimony first from 2 kings C: 5. v: 12. Are not Abana and Pharpar rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? May I not wash in them and be clean? William Earnshaw had a pretty long time next from John C: 15. v: 5. Without me ye can do

nothing. after a short time in silence he had a few words more, and afterwards had sundry lively exhortations to drop unto the People, and in the Love of the Gospel bade them Farewell. The meeting held 3 hours. After which my Companions drunk Tea at William Pickards, but I stopt with several tender People from Ossett who had been at the meeting, at Abraham Cudworths, were Thomas Earnshaw and me lodg'd.

On 14<sup>th</sup>. and 2<sup>nd</sup>.of the week, After Breakfast we went and sat a little at Ann Pickards of Crigglestone from thence went to Joseph Charlesworths, he and his Wife with several others were so effectually reached in the last Publick meeting we had at Painthorp before this as constantly to attend our religious meeting since. We had a remarkable favoured opportunity with them in which I appeared a pretty long time first from Isai: C: 65. v: 1. I am found of them that sought me not. William Earnshaw next a long time was much favoured. I was next concerned in Prayer, and afterwards William Earnshaw had few words more. From thence we return'd to Painthorp were we Din'd at Abraham Cudworths, and betwixt 1 and 2 o Clock set out towards home, William Pickard and Abraham Cudworth setting us on our way about a mile and then return'd, at Bretton we parted with Thomas Earnshaw, and at Emley with William Earnshaw and his daughter, and at Parkgate I parted with Jeremiah Smith and Hutchinson Dyson and came up to Anthony Kinsleys of Skelmanthorp were I stopt 2 hours and drunk Tea, and then came to William Dysons of Woodhouse, were I tarried about an hour and then came by Cumberworth to Newhouse were I got betwixt 8 and 9 o Clock in the evening, having cause to bow in humble thankfulness before the Lord for his continued favours.

#### An Account of my Journey to the General Meeting for the Peak of Derbyshire held at Castleton in the year 1787.

I set out from home ye 11<sup>th</sup>. of ye 8<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1787 and 7<sup>th</sup>. day of the week betwixt 1 and 2 o Clock in the afternoon having William Taylor for my companion this Journey, we went by Bullhouse and Brookhouse, and through the Cutgate to Woodland in Derbyshire, got to George Chapmans of Banktop betwixt 5 and 6 in the evening were we lodgd.

On 12<sup>th</sup>. and 1<sup>st</sup>. of the week about 8 o Clock in the morning we set forward in company with Thomas Webster and Thomas Ashton (who had an inclination to attend the meeting) on foot and George Chapman and some others on horseback, we went by Hope to Castleton were we got just in time to get a little refreshment at the Bulls head before meeting; The friends of Derbyshire had made preparations for holding the meeting out of doors as usual but it being exceeding wet they procured a very large Barn which was much crowded and many could not get in, there being a large collection both of friends and others, several Publick friends attended from different parts as Thomas Cash from Cheshire Thomas Colley and his Wife and Dinah Woodhead from Yorkshire and Ann Dent from Nottinghamshire. The meeting began at 11 o Clock and held upwards 3 hours, Thomas Cash had a pretty long time therein first from Psalms 2: v: 11. Serve the Lord with fear. and rejoice with trembling. Thomas Colley had a very long time next from Matt C: 7. v: 13, 14. Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, that leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it. At the close of the meeting Thomas Cash had an excellent exhortation withall commending the People for their sober and Christian like behaviour earnestly desiring that Grace, mercy and Peace might abound and be multiplied amongst them. We din'd at the George and Dragon, paid 8d a piece eating and 3d Liquor; betwixt 4 and 5 o Clock my companion and me left Castleton in company with Thomas Earnshaw of Judfield and John Priest of Bellroyd and came through Edale to George Chapmans farm house at Banktop, got there betwixt 7 and 8 were we lodg'd

On 13<sup>th</sup>. and 2<sup>nd</sup>. of the week betwixt 1 and 2 in the afternoon we set out towards home, parted with John Priest in the Cut-gate and then came to Middup were I call'd at Mary Sandersons but my companion went forward with Thomas Earnshaw stopt near 1 hour and half and drunk Tea, then calling of William Taylor we came to George Chapmans of Penistone were we stopt about half an hour and then came by Birchworth to Newhouse were we got about 9 o Clock in the evening.

An Account of the visit to the Families of Friends in Highflatts Meeting, by Deborah Darby and Rebecca Young from Shropshire accompanied by myself in the year 1787.

The friends having acquainted me with their concern to visit the families in this meeting and requesting me to join them therein if I could find freedom, and I having felt some drawings on my mind that way for some time gave up to accompany them which was to our mutual satisfaction. On 25<sup>th</sup>. and 8<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1787 and 7<sup>th</sup>. of the week in the morning I went and breakfasted at John Firths were the friends came the evening before and after Breakfast we proceeded on the visit went first to Sarah Broadheads of Meltomhouse were we had a remarkable favoured time. Rebecca Young appeared a pretty long time first from Prov C: 23. v: 23. Buy the Truth and sell it not. Deborah Darby had a long time next. I had a few words next. and afterwards Deborah had a long time again. There appeared to be a powerful visitation of divine Love extended to the whole family, and in a particular manner to some of the youth who were tenderly intreated to yield perfect obedience to the manifestations of duty, and then they would become eminent Instruments in the hand of the Lord for the good of others.

From thence we went to Daniel Broadheads of Mearhouse were we had a pretty satisfactory time Deborah Darby appeared a pretty long time therein. The parents were intreated to dwell near that which would enable them that not only to advise but restrain them from hurtful things, and the Children were exhorted not to let their minds out after those things which are inconsistent with the Truth, but to labour after that which would let them see there was a Beauty in every testimony which we as a People were call'd to bear. After which we din'd here.

From thence we went to John Beaumonts of Tottis, were we had a painful suffering time in Silence.

From thence we went to William Earnshaws were we had a comfortable time Deborah Darby had a short time first from Psalms 34. v: 19. Many are the afflictions of the righteous. Rebecca Young had a pretty long time next and afterwards Deborah appear'd again. They were led in an encouraging manner both to the Elders and Youth expressing their near sympathy with those who were oftens deeply try'd and prov'd and their belief that some of these were near entering into the port and haven of eternal rest. From hence we return'd to John Beaumont were we drunk Tea.

From thence we went to John Roberts's of Springhouse were we had a pretty satisfactory time, I appeared therein first from Luke C 10. v: 42. One thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part which shall not be taken away from her. Deborah Darby next from Matt C: 6. v: 33. Seek ye first the kingdom for God, and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you. From thence we went to Joshua Broadheads of Wooldale were my companions lodgd, but after Supper I went to Thomas Roberts's were I slept this and the following night

On 26<sup>th</sup>. and 1<sup>st</sup>. of week.

This morning we sat with Joseph Brooks family, in which opportunity Deborah Darby appeared a pretty long time; The Parents were cautioned against too much anxiety about the things of this Life; and the children were encouraged to seek the Lord whilst he might be

found and call upon him while he was near. From thence we return'd to Joshua Broadheads to Breakfast.

After Breakfast we went to Thomas Roberts's were we had a long laborious time in Silence, after which Deborah Darby appeared twice I had a short time next and afterwards Deborah appeared again, The heads of this family were intreated to examine how they had occupied with the Talents committed to their care, and to guard against the love of the World, and the youth under a sense of a renewed visitation extended were affectionately desired to join in therewith, and beware of stifling convictions.

At 11 o Clock we were at our meeting at Wooldale, were we was also favoured with the company of our friend Jane Burrow from Westmorland. The meeting was large many of other Societies attending Rebecca Young appeared first pretty long time from Luke C: 19. v: 5. Zacchaeus make haste and come down, for today I must abide at thy house. Deborah Derby had a long time next being opened in an eminent manner into the state of the meeting and enabled rightly to divide the word, to our various states.

At 4 in the afternoon was at our evening meeting which was large more of other Societies attending. Jane Burrow had a long time therein in Testimony from John C: 15. v: 5 Without me ye can do nothing. In the evening we sat with Joshua Broadhead and Edward Dickinson (and a young man who liv'd in the village) together, It and appeared to be a time of renewed visitation to everyone present, but in particular to the young man, their several states were opened and spoke to in the Power of him who searches the heart. They were cautioned against the love of the World, and to guard against unprofitable company, and recommended to a state of daily watchfulness in order that they might be prepared for their solemn change Rebecca Young had a pretty long time first Deborah Darby a long time next I appeared next and afterwards Deborah Darby had a few words more.

On 27<sup>th</sup>. and 2<sup>nd</sup>. of week

This morning after Breakfast we went to Abraham Bottomleys of Shepley Woodend were a renewed Visitation of divine Love appeared to be extended to the Family, Rebecca Young appeared first and afterwards Deborah Darby appeared twice The Parable of the husbandman going forth to hire Labourers was largely opened; The youth were encouraged to enter early into the vineyard and labour and those who were further advanced in Years were intreated to come in now at the eleventh hour of the day, and they should also receive their penny.

From thence we went to John Earnshaws were after a very long laborious time in Silence, the Lord was pleased to arise and cause the current of Life to circulate freely, Rebecca Young appeared first and afterwards Deborah Derby three times; the Parable of the wise and foolish Virgins was largely opened, The heads of the family were intreated to be frequent in the Practice of waiting upon the Lord, that they might be favoured with fresh supplies of heavenly Oil, and thereby been renewedly Qualified for service; and the Youth were encouraged not to rest themselves contented with a Profession of the Truth, but submit to the operation of that Power which would make them Professors thereof.

From thence we went to Joseph Woodhead junr. of Foulstone were we din'd, before dinner I took a walk out and at my return felt an unusual sadness to cover my Spirits, and had to remember the Language of Christ Matt. C: 26. v: 38. My soul is exceeding Sorrowful, even unto Death. and as I sat bowed down under this heavy exercise. It opened before the view of my mind that this family had let in a Spirit of Prejudice, and that it would be safest for me not to attempt to sit with them, altho' I knew nothing of it before; After some time my companions who also appeared exceeding sad went out into the Garden, and presently sent for me when they inform'd me that whilst I was out, the friends had queried of them why I had come along with them, as an Elder would be much more Proper and that they were not free for me to sit in their house. The friends desired I would not let it hurt me as my company had been very acceptable to them, and believed it was only from a Spirit of prejudice which they had let in without any just cause, I told them I hoped it would not and acquainted them with the exercise I had past thro', but afterwards doubts and reasonings entered into my mind and I was in a great strait whether to leave the friends or not next morning and return home,

however my kind friends Godfrey Woodhead and his Wife who were now from home return'd in the evening, and when I could get a suitable opportunity I inform'd them what we had met with, they appeared surpriz'd but desired I would take no notice of it but proceed with the friends as if nothing had happened, their advise was helpful to me in this strait, and tho' I believe this tryal was intended for evil it proved otherwise for I thought we were more favoured and united together than before, and I had a better nights rest than I ever had since I left home.

After dinner we went to Arthur Jepsons were Deborah Darby had to encourage them offens to turn inward, and see that every thing which the Lords controversy is against be removed out of the way and they prepared for their final change.

From thence we went to Joseph Woodheads senr. were Deborah Darby had a short time exhorting them now in their old age, entirely to sequester themselves from the World, so that they might be in readiness to meet the messenger of Death with joy. From hence the Women friends went and sat with Joseph Woodhead junr. and I went to Godfrey Woodheads, after Tea they came to me were we Lodg'd.

On 28<sup>th</sup>. and 3<sup>rd</sup>. of the week

This morning we had a precious opportunity with Godfrey Woodheads family Rebecca Young appeared first, and afterwards Deborah Darby had a pretty long time. The head of the family was intreated to live a little more loose to the World, to be careful of his conduct and conversation amongst men and to dedicate more of his time to the service of Truth, in the management of the Discipline of the Church, into which service he was called to labour, his Wife was encouraged to give up faithfully to the requirings of Truth, for a portion of work was assign'd her, in assisting to build up the waste places in our Zion, and tho' she might meet with many Enemies, Nehemiahs God would be her support. The visited Youth were affectionately address'd, and advised to seek after and love retirement, to hearken to the still small voice of divine Wisdom, and obey, and then great would be their Peace.

After Breakfast we went to Matthew Broadheads of Newmill, were the Lord was mercifully pleased to stretch forth his Arm of divine Power for their help, Rebecca Young appeared first from Psalms 111. v: 10. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of Wisdom. Deborah Darby next, I appeared next, and afterwards Deborah Darby had a few words more. They were intreated to prize the present opportunity to come up more faithfully in the attendance of Meetings especially on Weekdays, and live daily in the fear of the Lord, which would preserve them out of the evils of the World, and make them honourable and useful members of Society.

From thence we went to Joseph Haighs Deborah Darby had a few words first, Rebecca Young next, Deborah Darby next and afterwards I had a pretty long time. They were encouraged to seek the Lord and he would be found, to train up their Children in his fear, and guard against unprofitable company.

From thence we went to John Kirks of Moorcroft. At the close of the opportunity Deborah Darby had a few words from Psalms 20. v: 5. In the name of our God we will set up our Banners; desiring this might be their resolution and then neither Spiritual nor Temporal Blessings would be withheld, from hence we went to Joshua Broadheads of Wooldale were we Din'd.

After Dinner we went to Emanuel Brooks of Laneend were we had a low afflicting time Deborah Darby appeared therein from Job C: 5. v: 6. Affliction cometh not forth of the dust, neither doth trouble spring out of the ground. From hence we went to Robert Kays to Tea were we lodg'd.

On 29<sup>th</sup>. and 4<sup>th</sup>. of Week

This morning we sat with Robert Kays family were we were mercifully owned together, Deborah Darby had a very long time therein first from Mark C: 13. v: 37. What I say unto you, I say unto all, Watch. Afterwards I appeared from Psalms 50: v: 23 To him that ordereth his conversation aright will I shew the salvation of God. The heads of the family were cautioned against the Love of the World, and to keep as much as possible upon their Watch,

that they might be in readiness for the solemn summons from time to Eternity. The Youth were intreated to guard against a Light and airy conversation and feel after that Power which would preserve them in the time of temptation.

After Breakfast we went to Richard Brooks of Raw, were we had a dark cloudy time towards the close thereof Deborah Darby had a few words first, Rebecca Young next, and afterwards Deborah Derby again, he was mercifully call'd upon to come to repentance from Matt C: 9. v: 13. I am not come to call the righteous but sinners to Repentance.

From thence we went to John Brooks were we had a comfortable opportunity, Deborah Darby had a short but encouraging time therein from Psalms 37. v: 25. I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken. nor his seed begging bread.

From thence we went to Joshua Brooks of Longroidbridge, were things appeared very low, yet after a considerable time of waiting a renewed visitation of divine Love was felt to be extended to the whole family, Rebecca Young had a long time first from Psalms 8. v: 4. What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him? Deborah Darby next from 2 Cor: C: 3. v: 2. Behold, now is the accepted time before; behold, now is the day of salvation. The heads of the family were exhorted not to put it off, lest they should never be favoured with the like opportunity; Rebecca Young and Deborah Darby had afterwards each of them an encouraging time to the Youth. From hence we return'd to Robert Kays were we din'd.

From thence we went to John and Thomas Bottomleys of Thursteland Woodend, were divine good was felt to be extended towards them for their help, Rebecca Young appeared first from Psalms 27. v: 4. One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to enquire in his Temple. Deborah Darby next from Gold is tried in the Fire and acceptable men in the furnace of Affliction. and afterwards had a few words more They were led to declare how much better it was to dwell in the Lords house than in the tents of wickedness, and that their afflictions let them be of what kind they may would work for their good, if there was but a submitting to the divine hand. After which we drunk Tea here.

From thence we went to William Bottomley's were we had a pretty open time Rebecca Young appeared twice and afterwards Deborah Derby twice, after which I had a pretty long time, as the visitations of Truth was felt to be extended towards them, they were encouraged to faithfulness, and to let their obedience keep pace with knowledge, and not be too much cumbered about the things of this Life, nor neglect the attendance of Weekday meetings, and then no good thing would be withheld from them. From thence we came to John Firths of Shepley Lanehead were the friends Lodg'd but I came home.

On 30<sup>th</sup>. and 5<sup>th</sup>. of week

This morning, we sat with John Firths family were we had an open favoured time; they were encouraged to come up in faithfulness, and give up their whole hearts to the Lord, dedicating their time and talents to his service, and counting nothing too near or too dear to part with for his sake, and then they would be fitted and rightly qualified to fill up the places of the faithful who are removed from works to rewards. Rebecca Young had a long time first, and afterwards Deborah Darby had two large open times; Rebecca was opened from Rev: C: 2. v: 10. Be thou faithful unto Death, and I will give thee a crown of Life, which the heads of this family were tenderly intreated to be, (by both friends), that so they might receive the gracious Promise; I appeared next, and afterwards Deborah Darby was concerned in Prayer and Praises to Almighty God. At the close of the opportunity, Jane Burrow who was here on a visit desired me to go with her into the Garden when she inform'd me that as we were sitting together she felt something arise in her mind which she believed to be her duty to communicate to me, concerning the Venemous Beast which fastened upon Paul's hand, and which was so far from hurting him that he shook it into the fire. She therefore desire that would ever trial I might have met with I might not be too much discouraged nor cast down, believing that it would not only tend to mine own good but the honour of the cause of Truth;

with which my mind was so much affected remembering the painful exercise I had so lately met with at Foulstone, may the Lord not lay it to their charge in the great day of account.

From thence we went to George Haighs of Heymoorhouse were we had a low time towards the close thereof, an awful Solemnity appeared to cover the whole and Rebecca Young had a few words from 2 kings C: 20. v: 1. Set thine house in order: for thou shalt die and not live. exhorting them so to live in the Lords fear, as that they might die in his favour.

From thence we went to Benjamin Walkers of Paddock were we had a low suffering time in Silence. We Din'd here, and after dinner dropt into Silence at the close of which Deborah Darby had a pretty long time from 1 Tim: C: 5. v: 8 If any provide not for his own, and especially for those of his own house, he hath denied the Faith, and is worse than an Infidel, setting before them the necessity there was for this, but earnestly desired that they might not let the care for the body exceed that for the Soul.

From hence we went to William Dysons of Woodhouse, were we had a long low time towards the close of which Deborah Darby appeared a pretty long time encouraging them to wait in low seasons, and not to be weary nor faint in their minds and in due season they would reap.

From thence we went to William Steads were we drunk Tea and afterwards sat with them and Benjamin Steads family together. True religion appeared to be at a low ebb yet our Spirits were bow'd in humble thankfulness to feel the extendings of divine regard towards them their various states were opened and spoke to those in the decline of Life were exhorted to retire from the World that they might render up their accounts with Joy, and those who had children intrusted to their care were affectionately exhorted to discharge the important trust reposed in them, and the youth were intreated to Remember their Creator, to be frequent in waiting upon the Lord and before they closed their eyes to sleep to look over transactions of the day. I appeared first Deborah Derby twice next. Rebecca Young next, afterwards Deborah Darby appeared twice again after which I had a few words more, we lodg'd here

On 31<sup>st</sup>. and 6<sup>th</sup>. of the week

This morning we went to Joseph Steads of Toppett were we Breakfasted, and after Breakfast sat with the family. It was a time of renewed favour, Rebecca Young appeared first, Deborah Darby next, they were led to labour with the Parents, to turn their attentions from the too anxious pursuit of the things of this Life, and fix them more wholly upon those which fade not away; For it was evidently felt that the Lord had blessings in store for them not only the fatness of the earth but the dew of Heaven, and that their helpful was wanting in the transacting of the weighty affairs of the Church. I had afterwards a few words to the Children from John the 3rd. v: 4. I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in the truth. After which Deborah Darby had some tender counsel and advice to drop unto them.

From thence we went to Samuel Woods of Netherdenby, were divine good was in an eminent manner felt to be extended towards them for their help, Deborah Darby appeared twice in a very encouraging manner pressing them to come up in faithfulness to the Lords discoveries, and then they would experience preservation thro' time be useful in their day and at the close thereof be crown'd with Glory, sincerely desiring if we never met more in mutability. we might meet together in the realms of bliss. After which we din'd here.

From thence we went to Mary Beaumonts of Denby were we had a long low time, which ended comfortably. Deborah Darby appeared twice therein a precious visitation of divine Love was felt to be extended to the daughter which if faithfully submitted to would make her useful and honourable in her day, and the Mother was encouraged to use all diligence to make her calling and Election sure, for it appeared as tho' it might be the eleventh hour of the day with her, and then all her afflictions would be sanctified to her, for the Lord was waiting to bless her.

From thence we went to John Chapmans were we had a favoured time in which Deborah Darby appeared twice, having to call unto them to come up higher, that as some of them had given up many things for Truths sake, and have been blest in Basket and in store beyond their expectations that they might not now take up a rest as under the Palm trees in the

wilderness, but press through to that rest which the Lord hath prepared for his People. After which we drunk Tea here

From thence we came to Tobias Mallinsons of Wood, were we were comforted in feeling a renewed visitation of divine Love to the family extended for their help and recovery; Rebecca Young appeared first from Prov: C: 20. v: 26. My Son give me thine heart. Deborah Darby next from Psalms 131. v: 2. My soul is even as a weaned child. I appeared next from Zeph: C: 3. v: 10. From beyond the rivers of Ethiopia my suppliants the daughter of my dispersed shall bring mine offering Deborah Darby had afterwards a few words more, The Youth were called upon to surrender their whole hearts unto the Lord, and then some of them would have to bring up their offerings unto the Lord and become dignified in their day, for the Lord was felt to be peculiarly visiting some. and the Parents were intreated to let the earth fall from them and every string be broken which fastened thereunto and then their old age would be crowned with greenness. After supper we drop'd into Silence in which opportunity feeling the extendings of divine regard in a peculiar manner to their son Joseph he was tenderly exhorted to yield obedience thereunto, and the danger set before him of neglecting so eminent a visitation. I had a long time first and afterwards Rebecca Young. The Women friends Lodg'd here but I came home.

On 1<sup>st</sup>. and 9<sup>th</sup>. Mo. and 7<sup>th</sup>. of week

This morning we went to John Dickinsons, were Deborah Darby appeared first from Prov: C: 23. v: 23. Buy the Truth, and sell it not. Rebecca Young next, I appeared next from Psalms 110. v: 3. Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy Power. A Visitation of Truth was felt to be extended towards them, they were encouraged to make a purchase thereof by parting with those things the Lords controversy is against, for if we are descended from Parents like faithful Abraham, it will avail nothing except we come to know the Truth for ourselves.

From thence we came to Samuel Woods of Newhouse, and after Breakfast they sat with us Deborah Darby had a very long time first from Matt: C: 5. v: 4. Blessed are they that mourn for they shall be comforted. Rebecca Young had a long time next from John C: 11. v: 28. The Master is come, and called for thee, Deborah was led in a very encouraging manner to those who were bound to the law and to the testimony, and who were oftens made to mourn being deeply try'd and prov'd and ready to think at times the Battle would go against them so many enemies both within and without; instancing many things for our encouragement, how that great and eminent Apostle had to pass through Perils by Sea and Land, and from false Brethren, and if Persecution should be permitted to overtake she earnestly desired we might be encouraged by the Sufferings of Christ who being led as a Sheep before the shearers was dumb not opening his mouth; and when favoured with access to the Throne of Grace we might remember them when far separated, and so be one anothers joy in the Lord. A precious visitation of divine Love was felt to be extended to my Sister who was most affectionately intreated to join in therewith.

From hence we went to Birdshedge were we sat with Mary Dyson and Martha Radley of Park together. Our spirits were dip'd into near sympathy with our afflicted friend; Deborah Darby appeared twice exhorting her to retain her integrity and not murmur nor repine at her afflictions, seeing that the hand which permitted them knew what was best and if there was a patient waiting upon him, He who had been her morning Light would be her evening Song.

From thence we went to Samuel Jepsons were we had a tendering season together a precious Visitation of Divine love being extended towards them Rebecca Young appeared first Deborah Darby next and afterwards I appeared. From thence we return'd to my Fathers to Dine.

After Dinner we went to Elihu Dickinsons Clothier of Highflatts were the Lords arm of divine Power was felt to be stretched forth for their help, I appeared first Deborah Darby next from John C: 15. v: 4. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself except it abide in the vine; no more can ye except ye abide in me. Rebecca Young next and afterwards Deborah Derby again. The heads of the family were intreated to dwell near the root of divine Life in themselves which would help their Infirmities and enable them to fill up their places with

propriety. Their Mother was encouraged patiently to wait for her change, and then he who had been her support in foregoing tryals would be experienced to be near, and the youth were advised to join in with the visitation extended.

From thence we went to Samuel Haighs were we had a laborious time which ended comfortably Deborah Darby appeared therein from Matt. C: 7. v: 7. Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find, knock, and it shall be opened unto you. They were encouraged to seek for divine help, now in the day when the Lord is visiting those who are afar off, in order that they may be brought nigh. we return'd from hence to Elihu Dickinsons to Tea.

From thence we went to Hannah Dickinsons were Deborah Darby appeared first from Psalms 118. v: 8, 9 It's better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man. It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in princes. Rebecca Young appeared next and afterwards Deborah Derby again, The Mother was cautioned against too much anxiety about the things of this Life; but to put her trust in the Lord and then he would be her support; and the Daughter was intreated to guard against unsuitable company, and surrender her will to the divine will, that so her name might be enrolled in the Lambs Book of Life. From hence we return'd to Elihu Dickinsons were the Women friends Lodg'd.

On 2<sup>nd</sup>. and 1<sup>st</sup>. of Week

This morning we went to Daniel Brooks, were Deborah Darby and Rebecca Young had each of them a short time, they were exhorted to Watch unto Prayer, and as a renewed call was mercifully extended unto them altho' it might be as the eleventh hour of the day that they would now use all diligence to make their calling and Election sure. From hence we return'd to Elihu Dickinsons to Breakfast.

After Breakfast we sat here with Daniel Collier of Cumberworth, and William Dickinson of Moorroidnook. It was a low time but Truth at length arose into dominion, and Deborah Darby had a long time therein, those who have known the Truth were exhorted to look to the rock from whence they were hewn, and to the hole of the Pit from whence they was dug, for it appeared as if something had hindered their progress; and those whose minds were too much captivated with the Love of the World were advised to submit to the operation of that Power which was felt to be extended for his help.

At 11 o Clock was at our meeting at Highflatts were we had also the company of Jane Burrow, It was very large open and satisfactory I appeared first from Psalms 116. v: 12. What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits towards me. Dinah Woodhead had a few words next, Jane Burrow had a long time next and afterwards Deborah Darby from John C: 6: v: 12. Gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost. After which she concluded the meeting in Prayer and Praises to Almighty God.

At 4 the Women friends was at our Evening meeting, but just before the time I received a few lines from John Firth informing me that his Father was dead and requesting my company a little; I went and return'd to Highflatts again soon after the meeting broke up.

From thence we went to Henry Dickinsons of Strines were Deborah Darby appeared first from Psalms 26. v: 6. I will wash mine hands in innocency: so will I compass thine Altar, O Lord, after which I appeared. They were encouraged to seek after an inward purification of heart, and to dig in our solemn Assemblies as with their staves in their hands; and as they have this evening felt something to tender their spirits they were intreated to wait day by day for the supplies of heavenly Oil, that the present visitation might not be as the morning cloud, or early dew which soon passeth away; from thence we return'd to Elihu Dickinsons were the friends Lodgd and I came home.

On 3<sup>rd</sup>. and 2<sup>nd</sup>. of Week

This morning after Breakfast we went to Joshua Dickinsons of Birchworth, were we found him very poorly, and had a pretty satisfactory opportunity with them Deborah Darby appear'd a long time from Heb: C: 12. v: 11 No chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous; nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness to them which are exercised thereby, earnestly desiring that the present affliction might have this desirable effect upon them.

From thence we went to James Dickinsons of Folly, were we had a low time, but were comforted towards the close thereof, in feeling a renewed call extended unto them. I had a few words first from Eph: C: 5. v. 15, 16. Walk circumspectly not as fools, but as wise, Redeeming the time because the days are evil. Deborah Darby next from Matt. C: 20. v: 4. Go ye also into the vineyard; and whatsoever is right I will give you.

From thence we went to Joseph Priests of Bellroyd were Rebecca Young appeared first from Prov: C: 10. v: 4. The hand of the diligent maketh rich, afterwards Deborah Darby appeared twice The heads of this Family were encouraged to labour daily for spiritual Bread, in order that they might be favoured with those Blessings which make truly rich and wherewithall no sorrow is added; and the youth were advised to attend to that still small voice which some of them had heard in the secret of their heart.

From thence we went to Thomas Dickinsons were Deborah Darby had a few words first from Godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come. I appeared next and afterwards Deborah Darby had a pretty long time. They were cautioned against murmuring or repining or thinking their situation hard seeing that if they were to seek after real Godliness it would teach them in whatever state Providence had placed them in to be content. We return'd to Joseph Priests were we Din'd here Rebecca Young was so ill as not to be able to proceed on the visit and so Joseph Priest went with her to George Chapmans.

From thence we went to Benjamin Dickinsons of Thurlstone, were we had an highly favoured time, the various states of the family were particularly opened and spoke to, counsel and admonition were plentifully extended, and the Visitation of divine Love appeared to be handed forth unto the whole. The Parents were encouraged to be diligent in the attendance of Weekday meetings, and take their family with them not suffering the things of this Life to hinder. The young men were intreated to come up in faithfulness to the present remarkable visitation and then some of them would be of the foremost rank of the People. The young Women were cautioned against unprofitable company, lest by mixing with the People Strangers should devour their strength. I had a long time first, and afterwards Deborah Darby appeared twice. after which I had a few words more.

From thence we went to Jonathon Greens were Deborah Darby had a few words, he was intreated to examine whether his heart was so emptied as to be in a fit situation, for the Presence of the Almighty who will not dwell in an unclean Temple.

From thence we went to David Dickinsons were Deborah Darby had a pretty long time; they were exhorted to wait before and after meals, that so in the receiving of Temporal Blessings they might also be favoured with spiritual ones, seeing that if we have only Bread and Water we ought to be humbly thankful for the same. and their Children were directed to attend to Wisdoms voice in the secret of their own hearts. From hence we return'd to Benjamin Dickinsons to Tea and after Tea went to George Chapmans of Penistone were the friends Lodg'd, but after supper I came back to Benjamin Dickinsons and slept with their son Enoch.

On 4<sup>th</sup>. and 3<sup>rd</sup>.of week

This morning after Breakfast we sat with George Chapmans family, were Deborah Darby appeared first, I appeared next, Rebecca Young next from John C: 21. v: 16. Simon Son of Jonas lovest thou me? He saith unto him, yea, Lord than knowest that I love thee, he saith unto him Feed my sheep. Deborah Darby had afterwards a very long time. Our Spirits were dipt into a low discouraged state, which we believe to be the state of some present who was encouragingly spoke to believing that it was to prepare for further service George was called upon to to come forward, to be more extensively useful in the Church of Christ, to gather his outward affairs into less compass in order that he might be more at liberty to feed the flock in the way of the Lord requirings, his Wife was encouraged to give him up freely and she would be made partaker of the spoil equal with those who were called forth to war, and no Blessing either spiritual or Temporal would be withheld from them, Their Mother was call'd upon to leave the cumbering things of this Life, and make what way she could for her Childrens

service. and we were bow'd in humble thankfulness before the Lord under a feeling sense of the free circulation of the current of Life.

From thence we went to Thomas Earnshaws of Judfield-Lanehead were we had a comfortable opportunity, in which Deborah Darby appeared twice, being opened from Isai: C: 45. v: 19. I said not unto the seed of Jacob, Seek ye me in vain. She was led in an encouraging manner to Thomas who appeared to have many low seasons to pass thro', and his spiritual Moses to be oftens withdrawn, and tho' he might tarry 40 days in the mount yet if he patiently waited, and was careful not to form any likenesses, he would return with double Glory, and as he was thus rightly exercised and concerned to give up faithfully to every divine requisition he would not only be a Preacher of righteousness in Life and conversation but also in Word and Doctrine. A precious Visitation appear'd to be extended to the rest of the youth; and the Mother was intreated to prize the present opportunity, that so in whatever way she might have mist it she might experience forgiveness.

From thence we went to Mary Sandersons of Middup were we Din'd, and after Dinner sat with her; It was a low time at the close thereof Deborah Darby had a few words, exhorting her to seek after a preparation for her final change.

From thence we went to Thomas Earnshaw of Langsett were we had a low time at the close of which I had a few words to drop from Prov: C: 18. v:10. The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous runneth into it, and is safe. From thence we came to Tea to Elihu Dickinsons Clothiers of Highflatts were the friends Lodg'd but I came home.

On 5<sup>th</sup>. and 4<sup>th</sup>. of week

This morning we Breakfasted at Elihu Dickinsons Tanners, and after Breakfast sat with them, Gospel Love covered our Spirits, and a renewed visitation thereof was felt to flow towards them Deborah Darby appeared first Rebecca Young next from Isai: C: 2. v: 5. O house of Jacob, come ye, and let us walk in the light of the Lord. I had a few words next and afterwards Deborah Darby had a long time. They were cautioned against the Love of the World, and encouraged to walk in the light of the Lord, and then in due time they would experience the changeable things of this Life brought under their feet, and know a being cloathed with the Son of righteousness and crown'd with Glory. Their oldest daughter was intreated to prize the present visitation and not be ashamed of the simplicity of Truth.

From thence we return'd to Elihu Dickinsons Clothiers and the visit being now finished, we sat down together and were bowed in humble thankfulness before the Lord whose Arm of divine Power was eminently stretched forth for our help in the foregoing visit. Deborah Darby was concerned in Prayer and Praises to Almighty God, and we parted under a sweet sense of that cementing Love which had nearly united us together.

An Account of my Journey to our Autumn Quarterly Meeting held at York in the 9<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1787.

I set out from home the 23<sup>rd</sup>. of ye. 9<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1787, and 1<sup>st</sup>. day of the week about 5 o Clock in the morning I went by Cumberworth to Anthony Kinsleys of Skelmanthorp were I stopt about 1 hour and a half and Breakfasted, and then went by Bretton to William Pickards of Painthorp were I stopt about an hour and got some refreshment and then went to the meeting at Wakefield were I met with Thomas Earnshaw of Judfield and Robert Grist from our meeting. It was a low time but ended comfortably towards the close thereof I had a pretty long time in testimony from Psalms of 131. v: 1. Lord, my heart is not haughty, nor mine eyes lofty; neither do I exercise myself in great matters, or in things too high for me. and afterwards had a few words more. From thence we return'd to Abraham Cudworths of Painthorp were we Din'd and afterwards drunk Tea at William Pickards. After which we had a favoured meeting at Abraham Cudworths with several friends of this neighbourhood and from Ossett, with some People of other Societies came in of their own accord. I had a pretty long time therein

first from James C: 4. v: 8. Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. and afterwards had a very long time from Rev: C: 2. v: 10. Be thou faithful unto Death. and I will give thee a crown of Life. I was next concerned in Prayer and afterwards had a pretty long time from Isai: C: 30. v: 20. Thine eyes shall see thy teachers, directing those of other Societies unto Christ within them the true teacher and the only way to God. We supp'd and lodg'd here.

On 24<sup>th</sup>. and 2<sup>nd</sup>. of week, we went to Joseph Charlesworths of Crigglestone were we Breakfasted, and afterwards call'd and sat a little at Ann Pickards and then return'd to William Pickards of Painthorp were we din'd. About 2 o Clock in the afternoon Thomas Earnshaw and his Apprentice set out towards home and I preceded on my Journey, went to Thomas Booths of Wakefield were I stopt about one hour and a half and drunk Tea, then went by Newton, Thorp and Hunslet to Leeds were I got about 7 o Clock, here I met by appointment with my esteemed friend George Broadhead of Melthomhouse, who was to be my companion this Journey, we Lodg'd together at his Brother John Broadheads in Briggate.

On 25<sup>th</sup>. and 3<sup>rd</sup>. of week we set out about 7 o Clock in the morning and went by Seamour to the Top of Bramhammoor were we stopt near an hour and got two Pints of Ale and then went to Tadcaster were we stopt better than an hour at the Angel and Din'd Paid 8d a piece eating and 4d Liquor then proceeded to York got to Ann and Rebecca Awmacks in Walmgate about 4 o Clock were I took up my Quarters, but after Tea my companion went to sleep with his Brother at an Inn. At 5 in the evening began the Quarterly Meeting of the Ministers and Elders which held 3 hours. The Queries were read and verbal Answers given thereto from all the meetings except Scarborough who gave account they have not held such a meeting, several deficiencies were pointed out some of which were weightily spoke to. and the following friends were appointed to oversee the succeeding meetings and advise as occasion may require vis. William Fairbank, Robert Tricket, Timothy Maud, Mary Fairbank and Ann North.

On 26<sup>th</sup>. and 4<sup>th</sup>. of the week At 9 in the morning was a meeting for Worship which was large altho' select of friends. Mary Tate had a few words first from Psalms 127. v: 1. Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain. Christiana Hustler next from Luke C: 13. v: 34, 35. O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, which killeth the profits, and stonest them that are sent unto thee; how often would I have gathered thy children together, as a hen doth gather her brood under her wings, and ye would not. Behold now your house is left unto you desolate. Joseph Wright next from Matt: C: 5. v: 16. Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven Mary Pease of Darlington had a few words next. Benjamin North a pretty long time next from Isai: C: 59. v. 1, 2. The Lord's hand is not shortened that it cannot save; neither is his ear heavy, that it cannot hear; But your iniquities have separated between you and your God and your sins have hid his face from you. Mary Proud had a very long and highly favoured time next from Isai: C: 22. v: 5. It's the day of trouble, and of treading down, and of perplexity by the Lord God of hosts in the valley of vision. Esther Tuke had a pretty long time next from Neh: C: 2. v: 2 Why is thy countenance sad since thou art not sick. At the close of this meeting was held one for Discipline, William Fairbank of Sheffield being chosen Clerk; the Queries were read and answered thereto from all the meetings, and many remarks made thereon by sundry friends, some other business was gone thro' and then adjourn'd both meetings having held 5 hours. This afternoon I drunk Tea at Joseph Awmacks. At 5 in the evening was another meeting for Worship which I understood was held in silence except for a few words dropt by Christopher Barker, but I was upon the committee which met at the same time.

On 27<sup>th</sup>. and 5<sup>th</sup>. of week, at 10 in the morning met pursuant to adjournment, John Hoyland and Henry Tuke had each of them an acceptable time in testimony; the business was then gone thro' to good satisfaction, this meeting held near 2 hours. At 3 in the afternoon was the parting meeting for Worship which was very large many of other Societies attending. Elizabeth Tuke appeared a short time first from Isai: C: 63. v: 1, 2, 3. Who is this that cometh from Edom, with dyed garments from Bozrah? this that is glorious in his apparel, travelling in

the greatness of his strength, I that speak in righteousness mighty to save. Wherefore art thou red in thine apparel, and thy garments like him that treads in the the wine vats? I have troden the wine press alone, and of the People there were none with me. Margaret English next from Zeph: C: 2. v: 3, 4 Seek ye the Lord, all ye meek of the earth, which have wrought his Judgements; Seek righteousness seek meekness; it may be ye shall be hid in the day of the Lords anger. For Gaza shall be forsaken, and Ashkelon a desolation; they should drive out Ashdod at the noon day, and Ekron shall be rooted up. Elizabeth Priestman next from Prov: C: 18. v: 10. The name of the Lord is a strong Tower, the righteous runneth into it, and are safe. The meeting held better than 2 hours, after which the Ministers and Elders sat about half an hour together when one of the friends appointed to oversee the meetings reported that they had attended to the appointment according to the best of their understanding and had nothing further to offer to this meeting.

On 28<sup>th</sup>. and 6<sup>th</sup>. of the week I got up early in the morning and went and call'd at the Inn of my companion; We left the city a little before 6 o Clock, and came to Tadcaster were we Breakfasted at the Angel Paid 8d a piece stopt about 1 hour and then came by Seamour to Leeds were we Din'd at John Broadheads, stopt upwards of 2 hours and then parting with George Broadhead, I came by Hunslet, and Newton to Wakefield were I drunk Tea at Thomas Booths stopt upwards of an hour and a half and had some agreeable conversation with Ann Thorp his housekeeper, and then came up to Dircar were I got about 8 o Clock and Lodg'd at Christopher Walkers.

On 29<sup>th</sup>. and 7<sup>th</sup>. of week I spent the day here very agreeably in the afternoon several friends of this neighbourhood, and the Widow Hannah Bains from Ossett came to see me, after Tea we have a satisfactory opportunity here in which I had a pretty long time first from Rom: C: 1. v: 19. That which may be known of God is manifest in them; after which I had a few words more, and afterwards a pretty long time from Jer: C: 49. v: 11 Leave thy fatherless children, I will preserve them alive; and let thy Widows trust in me.

On 30<sup>th</sup>. and 1<sup>st</sup>. of week, I Breakfasted at William Pickards of Painthorp, and betwixt 9 and 10 o Clock set out in company with William Pickard and Abraham Cudworth of this place Christopher Walker of Dircar and David Pickard of Ossett, we went by Hollingthorp and Woolley to Burton, Of the Committee appointed to attend here there was only myself. We were favoured with an open good meeting, several being much broken and tendered. I have a long time therein first from Gen: C: 1. v: 3. God said, Let there be light: and there was light. and afterwards had a few words more to some particular state from Rom: C: 9. v: 13. Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated. At the close of this meeting the business of their Preparative meetings was gone thro', After meeting I went in company with Thomas Earnshaw of Judfield to John Luptons of Beeverhole were we Din'd, and afterwards came to Joseph Listers of Barnsley were we drunk Tea; betwixt 5 and 6 o Clock we set out towards home a little on this side Cawthorne I parted with Thomas Earnshaw, and came to my Brother Samuel Woods of Netherdenby were I stopt about an hour and supp'd, then came by Denby to Newhouse were I got about 10 at night.

#### An Account of my Journey to a Meeting held at Painthorp in the 11<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1787

I set out from home the 18<sup>th</sup>. of the 11<sup>th</sup>. month 1787 and 1<sup>st</sup>. day of the week of betwixt 5 and 6 o Clock in the morning, and went by Anthony Kinsleys of Skelmanthorp (were I stopt about an hour and Breakfasted) and Bretton to William Pickards of Painthorp were I met with William Earnshaw, George Chapman and Dinah Woodhead, who with Martha Dickinson of Highflatts, Leonard West, Thomas Booth and myself were under appointment of the Monthly Meeting to visit Ann Pickard of Crigglestone who had applyed to be accepted a member of our Society; except William Earnshaw who at our request and from a secret draft in his own mind accompanied us, after getting some refreshment here we went to the meeting at

Wakefield which was a large open and satisfactory several seeking People of other Societies attending, William Earnshaw had a pretty long time therein first from Acts C:10. v: 34, 35. I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness is accepted with him. I had two pretty long times next from Acts C: 13. v: 43. Continue in the grace of God. Dinah Woodhead had a short time next from John C: 4. v: 10. If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith unto thee, give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water. William Earnshaw had a very long and much favoured time next from Matt C: 7. v: 7. Seek and ye shall find; knock and it shall be opened unto you. After which he was concerned in Prayer. and afterwards had a lively exhortation. The meeting held about 2 hours and a half, at the close of which we sat with Ann Pickard to very good satisfaction there not appearing anything to us to obstruct her from being accepted into membership. From thence we return'd to Painthorp were we Din'd at Abraham Cudworths and drunk Tea at William Pickards. At 7 o Clock in the evening we had an appointed meeting for those of other Societies at Abraham Cudworths which was the largest ever held there, and in a remarkable manner overshadowed with divine good to the tendering of many hearts, I thought I scarcely ever remember being at a meeting where Truth arose into dominion the lofty were laid low, and the truly humble in heart were encouraged, and the Lords glorious Power reigned over all. William Earnshaw had a pretty long time first from Isai: C: 54. v: 13. All thy children shall be taught of the Lord, and great shall be the peace of thy children. I had a long time next from Eze: C: 18: v. 31, 32. Cast away from you all be your transgressions, whereby ye have transgressed, and make you a new heart and a new spirit: for why will ye die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of him that dieth, saith the Lord God. wherefore turn yourselves, and live ye. Dinah Woodhead had an acceptable time next from the Parable of the mustard seed. I had a very long time next having many remarks to drop by way of caution unto those who had been favoured with the day spring from on high, from Deut: C: 32: v: 15. Jeshurum waxed fat, and kicked: thou art waxen fat, thou art grown thick, thou art covered with fatness, then he forsook God which made him, and then lightly esteemed the Rock of his Salvation. William Earnshaw next from 1 Cor: C: 15. v: 57. Thanks be to God, who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. After which I had to commend the People for their good behaviour, and had an affectionate Farewel exhortation unto them from Acts C: 26. v: 28, 29. Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian. and Paul said, I would to God that not only thou, but also all that hear me this day, were both almost, and altogether such as I am, except these bonds. The meeting held upwards of 3 hours, after which we supp'd at Abraham Cudworths, and afterwards George Chapman and me went to Ann Pickards of Crigglestone were we lodg'd.

On 19<sup>th</sup>. and 2<sup>nd</sup>. of the week, after Breakfast we return'd to Painthorp, from whence George Chapman and Dinah Woodhead sent off early, and betwixt 9 and 10 o Clock, William Earnshaw and me set out and came by Bretton to Emley were parting with William I came to my Uncle William Steads of Siver-Ing stopt about 2 hours there and Din'd then came to Anthony Kinsleys of Skelmanthorp were I stopt several hours and drunk Tea, and then came by Cumberworth to Newhouse were I got about 7 o Clock in the evening.

An Account of my Journey to allow our Winter Quarterly Meeting held at Leeds in the 12<sup>th</sup>.  
Month 1787

I set out from home ye 25<sup>th</sup>. of the 12<sup>th</sup>. month 1787 and 3<sup>rd</sup>. day of the week betwixt 5 and 6 o Clock in the morning in company with William Taylor and went by Cumberworth to Anthony Kinsleys of Skelmanthorp were we stopt better than an hour and Breakfasted, then went by Bretton to William Pickards of Painthorp stopt there near 2 hours and Din'd, then set out in company with George Chapman of Penistone and Thomas Earnshaw and his Sister Hannah of Judfield went by Sandal, Wakefield and Newton to Long-Lofthouse were we got a little

refreshment at the White-horse, paid 3d a piece stopt better than half an hour and then proceeded by Hunslet to Leeds where we got about 1 in the afternoon and drunk Tea at John Broadheads. At 5 in the evening began the Quarterly Meeting for Ministers and Elders which held near 3 hours, we were favoured thereat with the company of several Strangers as William Rathbone from Lancashire, Rebecca Jones from Pennsylvania in America, Lydia Hawksworth from Bristol, Tabitha Middleton from Northamptonshire, The Queries peculiar to these Meetings were read and answered verbally from all the Monthly meetings except Scarborough who had not held such a meeting, several deficiencies appearing some remarks were made thereon, and the following friends were appointed to oversee the succeeding meetings, and advise as occasion may require and make report to the adjournment of this meeting viz: Phillip Maiden, William Proud, John Jackson, Mary Maiden, and Hannah Kay. After meeting I went to my companions at our usual Quarters at the Bell and Bull in Briggate.

On 26<sup>th</sup>. of 4<sup>th</sup>. of the week at 9 in the morning was the meeting for Worship, which tho' select of friends was large and in an eminent manner overshadowed with divine good. Elizabeth Hoyland had a short time therein first from Isai C: 55. v: 1. Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy and eat; Lydia Hawkesworth next recommending a state of humble watchfulness that when the alarm was sounded we might be in readiness to repair to the standard. Rebecca Jones had a very long and highly favoured time next from Mal: C: 2. v: 2. If ye will not hear, and if ye will not lay it to heart, to give glory unto my name, saith the Lord of hosts; I will even send a curse upon you, and I will curse your Blessings. Tabitha Middleton had a short time next concerning Abraham offering up his Son Isaac. After which Rebecca Jones concluded the meeting in Prayer; At the close of which was held one for Discipline, and Isaac Taylor of Rowntree meeting being chosen Clerk the 1<sup>st</sup>. 8<sup>th</sup>. of the Quarterley meeting Queries were read and answered from all the Monthly meetings and several deficiencies being pointed out much pertinent advice were communicated; some other business was gone thro' and then the meeting adjourn'd until next day at 10 in the forenoon. At 5 in the evening was a Publick meeting for Worship, but I was upon the Committee which met at the same time, my companions inform'd me it was large and satisfactory, A young Woman dropt a few words therein first Esther Tuke appeared twice next, Joseph Brown next William Rathbone next, Rebecca Jones next in Prayer and afterwards Margaret Hoyland in testimony. This afternoon I drunk Tea at Joshua Ingles.

On 27<sup>th</sup>. and 5<sup>th</sup>. of week, at 10 in the morning met pursuant to adjournment, William Rathbone, Henry Tuke, and John Armitage were concerned therein in Testimony. The business was then entered upon in the course of which several living Testimonies were borne; The Committee appointed to visit the Monthly and Preparative meetings in this County reported to this meeting that such a visit had been paid since our last to the Monthly meetings of Malton and Scarborough and the Preparative meetings constituting the same also to the Ministers and Elders belonging thereto. Our friend Rebecca Jones accompanied by three Women friends came into this meeting were she and Esther Tuke had very extraordinary service. The meeting held 3 hours and a half; in my return I met with a Letter from my Brother informing me of the Death of his Wife my Sister Susanna Doncaster of Sheffield who departed this Life on 3<sup>rd</sup>. day evening the 25<sup>th</sup>. of this month he adds in a quiet frame of mind and went away exceeding easy requesting me to come from Leeds to her Burial, which was to be on 1<sup>st</sup>. day ye. 30<sup>th</sup>. Inst. This afternoon I drunk Tea at Thomas Copelands. At 5 in the evening was the Parting meeting for Worship which was very much crowded many of other Societies attending. William Rathbone had a short time therein first from Hab: C: 2. v: 20. The Lord is in his holy temple: but all the earth keep silence before him. Lydia Hawkesworth next from John C: 10. v: 16. Other Sheep I have which are not of this fold: them also I must bring and they shall hear my voice: and there shall be one fold and one shepherd. The meeting held 2 hours and a half. At the close of which was the adjourn'd Select meeting which held about an hour. One of the friends appointed to oversee the meetings reported that they had endeavoured to discharge the trust reposed in them according to ability received, and had nothing further to communicate to this meeting. Some other business was also gone thro'.

On 28<sup>th</sup>. and 6<sup>th</sup>. of the week a little after 8 o Clock in the morning I left Leeds in company with my former companions except George Chapman who return'd the day before his Son being poorly, we came by Hunslet, Long-Lofthouse and Newton to Wakefield were parting with my fellow travellers I called at Thomas Booths and Din'd was detained there several hours upon some business and then came by Sandal to William Pickards of Painthorp were I got about 4 o Clock drunk Tea and supp'd there and then went to Abraham Cudworths were I lodg'd.

On 29<sup>th</sup>. and 7<sup>th</sup>. of the week I set out for Sheffield 20 miles about 7 o Clock in the morning, Abraham Cudworth accompanying me several miles and then return'd, I went by Woolley to Barnsley were I stopt better than an hour at Joseph Listers and Breakfasted then proceeded by Worsborough to Chapeltown were I call'd and got a Pint of Ale at the Shovel and Besom and then went by Brighouse to my Brother Daniel Doncaster of Sheffield were I got about 3 o Clock in the afternoon; was much affected with seeing the remains of my poor Sister, She had been in a declining state of health for a long time and for 9 or 10 months past confined to the house, which affliction I hope attended to her refinement, I visited her twice and found her pretty much resigned in mind; and was comforted this evening with the account a Woman gave me who had attended her much in her confinement, in the forepart of which she expressed a desire that she might not be removed before she was Prepared for so solemn and awful a change, afterwards when she was a little better at times and one or other would be expressing hopes of her recovery she frequently said she desired to have no will in it for if she was raised up again she might not be so prepared for her change, and if she was taken away she believed it was for best, towards her conclusion she appeared desirous to be gone oftens telling them it would be an happy change and that her Husbands Loss would be her gain. and fervently Prayed that she might be favoured with an easy Passage which was mercifully granted. She was aged 25 years 5 months and 3 days.

On 30<sup>th</sup>. and 1<sup>st</sup>. of the week the afternoon meeting was put off until 3 o Clock, the said Meeting was large of friends and some others and remarkably favoured a renewed visitation of divine Love was extended to many and an awful solemnity appeared to cover the whole Thomas Colley had an extraordinary time therein in Testimony from Deut: C: 32. v: 29. O that they were wise, and that they understood this, that they would consider their latter end.

On 31<sup>st</sup>. and 2<sup>nd</sup>. of the week, in the forenoon I went to Gervas Bradys, William Fairbanks and Thomas Colley sat a little at each place. In the afternoon we drunk Tea at Samuel Doncasters.

On 1<sup>st</sup>. and ye 1<sup>st</sup>. Mo. 1788 and 3<sup>rd</sup>. of the week about 10 in the morning I set out towards home came by Owlerton and Wadsleybridge to William Marsdens of Lapwater (not friends but his Wife had lived Servant at my Fathers) were I call'd and tarried about 2 hours and Din'd then came by Wortley to George Chapmans of Penistone were I tarried the better than an hour and drunk Tea then came by Ing Birchworth home were I got betwixt 6 and 7 o Clock.

#### An Account of my Journey to a meeting held at Ossett in the 2<sup>nd</sup>. Mo. 1788

I set out from home ye 2<sup>nd</sup>. of ye 2<sup>nd</sup>. Mo. 1788 and 7<sup>th</sup>. day of the week betwixt 7 and 8 o Clock in the morning, and went to my Cousin Benjamin Walkers of Paddock were I met by appointment with William Earnshaw of Tottis, we stopt here better than an hour and Breakfasted, then proceeded by Shelley, and Roydhouse to Flockton, were we stopt about half an hour at my Cousin Jonathan Lockwoods and got some refreshment and then went by Overton to David Pickards of Ossett were we got betwixt 12 and 1 o Clock and Din'd there, in the Afternoon we went to see the Widow Hannah Bains were we drunk Tea. We had had for some time past a concern on our minds to pay a religious visit to the inhabitants of this place;

there being none in profession with us in the Town but several who were under convincement, accordingly a meeting was appointed to begin at 6 o Clock this evening, and notice thereof given to the inhabitants. It was held in a large Parlour of David Pickards, which was well fill'd and was a very open satisfactory time, an awful solemnity appearing to cover every mind in the time of silence, and many I believe were sensibly affected with good. I had a pretty long time therein first in testimony from Jer: C: 13. v. 15 16, 17. Hear ye, and give ear, be not proud: for the Lord hath spoken: Give glory to the Lord your God, before he cause the darkness, and before your feet stumble upon the dark mountains, and while ye look for light, he turn it into the shadow of death, and make it gross darkness. But if ye will not hear it, my soul shall weep in secret places for your pride; and mine eye shall weep sore, and run down with tears, because the Lords flock is carried away captive. William Earnshaw next from Rom: C: 1. v: 19. That which may be known of God is manifest in them. I had a very long time next from Phil: C: 3. v: 3. We are the circumcision, which worship God in the spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh. William Earnshaw had a few words next from John C: 14. v: 11. Believe me for the very works sake. afterwards I had a pretty long time from 1 Cor: C: 2. v. 4, 5. My speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of mans Wisdom but in demonstration of the spirit and of power; That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God. and towards the conclusion had to recommend them to God, and the word of his Grace that so they might experience a being built up in that most holy Faith which gives victory over the World. The meeting held 3 hours, after which we got some refreshment here and then set out in company with Thomas Earnshaw of Judfield and William Taylor from our meeting. and William Pickard, Abraham Cudworth and Christopher Walker who had been at the meeting, we got to Dircar betwixt 11 and 12 o Clock were we lodg'd at Christopher Walkers.

On 3<sup>rd</sup>. and 1<sup>st</sup>. of the week after Breakfast we went to Painthorp were we sat a little at William Pickards and then proceeded accompanied by Abraham Cudworth and Joseph Charlesworth went by Woolley to Burton were we got just in time to the meeting which was pretty large and satisfactory, William Earnshaw had two long and open times therein in Testimony being led in an encouraging manner to some states, intermixed with his own experience of the Lords dealings with him, and giving a particular account of his call into the work of the Ministry, and the deep exercise he underwent before he gave up thereto, afterwards I had a short time from 2 Cor: C: 12. v: 9 My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. At the close of the Meeting for Worship was held their Preparative meeting; of the committee appointed to attend here there was, William Earnshaw, George Chapman, William Taylor, Leonard West and myself. The Yearly Meetings Queries were read and answered, and divers remarks were made upon the deficiencies which appeared, some other business was gone thro' and both meetings held about 3 hours and a half. After which, John Webster, Leonard West, George Chapman and myself who were under appointment of the Monthly Meeting to visit Jonathan Bashforth of Barnsley a young man who had applyed to be accepted a member of our Society, sat with him to good satisfaction having cause to believe that he was an innocent tenderspirited young man and under a good degree of convincement, yet thought it might perhaps be of service to him to wait a little longer before he was accepted into membership. After the opportunity I went to John Luptons of Beeverhole were I Din'd and after dinner he and I went to Joseph Listers of Barnsley were we drunk Tea and supp'd and then I return'd with him to his house to Lodge.

On 4<sup>th</sup>. and 2<sup>nd</sup>. of the week after Breakfast I came up to Joseph Listers were I sat a little and about 10 o Clock left Barnsley and came by Cawthorne to my Brother Samuel Woods of Netherdenby, were I got a little before 12 here I met with my Father and Mother, Sister Rebecca and Brother Doncaster from Sheffield we Din'd and drunk Tea here spending the Afternoon pretty agreeably, betwixt 5 and 6 o Clock I came to John Woods of Denbydikeside were I sat about half an hour and got to Newhouse betwixt 6 and 7 o Clock.

An Account of my Journey to Brighthouse Monthly Meeting held at Bradford in the 2<sup>nd</sup>. Mo.  
1788

I set out from home the 28<sup>th</sup>. of the 2<sup>nd</sup>. Mo. 1788 and 5<sup>th</sup>. day of the week betwixt 7 and 8 o Clock in the morning, call'd at my cousin Benjamin Walkers of Paddock were I stopt 2 hours and Breakfasted and then went by Shelley, Kirkburton, Amberry and Huddersfield to Rastrick were I call'd at William Prestons to see Jeremiah Smith stopt near 2 hours and Din'd, then went by Brighthouse and Chapel- in- the-brier to Halifax were I got about 4 o clock and Lodg'd at my Cousin William Woods.

On 29<sup>th</sup>. and 6<sup>th</sup>. of the week about 7 o Clock in the morning I set out for Bradford 8 miles in company with my Cousin William Wood, we went to James Fawcetts of Damhead were we Breakfasted stopt about an hour and a half, and then went to Richard Fawcetts, of Landshead, from whence accompanied by his Son Richard we went by Wibsy and Little- horton to Bradford were we got some refreshment at Jeffery Rileys, and then went to the meeting which was large and eminently favoured, Hannah Wigham of Pontefract and Elizabeth Tuke of York was there, Hannah Wigham first concerned therein in supplication Elizabeth Tuke had two pretty long times next in testimony the first time from Isai: C: 59. v: 1. The Lords hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear. and the next time from Deut: C: 32. v: 10. He found him in a desert land, and in the waste howling wilderness, he led him about, he instructed him, he kept him as the apple of his eye. Hannah Wigham had a long time next from Ex: C: 15. v: 11. Who is like thee, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders! Elizabeth Tuke had a short time next from Jer: C: 48. v: 10. Cursed be he that doeth the work of the Lord deceitfully, and cursed be he that keepeth back his sword from blood. Phebe Blakes had a pretty long time next from Ex: C: 14. v: 15. Speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward. Robert Fawcett appear'd next, after which Hannah Wigham had some very seasonable advice to drop from Rom: C: 10. v: 2. I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge. Afterward she concluded the meeting in Prayer. At the close of which was held the meeting for discipline The Yearly Meetings Queries were read and answered from all the particular meetings constituting this meeting, by which it appeared that notwithstanding the state of things were low, yet some appeared to be concerned in all the meetings that they might experience a growth in the Truth, and one Person in Leeds meeting had been accepted into membership by convincement since last year. Also three couple of friends laid before this meeting their intentions of marriage with each other Viz. John Armistead of Leeds and Sarah Sutcliffe of Mankinholes meetings, Richard Gardiner and Elizabeth Myers both of Leeds meeting and Jefferey Riley and Ann Collins of Bradford meeting. A great deal more business was gone thro' and both meetings held upwards of 5 hours. After which I set out for Gildersom 7 miles in company with George Smith and Samuel Woodhead two Gildersom Scholars, stopt about 1 and a half at John Robinsons of Upper House were we Din'd, and then went by Drighlington to Gildersom School were we got about 8 o Clock and Lodg'd at John Ellis's.

On 1<sup>st</sup>. of ye 3<sup>rd</sup>. Mo. and 7<sup>th</sup>. day of the week of betwixt 9 and 10 in the morning I set out for Dircar 10 miles John Ellis accompanying me about a mile and then return'd I came by Morley, Woodkirk, Chichhill, and Gawthorp to Ossett were I call'd to see George Fligg a young man who hath been favoured with a religious turn of mind and who was at this time in profession with the People called Methodists but had at times attended our meetings and appeared to have a great Love for friends, having several times sent and given me an invitation to call and see him; he was very kind and much desired me to stop Dinner which I complied with, tarrying about 3 hours, and had some satisfactory conversation with him. he appeared to me to have been favoured with a precious visitation by taking heed to which he had experienced his mind redeemed out the evils that are in the world, but had not yet experienced the vail of the Temple to be rent in twain and so was worshiping as in the outward court having his dependence too much outward in ceremonies and ritual observations

which maketh not the comers thereunto perfect, but as there appears to be a good degree of tenderness in him and he hath parted with many things for Truths sake, I cannot but desire that he who hath been mercifully pleased to make use of Clay to open his eyes to see men as Trees, may by the renewed visitations of his Love and continued Baptisms of his own Spirit so thoroughly wash him in the pool of Siloam that he may see men as men, then I believe he will be a vessel of honour in the Lords house, but if this is not the case methought I saw a danger of a return into that land out of which he had been by an outstretched arm brought out of, From thence I came to Dircar were I got about 4 o Clock and Lodg'd at Christopher Walkers.

On 2<sup>nd</sup>. and 1<sup>st</sup>. of the week, I went up in the morning to Abraham Cudworths of Painthorp accompanied by Christopher Walker were we Breakfasted, and betwixt 9 and 10 o Clock set out for Burton, William Pickard and Abraham Cudworth going along with us, went by Hollingthorp and Woolley, got to Burton just in time to the meeting which was small but open and satisfactory. I was twice concerned therein in Testimony the first time from 2 Cron: C: 15. v: 1, 2. The Spirit of God came upon Azariah the Son of Oded. and he went out to meet Asa, and said unto him; Hear ye me, Asa, and all Judah and Benjamin; the Lord is with you, while you be with him; and if ye seek him, he will be found of you; but if ye forsake him, he will forsake you. and the next time from Judg: C: 5. v: 11. They that are delivered from the noise of Archers in the places of drawing water; there shall they rehearse the righteous acts of the Lord. At the close of this meeting was held their Preparative Meeting, Of the committee appointed to attend here there was only George Chapman, William Taylor and myself. Both meetings held 2 hours After which I Din'd at John Wilsons of Barnsley, drunk Tea at Joseph Listers and about 5 o Clock set out towards home in company with William Taylor, Jonathan Bashforth and John Taylor setting us on our way several miles, we came by Cawthorne to my Brother Samuel Woods of Netherdenby were we stopt about an hour and supp'd and then came to my Cousin John Chapmans of Denby were we stopt near an hour and so got to Newhouse about 10 o Clock.

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At our Shepherds Meeting held upon Birdsedge hill the 20<sup>th</sup>. of ye. 5<sup>th</sup>. Mo. called May 1788

The following Propositions were made and agreed to Vis :

- 1<sup>st</sup>. That we use our best endeavours to destroy all suspicious dogs who may hereafter be found ranging among the Sheep and if any trouble should arise to any individual therefrom firmly to unite together and defray the expence thereof.
- 2<sup>nd</sup>. That Subscriptions now be opened, and a reward of 2/6 be given to any Person or Persons (not being keepers of Sheep) who shall detect any Dog or Dogs worrying Sheep and give information thereof so as he or they may be either killed or damage recovered.
- 3<sup>rd</sup>. That John Mallinson and Joseph Wood be appointed to receive the Subscriptions and defray any expence that may be demanded consistent with the former propositions and keep regular accounts of what is received and distributed in a Book for that purpose
- 4<sup>th</sup>. That a Meeting be held once a Year oftner if necessary, that the said accounts be there produced and read, and further subscriptions ordered if wanted, also any other Propositions made that may tend to the Preservation of those useful animals.

Shepherds Meeting ye. 2<sup>nd</sup>. of ye. 5<sup>th</sup>. Mo. called May 1789

The following Proposition was made and agreed to

That the 2<sup>nd</sup>. Proposition of last Year be altered viz. Instead of giving 2/6 a Piece for Dogs detected in the act of Worrying Sheep, That all Persons who are anyways aiding

or assisting in detecting runing or giving information of such Dogs, be invited to attend our Annual Meeting; were some Provision will be made for them; and were all reasonable expences which may have been laid out in the preceding Year will be discharg'd.

This meeting appoints the following Persons to collect the Subscriptions of such subscribers as are not now present and pay them into the hand of the Cashier viz. and Gamaliel Battye, Edward Hudson, Jonathan Burgess and Jonathan Wood.

	Received	£	s	d
20 <sup>th</sup> . of ye. 5 <sup>th</sup> . Mo. called May	recd. the Money Subscribed at the Meeting	0	13	0
25 <sup>th</sup> . of 6 <sup>th</sup> . Mo. called June	recd. further subscriptions from Birchworth by Jonathan Wood	0	3	6
Do. Do.	further subscriptions from the Denby by Do.	0	5	6
	Recd. Additional Subscriptions from Holmfirth side by Abel Tinker	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>
2 <sup>nd</sup> . of ye 5 <sup>th</sup> . Mo. called May 1789				
	On examining this Meetings accounts there appears to be a Ballance in the hand of the Cashier of	0	11	3
	Recd. the Money Subscribed - this meeting	1	2	6
11 <sup>th</sup> . of 5 <sup>th</sup> . Mo. called May	Recd. an additional subscription	<u>0</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>0</u>
	Disbursed			
20 <sup>th</sup> . of 5 <sup>th</sup> . Mo. called May	Paid for Ale	0	3	0
21 <sup>st</sup> . of Do	For Powder and Shot	0	2	0
28 <sup>th</sup> . of Do	For this Book to enter the accounts in	0	0	3
25 <sup>th</sup> . of 6 <sup>th</sup> Mo. called June	sent at the request of several subscribers by Jonathan Wood as a present to several young men of Birchworth for running and killing 3 Dogs who were found ranging among the Sheep ye. 21 <sup>st</sup> . Inst.	0	5	0
26 <sup>th</sup> . of Do.	Sent by George Strawberry to William Lister of Birchworth for detecting a dog worrying a Sheep the property of William Hague of Denby hall and assisting in killing the same	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>6</u>
2 <sup>nd</sup> . of ye. 5 <sup>th</sup> . Mo. called May 1789	Paid to William Dyson and some others which they had laid out in Ale sometime ago, in returning from killing a Dog For Ale at this Meeting	0	2	6
		0	5	0
11 <sup>th</sup> . of ye 5 <sup>th</sup> . Mo. called May	Paid for Ale at a Meeting held upon Birdsedge-hill to consider of the propriety of petitioning Parliament for a Tax upon Dogs	0	2	6
	Shepherds Meeting ye 29 <sup>th</sup> . of ye. 5 <sup>th</sup> . Mo. call'd May 1790.			
	On examining this meetings Accounts there appears to be a balance in hand of the Cashier of	1	6	9
		<u>1</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>7½</u>
		0	1	1½
Recd. Subscriptions at the meeting		1	9	6
	others which they had laid out in Ale sometime ago in returning from killing a Dog For Ale for this Meeting	0	2	6
		0	5	0
	11 <sup>th</sup> . of ye. 5 <sup>th</sup> . called May			
	Paid for Ale for this Meeting held upon Birdsedge-hill to consider the Propriety of Petitioning Parliament for a Tax upon Dogs	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>6</u>

	29 <sup>th</sup> . of 5 <sup>th</sup> . Mo. called May 1790	£	s	d
Paid	for 8 Stroak of Malt and 2lb of Hops for this Meeting	1	4	0
Do.	For Pipes and Tobacco	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>7½</u>
		1	5	7½

Its now agreed that this Meeting to be held annually the 1<sup>st</sup>. 7<sup>th</sup>. day after the 12<sup>th</sup>. of ye. 5<sup>th</sup>. Mo. called May at this place to begin at 4 o Clock in the afternoon but if it should happen to be wet to be then held in John Mallinsons Barn of Birdsedge

Shepherds Meeting 14<sup>th</sup>. of 5<sup>th</sup>. Mo. called May 1791.

This Mg. appointed Joseph Barlow, Joseph Wood of Gunthwaite and John Mallinson to apply to those Shepherds who are absent for their subscriptions and deliver them into the hands of the Cashier.

On examining this Meetings accmpts there appears to be a Balance	£	s	d
in the hands of the Cashier of	1	10	7½
disburs'd	<u>1</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>9</u>
	0	0	8½
Recd. at Mg.	0	12	0
since	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>
in the hands of the Cashier	0	13	8½
Recd. sundry subscriptions by the hands			
of Jonathan Burgess	<u>0</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>6</u>
	0	17	2½

14<sup>th</sup>. of 5<sup>th</sup>. Mo. called May 1791

Paid out this Mg. for			
6 Stroake of Malt	0	17	0
Hops and yeast	0	2	0
Cheese and Pipes	0	4	9
Bread and Tobacco	0	6	0
	1	9	9

Shepherds Meeting 19<sup>th</sup>. of ye. 5<sup>th</sup>. Mo. called May 1792

On examining this Meetings Accmpts there remains a Balance	£	s	d
in the hands of the cashier	0	17	2½
Paid for Malt Hops Yeast, Tobacco and Pipes	<u>0</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>0</u>
	0	2	2½
Recd. by Subscriptions at this Meeting	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>6</u>
In the hands of Cashier	1	3	8½

Shepherds Meeting in 18<sup>th</sup>. of ye. 5<sup>th</sup>. Mo called May 1793

On examining this Meetings Accmpts there appears to be in the hands			
of the Cashier and	1	3	8½
Paid for malt, hops yeast tobacco and pipes	1	4	8
Due to the cashier	0	0	11½
Recd. by Subscriptions at this Meeting	1	4	6
In the hands of the Cashier	1	3	6½

Joseph Barlow is appointed to apply to those Shepherds who are not present for their subscriptions

This Meeting agrees that our next annual Meeting be held at Joseph Barlows of Birchworth at the usual time

Shepherds Meeting held that Ing Birchworth ye. 17<sup>th</sup>. of 5<sup>th</sup>. Mo called May 1794

	£	s	d
Balance in the hands of Cashier	1	3	6½
Recd. since last year	0	1	0
	1	4	6½
Spent at Meeting	1	1	0
	0	3	6½
Subscribed at Meeting	1	1	0
In the hands of the Cashier	1	4	6½

John Mallinson is appointed to apply to those subscribers who are not present for their subscriptions.

Our annual Meeting to be held at this place next year at the usual time.

Shepherds Meeting at Ing Birchworth ye. 16<sup>th</sup>. of 5<sup>th</sup>. Mo called May 1795

It is agreed by this Meeting that if any Dog or Dogs is fairly detected in worrying Sheep belonging to any subscribers; and if the owner of the Dog or Dogs refuse to make full satisfaction according to the value thereof, as adjudged by a person not belonging thereto; that we will then unite in defraying the expense that may arise by the prosecution if not obtained otherways.

	£	s	d
Balance in hand of cashier	1	4	6½
spent at Meeting	1	1	0
	0	3	6½
Subscribed at Meeting	0	18	0
In hands of Cashier	1	1	6½

This Meeting appoints John Mallinson, Joseph Barlow and Joseph Howden to apply to those who are not present for their Subscriptions

It is agreed that this Meeting be held here at the usual time next year and that John Mallinson take care to crie the same.

Shepherds Meeting at Ing Birchworth ye. 14<sup>th</sup>. of ye. 5<sup>th</sup>. Mo. called May 1796

	£	s	d
Balance in hands of Cashier	1	2	0½
spent at meeting	1	1	0
subscribed at Meeting	1	1	0
	0	1	0½
In hands of Cashier	1	2	0½

This Meeting appoints Joseph Howden to apply to those who have not attended here in Denby for their subscriptions, Jonathan Wood for Gunthwaite, and George Strawberry for Birchworth, and pay it as soon as they can into the hands of John Mallinson; and inform them that it is the request of this Meeting that for the future they would either attend or send their money.

The Meeting to be held here at the usual time next year.

Shepherds Meeting at Ing Birchworth ye. 13<sup>th</sup>. of ye. 5<sup>th</sup>. Mo. called May 1797.

	£	s	d
Balance In hands of Cashier's	1	2	0½
Spent at Meeting	1	1	0
Crieing Mg.	0	0	2
Balance	0	1	10½
Subscribed at Meeting	1	3	0
In hands of Cashier	1	3	10½

The Meeting to be held here at the usual time next year.

Shepherds Meeting at Ing Birchworth ye. 19<sup>th</sup>. of ye. 5<sup>th</sup>. Mo called May 1798

	£	s	d
Balance in hands of Cashier	1	3	10½
Spent at Meeting	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>
	0	2	10½
Subscribed at Meeting	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>
In hands of Cashier	1	3	10½

Shepherds Meeting held at Ing Birchworth ye. 18<sup>th</sup>. of ye. 5<sup>th</sup>. Mo. called May 1799

	£	s	d
Balance in hands of Cashier	1	3	10½
Spent at Meeting	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>
	0	2	10½
Subscribed at Meeting	<u>0</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>0</u>
In hands of Cashier	1	1	10 ½

Shepherds Meeting held at Ing Birchworth ye 17<sup>th</sup>. of 5<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1800

	£	s	d
Balance in hands of Cashier	1	1	10½
Paid John Mallinson what he laid out in repairing of Wash fold spent at meeting	<u>0</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>
	0	15	5½
	£ 1	1	10 ½

Last Meeting owing to inclosure

## List of Subscribers 1789

James Hargreaves	Gunthwaite	John Mills	Gunthwaite
Samuel Wood	Denby	Hannah Beaumont	Denby
Jonathan Wood	Gunthwaite	John Mellor	Holmfirth
Edward Hudson	Birchworth	John Hobson	Birchworth
Abel Tinker	Holmfirth	John Mardsen	Birchworth
Joshua Kilner	Birchworth	Joseph Brook	
John Allot	Birchworth	Richard Hutchinson	Cumberworth
Samuel Peech	Birchworth	Joseph Baslow	Birchworth
Jonathan Burgess	Denby	Tobias Mallinson	Denby
John Mallinson	Do.	Gamaliel Battye	Holmfirth
James Hinchcliffe	Holmfirth	John Goddard	Holmfirth
Joseph Senior	Cumberworth	Joseph Priest	Thurlstone
George Rowley	Birchworth	John Littlewood	Denby
Joseph Howden	Denby	John Wood	Birchworth
William Haigh	Do.	Stephen Field	Cumberworth
John Lockwood	Do.	Matthew Morton	Thurlstone
James Barraclough	Do.	Joshua Haigh	Holmfirth
Jonathan Gaunt	Do.	Edward Mirfield	Do.
John Shaw	Do	Joseph Brook.	
Samuel Wood junr.	Holmfirth	John Marsden	Birchworth
John Senior	Shepley	John Hobson	Do.
Joshua Charlesworth		John Naylor	Holmfirth
Edward Mirfield	Holmfirth	Hannah Beaumont	Denby
Joshua Haigh	Holmfirth	John Mills	Gunthwaite

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An Account of my Journey to Brighouse Monthly Meeting held at Shoebroad near  
Mankinholes in the 5<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1788

I set out from home ye. 29<sup>th</sup>. of ye. 5<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1788, and 5<sup>th</sup>. day of the week, betwixt 9 and 10 o Clock in the forenoon, stopt better than half an hour at John Firths of Lanehead and got some refreshment and then proceeded by Shepley, Amberry, Huddersfield, and Ealand to Halifax were I stopt betwixt 4 and 5 hours at Sarah Greens and drunk Tea, and then went up to Joshua Stansfields of Hand-green, got there betwixt 8 and 9 in the evening were I Lodg'd

On 30<sup>th</sup>. and 6<sup>th</sup>. of the week betwixt 7 and 8 o Clock in the morning I set out in company with several friends of Halifax meeting who were going to the Monthly meeting viz. John Stansfield, Robert and Richard Fawcett and Cousin William Wood we went by Heptonbridge to Langfield were I took up my Quarters as usual at our kind friend Hannah Greenwoods, After getting some refreshment I went to the Meeting at Shoebroad which began as usual at 11 o Clock and was large of friends, and some others, but to me was a low suffering time, At the close thereof Robert Fawcett said a few words. After which was held the Meeting for Discipline in which the 1<sup>st</sup>. 8<sup>th</sup>. of the Quarterley meeting Queries were read, and answered from all their particular meetings and some remarks were made thereon, Also Robert Firth of Brighouse meeting and Mary Dyson of Halifax meeting laid before this their continued intention to marry with each other, a great deal more business was gone thro' and both meetings held about 5 hours.

On 31<sup>st</sup>. and 7<sup>th</sup>. of the week in the morning accompanied by several friends I went to Thomas Firths of Stones to Breakfast and return'd from thence to Ambrose Greenwoods of Langfield were we Din'd and drunk Tea, after which I went to Samuel Fieldens and Susanna

Sutcliffes of Todmorden and in my return call'd at Uriah Brooks were I sat a little at each place.

On 1<sup>st</sup>. of ye. 6<sup>th</sup>. Mo. and 1<sup>st</sup>. day of the week at 11 o Clock in the morning was at the meeting at Shoebroad which was large there being a pretty many friends from other meetings and several other Societies came in The extendings of divine regard was eminently felt towards this Assembly to the solid comfort and satisfaction of the upright in heart who cannot reign whilst the pure seed is in a state of captivity, Samuel Gandy had a few words therein first. I had a long and open time next from Luke C: 10. v. 41, 42. Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things But one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her. and afterwards appeared again having several exhortations to drop to various states present, concluding with the words of the Apostle 2 Cor: C: 13, v: 11. Finally, brethren, farewell, be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you. The meeting held 2 hours and a half. After Dinner John Greenwood and his brother Samuel accompanied me to William Sutcliffes of Newshop, were we tarried and drunk Tea; Betwixt 5 and 6 o Clock I set out for Joshua Stansfields of Hand-green, and got there about 8 were I Lodg'd. In the evening had a remarkable favoured opportunity in the family, the cementing Love of Truth nearly uniting us together, even as Children of one family, I had two very open times therein first from Acts C: 4. v: 32. The multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul: neither said any of them, that ought of the things which he possessed was his own and, afterwards from Matt C: 25. v: 29. Unto everyone that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance; but from him that hath not shall be taken away, even that which he hath.

On 2<sup>nd</sup>. and 2<sup>nd</sup>. day of the week, I had some agreeable conversation with the Mother and Children in this Family having cause to believe that she had been concerned to train them up in the nurture fear and admonition of the Lord, and was comforted with a hope that she would be favoured to see the good effects of her godly concern, her oldest Son John appearing to me to be under the preparing hand for service, and to whom my Spirit was nearly united, in that Love, which time weareth not out neither doth distance separate. About 10 o Clock I set out Joshua Stansfield accompanying me to Halifax, were I tarried several hours and Din'd at my Cousin William Woods. I left Halifax about 3 o Clock in the Afternoon and came by Chapel in the brier and Brighthouse to William Prestons of Rastrick, were I call'd to see Jeremiah Smith, stopt here about 2 hours and got some refreshment, and then came by Huddersfield, Amberry and Shepley, home were I got a little after 10 in the evening.

An Account of my Journey to three public Meetings held at Painthorp, Ossett and Thornhill in the 11<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1788

I set out from home the 2<sup>nd</sup>. of ye 11<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1788 and 1<sup>st</sup>. day of the week about 7 o Clock in the morning, towards the meeting at Burton, William Taylor accompanying me thither we stopt a little at my Brother Samuel Woods of Netherdenby and then proceeded by Cawthorne to John Websters of Carrgreen were we got some refreshment, and so got to Burton just in time to the meeting which though small was pretty satisfactory, I had a short time therein in Testimony from Luke C: 17. v 32. Remember Lots Wife. At the close of this meeting was held their Preparative meeting Of the Committee appointed to attend here there was only George Chapman, William Taylor and myself. The 1<sup>st</sup>. 8<sup>th</sup>. of the Quarterley Meeting Queries were read and answered, and several remarks were made upon the deficiencies which appeared. Both meetings held 3 hours and a half. After which I set out for Painthorp in company with Thomas Earnshaw of Judfield and Joseph Charlesworth of Crigglestone, got to William Pickards betwixt 4 and 5 o Clock were we din'd, here we met with William Earnshaw by appointment, who had been at the meeting at Wakefield, and intended to accompanying us this Journey. At 7 o Clock in the evening we were at an appointed meeting at Abraham

Cudworths which was the largest ever held there, and eminently favoured, Thomas Earnshaw dropt the following words therein first from Isai: C: 41. v: 1. Keep silence before me, O Islands; and let the people renew their strength. I had a long time next from Eph: C: 2: v: 4, 5. God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, Even when we were dead in sins hath quickened us together with Christ; by grave are ye saved. William Earnshaw had two pretty long times next chiefly tending to turn the minds of the People to the gift of God in themselves. I had a long time next from Job: C: 32. v: 7, 8. Days should speak, and multitudes of years should teach wisdom. But there is a spirit in man: and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding. After a short time in silence I had a few words more to the People concluding with a commendatory speech to them for their solid and attentive behaviour. The meeting held 3 hours. After which several friends stopt supper with us, and after supper we had a favoured opportunity together in which myself and William Earnshaw had some suitable advice to drop.

On 3<sup>rd</sup>. and 2<sup>nd</sup>. of week, This morning we went and Breakfasted at Ann Pickards of Crigglestone, and from thence went to Christopher Walkers of Dircar were we Din'd. Betwixt 3 and 4 o Clock in the afternoon, accompanied by Christopher Walker we set out for Ossett, The water being low we cross'd the river and went thro' Horbury, got to David Pickards just in time to Tea. At 6 in the evening was at an appointed meeting in his house, and the Methodists having unknown to us given notice in their meeting the day before of our intentions of being here, their Preacher and many of his hearers attended, also many Protestants, Presbyterians, Independents and Antinomians. so that the meeting was exceeding large, two great rooms being very much crowded and many could not get in, I was first concerned therein in supplication, afterwards William Earnshaw appeared three times in Testimony first from Tit: C: 2. v: 11, 12. The grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men. Teaching us that denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly righteously and godly in this present world. 2ndly from Luke C: 2: v: 14. Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill towards men. and 3rdly from Isai: C: 66. v: 2. To this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word. I had a pretty long time next from Acts C: 24. v: 14, 15, 16. After the way which they call heresy, so worship I the God of my Fathers, believing all things which are written in the law and the prophets. and have hope towards God, as they themselves also allow, that there shall be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust, and herein do I exercise myself to have always a conscience void of offence toward God and toward men. After a short time in silence I had a very long time from John C: 9. v: 31. God heareth not sinners; but if any man be a worshipper of God, and doeth his will, him he heareth. William Earnshaw had a pretty long time next and afterwards I had to acknowledge the still solid and attentive behaviour of the People and as many of them had felt the Power of Truth to prevail, to the tendering of their hearts, earnestly to desire them to keep under an humbling sense thereof, that if we never saw the faces of one another more in mutability we might be favoured to meet together in the realms of Bliss, were the morning stars do sing together and the sons of God do shout for joy. The Meeting held 3 hours.

On 4<sup>th</sup>. and 3<sup>rd</sup>. of week after Breakfast we went and sat a little at Hannah Bains's and then return'd to dinner betwixt 3 and 4 o Clock we set out for Thornhill 5 miles David Pickard going along with us. The evening before our friend Joseph Charlesworth offered to go and give notice to the inhabitants and make the necessary accommodations, but at that time I thought I should be easy to pass it by, but in the night the concern was so strongly renewed upon my mind that I could not get much sleep and so was made willing to give up thereunto, Thomas Earnshaw set off early in the morning to acquaint Joseph Charlesworth therewith who very cheerfully gave up to the service, and by the great pains which he took evidently manifested himself to be a very proper person for the office. I went under very great discouragement of mind considering that the People were altogether strangers to us our Principles and Practices when we got to Isaac Dixons of Thornhill edge, who had given up his house for the occasion we were surprized to find how conveniently they had seated it, They

received us very kindly his Wife telling us we were the most welcome guests that had been in their house for many years; The meeting began at 5 and held about 2 hours and a half was very large two rooms being very much crowded, and in a very extraordinary manner favoured to the tendering of many hearts, and the behaviour of the People was more like solid friends than a mixed multitude that scarcely knew there were such a People. Thomas Earnshaw dropt the following words therein first from 1 Pet: C: 1. v: 24. All flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man, as the flower of grass. I had a very long time next from Tit: C: 3. v. 3, 4, 5. We ourselves also were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful and hating one another, But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour towards man appeared, Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost. William Earnshaw had a long time next from Mic: C: 6. v. 6, 7, 8 Wherewith shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before the high God? shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves of a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, or with ten thousands of rivers of Oyl? Shall I give my first born for my transgressions, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? He hath shewed thee, O man what is good. I had a long time next from 1 Cor: C: 14. v. 29, 30. Let the Prophets speak two or three and let the others judge. If anything be revealed to another that sitteth by, let the first hold his peace. William Earnshaw had some suitable exhortations to the People next concluding with a commendatory speech unto them for their still solid and attentive behaviour. afterwards I had some tender counsel and advice to drop unto them and in the Love of the Gospel bade them Farewell. At the close of the meeting many of them came with Tears running down their cheeks to shake hands with us and parted in a very solemn manner, desiring they might be favoured with more such opportunities. After getting some refreshment here we set out for Dircar 5 miles, in company with Christopher Walker and several other friends of that neighbourhood, got to his house about 10 in evening were we Lodg'd.

On 5<sup>th</sup>. and 4<sup>th</sup>. of the week, After Breakfast we went to Joseph Charlesworths of Crigglestone were we had a favoured opportunity in which William Earnshaw was concerned in Testimony; from thence we went to Abraham Cudworths of Painthorp were we Din'd and after Dinner William Pickard and his Wife, coming in we had a time of renewed favour in which we had to commemorate the Lords goodness and mercy to us in the late visit who had graciously condescended to be mouth and wisdom tongue and utterance yea our all in all, that we could say of a Truth with the disciples at their return, we lacked nothing, for even the Devils were made subject unto us thro' the name which is the power of Christ. William Earnshaw appeared first I had a pretty long time next and afterwards William Earnshaw had a few words more. Betwixt 2 and 3 o Clock we set out towards our respective habitations, Abraham Cudworth setting us on our way about a mile William Earnshaw and me came together by Bretton to Skelmanthorp were I call'd and drunk Tea at Anthony Kinsleys stopt several hours there and so got home betwixt 9 and 10 in the evening.

#### An Account of my Journey to the quarter Meeting at Rushworth in the 11<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1788.

I set out from home the 29<sup>th</sup>. of the 11<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1788 and 7<sup>th</sup>. day of the week about 9 o Clock in the morning having Thomas Earnshaw of Judfield for my companion this Journey, we went by Shepley, Almondbury and Huddersfield to Hillhouse were we call'd at the Bulls head and got each of us a pint of Ale, then proceeded by Ealand to Halifax were we stopt several hours and Din'd and drunk Tea at the Widow Sarah Greens, after which we went to Joshua Stansfields of Hand-green were we Lodg'd. In the evening we had a precious opportunity in the family in which I was concerned a long time in Testimony from Gen: C: 28. v: 20, 21. If God will be with me, and will keep me in the way that I go, and will give me bread to eat, and

raiment to put on; So that I come again to my Fathers house in peace: then shall the Lord be my God.

On 30<sup>th</sup>. and 1<sup>st</sup>. of the week about 10 o Clock in the morning, we set out in company with Robert Fawcett, Cousin William Wood, John Stansfield, his Mother and two Sisters, went by Sowerbybridge and Ripponden to Clayfield near Rushworth 4 miles were the meeting began as usual at 11 and held 3 hours, there were but few friends, but a great concourse of People of other Societies attended The Meetinghouse being exceedingly crowded and abundance stood without at the door and windows many friends telling us afterwards it was the largest meeting they ever saw there upon any occasion, and the behaviour of the People was very commendable, those without doors tarrying all the time notwithstanding it was the Winter season and consequently the weather coldish; We sat for some time in this meeting in a poor low state of mind, but as we were concerned patiently to wait for the Lord he was mercifully pleased to arise for our help, and to favour in an extraordinary manner this large and solemn Assembly; Thomas Earnshaw appeared in a few words first from Matt C: 6. v: 33. Seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you. I had a short time next from Prov: C: 25. v: 11. A word fitly spoken is as Apples of Gold in pictures of silver. After a short time in silence I had a very long time from Cant: C: 2. v: 14. O my dove, that art in the clefts of the rock, in the secret places of the stairs, let me see thy countenance, let me hear thy voice: for sweet is thy voice and their consonance is comely, afterwards I was concerned in Prayer. Robert Fawcett appeared a pretty long time next from Mic: C: 5: v: 2. But thou Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be the ruler in Israel; after which I appeared again a short time from Jude v: 21. Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life. After meeting we went to Cousin Simeon Dysons of Lower-Goathouse were we Din'd and tarried all night.

On 1<sup>st</sup>. of 12<sup>th</sup>. Month and 2<sup>nd</sup>. day of the week about 12 o Clock we set out towards home came by Outlanes, and Milnsbridge to Lane-end were we tarried about an hour and a half at Emmanuel Brooks and Robert Kays and got some refreshment at the latter then came by Lockwood, Farnley and Shepley to Birdsedge were I parted with my companion and got home about 7 o Clock.

#### An Account of my Journey to our Winter Quarterly Meeting held at York in the 12<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1788.

I set out from home that ye. 21<sup>st</sup>. of ye. 12<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1788 and 1<sup>st</sup>. day of the week between and 5 and 6 o Clock in the morning and went by Cumberworth to Anthony Kinsleys of Skelmanthorp were I stopt about 2 hours and Breakfasted, then proceeded by Bretton to Crigglestone were I got a little refreshment and Joseph Charlesworths and then went by Sandal to Wakefield meeting were I met by appointment with George Chapman of Penistone and Thomas Earnshaw of Judfield who was to accompany me this Journey. The said meeting was pretty large of friends, (there having been a very considerable increase by convincement) and pretty satisfactory, towards the close thereof I had a short time in testimony from John C: 15. v: 16. Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain; that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you. The meeting held better than 2 hours, after which we came to Christopher Walkers of Dircar to Dine were we Lodg'd. In the evening many friends came in with whom we had a very satisfactory meeting, in which I had a long time in Testimony from 2 Cor: C: 9. v: 15. Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift, and afterwards was largely opened to some tryed state from 2 Cor: C: 12. v: 9. My grace is

sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. After which I had a few words more.

On 22<sup>nd</sup>. and 2<sup>nd</sup>. of week, we set forward in company with Christopher Walker at 10 o Clock in the morning and went by Milnthorp, Walton, and Crofton to Pontefract were we Din'd at the Malt Shovel paid 6d a piece eating and 2d Liquor after which we went to our friend Hannah Wighams tarried at both places betwixt 2 and 3 hours, then proceeded by Ferrybridge to Hillam 7 miles, got there about 5 in the evening were we Lodg'd at our companion Fathers Christopher Walkers, who tho' not of our Profession was exceeding kind to us, both him and his Wife; in the evening we went and sat a little at our Ancient friend Joseph Bournes.

On 23<sup>rd</sup>. and 3<sup>rd</sup>. of the week about 8 o Clock in the morning we set out for York 19 miles went by Monk-Fryston and Milford, Sherburne, and Towton to Tadcaster, were we din'd at the Angel paid 8d a piece eating and 2d Liquor stopt about an hour and a half and then proceeded to York got there about 3 o Clock in the afternoon were I took up my Quarters at Ann and Rebecca Awmacs in Walmgate. At 5 in evening began the Quarterly Meeting for Ministers and Elders, The Queries peculiar to these meetings were read and answered and several remarks made thereon; Blashel Foster, William Fairbank Ann North and Hannah Murray were appointed to oversee the succeeding meetings and advise as occasion may require etc. some other business was gone thro' and then the Meeting adjourn'd having held near 3 hours.

On 24<sup>th</sup>. and 4<sup>th</sup>. of the week at 9 in the morning was a meeting for Worship which was select of friends and much the largest I was ever at in this place at this time of the Year. Elizabeth Hoyland had a short time therein in Testimony first from Matt: C: 5 v: 23, 24. If thou bring thy gift to the altar; and there rememberest that thy Brother hath ought against thee; Leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy Brother, and then come and offer thy gift. Henry Tuke had a long time next from John C: 5. v: 4. An Angel went down at a certain season into the pool and troubled the water: Mary Proud was next concerned in Prayer, and afterwards Mary Mason had a pretty long time in Testimony. At the close of this meeting was held one for Discipline, William Proud of Hull being chosen Clerk, The 1<sup>st</sup>. 8 of the Quarterley Meeting Queries were read and answered from all the Monthly Meetings in this County, and several remarks made upon the deficiencies which appeared in order to stir friends up to their respective duties that those causes of complaint might be removed; some other business was gone thro', and then the meeting adjourn'd. Both meetings having held near 5 hours. This afternoon I drunk Tea at Joseph Awmacs. At 5 in the evening was a Publick meeting for Worship, a few of other Societies attending, John Armitage, Esther Brady, and Joseph Brown had each of them a short time therein in Testimony, after which Mary Proud had a pretty long time, The tendency of their Ministry was to turn our minds from every outward dependence to the Principle of Truth in ourselves, and that having our minds centred thereupon we might experience a growth in pure righteousness, and those who were this truly hungering and thirsting notwithstanding it was a low time with them would in due season be filled. The meeting held near 3 hours after which I supp'd at Joseph Awmacs.

On 25<sup>th</sup>. and 5<sup>th</sup>. of the week at 10 in the morning was another meeting for Discipline which held near 3 hours before the business was entered upon William Rountree and Benjamin Hird appeared in Testimony; in the cause of the business of this meeting a proposition was brought in from the Monthly Meetings of Malton and Scarborough requesting a junction of the two meetings which was agreed to, that the said Monthly meeting should be henceforth join'd into one, and go be the name of Pickering Monthly meeting; at the close of the business Esther Tuke and Elizabeth Hoyland came in and had each of them an acceptable time in Testimony. This afternoon I drunk Tea at Joseph Awmacs. At 5 in the evening was the Parting meeting for Worship which was very large many of other Societies attending, Mary Proud had a very long and much favoured time in testimony therein from Jer: C: 4. v: 3. Break up the fallow-ground, and sow not among thorns. Benjamin Hird had afterwards a few

words from 1 Thes: C: 4. v: 11. Study to be quiet, and do your own business. The meeting held 2 hours and a half At the close of which the Ministers and Elders sat a little together, when one of the friends appointed to oversee the meetings reported that they had endeavoured to attend to the appointment according to the best of their understanding. This evening I supp'd at John Tukes.

On 26<sup>th</sup>. and 6<sup>th</sup>. of the week betwixt 9 and 10 in the morning we left the City and came to Tadcaster were we stopt about 2 hours and Din'd at the Angel paid 10d a piece eating and 2d Liquor, then came by Towton to Sherburne were we stopt about an hour at Simeon Hunters and got some refreshment, then came by Milford and Fryston to Christopher Walkers of Hillam, got there about 6 o Clock in the evening, were we Lodg'd and were exceeding kindly entertained.

On 27<sup>th</sup>. and 7<sup>th</sup>. of week, early this morning George Chapman and Christopher Walker set out towards home, and about 8 o Clock Thomas Earnshaw and me set out for Leeds 13 miles, it was a very stormy day and the roads in many places much drifted with Snow, we went by Fryston and over Peckfield (a remarkable barren place) to Garforth were we stopt near an hour at the Old. George and got some refreshment paid 3d a piece and then proceeded by Whitchurch and Halton to Leeds were we Din'd at Joshua Ingles, tarried there about 2 hours and then came to Beeston and were we call'd at Thomas Gelders an officer of the Excise who had formerly lived tenant to my Grandmother. stopt about half an hour and got some refreshment there and then came to Gildersome School were we got about 6 in the evening and Lodg'd at John Ellis's.

On 28<sup>th</sup>. and 1<sup>st</sup>. of the week was at their meeting at Gildersome which began at 11 and held near 3 hours, was pretty large including the Scholars from friends school. After a long low time in silence, I have a pretty long time in Testimony from Deut C: 23. v: 2. A bastard shall not enter into the congregation of the Lord. and after a short time in silence had another pretty long time from John C: 11. v: 28. The Master is come and calleth for thee. Afterwards Thomas Earnshaw dropt the following words from 1 Sam: C: 15. v: 22. To obey is better than Sacrifice; and to hearken than the fat of rams. In the evening we went to see our friend Hannah Walker Widow of that worthy friend and able Minister of the Gospel Robert Walker; who lived with her Son Thomas Walker were we sat a little and then return'd to our Quarters.

On 29<sup>th</sup>. and 2<sup>nd</sup>. of week, After breakfast we came to Joseph Atkinsons a friend who had his education amongst the Baptists, but had join'd our Society some years ago, tarried there above an hour and got some refreshment, then came by Woodkirk, Chickhill, and Gawthorp to David Pickards of Ossett, were we Din'd, tarried about 2 hours and then came by Horbury to Christopher Walkers of Dircar, got there about 4 o Clock were we Lodg'd. David Pickard accompanied us to the river, were we could not have got over but our kind friend Christopher Walker being aware thereof came and met us there with a Horse and took us up behind him.

On 30<sup>th</sup>. and 3<sup>rd</sup>. of of week, After Breakfast we came to Crigglestone were we sat a little at Ann Pickards and Joseph Charlesworths, then came to Painthorp, sat a little at Abraham Cudworths, and Din'd at William Pickards. About 2 o Clock we set out towards our respective habitations; Abraham Cudworth accompanying me to Bretton from whence I came to Anthony Kinsleys of Skelmanthorp were I drunk Tea and tarried 3 hours and got home about 8 o Clock in the evening.

#### An Account of my Journey to a meeting held at Thornhill in the 2<sup>nd</sup>. Mo. 1789

I set out from home ye. 12<sup>th</sup>. of ye. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Mo. 1789 and 5<sup>th</sup>. day of the week, betwixt 5 and 6 o Clock in the morning, for our Monthly meeting held near Wakefield, William Taylor accompanying me thither we went by Cumberworth to Anthony Kinsleys of Skelmanthorp were we stopt above an hour and Breakfasted, then proceeded by Bretton to Joseph

Charlesworth of Crigglestone were we got some refreshment and then in company with several friends went by Sandal to near Wakefield, where the meeting began as usual at 11 o'Clock was very large of friends, and a few others attended, we were favoured thereat with the acceptable company of our friend Benjamin North from Leeds; William Earnshaw Dinah Woodhead, Benjamin North and Hannah Wigham, had each of them a pretty long time therein, the tendency of whose testimonies were to set before us the danger of sitting down after having been highly favoured in a state of empty formality, and the necessity there was for all to keep upon their Watch in order that we might experience preservation; Benjamin North had afterwards a pretty long and encouraging time from Psalms 63. v. 1. My soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is. At the close of the meeting for Worship was held the meeting for Discipline, The Yearly Meetings Queries were read and answered from the 4 Preparative meetings, which constitute this meeting by which it appeared that several attended our religious meetings who were under convincement, and one person had been accepted into membership since last year; a great deal of business was gone thro' to pretty good satisfaction, and several Testimonies were borne in the course thereof by sundry friends; Both meetings held 5 hours. After which I went in company with William and Thomas Earnshaw to Dircar were we Din'd and lodg'd at our kind friend Christopher Walkers.

On 13<sup>th</sup>. and 6<sup>th</sup>. of the week in the morning we went and Breakfasted at Ann Pickards of Crigglestone, and after Breakfast several friends coming in we had a satisfactory opportunity together in which I was first concerned in testimony from John C: 21. v: 15. Simon Son of Jonas lovest thou me, more than these? he saith unto him, yea, Lord: thou knowest that I love thee, he saith unto him, Feed my Lambs. William Earnshaw next from Psalms 132. v: 15. I will abundantly blessed her provisions I will satisfy her poor with bread. and afterwards he had a few words more; From hence we return'd (in company with our friend John Bottomley of Thursteland-Woodend) to Christopher Walkers, where we Din'd. Betwixt 3 and 4 o'Clock in the afternoon we set out for Thornhill and in about 1 hour and a half time got to Isaac Dixons of Thornhill edge, where we got tea, he and his Wife appeared to be under some degree of convincement having constantly attended our Religious meetings since we were there before, Joseph Charlesworth got here in the forenoon to give notice of the meeting which began at 6 and held upwards of 3 hours; was very large two rooms being much crowded and many without doors. It was in a very eminent manner overshadowed with divine good by which we were enabled to declare the Truth unto a very crowded, still and attentive audience, in the demonstration of the Spirit and Power of God, to the tendering of many hearts. William Earnshaw was first concerned therein in Testimony a pretty long time directing the People to the inward appearance of the Grace of God, as the way and means appointed by him for the Salvation of the Souls of mankind. I had a very long time next from Isai: C: 42. v: 16. I will bring the blind by a way that they knew not: I will lead them in paths that they have not known: I will make darkness light before them: and crooked things straight, these things will I do unto them, and not forsake them. William Earnshaw had a long time next from the Parable of the Talents. After which myself and William Earnshaw were concerned in Prayer and Praises to Almighty God. After which I had a pretty long time in Testimony from Luke C: 2: v: 10, 11. Behold I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day, in the City of David, a Saviour, which is Christ did Lord. Concluding with an affectionate farewell exhortation unto the People. After meeting whilst we were getting some refreshment Edward Dixon was so kind as to send in and offer us a Bed, and I having been poorly all the day, and much exhausted with the exercise of the meeting; gladly accepted thereof, Thomas Earnshaw and Joseph Charlesworth tarrying with me the later on purpose to bear us company in the morning, but William Earnshaw and John Bottomley return'd in company with Christopher Walker and several other friends from that neighbourhood to his house where they lodgd.

On 14<sup>th</sup>. and 7<sup>th</sup>. day of the week, in the morning we came to my Cousin John Woods of Middlestown where we breakfasted, and they came by Netherton and Crigglestone to

William Pickards of Painthorp were we met with our companions again, we went and sat a little at Abraham Cudworths and then return'd to William Pickards were we Din'd. About 2 o Clock in the afternoon we parted with Thomas Earnshaw he taking the nearest way home and we came by Bretton to Anthony Kinsleys of Skelmanthorp were we stopt upwards of an hour and drunk Tea, then John Bottomley set out towards home, and William Earnshaw came with me by Cumberworth to our house to lodge, were we got betwixt 6 and 7 o Clock in the evening.

An Account of my Journey to a Meeting held at Notton in the 3<sup>rd</sup>. Mo. 1789

I set out from home ye. 11<sup>th</sup>. of ye. 3<sup>rd</sup>. Mo. 1789 and 4<sup>th</sup>. day of the week about 5 o Clock in the morning, intending to take Ackworth and Wakefield Preparative Meeting to be held near Wakefield in my way to our Monthly Meeting at Ackworth; went by Cumberworth to Anthony Kinsleys of Skelmanthorp were I stop upwards of an hour and Breakfasted, here I met with John Earnshaw from Lancashire, William Earnshaw and his Son George, and John Bottomley of our meeting, we went together by Bretton and then John Bottomley and me went to William Pickards of Painthorp were we got some refreshment, and then proceeded by Sandal to the meeting near Wakefield which began at 11 o Clock. It was a low time but ended comfortably, towards the close thereof William Earnshaw had a pretty long time in testimony from 2 kings C: 2. v: 14. Where is the Lord God of Elijah. and afterwards William Sowerby from Jer: C: 4. v: 14. How long shall thy vain thoughts lodge within thee? At the close of this meeting the business of their Preparative meeting was gone thro' to pretty good satisfaction. amongst other things George Earnshaw of Highflatts Meeting and Ann Pickard of this presented their intentions of taking each other in marriage. Both meetings held near 3 hours. After which William Earnshaw and me set out for Ackworth 7 miles, call'd at the Sine of the Cock in Crofton were we got some refreshment, The Landlady had 3 Children at one birth all alive about half a year old, call'd, Abraham, Isaac, and Rebecca, We paid 6d a piece and then proceeded by Fowlby, and Wragby to Ackworth School got there about 5 o Clock in the evening were we lodg'd

On 12<sup>th</sup>. and 5<sup>th</sup>. of the week at 9 in the morning was a meeting of Ministers and Elders which was very small the Queries peculiar to these meetings were read and answers thereto drawn up in writing and ordered to be laid before the Quarterly meeting; several remarks were made thereon and much advice dropt in the Power and authority of Truth. At 11 o Clock was a meeting for Worship which was large and pretty open, William Earnshaw had a pretty long time therein in Testimony first, I had a short time next from Matt: C: 20. v: 6. Why stand ye here all the day idle. William Earnshaw had afterwards a pretty long time again from Isai C: 52. v: 2. Shake thyself from the dust. At the close of this meeting was held our Monthly meeting for Discipline. The general Answers to the Queries were read and approv'd. Also George Earnshaw and Ann Pickard beforementioned laid before us their intentions of taking each other in marriage, a great deal more business was gone thro' both meetings holding near 5 hours. After which we Din'd at the School and about 5 o Clock set out in company with my companion two Sons John and George Earnshaw, John Bottomley, Abraham Cudworth and Ann Pickard, came by Wragby, Fowlby, Crofton, Walton, and Milthorp, to Painthorp were we got about 8 o Clock and lodg'd at our kind friend Abraham Cudworths.

On 13<sup>th</sup>. and 6<sup>th</sup>. of the week after breakfast we went to Ann Pickards of Crigglestone were we Din'd and after Dinner returned it to Painthorp were we drunk Tea at William Pickards, and at 4 o Clock set out for Notton some 3 miles in company with John and George Earnshaw, went by Hallgreen and in about one hour's time reached there, were we call'd at an Inn to get some refreshment it be an exceeding a snowy day, here we met with Joseph Charlesworth who came before us to procure a place, and make the necessary

accommodations, and give notice to the Inhabitants which he had done, after getting some refreshment, we went to the meeting which was held in the dwelling house of William Inman, and began at 6 in the evening. The place was as full as could be comfortably accommodated, and the behaviour of the People very commendable, being entire Strangers to frds. and our principles. And I had a long time therein first from Hos: C: 6. v: 1, 2, 3. Come, and let us return unto the Lord for he hath torn, and he will heal us; he hath smitten, and he will bind us up. After two days will he revive us, in the third day he will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight. Then shall we know if we follow on to know the Lord; he is going forth is prepared as the morning; and he shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter and the former rain unto the earth. William Earnshaw had a long time next, labouring to turn the minds of the people to the inward appearance of the grace of God, that by submitting to its teaching they might know a being weaned from all the teachings of Men, an experience that one effectual saving Baptism the substance of all outward signs and Shadows. which is not a putting away the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience by the resurrection of Jesus Christ. I had a very long time next from 1 Cor: C: 1. v: 18. The preaching of the Cross is to them that perish, foolishness; but unto us which are saved, it is the power of God. After which William Earnshaw had a few words commending the People for their civil behaviour of and in the Love of the Gospel bade them Farewell. The meeting held about 3 hours. Afterwards many of them manifested much kindness to us and told us they were much obliged to us for the visit which appeared the more extraordinary as the inhabitants are mostly Independents who hold particular election and reprobation; the woman of the house where their meetings are held was pressing on us to call there which we did she would gladly have had us to stay supper but we excused ourselves by taking a little Beer and came to the Inn were we got some refreshment, and then return'd in company with the friends beforementioned, and William Pickard and Abraham Cudworth, by Woolley and to Painthorp were my companion and me lodg'd at Abraham Cudworths (it being betwixt 10 and 11 o Clock when we reached there) but his two Sons went to Crigglestone.

On 14<sup>th</sup>. and 7<sup>th</sup>. of the week betwixt 10 and 11 o clock in the forenoon we set out towards home in company with my companion two Sons and John Bottomley we came by Bretton to Emley were we parted with them came to Anthony Kinsleys of Skelmanthorp tarried there upwards of 4 hours and Din'd and drunk Tea, then came to see my much esteemed friend William Dyson of Woodhouse were I tarried about an hour and then came by way of Cumberworth home were I got about 7 o Clock in the evening.

#### An Account of my Journey to the quarter Meeting of the Rushworth in the 5<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1789

I set out from home ye. 30<sup>th</sup>. of ye. 5<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1789 and 7<sup>th</sup>. day of the week about 7 o Clock in the morning, stopt upwards of half an hour at my cousin Benjamin Walkers of Paddock and then proceeded by Shelley, Kirkburton and Almondbury to William Coopers of Huddersfield were I stopt about 2 hours and got some refreshment, here I met by appointment with Christopher Walker of Dircar who was to be my companion this Journey and we went by Ealand to Halifax were we tarried at my Cousin William Woods upwards of 4 hours and Din'd and drunk Tea from thence we went to Joshua Stansfields of Handgreen got there betwixt 7 and 8 o Clock in the evening were we lodg'd.

On 31<sup>st</sup>. and 1<sup>st</sup>. of the week, betwixt 9 and 10 o Clock in the morning we set out in company with cousin William and Mary Wood, Robert Fawcett and several of Joshua Stansfields family went by Sowerby-bridge and Ripponden to Clayfield near Rushworth were the meeting began at 11 and held 4 hours a great concourse of People of other Societies attended the house being very much crowded and many without doors that could not get in the Lord was pleased to favour us with the shedding abroad of his divine Love and life giving presence whereby we was enabled to Worship him not in the oldness of the letter nor in the

unfeeling formality but in the newness of the spirit and of Life. I had a long time therein first from Jer: C: 4. v: 14. O Jerusalem, wash thine heart from wickedness that thou mayst be saved: how long shall thy vain thoughts lodge within thee? George Conway had a pretty long time next, and afterwards I had a long time again from Jer: C: 2: v. 18, 19. What hast thou to do in the way of Egypt, to drink the waters of Sihor? or what hast thou to do in the way of Assyria, to drink the waters of the river? Thine own wickedness shall correct thee, and thy backslidings shall reprove thee; know therefore and see, that it is an evil thing and bitter that thou hast forsaken the Lord thy God and my fear is not in thee saith the Lord God of hosts. Robert Fawcett appear'd a pretty long time next from Acts C: 11. v: 34, 35. Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: But in every nation he that feareth him and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him. Afterwards George Conway was concerned in Prayer. After meeting we went to cousin Simeon Dysons of Lower Goathouse to dine were we lodg'd.

On 1<sup>st</sup>. of 6<sup>th</sup>. Mo. and 2<sup>nd</sup>. of week we set out about 10 o Clock in the morning and came by Outlanes to Huddersfield were we stopt about 2 hours and Din'd at William Coopers, then came to Amberry were I parted with my companion, came by Farnley to John Bottomleys of Thursteland- Woodend were I stopt about an hour and a half and drunk Tea, and from thence came to my Brother Samuel Woods of Haddenley were I stopt about half an hour, and so got home about 8 o clock in the evening.

An Account of my Journey to our Autumn Quarterly Meeting held at York in the 9<sup>th</sup>. Mo.  
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I set out from home ye 20<sup>th</sup>. of ye. 9<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1789 and 1<sup>st</sup>. of the week about 5 o Clock in the morning and went by Cumberworth to Anthony Kinsleys of Skelmanthorp were I stopt about half an hour and Breakfasted, then went by Bretton to William Pickards of Painthorp were I stopt over an hour and got some refreshment, here I met by appointment with Thomas Earnshaw of Judfield who was to be my companion this Journey; we went by Sandal to the meeting at Wakefield, which was pretty large several of other Societies attending; It was a low time but Truth arose for our help and it ended pretty comfortably, towards a close thereof I had a pretty long time in Testimony from 1 Chron: C: 4. v: 10. Oh that thou wouldest bless me indeed, and enlarge my coast, and that thine hand might be with me, and that it wouldest keep me from evil, that it may not grieve me. The meeting held 2 hours and a half After which we came to Christopher Walkers of Dirtcar to Dine were we lodg'd. After dinner we went and drunk Tea at George Earnshaws of Crigglestone were we had the company of many friends to sit with us and return'd to Christopher Walkers to supper.

On 21<sup>st</sup>. and 2<sup>nd</sup>. of week we set forward in company with Christopher Walker about 9 o Clock in the morning and we went by Milnthorp, Walton and Crofton to Pontefract were we stopt about 3 hours and Din'd at Hannah Wighams, then went to Robert Thompsons of Ferrybridge who was lately accepted into membership with us, having formerly been in profession with the Methodists we stopt here about 2 hours and drunk Tea and then went by Byram.hall to Hillam were we got about 7 o Clock and lodg'd at Christopher Walkers our companion Fathers who was not of our Society but behaved in a very kind and hospitable manner to us.

On 22<sup>nd</sup>. and 3<sup>rd</sup>. of the week we set forward about 9 o Clock in the morning and went thro' a very low and flat country to Cawood were we got an early Dinner at Thompsons. Arms paid 8d a piece eating and 3d Liquor stopt upwards of 2 hours then crossed the Ferry and went by Stillingfleet Naburn and Fulford to York got there about 3 o Clock were I took up my Quarters at Ann and Rebecca Awmacs in Walmgate. At 5 in the evening was the Quarterly meeting of Ministers and Elders. The Queries peculiar to these meetings were read and answered by a friend from each meeting, some remarks were made thereon and several

Testimonies borne to the Truth. Nathan Dearman, Thomas Priestman, Ann North and Hannah Kay, were appointed to oversee the succeeding meetings, and advise as occasion may require and report to the adjournment of the Meeting at the close of the Quarterly Meeting.

On 23<sup>rd</sup>. and 4<sup>th</sup>. of the week at 9 in morning was a meeting for Worship which altho' select of friends was large the house being full and several up stairs. Christiana Hustler had a pretty long time therein in testimony first from the Parable of the lost piece Silver Catharine Tricket next from Rev: C: 3. v: 18. I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire that thou mayst be rich; and white raiment that thou mayst the clothed, and that the shame of thine nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eye salve that thou mayst see. Elizabeth Hoyland next from Heb: C: 7. v: 25 He is able to save them to uttermost that come unto God by him. Christiana Hustler next from Eph: C: 2. v: 1. You hath he quickened. Mary Proud had a very long time next from 1 Cor: C: 4. v. 8. Ye have reigned as kings without us; and I would to God ye did reign, that we also might reign with you. This meeting was eminently favoured. At the close of which was held one for Discipline, Caleb Fletcher of Kirkbymoorside being chosen Clerk. The whole of this Meetings Queries were read and answered from all the Monthly Meetings in this County. some other business was gone thro' and then the meeting adjourned until 10 the next morning both these meetings having held 4 hours and a half. This afternoon I drunk Tea at Joseph Awmacs at 5 in the evening was a Publick meeting for Worship; (But I was on the Committee which met at the same time) by information I understood the said meeting was that a large many of other Societies coming in, and pretty satisfactory Thomas Earnshaw dropt the following words therein first from Isai: C: 54. v: 13. All thy children shall be taught of the Lord, and great shall be the peace of thy children. Sarah Priestland had a pretty long time next, Ann Tuke next from Luke C: 12. v: 50. I have a baptism to be baptised with, and how am I straitened till it be accomplished. Mary Proud had a very long time next from it Mark C: 10. V: 38. Can you drink of the cup that I drink of? and be baptised with the baptism that I am baptized with.

On 24<sup>th</sup>. and 5<sup>th</sup>. of week at 10 in the forenoon met pursuant to adjournment this meeting held about 3 hours and half the business of which was conducted in much harmony and concord. I Din'd this day at Joseph Awmacs and Drunk Tea at Henry Tukes. At four in the afternoon was the parting meeting for Worship which was not so large nor open as the former, tho' several of other Societies attended. Mary Mason appeared first therein in testimony from the passage of the pool of Bethesda Benjamin Hird had a few words next from Jer: C: 12. V: 5. If thou hast run with the footman, and they have wearied thee, then how canst thou contend with horses? and if in the land of peace, wherein thou trustedst, they wearied thee, then how wilt thou do well in the swelling of Jordan. Henry Tuke had a pretty long time next from Psalms 4. V: 6. There be many that say, who will show us any good? Lord, lift thou up the light of thy countenance upon us. William Rountree next from Isai: C: 55. v: 7. Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near. Benjamin North next from Matt: C: 9. v: 15. Can the children of the bride chamber mourn whilst the bridegroom is with them? but the days will come when the bridegroom shall be taken from them, and then they shall fast. The Meeting held for two hours and a half, at the close of which the Ministers and Elders sat a little together when one of the friends appointed to oversee the meetings reported they had attended thereunto. The report of some friends who had visited the Monthly meetings of Thirsk and Gisborough was also read.

On 25<sup>th</sup>. and 6<sup>th</sup>. of the week I left York at 7 o Clock in the morning in company with my former companions, and came by Fulford to John Tukes of Lingcroft were we stopt about 1 hour and a half and Breakfasted and then in company with John Hardy of Hornsea who was going to Ackworth came by Naburn and Stillingfleet to Cawood were we stopt near an hour at Thompsons- arms and got some refreshment paid 4d a piece and then came by Monk-Fryston to Hillam were we got betwixt 2 and 3 o Clock and lodg'd as before at Christopher Walkers.

On 26<sup>th</sup>. and 7<sup>th</sup>. of week betwixt 6 and 7 in the morning we set out and came by Byram.hall to Ferrybridge were we Breakfasted at Robert Thompsons we stopt 2 hours and then came to Hannah Wighams of Pontefract were we stopt 1 hour and a half and got some

refreshment, then came by Crofton, Walton, and Milnthorpe to Dirtcar were we got to our companions house about 3 o Clock. After Tea we came up to Painthorp were we supp'd at William Pickards and lodg'd at Abraham Cudworths.

On 27<sup>th</sup>. and 1<sup>st</sup>. of week we set out betwixt 6 and 7 in the morning and came by Bretton to Anthony Kinsleys of Skelmanthorp were we stopt about 1 hour and Breakfasted, and then came by Cumberworth with him and his Wife to our meeting at Highflatts which was very large of friends and many others came in. Dinah Woodhead had two acceptable times therein in testimony first I had a long time next from 1 Sam: C: 12. v: 24. Fear the Lord and serve him in Truth with all your hearts; for consider how great things he hath done for you. William Earnshaw had a long time next labouring with a proper authority to enforce the weight of the foregoing Testimonies upon the minds of the People. after which I appear'd again from the passage concerning the marriage of the Kings Son. The meeting held about 2 hours and a half after which I got home about 2 o Clock in the afternoon.

#### An Account of my Journey on a visit to the several Preparative Meetings within the compass of our Monthly Meeting in 1789

Our Monthly Meeting being in the practice of appointing a number of friends annually to visit the several Preparative meetings, and call upon the respective members for an account of their Sufferings, and enquire into friends faithfulness respecting the several particulars contained in the 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> of the Quarterly Meeting's Queries etc. The said meeting this year appointed William Earnshaw, Thomas Roberts, Godfrey Woodhead Leonard West and myself for this service, accordingly we met at our Meeting at Highflatts ye. 8<sup>th</sup>. of ye. 11<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1789 and 1<sup>st</sup>. day of the week, which was large of friends and several of other societies attended and upon the whole was an open satisfactory meeting. I had a long time therein first in testimony from Neh: C: 2: v: 20: The God of Heaven, he will prosper us: therefore we his servants will arise and build, but ye had no portion, nor right, nor memorial in Jerusalem. Dinah Woodhead had a lively exhortation to the youth next. After which I had a pretty long time from Rom: C: 1. v: 16. I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God unto Salvation to everyone that believeth. At the close of this meeting the men and Women who were members of the Society sitting together as is usual on these occasions, the 4 and 6<sup>th</sup>. Querys was read and answered by all the heads of families present and an appointment of a number of friends to visit those who were absent and report to the next meeting. After which the Women friends withdrew to look into the state of their own affairs and the men proceeded upon the business of the Preparative meeting which was conducted in much harmony and concord. William Earnshaw and Thomas Roberts lodg'd this night at my Fathers, they intending to accompany me on foot, and Leonard West went home with Godfrey Woodhead they going together on horseback. In the evening William Earnshaw had an opportunity with my Sister Rebecca who had been for a long time in a poor state of health, wherein he had to observe that he believed the present affliction had tended to profit and earnestly recommended patience under every dispensation of providence.

On 9<sup>th</sup>. and 2<sup>nd</sup>. of week about 7 o Clock in the morning we set out and went by Denby dike to my Cousin Joseph Steads of Toppett were we stopt about half an hour and got some refreshment and then went by Hoyland, Kexboro', Darton and Mapplewell to Burton got there just in time to the meeting which was small and a low time, William Earnshaw had a pretty long time therein in Testimony after which I had a few words At the close of this meeting the 4 and 6 Querys were read and answered by all the heads of families and divers remarks made thereon, after which the business of their Preparative meeting was transacted to a good degree of satisfaction. After meeting we Din'd at John Wilsons country house in Burton, drunk Tea at Joseph Listers of Barnsley and supp'd at James Harrison's of Beeverhole were we lodgd.

On 10<sup>th</sup>. and 3<sup>rd</sup>. of week about 7 o Clock in the morning we set out for Ackworth were Ackworth and Wakefield Preparative meeting was to be held, went by Cudworth, Brierley and Himsworth to Ackworth, the meeting being gathered when we got there, we got some refreshment at the School and then went in, were we was favoured with the overshadowings of divine good, William Earnshaw had a short time therein in Testimony. At the close of the meeting for Worship the 4 and 6 Queries were read, and answered by all the heads of families present, and several remarks made thereon, also an appointment was made to visit those who were absent. The business of their Preparative meeting was afterwards gone thro' which was well conducted in the course of which several Testimonies were borne. We din'd at the School and towards evening William Earnshaw and me went to James Harrison's of Hardwick were we lodg'd.

On 11<sup>th</sup>. and 4<sup>th</sup>. of the week about 10 o Clock in the morning we set out for Pontefract, were we got some refreshment at John Leatham's and then went to the meeting which was not large and a very laborious time, but we were enabled to discharge our duty, and the meeting ended better than expectation. I had a pretty long time therein first from Luke C: 16. v: 5. How much owest thou unto my Lord. William Earnshaw had afterwards a very long time. The 4 and 6. Queries were then read and answered by all the heads of families present and an appointment made to visit those who did not attend here, some remarks were made but there appeared to be the want of openness in some to receive the same. The business of their Preparative meeting was afterwards gone thro' but there appeared to us to be a want of weight in transacting it; to go thro' the affairs of the Church in the same spirit in which outward affairs are conducted in, will not tend to the edification of the youth nor one another, altho' we had to sympathize with a small remnant who we believe have the cause of Truth at heart and who see their sufficiency for every service to be of the Lord. We Din'd at John Leatham's and after Dinner came with Thomas Roberts and Leonard West to Ackworth were we lodg'd at the School.

On 12<sup>th</sup>. and 5<sup>th</sup>. of week at 7 o Clock in the morning we set out for Burton were our Monthly Meeting was held in Company with Thomas Hodgkin, William Waring, Dinah Wigham and Hannah Grimshaw, came by Himsworth Brierley and Cudworth to Burton were we got some refreshment at the Star, Thomas Hodgkin being so kind as to defray all the expense. From hence we went to the meeting which was pretty large, it was a low suffering time but Truth favoured and the meeting ended more comfortably; William Earnshaw had a long time therein first and afterwards William Sowerby from John C: 6. v: 68. To whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life. At the close of this meeting was held that for Discipline in which a great deal of business was gone thro' too good satisfaction. Both meetings held betwixt 4 and 5 hours. After which I parted with my fellow labourers and came to Joseph Lister's of Barnsley were I Din'd and drunk Tea and lodg'd at Richard Dearman's.

On 13<sup>th</sup>. and 6<sup>th</sup>. of week I breakfasted at Joseph Lister's, and betwixt 9 and 10 o Clock in company with Thomas Earnshaw of Judfield left Barnsley and went by Worsbrough to Ecclesfield were we stopt about 1 hour and a half at Thomas Moor's and Din'd who was not in profession with us but very kind, from hence we went by Brighouse to Sheffield were we got to my Brother Daniel Doncasters betwixt 3 and 4 in the afternoon having been much hindered upon the road by the heavy rains; After Tea we went to Gervas Bradys, David Mallinsons and Joseph Broadheads stopt a little at each place and then return'd to my Brother Doncasters were we lodg'd.

On 14<sup>th</sup>. and 7<sup>th</sup>. of week we breakfasted at Samuel Doncasters and afterwards went and sat a little at Richard Waltons and then return'd to my Brothers. After Dining there we left Sheffield betwixt 1 and 2 o Clock in the afternoon and came by Owlerton, Wadsleybridge, Houghtybridge, and Brightemley to Bolsterstone, were we stopt upwards of an hour at the Inn and got some refreshment paid 3d a piece and then came by Middup-stones to my companions house at Judfield got there betwixt 7 and 8 o Clock in the evening were I lodg'd.

On 15<sup>th</sup>. and 1<sup>st</sup>. of the week was at the meeting at Lumbroyd which was pretty large there being several friends from our meeting there. After a low suffering time the Lord was

pleased to arise for our help and enabled me to bear a pretty long testimony to the Truth from Psalms 77. v: 20. Thou leddest thy people like a flock by the hand of Moses and Aaron. afterwards I had a few words more. After meeting I came to George Chapmans of Penistone were I Din'd and drunk Tea, and then came by Birchworth home were I got about 7 o Clock in the evening.

An Account of my Journey to our Winter Quarterly Meeting held at Leeds in the 12<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1789.

I set out from home ye. 29<sup>th</sup>. of ye. 12<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1789. and 3<sup>rd</sup>. of the week about five o Clock in the morning and went by Cumberworth to Anthony Kinsleys of Skelmanthorp, were I met by appointment with John Bottomley of Shelley and James Littlewood of Greenhillbank who had formerly been in profession with the Methodists and at times appeared in publick amongst them, but being dissatisfied, had left them and attended friends meetings several years, he appear'd to me to be a well inclined young man and under a considerable weight of exercise of mind; stopt here about 1 hour and a half and Breakfasted then proceeded by Bretton to Abraham Cudworths of Painthorp were we met by appointment with George Chapman of Penistone, got some refreshment here, and then went and sat a little at William Pickards stopt about 1 hour and half at both places, and then proceeded Abraham Cudworth going along with us by Sandal, Wakefield and Newton to the Lingwoodgate were we got each of us a Pint of Ale at the Stag, and then went by Thorpe and Hunslet to Leeds were we got betwixt 3 and 4 o Clock in the afternoon and took up our Quarters at the Bell and Bull in Briggate, paid 8d a piece Dinners and Suppers and 6d Breakfast. This afternoon drunk Tea at John Broadheads. At 5 in the evening was the Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders which was pretty large and favoured with the company of divers Strangers as Gervas Johnson from Ireland, James Graham from Cumberland, William Crotch from Suffolk and John Abbott from Huntingdonshire. The Queries peculiar to these meetings were read and answered verbally by a friend from each Meeting; after which several living Testimonies were born, and William Fairbank, Timothy Maud, Mary Fairbank and Hannah Murray were appointed to oversee the succeeding meetings etc. This meeting held 3 hours and a half.

On 30<sup>th</sup>. and 4<sup>th</sup>. of the week at 9 in the morning was a meeting for Worship in the great new Meetinghouse lately built for the accommodation of the Quarterly Meeting which was very large and eminently favoured, James Graham had a pretty long time therein first in testimony from 2 Cron: C: 20. v: 12. We have no might against this great company that cometh against us; neither know we what to do: but our eyes on upon thee. Elizabeth Hoyland next from Joel C: 2: v: 15, 16, 17. Blow the trumpet in Zion, sanctify a fast, call a solemn Assembly; gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders; gather the children and those that suck the breasts; let the bridegroom go forth of his chamber, and the bride out of her closet. Let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep between the porch and the altar, and let them say, Spare thy People, O Lord, and give not thine heritage to reproach. Henry Tuke next from John C: 6. v: 27. Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you, for him hath God the Father sealed. Esther Tuke next from Numb: C: 24. v: 5. How goodly are thy tents, O Jacob; and thy tabernacles!. O Israel. Hannah Hart and William Crotch had each of them a short time next Ann Tuke a pretty long time next from Numb: C: 24. v. 6, 7. As the valleys are they spread forth as gardens by the river's side, as the trees of lign aloes which the Lord hath planted, and as cedar trees beside the waters. He shall pour the water out of his buckets and his seed shall be in many waters. Mary Thornbeck next in Prayer. Gervas Johnson next a pretty long time in testimony from Psalms 99, v: 11. Light is sown for the righteous, and gladness for the upright in heart. Mary Proud next in Prayer. and afterwards Esther Tuke had sundry weighty exhortations. At the close of this meeting was held one for

Discipline Mordecai Casson of Thorne being chosen Clerk, the 1<sup>st</sup>. 8<sup>th</sup>. of the Quarterly meetings Queries were read and answered from all the meetings in the course of which many weighty remarks were made and several living Testimonies borne; both meetings held near 6 hours. This afternoon I drunk Tea at John Grimshaws. At 5 in the evening was a Publick meeting for Worship which was very large many of other Societies attending. James Graham had a pretty long time therein in testimony first from Cant C: 1. v: 7. Tell me, O thou whom my Soul loveth, where thou feedest, where thou makest thy flock to rest at noon; for why should I be as one that turneth aside by the flocks of thy companions. Gervas Johnson next from Numb: C: 21, v: 17, 18. Spring up, O well; sing ye unto it; the Princes digged the well, the nobles of the People digged, by the direction of the lawgiver, with their staves. Thomas Colley next from 1 Pet: C: 5. v: 10 The God of all Grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, making perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you Elizabeth Priestman had a few words next from the Parable of the wise and foolish builder. Esther Tuke a pretty long time next from Matt. C: 16. v: 15, 16. Whom say ye that I am? and Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ the Son of the living God. Hannah Wigham next in Prayer. The meeting held 3 hours.

On 31<sup>st</sup>. and 5<sup>th</sup>. of the week at 10 in the morning was a meeting for discipline before the opening of the business John Abbott and Joseph Wright were concerned in testimony; Business was then entered upon and conducted under the influence of the peaceable Spirit of Truth. The meeting held 4 hours. I drunk Tea this afternoon at William Hodgsons. At 5 in the evening was the parting meeting for Worship, very large many of other societies coming in Mary Proud had a long time therein in testimony first from Matt: C: 24. v: 5. Many shall come in my name, saying that I am Christ, and shall deceive many. James Graham next from John C: 5. v: 39, 40. Search the scriptures for in them that ye think ye have Eternal Life; and they are they which testified for all to me. and ye will not come unto me, that ye might have life. Gervas Johnson next from Psalms 46. v: 10. Be still and know that I am God. John Abbott next in Prayer. The meeting held near 3 hours, after which the Ministers and Elders sat better than half an hour together when one of the friends appointed to oversee the meetings reported they had attended to the appointment.

On 1<sup>st</sup>. of ye. 1<sup>st</sup>. Mo. 1790 and 6<sup>th</sup>. day of the week I Breakfasted at Joshua Ingles, and afterwards went and sat a little at Benjamin Kayes; and about 10 o Clock left Leeds in company with my former companions except Abraham Cudworth who went home the night before, came by Hunslet, Thorp and Newton to Wakefield were we got some refreshment at the Cross.pipes Paid 4d. a piece and then James Littlewood set out towards home and we came to Thomas Booths, were we met with several friends tarried upwards of an hour and then came up with William Pickard to Christopher Walkers of Dircar, got there betwixt 3 and 4 o Clock were we lodg'd.

On 2<sup>nd</sup>. and 7<sup>th</sup>. of week After Breakfast came up to Crigglestone were we parted with our esteemed friend George Chapman he setting out towards home, and I went to my Aunt Hannah Pollards were I tarried several hours and Din'd, and after Dinner went to Joseph Charlesworths and from thence call'd upon John Bottomley at George Earnshaws, sat a little at each place and then went to Painthorp were we drunk Tea at William Pickards and supp'd at Abraham Cudworths were we lodg'd. In the evening we had a satisfactory opportunity with these two families in which I had an encouraging time in testimony.

On 3<sup>rd</sup>. and 1<sup>st</sup>. of the week we set out about 6 o Clock in the morning and came by Bretton to Anthony Kinsley's of Skelmanthorp were we stopt about 1 hour and half and Breakfasted and then came with him and Leah his Wife by Cumberworth to our Meeting at Highflatts, which was not so large as usual owing as I apprehended to the wetness of the day. It was a poor, low suffering time, yet Truth enabled us to discharge the requirings thereof so as to leave in peace I was first concerned therein in testimony from Isai: C: 24. v: 16. From the uttermost part the earth have we heard songs, even glory to do righteous, but I said, my leanness, my leanness, wo unto me. William Earnshaw had a very long laborious time next, after which I had few words more from Jer: C: 5. v: 26. Among my People are found wicked

men; they lay wait as he that setteth snares; they set a trap, they catch men. The meeting held 2 hours, after which I came home were I found my Sister Rebecca very poorly, she had been in a declining state of health for some time, and I hope it had been a profitable time to her, our friend Gervas Johnson from Ireland visited her about two weeks before much to his satisfaction as well as all present having to express his full belief that if she was now removed it would be well with her.

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### Quarterly Meetings Testimony concerning Henry Jackson

Our dear and wellbeloved Friend Henry Jackson of Tottys in Holmfirth and the County of York concerning whom we have this short Testimony to Give, he was in his Early years visited and became very sober, approving himself a Man of an exemplary life and conversation, sincerely concerned in his Family: not only to exhort but also to example, was well beloved in the meeting where he dwelt, and in general where he was known. His humble demeanour making him remarkable to those that knew him, he had a Gift in the Ministry committed unto him, his Service therein was approved of, being living and Edifying, He Laboured in the Service of the Gospel, not only in several parts of this Nation but in Ireland. Also was a frequent attender of the Monthly and Quarterly Meetings. He was visited with a Sudden last Short Illness in which his Memory was preserved to near the time of his Departure, He departed this Life the 22<sup>nd</sup>. of the 10<sup>th</sup>. Month 1727. and was attended at his Burial the 25<sup>th</sup>. of the same at their Burial place in Woodall by many Friends and others.

From our Quarterly Meeting held by York the 27<sup>th</sup>. and 28<sup>th</sup>. days of the 1<sup>st</sup>. Month 1728.  
Signed in and on behalf thereof by

W <sup>m</sup> . Shires	W <sup>m</sup> . Francis	Tho <sup>s</sup> . Smith	Joseph Firth
W <sup>m</sup> . Rawlinson	Jn <sup>o</sup> . Fothergill	Sam <sup>l</sup> . Pickering	Benj <sup>n</sup> . Horner
Sam <sup>l</sup> . Pickering	Ben <sup>i</sup> . Bartlet	Tho <sup>s</sup> . Hammond	W <sup>m</sup> . Brown
W <sup>m</sup> . White	Rob <sup>t</sup> . Garbutt	Joshua Barber	Jn <sup>o</sup> . Stonyus
Benjamin Holme	Jn <sup>o</sup> . Richardson	Benjamin Kidd	Jn <sup>o</sup> . Moor
Rog <sup>r</sup> . Shackleton	Timo: Towse	Jonathan White	Boswell Middleton
David Hall	Jn <sup>o</sup> . Fielden	Tho <sup>s</sup> . Sanderson	James Simpson
Tho <sup>s</sup> . Anderson			

He attended the Funeral of a young man named Jos<sup>a</sup>. Brook of Raw about 14 weeks before.  
The young Man believed it would not be long before they would meet again.

Some expressions by M. Wigham in her last Illness mostly to her Children one evening as we sat by her She spoke to us as follows

Dear Children, above all things be concern'd for your Souls and have no doubt at all but your Bodys will be sufficiently provided for. seek to lay up treasure in Heaven which is everlasting

Oh the great peace and solid satisfaction I feel in having freely dedicated my youthful days in seeking the Lord and in spending myself freely in his service.

At another time when I was to see her she being grown considerably worse I mention'd her going into the Cuntry that it might be of some service to her. She reply'd if I was there it's likely I might have breathe with more freedom but I have little hopes of geting much better ( the disorder seems fixed and cannot be removed) nor do I feel any desire to live being grown quite wean'd from all the dear and near connections in this life. Being favoured with a comfortable Evidence that when the conclusion comes all will be well. She then holding up her arm said Dear Child it begins to look wither'd and almost ripe for the Grave.

She being very ill said Dear Child do write to Dr. Cuthbert and some of my near relations at Cornwood and let them know I seem to grow weaker and weaker so that I cannot hold out long I shou'd be pleas'd to see some of them here to take my leave of them. I am at times bro't very low and feels the close serching seasons as in every corner of my heart which is the Great love of God to my soul that I still may be the more thrughly refin'd and fitted for the Glorious Kingdom into which nothing that is unholy or unclean must ever enter. I feel an evidence of having faithfully labour'd in the discharge of that duty, required of me while I was favoured with strength, the reflection of which is comfortable to me in this time of confinement Especially the remembrance of my visit to Ireland is accompanied with great sweetness, and I hope you my Dear children will have to remember my Paternal labours of love amongst you, when I am gone and this Body laid in the silent Grave, You know the many times I have been deeply concern'd before the Lord and for your welfare and preservation, in the things that belong to your everlasting peace, I have neither begged riches nor length of Days for you, but there you might be enriched with the riches of Gods love and beautified with his salvation. If my time was to be lengthened out a little amongst you ( but this I have no desire for but am fully resigned) there is nothing that would have given me greater pleasure than to have beheld my Children walking in the Blessed Truth. I am under great pain of Body I long to be dissolved and to be with the Angels and archangels and the spirits of the just made perfect, to join in everlasting Songs of Praises. after this she was favoured to get a little better and was repeatedly advised by the Doctor and some of her near friends to go to Cornwood for the benefit of her own cuntry air, which made some of us also desirous of her going She at length consented to try it from a strong desires she felt to see her relations and friends in that place once more and that it might satisfy us but had no hopes herself of getting any better, she set forward for Cornwood the 11<sup>th</sup>. of the 9<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1781 Sister Betty and me going along with her and got through in two days, her mind seemed to be cover'd with a great Serenity and sweetness dropping many Heavenly Expressions as we went along road, signifying her being fully resigned to the divine will, whether Life or Death, and often exhorted us in a very tendering filial manner, to be humbly conserved for our souls salvation were while we were favoured with held and strength and in the bloom and prime of life, and said if this is but your chief concern, the Lord will then bless and preserve you (as he had miraculously done for me through the various tryals and turnings of time) and will be unto you as a tender nursing Father, which will sufficiently make up, and far exceed in proportion to the loss of my being remov'd from you. She stayed at Cornwood about two weeks finding herself no better, but growing worse and weaker was desirous to return again, what she had a little strength left. I went to her that evening after she got home, and she expressed great Satisfaction that she had been favoured to see her Dear Cuthbert, relations and friends. in that place once more, and said an Meeting at parting was in that near and dear affection, which cannot be express'd, we had several precious tendering opportunities together after which I felt great inward peace and quietness of mind Oh! The near communion and sweetness I felt with, the spirits of those that were gone before, the like kind ever before experienced so strong and in this sweet Composed frame of mind, I could have really resigned and given up my life amongst them, feeling that I was released from any further Service, the warfare nearly accomplished and I had nothing to ask but to die, but when I looked at the place of internment, were the bodies of my Dear Father and Mother, Brother and Sister laid, I

thought that I was not to lay down my body amongst them, it was to return unto you again being under great pain, Said, Oh, that I may be enabled to bear this bodily affliction, with patience, and that I may be favour'd with an easy passage when the time of dissolution comes, She once said with tears, that I cannot see my dear little baby in this time of confinement, but this trial has been made easier to me, by my will being wholly taken away, I have now taken a silent fare well of him, never to see him more in mutability and can wish the greatest satisfaction leave him in that place where he is under the care and notice of many worthy friends. My attachment towards you my Dear Children has been very strong, but now it seems almost broke and my anxieties for you are nearly over. About a week before her Death I was sitting by her under a deep concern of mind (seeing that she was weaken'd very fast) meditating upon the great loss we shou'd sustain by the removal of so worthy a Parent, She observing me said Dear Child do not pray for my life, but freely gave me up, into the hands of a Blessed redeemer, and don't mourn when I am gone, but rather rejoice when I am released from this Body. I have no doubt at all of my Souls happiness, for I am favour'd with an evidence of peace, that when the time of dissolution comes, all will be world, thou has been an affectionate Dutiful child to me, and will have to follow me down to the Grave in peace. Two days to for her Death, she said to my Father, Dear Tomy when the time comes that I must leave thee be sure to Give me up freely, hold me not back, I have no doubt in my mind, but I shall be receiv'd into some mansion in Glory, his answer was, I will do what I cannot to give thee firely up and when thou art gone I believe I shall think of thee with pleasure, She then looked upon me with a pleasant smile and said that it is right, at another time said, Dear Tomy I never felt the more Dear and near to me there and now, we have lived together in love and shall parting piece, after lying a little while in a still composed frame of mind was heard to pray very fervently, that her Children might be her Heavenly Fathers Children. The night before she dyed her Cough quite left her after which She alter'd very fast, and said to a young Woman that sat up with her, if I lived till the morning, I would have my friends sent for to take my last leave of them, in the morning she desired Sister Mabel and me to be sent for which was done her and I got there a Quarter of an hour before she departed, she was then not able to take any notice of me, but lay quite still, did not so much as give a Sigh or a grown for her Death but passed away as if She had been going into sweet sleep, and was no more, it was a melting Season to us to be hold the conclusion, yet we endeavour'd to keep still and quiet (as it had often been her desire when that time came) and were bowed in humble thankfulness to a the Almighty that he was pleas'd to favour with an easy passage she has now got the weary conflict over, and is beyond a doubt center'd in that glorious rest (which she so faithfully labour'd for in her day and time) where all sorrows cease and tears are wiped away, she is now gone and cannot return unto us again, Oh! that we might be diligent to get our days work done in the daytime, and be prepar'd when at change comes to meet with her in Glory never more to be separated.

#### A Testimony from Barking Monthly Meeting concerning Claude Gay

Our worthy deceased friend Claude Gay, having resided many years at Plaistow and Barking, we are engaged to give some account of his convincement and services in the Church. He was born about the year 1706 at Lyons a City in France and was educated in the belief of the Doctrine of the Church of Rome, of which he continued a Zealous member till about the 36 year of his age, when being at morpaix, on account of business he came under a Religious exercise of mind, During this season observing a new Testament in a Room, he took it up, and looking at the title he found that the publication of it had been licens'd by two Popes and therefore concluded he might lawfully read it, he opened the Book, and the first words he read were these."God that made the world and all things therein seems he is the Lord of Heaven

and earth dwelleth not in temples made with hands, neither is worshipped with mans hands. Acts XV11. chapter and 24 verse"

On the perusal of this page, he was convinced in his Judgment, of the errors of the romish Doctrine of transubstantiation, of the consecrated bread and wine, into the body and blood and divinity of Christ, and he saw clearly that the adoration paid thereto was idolatrous and repugnant to the Doctrines of the Gospel. But at the instance of a person who persuaded him not to for sake the Public worship at once, he he went on at the next first day, to one of to smallest mass houses in the City, and placed himself at the greatest distance from the Priest, he did not keep knelling steadily as is customary, but first on one knee and then on the other with great restlessness, till the priest elevated the host, that the congregation beholding, might prostrate themselves as usually before it, this Query strongly interest his mind? Wilt thou also prostrate thyself this affected him so much, that he could not continue there any longer, but putting on his hat with fear and trembling, he arose hastily and left the place, and confessed to his former adviser that he felt great condemnation for conforming that day against his conscience and that having at once being clearly convinced of the errors of Popery, he ought at once to forsake them.

He continued after this about one year in France but longing much to live with protestants, he went to Jersey, and resided there, and meeting with Robert Barclays Apology he was on perusing it, convinc'd of the truths it contained and embraced the principle of friends.

About the year 1741, he was imprisoned by order of the magistrates there, and after 9 months imprisonment; was banished to England, but he returning was imprison'd again, and banish'd under the pain of corporeal punishment, but was afterwards relies'd by order of the King and Council, and yet left at his liberty to return again to Jersey, but being thus liberated he settled at London about the year 1745. In the exercise of his he traveled much, and chiefly on foot, in 1763 he visited Holland, and some parts of Germany and Switzerland, where of we have reason to believe, his labours in the cause of piety, were well accepted, he was absent from England about two years.

About the year 1775 with the concurrence of friends he visited the islands of Guernsey, Alderney, Sark and Jersey where he was kindly received, and had a good service. There he also disperced and epistle in French, which was kindly accepted by many. When he engaged in traveling, his time was usefully employed, he translated several religious treaties into the French Language, amongst the number of these are William Penn's no cross no crown, his rise and progress to friends, some parts of dying sayings and Mary Brook on Silent waiting; his diligence in the attendance of Meetings for Worship and discipline, was exemplary, even when suffering under the weight of age and infirmity, and he was assiduous in his indeavours to excite others to religious duties, and when they were overtaken in a fault he endeavoured to with a unwearied assiduity to reclaim but such in a Spirit of meekness he was a striking example of humility, self denial, and of that unlimited charity, which seeks opportunities of promoting the temporal and Eternal welfare of Men, being careful in the exercise of his gift in the ministry not to exceed due boundaries, or go beyond his guide, his appearances were seldom long, but were lively, sound and edifying, and pertinent to the states of the People, fervent in prayer, evincing a deep humility and experience in the things of God. he was enabled to endure a lingering and painful disease, with uncommon patience and resignation, his mind appearing abstract'd from her sleeve things and centerd in the enjoyment of divine peace, he declared it to those he converse to it, that all fear of Death was remov'd, and have no doubt that after the sorrows and conflicts of that this state of probation, he was admitted into the joy of his Lord. He died at Barking on the 19<sup>th</sup>. day of the 2<sup>nd</sup>. Mo 1786. His remains were decently interred on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. of the same, in the friends Burying ground at their, after a large and solemn Meeting, aged about 80 years, a Minister about 40.

Read and approv'd at our adjourn'd Month Meeting held at Plaistow for Barking the 16<sup>th</sup>. of the 5<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1786. and Signed in and on behalf of the same by

Christopher Whiting	Saml: Pace	Zachariah Corkfield
Mary Dean	Edras Knight	Wm. Knight
Sarah Atkinson Junr.	Moses Dean	Benn. Batt
Sarah Atkinson	Joseph Atkinson	Wm. Chalk
Ann Atkinson	Lettuce Knight	Thos. Thresher
Rachel Atkinson	Sarah Corkfield	Joseph Corkfield
Jane Atkinson	Judith Whiting	Joseph Rowland
Eliza: Corkfield	Edwd. Atkinson	

### On the Death of Mabel Wigham

If ever merit claim'd the gushing tear,  
 If ever modest worth a sigh sincere,  
 To her 'tis due to her whose noble mind  
 Not to one party, nor one set confin'd;  
 Survey'd mankind with one extensive view,  
 Of love unbounded; and full well she knew  
 With lenient art to make our sorrows less,  
 And shed the Balm of comfort o'er distress  
 Tho' oft (so Providence saw meet) she trod  
 Unchar'd by plenty's smiles, in sorrows road,  
 Her soul, superior to affliction, rose,  
 And firmly trusting Heaven, forgot It's woes,  
 In true obedience, with a Heart sincere,  
 Devoted to discharge, her duty here,  
 Her God required; with holy zeal She sought  
 The cause of truth and virtue to promote;  
 Her doctrine sound, yet gently dropt as dew,  
 Could win the Heart, convince the Judgment too,  
 With softest manners, mild affection fraught,  
 Her life adorning what her precepts taught  
 By friends at home, by many far remov'd  
 She died lamented, as she liv'd beloved.

A. Friend.

Copied from a small book of William Awmack's York by Jo. Walker

The Testimony of York Monthly Meeting concerning Anne Awmack of the city of York who died the 6<sup>th</sup>. of the 11<sup>th</sup>. month 1789 and was buried the 11<sup>th</sup>. of the same in Friends Burying ground at York, aged about 50 years a Minister About 15 years

This our Friend was of an innocent life and conversation Zealously concerned for the cause truth, and in good esteem as a Minister amongst us, She did not travel much in the work of the Ministry: yet having made some visits, we have reason to believe, a service was acceptable abroad as well as at home, She was tryed with a long and tedious indisposition; frequently attended with great poverty of Spirit, all which she bore with much patience and resignation, and we believe is now gathered from a State of tryal, and affliction "to the spirit of the just made perfect through sufferings"

Mary Gray

Dear Frd.

I confess myself, at a loss, in addressing thee, upon the subject which I know must be the most affecting, that could fall to thy lott, and yet from that the feelings, of sympathy wich have attended my mind for some days pass'd, I think it right to attempt the arduous task, I presume that my Letter of 26<sup>th</sup>. Instant to our friend, Jno. Elliott will ere this getts to hand, have conveyed the this Sorrowful news of the removal of thy Dear Husband from this Vale of Tears as my letter was rote with intention that the contents thereof should be prudently communicated to the in particular and to our Dear ceased friends near relations in general. In it I related the chief incident preceding the dear Mans release which for thy satisfaction I think is needful to repeat.

He and Companion got to a friend Gervais Johnsons of Leminary abt. 20 miles distance from this on 1<sup>st</sup>. day evening the 23<sup>rd</sup>. instant having had a Meeting that day at Colerain in which our friend Thos. Cash informs me thy husband was much favoured in his Gospel labour of love amongst a mixed assembly of Friends, and others upon their arrival at G. T. the meeting was appointed to be held at 10 o Clock the next morning in order to give time to reach my house the same evening and have one days rest with us, our Meeting appointed for them cause to be on the 4<sup>th</sup>. day. On 2<sup>nd</sup>. day morning thy Dear husband got up some time before his companion and when breakfast was ready he informed his Companion there of in his usual pleasant manner and at same time as well as at breakfast appeared quite cheerful afterwards he took his pipe and walked into the field smooking, came in again and sat down on the side of a dead, and in a short time after about half after eight began to complain of pain in his chest sickness at his stomach and the sweat was observed to drop from his face his companion and the friends of the house being solicitous he should take something, to give him Is he chose it camomile tea which won prepared, he took with success so far as to bring up what was on his stomach, when the clock struck 10 he enquired was it that hour, and upon being answer'd it was, she desired his companion, and the other friends present to go to Meeting and press them there to upon their Delaying some short time, he then proposed to lay down, put it on his night cap and took of his coat wastcoat and shos only for that purpose after the friends was gone to meeting Mary Johnson Excepted he asked her for some more camomile tea and desired her to prepare it and signified that he hoped to get a little sleep in the mean time as he felt himself heavy. She proposed laying to do shatters of the windows which he approv'd off and also left the chair close to the Bed side and laid a stick thereon desir'd he might knock if he wanted anything before the tea was ready which he likewise approv'd off the Friend further informed me that in less than half an hour she returned with the Tea when gently into the room and without opening the windows shutters just mention'd that the Tea was ready after which She thot she heard him give a small cough but made no answer, upon which She concluded he was a sleep, and therefore left the room, when the friends returned from Meeting She inform'd them as a matter as had appeared to her and went again and gently approaching, the Bedside listen'd to be satisfied, he was asleep and not hearing him breath, went out and desired her Husband to go listen, wether he could hear him breath. When it was found the dear Man was no more as to this uncertain World and that in all appearance his release took place when composed in gentle sleep as his companion in forms that he was found in the posture he usually laid when taking rest in sleep laying on his right side with the Bed cloths smooth over him, upon my getting their next day about 10 o Clock, I found every precaution had been taken by our friend Thos. Cash and the Family, as having the veins open'd wrapped with flannel warmth supplied to his feet and that he was not then moved out of the bed or the clothes removed from him, when after examining as carefully as I was capable off we, all agreed in sentiment that there did not remain the least hope of revival and therefore after remaining about 30 Hours with the Bed as he lay down it was thot most prudent to lay him out and prepare for internment, at a suitable time and place. these matters his companion requested I would take upon me to advise in, which I chearfully undertook and advised that after laying 3 nights and having everything prepared in a decent becoming

manner, the remains of our Dr deceased friend should be removed on 4<sup>th</sup>. day, after his decease to our Meeting-house at Grange near Charlmouth there to remain until after the rise of the Meeting for worship next day and then to be interred in our Burying-ground adjoining the said Meeting-house, and that in the meantime full notice should be given to the Sundry Meetings in our province from which friends might be expected to attend, perhaps it may not be amiss to mention but no use was made up of the coffin untill it was apparently necessary, in consequence of the aforesaid conclusion we set out from our Friend G. J. about 7 o Clock on 5 day morning the 27<sup>th</sup>. instant and having been joined on the road by about 30 friends on Horseback from our Meeting, we proceeded gently to our Meeting place and arrived there before 6 in the evening, next day we was favoured with the company of pretty many friends from different Quarters, but what was more to be valued it pleased the Father and fountain up all his mercies to favour us together with a solid comfortable and I thot edifying meeting to the comfort and satisfaction of most if not all present. After the close of which the remains of thy Dear Husband and our much Esteem'd friend were decently buried and altho' unaccompanied by any relations to shed a Tear upon the occasion thoes tokens of tender feelings were not a few.

And now my Dear Friend what shall we say upon the occasion, I know nothing better that we can say, but it was, the Lords doings whose doings are all right and in best wisdom meeted out to his creatures he gives and takes away and cannot err therein, for how can up the judge was a whole Earth do other way than what is good towards us our Children and in his Church and amongst his People, it is the desire in my heart for thee in particular that entire resignation may be the Companion of thy mind, that thou may be enabled to Bless the great name, under the present dispensation of his providence towards thee, that thereby a thy head may be mercifully kept above for Waters of affliction which on the present occasion may around thy Soul.

As to the Dear man now translated from this life, I have no doubt in my mind, but that he now enjoys the fullness of that Happy State; he has long according to the measure of ability received honestly laboured for, as I rode upon the way to where he finished his course. This testimony fixed on my mind that my Dear late friend rested with those who rest in the arms of everlasting mercy.

Why then should we repine at his removal or call in Question the place or manner of it no part of the earth being unfit to take our flight to Heaven from no time proper save that which is under the appointment of him without whose notice a sparrow cannot fall to the Ground.

The Dear Husbands affected companion is now at my House, taking a little rest, he I believe intends writing to thee ere long, Hannah Beavington and Sarah Stevenson are also arrived here since I began writing this Letter they unite with me in Sympathy with thee. Please remember me to thy Daughter, took Dear Isack Sharpless and family, Samuel Spavold and any other enquiring Friends

Thy truly affectionate frd.

Thomas Greer

From the Earl of Rochester to Dr S. Pierce presider of Magdalen's College Oxford and afterwards Dean of Sarum

My indisposition renders my intellectuals, as feeble almost as my person but considering the candour and extreme charity which your natural mildness hath allways shew'd me, I am assured at once both of the favourable construction of my present lines, which but faintly express this sorrowful chracters of an humble cook affected mind; of all those great comfort your inexhaustible goodness, And piety, plentiously affords the dropping spirit of poor sinners; so that I may truly say Holy Man, I owe to you what consolation I enjoy, in urging Gods

mercy against despair and holding me up under the weight of those high mountainous Sins, my wicked and ungodly Heart hath heaped upon me. Here I have unalterably fixed to become a new man, if God shou'd be pleased to spare me a little longer, to wash the sins of my lewd courses with my tears; and to weep over the profane and unhallow'd abominations of my former doings; that the world may see how I loath Sin, and abhor the very remembrance of tainted and unclean joys I once delighted in, these being (as the Appostle tells us) that things whereof I am asham'd or if it is his great pleasure now to put a period to my days, that he will accept of my last gasp; and that the smoak of my death Bed offering may not be unsavoury to his nostrils, and he drive me like Cain, from before his presence.

Pray for me Dear Doctor, and all you that forget not God, pray for me fervently; take Heaven by force and let me enter with you in disguise, for I dare not appear before that dread Majesty of that Holy one. I have often offended warn all my friends and companions to a true and Sinclear repentance while it is called today, before the evil day and they be no more, let them know that Sin is like the Angels book in the revelations "it is sweet in the mouth but bitter in the Belly," Let them know that God will not be mocked, that he is an Holy God and will be serv'd in holiness and purity; that he requires the whole Man, and the earthly Man, bid to make hast, for the night commeth wherein no Man can work. Oh that they were wise that they would consider this and not with me wretched me delay it to their latter end. Prayer Dear Doctor continually pray for your poor friend Rochester.

The letter to the Earl of Rochester is dated Rangers Lodge in Woodstock Park July 1680 he Died the 26 of the same Month.

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An Account of my Journey to a Meeting held at Emley in the 2<sup>nd</sup>. Mo. 1790.

I set out towards our Monthly meeting to be held near Wakefield ye. 11<sup>th</sup>. of ye. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Mo. 1790 and 5<sup>th</sup>. day of the week about 6 o Clock in the morning I went by Cumberworth to Anthony Kinsleys of Skelmanthorp were I stopt about half an hour and then proceeded in company with William Earnshaw, John Bottomley, William Dyson, and James Taylor by Bretton to Painthorp were we stopt about half an hour and got some refreshment at William Pickards and then went by Sandal to near Wakefield were the meeting was large of friends and in a very eminent manner overshadowed with divine good to the strength and comfort of the poor in Spirit. That Power being felt at work which prepares for service in the Church, William Earnshaw had two long and highly favoured times therein in Testimony after which I had a few words from John C: 6. v: 9. There is a lad here which hath five Barley loaves, and two small fishes: but what are they among so many. At the close of this meeting was held the Monthly meeting for discipline the business of which was not much to day but conducted to good satisfaction, Both meetings have 3 hours After which I Din'd at Christopher Walkers of Dirtcar, and drunk Tea at George Earnshaws of Crigglestone after which Thomas Earnshaw and me went to Painthorp were we supp'd and lodgd at Abraham Cudworths.

On 12<sup>th</sup>. and 6<sup>th</sup>. of the week we spent the forenoon very agreeably at Abraham Cudworths, and in the afternoon drunk Tea at William Pickards. and about 4 o Clock set out towards an appointed meeting at Emley, (having previously acquainted my friends therewith before agreeable to the good order established amongst us) and in company with William Earnshaw John Bottomley Thomas Earnshaw and Leah Kinsley; Abraham Cudworth setting us on our way as far as Bretton, I went in great Poverty of Spirit and under considerable discouragement of mind, there never having been a meeting of friends in Emley and the

inhabitants being entire strangers to me we got there to the Nags.head about half past 5 were we met with William Dyson and Anthony Kinsley who had been preparing a place for the meeting and giving notice thereof; After getting some refreshment we went to the meeting which was held in Henry Lea's house and was very large and in a very extraordinary manner favoured so that nothing appear'd to be wanting but room to accommodate the People many being obliged to stand without doors and some to go away who could not get near; and their still solid and attentive behaviour was worthy of commendation; Thomas Earnshaw dropt the following words therein first from Psalms 66. v: 8. O bless our God, ye people, and make the voice of his praise to be heard. I had a very long time next from Rom: C: 10. v: 1, 2, 3. My hearts desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved. For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge. For they being ignorant of Gods righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God. William Earnshaw had a pretty long time next from 1 Cor: C: 2. 3: 4. My speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of mans wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power. After which I had a pretty long time from Rev: C: 22. v: 14. Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city. and afterwards had a short commendatory speech to the People for their good behaviour and in the love of the everlasting Gospel of Christ paid them Farewell. The meeting began at 6 and held about 3 hours, after which we return'd to the Inn and got some refreshment, and then Thomas Earnshaw and me came with my Cousin Benjamin Stead to his house at Siver-Ing were we lodg'd and was very kindly entertained.

On 13<sup>th</sup>. and 7<sup>th</sup>. of the week after Breakfast we came to Anthony Kinsleys of Skelmanthorp were I tarried several hours and Din'd, then went by Shelley to Cousin Benjamin Walkers of Paddock were I sat a little and then came by Cumberworth home were I got betwixt 3 and 4 in the afternoon.

#### An Account of my Journey to a Meeting held at Emley in the 3<sup>rd</sup>. Month 1790.

I set out from home ye. 10<sup>th</sup>. of ye. 3<sup>rd</sup>. Mo. 1790 and 4<sup>th</sup>. day of the week betwixt 11 and 12 o Clock in the forenoon common towards our Monthly meeting to be held at Ackworth in company with William Earnshaw and went by Denby-dike and Cawthorne to John Websters of Carr-green were we met by appointment with George Chapman, stopt here about an hour and got some refreshment and then proceeded by Staincross, Royston, and Havercroft Ackworth.School were we got about 6 in the evening and drunk Tea, after which George Chapman and me went to Thomas Binns's were we lodg'd.

On 11<sup>th</sup>. and 5<sup>th</sup>. of the week we breakfasted at the School; At 9 in the morning was the Meeting of Ministers and Elders, The Queries peculiar to these meetings were read and answered, and divers pertinent remarks made thereon. At 11 was the monthly meeting for Worship which was large pretty open and satisfactory, William Earnshaw and Dinah Woodhead having each of them a pretty long time therein in testimony. At the close thereof was held the meeting for discipline, The Yearly Meetings Queries were read and answered from each meeting, and the General Answer which was approv'd and Sign'd, two persons having join'd the Society by convincement since last Year, 1 in Pontefract and the other in Highflatts meeting; a pretty deal more business was gone thro' too good satisfaction, both meetings holding about 3 hours and a half. After which I Din'd at the School, and about 4 o Clock set out in company with William Earnshaw, John Bottomley, Thomas Earnshaw, Mary Roberts and Sarah Brook from our meeting and Abraham Cudworth and Sarah Walker of Wakefield meeting, came by Wragbye Fowlby, and Walton to Christopher Walkers of Dircar, got there about 7 o Clock were most of us Lodg'd.

On 12<sup>th</sup>. and 6<sup>th</sup>. of the week having had a concern on my mind to pay another Religious visit to the inhabitants of Emley, John Bottomley and Thomas Earnshaw set out early this morning to Anthony Kinsleys who accompanied them to prepare a place for the meeting and gave notice thereof. Soon after I came up to William Pickards of Painthorp were I Breakfasted, and then sat a little at Abraham Cudworths and afterwards came by George Earnshaws of Crigglestone were I got some refreshment and about 11 o Clock set out in the company with William Earnshaw and his Daughter Hannah came by Bretton to the Nags Head in Emley were after getting in little refreshment we went to the meeting which began at 1 o Clock and was held as before in Henry Leas's house, which was much crowded and many without doors could not get in. It was heavy and laborious in the forepart thereof, but Truth arose and great dominion, and caused the hearts of the patient waiters to rejoice. I had a few words therein first labouring to settle the minds of the People and turn them to the Gift of God in themselves, that so we might experience Life to arise into dominion amongst us from 1 Cor: C: 15. v: 14. If Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain. John Bottomley dropt the following words next Matt: C: 20. v: 16. Many be called but few chosen. Thomas Earnshaw had a few words next from Mark C: 16. v:16. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved. I had a long time next from Jer: C: 13. v: 23. Can the Ethiopian change his skin or the Leopard his spots? then may ye also do good that are accustomed to do evil. William Earnshaw had a pretty long and favoured time next. I had a long time next from Zech: C: 12. v: 10. I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of Grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced and they shall mourn for him as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him as one that is in bitterness for his first born. I was next concerned in Prayer and afterwards had a pretty long exhortation to the People withall expressing our satisfaction with their company and commending them for their solid and attentive behaviour. The Meeting held 3 hours. After getting some refreshment at the Inn, John Bottomley, Thomas Earnshaw and me came on with Anthony Kinsley to his house at Skelmanthorp were we drunk Tea and then Thomas Earnshaw set out towards home, but we spent the evening there, and then John accompanied me near home were I got betwixt 10 and 11 o Clock

An Account of my Journey to our Autumn Quarterly Meeting held at York in the 9<sup>th</sup>.  
Mo.1790

I set out from home ye. 25<sup>th</sup>. of ye. 9<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1790 and 7<sup>th</sup>. day of the week betwixt 6 and 7 o Clock in the morning and went by Denby dike to my Cousin Joseph Steads of Toppett were I stopt about 1 hour and a half and Breakfasted, here I met with John Bottomley of Shelley who was to be my companion this Journey, we went by Hoyland and Kexbro' to Joseph Listers of Bleachhouse near Barnsley were we stopt 2 hours and Din'd then went to Richard Dearmans of Barnsley were we sat half an hour and then proceeded by Stairfoot, Wombwell, Brampton and West Melton to Elizabeth Paynes of Newall were we stopt near 2 hours and drunk Tea and then went to Joseph Clarks of Upperhaugh, were we got betwixt 6 and 7 in the evening and lodg'd there.

On 26<sup>th</sup>. and 1<sup>st</sup>. of the week we was at Warnsworth meeting held here which began at 11 and held about 2 hours was pretty large (the room being quite full,) and satisfactory. Thomas Earnshaw of Judfield came here this morning having had a concern for some time to be at this meeting. John Bottomley had a few words therein first Thomas Earnshaw next, John Bottomley next, I had a pretty long time next from Acts C: 4. v: 32. The multitude of them that believed were of one heart and one soul neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own, John Bottomley next in Prayer, I had a long time next from Matt. C: 24, v: 44. Be ye also ready; for in such an hour as ye think not of the Son of man cometh. John Bottomley had a short time next from Rev: C: 3. v: 29. Behold I stand at the

door, and knock if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him and will sup with him. After meeting all the friends Din'd here, and about 3 o Clock we set forward, William Payne taking our Bundles in his carriage and sending his servant man with us for guide we went by Swinton, Bolton upon Dearne, and Thurnscoe to Frickly.hall 9 miles the seat of William Payne, were we got about 6 in the evening and met with a very kind reception. After supper all the servants both friends and others were call'd in to the parlour and sat down in a sober and orderly manner whilst their Master read several chapters in the Scripture, a practice worthy of imitation, and I thought was divinely own'd. After the servants were withdrawn we had a satisfactory opportunity in which my companion was concerned in supplication and afterwards I had an open time in testimony

On 27<sup>th</sup>. and 2<sup>nd</sup>. of week, we set out betwixt 10 and 11 o Clock in the forenoon, William Payne setting us on our way about 2 Miles, (and sending his Coachman with us a mile further to put us into a nearer road) at parting he desired if ever we came that way to make his house our home expressing much satisfaction with our company, and indeed we felt much satisfaction in being there it appearing to be a time of renewed visitation both to him and his Wife. we went by Long-Empsall to Wentbridge were we stopt 1 hour at the Horse-Shoe and Din'd paid 8d a piece eating and 5d Liquor then went by Darrington to Ferrybridge having travelled from Frickly.hall 11 miles were we stopt 2 hours at Robert Thompsons and drunk Tea, then went by Milford to Sherburn were we got betwixt 6 and 7 o Clock and lodg'd at Simeon Hunters

On 28<sup>th</sup>. and 3<sup>rd</sup>. of week we set out betwixt 9 and 10 in the morning, and went to Cawood were we stopt about 1 hour and a half and Din'd are paid 8d a piece eating and 4d Liquor, then went by Stillingfleet and Naburn to John Tukes of Lingcroft, were we stopt half an hour and got some refreshment and then went by Fulford to York were we got about 4 o Clock and I took up my Quarters at Rebecca Awmacs in Walmgate.

At 5 in the evening began the Quarterly Meeting for Ministers and Elders, where we were favoured with the company of several Strangers as Samuel Smith from Pennsylvania in America, Joseph Proctor from Durham Quarterly Meeting, and Sarah Taylor and Martha Haworth from Lancashire, The Queries were read and answered verbally by a Representative from each Monthly Meeting and the following friends were appointed to oversee the succeeding meetings and advise as occasion require and make report to the adjournment of this meeting at the close of the Quarterly Meeting viz. Robert Tricket David Priestman, and Mary Fairbank and Ann North. The meeting held 3 hours and a half in the course of which several living Testimonies were borne

On 29<sup>th</sup>. and 4<sup>th</sup>. of week, at 9 in the morning there was a meeting for Worship which tho' select of friends was very large and eminently favoured, John Bottomley, Sarah Birkbeck and Hannah Hutchinson had each a few words first, Elizabeth Hoyland a pretty long time next from Psalms 27. v: 4 One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to enquire in his Temple. John Hoyland next from 1 Cor: C: 9. v: 24. So run, that ye may obtain. Samuel Smith next been largely opened from the passage in Scripture were the People were casting their gifts in to the treasury Sarah Taylor next from Jam: C: 5. v: 13. Is any among you afflicted? Let him pray. John Bottomley next in Prayer, and afterwards Samuel Smith had an excellent exhortation. At the close of this meeting was held one for Discipline Robert Crosland of Brighouse meeting being chosen Clerk, The Queries were read and answered from all the Monthly Meetings in writing, some other business was gone thro' and then the meeting adjourn'd until next day at 10 in the morning both meetings having held 5 hours. At 5 in the evening was a Publick meeting for Worship many of of Societies attending, Mary Tate had a few words therein first Martha Howarth had a pretty long time next from Jer: C: 10. v: 23. It is not in man that walketh to direct his steps. Sarah Taylor had a long time next from Luke: 10. v: 22. No man knoweth the Son, but the Father: and who the Father is, but the Son, and he to whom the Son reveals him. Samuel Smith next from Eccle: C: 11. v: 9. Rejoice, O young man, in thy youth; and let thy heart cheer thee in the days of thy youth, and walk in the

ways of thy heart, and in the sight of thine eyes; but know thou that for all these things God will bring thee into Judgement. The meeting held 2 hours and a half.

On 30<sup>th</sup>. and 5<sup>th</sup>. of week, At 10 in the morning met pursuant to adjournment, a great deal of business was gone thro' in much harmony and concord and with satisfaction I observ'd a growing concern in many minds for the maintenance of good order, and the promotion of piety and virtue. The meeting held better than 3 hours This afternoon I drunk Tea at Joseph Awmacs. At 5 in the evening was the parting meeting for Worship which was very much crowded a great many sober People of other Societies coming in, Sarah Taylor had a long time therein first from 2 Cor: C: 13. v: 11. Finally, Brethren farewell be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you. Joseph Proctor a short time next Henry Tuke next from Matt C: 15. v: 32. I have compassion on the multitude, and I will not send them away fasting, Martha Howarth next labouring to turn the minds of the People inward that they might be made partakers of the bread of life. Elizabeth Hoyland next from Jer: C: 9. v: 23, 24. Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might! nor let the rich man glory in his riches; But let him that glorieth glory in this that he understandeth and knoweth me, that I am the Lord, which exercise loving kindness, judgement and righteousness in the earth; for in these things I delight, saith the Lord. Hannah Hutchinson a few words next, Esther Tuke a pretty long time next, from Job C: 42. v: 5, 6. I have heard of thee by the hearing of the ear, but now mine eye seeth thee. Wherefore I abhor myself and repent in dust and ashes. Samuel Smith a long time next setting forth in very extraordinary manner the excellency of that divine Power by which we were first gathered to be a People, of which was and is the crown and glory of all Assemblies. Esther Tuke next from that great miracle which our Lord wrought at the marriage in Cana. Sarah Taylor next in Prayer and afterwards Samuel Smith had a sweet salutation in Gospel Love to those not in profession with us, labouring therein to turn them from the many things to the one thing needful. The meeting held 3 hours and a half At the close of which the Ministers and Elders sat about half an hour together when one of the friends appointed to oversee the meetings reported that they had attended to the appointment and endeavoured to discharge their duty as opportunity offered and according to ability received; after which Sarah Taylor had some pertinent advice to drop both to Ministers and Elders.

On 1<sup>st</sup>. of 10<sup>th</sup>. Mo. and 6<sup>th</sup>. of week, we left York betwixt 6 and 7 o Clock in company with George Jepson and Samuel Marshal of the Rawden meeting as far as Tadcaster were we Breakfasted together at the Angel paid 8d a piece stopt 1 hour and then we came by Aberford to Garforth were we stopt 1 hour and Din'd at the Black.Bull paid 6d a piece eating and 3d and a half Liquor then came by the Swillington. bridge to Woodlesford were we stopt half an hour at the Swan and got some refreshment paid 4d a piece and then came by Oulton and Stanley to Wakefield were we drunk Tea at Thomas Booths stopt 1 hour and then came to Christopher Walkers of Dirtcar, got there about 8 in the evening were we Lodg'd.

On 2<sup>nd</sup>. and 7<sup>th</sup>. of week in the afternoon John Bottomley went up to Crigglestone and late in the evening I met him at Abraham Cudworths of Painthorp were we lodg'd.

On 3<sup>rd</sup>. and 1<sup>st</sup>. of week, in the morning Henry Marsden my Apprentice a youth about 16 years of age came here to meet us and accompany me home; he had attended our meetings sometime appeared to be under a visitation of divine Love, which if he be concerned to wait for the renewings thereof upon his spirit, and come up in obedience to the Lords requirings I doubt not but he will be enabled not only to know a victory over sin, but also to experience a growth and settlement in the pure Truths, being brought into that glorious dispensation, where all the Lord's children are taught of him, and in righteousness and Truth they come to be established and great indeed are their peace. Betwixt 9 and 10 o Clock we set out for Burton Christopher Walker Abraham Cudworth, William Pickard and two of his Sons John and David, and Joseph Charlesworth accompanying us thither, we went by Hallgreen and Woolley, got there just in time to the meeting, were we sat for a long time in weakness, but Truth at length arose for our help, and enabled us to labour among them in a very plain and close manner, John Bottomley had a pretty long time first from Job. C: 17. v: 9. He that hath

clean hands shall grow stronger and stronger, I appeared next from Judg: C: 16. v: 20. I will go out as at other times before, and shake myself. and he wist not that the Lord was departed from him, after some time in silence I had a long time from Psalms 119. v: 9. Wherewith shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word. afterward I had a few words more, John Bottomley had a pretty long time next from Luke C: 9. v. 62. No man having put his hand to the plough and looking back, is fit for the kingdom. After which he and I were concerned in Prayer. At the close of this meeting was held their preparative meeting. After which we parted with John Bottomley, and came with Thomas Earnshaw who met us here to James Harrisons of Beeverhole were we Din'd and then came to Richard Dearmans of Barnsley were we drank Tea, and a little before 6 o Clock set out towards home, stopt at Stanhopes-Arms in Cawthorne and got each of us a pint of Ale. At Tivydale we parted with Thomas Earnshaw, and came by Denby to Newhouse were we got betwixt 9 and 10 in the evening

An Account of my Journey to the quarter Meeting at Rushworth in the 10<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1790.

I set out from home ye. 31<sup>st</sup>. of ye. 10<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1790 and 1<sup>st</sup>. day of the week about 4 o Clock in the morning in company with Henry Marsden called upon John Bottomley of Shelley who went along with us, were we stopt about an hour and Breakfasted, then went by Kirkburton, Farnley and Lockwood to Robert Kaye's of Laneend were we met by appointment with our worthy ancient friend and valuable Elder William Earnshaw formerly of Tottis but now of Wooldale who accompanied us to Rushworth we stopt 1 hour here and drunk Tea then proceeded two of the Robert Kaye's Apprentices are going along with us to the meeting whose names were James Conway, and John Earnshaw, we went by Milnsbridge, Outlanes, Stainland and Barkisland to Clayfield near Rushworth were we got just in time to the meeting which began at 11 and held upwards 3 hours, was very much crowded a vast concourse of People of other Societies attending whose behaviour was commendable, John Bottomley had a few words therein first from Rev: C: 3. v: 29. Behold I stand at the door and knock if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him and will sup with him. William Earnshaw had a long time next setting forth the nature of true spiritual Worship from our Saviours discourse with the Woman of Samaria, and the Universality of the Love of God towards all mankind, labouring to turn the attention of the People to the seed of God in the secret of their hearts. I had a very long time next from one Chron: C: 14. v: 15. It shall be, when thou shalt hear a sound of going in the tops of the mulberry trees, that then thou shalt go out to battle: for God is gone forth before thee to smite the host of the Philistines. William Earnshaw next in Prayer, Robert Fawcett appear'd next, I had a pretty long time next from Gen: C: 2: v: 16, 17. Of every tree of the garden thou mayst freely eat: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it; for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die. Afterwards William Earnshaw had a few words and in the Love of the Gospel bade the People Farewel. After meeting we Din'd and drunk Tea at my Cousin Simeon Dysons of Lower-Goathouse, and then Henry Marsden and me set out in company with John and Joshua Stansfield junr. and Cousin Joshua Smith and Wife, went by Rippondon to Sowerby. bridge were we parted with my Relations and went with the other friends to their Father Joshua Stansfields of Handgreen were we Lodg'd.

On 1<sup>st</sup>. of 11<sup>th</sup>. Mo. and 2<sup>nd</sup>. of week about 11 o Clock in the morning we set out for Halifax John Stansfield a choice youth who felt uncommonly near to me accompanying us all the day, we Din'd at my Cousin Joshua Smiths and in the afternoon went about 2 miles to Stephen Fawcetts were we drunk Tea, and then return'd to my Cousins, Robert Fawcett coming along with us. After supper several friends being present we had an acceptable opportunity the states of divers being opened and spoke to in a very particular manner; John Bottomley was first concerned in supplication and afterwards had a short time in testimony

from Jer: C: 2. v: 13. They have forsaken me the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns broken cisterns, that can hold no water. I had two long times next the first from Gal: C: 2. v: 18. If I build again the things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor. and the other time from Heb: C: 10. v. 26, 27. If we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the Truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins, But a certain fearful looking for of judgement, and fiery indignation. John Bottomley had a few words next from Psalms 95. v. 7, 8. To day if ye will hear his voice. Harden not your hearts. Afterwards Robert Fawcett appear'd. At our return from Stephen Fawcetts of Damhead we met with John Bottomley at my Cousins who were just come in from Goathouse before us, in order to accompany us towards home the next day, he lodg'd at Joshua Perkingtons an acquaintance of his but not a friend and we at my Cousins.

On 2<sup>nd</sup>. and 3<sup>rd</sup>. of week we set out about 7 o Clock in the morning and came by Ealand to Huddersfield were John Bottomley and me stopt the market but Henry Marsden went directly home. In the afternoon we came by Almondbury and Farnley to Thomas Bottomleys of Thursteland-Woodend were we stopt about 2 hours and drunk Tea, after which John Bottomley came with me to Shepley were we parted and I came to John Firths of Lanehead were I stopt 1 hour and a half and supp'd, and so got home about 8 o Clock in the evening.

An Account of my Journey to our Winter Quarterly Meeting held at Leeds in the 12<sup>th</sup>. Mo.  
1790

I set out from home ye. 28<sup>th</sup>. of the 12<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1790 and 3<sup>rd</sup>. day of the week about 5 o Clock in the morning and went by Cumberworth to Anthony Kinsleys of Skelmanthorp were I stopt about an hour and Breakfasted, then went by Bretton to William Pickards of Painthorp were I met by appointment with Thomas Earnshaw of Judfield who was my companion this Journey we stopt here about an hour and half and got some refreshment, and then went by Sandal, Wakefield and Newton to Lingwoodgate, were we rested near an hour and got each of us a Pint of Ale, then went by Thorp and Hunslet to Leeds were we got betwixt 3 and 4 in the afternoon and took up our Quarters at the Bell and Bull in Briggate paid 6d a piece Breakfasts and 8d Dinners and Suppers This afternoon we drunk Tea at John Broadheads. At 5 in the Evening began the Quarterly Meeting for Ministers and Elders, which held 3 hours and was in a very eminent manner overshadowed with divine good and we were favoured thereat with the company of several Strangers as Samuel Smith from Pennsylvania in America Deborah Darby and Rebecca Young from Shropshire and Richard Routh and Martha his Wife from Lancashire. The select Queries were read and answered from all the Monthly Meetings in the County except Gisborough who had not held such a meeting being prevented by a great fall of Snow, many living and powerful Testimonies were born therein to our mutual comfort and edification and William Fairbank, Timothy Maud, Mary Maiden, and Hannah Kaye were appointed to Oversee the succeeding meetings for Worship and Discipline to advise as occasion may require and make report to the adjournment of this Meeting at the close of the Quarterly meeting.

On 29<sup>th</sup>. and 4<sup>th</sup>. of the week was a meeting for Worship at 9 in the morning, which tho' select of friends was very large. Ellen Abrams had a few words therein first from Isai: C: 24. v: 1. Behold, the Lord maketh the earth empty, and maketh it waste, and turneth it upside down. Samuel Smith had a long time next being opened in an extraordinary manner upon sundry subjects. Sarah Birkbeck had a few words next, Rebecca Young a pretty long time next from Mark C: 13. v: 7. What I say unto you, I say unto all, Watch. Deborah Darby had a long time next from Cant C: 2. v. 3. 4. I sat down under his shadow with great delight, and his fruit was sweet to my taste. He brought me to the banqueting house, and his banner over me was love. Martha Routh had a very long time next from Psalms 73. v. 1. God is good to

Israel. At the close of this meeting was held one for Discipline Isaac Taylor of Rountree meeting been chosen Clerk, the 1<sup>st</sup>. 8<sup>th</sup>. of the Quarterly meetings Queries were read and answered from all the Monthly meetings and some other business gone thro' and then the meeting adjourn'd until next day at 10 in the morning both meetings having held about 6 hours. This afternoon I drunk Tea at Joshua Ingles. At half past 5 was a Public meeting for Worship which was very large many of other Societies attending; It was upon the whole a laborious time but Truth crown'd the faithful labourers Elizabeth Hoyland had a short time therein in testimony first from 2 Sam: C: 1. v: 27. How are the mighty fallen, and the weapons of war perished. Ann Tuke next from Hos: C: 6. v: 4. O Ephraim, what shall I do unto thee? O Judah, what shall I do unto thee? for your goodness is as a morning cloud, and as the early dew it goeth away. Christiana Hustler next from Matt: C: 20. v: 29. Unto every one that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance; but from him that hath not shall be taken away, even that which he hath. Deborah Darby had a long time next from 2 Tim: C: 4. v: 10. Demas hath forsaken me having loved this present world. Samuel Smith had a very long time next from Psalms 132. v: 15. I will abundantly bless her provision; I will satisfy her poor with bread. The meeting held 3 hours.

On 30<sup>th</sup>. and 5<sup>th</sup>. of the week met at 10 in the morning pursuant to adjournment, Joseph Wright and Samuel Smiths had each short time in Testimony, business was then entered upon, and a great deal gone thro' which was conducted in much harmony and concord, amongst other things our friend Henry and Ann Tuke laid before us a concern that had been some time on their mind to pay a religious visit to the nation of Ireland and producing certificates from York Monthly Meeting; this Meeting having unity with them therein express the same by endorsements upon the back thereof. Also our friends Martha Routh and Elizabeth Hoyland came with a concern upon their minds into the Mens Meeting and had each of them a very acceptable time in Testimony. The meeting held near 5 hours. This afternoon I drunk Tea and at Benjamin Kays. At 5 in the evening was the parting meeting for Worship which was large and satisfactory many of other societies coming in; The poor and empty was fill'd with divine good whilst the rich and full were sent empty away. Henry Tuke had two short times therein in Testimony first Martha Teall next Rebecca Young a pretty long time next, Elizabeth Tuke a short time next, Deborah Darby a long time next from Luke C: 2. v: 50. But I have a Baptism to be baptised with, and how am I straiten'd till it be accomplished. Richard Routh a short time next, Samuel Smith next, Ann Tuke next in Prayer afterwards Martha Routh had a short time in Testimony. The meeting held 3 hours. At the close of which the Ministers and Elders sat a little together when one of the friends appointed to Oversee the meetings reported they had attended thereunto and given advise where necessary. Afterwards Samuel Smith and Martha Routh had each of them a long time in Testimony; in the course of which she had to remark. That there was a work amongst the People such as had not been since we were gathered to be a People nor she believed since the Apostles days.

On 31<sup>st</sup>. and 6<sup>th</sup>. of the week in the morning we went and sat a little at Benjamin Norths and David Jepsens, and got some refreshment at the latter place and betwixt 9 and 10 in the forenoon one we left Leeds in company with Christopher Walker of Dircar and came by Hunslet, Thorp and Newton to Wakefield were my companion and me stopt near an hour and got some refreshment at Thomas Blooths, and then came by Sandal to dine at Abraham Cudworths of Painthorp were we got about 2 o Clock in the afternoon towards evening we went to William Pickards were John Bottomley and Henry Marsden came to meet us and accompany us the remaining part of our Journey; we drunk Tea and supp'd here and then John Bottomley and Thomas Earnshaw went to Christopher Walkers to lodge and Henry Marsden and me to Abraham Cudworths.

On 1<sup>st</sup>. of ye. 1<sup>st</sup>. Mo. 1791 and 7<sup>th</sup>. of week we were at Wakefield meeting appointed for our friend Samuel Smith from America which began at 11 and held near 3 hours was pretty large several friends calling in their return from Leeds, and a few of other Societies coming in. It was an open favoured meeting John Bottomley, Thomas Earnshaw and Martha Teall had each of them a few words therein first. Elizabeth Hoyland had a pretty long time

next, tending much to the encouragement of those who might but have a few words to drop in meetings. Samuel Smith had a very long time next from Mal: C: 4. v: 1. Behold, the day cometh that shall burn as an Oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be as stubble. Afterwards Martha Teall had a few words. After meeting we came to Christopher Walker of Dircar were we Din'd and drunk Tea, several friends from Ossett who were under convincement at my request met us here as David Pickard and George Pickard his Apprentice Enoch Dewhirst and Hannah Bains, In the evening we had a precious opportunity with them and this family, in which I had a pretty long time in testimony first from Heb: C: 7. v: 25. He is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him. John Bottomley had a few words next, and I had a long time next being led in a very encouraging manner to some visited mind. John Bottomley next in Prayer. After which I was pretty largely opened concerning that great miracle wrought by our Blessed Lord in raising Lazarus from the Grave. After meeting Henry Marsden and me came to sup at Abraham Cudworths were we lodg'd.

On 2<sup>nd</sup>. and 1<sup>st</sup>. of week, we met at William Pickards were we Breakfasted and betwixt 9 and 10 o Clock set out for Burton in company with William Pickard and Abraham Cudworth and his apprentice John Knight went by Hollingthorp and Woolley got to Burton just in time to the meeting, which was in a very eminent manner overshadowed with divine good to our comfort and satisfaction John Bottomley had two short times therein in Testimony first, I had a long time next from 2 Kings C: 6. v: 26, 27. Help, my Lord O King. and he said, if the Lord do not help thee, whence shall I help thee? out of the barnfloor, or out of the wine press. Thomas Earnshaw had a few words next I had a very long time next from Jonah C: 1. v: 6. What meanest thou, O sleeper? Arise, call upon thy God. John Bottomley was next concerned in Prayer. At the close of this meeting was held their Preparative meeting. Both meetings hold about 2 hours after which we parted with Thomas Earnshaw and came to an Inn and got each of us a Pint of Ale, and then proceeded, after parting with our friends from Painthorp, we came by Mapplewell, Darton, Kexbro' and Hoyland to Anthony Kinsleys of Skelmanthorp were we Drunk Tea and tarried several hours, then parting with John Bottomley we came to Cumberworth were we call'd to see Abraham Taylor one of our piecemakers who was very poorly stopt half an hour and so got home about 9 in the evening.

#### An Account of my Journey to a Meeting held at Ossett in the 1<sup>st</sup>. Mo. 1791.

I set out from home ye. 12<sup>th</sup>. of ye. 1<sup>st</sup>. Mo. 1791, intending for our Monthly meeting to be held near Wakefield, and went to a Meeting at Highflatts appointed for our friends Deborah Darby and Rebecca Young from Shropshire who were on a religious Visit to the friends of this County. The meeting began at 11 and held near 2 hours was large open and satisfactory John Bottomley was first concerned therein in supplication and afterwards Deborah Darby had a long time in testimony from Deut: C 33. v: 29. Happy art thou O Israel; who is like unto thee, O People saved by the Lord. After meeting I was to have proceeded on my Journey in company with John Bottomley but having had some trouble in the morning occasioned by a wicked servant, and and my Father being very poorly we return'd to dinner and betwixt 3 and 4 in the afternoon set forward again it being the 4<sup>th</sup>. of the week and went by Cumberworth to Anthony Kinsleys of Skelmanthorp were we stopt about an hour and drunk Tea, and then went by Bretton to Crigglestone were we stopt a little and got some refreshment, and then went to Christopher Walkers of Dircar, were we lodg'd.

On 13<sup>th</sup>. and 5<sup>th</sup>. of the week we went to our Monthly meeting near Wakefield which was not large but very satisfactory. John Bottomley had a pretty long time therein first in Testimony from Ex: C: 14. v: 15. Speak unto the children of Israel that they go forward. Thomas Earnshaw a short time next. Dinah Woodhead a pretty long time next. Hannah Wigham a long time next from Heb: C: 7. v: 25. He is able also to save them to uttermost that come unto God by him William Sowerby next from Rom: C: 8. v: 2. The law of the spirit of

life in Christ Jesus hath made me free. At the close of this meeting was held the meeting for discipline. Both meetings held 4 hours. After which we went with William Earnshaw, Thomas Earnshaw and Leah Kinsley to David Pickards of Ossett were we Din'd, and having acquainted the Elders with a concern that had been on our minds for some time to visit the inhabitants of this place and had their approbation, a meeting was appointed to begin at 7 o Clock this evening and considering the shortness of the notice was pretty large the parlour being wellfill'd, and in a very eminent manner favoured. Thomas Earnshaw had a short time therein in Testimony first from Rev: C: 22. v: 17. The spirit and the bride say, Come, and let him that heareth say, Come. and let him that is athirst, come, and whosoever will let him take the water of life freely John Bottomley had a pretty long time next from John: C: 10. v: 27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. William Earnshaw a long time next from Am: C: 4. v: 12. Prepare to meet thy God, O Israel. and after a short time in silence was largely opened again from Heb: C: 13. v: 14. Here have we no continuing city but seek one to come. I had a very long time next from Isai: C: 42. v: 6, 7. I the Lord have called thee in righteousness, and will hold thine hand, and will keep thee, and give thee for a covenant of the People, for a light of the Gentiles. To open the blind eyes, to bring out the prisoners from the prison, and them that sit in darkness out of the prison house. William Earnshaw a pretty long time next from Psalms 34. v: 8. O taste and see that the Lord is good. John Bottomley and William Earnshaw were next concerned in Prayer. Thomas Earnshaw was next concerned a short time in testimony from Psalms 107. v: 8. O that men would praise the Lord for his goodness. Leah Kinsley next from 2 Kings C: 5. v: 13. If the Prophet hath bid thee do some great thing, wouldest thou not have done it? How much rather then when he saith to thee Wash and be clean. I had a pretty long time next from Psalms 73. v: 1. Truly God is good to Israel, even to such are of a clean heart. At the breaking up of the meeting (which held upwards of 3 hours) William Earnshaw had a few words of commendation to the People for their still quiet and solid behaviour which had been remarkable throughout the sitting of this meeting.

On 14<sup>th</sup>. and 6<sup>th</sup>. of the week we had an opportunity in the forenoon with those who are so far convinced as to attend meetings which was a precious tendering season. Thomas Earnshaw had a short time therein first exhorting them to improve the Talent or Talents committed to their care. William Earnshaw next from Luke C: 9. v: 62. No man having put his hand to the plough, and looking back is fit for the Kingdom. I had a long time next from Gen: C: 5. v: 24. Enoch walked with God, and he was not; for God took him. Afterwards I was concern'd in Prayer. Betwixt 12 and 1 o Clock we set out towards home David Pickard being so kind as to hire a horse for our friends William Earnshaw and Leah Kinsley to ride on to Emley and sent a boy with us to come back with it, we went by Netherton and Midgley to Emley were we stopt at the Nags.head and got some Brandy and water. after which we parted with William Earnshaw and John Bottomley and came to Anthony Kinsleys of Skelmanthorp were we drunk Tea, after which Thomas Earnshaw set out towards home, but I tarried several hours and then came to Cumberworth were I call'd to see Abraham Taylor who was very weak stopt a little and then came home were I got about 8 o Clock in the evening.

An Account of my Journey to Brighthouse Monthly Meeting held of Bradford in the 2<sup>nd</sup>. Mo. 1791.

I set out from home ye. 10<sup>th</sup>. of ye. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Mo. 1791 and 5<sup>th</sup>. day of the week about 5 o Clock in the morning and went by Cumberworth to Anthony Kinsleys of Skelmanthorp were I met with John Bottomley of Shelley who accompanied me this Journey stopt here upwards of an hour and Breakfasted, then went by Bretton to William Pickards of Painthorp were we stopt near an hour and drunk Coffee, and then in company with several friends went by Sandal to near Wakefield were our Monthly Meeting was held, which was large, and in a good degree

favoured, Hannah Wighams was first concerned therein in supplication, John Bottomley and Dinah Woodhead had each of them a short time in Testimony, next, and afterwards Hannah Wigham had a pretty long time from 2 Pet: C: 1. v: 8 If these things be in you and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren or unfruitful. At the close of this meeting was held a meeting for discipline the business of which was satisfactorily conducted. Both meetings held 4 hours, after which we Din'd at Thomas Booths and betwixt 4 and 5 o Clock set forward by Ardsley to the White-Bear on Tingly.moor were we stopt half an at and got some refreshment, then proceeded to John Ellis's of Gildersome School, got there about 7 o Clock in the evening were we lodg'd.

On 11<sup>th</sup>. and 6<sup>th</sup>. of the week about 9 o Clock in the morning we set out, John Ellis junr. accompanying us to Bradford, went by Atherton and Drighlington to John Robinsons of Upperhouse were we got some refreshment and then went to the Monthly meeting at Bradford were there was a pretty large collection of friends, tho' not so many we understood as usual owing to the wetness of the morning. It was an exercising laborious meeting; John Bottomley had a short time therein first in testimony from Matt: C: 20. v: 4. Go ye also into the vineyard. George Eddison, John Bottomley, and Robert Fawcett had afterwards each of them have a pretty long time. Christiana Hustler was pretty largely opened next, from the subject which was first opened in this meeting, I had a pretty long time next from Prov: C: 24. v: 30, 31, 32. I went by the field of the slothful; and by the vineyards of the man void of understanding; and lo, it was all grown over with thorns, and nettles had covered the face thereof, and the stone wall thereof was broken down. Then I saw and considered it well, I looked upon it and received instruction. At the close of this meeting was held a meeting for discipline in which the Yearly meetings Queries were read and answered from all the Preparative meetings, Also Joseph Armistead of Leeds meeting and Betty Sutcliffe of Mankinholes laid before this meeting their intentions of taking each other in marriage, a great deal more business was gone thro' and both meetings held 4 hours and a half. After which we Din'd at Jeffrey Rileys and after Dinner went and sat a little at Timothy Mauds and then returnd to Jeffrey Rileys to Tea, in the evening he accompanied us to Christiana Hustlers of Undercliffe were we Lodg'd.

On 12<sup>th</sup>. and 7<sup>th</sup>. of the week we spend the forenoon very agreeably here being much comforted in this family, After dinner we had a precious opportunity together in which we were favoured to partake of the sheddings abroad of that divine Love which nearly unites the Lords children together; John Bottomley had a few words therein first. I had a pretty long time next from 2 Kings C: 2. v: 9, 10. Ask what I shall do for thee, before I be taken away from thee, and Elisha said, I pray thee, let a double portion of thy spirit be upon me. and he said, Thou hast asked a hard thing; nevertheless if thou see me when I am taken from thee, it shall be so unto thee. John Bottomley was afterwards concerned in Prayer. Betwixt 3 and 4 o Clock we left Undercliffe and came to Tea to John Robinsons of Upperhouse were we Lodg'd and was very kindly entertained.

On 13<sup>th</sup>. and 1<sup>st</sup>. of the week about 9 o Clock in the morning we set out and came by Oakenshaw to Clackheaton William Bilton a friend of Bradford meeting setting us on our way about 2 miles we stopt here at the Red.Lyon and got some Brandy and water paid 3d a piece and then came to the meeting at Hightown which began at 11 and held better than 2 hours was but small and a very poor low time, but tho' laborious we were strengthened to discharge the requirings of Truth in a plain and close manner, which tho' contrary to our dispositions yet Truth will not submit to servility neither can it flatter. John Bottomley appeared three times therein in Testimony and near the close of the meeting I had a short time from Judg: C: 5. v: 23. Curse ye Meroz said the Angel of the Lord, curse ye bitterly the inhabitants thereof; because they came not to the help of the Lord, to the help of the Lord against the mighty. After meeting we came to the Sine of the Star in Roberttown were we Din'd stopt about 2 hours and paid 4d a piece eating and 2d Liquor, then came by Colnbridge to Kirkheaton were we stopt a little at a relations of my companions and got some refreshment, then came to my companions house at Shelley by the way of Kirkburton were I stopt a little and then call'd at

my Cousin Benjamin Walkers of Paddock were I got Tea tho' late in the evening stopt about an hour then set out towards home were I got a little after 9 o Clock

An Account of my Journey on a visit to two families of friends in the 8<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1791

John Bottomley having inform'd me of a concern that had been on his mind for some time to pay a religious visit to the families of friends at Thursteland Woodend and I feeling liberty to accompany him, we acquainted some of the members of our Select Meeting therewith and had their Unity and concurrence Accordingly we set forward ye. 6<sup>th</sup>. of ye. 8<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1791 and 7<sup>th</sup>. of the week about 4 o Clock in the afternoon, Henry Marsden going along with us, we stopt about half an hour at John Firths of Lanehead, and then went by Shepley to Thomas Bottomleys were we met with Leah Kinsley who was united in the like concern. We drunk Tea at William Bottomleys and afterwards sat with him and his Sister were we was favoured with a precious opportunity The sheddings abroad of divine Love being eminently felt to the tendering of our hearts under the pure influence of which much weighty counsel and advice were dropt, tending to strengthen and build up in that Faith which gives victory over the World, and loosens the mind from all the entanglements thereof and sets the Captive seed at liberty to serve the Lord. I had a long time therein first from Isai: C: 60. v. 1, 2. Arise, Shine for light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth; and gross darkness the People: but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee. John Bottomley had a short time next from Psalms 125. v: 1. They that trust in the Lord shall be as mount Zion, which cannot be moved. I had a long time next from Rom: C: 1. v: 16. I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation. John Bottomley was next concerned in Prayer. and afterwards he and I had each of us a few words more. After which Leah Kinsley had a pretty long time from Matt: C: 6. v: 33. Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness. From hence we return'd to Thomas Bottomleys were we sat with him and his Wife and Brother Joseph together. We were favoured with strength to discharge our duty; a renewed call appear'd to be extended towards them, they were exhorted to come up in faithful obedience thereunto, to Learn of Christ our great pattern that so they might live the Life of the righteous that their latter end might be like unto his. I was first concerned therein in supplication, John Bottomley appeared with a few words next from Numb: C: 23. v: 10. Let me die the Death of the righteous. I had a long time next from Isai: C: 52. v: 1. Awake, Awake; put on thy strength, O Zion; put on thy beautiful garments, O Jerusalem. John Bottomley had a long time next from Isai: C: 1. v: 19. If ye be willing and obedient ye shall eat the good of the land. Matt C: 11. v: 29. Learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart. was the subject which Leah Kinsley had a few words from next. I have a long time next from Mark C: 10. v: 17. What shall I do that I may inherit eternal life. John Bottomley next in Prayer. After the opportunity John Bottomley went to his Mothers to lodge. Henry Marsden and me slept here and Leah Kinsley at William Bottomleys

On 7<sup>th</sup>. and 1<sup>st</sup>. of the week in the morning we set out and went by Thursteland to our meeting at Wooldale which was large of friends and several other Societies came in, William Earnshaw have three long and favoured times therein in Testimony, First from Mic: C: 6. v: 6. Wherewith shall I come before the Lord, second from Heb: C: 13. v: 14. Here have we no continuing city. Third upon sundry subjects tending to turn our minds inward to our own respective exercisses. I had a long time next from Luke C: 12. v: 27. Consider the Lillies how they grow; they toil not, they spin not; and yet I say unto you that Solomon in all his glory was not array'd like one of these. Leah Kinsley had a short time next from Eze: C: 20. v: 43. Ye shall loathe yourselves in your own sight. At the close of this Meeting was held our Preparative Meeting. Both Meetings held 3 hours and a half. After which we Din'd at William Earnshaws, and then came by Tottis and Scholes to George Broadheads of Meltomhouse were

we stopt 2 hours and drunk Tea, and then came to my Brother Samuel Woods of Haddenley were we stopt about half an hour and so got home betwixt 8 and 9 o Clock in the evening.

An Account of my Journey to a Meeting at Newhall in the 8<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1791.

Warnsworth meeting being held at Newhall three times in the Year, and having felt for some time an inclination to pay them a visit at that time. I set out from home ye. 27<sup>th</sup>. of ye. 8<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1791 and 7<sup>th</sup>. day of the week betwixt 3 and 4 o Clock in the afternoon in company with William Earnshaw of Wooldale and John Bottomley and Henry Marsden we went by Denby and Cawthorne to Richard Dearmans of Barnsley were we drunk Tea, and then proceeded to James Harrisons of Beeverhole got there betwixt 7 and 8 o Clock in the evening were we lodg'd.

On 28<sup>th</sup>. and 1<sup>st</sup>. of the week betwixt 7 and 8 o Clock in the morning we set out and went by Stairfoot, Wombwell, Brampton and West Melton to Newhall were we got to the Widow Elizabeth Paynes betwixt 9 and 10 were we met with a very kind reception she having been in her day a seccourer of many The meeting began at 11 and was held in a room in her house which was pretty well filled with friends. and was thro' divine favour a very open comfortable time many being broken into tears and great tenderness. John Bottomley was first concerned therein a short time in Testimony from Matt C: 20: v: 4. Go ye also into the vineyard. William Earnshaw had two pretty long times next labouring to turn our attention inward that we might be renewedly favoured, to draw water out of the wells of salvation. I had a long time next from Acts C 26. v: 28, 29. Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian. and Paul said, I would to God that not only thou, but also all that hear me this day, were both almost, and altogether such as I am. John Bottomley was next concerned in Prayer. William Earnshaw a long time next in testimony from Isai: C 62. v: 1. For Zions sake will I not hold my peace. and for Jerusalems sake I will not rest. afterwards John Bottomley and William Earnshaw had each of them a few would more At the close of this meeting was held their Preparative Meeting. The Queries appointed to be answered this Quarter were read and Answers thereto drawn up, and Sign'd in order to lay before the Monthly meeting some other business was gone thro' and both meetings held upwards of 3 hours. After dinner we went to John Paynes were we drunk Tea, and after Tea went in company with James Ecroyd to Joseph Dickinsons of Wath to visit his Daughter Mary a young Woman who laid dangerously ill with whom we had a pretty satisfactory opportunity, in which John Bottomley was first concerned in supplication William Earnshaw had some seasonable and weighty advice to drop next, I had a pretty long time next from 2 Kin: C: 6. v: 26, 27. Help, my Lord O King. and he said, If the Lord do not help thee, whence shall I help thee? John Bottomley afterwards had a few words. From hence we return'd to John Paynes to Supper, and after supper went with James Ecroyd to his Aunt Paynes were he boarded she was obliged to go from home after meeting but gave us the kind invitation to lodge at her house which we accepted of and was well pleased with the company of her Nephew who I hope will be an useful member of the Society in his day.

On 29<sup>th</sup>. and 2<sup>nd</sup>. of week about 9 in the morning we set out and came by West Melton Brampton, Wombwell and up Worsbrough-dale to John Taylors of Pinder oak were we stopt betwixt 2 and 3 hours and Din'd then came to Richard Dearmans of Barnsley were we drunk Tea and tarried until 4 o Clock, then came by Cawthorne to Denby were we call'd (except William Earnshaw who went forward) at my Cousin Joseph Beaumonts stopt about half an hour and got home betwixt 7 and 8 o Clock in the evening.

An Account of my Journey to our Autumn Quarterly Meeting at York in the 9<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1791

I set out from home ye 24<sup>th</sup>. of ye 9<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1791 and 7<sup>th</sup>. day of the week about 5 o Clock in the morning having John Bottomley for a companion this Journey, Henry Marsden set us on our way as far as Cumberworth and then return'd; and we went to Anthony Kinsleys of Skelmanthorp were we Breakfasted stopt better than an hour, and then went by Bretton to William Pickards of Painthorp were we stopt better than an hour and drunk Tea, then went by Millthorp, Walton and Crofton to Pontefract were we din'd at the White-hart paid 1s a piece and then went to Hannah Wighams were we drunk Tea, tarried in town betwixt 3 and 4 hours and then went by Ferrybridge and Milford to Sherborne were we got about 8 in evening and lodg'd at our kind friends Simeon Hunters.

On 25<sup>th</sup>. and 1<sup>st</sup>. of the week, we set out for Selby 8 miles about 7 o Clock in the morning, and got there about half past 9 to our friend William Fawcetts were we took up our Quarters during our stay in this Town, and was exceeding kindly entertained here we met with our friend William Awmack from York who was come here on purpose to bear as company thither. After getting some refreshment we went to the Meeting which began at 10 and was but small but pretty satisfactory. John Bottomley had a short time therein in Testimony from Heb: C: 13. v: 14. Here have we no continuing city. Afternoon meeting began at 2 was much the same as the former in respect to numbers but more open I had a long time therein in testimony first from Jos: C: 15. v: 19. Thou hast given me a south land; give me also springs of Water. John Bottomley was next concerned in supplication I had a long time next in Testimony from Matt: C: 25. v: 29. Unto everyone that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance; but from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath. John Bottomley had afterwards a few words from Prov: C: 23. v: 26. My son, give me thine heart. The Meetings held each of them about 2 hours. This afternoon we drunk Tea at Thomas Proctors senr. after Tea had an opportunity in which John Bottomley appeared twice the first time from Isai: C: 60. v: 1. Arise, shine for light is come. and the latter time from John C: 11. v: 28. Thy master is come, and calleth for thee. Thomas Proctor senr. had afterwards a pretty long time from Prov: C: 18. v: 10. The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous runneth into it and are safe.

On 26<sup>th</sup>. and 2<sup>nd</sup>. of the week in the afternoon we drunk Tea in company with several other friends at Thomas Proctors junr. After Tea we had a precious opportunity in which John Bottomley dropt a few words first from Matt: C: 4. v: 19. Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men; after which I had a long time from Rev: C: 14. v: 13. Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord; from henceforth: yea, saith the spirit, that they may rest from their labours. In our return to our lodgings we call'd at John Armitages and Elizabeth Stolebards were we stopt a little at each place. During our stay in this Town we had pretty much of the company of Jonathan Hutchinson a young man from Gedney in Lincolnshire who was come to pay his addresses to Rachel Proctor displays of this place of whose company we was very glad. He being a kind affectionate Friend and I believe under the preparing hand for service in the Church.

On 27<sup>th</sup>. and 3<sup>rd</sup>. of week, we set out betwixt 9 and 10 in the forenoon, William Fawcett setting us over the river and on away about a mile and then return'd; we came by Riccall and Eskrith to John Tukes of Lingcroft were we stopt upwards of an hour and Din'd and then went by Fulford to Rebecca Awmacks in Walmgate York, were we got betwixt 3 and 4 in the afternoon and took up our Quarters there. At 5 in the evening began the Quarterly Meeting for Ministers and Elders; the Queries were read and answered in writing from all the Monthly Meetings and some pertinent advice dropt thereupon; Philip Maiden, Thomas Priestland, Ann North and Hannah Rountree were appointed to Oversee the succeeding Meetings and advise as occasion may require. The meeting held near 3 hours. We have the company at this Quarterly meeting of our friends John Holmes from Norfolk, Sarah Rudd from Hertfordshire and Mary Stephens from Middlesex.

On 28<sup>th</sup>. and 4<sup>th</sup>. of the week at 9 in the morning was a meeting for Worship which tho' Select of friends was very large. John Bottomley was first concern'd therein in supplication, Mary Tate had a few words next in testimony, Pheobe Blakes had a pretty long time next from Rev: C: 2: v: 7. He that hath an ear let him hear what the spirit saith unto the churches Esther Tuke next from Isai: C: 49. v: 4. I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strength for nought, and in vain; yet surely my judgment is with the Lord, and my work with my God. Christiana Hustler Mary Galilee and Sarah Rudd had each of them a short time next, Henry Tuke a pretty long time next from James C: 4. v: 7. Resist the Devil. Esther Tuke had a long and much favoured time next from Matt: C: 12. v: 44. He findeth it empty swept and garnished. At the close of this meeting was held one for Discipline, were some little business was gone thro' and then the meeting adjourn'd until 5 in the evening. At 5 in the evening met pursuant to adjournment. Isaac Taylor of Rountree meeting been chosen Clerk. The Queries directed to be answered this Quarter were read and answered in Writing from all the Monthly Meetings. The meeting held near 3 hours and then adjourn'd until next day at 10 in the forenoon. The former meetings having held about 3 hours and a half.

On 29<sup>th</sup>. and 5<sup>th</sup>. of the week at 10 in the morning met pursuant to adjournment, The business was weightily and solidly conducted. The meeting held 2 hours and a half.

At 4 in the afternoon was a Publick meeting for Worship which was very large many of other Societies attending, Mary Stephens was first concerned therein in supplication afterwards Ann Fairbank, Sarah Birkbeck, Sarah Rudd, and Mary Stephens had each a few words in Testimony, Elizabeth Hoyland had a pretty long time next from 1 Pet: C: 1. v: 25. The word of the Lord endureth for ever. Ann Tuke next from Matt C: 7. v: 7. Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock and it shall be opened unto you. Esther Tuke a long time next from James C: 4. v: 3. Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss. The meeting held 2 hours and a half. After which the Ministers and Elders sat a little together when one of the friends appointed to oversee the meetings reported they had attended thereunto and hand for nothing farther to remark.

On 30<sup>th</sup>. and 6<sup>th</sup>. of week we left York about 6 o Clock in the morning with George Earnshaw of Crigglestone and Isaac Dobson of Ackworth came to Tadcaster were we Breakfasted at the Rose and Crown paid 8d a piece stopt about 1 hour and a half pound then proceeded, after parting with Isaac Dobson we came by Aberford to Garforth were we Din'd at the Black Bull paid 9 d a piece stopt about 1 hour and half and then came by Swillington and Oulton took Thomas Booths of Wakefield were we stopt about an hour and drunk Tea. A little on this side of Wakefield we parted with George Earnshaw, and came to Christopher Walkers of Dirtcar, got there about 8 in the evening were we lodg'd.

On 1<sup>st</sup>. of 10<sup>th</sup>. Mo. and 7<sup>th</sup>. of week in the afternoon we went to George Earnshaws of Crigglestone we drunk Tea and then went to William Pickards of Painthorp were Thomas Earnshaw of Judfield, Henry Marsden and Leah Kinsley met us, soon after they came in John Bottomley and Thomas Earnshaw went down to Christopher Walkers of Dirtcar to lodge that we stopt supper here and after supper Henry Marsden and me went to sleep at Abraham Cudworths.

On 2<sup>nd</sup>. and 1<sup>st</sup>. of week we was at Wakefield Meeting which was large many of other Societies coming in; our minds were stripped into great poverty in the forepart thereof, but as we were concerned to wait in the patience, Truth arose and enabled us to declare the way of Life and salvation to the People in the demonstration of the spirit and Power of God, I had a pretty long time therein first from Zech: C: 11. v: 1. Open thy doors, O Lebanon, that the fire may devour thy cedars. Leah Kinsley had a short time next John Bottomley next from Matt C: 5. v: 8. Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God. I had a pretty long time next from Eccle: C: 5. v: 1. Keep thy foot when thou goest to the house of God, and be more ready to hear than to give of the sacrifice of fools. Leah Kinsley appeared next from John C: 16. v: 33. In the world ye shall have tribulation. The meeting held near 3 hours after which we came to Christopher Walkers were we Din'd and betwixt 4 and 5 o Clock set out towards home in company with the friends who came to meet us last night came by Crigglestone and Bretton to

Park-mill were we parted with Thomas Earnshaw, and then came to Anthony Kinsleys of Skelmanthorp were we stopt about an hour and drunk Tea and then came to Cumberworth home were we got betwixt 9 and 10 in the evening.

An Account of my Journey to the quarter Meeting at Rushworth in the 10<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1791.

I set out from home ye. 29<sup>th</sup>. of ye. 10<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1791 and 7<sup>th</sup>. day of the week about 4 o Clock in the afternoon having for my companions John Bottomley and Henry Marsden, we stopt at John Firths at Lanehead about half an hour and then went by Shepley to Thomas Bottomleys of Thursteland Woodend, got there about 6 o Clock were Henry Marsden and the lodg'd, and John Bottomley at his Father Thomas Armitages.

On 30<sup>th</sup>. and 1<sup>st</sup>. of the week betwixt 6 and 7 o Clock in the morning we set out in company with William Bottomley and went by Farnley and Lockwood to Milnsbridge were we stopt about half an hour and got some refreshment paid 2d a piece eating and 3d Liquor, here James Conway of Laneend came up with us who was going to Rushworth meeting and accompanied us thither, we proceeded by Outlanes to Clayfield near Rushworth were we got in time to the meeting which began at 11 and held near 4 hours. There were but few friends but a great concourse of People of other Societies whose behaviour in the general was commendable, yet they appeared to me not to be in so seeking a state of mind was some whom I have met with there at times, altho' there were a few tender spirited ones amongst them, It was in the forepart of the meeting a low exercising season Truth arose for our help and enabled us to deliver matter suitable to their various states, and the meeting ended I believe under a sense of the overshadowing of divine good even to the most distant mind. I had a long time therein first in testimony from 2 Chron: C: 20. v: 20. Hear me, O Judah, and you inhabitants of Jerusalem; believe in the Lord your God, so shall ye be established; believe his prophets, so shall ye prosper. John Bottomley had a pretty long time next from Matt: C: 22. v: 14. Many are called, but few are chosen. Robert Fawcett next, I had a long time next from Cant: C: 8. v. 8, 9. We have a little sister, and she hath no breasts: what shall we do for our sister in the day that she shall be spoken for? If she be a wall, we will build upon her a palace of silver; if she be a door, we will inclose her with boards of cedar. John Bottomley next in Prayer. After which I had a few words more to the People and acknowledging the satisfaction we had had in their company under the pure influence of Gospel Love paid them Farewell After meeting we went with my Cousin Simeon Dysons to their house at Lower-Goathouse were we Din'd and tarried all night.

On 31<sup>st</sup>. and 2<sup>nd</sup>. of the week to 10 and 11 o Clock in the forenoon we left Goathouse and went by Rippondon and Sowerby-bridge to Joshua Stansfields of Handgreen were we Din'd and spend a few hours very agreeably, about 3 o Clock in the Afternoon William Bottomley he said out towards home and we went by Halifax to my Cousin Joshua Smiths of Northowram were we got betwixt 4 and 5 o Clock. James Fawcett came and spent the evening with us and then John Bottomley went with him to his house in the village were he lodg'd and Henry Marsden and me lodg'd at my Cousins. He was educated in the way of the Church of England and being of a serious turn of mind frequently attended the Moravian meetings some of his Relations being join'd in profession with them, after his marriage with my Cousin Mary Wood who was a member of our Society he frequented our religious meetings and tho' at first it might be only out of conformity to his Wife, yet I do believe he is in some measure come to experience something of the baptizing power of Truth, and to be in a good degree convinced of a rectitude of our religious Principles for which my mind is thankful as few who married out of our religious Society according to my observation, or those who join in marriage with them, tho' they may attend meetings afterwards ever come to be loving members of that mystical body over which Christ Jesus is the head; and alas what will form avail if that power

be a wanting a the language to such will be in an awful time which is approaching, depart from me I know you not.

On 1<sup>st</sup>. of ye. 11<sup>th</sup>. Mo. and 3<sup>rd</sup>. day of the week, my Cousin Joshua Smith accompanied us to James Fawcetts were we Breakfasted, and betwixt 7 and 8 o Clock left Northowram and came by Hipperholme to Brighouse were we stopt upwards of half an hour at Jasper Houghtons and drunk Tea who, and then came by Rastrick to Huddersfield were I stopt and did my business at the market and Din'd at the Inn, but my companion got dinner at William Coopers, about 3 o Clock in the afternoon we left Huddersfield and came by Almondbury and Farnley to William Bottomleys of Thursteland-Woodend were we drunk Tea and spent some time very agreeably, since our visit to his family he hath appeared to be under a religious exercise of mind which if kept to, I believe he will become an useful member of the Society, at 7 o Clock we left here, and came by Shepley to Newhouse were we got betwixt 8 and 9 at the same evening

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An Account of my Journey to our Winter Quarterly Meeting at Leeds in the 12<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1791

I set out from home in company with John Bottomley ye. 26<sup>th</sup>. of ye. 12<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1791 and 2<sup>nd</sup>. day of the week betwixt 1 and 2 o Clock in the afternoon and went by Cumberworth to Anthony Kinsleys of Skelmanthorp were we stopt upwards of an hour and drunk Tea. Henry Marsden accompanied us hither and then return'd, we went by Bretton to William Pickards of Painthorp got there about 6 in the evening were we lodg'd.

On 27<sup>th</sup>. and 3<sup>rd</sup>. of week after Breakfast we went and sat a little at Abraham Cudworths and about 10 o Clock left Painthorp and went to Wakefield were we stopt above an hour and got some refreshment at the Cross-pipes and then went by Newton Thorp and Hunslet to Leeds were we got betwixt 2 and 3 o Clock in the afternoon and took up our Quarters at the Bell and Bull in Briggate, Paid 8d a piece Breakfast and Suppers and 9d Dinners. This afternoon we drunk Tea at Joshua Ingles. At 5 in the evening was a quarterly meeting of Ministers and Elders were we was favoured with the company of several Strangers as James Graham and Joseph Saul from Cumberland, John Abbott from Huntingdonshire, Samuel Alexander from Suffolk, and James Howarth from Lancashire. The Queries were read and the 2<sup>nd</sup>. and 4<sup>th</sup>. answered from all the Monthly meetings in the County except Gisborough who had not held such an meeting this Quarter owing to the roads not being passable. Thomas Lambert, John Jackson, Mary Fairbank and Hannah Murray were appointed to oversee the succeeding meetings and advise as occasion may require. This meeting held 3 hours.

On 28<sup>th</sup>. and 4<sup>th</sup>. of the week at 9 in the morning was a meeting for Worship Select of friends but very large John Bottomley had a short time therein first from John C: 9. v: 31. God heareth not sinners; but if any man be a worshipper of God, and does his will, him he heareth. Elizabeth Hoyland next from Eze: C: 37. v: 3. Can these bones live. James Graham had a long time next from Psalms 14. v: 7. Oh that the salvation of Israel were come out of Zion, when the Lord bringeth back the captivity of his People, Jacob shall rejoice, and Israel shall be glad. Samuel Alexander next from Isai: C: 45. v 22. Look unto me and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth; for I am God: and there is none else. James Howard a pretty long time next from 1 Cor: C: 6. v: 19, 20. Ye are not your own. For ye are bought with a price. At the close of this meeting was held one for Discipline. The 4 Queries directed to be answered this Quarter were

read and answered from all the Monthly meetings and some other business was gone thro' and then the meeting adjourn'd both meetings having held upwards of 4 hours. This afternoon we drunk Tea at Robert Empsons. At 5 in the evening was a Publick meeting for Worship very large many of other Societies coming in Joseph Saul appeared first and stood very long from John C: 11. v: 3. Lord, behold, he who thou lovest is sick. James Graham had a long time next from Heb: C: 11. v: 6. Without faith it is impossible to please him, for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him. Joseph Saul had a short time next from Rev: C: 14. v: 6, 7. I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting Gospel to preach to them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation and kindred and tongue and people. Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him for the hour of his judgments is come; and worship him that made heaven and earth and the sea and the fountains of water. James Graham next in Prayer. and afterwards John Abbott had a short and lively exhortation. The Meeting held 2 hours and a half.

On 29 of 5<sup>th</sup>. of week met pursuant to adjournment. Gervas Brady and John Abbott had each of them a few words in Testimony. Mordecai Casson of Thorne being chosen Clerk. The business was then opened and gone thro' to pretty good satisfaction. The Meeting held 4 hours. This afternoon I drunk Tea at Joshua Ingles. At 5 in the evening was the parting meeting for Worship many of other Societies coming in it was very large and held 3 hours. Mary Proud appear'd first and stood long from a Matt: C: 11. v: 21. Woe unto thee, Chorazin wo unto thee Bethsaida; for if the mighty works which have been done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon; they would have responded long ago in sackcloth and ashes. James Graham next from Prov: C: 6. v: 23. For the commandment is a lamp; the law is light; and reproofs of instruction are the way of life. Joseph Saul had a very long time next from Isa: C: 45. v: 23. The word is gone out of my mouth in righteousness, and shall not return that unto me every knee shall bow. John Abbott had a short time next from Psalms 119. v: 1, 2. Blessed are the undefiled in the way who walk in the law of the Lord. Blessed are they that keep his testimonies, and that seek him with their whole heart. At the close of this meeting the Ministers and Elders sat about half an hour together when one of the friends appointed to oversee the meetings reported, they had attended thereunto. A list of the Ministers and Elders in York and Brighouse Monthly meetings were brought up a visit having been perform'd to them since last Quarter and their names were read.

On 30<sup>th</sup>. and 6<sup>th</sup>. of week we Breakfasted at Joshua Ingles and after Breakfast we went and sat a little at Joshua Marsdens. Betwixt and 11 and 12 o Clock we left Leeds and came by Beeston to John Ellis's of Gildersom were we Din'd and spent the afternoon. After Supper we went to lodge at Thomas Walkers Son of that able minister of the Gospel Robert Walker deceased whose Widow was living and glad to see us and we her they shewed us an Account of his journey into America in Manuscript in which there are many remarkable occurrences and observations which affected our minds in the reading thereof.

On 31<sup>st</sup>. and 7<sup>th</sup>. of the week After Breakfast we return'd to John Ellis's were we sat a little and about 10 in the forenoon proceeded on our Journey and went by Atherton and Drighlington to John Robinsons of Upperhouse were we Din'd, after dinner we went to Jeffery Rileys of Bradford were we drunk Tea, and supp'd at Edmond Peckovers and then return'd to Jeffery Rileys were we lodg'd.

On 1<sup>st</sup>. and 1<sup>st</sup>. of Mo. 1792 and 1<sup>st</sup>. of week about 9 o Clock in the morning we set out for Rawden meeting Jeffery Riley accompanying us, we went by Eccleshall and Apperley-bridge to Anna Wilsons of Apperley-lane were we got some refreshment and then went to the meeting which began at 11 and held about 2 hours and a half was large and pretty open John Bottomley was first concerned therein in Testimony from Rev: C: 3. v: 20. Behold, I stand at the door, and knock. If any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. I had a pretty long time next from Isai: C: 14. v: 1. for the Lord will have mercy on Jacob, and will yet choose Israel, and set them in the their own land: and a stranger shall be join'd with them and they shall cleave to the house of Jacob. John Bottomley had a short time next from Jer: C: 8. v: 22. Is there no Balm in Gilead? Is there no

physician there. I had a pretty long time next from Psalms 37. v: 37. Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright; for the end of that man is peace. John Bottomley was next concern'd in Prayer. After Meeting we return'd to Anna Wilsons were we Din'd, and after Dinner came to George Jepsons were we stopt about half an hour and had some agreeable conversation with his Mother an innocent friend in the 93<sup>rd</sup>. year of her age whose memory and faculties were admirable at that time of Life. George Jepson and Joshua Hardacre set us on our way about a mile and then return'd we got to our kind friend Jeffery Riley's betwixt 5 and 6 in the evening were we Lodg'd.

On 2<sup>nd</sup>. and 2<sup>nd</sup>. of week we Breakfasted at Edmond Pickovers and afterwards went to Christiana Hustlers of Undercliff were we spent a little time very agreeably and then return'd to Edmond Pickovers to Dine. After Dinner we sat a little at Jeffrey Rileys and then came to John Robinsons of Upperhouse to Tea were we lodg'd

On 3<sup>rd</sup>. and 3<sup>rd</sup>. of week betwixt 8 and 9 o Clock in the morning we set out and came by Oakenshaw, Scholes and Clifton to Brighouse, were we stopt and got some refreshment at Thomas Coopers, then came to Rastrick, were we sat a little at Jeremiah Smiths and then came to Huddersfield were we stopt 2 hours and Din'd at the Talbot Paid 8d a piece eating and 2d Liquor then came by Almondbury, Kirkburton and Shelley to Cousin Benjamin Walkers of Paddock were we stopt 2 as and drunk Tea, then set out and got home about 8 in the evening.

#### An Account of my Journey to the Welsh Yearly Meeting held at Bala in Merionethshire in 1792

I set out from home ye. 19<sup>th</sup>. of ye. 4<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1792 and 5<sup>th</sup>. of the week about 6 o Clock in the morning, The weather having been extremely wet Henry Marsden accompanied me as far as Tinsel with a Horse and then return'd, we went by Bordell and Salterbrook were we stopt about 1 hour and got some Brandy.water, here we met by appointment with Thomas Earnshaw of Judfield who was my very acceptable companion this Journey; Paid 6d and then proceeded by Woodhead in Cheshire to Tinsel were we stopt about 2 hours and din'd paid 6d a piece eating and 2d and a half Liquor, then parting with Henry Marsden we proceeded by Mottram and Gee-cross to Stockport were we got to my Cousin John Chapmans in Stockport about 5 o Clock in the afternoon were we drunk Tea, and afterwards went to our friend Caleb Birchalls were we lodg'd.

On 20<sup>th</sup>. and 6<sup>th</sup>. of the week we Breakfasted at John Colliers, who had married the Widow of my late worthy friend William Hamilton, from thence we went to Cousin John Chapmans, were we stopt a while and after getting some refreshment there, set out for Altringham 9 miles were we got some refreshment at the Sine of the Stag paid 3d and a half a piece stopt about an hour and then set out for Northwich 12 miles, call'd by the way at the Windmill, were we stopt about an hour and drunk Tea, paid 6d a piece and then proceeded to Northwich were we got about 7 o Clock in the evening and took up our Quarters at the old Ship paid 6d a piece Supper and Breakfast.

On 21<sup>st</sup>. and 7<sup>th</sup>. of the week betwixt 8 and 9 at o Clock in the morning we set out for Chester 17 miles, went through a pleasant country, and over Delamere Forest to the Sine of the Dog at the Top thereof, were we stopt about 1 hour and got some refreshment paid 4d a piece and then went by Tarvin to Chester and got there to our friend Thomas Brackenburys a little past 2 in the afternoon were we were kindly received and entertained during our stay in the City, after getting some refreshment we went to William Listers a steady friend who took a walk with us around the walls of the City which is near 2 miles, were we had a fine prospect of the Dee the vessels thereon and the adjacent country for many miles, We then return'd to our Quarters to Tea, after which we went into several parts of the City which is ancient and large the public streets have Rows before the shops and houses, one story high from the ground with pillars upon the front thereof which support the rooms above so that the People

may walk thereon from house to house without being wet on a rainy day, and be quite out of the way of carriages in the streets, underneath these Rows which are two or three yards broad are Butchers stands and other small shops which open into the street we walkt thro' several of these Rows which were very pleasant and I suppose the like is not to be met with in any part of the nation.

On 22<sup>nd</sup>. and 1<sup>st</sup>. of the week was at the forenoon meeting in Chester which began at 10 and held near 2 hours It was small and there being but 3 or 4 families belonging thereto, who had join'd the Society by convincement, it was a low time and held in silence, tho' I believe there are divers solid well-disposed friends there. Betwixt 1 and 2 o Clock in the afternoon we set out and about two miles from the City entered into Wales, went thro' a low flat country for a while and then over a long hill to Mould in Flintshire 11 Miles, a neat small Town in a pleasant Valley, were we stopt about an hour and drunk Tea at the the Cross.keys paid 6d a piece and then proceeded over the mountains to Ruthin in Denbighshire 9 miles a large Town situated about the middle of the vale of Clwyde which is one of the largest, most beautiful and fertile valleys I ever saw, got here about 8 o Clock in the evening, and took up our Quarters at the Black.horse in the market place paid 6d a piece Supper and Breakfast.

On 23<sup>rd</sup>. and 2<sup>nd</sup>. of the week we set out about 9 o Clock in the morning and had a tedious days travel thro' a mountainious country, the wind been strongly in our faces with showers of rain and but few of the People as we passed along understood English when we enquired the road the answer commonly was Dimfasneg which is no English however thro' divine favour we never missed our way; we got to Bettus in Merionethshre 10 miles a small town in a narrow valley betwixt high mountains were we stopt near 2 hours and din'd paid 6d a piece eating and 5d and a half Liquor, then proceeded to Bala 10 miles were we got about 6 in the evening and took up our Quarters at the Sine of the Goat a very good house the landlady being remarkable kind, they had no other company but us and William Leicester from Chester and John Hampson from Lancashire who came here the morning following, we paid 6d a piece Breakfast, Dinners and Suppers; Bala is a pretty large Town consisting principally of one long wide street with several good houses in it, its situation is high tho' in a valley surrounded with mountains, and rich meadows around it, at the further end thereof is a large lake of water called Bala pool which is said to cover 160 acres of ground and is well stock'd with fish, the River Dee which arises a little further runs thro' it, this pool with the rich meadows about it looks beautiful beyond description in this mountainous country.

On 24<sup>th</sup>. and 3<sup>rd</sup>. of the week the Yearly Meeting began, the collection of friends was but small, and few strangers, Ady Bellamy from London and Elizabeth Raper from Buckinghamshire were there, The public meetings were held in the Town.hall, and those Select of friends in a large room at the White Lyon. The whole being favoured in a very eminent manner with the overshadowings of divine good to the tendering of the spirits of many and I believe to the satisfaction of most if not all who were there. The friends who were publickly concern'd in the meeting for Worship were The two Strangers beforementioned, Daniel Rose, Edward Simpkins and Susanna Appleby from Shropshire, Job Thomas from Caermarthenshire, Richard Brown and Edward Davis from Montgomeryshire and myself. At 8 o Clock this morning was a Meeting of Ministers and Elders, The Queries peculiar to these meetings were read and answered in writing from the several Monthly Meetings within the compass of this Yearly Meeting and some remarks made thereon Also the advices of the Yearly Meeting in London to Ministers and Elders were read and then the meeting adjourn'd having held better than 2 hours. At 11 o Clock was a Meeting for Worship select of friends only, Daniel Rose, Edward Simpkins Edward Davis in Welsh, Job Thomas in Welsh, had each of them are a pretty long time in Testimony therein, and afterwards Daniel Rose and Richard Brown had each of them a short time, the Meeting held near 2 hours. At 4 in the afternoon was a Meeting for discipline, the 1<sup>st</sup>. 12, Queries were read and Answers thereto from five of the Monthly meetings which constitute this Meeting viz. Carmarthenshire and Glamorganshire, Monmouthshire, Merionethshire, Montgomeryshire, Radnorshire and Shropshire. from the Monthly Meeting of Pembrokeshire there was no representative nor any

account, several weighty remarks were made upon the deficiencies which appear'd and some pertinent advice was dropt by sundry friends. The Account of Sufferings were also brought in and read, after which the meeting adjourn'd having held upwards of 3 hours.

On 25<sup>th</sup>. and 4<sup>th</sup>. of the week at 10 in the morning was a Publick Meeting for Worship which was very large the Hall being much crowded and many that could not get in; the testimony of Truth went forth freely to the tendering of the hearts of many, the tendency of which was to gather the People from of the barren mountains and desolate hills of an empty profession to Christ within the hope of Glory the substance of all outward Types and Shadows, the true teacher of his People and the alone way to God, Daniel Rose, Elizabeth Raper, Edward Davis in Welsh and Edward Simpkins had each of them a pretty long time in Testimony and afterwards Job Thomas had a long and highly favoured time in Welsh, and was afterwards concern'd in Prayer in Welsh, after which Elizabeth Raper and Edward Davies in Welsh had each of them a few words more. The Meeting held upwards of 2 hours. At 3 in the afternoon was another Publick meeting for Worship, The concourse of People was so great many of other Societies coming at a great distance so that friends were under the necessity to divide and hold another meeting at the same time in a large Barn and both places were very much crowded and many more than could get in, but I was in the Hall, were the Lord was pleased to exhort his name and Truth opening the way of Life and Salvation thro' Christ, the necessity of obedience to the calls of divine Wisdom were largely set forth, that we might manifest our Faith in Christ by our works, and not live upon former experience but use all diligence to make our calling and election sure, that our end may be crowned with Glory, Edward Simpkins, Edward Davis in Welsh, Edward Simpkins again, myself, Susanna Appleby and Edward Davies in Welsh again had the public service of this meeting which held 2 hours and a half At the close thereof Rees Bowen addressed the People in Welsh commending them for their still solid and attentive behaviour in these Public meetings.

On 26<sup>th</sup>. and 5<sup>th</sup>. of week, at 9 in the morning was a Meeting of Ministers and Elders, which held better than an hour The General Answer to the Queries were drawn up therein in order to be laid before the Yearly Meeting in London. The Elders also reported that the Publick meetings had been large favoured, and well conducted. At 11 o Clock was another meeting for Discipline, in which the Printed Epistle and written minutes of the Yearly Meeting in London were read, and some other business gone thro' and then the meeting adjourn'd having held better than 2 hours. At half past 2 in the afternoon met pursuant to adjournment. The remaining part of the business was gone thro' and the next Yearly Meeting was ordered to be held at Caermarthen, this meeting held 2 hours and a half. At 6 in the evening was the parting meeting for Worship which held 2 hours, Edward Davis Daniel Rose Elizabeth Raper, Richard Brown, Edward Simpkins, Ady Bellamy and Job Thomas were all livingly concern'd in testimony and afterwards Edward Simpkins in Prayer This meeting this select of friends who parted under the pure influence of the love of God which had mercifully overshadowed the several sittings thereof and tho' I could not understand the testimonies delivered in Welsh I could feel the power which influenced their minds which was a confirmation to me that the language of the Spirit is one in all.

On 27<sup>th</sup>. and 6<sup>th</sup>. of the week The morning after I came to Bala a violent inflammation came into one of my legs which swell'd so that I could not get my shoe on, nor walk without great difficulty, Henry Owen a friend who had joined the Society a few years ago by convincement and who had been brought up an Apothecary but having a competent Estate had left the business and removed into the country to take an estate of his Wifes, having attended on me and administered what he thought proper for my help during my stay here, kindly invited me to go to his house, until I should recover, and having brought a servant with him to ride before his Wife ordered that his servant should walk with my companion, and me ride before her, I accepted the invitation and about 7 o Clock in the morning set out for Dolgelly 19 miles in company with Henry Owen his Wife and her Sister Sarah Owen who live together, George Morgan, Susanna Appleby and Priscilla Gurney from Shropshire Mary Hunt from Montgomeryshire and David Morgan from Cardiganshire all on Horseback and my

companion the Doctors Servant and Richard Brown with several other friends both Men and Women on foot who reached home that night, we went by the side Bala pool for near 5 miles and up a narrow valley betwixt exceeding high and rocky mountains with Goats feeding upon them to Drwsynant were we call'd it having being very wet and stopt a long time and got an early dinner paid 6d a piece eating and 6d Liquor then proceeded on the said narrow valley to Dolgelley were we got betwixt 2 and 3 o Clock in the afternoon and took up our Quarters at the Golden.Lyon, it continuing very wet, all the beforementioned friends tarried here all night paid 6d a piece for Tea, supper and Breakfast. It is a large but irregular built Town situated in a deep valley surrounded with surprising high mountains and rocks, on the south side of the Town is Kader Idris a mountain many miles high said to be the highest in Britain the top of which is but seldom seen for clouds however I had the pleasure of seeing it in my return. This afternoon I had some conversation with David Morgan beforementioned who is a beautiful young man and was educated for a Priest but being favoured with a religious turn of mind, left the schools, and seems to be under a good degree of convincement his love appearing great to friends and I was well pleased with his company. After Tea the friends present had a precious opportunity together in which I had a short time in Testimony

On 28<sup>th</sup>. and 7<sup>th</sup>. of the week Henry Owen being under some engagement to tarry here a day or two, his Wife and Sister, his servant my companion and me left Dolgelley betwixt 9 and 10 in the morning and it being a fine day we had a pleasant travel thro' a surprising mountainous country beautifully interspersed with Lakes, and in some places had fine prospects of the sea, The road being roughish and stony most of the way it was betwixt 1 and 2 o Clock in the afternoon when we got to Henry Owens house at Llwyndu, were we had an extensive prospect of the sea it being situated upon the side thereof we, could also see the Isle of Bardsey with the mountains of Caernarvonshire as far as Snowdon hill. I found the women friends Mother (Rachel Howel) liv'd with them whom I was glad to see, she was Widow of Humphrey Owen of this place and afterwards of William Howel, and Daughter of that worthy friend John Goodwin of Eskirgoch.

On 29<sup>th</sup>. and 1<sup>st</sup>. of the week was at Llwyndu meeting which is held in their parlour the forenoon meeting began at 11 and held near 2 hours, was a very small most of the friends being gone to the Meeting at Barmouth appointed by Job Thomas in the course of his religious visit to the inhabitants of this County, so that there was only the three Women friends in the family besides ourselves here we were favoured with a precious opportunity together in which I was concerned a pretty long time in testimony from Psalms 16. v: 11. In thy presence is fulness of joy, at thy right hand there are pleasures for ever more. afterwards my companion was concerned in Prayer. At 4 o Clock was the afternoon Meeting which was larger than the former one friend being return'd from Barmouth and several sober neighbours came in, It was an open satisfactory time and I was pretty largely concerned therein in Testimony from 2 Cor: C: 9. v:15. Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift, and afterwards I was concerned in Prayer, after which I had a few words more and altho' all could not understand what I said, I believe most were made sensible of the Power which overshadowed at the Assembly. The meeting held near 2 hours.

On 30<sup>th</sup>. and 2<sup>nd</sup>. of the week, This day Rees Jones a friend of this meeting call'd here having accompanied Job Thomas since the Yearly Meeting on his visit to the inhabitants of this County, he informed us that William Jones of Pullhely in Caermarthenshire a young man under convincement whom I saw at Bala went with him to several Meetings and was particularly servicable that the meetings were generally large and satisfactory, and the behaviour of the people commendable, At one place the Priest of the Parish attended and after the Meeting offered to pay friends' expenses at the Inn, Job asked him how he could do that, and was himself maintained by the Parish, he replied he had an Estate sufficient of his own, Job then told him that it was more shame for him to be maintained by other People after some more conversation they parted friendly.

On 1<sup>st</sup>. of 5<sup>th</sup>. Mo. and 3<sup>rd</sup>. of week, my companion went with Rees Jones to Llanfihangeley-pennant a village about 6 miles hence, to a meeting appointed in the afternoon for Job Thomas, who came with them hither in the evening.

On 2<sup>nd</sup>. and 4<sup>th</sup>. of the week at 11 o Clock was the weekday meeting and notice having been given at Jobs request for those of other Societies a great many attended, it was held in the Barn and was upon the whole pretty satisfactory. I had a long time therein in testimony first from Isai: C: 55. v: 1, 2. Ho, everyone that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come, buy and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money, and without price. Wherefore do ye spend a money for that which is not bred? and your labour for that which satisfieth not? hearken diligently unto me, and eat that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness. Job Thomas had a long time next in Welsh and afterwards it was concern'd in Prayer in Welsh. The meeting held 2 hours. This afternoon we went to Rees Jones of Llwyngwryl were we drunk Tea, and then return'd to our quarters.

On 3<sup>rd</sup>. and 5<sup>th</sup>. of week, Henry Owen, Rees Jones and my companion accompanied Job Thomas to a Meeting at Towyn 8 miles hence and returned in the evening in their return they had a meeting in a village called Llanegryn.

On 4<sup>th</sup>. and 6<sup>th</sup>. of week was at the Weekday meeting at Llwyndu. But they having to in the week which usually begins at seven in the evening, but at Jobs for request at this time it began at 6, and was held up in the Barn previous notice thereof being given to those of other Societies, many attended. It was a time of high favour great brokenness appearing amongst the people, I had a pretty long time therein first from 1 Cor: C: 15. v: 34 Awake to righteousness, and sin not, for some have not the knowledge of God. Job Thomas had a very long time next in Welsh. I had a pretty long time next earnestly pressing the People to come up in obedience to the call of the Lord which was gone forth for their help and salvation. Job Thomas was next concerned in Prayer in Welsh and afterwards had a short time in testimony in Welsh. The meeting held 2 hours and a half. After meeting a sober Woman called to Job in much tenderness and told him she was greatly affected under my appearances, altho' she understood not a word I said.

On 5<sup>th</sup>. and 7<sup>th</sup>. of week, thro' the mercy of Providence and the great care skill and attention of this kind family my Leg contrary to all human expectation was finely recovered, The Doctor would not take anything of me but supplied me with suitable medicines for my Journey and after I got home, The affectionate regard of this family towards me in this time of affliction I hope will be evergratefully remembered. Between 1 and 2 o Clock in the afternoon that we left Llwyndu in company with Ellis Pugh of Dolgelley a young man who is under convincement who had been at the meeting the night before, Henry Owen sent his servant and a horse with me about 7 miles, we went by Dolgelley to our worthy ministering friends Dorothy Owens of Dewysbren were we got about 5 in the evening 12 miles and was very kindly received and entertained, her house is upon the mountains curiously situated amongst rocks, she hath travelled much on foot in the service of Truth and walkt twice to the Yearly at London; but has been for some time in a very poor state of health, but now appears in a hopeful way of recovery; with her as a companion lives one Lowry Jones a friendly young woman who has join'd the society by convincement. After Tea we had a refreshing opportunity together in which Dorothy Owen and me had each a few words to drop. After which we went near a quarter of a mile to look at the place where friends are about erecting a new Meetinghouse.

On 6<sup>th</sup>. and 1<sup>st</sup>. of the week was at Tyddnygareg Meeting which began at 11 and was at Dorothy Owens request held this day in her parlour where were several sincere friends most of whom have join'd the society by convincement It was a comfortable meeting Dorothy Owen had a short time therein in the first in Welsh I had a pretty long time next from Psalms 73. v: 24. Thou shalt guide me by thy counsel, and afterward receive me to glory. afterwards I had a few words more and after that my companion dropt a few words, The meeting held near 2 hours. After Dinner we set out for Bala 19 miles, Robert Roberts and Ellis Pugh accompanying us several miles and then return'd, we stopt about an hour at Drwsynant and

drunk Tea paid 6d a piece, and then came to Bala were we got about 8 in the evening and lodg'd at the Sine of the Goat, they were very glad to see us, paid 6d a piece supper and Breakfast.

On 7<sup>th</sup>. and 2<sup>nd</sup>. of week we set out about 8 o Clock in the morning, and came on the side of the mountains a considerable way then descended into a pretty wide valley betwixt the hills we passed through it to Corwen 12 miles, this small Town situated under a very high of Rock were we Din'd at the Queens head, paid 8d a piece eating and 4d Liquor stopt about 1 hour and a half, and then proceeded down a narrowish pleasant and fruitful valley betwixt high mountains to Llangollen in Denbighshire 10 miles a pretty large town in a valley on the banks of the River Dee, pleasantly situated amongst the mountain's on the north side is a very high around heel terminating at the top with a narrowish point. On the summit of which is the ruins of an ancient Castle, on the back of this hill is a surprising high a long and rocky mountain; we stopt here at the Nags.head about an hour and drunk Tea paid 6d a piece, and then set out for Ruabon 6 miles continued at a course while down this beautiful valley and then gradually ascending the hill, came into an open fine fruitful and populous country neither very hilly nor level which continued so most of the way to Chester, we got to Ruabon about 8 in the evening were we lodg'd at the Sine of the Goat paid 8d a piece Supper and Breakfast This is a small Town pleasantly situated on the side of the hill.

On 8<sup>th</sup>. and 3<sup>rd</sup>. of week, we set out about 8 o Clock in the morning and came to Wrexham 5 miles, which is the largest and most populous and best built Town by far of any we had seen in Wales, passing through it we came to Marford in Flintshire 4 miles were we called at the White.Lyon and got some refreshment paid 4d a piece stopt near an hour and then proceeded through a flat country to Chester 7 miles were we got to William Leicesters betwixt 2 and 3 o Clock in the afternoon my Leg having been very painful to day obliged me to call to rest it many times as we came; we stopt here untill after Tea and then went to Thomas Brackenburys were we lodg'd.

On 9<sup>th</sup>. and 4<sup>th</sup>. of week This morning my leg was very bad so that I was apprehensive I should be again confined a while; we attended their weekday meeting which began at 11 and held about 1 hour and a half was very small but open and comfortable, I had a pretty long time therein in testimony from Luke C: 12. v: 37. Blessed are those servants whom the Lord when he cometh shall find watching. Betwixt 2 and 3 o Clock in the afternoon my leg being something better we left Chester in company with William Leicester, and came to Dunham 6 miles stopt here about half an hour at the Wheat.sheaf and got 1 Quart of Ale paid 5d and then came up to Frodsham 4 miles, were we stopt about an hour and drunk Tea at our friend Martha Hays, and then came by Sutton to Norton 4 miles were we got betwixt 8 and 9 in the evening to our friend William Leadbeaters were we were kindly received and entertained.

On 10<sup>th</sup>. and 5<sup>th</sup>. of week early this morning William Leicester return'd home, and we went with the family to their week day meeting at Sutton near 2 miles which began at 11 and held near 2 hours it was not large altho' we understood the friends generally attended, and tho' we had close heavy labour yet upon the whole it was a satisfactory meeting and I hope profitable to some. I had a long time therein in testimony first from Obadiah v: 18. The house of Jacob shall be a fire, and the house of Joseph a flame, and the house of Esau for stubble, and they shall kindle in them, and devour them; and there shall not be any remaining of the house of Esau. after which I appear'd again and afterwards my companion had a few words. after meeting return'd with the friends to Norton.

On 11<sup>th</sup>. and 6<sup>th</sup>. of week, we set out about 11 o Clock in the forenoon, call'd in the village at John Donbavands to see his Wife who had join'd our Society by convincement a few years ago, stopt a little and drunk a Glass of wine and then proceeded to Preston brook 1 mile William Leadbeater accompanying us thither were we took the passage Boat and had a very pleasant sail up the Duke of Bridgwaters Canal to Altringham which is betwixt 20 and 30 miles by water for which we paid 15d a piece; it is a large vessel containing three rooms kept in neat order and conveniently seated, on purpose for conveying passengers; and is a very agreeable way of travelling we were sometimes near 60 on board at once, got to

Altringham a little past 4 in the afternoon were we drunk Tea at the Stag paid 6d a piece and then set out immediately for Stockport were we got about 8 in the evening and lodg'd at my Cousin John Chapmans.

On 12<sup>th</sup>. and 7<sup>th</sup>. of week after breakfast we went and sat a little at George Jones's, and betwixt 10 and 11 o'clock in the forenoon left Stockport, Caleb Birchall and George Jones accompanying us several miles and then return'd we came by Gee cross to Mottram were we stopt about an hour and Din'd paid 6d a piece eating and 3d Liquor, stopt better than half an hour longer in the Town and then came by Tinsel to Woodhead were we stopt and drunk Tea at the George and Dragon paid 8d a piece, and then my affectionate companion and me parted, he went for his own habitation and I came over Holmoss and by Holm in Yorkshire to John Taylors whose Wife had attended our Meetings for several years, call'd to see her were I stopt better than an hour and got some refreshment, then came by Holmfirth to Wooldale were I got about 9 in the evening, and lodg'd at our worthy friends William Earnshaws he and his family rejoiced much to see me having heard of my in disposition in Wales.

On 13<sup>th</sup>. and 1<sup>st</sup>. of week was at our meeting at Wooldale which began at 11 and held near 3 hours was very large and highly favoured, many were glad to see me, and I rejoiced to see them, but more so in feeling the presence of my God whom I desire to serve whilst cloathed in mortality according to the best of my understanding. I had a long time in first from Psalms 51. v: 7. Purge me with Hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me and I shall be whiter than snow. Leah Kinsley appeared three times next, John Bottomley had a long time next from the Marriage of the Kings son, William Earnshaw next, I had a pretty long time next from Mic: C: 6. v: 6, 7, 8 Wherewith shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before the high God? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves of one year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of Rams, or with ten thousands of rivers of Oil? Shall I give my first born for my transgressions? The fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? He hath shewed thee O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee but to do justly and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God? Leah Kinsley had a few words next and afterwards William Earnshaw had a pretty long time. After meeting I din'd at William Earnshaws, and soon after 3 o'clock set out towards home in company with my beloved friends John Bottomley and Henry Marsden, call'd by the way and drunk Tea at my Brother Samuel Woods of Haddenley and so got home betwixt 6 and 7 in the evening.

#### An Account of my Journey to the Quarterly Meeting for Cheshire and Staffordshire at Macclesfield in Cheshire year in 9<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1792

I set out from home ye. 11<sup>th</sup>. of ye. 9<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1792 and 3<sup>rd</sup>. of the week betwixt 5 and 6 o'clock in the morning, Henry Marsden accompanying me with a horse over Holm.moss and then return'd we went by Newmill to our kind friends William Earnshaw of Wooldale were we met by appointment Joshua Roberts of Shepley a young man who is under convincement having attended our Meetings six years; we stopt here about 1 hour and a half and Breakfasted then proceeded the beforementioned Joshua Roberts being my companion this Journey, we went by Holmfirth and Holm to Woodhead in Cheshire were we stopt about 1 hour at the Crown and got some Rum and water pay 3d a piece and then went to Tinsel were we stopt two hours and Din'd at the Bulls.head paid 6d a piece eating and 2d and a half Liquor then proceeded by Mottram and Gee-cross to Stockport got there between 5 and 6 in the evening, were we drunk Tea and supp'd at my Cousin John Chapmans and lodg'd at George Jones's

On 12<sup>th</sup>. and 4<sup>th</sup>. of week about 7 o'clock in the morning we set out for Macclesfield 12 miles call'd by the way and got a Tankard of Porter paid 6d, got to Macclesfield about half past 10 and took up our Quarters at Joseph Brostors in Water.green very kind friends both he and his Wife, after getting some Tea I went to the Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders

which began at 11 and held better than 2 hours, Susanna Hadwin from Lancashire was there, The Meeting was but small and the state of things appeared to me low and discouraging yet I believe there were a little remnant with whom my spirit nearly united in a secret travail and exercise that those in the foremost rank of the society might be restored and enabled to fill up their places with propriety. The Queries peculiar to these meetings were read and answered from all the Monthly meetings in these Counties except Namptwich, and many remarks were made upon the deficiencies which appeared and some other business was gone thro' the whole being conducted to some degree of satisfaction. At 4 in the afternoon was a Meeting for Worship which was not large being mostly select of friends, George Jones had a short time therein in Testimony; at the close thereof was held a meeting for Discipline, the meetings were call'd over to know if there were any suffering case, and all the monied matters were gone thro'. Both meetings held near 3 hours.

On 13<sup>th</sup>. and 5<sup>th</sup>. of week at 10 in the morning was another meeting for Worship which was considerably larger than the former many more friends being come to Town this morning, and several of other Societies came in Mary Gibbons had a pretty long time therein, first from Matt: C: 21. v: 12. Jesus went into the temple of God, and cast out all of them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the money changers and the seats of them that sold doves. Susanna Hadwin next from 1 Thess: C: 4. v: 11. Study to be quiet and to do your own business. James Birch next from Isai: C: 33 v. 13, 14, 15, 16, 17. Hear, ye that are far off, what I have done; and ye that are near acknowledge my might. The sinners in Zion are afraid, fearfulness hath surprized the hypocrites. Who among us shall dwell with devouring fire? Who amongst us shall dwell with everlasting burnings. He that walketh righteously, and speaketh uprightly; he that despiteth the gain of oppressions, that shaketh his hands from holding of bribes, that stoppeth his ears from hearing of blood, and shutteth his eyes from seeing of evil. He shall dwell on high, his place of defence shall be the munitions of rocks; bread shall be given him, his water shall be sure. Thine eyes shall see the king in his beauty; they shall behold the land that is very far off. At the close of this meeting was another meeting for discipline, The Queries directed to be answered this quarter were read and answered from the four Monthly meetings in these Counties viz. Franley, Morley, Namptwich and Staffordshire, many weighty remarks were made, and much counsel and advice were dropt in the power and authority of Truth. a great deal more business was gone thro', and both meetings held 4 hours and a half. After dinner we went and sat a little with Frances Dodgson at her sons William Paxton in our return we call'd at William Reynolds's were we drunk Tea.

On 14<sup>th</sup>. and 6<sup>th</sup>. of week we set out about 9 o Clock in the morning and came by Rainow and Kettlehulme and Whaley to Chapel-le-frith in Derbyshire 11 Miles were we Din'd at the Pack.horse paid 8d a piece eating and 6d Liquor, it being very rainy we stopt here near 3 hours and then came by Sparrow pit and near Mam.Tor or the shuttering hill a very high mountain one side of which being loose scaley earth keeps tumbling down in small quantities, and so thro' a curious valley called the Windyards just room for the road, betwixt two exceeding high and steep mountains, the sides of which are green interspersed with craggy rocks which appear as if they were going to tumble upon the travellers as they are passing along, and so coming thro' Castleton we got to Hope 8 miles betwixt 5 and 6 in the evening and being very wet and weary we took up our quarters at the Swan were we lodg'd paid 6d a piece for Tea this afternoon and Breakfast, and 3d supper.

On 15<sup>th</sup>. and 7<sup>th</sup>. of week, we set out betwixt 8 and 9 in the morning and came to William Marshals of Crabtree meadow were we stopt upwards of an hour his Wife having liv'd servant with us 3 Years, she was very kind and glad to see us; we then came by Aston, Yorkshirebridge and Moss carr to Strines were we Din'd at the Taylors.coat of arms, paid 4d a piece eating and 3d Liquor stopt 1 hour and then came by Broomhead to Middopstone were we stopt and an hour and got each of us a Pint of Ale paid 2 d a piece and then came to our dear friends Thomas Earnshaw of Judfield were my companion tarried all night and met me again the next day at Lumbroyd after getting Tea here and stopping about 1 hour and a half I

came to my friend George Chapmans of Peniston were I got about 7 o Clock in the evening and tarried there all night having travelled about 20 miles this day.

On 16<sup>th</sup>. and 1<sup>st</sup>. of week early this morning my beloved friend Henry Marsden came here to meet me and accompanied me home. At 11 o Clock was at the meeting at Lumbroyd which was not large altho' most of the members were present. Our friend William Earnshaw from Ackworth was there and had a very extraordinary service having a long and powerful Testimony to bear to do Truth from Psalms 139. v. 23, 24. Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me, and know my thoughts; and see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting, he was much favoured been particularly open to various states present, and I hope it was a profitable time to many. The meeting held two hours and a half. After which we Din'd at George Chapmans and about 3 o Clock set out and came to Joshua Earnshaws of Bellroyd were we drunk Tea and tarried betwixt 2 and 3 hours. After Tea we had a satisfactory opportunity several friends being there in which I had a pretty long time in testimony from Luke C: 22. v: 28, 29. Ye are they which have continued with me in my temptations: and I appoint unto you a kingdom, as my Father hath appointed unto me. After which we came by Ing Birchworth home were we got about 7 o Clock in the evening.

#### An Account of my Journey to Balby Monthly Meeting held at Sheffield in the 11<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1792

I set out from home ye. 29<sup>th</sup>. of ye. 11<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1792 and 5<sup>th</sup>. day of the week about 7 o Clock in the morning having mine Apprentice and beloved friend Henry Marsden for my companion this Journey, we went by Ing. Birchworth to Penistone were we stopt about an hour and Breakfasted at our dear friends George Chapmans then went by Wortley, to Grennaside were we stopt half an hour at the Red Lyon and got 6 pennyworth of Rum and water and then went by Wadsley, bridge and Owlerton to William Rotherfords of Uppertorp were we stopt an hour and Din'd got to my Brother Daniel Doncasters of Sheffield about 3 o Clock in the afternoon were we took up our Quarters, but on account of his having other company we lodg'd at his mothers Tabitha Doncasters, At 5 in the evening was the Select meeting which held 2 hours and a half and was very satisfactory; Our friend William Rowntree from Pickering was there, Catharine Tricket had an acceptable time in testimony therein The Queries were then read and answered the substance of which was committed to writing and ordered to be presented by the representatives to the Quarterly Meeting, some weighty counsel and advice was communicated to us by Thomas Colley and William Rountree who were much favoured.

On 30<sup>th</sup>. and 6<sup>th</sup>. of the week we breakfasted at Tabitha Doncasters, at 10 in the forenoon was the Monthly meeting for Worship which was very large and much favoured Elizabeth Hoyland appeared first and stood pretty long from 1 Cron: C: 16. v: 11. Seek the Lord and his strength, after which William Hoyland who had been disowned for marrying by a Priest to a woman of another persuasion, and whose Wife had been accepted into membership at the last Monthly Meeting, stood up and expressed himself in the following manner "I believe it to be my duty publicly to acknowledge the propriety of friends dealing with me for my misconduct previous to my requesting to be accepted into membership again" which being delivered in much tenderness was very acceptable to the Meeting. Jane Colley had a short time in testimony next from Prov: C: 23. v: 26. My son give me thine heart. Thomas Colley had afterwards a long and much favoured time from Isai: C: 4: v: 5. The Lord will create upon every dwelling place a mount Zion, and upon her Assemblies, a cloud and smoke by day, and the shining of a flaming fire by night: for upon all the glory shall be a defence. At the close of this meeting was held the meeting for discipline. The Queries were read and answers thereto from the four Preparative meetings which constitute this meeting vis. Warmsworth, Sheffield, Woodhouse and Thorne. Also William Brantingham of Chesterfield Monthly meeting in Derbyshire and Rachel Sporles of this appeared the second

time with their intentions of marriage with each other, and Abraham Wigham and Margaret Hartley both of this meeting, appeared the first time with their intentions of marriage which each other. and Mary Rotherford and Catharine Tricket had the unity and approbation of friends to visit families in Woodhouse meeting, a great deal more business was gone thro' and both meetings held 6 hours. After Dinner we went to Thomas Colleys were we drunk Tea in company with many friends. After Tea we had a religious opportunity together in which the forepart was low, but afterwards eminently favoured, Martha Smith had a few words therein first from Cant C: 4. v: 8 Come with me from Lebanon, my spouse, with me from Lebanon: look from the top of Amana, a from the top of Shenir and Hermon, from the lions dens, from the mountains of the leopards. John Hoyland appeared next from Hos: C: 2. v: 14. I will allure her, and bring her into the wilderness, and speak comfortably unto her. Elizabeth Hoyland a long time next from Jer: C: 26. v: 18. Zion shall be plowed like a field. Thomas Colley had afterwards a long time from Cant: C: 1. v: 8. If thou know not, O thou fairest among Women, go thy way forth by the footsteps of the flock, and feed thy kids by the shepherds tents. from hence we went to Jarvis Bradys were we supp'd and afterwards sat a little at Joseph Ingles and then came to our lodgings.

On 1<sup>st</sup>. of 12<sup>th</sup>. Mo. and 7<sup>th</sup>. of week this morning we Breakfasted at Thomas Scantleburys and afterwards went to see the new Shambles which are very curious and worth observation from thence we went to Joseph Broadheads, Edmund Gurneys and Cousin Isaac Broadheads sat a little at each place and then return'd to my Brothers. Betwixt 1 and 2 o Clock in the afternoon we left Sheffield and came by Owlerton and Wadsley bridge, and Wortley to our dear and well-beloved friends George Chapmans got there about 5 in the evening were we lodg'd.

On 2<sup>nd</sup>. and 1<sup>st</sup>. of the week we set out a little before 10 in the morning in company with George Chapman and his son Benjamin and Cousin William Chapman of Stockport in Cheshire, came by Ing. Birchworth to Elihu Dickinsons Tanners of Highflatts were we sat a little and then went to our Meeting, and it being time of Lumbroyd friends joining us and several of other societies coming in the meeting was large and upon the whole open and satisfactory I had a pretty long time therein in testimony first from Jer: C: 8. v: 7. The stork in the heaven knoweth her appointed times; and the turtle, and the crane and the swallow observe the time of their coming: but my People know not the judgment of the Lord. Leah Kinsley had a few words next, I had a pretty long time next from Jer: C: 48, v: 11. Moab has been at ease from his youth, and he hath settled on his lees, and hath not been emptied from vessel to vessel, neither hath he gone into captivity; therefore his taste remained in him, and his scent is not changed. afterwards Leah Kinsley had a few words more. At the close of this Meeting was held our Preparative meeting The Queries were read and answered and the substance thereof committed to writing, Also the application of Joshua Roberts of Shepley (a young man who had attended our meetings many years) to be accepted into membership with us, was laid before this Meeting; and the case of James Taylor of Shelley. Woodhouse who had applyed some years ago to be accepted into membership came afresh under our consideration, and the Meeting agreed that both the requests should be laid before the Monthly Meeting. Both meetings held upwards of 4 hours. After which I came home were I got a little before 4 in the afternoon.

#### An Account of my Journey to our Winter Quarterly Meeting at Leeds in the 12<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1792

I set out from home ye. 24<sup>th</sup>. of ye. 12<sup>th</sup>. mo: 1792 and 2<sup>nd</sup>. of week about 2 o Clock in the afternoon and went by Cumberworth to Anthony Kinsleys of Skelmanthorp were I stopt about 1 hour and a half and drunk Tea then went by Bretton to Crigglestone were I call'd at Joseph Charlesworths and George Earnshaws sat a little at each place and then went to Dircar were I got about 8 o Clock in the evening and lodg'd at our kind friends Christopher Walkers, were I

met at my dear friend Thomas Earnshaw of Judfield, who was my acceptable companion to Leeds

On 25<sup>th</sup>. and 3<sup>rd</sup>. of week we set out about 10 in the morning, and cross'd the Kalder in a Boat, went through Hollowthorp to Lingwoodgate stopt there about 1 hour at the Stag and got some refreshment paid 4d a piece, then went by Thorp and Hunslet to Leeds were we got about 2 o Clock in the afternoon and took up our quarters at the Bell and Bull in Briggate Paid 8d a piece Breakfasts and Suppers and 9d Dinners. This afternoon we went to Joshua Ingles were we drunk Tea, and at 5 in the evening was at the Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders, were we had the company of some Strangers, viz. Roger Jeffry from Devonshire, Morris Birkbeck from Dorsetshire, Henry Bass from Huntingdonshire, Ann Tuke, Jane Jacob and Sarah Lees from Ireland, and Sarah Fairbank from Middlesex, the Queries were read and the 2<sup>nd</sup>. and 4<sup>th</sup>. answered from all the Monthly Meetings in the County after which many Testimonies were borne by sundry friends, and Robert Taylor, Thomas Priestman, William Fairbank, Mary Fairbank and Martha Dickinson were appointed to oversee the meetings etc. This meeting held 2 hours and a half.

On 26<sup>th</sup>. and 4<sup>th</sup>. of week at 10 in the morning was a Meeting for Worship which was very large altho' mostly select of friends, Esther Brady had a few words therein first, Thomas Colley had a very long time next from Mal: C: 4. v: 2. Unto you that fear my name shall the sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth and grow up as calves at the stall. Esther Tuke had a pretty long time next from Deut: C: 5: v: 30. Get you into your tents. At the close of this meeting was held one for Discipline in which the Queries directed to be answered this Quarter were read and answered from all our Mo. Meetings and some other business was gone thro'. Both meetings held 5 hours. this afternoon I drunk Tea at Joshua Ingles. At half past 5 in the evening was a Publick meeting for Worship which was very large many of other societies coming in, Sarah Fairbank and Sarah Birkbeck had each of them a few words therein first Henry Tuke had a pretty long time next from Jer: C: 18. v: 6. Behold; as the clay is in the potters hand, so are ye in mine hand, O House of Israel. Thomas Colley had a long time next from 2 Chron: C: 6. v: 41. Arise, O Lord God, into thy resting place, thou, and the ark of thy strength; let thy priests, O Lord God, be clothed as with salvation, and let thy saints rejoice in goodness. Roger Jeffry, Jarvis Brady, and a young woman had each of them a few words next John Hoyland had a pretty long time next from Cant: C: 4. v: 12. A garden enclosed is my Sister, my spouse; a spring shut up a fountain sealed. Martha Smith had a few words next. Esther Tuke had a pretty long time next from 1 Kings C: 10. v: 7. I believed not the words, until I came, and mine eyes had seen it; and behold, the half was not told me. afterwards Christiana Hustler and Martha Teal had each of them a short time. The Meeting held 3 hours and a half.

On 26<sup>th</sup>. and 5<sup>th</sup>. of week at 9 in the morning was another meeting for discipline which held upwards of 5 hours, Joseph Brown and Henry Tuke each had an acceptable testimony, the business was then opened, and Caleb Fletcher of Kirkbymoorside Meeting was chosen Clerk. An Epistle from Esther Tuke was read, addressed to this Meeting, and upon solid consideration thereof, a sufficient number for every family one was ordered to be printed. a great deal more business was gone thro', and then the meeting adjourn'd again. At 4 in the afternoon was another meeting for discipline which held 2 hours, where the remaining part of the business was gone thro'. At 6 in the evening which was just at the breaking up of this meeting was the parting and public meeting for worship which was very large more of other societies attending than the evening before; a young woman, Jarvis Brady and Henry Bass had each of them a few words first Ann Tuke had a pretty long time long time next from Mic: C: 7. v: 14. Feeds thy people with thy rod, the flock of thine heritage, which dwell solitarily in the wood, in the midst of Karmel; let them feed in Basham and Gilead, as in days of old. Mary Proud next from Isai: C: 10. v: 17. The light of Israel shall be for a fire, and his holy one for a flame. Esther Tuke had a long time next setting forth the call and qualification of a true Gospel Minister and the nature of true spiritual Worship, afterwards Ann Tuke was concerned in Prayer. The Meeting held 2 hours and a half. At the close of which the Ministers and Elders

sat a little together when one of the friends appointed to oversee the Meetings reported they had discharg'd the trust according to their ability.

On 28<sup>th</sup>. and 6<sup>th</sup>. of week, This morning I took leave of my companion and went to Joshua Ingles to Breakfast. Betwixt 10 and 11 o Clock in the forenoon, I left Leeds and went by Kirkstall-abbey and Stanningley to Bradford 9 miles were I stopt about 1 hour and a half at Jeffery Rileys and din'd then went by Little.Horton to Northowram 6 miles were I got betwixt 4 and 5 in the afternoon and lodg'd at my Cousin Joshua Smiths; here I met with my beloved friend Henry Marsden who was my acceptable companion the remaining part of this Journey.

On 29<sup>th</sup>. and 7<sup>th</sup>. of week we set out about 10 o Clock in the morning my Cousin Joshua Smith accompanying us, went by Halifax to Joshua Stansfields of Hand-green were we stopt about 2 hours and din'd then proceeded by Heptonbridge to Robert Sutcliffes of Newshop were we stopt about 2 hours and drunk Tea then went by Todmorden to Hannah Greenwoods of Longfield, got there about 6 in the evening were we lodg'd.

On 30<sup>th</sup>. and 1<sup>st</sup>. of week was at their meeting at Shoebroad near Todmorden which began at 11 and held near 3 hours, there was a considerable number friends there, I sat long in silence and afterwards had two pretty long times in testimony the first from Hos: C: 14. v: 5. I will be as the dew unto Israel; he shall grow as the lily and cast forth his roots as Lebanon. and later from Isai: C: 63. v: 16. Doubtless thou art our Father though Abraham be ignorant of us, and Israel acknowledges us not; thou, O Lord, art our father, our redeemer, thy name is from everlasting. After dinner John Greenwood and his Brother Samuel accompanied us to Thomas Firths of Stones in Lancashire were we drunk Tea; in our return we call'd at Susanna Sutcliffes and Samuel Fieldens of Todmorden sat a little at each place and then came to our lodgings.

On 31<sup>st</sup>. and 2<sup>nd</sup>. of week This morning my Cousin Joshua Smith set out towards home, and about 11 o Clock we set off and came over Mankin holes edge and up marshy bank thro' a very mountainous country to Cousin Sarah Dysons of Lower-Goathouse called by the way and got 6 pennyworth of Brandy and water, got there about 3 in the afternoon and were we lodg'd.

On 1<sup>st</sup>. of ye. 1<sup>st</sup>. Mo. 1793 and 3<sup>rd</sup>. of week we set out a little past 7 o Clock in the morning and came by Outlanes, Quarmby and Parrack to Huddersfield were I did my business at the market and afterwards went and sat a little at Robert Firths. About 4 o Clock in the afternoon we set out and came by Almondbury to Phoebe Haighs of Bankbottom a Religious young Woman who was convinced and join'd with friends some years ago, we stopt about 1 at and half and drunk Tea there, then came by Shepley were we called to see Joshua Roberts who accompanied us home were we got about 8 o Clock in the evening.

An Account of my Journey to Knaresborough Monthly Meeting held at Otley in the 4<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1793.

Having had for sometime a concern on my mind to attend this Monthly meeting at this time, when it drew near my Spirit was under great heaviness upon the account of my Mothers indisposition believing her not to be far from her conclusion which brought me into a very great strait, when I turned inward I seem'd not easy to stay, and when the reasoning part got uppermost the thoughts if I should never see her any more alive made me exceeding sad and ready to desire to be excused until the language of Christ was brought before me; that if we did not leave all for his sake and the Gospel we were not worthy of him and she being I believe in some measure sensible of my concern not only freely gave me up but encouraged me to set forward which I did, after taking a very solemn Farewell of her on the 13<sup>th</sup>. of the 4<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1793 and 7<sup>th</sup>. day of the week about 9 o Clock in the morning having Henry Marsden for my companion we went to Phoebe Haighs of Bank bottom were we stopt near an hour and Breakfasted, then went by all Almondbury to Huddersfield were I call'd about some business

at Joshua Woods, stopt about half an hour got some refreshment then went by Rastrick to James Houghtons of Brighthouse were we stopt about an hour and Din'd then proceeded by Hipperholme and Northowram to my cousin Joshua Smiths of Ploughfield were we stopt betwixt 2 and 3 hours and then about 7 o Clock went to Stephen Fawcetts of Damhead were we lodg'd.

On 14<sup>th</sup>. and 1<sup>st</sup>. of week we set out betwixt 7 and 8 o Clock in the morning for Keighley Cousin Joshua Smith accompanying us thither, and Robert Fawcett set us on our way several miles we went by Denholme and got to the Golden.fleece in Keighley about half past 10 o Clock after getting some refreshment for which we paid 5d a piece we went to the meeting at which began at 11 and held near 3 hours was small there being only 9 men besides ourselves there soon after I sat me down I was fully confirm'd that I was in the way of my duty incoming in this Journey, and had a pretty long Testimony to bear amongst them from Hos: C: 7. v: 8, 9. Ephraim, he hath mixed himself among the people? Strangers have divoured his strength. Afterwards I had a long time in Prayer, The Meeting held near 3 hours after which we Din'd at the Golden.fleece along with Joseph Davies and Abraham Stansfield two Friends of this Meeting who defray'd to the whole expense. Betwixt 3 and 4 o Clock we set out for Otley went by Morton to Eldwick Abraham Stanfield being so kind as to accompany us hither and then return'd, we crossed a part of rumblesmoor and then called at a public.house and got each of us a pint of Ale stopt half an hour and then proceeded to Otley were we got about 7 o Clock in the evening and took up our Quarters at our friend Thomas Rhodes's.

On 15<sup>th</sup>. and 2<sup>nd</sup>. of the week was at the Monthly Meeting in this Town which began as usual at 11 o Clock as I was walking down the street towards it, I was led to remember my Mother whom I had left ill behind and was so affected therewith as scarcely to refrain from weeping. There was a considerable number friends collected tho' not as many as usual owing to the wetness of the morning, and we were favoured with an open comfortable Meeting, in which I had a long time in Testimony from Job: C: 29. v: 2, 3, 4. Oh that I were as in months past as in the days when God preserved me; When his candle shin'd upon my head and when by his light I walkt through darkness; as I was in the days of my youth, when the secret of God was upon my tabernacle. At close of the Meeting for Worship was the Meeting for discipline in which the business of the 5 Preparative meetings constituting this Meeting were transacted in much Brotherly love and condescension Viz: (Netherdale and Knaresborough,) (Rawden and Otley,) Keighley, Farfield and Skipton. Both meetings held upwards of 3 hours and a half. This afternoon I was unusual sad and could not help expecting every time the door opened that somebody was coming to inform me my Mother was worse as she told me before I set out if she perceived any alteration for the worse she would send after me. We drunk Tea at David Binns's and about 7 o Clock in the evening my kind friend Joshua Roberts of Shepley, got here with the message of my Mothers decease who departed this life about 11 o Clock in the forenoon very quietly as one falling asleep, there having been no visible alteration for the worse until the time of her departure. John Firth was so kind as to lend me his horse to come with and it being very Snowy and the Snow deep we concluded for him with the horse to stop here all night and as soon as we could get ready we set out towards home in company with George Jepson a friend of Rawden Meeting who had stopt in the town 'till now he conducted us to our friend Hannah Wilsons of Apperley.lane 5 miles got there about 9 o Clock were we lodg'd.

On 16<sup>th</sup>. and 3<sup>rd</sup>. of week we set out betwixt 5 and 6 in the morning and came by Apperley.bridge, Ecclesall and Bradford to John Robinsons of Upperhouse were we stopt upwards of an hour and Breakfasted, then came by Oakenshaw and Scholes to Robert Croslands of Oldfieldnook were we stopt half an hour and got some refreshment, then came by Colnebridge to Kirkheaton were we stopt upwards of an hour and Din'd paid 6d a piece eating and 6d and a half Liquor, then came by Shepley to John Firths of Lanehead, were Joshua Roberts came up with us we tarried near 2 hours and drunk Tea and then came together home were we got betwixt 5 and 6 in the evening, and found that the family busy in

making preparations for my Mothers Burial of whom I hath the short testimony to give; She was a tender Mother, a good Mistress, a kind Neighbour, charitable to the poor, administering to their relief according to her ability and hath left a good report behind her; she had been afflicted with a rheumatic complaint for many years, which increasing upon her wholly confin'd her to her Bed the last 22 weeks of her time, her afflictions were very great yet she was enabled to bear them with a good degree of patience expressing her full assurance of eternal felicity hereafter. She departed this Life ye. 15<sup>th</sup>. of ye. 4<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1793, and was buried at Highflatts ye. 19<sup>th</sup>. of the same in the 71<sup>st</sup>. year of her age. there being just 2 years betwixt the death of my Father and her burial.

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Memorandum. On 23<sup>rd</sup>. of 2<sup>nd</sup>. Mo. 1792. Our friends William Sowerby, Hannah Wigham and Martha Teall, accompanied by Elihu Dickinson sat with our family in the course of their religious visit to the Families in this Meeting; which opportunity was mercifully overshadowed with the canopy of divine love to our mutual refreshment; our friend Hannah Wigham had the Publick concern therein in two pretty long Testimonies the first from Psalms 119. v: 165. Great peace have they which love thy law: and nothing shall offend them. and the latter time from 1 John C: 2. v: 14. I have written unto you young men, because you are strong, and the word of God abideth in you, and ye have overcome the wicked one.

Our friend Thomas Colley of Sheffield and Sarah Birkbeck of Settle paid a religious visit to the Families of Friends Highflatts Wooldale and Lumbroyd meetings in the 3<sup>rd</sup>. Month. 1793. The following is a List of the Families and the order in which they were visited, those marked H, belong Highflatts, W, Wooldale and L, Lumbroyd.

No friend of our meeting accompanied them, but the family last visited conducted them to the next.

On 17<sup>th</sup>. and 1<sup>st</sup>. of week

At the meeting at Highflatts

H Elihu Dickinson Tanner of Highflatts  
h John Kirks of Highflatts

On 18<sup>th</sup>. and 2<sup>nd</sup>. of W

H Daniel Collier of Cumberworth  
H William Dysons of Woodhouse  
H Martha Tealls of Woodhouse  
H James Taylor of Woodhouse  
H Benjamin Steads of Siver. Ing  
H Anthony Kinsleys of Skelmanthorp  
H Joseph Steads of Toppet

On 19<sup>th</sup>. and 3<sup>rd</sup>. of W

H Joseph Priests of Denby  
H Mary Beaumonts of Denby

H Henry Dickinsons of Strines  
 h Joseph Haighs of Boghall  
 H Daniel Brooks of Highflatts  
     On 20<sup>th</sup>. and 4<sup>th</sup>. of the W  
 H Elihu Dickinson of Highflatts  
 H William Dickinson of Boghall  
 H Samuel Haighs of Highflatts  
 H Tobias Mallinsons of Wood  
 H Joseph Woods of Newhouse  
 H Samuel Jepsons of Birdsedge  
     On 21<sup>st</sup>. and 5<sup>th</sup>. of W

Weekday Meeting at Wooldale

W Thomas Roberts's of Wooldale  
 W William Earnshaws of Wooldale  
 W Joseph Brooks of Wooldale  
     On 22<sup>nd</sup>. and 6<sup>th</sup>. of W  
 W John Roberts's of Tottis  
 W John Beaumonts of Tottis  
 W Matthew Broadheads of Newmill  
 W Daniel Broadheads of Mearhouse  
 W Sarah Broadheads of Meltomhouse  
     On 23<sup>rd</sup>. and 7<sup>th</sup>. of W  
 W Godfrey Woodheads of Fulstone  
 W Thomas Bottomleys of Thursteland-Woodend  
 W William Bottomleys of Thursteland-Woodend  
 W Joseph Bottomley of Thursteland-Woodend  
 W Arthur Jepson of Fulstone  
 W Joseph Woodheads of Fulstone  
     On 24<sup>th</sup>. and 1<sup>st</sup>. of W

At the meeting at Wooldale at 11 o Clock

At Highflatts at 4 in the Afternoon see the account at the conclusion of list (+)  
     On 25<sup>th</sup>. and 2<sup>nd</sup>. of W

H John Firths of Lanehead  
 H John Earnshaws of Shepley Woodend  
 H Abraham Bottomleys of Shepley Woodend  
 H Joseph Walkers of Paddock  
 H Phebe Haigh of Bankbottom at Lanehead  
 H Joshua Roberts of Shepley at Lanehead  
 H Martha Radley of Shepley at Lanehead  
     On 26<sup>th</sup>. and 3<sup>rd</sup>. of W  
 H Samuel Woods of Haddenley  
 H Joshua Dickinsons of Ing Birchworth  
 L David Dickinsons of Thurlstone  
 L Benjamin Dickinsons of Thurlstone  
     On 27<sup>th</sup>. and 4<sup>th</sup>. of W

At Weekday Meeting at Lumbroyd

L Thomas Earnshaws of Judfield  
 L George Chapmans of Penistone  
 L Hannah Swinden of Penistone  
 L Jonathon Green of Thurlstone  
     On 28<sup>th</sup>. and 5<sup>th</sup>. of W  
 L Thomas Earnshaws of Langsett  
 L Mary Sanderson of Middop

L James Dickinsons of Folly  
 L Joshua Earnshaws of Bellroyd  
 L Thomas Dickinsons of Bellroyd  
 On 29<sup>th</sup>. and 6<sup>th</sup>. of W

Sarah Birkbeck at the Week-day meeting at Highflatts

(+) On 24<sup>th</sup>. and 1<sup>st</sup>. of the week at 4 o Clock in the afternoon. The friends accompanied by Thomas Roberts, Elihu Dickinson and his wife and myself had a Meeting at the Meetinghouse at Highflatts, with all those in the three meetings that were not members of the Society but attended meetings and no other place who where willing to give them their company. 46 of this number was there, the opportunity was an eminently favoured the gathering arm of divine Power being stretched forth for the recovery of those who had missed their way and like the Prodigal Son were sensible they had nothing to feed upon but husks, and were led to remember their Fathers house. and to the comfort and encouragement to perseverance of those whose minds had been happily turned to the principle we profess, which if obeyed were shine brighter and brighter unto the perfect day. Thomas Colley had a long time therein first from Psalms 130. v: 7. With the Lord there is mercy, and with him there is plentiful redemption. Sarah Birkbeck had afterwards a pretty long time from Ex: C: 2. v. 7, 8. I have surely seen the affliction of my people which are in Egypt, and have heard their cries by reason of their task Masters: for I know their sorrows, and am come down to deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians. The meeting held 2 hours.

The opportunity in our family was for some time low, but Truth arose for our help, and the testimony thereof went forth for the encouragement of poor Zion travellers, who were oftens dipt into great poverty, having to suffer with the seed in order that when the seed reigns they might rejoice together. Thomas Colley had a pretty long time first from Heb: C: 2. v: 10. It became him for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings, Afterwards Sarah Birkbeck from Heb: C: 12. v: 11. No chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous; nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.

Our friend Elizabeth Copeland of Leeds accompanied by William Sowerby of Ackworth who found freedom to join her therein paid a religious visit to the families of friends in our Preparative Meeting in ye. 4<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1798 She having no horse where it was necessary to ride Elihu Dickinson carried her; at other times the friends of the last visited family accompanied them to the next. The following is a List of the families they visited, the place of their residence, and the order in which they were visited.

20<sup>th</sup>. of 4<sup>th</sup>. Mo. and 6<sup>th</sup>. of W

Weekday meeting at Highflatts

Together at Highflatts

Samuel Jepsens of Birdsedge

Joseph Woods of Newhouse

Together at Newhouse

John Pickford of Park

William Dickinson of Birdsedge.mill

Elihu Dickinsons of Highflatts

21<sup>st</sup>. and 7<sup>th</sup>. of W

Joshua Haighs of Boghall

Henry Dickinsons of Strines

Joseph Mallinsons of Wood

In the Afternoon William Sowerby Elihu Dickinson and myself who were under appointment of the Monthly Meeting to visit 7 members of this Meeting who had taken undue liberties, had three sittings with five of them, two at a time and one alone, having sat with one the night before, and one the next morning and in the evening they visited the following family viz Elihu Dickinson Tanner of Highflatts

On 22<sup>nd</sup>. and 1<sup>st</sup>. of w:

At the meeting at Lumbroyd

Thomas Earnshaw of Judfield

Thomas Earnshaw of Langsett

On 23<sup>rd</sup>. and 2<sup>nd</sup>. of W

Benjamin Dickinsons of Thurlstone

William Dickinsons of Thurlstone

James Dickinsons of Folly

Joshua Earnshaws children of Bellroyd together

Daniel Broadheads of Batty mill

NB Not in membership but his Wife had been very poorly they found freedom to visit them in their habitation

David Dickinsons of Thurlstone

Robert Grist of Thurlstone

Jonathan Green of Thurlstone

On 24<sup>th</sup>. and 3<sup>rd</sup>. of W

George Chapmans of Penistone

Joshua Dickinsons of Ing. Birchworth

Daniel Brooks of Highflatts

Daniel Colliers of Cumberworth

John Dickinsons children with their Parents of Highflatts

Joshua Roberts's of Highflatts

On 25<sup>th</sup>. and 4<sup>th</sup>. of W

Joseph Priests of Denby

Joseph Steads of Toppett

Anthony Kinsleys of Skelmanthorp

Benjamin Steads of Siver Ing

Charles Steads of Siver Ing

On 26<sup>th</sup>. and 5<sup>th</sup>. of W.

William Dysons of Woodhouse

Phebe Haighs of Bankside

John Firths of Lanehead

Martha Radley of Shepley

On 27<sup>th</sup>. and 6<sup>th</sup>. of W

At Weekday meeting at Highflatts

In the afternoon had two opportunities the first with such as were disowned, their husbands, or wives and children. and the latter with such as appeared under conviction. See a further account at the conclusion of the visit.

On 28<sup>th</sup>. ye the 7<sup>th</sup>. of W

Samuel Haighs of Highflatts

John Kirks of Highflatts

Samuel Woods of Haddenley

On 27<sup>th</sup>. and 6<sup>th</sup>. of week at 2 o Clock in the afternoon the friends accompanied by Elihu Dickinson and his Wife and myself had an opportunity in our Meetinghouse with such as were disowned their husbands or wives and children who attended our Religious meetings and were free to give us their company. Six who were invited did not attend but 13 came viz. Hannah the wife of John Haigh of Bankhouse, George Haigh and Son of Heighmoorhouse. John Mallinson and Wife of Birdsedge. Sarah Hinchcliffe and Son of Highflatts. Abraham

Beaumont and Wife of Moorroyd. Joshua Earnshaw and Wife of Bellroyd. William Earnshaw and Wife of Carlcoats, with whom we had a satisfactory opportunity; It being a time of renewed visitation to them. Those who were sensible they had left the holy city the safe inclosure and place of defence, and thereby fall'n amongst thieves who had wounded them and left them half dead, were encouraged to bear patiently the indignation of the Lord because they had sinned against him until he was pleased to arise and plead their cause then he who had poured in the wine would also pour the healing Oyl into their bleeding wounds; and those who had not yet been favoured with a right sense of their situation were intreated to close in with the present visitation, to take up their daily cross and follow christ as the only way to obtain a crown immortal that fadeth not away. Elizabeth Copeland had a short time therein first, William Sowerby a pretty long time next, and afterwards Martha Dickinson, Elizabeth Copeland and myself had each of us a short time.

The same afternoon at 5 in the evening we had an opportunity in the Meetinghouse with all those who appear to be under convincement which was 15 in number and with such of their children as were able to attend viz. John Haigh of Bankhouse, Joseph Haigh, and James Haigh and his wife of Bankside. Joseph Hinchcliffe his Wife and three children. James Wilkinson and his Wife of Shepley. Alice Gouldthorp of Whinney. Henry Marsden of Newhouse. Charles Blackburn of Skelmanthorp. George Taylor of Park. It was a remarkable favour time, the spring of Life arose into dominion, in the fresh springing up of which, caution and counsel plentifully flowed suitable to their varied states Those who had put their hand to the plough were encouraged not to look back nor flinch in the day of tryal and temptation when they might have to drink as of the the bitter waters but press forward and then a friend had to inform them he believed some of the young Men present or would be useful members of the Society when our heads were laid in the silent grave, and all were encouraged to look unto him who is in the believing soul as a well of water springing up unto everlasting life Elizabeth Copeland had a short time therein first from John C: 4. v: 10. If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith unto thee, give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water. William Sowerby had a very long time next from Luke C: 17. v: 32 Remember Lots wife. I had a pretty long time next from Luke C: 22. v: 28, 29. Ye are they which have continued with me in my Temptations; and I appoint unto you a kingdom.

The opportunity in our family felt to me to be a low season, and altho' these are not always the most pleasant they are sometimes the most profitable dispensations to us. The winter season strips the Trees of all the beauty with which they have been cloathed but as the sap retires into the root, when the spring returns, there is again a buding, blossoming and in due time a bringing forth ripe fruits. Elizabeth Copeland had a short testimony to bear therein exhorting us to get deep and dwell deep as in the bottom of Jordan that so from thence we might be enabled to bring up stones of living memorial.

Our Friends Mary Rotherford and Catharine Tricket of Sheffield Meeting paid a religious visit to the families of friends as such as had been disowned but continued to attend our meetings, within the compass of our Preparative Meeting on ye. 11<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1798.

The following is a List of the Families visited and the order in which they were visited viz. Those marked thus (+) either the Man or his Wife or both were disowned.

11<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 11<sup>th</sup>. and 1<sup>st</sup>. of W

Meeting at Highflatts

Elihu Dickinsons Tanner of Highflatts

12<sup>th</sup>. 2<sup>nd</sup>. of W.

(+) John Mallinsons of Birdsedge

- Joseph Woods of Newhouse
- Together at Newhouse
- John Pickford of Cumberworth. Park  
 William Dickinson of Birdsedge. mill  
 Joseph Mallinsons of Wood  
 13<sup>th</sup>. and 3<sup>rd</sup>. of W  
 Samuel Haighs of Highflatts
- At a Meeting at Highflatts on account of the Burial of Hannah the daughter of Joshua Dickinson of Ing Birchworth. together
- Mary Brook of Highflatts  
 (+) Sarah Wife of Jonas Hinchcliffe of Highflatts  
 Elihu Dickinsons of Highflatts  
 14<sup>th</sup>. and 4<sup>th</sup>. of W  
 Joseph Priests of Denby  
 (+) Joshua Beaumonts of Denby  
 (+) Ralph Swindens of Denby  
 Joseph Steads of Toppett  
 15<sup>th</sup>. and 5<sup>th</sup>. of W  
 Anthony Kinsleys of Skelmanthorp  
 Charles Steads of Siver. Ing  
 Benjamin Steads of Siver. Ing  
 Daniel Colliers of Cumberworth  
 16<sup>th</sup>. and 6<sup>th</sup>. of W.
- Weekday Meeting at Highflatts
- Joshua Roberts's of Highflatts  
 (+) Mary Wife of Samuel Dickinson of Highflatts  
 John Kirks of Highflatts  
 17<sup>th</sup>. and 7<sup>th</sup>. of W  
 Joseph Walkers of Shelley-Paddock  
 Benjamin Walkers of Shelley-Paddock  
 (+) Mary Pickles of Shelley  
 Benjamin Walkers of Shelley  
 William Dysons of Shelly-Woodhouse  
 18<sup>th</sup>. and 1<sup>st</sup>. of W
- Meeting at Lumbroyd
- George Chapmans of Penistone  
 (+) William Earnshaw of Carlcoats at George Chapmans.  
 19<sup>th</sup>. and 2<sup>nd</sup>. of W.  
 Thomas Earnshaws of Judfield  
 Thomas Earnshaws of Langsett  
 Benjamin Dickinsons of Thurlstone  
 20<sup>th</sup>. and 3<sup>rd</sup>. of W.  
 Robert Grist of Thurlstone  
 (+) Joshua Earnshaws of Thurlstone  
 (+) Daniel Broadheads of Batty mill  
 David Dickinsons of Thurlstone  
 William Dickinsons of Thurlstone  
 Jonathon Green of Thurlstone at Benjamin Dickinsons  
 21<sup>st</sup>. and 4<sup>th</sup>. of W  
 James Dickinsons of Folly  
 Joshua Dickinsons of Ing. Birchworth  
 (+) John Dickinsons of Highflatts  
 22<sup>nd</sup>. and 5<sup>th</sup>. of W

Henry Dickinsons of Strines  
 Samuel Jepsons of Strines  
 (+) Mary Wife of Thomas Pickfords of Moorroidnook  
 (+) Abraham Beaumonts of Moorroid  
 Joseph Hagues of Boghall  
 23<sup>rd</sup>. and 6<sup>th</sup>. W

Weekday meeting at Highflatts

Samuel Woods of Haddenley  
 John Firths of Shepley Lanehead  
 24<sup>th</sup>. and 7<sup>th</sup>. of W  
 Phebe Haighs of Bankside  
 (+) George Haigh of Heighmoorhouse  
 (+) John Haighs of Shepley  
 Martha Radleys of Shepley

NB The opportunity in our family was mercifully covered with an awful solemnity, and under the pure influence of Gospel Love caution counsel and advice and encouragement were plentifully communicated suitable to our various states The language of encouragement was administered unto those who were in Deaths often, and the necessity there was for his Ministers to be this baptized was largely set forth in order that they might the more feelingly and effectually speak to the states of the People, and how profitable it was to go down again and again to the Potters house in order that those vessels which the Lord had form'd for use, might have no rust taint nor crack remain, but by coming renewedly under the Potters hand, might be ready for service whensoever he might see meet to employ them, and might be favoured clearly to distinguish betwixt their own spirits, and the spirit of God, and as all souls are the Lords every branch of the family present were intreated to come forward in the line of their respective duties faithfully. so as to receive at the last the recompense of reward even the salvation of their souls; and the opportunity concluded with recommend us to God who knew our varied states and who was able to preserve us blameless and present us spotless before the throne of his Glory with joy. Mary Rotherford had a pretty long time therein first from 2 Cor: C: 11. v: 23. In deaths oft. Catharine Tricket next from Jer: C: 18. v: 2. Go down to the Potters house. Mary Rotherford a short time next. Catharine Tricket next from 1 John Cor: 4. v: 1. Believe not every Spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God. Mary Rotherford a pretty long time next from Eze: C: 18. v: 4. All souls are mine. Catharine Tricket had a lively exhortation and recommendation next from Jude v. 24, 25. Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy. To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and Power both now and ever Amen.

John Bottomley a friend of our meeting and Leonard West an Elder of Ackworth, having the unity and approbation of friends of our Monthly meeting paid a religious visit to the Families of friends in our Preparative Meeting in the 6<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1811, and those who were not members as their way opened. The following is a List of the family's they visited, and the order in which they visited them; those marked thus (+) of such as one or both of the heads of Families had been disowned but continued to attend meetings, and thus () are such as attend meetings but are not accepted members of our Society.

17<sup>th</sup>. and 6<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1811 and 2<sup>nd</sup>. day of week  
 Elihu Dickinsons Tanner of Highflatts  
 18<sup>th</sup>. and 3<sup>rd</sup>. of week  
 James Dickinsons of Folley

- Thomas Dickinsons of Thurlstone  
 William Dickinsons of Thurlstone  
 David Dickinsons of Thurlstone  
 (+) Elijah Dickinson of Thurlstone  
 (+) Joshua Earnshaws of Thurlstone  
 (+) Daniel Broadheads of Batty. mill  
 George Chapmans of Peniston  
     19<sup>th</sup>. and 4<sup>th</sup>. of W  
 Thomas Earnshaws of Judfield  
 Thomas Earnshaw of Langsett  
 John Aldams of Annatroid  
 Joseph Haighs of Boghall  
 Mary Haighs of Highflatts  
 (+) Abraham Beaumont of Highflatts  
 Henry Dickinsons of Strines  
 (+) John Dickinsons of Strines  
     20<sup>th</sup>. and 5<sup>th</sup>. of W.  
 John Kirks of Highflatts  
 Elihu Dickinsons of Highflatts  
 (+) Sarah Hinchcliffes of Highflatts  
 Richard Dickinsons of Highflatts  
 John Bottomleys of Wood  
 Samuel Dickinsons of Wood  
 Leah Kinsleys of Newhouse  
 Joseph Woods of Newhouse  
     21<sup>st</sup>. and 6<sup>th</sup>. of W  
 William Dickinsons of Birdsedge  
 () Joseph Haigh of Birdsedge at John Mallinsons  
 John Mallinsons of Birdsedge  
 John Pickfords of Cumberworth. Park  
 (+) John Beaumonts of Dearne grange  
 Samuel Woods of Haddenley  
 Henry Marsdens at Dobroyd  
 Mary Dyson of Westroyds  
 Martha Radley of Shepley. Lanehead at John Firths  
 John Firths of Shepley Lanehead  
     22<sup>nd</sup>. and 7<sup>th</sup>. of W.  
 Joseph Walkers of Shepley  
 John Brooks of Shepley  
 () James Wilkinsons of Shepley  
 John Haighs of Shepley  
 () James Haighs of Bankside  
 (+) Benjamin Walkers of Shelley  
 (+) George Haighs Heighmoorhouse  
 () Charles Smith of Bankbottom  
 () Joseph Hinchcliffes of Whinney

in the Meetinghouse at Highflatts

23<sup>rd</sup>. and 1<sup>st</sup>. of W.

- () John Issott of Stocksmoortop  
 () William Pomfret of Thurstonland

Highflatts Meeting at 11 o Clock

- () Joseph Grayham of Denby  
 () Charles Kaye of Shepley

in Meetinghouse at Highflatts

- (+) Ralph Swindens of Denby
- John Priests of Denby
- Joseph Priests of Denby
- 24<sup>th</sup>. and 2<sup>nd</sup>. of W.
- (+) Abraham Coopers of Netherdenby
- Joseph Steads of Parkgate
- Charles Steads of Siver. Ing
- Benjamin Steads of Siver. Ing
- Joshua Dysons of Shelley. Woodhouse
- Robert Woods of Moorbottom

The opportunity in our family was favoured, the language of encouragement flowing freely unto those whose countenances were often sad when they were not sick; but from viewing the low state of things amongst mankind, these were encouraged to be strong in the Lord and in the Power of his might. and a belief was expressed, that he who had been the morning light of these would continue to guide them by his counsel, and finally be their evening song. John Bottomley had a short time therein first. Leonard West a few words next, and afterwards John Bottomley had a pretty long time from Neh: C: 2. v: 2. Why is thy countenance sad seeing thou art not sick? this is nothing else but sorrow of heart.

Sarah Lamley from Worcestershire a member of the South Monthly meeting in Warwickshire paid a religious visit to the Family are Friends, and all such as attend our Meetings whether disowned, or under conviction with in the compass of our Quarterly Meeting and Ann Fairbank of Sheffield united with her in the visit through our Monthly Meeting, in the 5<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1814, they went us through all the families of that description in our Meeting, but I do not find that I kept any account in the Particular of the families or the order in which they were visited. The opportunity in our family was much favoured both friends having the language of encouragement to communicate to different states present. And they was also with us at two Week.day Meetings, and one First.day, and on the First.day evening, had a very large Publick meeting in our Meetinghouse with the inhabitants of the neighbourhood and places adjacent, which was eminently favoured.

In the 12<sup>th</sup>. mo: 1819, and 1<sup>st</sup>. mo: 1820 Ellin Cockin of Doncaster paid a religious visit to the Families of Friends of Pontefract Monthly Meeting, and to such as attended Meetings who were either disowned or not accepted into membership being accompanied by Hannah Harrison of Ackworth. The following is a List of the Families in our Preparative meeting which they visited, and the order in which they were visited. Those marked thus (+) one or both had been disowned but continued to attend meetings, and thus () such as attend meetings but have not been accepted into Membership viz.

- 12 mo. 31<sup>st</sup>. 1819 and 6<sup>th</sup>. of week
- (+) Samuel Browns of Westroyds
- Henry Marsdens of Westroyds
- Mary Dyson of Westroyds
- 1<sup>st</sup>. of 1<sup>st</sup>. mo: and 7<sup>th</sup>. of week 1820
- William Bottomleys of Dobroyd
- John Firths of Shepley
- Joseph Walkers of Shepley
- John Brooks of Shepley

John Haighs of Shepley  
2<sup>nd</sup>. and 1<sup>st</sup>. of week

Meeting at Highflatts

- (+) John Beaumonts of Dearne Grange  
John Pickfords of Parkhead
- ( ) James Haighs of Sunnyside  
3<sup>rd</sup>. and 2<sup>nd</sup>. of week
- ( ) Joseph Hinchcliffs of Whinney  
Charles and Joseph Hinchcliffe junr. of Whinney
- (+) Benjamin Walkers of Shelley and Wife and children members
- (+) Joseph Stead of Parkgate  
Benjamin Steads of Siver Ing  
Charles Steads of Siver Ing
- (+) George Haighs of Heighmoorhouse
- ( ) Charles Smith of Farnley flawn  
4<sup>th</sup>. and 3<sup>rd</sup>. of week  
Samuel Woods of Moorbottom  
Robert Woods of Moorbottom  
John Mallinsons of Birdsedge  
William Dickinsons of Birdsedge
- ( ) Joseph Haighs of Birdsedge  
John Bottomleys of Wood  
Joseph Woods of Newhouse  
5<sup>th</sup>. and 4<sup>th</sup>. of week
- (+) Sarah Hinchcliffes of Highflatts
- (+) Abraham Beaumont of Highflatts  
John Kirks of Highflatts  
Mary Haighof Highflatts
- (+) Amos Blackburns of Highflatts  
Richard Dickinsons of Highflatts  
Elihu Dickinsons of Highflatts  
John Firths of Highflatts  
6<sup>th</sup>. and 5<sup>th</sup>. of week  
John Priests of Denby
- ( ) Ellin Swinden of Denby
- (+) Joshua Dysons of Denby  
Henry Dickinsons of Strines
- (+) John Dickinsons of Strines
- (+) John Dickinsons of Highflatts  
7<sup>th</sup>. and 6<sup>th</sup>. of week
- (+) Samuel Dickinsons at Dykeside at Meetinghouse
- ( ) Charles Kaye of Shepley at Joseph Firths  
Joseph Firths of Shepley Lanehead  
8<sup>th</sup>. and 7<sup>th</sup>. of week

They visited some families at Fulstone in Wooldale Meeting which they had omitted in passing through that Meeting

9<sup>th</sup>. and 1<sup>st</sup>. of week

Meeting at Highflatts

- (+) Daniel Broadheads of Peniston  
  
10<sup>th</sup>. and 2<sup>nd</sup>. of week  
Thomas Earnshaws of Judfield  
Sarah Leppingtons of Langsett

- Elizabeth Earnshaw of Langsett  
 Henry Jackson of Bintcliff  
 Sydney Paynes of Bintcliff  
 (+) Joshua Roberts of Eclands  
 son George a member  
 11<sup>th</sup>. and 3<sup>rd</sup>. of week  
 Esther Earnshaws of Thurlstone  
 (+) Enoch Dickinsons younger of Thurlstone  
 William Dickinsons of Thurlstone  
 (+) Enoch Dickinsons of Thurlstone  
 (+) Benjamin Chapman of Thurlstone

NB The opportunity in our family was remarkably overshadowed with the divine presence, to the tendering of our Spirits together; the language of encouragement flowed freely unto different states, under the precious influence of Gospel Love Ellin Cockin had a very long testimony to bear from John C: 10. v. 27, 28. My sheep hear my voice, and I knew them, and they follow me; And I give unto them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall any be able to pluck them out of my hand. She first addressed the youth whom she believed had been favoured to distinguish betwixt the Shepherds voice and the Strangers, encouraging him to preserve in faithfulness and obedience unto him who in his own way and time putteth forth his own sheep goeth before them and prepareth their way. She then spoke encouragingly unto those who were further advanced in years who had been concerned to follow Christ in the regeneration, and in conduct and conversation had conveyed the instructive language unto others to follow us, as we follow him whose Life was one continued scene of humility and selfdenial; and though she believed these might have many deeply trying proving seasons, and close conflicts of spirit to pass thro' yet none should ever be able to pluck them out of the Lords hand, and in the close of time he would give unto them eternal Life. Hannah Harrison had a few words next from Luke C: 12. v: 37. Blessed are these servants whom the Lord when he cometh shall find watching. Afterwards I had a pretty long time from Cant: C: 1.v: 3. Thy name is as an ointment poured forth, therefore do the virgins love thee. They was at our Meeting at Highflatts on two 1<sup>st</sup>. days and one weekday, all of which was very eminently favoured. The Lord gave the word and many mouths were opened to publish the same, and I believe it was a time of renewed visitation unto many.

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An Account of my Journey to our Autumn Quarterly Meeting at York in the 9<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1793

I set out from home ye. 21<sup>st</sup>. of ye. 9<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1793 and 7<sup>th</sup>. day of the week about 2 o Clock in the afternoon, John Bottomley and Henry Marsden accompanying me as far as Pontefract we went by Cumberworth to Anthony Kinsleys of Skelmanthorp were we stopt one an hour and drunk Tea then set forward in company with Leah Kinsley who was going to see the the Widow Cudworth and to be at Wakefield meeting next day we went by Bretton to Crigglestone were Henry Marsden and me called at George Earnshaws, John Bottomley being gone with Leah Kinsley to Painthorp were he lodg'd at William Pickards, after stopping here about half an hour we went to Dircar were we got about 7 o Clock and lodg,d at Christopher Walkers.

On 22<sup>nd</sup>. and 1<sup>st</sup>. of week, John Bottomley calling of us we set out about 7 o Clock in the morning and went by Millthorpe, Walton and Crofton to Streethouse were we call'd and got a little refreshment paid 2d a piece and then proceeded to Pontefract were we met with a very kind reception at our friend John Leathams after getting a little refreshment we went to do meeting which began at 11 and held better than 2 hours. It was pretty large there being a considerable number of friends belonging thereto, But to me it was a low exercising time. John Bottomley appeared first from Luke C: 12. v: 37. Blessed are those servants whom the Lord when he cometh shall find watching. towards the close of the meeting I had a short time from Rom: C: 8. v: 13. If ye live after the flesh, ye shall die, but if ye through to Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body ye shall live. The Advices of the Yearly Meeting were then read, after which I had much weighty counsel and advice to drop more especially to the youth. The afternoon Meeting began at 3 and held near 2 hours, It was small most of the friends in the country living at too great a distance to attend, and was held in silence, altho' not without a sense of divine favour attending. After meeting John Bottomley went to Joseph Johnsons were he lodg'd and Henry Marsden and me went and drunk Tea at Hannah Wighams, and then return to our Quarters at John Leathams.

On 23<sup>rd</sup>. and 2<sup>nd</sup>. of the week in the morning we went and sat a little at Sarah Jacksons and Joseph Johnsons about 10 o Clock I parted with my companions they setting out towards home and I for Ferrybridge were I tarried better than 3 hours and Din'd; after Dinner call'd to see Elizabeth Wainwright and then went by Milford to Sherborn got there about 4 o Clock in the afternoon were I lodg'd at Simeon Hunters.

On 24<sup>th</sup>. and 3<sup>rd</sup>. of week I set out betwixt 9 and 10 in the morning and went by Towton to Tadcaster were I call'd at the Sine of the Traveller and got some refreshment paid 5d and then went to Ringhouses were I stopt and got a Glass of Brandy at the Fox paid 3d got to York betwixt 2 and 3 in the afternoon were I took up my Quarters as usual at Rebecca Awmacks in Walmgate. At 5 in evening began the Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders which held 2 hours and a half; we had the company of two Strangers this quarter viz. John Storer from Nottinghamshire and William Crotch from Suffolk. Answers to the Queries were received and read from all Mo. Meetings and divers weighty remarks made thereon. Our friends Thomas Priestman, Philip Maiden, Timothy Maud, Mary Ellis and Ann North were appointed to oversee the succeeding meetings and advise as occasion may require.

On 25<sup>th</sup>. and 4<sup>th</sup>. of week, at 9 in the morning was a meeting for Worship which was large altho' select of friends. John Storer had a long and much favoured time therein in testimony from Matt: C: 5. v: 14 Ye of the light of the world. Afterwards William Crotch had a short but encouraging time. At close of this meeting was held one for Discipline in which the answers to the Queries were received and read from all our Mo. Meetings. Both Meetings held 4 hours. At 5 in the evening was another meeting for discipline, David Priestman of Malton being chosen Clerk, before the opening of the business, John Storer had an acceptable time in testimony the business was conducted in much Brotherly love and condescension. The meeting held 3 hours.

On 26<sup>th</sup>. and 5<sup>th</sup>. of week at half past 9 in the morning was another meeting for Discipline which held 4 hours. William Crotch was concerned therein in testimony the business was then entered upon and gone thro' under a sense of the powerful prevalence of divine love. At 4 in the afternoon was the parting meeting for Worship, many of other Societies attending, John Storer had a pretty long time they in in testimony first from Rev: C: 2, v: 29. He that hath an ear let him hear what the spirits saith unto the Churches. Christiana Hustler had a short time next from Rev: C: 2. v: 21. I gave her space to repent of her fornication; and she repented not. John Storer had a long time next from the parable of a wise and foolish builder. And afterwards William Crotch was largely opened in a very particular manner to various states intermixt with something prophetic to some. After which the Ministers and Elders sat a little together when one of the friends appointed to oversee the Meetings reported they had attended to the appointment.

On 27<sup>th</sup>. and 6<sup>th</sup>. of week, I left York between 6 and 7 in the morning and came to Tadcaster were I got a pint at Ale at the Travellers paid 2d and then came by Aberford to Garforth were I stopt upwards of an hour and a half at the Black-Bull and Din'd paid 6d eating and 5d liquor then came by Swillington and Woodlesford to Rothwell were I got some refreshment at the Black-Bull paid 5d and then came by Carlton and Long.Lofthouse to Ossett were I got betwixt 6 and certain the evening and lodg'd at David Pickards.

On 28<sup>th</sup>. and 7<sup>th</sup>. of week, in the afternoon I had a religious opportunity with those who attend our meetings in this town, which altho' exercising, was a memorable time for divine favour and I hope profitable to some. I was twice concerned therein in Testimony, first from Matt C: 6. v: 22. If therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light. afterwards from John C: 6. v: 12. I have yet many things to say unto you but ye cannot bear them now. The opportunity concluded in Prayer and Praises to the Almighty for this renewed visitation of his love, extended for the help of all and restoration of those who had miss'd their way. Betwixt 1 and 2 o Clock in the afternoon I set out and came by Netherton and Midgley took Emley were I got a pint of Ale at the Nags.head paid 2d and they came to Anthony Kinsleys of Skelmanthorp were I stop near 2 hours and drunk Tea then came by Cumberworth home were I got betwixt 7 and 8 in the evening.

An Account of my Journey to Morley Monthly Meeting in Cheshire held at Stockport in the  
10<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1793

I set out from home ye. 20<sup>th</sup>. of ye. 10<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1793 and 3<sup>rd</sup>. day of the week about 6 o Clock in the morning having John Bottomley for my companion this Journey we went by Carlcoats and Townhead were we stopt at William Earnshaws near two hours and got a second Breakfast Henry Marsden accompanied us at hither with the Galloway and then return'd and we proceeded by Salterbrook (the winds being very high with rain) to Woodhead in Cheshire were we got 6 pennyworth of Brandy and water at the Angel then passed on to Glossop in Derbyshire were we stopt about an hour and a half and Din'd at an Inn were we was very kindly entertained in our wet condition paid 9d a piece eating and Liquor, and then proceeded to Hayfield were we got 6 pennyworth of Brandy and Water at the Bullshead, and then went to Low-Leighton got there about 6 in the evening and lodg'd at William Holmes were we were kindly and affectionately received and great care taken of us being both wet and weary

On 30<sup>th</sup>. and 4<sup>th</sup>. of week we set out about 8 o Clock in the morning William Holme accompanying us to Stockport, went by Newmill, Disley in Cheshire and Bullocksmythies got to my Cousin John Chapmans of Stockport just in time to get a little refreshment before the Meeting which began at 11 and was pretty large and satisfactory, John Bottomley had a short time therein in testimony from 1 Thess: C: 4, v: 11. Study to be quiet and to do your own business. and afterwards had a few words more. At the close of this meeting was the Monthly Meeting for Discipline in which the business from the Preparative meetings constituting the same were gone thro' in much condescension viz. Morley Stockport and Macclesfield. An Epistle from our friend James Birch who had lately removed from this meeting into Lancashire was read, which was instrumental in raising the pure Life into considerable dominion. Both Meetings held 3 hours after which we Din'd at Cousin John Chapmans, and then went to Thomas Gibbons were we drunk Tea, and from thence to George Jones's were we lodg'd, many friends being there in the evening we had a satisfactory opportunity together in which John Bottomley appear'd twice with a few words, and afterwards I had a long time from John C: 21. v: 5. Children have you any meat. after which I had a few words more from 2 Tim: C: 2: v: 4. No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life. George Jones had afterwards a pretty long time from Heb: C: 11. v: 25. Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the People of God than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season.

On 31<sup>st</sup>. and 5<sup>th</sup>. of week in the forenoon we went and sat a little at Ollive Sims's, Din'd at John Colliers and in the afternoon went in company with our valuable friends George Jones and his Wife about a mile to Richard Yarwoods of Offerton who had join'd the Society by convincement and had lately come forth in the work of the Ministry, he was gone from home, but we had a precious opportunity with his housekeeper one Anne Williams a young Woman from Denbighshire North Wales who was also convinc'd and had a few words in Meetings; I had a long time therein in Testimony first from Neh: C: 2. v. 2. Why is thy countenance sad seeing thou art not sick? this is nothing else but for sorrow of heart. and afterwards a pretty long time from John C: 21. v: 15. Simon Son of Jonas lovest thou me more than these? he saith unto him, Yea, Lord: thou knowest that I love thee, he saith unto him, Feed my Lambs. After the opportunity we drunk Tea here and then return'd to Town were my companion and me supp'd at Caleb Birchalls and then went to our lodgings.

On 1<sup>st</sup>. of ye. 11<sup>th</sup>. Mo. and 6<sup>th</sup>. of week, we set at about 10 o Clock in the morning, George Jones setting us on our way several miles came by Gee-cross and Mottram to Tinsel were we stopt about 1 hour and a half at the Bulls head and dined paid 6d a piece eating and 4d Liquor, then came to Woodhead were we got some refreshment at the Angel paid 5d and then came by Salterbrook in Yorkshire to William Earnshaws of Townhead were we got it about 7 in the evening and lodg'd.

On 2<sup>nd</sup>. and 7<sup>th</sup>. of week we set out about 10 in the morning and came by Carlcoats and Thurlstone to Penistone were we stopt betwixt 2 and 3 hours at George Chapmans and Din'd then return'd to Thurlstone were we stopt near 2 hours and a half at Benjamin Dickinsons and

drunk Tea, then came by Ing Birchworth to William Kilners of Denby, were we tarried near 4 hours at a Towns Meeting, being Overseers of the Poor, and the late Officer making his accounts at this time, from hence we came home were we got betwixt 9 and 10 in the evening.

#### An Account of my Journey to our Winter Quarterly Meeting at Leeds in the 12<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1793

I set out from home ye. 23<sup>rd</sup>. of ye. 12<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1793 and 2<sup>nd</sup>. day of the week about 11 o Clock in the forenoon in company with my beloved friends John Bottomley and John Pickford of Strines a young man who went from Ing. Birchworth to live near Chapel-le-frith in Derbyshire where he remained several years, during which time the Lord was pleased to extend his gracious and merciful visitations unto him by opening in some measure his state and condition and making him weary of the paths of folly and vanity in which he walked, begetting desires in his mind to seek after and pursue the path which leads to peace; but being entangled with vain and unprofitable company he was frequently drawn from serious reflections, and thereby brought sorrow and trouble over his mind; altho' he sometimes attended the Methodist meetings and read some of their Books, entertaining a partiality for that People above others; in the forepart of this winter he left Derbyshire and came to live in our neighbourhood with his sister at Strines, accompanied with this resolution, that through divine assistance he would change his course of Life and being sensible of the loss he had sustained by ungodly companions was determined now entirely to refrain from such, he therefore betook himself much to retirement and spending his leisure hours in reading religious Books and attended the Methodist meetings on first days; but yet remain dissatisfied: We having been for some time in the practice of collecting our family together on first day evenings at 7 o Clock in the winter season to read the Scriptures which closed with a religious opportunity of waiting upon the Lord, several friends frequently coming to sit with us, these opportunities were oftens eminently favoured, and I doubt not but such would prove a blessing to many families if the heads thereof were of this mind that let others do as they may, they and their house would serve the Lord; To one of the sittings this young man came which being overshadowed with divine good proved a memorable time unto him, soon after he and I contracted an intimate acquaintance with each other and tho' he continued for a while sometimes to attend the Methodists meetings and sometimes ours the Lord always owning him as he told me in the latter but never after in the former yet it was evident he grew nearer and nearer to friends the Lord been pleased both immediately and instrumentally to clear the mists of error and ignorance from before his eyes until he received strength to embrace the Truth in the love of it and to take up the cross and despise the shame, becoming a constant attender of our religious Meetings; and being inwardly staid upon the Lord and hitherto preserved in a solid watchful frame of spirit, affords a comfortable prospect of his being in due time an useful member of our Society. We went by Cumberworth to Anthony Kinsleys of Skelmanthorp were we Din'd, After Dinner we had a precious to opportunity together in which John Bottomley had a short time first from Psalms 37. v: 25. I had been young, and now am old: yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread. after which he had a few words more and after ward I had a pretty long time from Psalms 70. v: 4. Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee; and let such as love thy salvation say continually, Let God be magnified. About 3 o Clock I set forward my beforementioned friends accompanying me about a mile and then returned; I went by Bretton to Crigglestone or were I stopt a little at my Uncle Joseph Houghs and got some refreshment, then proceeded to Dircar were I got about 6 in the evening and lodg'd at my kind friends Christopher Walkers were I met with my dear friend Thomas Earnshaw of Judfield by appointment who was to be my companion to Leeds.

On 24<sup>th</sup>. and 3<sup>rd</sup>. of the week, we set at about 10 o Clock in the morning and went by Sandal Wakefield and Newton to Lingwoodgate were we called at the Stag and got some

refreshment paid 3d a piece, stopt 1 hour and then went by Thorpe and Hunslet to Leeds were we got about 3 o Clock in the afternoon and took up our Quarters at the Bell and Bull in Briggate were we paid 8d a piece Breakfasts and suppers, and 10d Dinners. This afternoon we drunk Tea at Joshua Ingles. At 5 in the evening began the Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders which was considerably smaller than usual at this place altho' we were favoured with the company of two Strangers viz Sarah Harrison from Pennsylvania in America and Martha Routh from Lancashire, the usual Queries were read and two of them answered from all our Monthly Meetings and David Priestman, John Jackson, William Fairbank Mary Linskel and Mary Storrs were appointed to oversee the succeeding Meetings and advise as occasion may require. The meeting held near 3 hours.

On 25<sup>th</sup>. and 4<sup>th</sup>. of week, was a Meeting for Worship at 10 in the morning which was very large tho' mostly select of friends, Catharine Tricket, Ann Fairbank, John Hoyland, Leah Kinsley, and Ellen Abrams had each a short time therein in testimony, Henry Tuke had a pretty long time next from Isai: C: 8. v: 20. To the law and to the testimony; if any man speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them. Mary Proud next from 1 Thess: C: 4. v: 13. We sorrow not even as others that have no hope. Martha Routh next from Nah: C: 1: v: 3. The Lord hath his way in the whirlwind and in the storm, and the clouds are the dust at his feet. At the close of this meeting was held one for Discipline in which beside some other business the Queries were read and answered from all our Mo. Meetings and some weighty remarks up made upon the deficiencies which appear'd, Both meetings held 5 hours, this afternoon I drunk Tea at Joshua Ingles. At half-past 5 in the evening was a Public Meeting for Worship which was exceeding large many of Societies attending Phebe Blakes had a pretty long time therein first from Matt: C: 2. v: 2. Where is he that is born King of the Jews for we have seen his star in the east. Mary Proud had a very long time next from Matt C: 12: v: 41. The men of Nineveh shall rise up in the Judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it; because they repented at the preaching of Jonas; and behold a greater than Jonas is here. Christiana Hustler had a pretty long time next from Luke C: 16: v: 31 If they hear not Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be persuaded thro' one rose from the dead. The meeting held 2 hours and a half.

On 26<sup>th</sup>. and 5<sup>th</sup>. of week, at 9 in the morning was another meeting for Discipline, William Proud of Hull being chosen Clerk, a great deal of business was gone thro' and tho' in the course thereof, some controversy appeared which brought pain over some exercised minds and hurt the solemnity of the meeting, yet at length Truth prevailed and upon the whole I hope it was a profitable time to the letting some active members see and that tho' openings to service may be right, yet if supported in the will of the creature it will not tend to the honour and glory of the great Name nor to the advancement of the cause of Truth. The Meeting held upwards of 5 hours. This afternoon I drunk Tea at Joshua Ingles and sent a letter which I had wrote to John Pickford containing some weighty counsel and advice which had deeply impressed my mind to communicate to him since we parted. At half past 5 in the evening was the parting Meeting for Worship which was a very much crowded more of other Societies attending than the evening before, Thomas Colley had a very long and extraordinary time therein from Matt: C: 6. v: 33. Seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and his righteousness. The Meeting held 2 hours and a half. At the close of which the Ministers and Elders sat about an hour together when one of the friends appointed to oversee the Meetings reported they had attended thereto according to the best of their understanding and had nothing to remark to this Meeting. After which much weighty counsel and advice was dropt to us in these stations by sundry friends.

On 27<sup>th</sup>. and 6<sup>th</sup>. of week, betwixt 9 and 10 in the morning my beloved companion set out towards home and I went by Kirkstall.abbey to Stanningly were I got some Brandy and water at the George and Dragon paid 3d and then proceeded to Bradford were I stopt about 2 hours and Din'd at Edmond Pickovers then went by Little Houghton to Heaton.hill were I call'd and got some refreshment at my Cousin William Woods who accompanied me to Cousin Joshua Smiths of Plough roys, got there about 5 in the evening were I lodg'd; here I

met with my well beloved friend Henry Marsden who was my Apprentice and very acceptable companion the remaining part of this Journey

On 28<sup>th</sup>. and 7<sup>th</sup>. of week, After dinner we went to Stephen Fawcetts of Damhead were we stopt about an hour and then he and his Brother Robert accompanied us to Halifax from whence we went to Joshua Stansfield of Handgreen were we got about 5 in the evening, and lodg'd there.

On 29<sup>th</sup>. and 1<sup>st</sup>. of week, we set out betwixt 9 and 10 in the morning and went by Sowerbybridge to Ripponden were we stopt about half an hour and got some refreshment at the Golden.Lyon paid 6d and then went to the Meeting at Clayfield near Rushworth which began at 11 and held upwards of 3 hours; There were very few friends but a pretty many sober People of other Societies came in, and tho' it was a long low exercising time to me, yet the Lord in his own time was pleased to look down upon us, and favoured us with an open comfortable season together. I had a pretty long time therein first from Jer: C: 8. v: 22. Is there no balm in Giliad? Is there no physician there? Why then is not the health of the Daughter of my people recovered. Robert Fawcett had a few words next, and afterwards I had a pretty long time from Lam: C: 3. v. 27, 28, 29. It is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth. He sitteth alone and keepeth silent, because he hath borne it upon him, he putteth his mouth in the dust; if so be there may be hope. After meeting we went to cousins Sarah Dysons of Lower.Goathouse were we lodg'd.

On 30<sup>th</sup>. and 2<sup>nd</sup>. of week, we set at about 10 o Clock in the morning and came by Outlanes and Milnsbridge to Laneend were we stopt a little at Emanuel Brooks and Din'd at Robert Kays, tarried about 2 hours at both places, then came by Lockwood, Newsom and Farnley to William Bottomleys of Woodend were we drunk Tea and tarried near 3 hours, and then he set us on our way as far as Shepley and we and got home before 8 o Clock same evening.

#### An Account of my Journey to the Quarterly Meeting for Cheshire and Staffordshire held at Middlewich in Cheshire in the 3<sup>rd</sup>. Mo. 1794.

I set out from home ye. 8<sup>th</sup>. of ye. 3<sup>rd</sup>. Mo. 1794 and 7<sup>th</sup>. of the week betwixt 6 and 7 o Clock in the morning having my esteemed friend Thomas Earnshaw of Judfield for my companion this Journey. Henry Marsden mine Apprentice and beloved friend who had forsaken many near connections in life for the love of Truth and by the powerful prevalence thereof in his heart, had been enabled in a good degree to take up his cross and deny himself of those follies and vanities which too many of the beloved youth are indulging themselves in, and O saith my soul that he may be preserved as he advances in years from the snares and temptations of the unwearied enemy; and in faithful obedience to every divine manifestation, and then he who hath been his morning light will also be his evening song, accompanied us at with the Galloway as far as Thong and then return'd. We went by Newmill to William Earnshaws of Wooldale were we stopt better than half an hour and got some refreshment then went by Thong and Meltham to Marsden were we stopt better than an hour at the Hare and Hounds and Din'd paid 6d a piece eating and 6d Liquor then proceeded over the Reaps to Whitefield in Lancashire were we got about 4 o Clock in the afternoon and lodg'd at John Halls.

On 9<sup>th</sup>. and 1<sup>st</sup>. of the week we Breakfasted at Thomas Halls, and afterwards in company with John Hall went to their meeting near Oldham, which began at 11 and held near 3 hours, was mostly select of friends and much larger than formerly; it was a laborious time yet attended with some degree of satisfaction, I was twice concerned therein pretty largely in testimony the first time from Prov: C: 27. v: 22. Bray a fool in a mortar among wheat with the pestle, yet will not his foolishness depart from him, and the other time from Jam: C: 1. v: 23, 24. If any man be a hearer and not a doer of the word, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: For he that beholdeth himself and goeth his way, and straightway

forgetteth what manner of man he was. After meeting we Din'd at John Lees's and then went to Henry Kings of Oldham were we drunk Tea and from thence went with John Earnshaw and his Wife to their house at Glodwick.clough were we lodg'd. James Taylor a young man who was lately convinc'd and join'd with friends, came to spend the evening with us, whose company was very acceptable to us.

On 10<sup>th</sup>. and 2<sup>nd</sup>. of week, about 10 o Clock in the morning, we set out and went to Manchester 8 miles, were we stopt betwixt 3 and 4 hours at Joseph Colliers and Din'd here we met with John Stephen Mollet from Geneva a young man who is under convincement who appear'd very kind to us. Joseph Collier set us on our way about 2 miles, we got to Stockport in Cheshire 7 miles about 6 and the evening were we lodg'd at George Jones. In the evening we went and sat a little at Thomas Gibbons's.

On 11<sup>th</sup>. and 3<sup>rd</sup>. of week we set out for Middlewich betwixt 9 and 10 in the morning being favoured with the agreeable company of William Newby a valuable young man who was convinced of the Truth in Bedfordshire, and since settled in this Town were he join'd the Society; His company was both pleasing and profitable to us, he relating as we passed along a particular account of his convincement which was to a mutual edification, George Jones set us on our way about 4 miles and then return'd, we went by Cheadle to Thomas Cashs were we stopt about 1 hour and a half and Din'd then proceeded by Mobberley and Knutsford to Peever were we drunk Tea at the Crown Paid 8d a piece stopt about an hour and then went to Middlewich were we got betwixt 6 and 7 in the evening and took up our Quarters at the Kings Arms Paid 9d a piece Breakfasts 1s Dinners and Suppers.

On 12<sup>th</sup>. and 4<sup>th</sup>. of week, After Breakfast we went to see the Widow Elizabeth Turnifor a very kind friend and the only member of our Society in this Town we had a comfortable opportunity with her in which I had a short time in Testimony from Matt. C: 20. v: 20. Lo, I am with you alway unto the end of the world. At 11 o Clock began the Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders which held near 3 hours it was small but pretty satisfactory Hannah Shipley from Lancashire was there. The Queries were read and answered and a general answer drawn up approv'd and Sign'd to be laid before the Yearly Meeting. At 3 in the afternoon was a Meeting for Worship which was but small altho' some few of other Societies came in Thomas Cash had an acceptable time therein in testimony from Psalms 90. v: 1. Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations. At the close of this Meeting was the Meeting for Sufferings in which the account of friends Sufferings in these Counties was produced, also other collections from several Monthly Meetings in Cheshire for the relief of the poor were brot. up, and disbursements made. Both meetings held 2 hours and a half. After which we drunk Tea with many friends at Elizabeth Furnifors and after Tea had a precious opportunity together in which Thomas Cash was livingly concern'd in Testimony from Luke C: 23. v. 40, 41. Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation? and we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds: but this man hath done nothing amiss. From hence we return'd to our Inn were we had the company of many agreeable friends amongst others Edward Smith from Chester who had been a Captain in the Army, but being favoured with a religious concern of mind he threw in his commission and went amongst the Methodists and became a Class-leader and exhorter amongst them travelling much with John Westley; but being dissatisfied, after much searching he was convinced of the Truth, and in process of time, at his own request admitted a member of our society: he related to us this evening some remarkable passages of the Lords dealings with him and the manner of his convincement which was very entertaining.

On 13<sup>th</sup>. and 5<sup>th</sup>. of the week at 10 in the morning was another meeting for Worship which was larger than the former many more friends being come to Town. and open and satisfactory, Mary Gibbons had a pretty long time therein first from Job C: 1. v. 6, 7. When the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, Satan came also among them. and the Lord said unto Satan, whence comest thou? Then Satan answered the Lord, and said, From going to and fro in the earth and from walking up and down in it. Thomas Cash next from Num: C: 24. v: 5. How goodly are thy tents, O Jacob; and thy Tabernacles, O Israel. At

the close of this meeting was held the meeting for Discipline, The Queries were read and answered from the four Monthly Meetings in these Counties viz. Frandley Morley, Namptwich and Staffordshire many profitable remarks were made upon the deficiencies which appeared and a general Answer was drawn up approv'd and sign'd in order to be laid before the Yearly Meeting. Also a Testimony from Morley Monthly meeting on behalf of Frances Dodgson deceased was read and approv'd. and a good deal more business was gone thro' to satisfaction. Both meetings held upwards of 5 hours. Betwixt 4 and 5 o Clock this afternoon we left Middlewich and came by Holms-Chapel to Red-Lyon-brook 8 miles were we got a little before 7 o Clock and lodg'd there at the Red Lyon paid 6d a piece Tea and 4d Supper.

On 14<sup>th</sup>. and 6<sup>th</sup>. of week, we set out about 7 o Clock in the morning and came by Broken.cross to Macclesfield 9 miles were we stopt 5 hours breakfasted at William Reynolds's and Din'd at Joseph Brostors then came by Rainor and Disley to William Holmes of Low Leighton in Derbyshire 11 miles got there betwixt 6 and 7 in the evening were we lodg'd.

On 15<sup>th</sup>. and 7<sup>th</sup>. of week, about 10 o Clock in the morning our kind friend William Newby who had accompanied us hither, set out towards home and we came by Hayfield and Whitefield to Pyegreave were we call'd at John Shepherds an acquaintance of mine stopt about 1 hour and Din'd then came by Glossop to Woodhead in Cheshire were we got some refreshment at the Angel paid 3d and a half a piece stopt about half an hour and then came by Salterbrook in Yorkshire to Bordhill were we drunk Tea at the Pointer paid 6d a piece stopt 1 hour and then came together about three miles were my affectionate companion and me parted he for home and I came to my kind frds. George Chapmans of Penistone, got there about 8 in the evening were I lodg'd, here my respected friend John Pickford met me and accompanied me the remaining part of the Journey which was very acceptable, he being I humbly hope growing in the root of true religion.

On 16<sup>th</sup>. and 1<sup>st</sup>. of the week we was at their Meeting at Lumbroyd which was small but pretty open, I had a long time therein in testimony from Psalms 32. v: 9. Be ye not as a horse, or as the mule, which have no understanding; whose mouth must be held in with bit and bridle. after which I was concerned in Prayer The Meeting held 2 hours and a half. From thence we return to George Chapman's were we Din'd and drunk Tea; and betwixt 5 and 6 o Clock set out towards home, came by Ing-Birchworth to Newhouse were we got about 7 o Clock in the evening: just in time to our Family sitting were we had as usual the company of several friends; After those of our own family who were qualified to read, had read each of us a Testimony out of the collection of Publick friends deceased, and sat some time in silence, I was concern'd a pretty long time in testimony from Jam: C: 1. v: 12. Blessed is the man that endureth temptation; for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of Life; which the Lord hath promised to those that love him. and the opportunity was divinely overshadowed.

#### An Account of my Journey to Chesterfield Monthly Meeting in Derbyshire held at Breach in the 5<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1794

I set out from home ye. 13<sup>th</sup>. of ye. 5<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1794 and 3<sup>rd</sup>. day of the week, about 5 o Clock in the morning having my dear friend and Apprentice Henry Marsden for my companion this Journey, we went by Ing Birchworth to Penistone were we stopt upwards of an hour at George Chapmans and Breakfasted, then went by Thomas Earnshaws of Judfield (were we call'd and sat a little) to Midhopestones were we stopt better than half an hour at my companion Sisters and got some refreshment paid 4d and then went over the Moors and Mountains, stopt about half an hour at Strines, got a Quart of Ale, and then proceeded by Moss carr in Derbyshire, Bamford and Hathershedge to Grindlefordbridge were we stopt near an hour and a half and drunk Tea paid 8d a piece then went by Stoak.hall, Culver, Baslow and

Chatsworth (the magnificent Palace of the Duke of Devonshire which for its beautiful situation, the elegance of its Building, and the many curious waterworks, walks and gardens, far exceeds anything of the kind I had ever seen or I believe is to be seen, in this nation It being deservedly reckoned one of the seven wonders of the Peak) to Darley were we lodg'd at a very good Inn at the end of the bridge got there about 8 o Clock in the evening, having travelled about 40 miles this day, nearly half of the way being down a very beautiful valley upon the banks of the River Derwent. Paid 6d a piece Supper and Breakfast.

On 14<sup>th</sup>. and 4<sup>th</sup>. of week about 9 in the morning we set out for Pentrich 14 miles went by Matlock and so down a very narrow valley on the north side of which is a very high mountain and on the south surprizing high Rocks, having little more room in the bottom than for a good Turnpike road and the river Derwent which runs thro' it, down to the Bath near two miles, were we got a Tankard of Porter at the Miners-arms, paid 6d stopt upwards of an hour in viewing this most delightful place which is made so by nature and art, the amazing high Rocks adorn'd with a variety of trees, beautified with Arbours, seats and curious contriv'd walks by which they may ascend to the top thereof, the many neat Buildings and excellent accommodations for the company who resort here in great numbers to Bathe in such a curious situation by far exceeds anything and that can be related of it. we also went to see the many curious works of Petrefaction and purchased some of them to take home with us. From hence we proceeded down this narrow valley to Cromford and by the riverside about 2 miles further and then gradually arising for 2 or 3 miles by Holloway we came to Crich situated at the top of the hill were we stopt better than half an hour at the Wheat sheaf and got some refreshment paid 3d a piece, and then went to John Listers of Amberley were we stopt 2 hours and got some refreshment, after which he accompanied us to Pentrich to Samuel Suttons of Broad.oak were we drunk Tea and in the evening Samuel Sutton came with us back to Pentrich were we lodg'd at his Father Joseph Suttons.

On 15<sup>th</sup>. and 5<sup>th</sup>. of the week about half past 9 in the morning we set out Joseph Sutton accompanying us and went by Ripley to Breach 4 miles were the meeting began at 11 o Clock and tho' small in comparison to ours was I believe pretty well attended and larger than I expected, I had a pretty long time therein in Testimony from Isai: C: 6 v: 13. In it shall be a tenth, and it shall return, and shall be eaten; as a teil tree, and as an oak whose substance is in them, when they cast their leaves; so the holy seed shall be the substance thereof. At the close of this meeting was held a Monthly Meeting for Discipline in which the business of the meetings constituting this was gone through in much amity and concord viz. Breach, Chesterfield, Furnace and Monyash, at the conclusion of which I had a pretty long time in testimony. Both meetings held 2 hours and a half. After which we came with Dioclesian Newton, (who a few years ago had join'd our Society by convincement) his Wife and several other friends to Codnor were we stopt a little and got some refreshment at William Harrisons, and they came to Robert Farnsworths of Codnor-Park were we Din'd. After dinner they related to us that in the last 11 month about 1 o Clock in the morning 4 men disguised violently broke in at the house window, Robert hearing a noise got up when one of the villains met him in the parlour doorstead and with an Iron Crow knocked him down to wounds of which were not yet entirely healed: The family consisted of three Men and three Women who lodg'd in the house all of whom they ty'd with their hands upon their backs and the mens Legs together, withall threatening to take away their lives, they then broke open the desks and drawers and rifled the house of all the money, plate and Watches and some Linen, then went into the cellar and brought up several Bottles of wine and spirituous Liquors which they drunk in the house; threw a Loaf of Sugar upon the floor part of which they made use of and the rest trod under their feet, behaving during their stay in an exceeding rude manner which was upwards of 2 hours, they then went back out of the window leaving the family bound, but one of them getting loose released the others, being rejoiced to find one another alive which was more than they expected. In a short time the Men was taken and committed to Prison upon suspicion, I think two of them the very day following who were discovered in a providential manner; and all were try'd at the last Assizes at Derby, one of them turn'd evidence for the

King and so got acquitted another suffered Death, and the other two at the earnest solicitation of the friend after condemnation got repriev'd for transportation beyond the seas for life. They appear to me to be valuable friends, their head man whose name is Joseph Bent is under convincement, and under the tryal refused to take the Oath. I was pleased with being there, we stopt Tea and tarried until about 6 o Clock in the evening, and then came with Joseph Sutton to his house at Pentrich 2 miles were we lodg'd.

On 16<sup>th</sup>. and 6<sup>th</sup>. of week we set about betwixt 7 and 8 in the morning for Sheffield 24 miles, Joseph Sutton accompanying us about 5 miles and then return'd, we parted with tears so cementing is that Love which subsists amongst the Brethren who are as one family wherever scattered, we came by Swanwick, Alfreton, and Higham to Tupton were we got a Quarter of Ale at the Royal-oak paid 5d stopt about half an hour and then came to Chesterfield were we stopt betwixt 5 and 6 hours, Din'd at John Friths, and after dinner went to Jarad Colliers and William Brantinghams sat a little at each place and then return'd to John Friths were we drunk Tea. After which we came by it Wittington, Unstone, Dronfield, Cold-Aston and Norton to Sheffield. in Yorkshire were we got about 9 o Clock in the evening and lodg'd at my Brother Daniel Doncasters.

On 17<sup>th</sup>. and 7<sup>th</sup>. of week we set out betwixt 10 and 11 in the forenoon and came by Owlerton, Wadsley bridge and Grenaside to Wortley were we Din'd at the Inn paid 8d a piece eating and 4d Liquor stopt about 1 hour and a half. and then came to George Chapmans of Penistone were we stopt upwards of an hour and drunk Tea, then came to Ing. Birchworth were we got in time to the Shepherds Meeting which was established to prevent the Dogs from worrying Sheep, many of us having been great sufferers thereby before, but has found this to be a singular service; it had been held for many years at the Weather-wall upon Birdsedge.hill but the weather being sometimes cold and some other inconveniences attending It was ordered at the Meeting last year to be held at Joseph Barlows the Sine of the Angel in this place which was to general satisfaction. after the business of the meeting was gone thro' several of us got supper for which we paid 6d a piece and a Guinea being spent on Ale amongst those whom the shepherds chus'd to invite who had been useful in detecting or running suspicious Dogs, we came home in-company with my beloved friend and faithful servant William Taylor and some other neighbours were we got betwixt 11 and 12 in the evening, were I found all the family partakers of the Blessing of health, which with many of the mercies and favours, I am made to partake of from the most high fills my heart in the pening of these lines with gratitude to him who is worthy of praise both now and for evermore.

An Account of my Journey to the Quarterly Meeting for Cheshire and Staffordshire held at  
Leek in Staffordshire in the 6<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1794

I set out from home ye 10<sup>th</sup>. of ye 6<sup>th</sup>. mo: 1794 and 3<sup>rd</sup>. day of the week about 5 o Clock in the morning, having my respected friend John Bottomley for my companion this Journey, Henry Marsden set us on our way about a mile and then return'd, we went by Maythorn to Carlcoats were we stopt upwards of an hour and Breakfasted at William Earnshaws, then went by Salterbrook and Woodhead in Cheshire to Forest in Derbyshire were we got some refreshment at the Blue.Ball paid 4d and a half and then went by Glossop to Hayfield 8 miles were we got some refreshment at the Kings.Arms, stopt upwards of half an hour paid 3d a piece, and then went to Milton were we drunk Tea at the Cross.keys, stopt upwards of an hour paid 6d a piece, and then went by Chapel.in.le.frith to Fairfield to Buxton at 6 miles were we stopt sometime and drunk of the waters, which are about new milk warm the wells are of white Marble within a neat small building, were several Women attend all day to wait upon the company with water, There are a great many good Inns and other neat Buildings in this village and the people who resort here to Bathe and drink the Waters during the season are

very numerous, There has been lately erected near the wells, a range of buildings, which for beauty and magnificence, exceeds any other in this part of the kingdom; it is constructed in the form of a crescent, with a colonnade extending the whole length of the front, the space of the building is 257 feet the colonnade is 7 feet wide and 11 feet high were the company may walk in wet weather and keep dry. This crescent consists of four private lodging houses and two hotels and the Assembly room which forms part of the larger hotel; an elegant stone balustrade extends the whole length of the front, and the arms of the Cavendish family, neatly carved in stone, are fixed in the centre; the number of windows in this magnificent building are upwards of 300; After viewing this extraordinary building we went up higher in the village will were we call'd to see the works of petrefaction and purchased some; then leaving Buxton we went to Burbitch 1 mile were we stopt half an hour at the Red.Lyon and got some refreshment paid 4d a piece and then proceeded, the road from here to Leek is mostly over very high moors were we passed over axedge a very high hill supposed to be the highest by far of any in these parts and commands a very extensive prospect, in this mountain rises four springs which form four Rivers viz. the Wye, Dane, Dove and Goit. We got this evening to Flash in Staffordshire 4 miles were we took up our Quarters about 9 o Clock at the New Inn paid 6d a piece supper and 6d Breakfast.

On 11<sup>th</sup>. and 4<sup>th</sup>. of week we set out betwixt 8 and 9 in the morning for Leek 8 miles, got there in about 2 hours having just time to get shav'd and clean'd before the select meeting which began at 11 and held 3 hours, was larger than any I had been at before in these Counties and favoured with the company of William Cash from Warwickshire and Hannah Shipley from Lancashire the Queries were read and only answered regularly from Morley Monthly meeting the other Mo. Meetings not having held such a meeting this Quarter many remarks were made and much weighty counsel and advice communicated by divers friends. After meeting we Din'd at John Fowlers. At 4 in the afternoon was a Meeting for Worship which was pretty large, the house below stairs being well filled, several of other Societies attending. John Bottom had a pretty long time in testimony first from Matt. C: 18. v: 20. Where two or three are gathered together in my Name, there am I in the midst of them. Hannah Shipley next from John C: 7. v: 6. My time is not yet come: but your time is always ready. William Cash next from Matt. C: 7. v: 21. Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven, but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. At the close of this Meeting was held the Meeting for Sufferings, in which the monied matters were gone thro'. Both meetings held 3 hours; After which we took up our Quarters at the Golden.Lyon a very good house Paid 6d a piece Supper and 8d Breakfast.

On 12<sup>th</sup>. and 5<sup>th</sup>. of week at 10 in the morning was another meeting for Worship which was considerably larger than the former more friends being come to Town, and more of other Societies coming in so that a considerable number were obliged us to sit upstairs, It was thro' divine mercy an open favoured Meeting William Cash had a long time therein first from Phil: C: 1. v: 2. Grace be unto you and peace from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ. Hannah Shipley next from 1 Cor: C: 3. v: 11. Other foundation can no man lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Mary Gibbons next from Psalms 34. v: 8. O taste and see that the Lord is good. William Cash next in Prayer and Praises to the Almighty whose power had been eminently manifested amongst us this day to the strength and comfort of the poor in Spirit and to the reviving of the heart of the contrite ones. At the close of this Meeting was held one for discipline in which the Queries were read and answered from the three Mo. Meetings in these Counties viz. (Franley and Namptwich), Morley and Staffordshire. A junction having taken place since last quarter betwixt Franley and Namptwich Mo. Meetings, several profitable remarks were made in the course of answering the Queries. The Minutes of the Yearly Meeting and the Printed Epistle were read, and a great deal more business gone thro' to good satisfaction. Both Meetings held 4 hours and a half, after which I Din'd at John Fowlers, drunk Coffee in company with many valuable friends at Ann Strangmans, and towards evening came about 1 mile to Toft Chorleys of Haregate were we lodg'd, his Mother liv'd with him who was the daughter of that able Minister of the Gospel Joshua Toft who in

his life time resided at this place The Gardens, Arbours and plantations situated upon the edge of a moor are very beautiful, thro' which we took a walk before supper as also to view the fish.pond and Green.house.

On 13 and 6<sup>th</sup>. of week betwixt 10 and 11 in the forenoon we set out for Monyash 14 Miles came to Longnor were we stopt about 1 hour and a half at the White horse and Din'd paid 6d a piece eating and 3d Liquor then came by Crowdicote in Derbyshire to Monyash were we got betwixt 4 and 5 in the afternoon and drunk Tea at the Bulls.head paid 6d a piece, and then went to see the Widow Hannah Bowmans were we tarried betwixt 2 and 3 hours and supp'd, then return'd to the Inn were we lodg'd.

On 14<sup>th</sup>. and 7<sup>th</sup>. of week after Breakfast for which we paid 6d a piece, James Chadwick a man of this Town who had attended our Meetings for many years was so kind as to accompany us one mile and a half to Ebenezer Bowmans of Oneash a large Farm house pleasantly situated and very retired being at least one mile from any other house we spent the day very agreeably here being much pleased with the company of him and his Wife, he took a walk with us into his ground, having upwards of 800 Acres, which is nearly surrounded with very deep valleys, on each side of which is high and craggy Rocks which were peculiarly entertaining to us.

On 15<sup>th</sup>. and 1<sup>st</sup>. of the week we went in company with part of the family to their meeting at Monyash which began at 10 and held upwards of 2 hours was small but very open and comfortable I had a pretty long time therein first from 1 John C: 1. v. 2, and 3. The life was manifested and we have seen it, That which we have seen and heard, declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us. and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. John Bottomley had a few words next from Mark C: 1. v: 17. Come ye after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men. Afterwards I had a pretty long time again from Psalms 9. v: 17. The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God. Nearly opposite the Meetinghouse, is the house were that faithful servant and able Minister of Jesus Christ John Grattan in his day dwelt, who was an early and eminent instrument in the Lords hand in gathering many in these parts unto Christ the Bishop and Shepherd of souls. After meeting we Din'd at the Widow Hannah Bowmans, and a little past 2 o Clock, proceeded on our Journey, James Chadwick accompanying us several miles and then return'd we came by Taddington ( the Town were my Grandfather Joseph Walker was born) and Prestwell, croft Millars.dale which is an exceeding steep and narrow valley, through' which the river Wye runs , on each side of which is high and curious Rocks and so came into Tiddeswell were we drunk Tea at the Old.Bullshead paid 6d a piece stopt upwards of an hour and then came by Bradwell and Brough to William Marshals of Crabtree-meadows whose Wife had lived servant several years with us we got there about half past 7 in the evening, while we was kindly received and tarried all night having travelled 12 miles this afternoon

On 16<sup>th</sup>. and 2<sup>nd</sup>. of week we set out a little before 9 in the morning and came by Aston and Moss-car to Strines in Yorkshire were we stopt upwards of an hour and Din'd, paid 6d a piece eating and 3d Liquor, then came by Uden were we stopt and got some refreshment at a farm house, to Middopstones well we stopt upwards of half an hour got some Ale and Porter paid 2d and a half a piece, and then came to Thomas Earnshaws of Judfield were we tarried some time and then came to Penistone were we drunk Tea at George Chapmans, stopt 1 hour and a half and then came by Ing.Birchworth to Newhouse were we got about 8 o Clock in the evening.

#### An Account of my Journey to the General Meeting at Ackworth in 1794 .

I set out from home ye. 29<sup>th</sup>. of the 7<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1794 and 3<sup>rd</sup>. day of the week about 2 o Clock in the afternoon having for my companion John Pickford of Strines we went by Cumberworth to Anthony Kinsleys of Skelmanthorp were we stopt betwixt 2 and 3 hours and drunk Tea, then

proceeded by Emley, Bretton and Crigglestone to Dircar were we got betwixt 8 and 9 in the evening the afternoon having been very wet so that we was obliged to take shelter many times by the way, lodg'd at our kind friends Christopher Walkers were we found several friends on their way to the General Meeting.

On 30<sup>th</sup>. and 4<sup>th</sup>. of week, we set out in company with Isaac Wigham of Bradford and Elizabeth Roberts and Rachel Brook of Wooldale went by Milthorp, Walton, Crofton, Fowlby and Wragby to Ackworth moor top were we got a little refreshment at the Angel paid 2d piece and then went to the Meeting at Ackworth which began at 10 o Clock, there was a large collection of friends from many parts of the Nation, and many of other Societies attended particularly those of higher rank in Life so that the house was well filled and several could not get within doors A young Woman had a few words first therein in supplication, John Abbot from Huntingdonshire had a short time next in Testimony from Matt: C: 26. v: 41. Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation. Elizabeth Hoyland of Sheffield next from Jos: C: 8. v: 1. The Lord said unto Joshua, fear not, and neither be thou dismayed. William Crotch from Suffolk next a pretty long time being opened with several weighty exhortations to those who were principally concerned about the institution and then inform'd us that it appeared to him to be a time in which a fast was proclaimed and that the true Ministers of Christ would frequently be led to example the People into silence. Esther Tuke of York next from Isai: C: 58. v: 6. Is not this the fast that I have chosen? to lose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke. At the close of this Meeting those who were not members of our Society were desired to withdraw, and then the business relating to friends School at this place was entered upon the Men and Women remaining together during the time of this sitting there several Quarterly Meetings in Great Britain were called over and the Names of the representatives and Agents from the several Counties and places from which any attended were entered also such of the London Committee as were present. A minute was then made assigning the Women friends their proper part of the business and to make report in writing to the last sitting of this meeting when the Men and Women was to meet together again, several testimonies were borne and then the Meeting adjourn'd until 4 o Clock in the afternoon. Both meetings held about 3 hours, After which we came to the Angel and Din'd paid 10d a piece eating and 4d Liquor; Betwixt 3 and 4 o Clock my companion and me set out towards home as the other meetings which would continue by adjournment until the next day in the evening were only relating to the good order and management of the school. We came by Havercroft to Notton were we got about half past 5 in the evening and call'd at an Inn to get some refreshment when we were just about to set out again there came on such uncommon heavy rain attended with loud Thunder and large flashes of Lightning, which continued for many hours so that we were obliged to stop all night were we was very comfortably accommodated paid 4d a piece Supper and 6d Breakfast.

On 31<sup>st</sup>. and 5<sup>th</sup>. of the week, The morning being wet we did not set out until 9 o Clock, came by Woolley, Bretton and Emley to Anthony Kinsleys of Skelmanthorp were we tarried 5 hours and Din'd and drunk Tea then came by Cumberworth to Newhouse were we got about 6 o Clock in the evening.

An Account of my Journey to our Autumn Quarterly Meeting at York in the 9<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1794

I set out from home ye. 21<sup>st</sup>. of ye. 9<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1794 and 1<sup>st</sup>. of the week about 5 o Clock in the morning, went by Cumberworth to Anthony Kinsleys of Skelmanthorp, Henry Marsden accompanying me hither were we stopt 1 hour and a half and Breakfasted, then he returned and I preceded by Bretton to Crigglestone were I stopt about half an hour at George Earnshaws and got some refreshment, and then went with them by Milthorp and Sandal to their Meeting near Wakefield which was to me a comfortable opportunity, altho' I was much

stript in the forefront thereof; but when the Lord is pleased to arise then his enemies are scattered, and the true mourners comforted and enabled to rejoice in his presence towards the close thereof I had a pretty long time in testimony from Luke C: 17. v: 32. Remember Lots Wife. The Meeting held upwards of 2 hours after which I went by Agbride to Heath were I stopt better than an hour and Din'd at the Horse and Groom paid 6d eating and 5d Liquor then proceeded to Pontefract were I got betwixt 4 and 5 o Clock and lodged at John Leathams, after Tea I went and sat a little at Hannah Wighams and then return'd to my lodgings.

On 22<sup>nd</sup>. and 2<sup>nd</sup>. of week, After Breakfast I went and sat a little at Joseph Johnsons and about 11 o Clock set forward and went to Robert Thompsons of Ferrybridge were I spend about 3 hours very comfortably and Din'd, then proceeded and the rain coming on very heavy I stopt a considerable time to shelter at the New.Inn in Milford and got a Pint of Ale paid 2d and then proceeded to Sherborn were I got about 6 in the evening and lodg'd at Simeon Hunters.

On 23<sup>rd</sup>. and 3<sup>rd</sup>. of the week I set out betwixt 9 and 10 in the morning and went by Towton to Tadcaster were I got a Pint of Ale at the Traveller paid 2 d and then set out for York call'd by the way at the New.Inn and got a Pint of Ale paid 2d, got there betwixt 3 and 4 in the afternoon were I took up my Quarters as usual at Rebecca Awmacs in Walmgate At 5 in the evening was the Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders which was large and favoured with the company of two Strangers viz. Samuel Alexander from Suffolk and Ruth Fallows from Leicestershire. The Queries were read and Answers received from all the Meetings and Philip Maiden, Isaac Taylor junr, Edward West, Ann North, and Hannah Rountree were appointed to Oversee the succeeding meetings and advise as occasion may require, several Testimonies were borne to good satisfaction in this Meeting which held better than 2 hours and a half.

On 24<sup>th</sup>. and 4<sup>th</sup>. of the week This morning my mind was made secretly to rejoice in hearing a friend from Thirsk who lodg'd here relate that they had had a Publick friend at their house from Kelso in Scotland who inform'd them that there was a considerable convincement in divers parts of that Nation; and at the city of Glasgow friends Meetings were quite drop'd and the Meeting House sold, but now 5 or 6 families were convinced and met together in a dwelling house, She also inform'd them, that at some other place, there was a man who being under a religious concern of mind and faithful to divine illuminations he was favoured with was enabled to lay aside all outward forms and ceremonies in Religion and quietly to sit down in his own house to wait upon the Lord in silence a Neighbour of his who was a Justice of the Peace and had some knowledge of friends having some conversation with him one day told him that he was a Quaker, but he inform'd him he knew not the People nor their Principles; he then told him that he had lately been at Edinburgh and saw some of them there; accordingly the man went thither and sat with them in their Meeting with whom he found unity and from that time continued to attend their Meeting altho' he lived at the distance of 27 miles and being a poor Man he set out when his labour was over on seventh days and travelled all night stopt the meetings both fore and afternoon and then return'd this he continued some time until way opened for his removal to Edinburgh where he is at present settled I thought this instance of a lively zeal ought not to pass unnoticed clearly shewing that altho' those amongst us who are at ease in the traditions of their forefathers can plead excuse and stay at home but those who received the Truth in the Love of it and remain faithful to the manifestations thereof dare not neglect their duty in this nor other respects. Many faithful servants hath been of late years sent into Scotland and tho' for a time there appear'd but little fruits of their labours yet I hope it hath been as bread cast upon the waters the effects of which are now beginning to appear.

At 9 this morning was a meeting for Worship which tho' select of friends was very large Esther Tuke had a short time therein first from Isai: C: 33. v: 13. Hear, ye that are far of, what I have done; and ye that are near acknowledge my might. Christiana Hustler next from Hab: C: 2. v: 1. I will stand upon my watch, and set me upon the tower, and will watch to see what he will say unto me, and what I shall answer when I am reprov'd. Esther Brady next from Mark C: 13. v: 37. What I say unto you, I say unto all, Watch. Ruth Fallows a pretty long time

next from Rom: C: 12. v: 1. I beseech you therefore, Brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. Esther Tuke a long time next being first opened concerning the ark of the Lord being in the hand of the Philistines and its being brought from thence making many pertinent remarks therefrom to the present state of our Society and afterwards was largely opened from Eze: C: 17. v: 3, 4. Thus saith the Lord God; a great eagle with great wings, long winged, full of feathers, which had divers colours, came unto Lebanon, and took the highest branch of the cedar; he cropped off the top of his young twigs, and carried it into a land of traffick, he set it in a city of merchants. At the close of this meeting was held one for discipline. The six Queries directed to be answered this Quarter were read, and Answers thereto produced and read from all our Monthly meetings, some other business was gone thro' and then the meeting adjourn'd. Both these Meetings having held 4 hours. After dinner we went about half a mile out of the city to see the Retreat which is a kind of an Asylum the Society of building by subscription for those Persons who are members thereof that maybe disordered in their mind. It is very pleasantly situated on the highest ground about the city and commands a very extensive Prospect every way, and appears as tho' it would be a large Building when finished and convenient for the purpose, there is an allotment of land which also appears to be good, and I thought it an excellent charity for those amongst us who are favoured with easy or affluent circumstances to contribute towards the support thereof; in our return I call'd at Joseph Awmacs were I drunk Tea. At 5 in the evening was a Meeting for Discipline which held near 3 hours Richard Cocken of Warnsworth Meeting was chosen Clerk. The business was gone thro' and conducted to a good degree of satisfaction. The friends of Knaresborough Mo. meeting having wrote a few Lines to a former Quarterly Meeting expressing their apprehension of their own insufficiency to conduct the weighty affairs of a Monthly Meeting and also their inability to maintain their Poor a number of friends were appointed to pay them a visit who made their report to this Meeting in substance as follows viz. that they apprehended there was a number of solid members rightly qualified to conduct the affairs of a Monthly Meeting with propriety, but that they had a greater burden of Poor upon them than the other Monthly meetings in this County; Whereupon this Meeting agreed to send them out of its Stock the sum of 10 pounds for their present assistance.

On 25<sup>th</sup>. and 5<sup>th</sup>. of week at 10 in the morning was the parting meeting for Worship which was considerably larger than the former several People of other perswasions attending ruth Fallows had a long time therein first in testimony from Matt. C: 7. v: 7. Seek and ye shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you. Catharine Tricket had a short time next from John C: 10. v: 10. I am come that they may have Life, and that they may have it more abundantly. Samuel Alexander had a long time next from John C: 12. v: 26. Where I am there shall my servant also be. Esther Tuke next from Matt C: 13. v: 16. Blessed are your eyes; for they see. Samuel Alexander had a pretty long time next exhorting friends to be more diligent in the attendance of religious meetings whilst health and opportunity afforded lest the time come when we may be deprived of these Privileges and have to look back with sorrow at the opportunities we have neglected. Christiana Hustler next from Am: C: 6. v: 1. Wo to them that are at ease in Zion, and trust in the mountain of Samaria. Ruth Fallows was next concern'd in Prayer and Praises to the Almighty whose Presence and Power was eminently manifested amongst us this day in the authority whereof the careless and unconcerned were extorted to more diligence, the mourners comforted and the poor in Spirit encouraged to trust in him who remains unchangeably the same that ever he was. The meeting held better than 2 hours after which the Ministers and Elders sat a little together when one of the friends appointed to oversee the Meetings reported that they had discharged the trust according to the best of their understandings and had nothing to remark to this meeting. Betwixt 2 and 3 o Clock in the afternoon I left the City and came with William Fairbank junr. of Sheffield to Tadcaster were I stopt half an hour at the Traveller and drunk Tea paid 8d and then came by Towton to Sherborn got there betwixt 7 and 8 in the evening and lodg'd at Simeon Hunters.

On 26<sup>th</sup>. and 6<sup>th</sup>. of week I set out about 10 in the morning, Simeon Hunter junr. setting me on my way about 4 miles and then return'd came by Ledsham, Ledstone, Castleford and Normanton to Woodhouse were I stopt better than an hour at the Dog and Din'd paid 6d eating and 4d Liquor then came by Warmfield, Kirkthorp, Heath and Agbridge to Dircar were I got betwixt 4 and 5 in the afternoon and lodg'd at Christopher Walkers.

On 27<sup>th</sup>. and 7<sup>th</sup>. of week I set out about 10 in the forenoon and came to Painthorp were I call'd at William Pickards and Mary Cudworths sat a little at each place and took some refreshment at the latter, then came by Bretton to Anthony Kinsleys of Skelmanthorp, were I Din'd and drunk Tea tarried about 4 hours and then came by Cumberworth home were I got betwixt 7 and 8 in the evening.

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An Account of my Journey to Morley Monthly Meeting in Cheshire held at Stockport in the 10<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1794

Having for sometime had an inclination to visit Macclesfield Meeting in Cheshire and to take the Monthly Meeting at Stockport in my return, I set out from home ye. 25<sup>th</sup>. of ye. 10<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1794 and 7<sup>th</sup>. day of the week about 6 o Clock in the Morning, Henry Marsden accompanying me as far as Salterbrook with the Galloway and then return'd, we went by Maythorn to Carlcoats were we stopt upwards of an hour at William Earnshaws and Breakfasted then proceeded by Salterbrook to Woodhead in Cheshire were Thomas Earnshaw of Judfield and me had appointed to meet who was my companion this Journey we stopt at the Angel better than half an hour and got some refreshment paid 3d a piece eating and 2d and a half Liquor then went by Tinsil to Mottram were we Din'd at the Bulls.head paid 6d a piece eating and 4d Liquor stopt upwards of an hour and then went by Gee-cross to Offerton near Stockport were we got betwixt 5 and 6 in the evening and lodg'd at Richard Yarwoods

On 26<sup>th</sup>. and 1<sup>st</sup>. of week we set about betwixt 6 and 7 in the morning dear Richard Yarwood accompanying us to Macclesfield and back, he had when young been much addicted to vain and foolish pleasures, and unprofitable company; but marrying when he was about 18 Years of age he was soon after favoured with a religious turn of mind and he join'd the Methodists but not finding the satisfaction he expected in about one years time left them and going to Friends Meeting at Stockport he was convinc'd of the Truth altho' it was held in silence and as soon after received strength publickly to profess the same having suffered much for his Testimony against Tythes, and hath sometime ago been called into the work of the Ministry, his company was very acceptable to us. We went by Bullock-smithies to Poynton and Hollingwood-smithies were we stopt a little at the Unicorn paid 3d a piece and then proceeded to Macclesfield were we got about 10 o Clock, stopt at William Paxtons and drunk Tea, and then went to the Meeting which began at 11 there was a pretty considerable number of friends it being increas'd of late years having formerly been very small; and tho' this day it was laborious yet upon the whole satisfactory, I had two pretty long times therein in testimony the first from Matt: C: 6. v: 22. The light of the body is the eye; if therefore thine

eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light. and afterwards from Zeph: C: 3. v: 12. I will also leave in the midst of thee an afflicted and poor People, and they shall trust in the name of the Lord. At the close of this meeting the business of their Preparative meeting was gone thro'. Both Meetings held 3 hours. After which we Din'd at William Paxtons who was the Son of our worthy friend Frances Dodgson by a former husband, and had been disown'd for his libertine conduct and marrying by a Priest he had been very much addicted to excess in drinking but being favoured with a powerful visitation and coming to the Prophet which is in Israel had experienced a victory not only over this but many other evils and sometime ago was reunited with friends his Wife having been convinc'd and join'd the society before him They appear'd to be valuable friends and we felt very easy and comfortable in their house; this afternoon we drunk Tea at William Reynolds were several friends of the Town came to see us amongst others Samuel Brickhill who told us he had been 10 years join'd with the Methodists but being dissatisfied left them and join'd Friends a few years ago. After Tea we had a precious opportunity together being eminently overshadowed by the presence and power of God to the tendering of our hearts Richard Yarwood had a pretty long time therein in testimony first from Psalms 89. v. 15, 16, 17. Blessed is the people that know the joyful sound; they shall walk O Lord, in the light of thy countenance. In thy name shall they rejoice all the day; and in thy righteousness shall they be exalted. For thou art the glory of their strength; and in thy favour our horn shall be exalted. I next from Psalms 40, v: 17. I am poor and needy; yet the Lord thinketh upon me. William Reynolds next from Isai C: 22. v: 22. He shall open, and none shall shut; and he shall shut, and none shall open. I next from Luke C: 9. v: 62. No man having put his hand to the plough, and looking back is fit for the Kingdom of God. From hence my companion and me went to Joseph Brostors were we lodg'd, and Richard Yarwood return'd with William Paxton and his Wife to their house.

On 27<sup>th</sup>. and 2<sup>nd</sup>. of week, After Breakfast we return'd to William Paxtons were we spent the forenoon very agreeably, he shewed us an account of his Mothers Life and convincement in Manuscript, the many tryals and exercises she pass'd thro' and her happy conclusion was encouraging to me and I believe would be a service to be printed which he inform'd me was under the consideration of the Meeting for Sufferings. Betwixt 2 and 3 o Clock in the afternoon we left Macclesfield, our kind friend William Paxton accompanying us out of the Town came to Hollingwood-smithies were we stopt a little at the Unicorn and got some Brandy and Water paid 3d a piece and then came by Poynton to Bullock-smithies to our companion's house at Offerton, were we got about 6 in the evening and lodg'd there.

On 28<sup>th</sup>. and 3<sup>rd</sup>. of week, After Breakfast, Richard Yarwood went and spent the day with us amongst frds. in Stockport, were we Din'd at George Jones's and drunk Tea in company with several friends at my Cousin John Chapmans, a young Man whose name is Joseph Delashido from Ireland but now resident in this Town was there and is under convincement. We return'd to George Jones's to supper were we lodg'd.

On 29<sup>th</sup>. and 4<sup>th</sup>. of week, was at Morley Mo. meeting held in this Town which began at 11 o Clock and was pretty large, and tho' held in silence was in some degree owned by the Master of our Assemblies, At the close of the Meeting for Worship the discipline was entered upon and appear'd to be pretty well conducted. Both meetings held 3 hours. After which we Din'd at Caleb Birchalls, and drunk Tea and supp'd and John Colliers, and from thence return'd to George Jones's to lodge were we had a short term but solemn opportunity in which I had a few words in testimony from 2 Tim: C: 2. v: 19. The foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, the Lord knoweth them that are his.

On 30<sup>th</sup>. and 5<sup>th</sup>. of week in the morning William Wotton Newby accompanied us to Richard Yarwoods were we Breakfasted and betwixt 10 and 11 o Clock we set out again he and Richard Yarwood setting us on our way 3 miles and then they return'd, we went by Marplebridge and Mellor in Derbyshire to William Holmes of Low-Leighton were we got about 2 o Clock and spent the remainder of the day very agreeably there, he and his Wife being valuable friends.

On 31<sup>st</sup>. and 6<sup>th</sup>. of week we intended reaching home this day but it being very rainy, at the earnest solicitation of the friends here we stopt with them another night.

On 1<sup>st</sup>. of 11<sup>th</sup>. of Mo. and 7<sup>th</sup>. of week we set out a little past 8 o Clock in the morning and came by Hayfield and Glossop to Woodhead in Cheshire were we Din'd at the Angel paid 6d a piece eating and 7 d Liquor a that stopt near 2 hours and then came by Salterbrooke in Yorkshire, were I parted with my companion, and came to Carlcoats, stopt there about an hour at William Earnshaws and drunk Tea, then came by Maythorn home were I got betwixt 6 and 7 in the evening.

An Account of my Journey to our Winter Quarterly Meeting held at Leeds in the 12<sup>th</sup>. Mo.  
1794

I set out from home ye. 22<sup>nd</sup>. of ye 12<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1794 and 2<sup>nd</sup>. day of a week about 9 o Clock in the morning and went by Cumberworth to Woodhouse were I call'd at William Dyson to see his daughter Judith who had been a long time in a declining state of health and was now reduced very low, seemingly near her end, she appeared loving and glad of my visit. I tarried about an hour here and at Martha Tealls and then went to Skelmanthorp where I met with Martha Haigh of Highflatts who accompanied me to Leeds we tarried betwixt 2 and 3 hours at Anthony Kinsleys and Din'd then proceeded by Bretton and Crigglestone to Dircar were we got about 4 o Clock in the afternoon and lodg'd at Christopher Walkers here my worthy friend George Chapman of Penistone met me by appointment who was my companion this Journey.

On 23<sup>rd</sup>. and 3<sup>rd</sup>. of week we set out about 10 o Clock in the morning and went by Wakefield to Lingwoodgate were we Din'd at the Stag paid 6d a piece eating and 4d Liquor stopt near 2 hours and then proceeded by Thorp and Hunslet to Leeds were we got betwixt 3 of 4 o Clock in the afternoon and took up our Quarters at the Bell and Bull in Briggate Paid 8d a piece Breakfasts and 9d Dinners and Suppers. This afternoon we drunk Tea at Joshua Ingles. At 5 in the evening was the Quarterly Meeting for Ministers and Elders which held 2 hours, It was not large no Strangers being present except Sarah Wilson a young Minister from Westmorland The Queries were read and the 2<sup>nd</sup>. and 4<sup>th</sup>. Answered from all the Monthly Meetings some few Testimonies were borne and some remarks made upon the deficiencies that appeared and Robert Tricket, John Hipsley Thomas Priestman, Elizabeth Fletcher and Mary Cross were appointed to oversee the succeeding meetings and advise as occasion may require.

On 24<sup>th</sup>. and 4<sup>th</sup>. of week at 9 in the morning was a Meeting for Worship which tho' select of friends was pretty large. Mary Proud had a long time therein first in testimony from Matt: C: 7. v: 7. Seek and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. Henry Tuke a pretty long time next from Eze: C: 33. v: 32. Lo, thou art unto them as a very lovely song of one that hath a pleasant voice, and can play well on an instrument: for they hear thy words, but do them not. Christiana Hustler next from 1 Chron: C: 16. v: 11. Seek the Lord and his strength. At the close of this Meeting was held one for Discipline, The Queries were read and Answers received and read from all the Monthly Meetings, some other business was gone thro' and then the Meeting adjourned until next day at 10 in the morning. At 5 in the evening was a Publick Meeting for Worship which was large several of other Societies attending Sarah Wilson and Martha Dickinson had each a short time therein in Testimony first Esther Brady a pretty long time next from Rev: C: 2. v: 27. He that hath an ear, and let him hear what the spirit saith unto the Churches. Christiana Hustler a short time next and afterwards Joseph Brown from Luke C: 19. v: 5. Zacchaeus make haste, and come down; for to day I must abide at thy house. The Meeting held upwards of 3 hours.

On 25<sup>th</sup>. and 5<sup>th</sup>. of week, at 10 in the morning was another Meeting for Discipline which held near 4 hours. Joseph Birkbeck of Settle Meeting being chosen Clerk a great deal of business was gone thro' in much Brotherly love and condescension, amongst other things a

Proposition which was mentioned at our last Quarterly Meeting came closely under the consideration of this, of maintaining the Poor in this County by the Quarterly Meeting instead of the Monthly Meetings which was referr'd to a Committee to report to our next. This afternoon I drunk Tea at Joshua Ingles. At half past 5 in the evening was the Parting Meeting for Worship which was very large many of other Societies coming in but would I apprehend have been much larger but for the great fall of snow which happened this afternoon. Phoebe Blakes was first concern'd therein in supplication, Henry Tuke next in testimony a pretty long time from 2. Tim: C: 2: v: 20. In a great house there are not only Vessels of gold, and of silver, but also of wood and of earth, and some to honour, and some to dishonour. Gervas Storrs stood a long time next which hurt the Meeting much, friends having formerly laboured much with him if possible to convince him of his mistake but in vain; a friend this evening went softly to him and desired him to sit down but he refused until he had done; After which Mary Proud had a short time from 1 Cor: C: 14. v: 9. In the church I had rather speak five words with my understanding that by my voice I might teach others also, than ten thousand words in an unknown tongue. The meeting held 2 hours; after which the Ministers and Elders sat better than half an hour together when one of the friends appointed to Oversee the Meetings reported, that they had attended to her the appointment, and made some remarks which the Meeting desired might be attended to.

On 26<sup>th</sup>. and 6<sup>th</sup>. of week This morning I parted with my former fellow travellers they returning directly home and Robert Grist from Bristol a sober young man who had been apprenticed and now lived servant with Thomas Earnshaw of Judfield being going to spend a few days at Gildersome. School were he received his education; I set out with him betwixt 7 and 8 o Clock and came by Beeston to Gildersome were we got to John Ellis's about 9 o Clock Breakfasted and Din'd here spending the forenoon very comfortably in company with the family, Thomas Hopkins of Street and William Midgley of Rochdale in Lancashire who was convinc'd and lately joined our Society. About half past one I set out in company with the beforementioned friends and came to Thomas Hopkins house 1 mile were I stopt about half an hour and got some refreshment, and then proceeded by Woodkirk, Chickhill and Gawthorp to Ossett were I got about 4 o Clock and lodg'd at David Pickards, here my beloved friend and Apprentice Henry Marsden met me and accompanied me home.

On 27<sup>th</sup>. and 7<sup>th</sup>. of week about 2 o Clock in the afternoon we left David Pickards, Elizabeth Jackson who lived under the same roof and who had attended friends Meetings many years requesting us to call at her house we stopt a little there, her husband being from home, she gave each of us a Glass of Rum; and then we came by Netherton, Midgley and Emley to my Cousin Benjamin Steads of Siver. Ing were we got about 5 in the evening and lodg'd there.

On 28<sup>th</sup>. and 1<sup>st</sup>. of week we set out about 10 o Clock in the morning in company with my Cousin Benjamin Stead and came by Cumberworth to our Meeting at Highflatts at 11 and held about 2 hours and a half It was large tho' not quite so full as usual owing I apprehended to the inclemency of the weather, but was in a good degree favoured; I had a pretty long time therein first from Judg: C: 13. v: 22, 23. We shall surely die, because we have seen God. But his Wife said unto him, if the Lord was pleased to kill us, he would not have received a burnt offering and a meat offering at our hands; neither would he have shewed us all these things, nor would, as at this time have told us such things as these. Leah Kinsley had a short time next from Heb: C: 2. v: 10. To make the captain of their salvation perfect thro' suffering. I had afterwards a pretty long time from Prov: C: 5. v: 12, 13. How have I hated instruction, and my heart despised reproof? and have not obeyed the voice of my teachers nor inclined mine ear to them that instructed me. From hence we came home were we got about 2 o Clock in the afternoon.

An Account of my Journey to Lancashire Quarterly Meeting held at Manchester and the Northern Yearly Meeting held at Stockport in Cheshire year in 1795

I set out from home ye 18<sup>th</sup>. of ye. 4<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1795 and 7<sup>th</sup>. day of the week, betwixt 5 and 6 o Clock in the morning having John Bottomley for my companion this Journey, we went by Newmill to Wooldale, were we stopt about an hour and Breakfasted at Thomas Roberts's, then set forward in company with Henry Swire (a young man who was convinced in Lancashire and since removed to Wooldale) and Elizabeth Roberts and Rachel Brook went by Thong and Meltham to Marsden were we stopt about 3 hours at the Red.Lyon and Din'd paid 9d a piece eating and 4d Liquor here we met by appointment with Zephaniah Smith, Thomas Cooper, James Lees and his sister Hannah all of Brighouse Meeting who went with us to within the compass of Oldham Meeting, were we dispers'd ourselves to several friends houses to lodge; call'd in our way at the New:Inn at Delpth in Saddleworth were we got some Brandy and Water, paid 3d a piece, stopt better than half an hour and then proceeded to Oldham in Lancashire were we got about 5 in the evening and took up our quarters at Henry Kings.

On 19<sup>th</sup>. and 1<sup>st</sup>. of week we set out about 6 o Clock in the morning in company with Henry Swire, James Lees and his Sister, Benjamin King of Todmorden, James Taylor and John Whitaker and his Wife of Oldham went by Failsworth to Manchester were we got about 8 o Clock and took up our Quarters at the Ship in Salford were we paid 1s a piece for dinner and 1s Supper. The Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders was held the evening before, and at 9 this morning was a Meeting for Worship to which we went after getting a little refreshment, It was large of friends and a pretty many of other Societies attended so that the Meetinghouse was very much crowded; We had also the company of several Public friends besides those of their own County as James Graham and Joseph Saul from Cumberland, Joseph Brown from Yorkshire John Bottom from Staffordshire. In this meeting James Graham had a long time in Testimony first setting forth the grievous and dangerous mistake many People were fallen into from 1 Tim C: 6 v: 5. Supposing that gain is Godliness from such withdraw thyself. Afterward William Jepson had a long time from 1 Tim: C: 6. v. 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12. Godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this World, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. and having food and raiment, let us be therewith content. But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition. For the love of money is the root of all evil; which while some coverted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. But thou, O man of God; flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, and meekness. Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal Life, wherein thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses. The Meeting held 3 hours. At 3 in the afternoon was another Meeting for Worship which was larger than the former more of other Societies attending so that several stood without doors who could not get in; Joseph Saul had a long time therein first from Mark C: 8. v: 2, 3. I have compassion on the multitude, because they have now been with me three days, and have nothing to eat; and if I send them away fasting to their own houses, they will faint by the way; for divers of them came from far. William Jepson had a very long time next from 2 Pet: C: 1. v: 1, 2. Simon Peter, a servant and an Apostle of Jesus Christ, to them that have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ. Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord. Afterwards James Graham was concern'd in Prayer. The Meeting held 2 hours and half. after which we drunk Tea at Joseph Colliers who would gladly have had us fetch our things from the Inn and lodge with him, but having spoke for a Bed we prevail'd on him to let us return on condition that we would leave and come to his house in the morning.

On 20<sup>th</sup>. and 2<sup>nd</sup>. of week we went to Joseph Colliers to Breakfast which we made our home during the remainder of our stay in Manchester. At 9 this morning was a Meeting for discipline; in which James Graham was concerned in testimony before the business was

entered upon. The 1st. 12 Queries were then read, and Answers thereto from the 5 Monthly Meetings in this County viz: Lancaster, Swarthmore, Preston, Hardshaw and Marsden, by which it appeared there were some convincement in several of them, and 4 persons had been accepted into membership since last year in Marsden Mo. Meeting; A general Answer was drawn up approv'd and Sign'd in order to be laid before the Yearly Meeting in London; many weighty Testimonies were borne in the course of this meeting which held 3 hours and a half. At 2 in the afternoon was a another Meeting for discipline which held about 2 hours, in which the business of this quarter was concluded to good satisfaction: Betwixt 5 and 6 o Clock in evening we left Manchester in company with John Blutwick and his Wife of Warrington two worthy Elders and our ancient friend and able Minister of the Gospel James Graham who had walkt near 140 miles from his habitation in Cumberland we had a very agreeable walk with them to Stockport in Cheshire were we got betwixt 7 and 8 o Clock and lodg'd at my dear and well beloved friends Richard Yarwood in Church.gate who had lately removed hither from the Country; here we met with Thomas Earnshaw of Judfield and John Pickford from our Meeting and Joseph Donbavand of Ackworth had come directly hither and also lodg'd here, were we was all affectionately received and kindly entertained.

On 21<sup>st</sup>. and 3<sup>rd</sup>. of week at 9 in the Morning was a Meeting of Ministers and Elders which was held in friends Meetinghouse and was but small altho' considerably enlarg'd by friends from the different Counties which constitute the Northern Yearly Meeting we had also the company of two Strangers viz. Thomas Colley and Joseph Brown from Yorkshire James Graham was first concerned therein in supplication, The Queries were then read and answered from (Franley and Namptwich) and Morley Mo. Meetings; in Staffordshire Mo. Meeting no Select meeting had been lately held, several Testimonies were borne and much weighty counsel and advice dropt both by Ministers and Elders, a General Answer was drawn up approv'd and Sign'd in order to be laid before the Meeting of Ministers and Elders in London. The Meeting held 3 hours. At 3 in the afternoon was the Quarterly meeting for Cheshire and Staffordshire; The Men met in the Booth and the Women in friends Meetinghouse. It was large many friends from other Counties being there; and held 4 hours. The 1st. 12, Queries were read and answered from the 3 Mo. meetings in these Counties viz. (Franley and Namptwich) Morley and Staffordshire in the course of which many weighty remarks were made as several living Testimonies borne, some convincement appear'd in Morley and Staffordshire Mo. meetings and one person in each meeting were accepted into membership since last year A general Answer was drawn up approv'd and Sign'd in order to be transmitted to the Yearly Meeting in London.

On 22<sup>nd</sup>. and 4<sup>th</sup>. of the week was a Public Meeting for Worship which was held in a large Booth built of boards on purpose for the occasion 31 yards long and 26 wide the erecting of which cost £80 The meeting began at 9 in the morning and held 3 hours and a half a great concourse of People of other Societies attended so that the Booth was well filled. William Jepson had a long time therein in testimony first, he explained our motives in holding these meetings that we had no sinister end in view; and then set forth a belief in the Scriptures of Truth, and the doctrines contained therein, Conception Birth Life Sufferings Death and Resurrection of Jesus.Christ; also the necessity of all experiencing his coming the second time in us without sin unto salvation. John Thorp had a pretty long time next from Isai: C: 55. v: 3. Hear, and thy soul shall live. Thomas Colley had a very long time next from Mic: C: 4. v: 1. But in the last days it shall come to pass, that the mountain of the Lords house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and People shall flow unto it. Afterwards James Graham was concerned in Prayer and Praises to the Almighty helper of his People. At 3 in the afternoon was another Publick Meeting which held upwards of 3 hours. The concourse of People was so great that the Booth was exceedingly crowded and a vast many stood without on every side as far as they could hear, the windows being taken out, and many hundreds went away that could not get near. Thomas Colley had a long time therein in testimony first from Isai: C: 55. v. 1, 2, 3. Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money, come ye buy and eat; yea, come and buy

wine and milk without money and without price. Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread; and your labour for that which satisfieth not? hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness. Incline your ear, and come unto me; here, and your soul shall live, and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David. James Graham next from Rom: C: 6. v: 14. Sin shall not have dominion over you, for ye are not under the law, but under grace. William Jepson next from Mark C: 1. v: 15. The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent ye, and believe the Gospel. Joseph Saul next from Isai: C: 41. v: 1. Keep silence before me, O Islands; and let the People renew their strength? After which William Jepson had a commendatory speech to the People, acknowledging their good behaviour, withall exhorting them are like the noble Bereans to examine the Scriptures and see for themselves if the Truths which had been delivered amongst them were not consistent therewith, and not barely depend upon this search, but come unto him of whom they testify who alone is able to open the understanding rightly to comprehend the Truths contain'd therein.

On 23<sup>rd</sup>. and 5<sup>th</sup>. of week at 9 in the morning was the Meeting of Conference which was select of friends the Men and Women sitting together as usual. William Jepson had a long time therein in testimony first, from Isai: C: 51. v. 1, 2. Look unto the rock when ye are hewn, and to the hole of the pit whence ye are digged. Look unto Abraham your Father, and unto Sarah that bare you; for I called him mine, and blessed him, and increased him. James Graham next from Deut: C: 32. v. 1, 2. Ascribe ye greatness unto our God. He is the rock; his work is perfect. Joseph Saul next from 1 Pet: C: 4. v: 18. If the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear. A general account of the state of the Society in Quarterly Meetings which constitute this Meeting viz. (Cumberland and Northumberland) Westmorland Lancashire (Cheshire and Staffordshire) was next call'd for, and given by a Representative from each Meeting, after which several Testimonies were borne and much weighty counsel and advice dropt by sundry friends; and near the close of the Meeting which held 4 hours Charles Parker a lively Elder had an extraordinary time from 2 Sam: C: 6. v: 18, 19. As soon as David had made an end of offering burnt offerings and peace offerings, he blessed the People in the name of the Lord of hosts, and he dealt among all the People, even among the whole multitude of Israel, as well to be women as men, to every one a cake of bread, a good piece of flesh, and a flagon of wine, so all the People departed every one to his house. Our esteemed friend and Minister Mary Gibbons Wife of Thomas Gibbons of this Town having departed this life on first day evening or early on second day morning was to be buried this afternoon on which account a Meeting was appointed to begin at 4 o Clock and several Strangers tarried in Town on that account. After the internment the Meetinghouse not being large enough to contain the People we proceeded from the Grave.yard to the Booth where the Meeting was held, I think there were about 600 people friends and others which appear'd but very few in that large Building. It was a low time, perhaps the great expectations of the People raised by the former favoured Meetings might in some measure contribute thereunto; John Bottom appear'd first and stood pretty long, Robert Fawcett next a short time and afterwards James Howarth had a short but very acceptable time and the Meeting concluded under a good degree of awful solemnity having held about 2 hours. After which I drunk Tea at Cousin John Chapmans and afterwards called at John Colliers and Caleb Birchalls sat a little at each place and then return'd to my Quarters.

On 24<sup>th</sup>. and 6<sup>th</sup>. of week at the earnest request of several of our acquaintances we spent the day very agreeably amongst them in Stockport. Din'd and drunk Tea at George Jones's, and in the evening had a comfortable opportunity with several friends at Richard Yarwoods in which myself and John Bottomley had each a short time in Testimony.

On 25<sup>th</sup>. and 7<sup>th</sup>. of week betwixt 8 and 9 in the morning we left Stockport in company with Thomas Earnshaw and John Pickford, came by Gee-cross to Mottram were we stopt near an hour at the Bulls.head and got 2 Quart of Ale paid 2d and a half a piece, and then came by Tinsel to Woodhead were we stopt better than an hour and a half at the Angel and Din'd paid 8d a piece eating and 3d Liquor, then came to Salterbrook were we parted with Thomas

Earnshaws and came to William Earnshaw of Carlcoats were we drunk Tea stopt near an hour and a half and then came by Maythorn home were we got betwixt 8 and 9 in the evening.

An Account of my Journey to our Autumn Quarterly Meeting held at York in the 9<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1795.

I set out from home ye. 20<sup>th</sup>. of ye. 9<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1795 and 1<sup>st</sup>. of week 5<sup>th</sup>. in company with Henry Marsden who inclined to attend the Meeting at Wakefield and then returned home. We went by Cumberworth to Anthony Kinsleys of Skelmanthorp, were we stopt better than an hour and Breakfasted, then proceeded by Bretton to Crigglesstone, were we got some refreshment at my Aunt Pollards; call'd and stopt a little at my Uncle Joseph Houghs, and then my Aunt accompanied us by Sandal to the Meeting near Wakefield which began at 11 and held about 2 hours and a half; It was pretty open and comfortable several of other societies being there. I had two pretty long times therein in testimony the first from Matt C: 23. v. 23. These ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone. And afterwards from Matt C: 7. v: 21. Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the Kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Here I met with Thomas Earnshaw of Judfield who was my companion this Journey. From hence we went to Agbrige were we Din'd at the Horse and Groom paid 6d a piece eating and 4d and a half Liquor then proceeded by Heath, Warmfield and Snidall to Pontefract were we got about 5 o Clock in the evening and lodg'd at John Leathams.

On 21<sup>st</sup>. and 2<sup>nd</sup>. of week in the forenoon went and sat a little at Joseph Johnsons and Hannah Wighams, and then return'd to John Leathams were we Din'd, and betwixt 2 and 3 o Clock in the afternoon set out again stopt better than 2 hours at Robert Thompsons of Ferrybridge and drunk Tea then proceeded by Milford to Sherburn were we got betwixt 7 and 8 o Clock in the evening and lodg'd at the Widow Rebecca Hunters, her husband being deceased since I was there last year.

On 22<sup>nd</sup>. and 3<sup>rd</sup>. of week we set out betwixt 9 and 10 in the morning and went by Towton to Tadcaster were we stopt 1 hour at the Golden.Lyon and Din'd paid 8d a piece eating and 3d Liquor, then proceeded to York were we got betwixt 3 and 4 in the afternoon, were my companion took up his Quarters at the Sun and I at John Robinsons in Walmgate who had married my Landlady Rebecca Awmack: I was glad to see him so comfortably settled, being a friend for whom I had a particular value from my first acquaintance with him. He resided at Dirtcar at the time of his convincement, had been a Class leader amongst the Methodists and when he came among Friends, suffered a great deal of cruel treatment from his former Wife; but she in time saw her error and was buried in friends Burial.ground leaving him five children; in the early part of his time by unsuitable connections he fell short of paying his just debts, and agreed with his creditors to accept of a dividend, and tho' he was then legally discharged from any further demands from them, yet after he received the Truth he saw the necessity there was for him if ever it was in his power to pay the whole, which during the time he was a Widower he was favoured to accomplished to his own satisfaction and the honour of the cause of Truth; several of his creditors when he went to pay them having quite forgot that he owed them anything. At 5 this evening began the Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders which held about 2 hours and a half. We were favoured thereat with the company of several strangers as John Moxon from Wiltshire, William Alexander and Mary Alexander from Suffolk and Tabitha Middleton from Northamptonshire. The Queries were read and Answers thereto from all our Monthly Meetings, and Philip Maiden, Timothy Maud, Mary Storrs and Grace West were appointed to Oversee the succeeding meetings and advise as occasion may require.

On 23<sup>rd</sup>. and 4<sup>th</sup>. of week at 9 in the morning was a Meeting for Worship which was very large altho' select of friends. Sarah Priestman was first concerned in in supplication, Ann

Tuke next a long time in Testimony from Mark C: 10. v: 17 Good Master, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life? Thomas Colley next from Mark C: 8 v: 2 and 3. I have compassion on the multitude, because they have now been with me three days, and have nothing to eat, and if I send them away fasting to their own houses, they will faint by the way; for divers of them came from far. Ann Tuke next in Prayer and afterwards Christiana Hustler had a short time in testimony. At the close of this meeting was one for Discipline in which the Queries were read and Answers thereto from 7 of our Monthly Meetings; and divers remarks made thereon. Both Meetings held 4 hours and a half, after which the Representatives from all the Mo. Meetings sat a little together to consider of two proper Persons to act as Clerks for the ensuing Year when it was agreed to propose Henry Tuke of York and George Eddison of Leeds who were accepted by the Meeting. Our friends Joseph Brown, John Stansfield, Henry Wormald, John Wormald, James Walton, William Hartley and John Wilkinson all of Lothersdale Meeting, and Henry King who was not a member but attended friends Meetings; having been about 19 weeks prisoners in the Castle for refusing to pay Tythes after dinner I went to see them; and found them in a pretty good state of health, cheerful, and comfortably accommodated, they kept up religious meetings on 1<sup>st</sup>. and 5<sup>th</sup>. days and by order of the grand Jury who visited them at the time of the Assizes had a large room allowed them for that purpose and to walk in; they also charged the Goaler to be kind to them. At 4 in the afternoon was another Meeting for Discipline which held 3 hours. John Moxon had a short time in Testimony, the answers to the Queries from the other 4 Mo. Meetings were then read and much weighty advice delivered, a good deal more business was also gone through.

On 24<sup>th</sup>. and 5<sup>th</sup>. of week at 9 in the morning was a another Meeting for discipline which held upwards of 4 hours and a half. A great deal of business was gone thro' in much Brotherly love and condescension amongst other things it was agreed that our Quarterly Meeting which is held once in the year at Leeds should be held there in the Spring instead of the Winter Quarter. After dinner I went again to see the friends who are prisoners in the Castle and at their request stopt and drunk Tea with them which afforded me an opportunity of some private conversation to satisfaction. At 5 in the evening was the parting Meeting for Worship which was very large and crowded many of other Societies attending, Sarah Priestman had a short time therein in testimony first Mary Tate next, Mary Alexander next for a pretty long time from Acts C: 10. v: 15. What God hath cleansed, that call not thou common. Elizabeth Tuke next from Acts C: 8. v: 36, 37. Here is water, what doth hinder me to be baptised? and Phillip said, if thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayst. John Moxon a short time next Christiana Hustler next and afterwards John Moxon and Esther Brady in Prayer. The Meeting held near 3 hours. At the close of which the Ministers and Elders sat better than half an hour together when one of the friends appointed to oversee the meetings reported they had attended to the appointment and had nothing to remark here.

On 25<sup>th</sup>. and 6<sup>th</sup>. of week, we left the city betwixt 5 and 6 o Clock in the morning and came to Tadcaster were we stopt at them better than an hour and Breakfasted at the Golden Lyon paid 8d a piece, and then came to Aberford were we stopt half an hour at the Fox and Hounds and got 6 pennyworth of Rum and milk, then came to Garforth were we Din'd at the Old George paid 8d a piece eating and 3d Liquor stopt 1 hour and then came by Swillington to Fleet-mills were we had to call with a letter John Robinson sent with us for his master, stopt near an hour and got a court of Porter, paid 3d a piece; and had some conversation with John Dyson one of his servant who is under convincement, he had formerly been a very vain profligate fellow and a great Fighter, but now there is a good degree of that innocency in his countenance which truly characterizes the followers of humble Jesus. From hence we came by Alton and Standley to Wakefield, were we stopt better than an hour and drunk Tea at Thomas Booths then came to Dircar were we got betwixt 8 and 9 in the evening and lodg'd at Christopher Walkers

On 26<sup>th</sup>. and 7<sup>th</sup>. of week, we spent the forenoon with our kind hospitable friends here, and about 2 o Clock in the afternoon came to Painthorp were we stopt betwixt 2 and 3 hours sat a little at Mary Cudworths and drunk Tea at William Pickards, were my beloved

companion and me parted. I came by Bretton to Skelmanthorp, were I stopt about half an hour at Anthony Kinsleys, and then came by Cumberworth home were I got about 9 o Clock in the evening.

An Account of my Journey to the Quarterly Meeting for Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire held at Mansfield in Nottinghamshire in the 12<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1795

I set out from home ye. 25<sup>th</sup>. of ye. 12<sup>th</sup>. Mo. 1795 and 6<sup>th</sup>. day of the week betwixt 6 and 7 o clock in the morning having John Bottomley for my companion this Journey, we went by Ing. Birchworth to Penistone were we stopt about 1 hour and a half and Breakfasted, then proceeded by Wortley to Grennaside were we stopt about half an hour at the Bird.in.hand and got 2 Pints of Ale paid 2d a piece and then went by Wadsley Bridge and Owlerton to Sheffield were we got about 2 o Clock, Din'd and drunk Tea there spending the afternoon very agreeably, several friends coming in to sit with us; after Tea went to John Williamsons and Gervas Bradys, sat a little at each place and then returned to my Brothers were we lodg'd.

On 26<sup>th</sup>. and 7<sup>th</sup>. of week after breakfast we went and sat a little at John Taylor's and about 9 o Clock left Sheffield, John Taylor accompanying us about 5 miles and then returned, we went by Mosborough in Derbyshire, Eckington and Renneshaw to Barlborough were we stopt better than an hour and Din'd at the Old.horns paid 6d a piece eating and 4d Liquor, then went by Clown and Stonyhoughen to Plesley were we stopt about half an hour at the White. Swan and got 2 Pints of Ale paid 2d a piece and then proceeded to Mansfield in Nottinghamshire were we got betwixt 5 and 6 in the evening and took up our Quarters at our kind friend George Ellis's.

On 27<sup>th</sup>. and 1<sup>st</sup>. of week was at their Meeting which began at 10 and held 2 hours and altho' it was but small, yet considerably larger than when I was there before several friends having lately removed and settled in the Town. It was but a low time and held in silence. At 2 in the afternoon began the Quarterly Meeting for Worship which was large the house being well filled and many in the Lofts considerable numbers of people of other Societies attending. There was no Publick friend belonging thereto here; except James Wood of Nottingham a young man who was convinced a few years ago and lately appeared in the Ministry, but several Strangers as Thomas Cash from Cheshire and Catharine Tricket and Ann Fairbank from Yorkshire. James Wood had a pretty long time therein first in testimony from Eph: C: 4. v. 29, 30. Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace to the hearers. and grieve not the Holy.spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption. Thomas Cash had a long time next from Isai C: 26. v. 3, 4. Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on thee; because he trusteth in thee. Trust ye in the Lord for ever: for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strengths. he was next concerned in Prayer, and afterwards had a short and weighty exhortation. The Meeting held 2 hours and a half. At 6 in the evening was the Select Meeting held at Richard Leavers which was very small, Thomas Cash was concerned therein in Testimony. The Queries were then read and Answers to the 2<sup>nd</sup>. and 4<sup>th</sup>. from all their Mo. Meetings except Mansfield who gave account that they had not held a meeting of this kind this Quarter. This meeting held upwards of an hour.

On 28<sup>th</sup>. and 2<sup>nd</sup>. of week at 9 in the morning was a meeting for Worship which was a pretty select of friends and the house nearly full. Catharine Tricket appeared first therein and stood pretty long from Jer: C: 10. v: 23 It is not in man that walketh to direct his steps. Ann Fairbank had a short time next from Matt C: 10. v 28. Fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul; but rather fear him which is able to destroy both body and soul in hell. John Bottomley next from Psalms 118. v. 8, 9. It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man. It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in princes. Thomas Cash had a long time next from John C: 21. v. 6. Cast the net on the right side of the ship. At

close of this Meeting was the meeting for discipline. The Queries were read and Answers thereto from all their Monthly Meetings viz. Chesterfield, Mansfield and Nottingham. Also a Testimony on behalf of that able Minister John Storer deceased from Nottingham Mo. Meeting, a great deal more business was gone thro' which was conducted in much harmony and concord, and several Testimonies were borne in the course thereof; towards the conclusion the two Women friends who were Strangers came in, when after a solemn pause they had each of them a lively Testimony to bear amongst us. Both meetings held upwards of 4 hours. After which we din'd and drunk Tea at Richard Leavers, and after dinner went to see the friends in the Hospital. One Elizabeth Heath a Woman of this Town who was convinced of the Truth but not joined in membership with friends Built 12 Almshouses 6 of which she left for 6 poor aged persons of the Town of Mansfield and 6 to the Society of the People called Quakers for 6 poor aged Persons members of the Society to reside in, to each of which there is a Garden and an allowance of 14s a Month also coals found and a gown or a coat every year, on the backside of those belonging to our society is a piece of ground to bury friends in who died there, in the middle of which she is laid, and a stone over her with the account of the charity cut thereon. She also left a number of friends in trust for the whole.

On 29<sup>th</sup>. and 3<sup>rd</sup>. of week. After dinner we had a comfortable opportunity with the family in which John Bottomley and myself were concerned in Testimony. Having been pressingly invited by Samuel Hall of Sutton a young man belonging to this meeting who was convinced a few years ago, to lodge a night with him, we set out betwixt 2 and 3 o Clock in the afternoon George Ellis and Richard Leaver accompanying us thither, and after Tea they return'd to Mansfield 3 miles, Samuel Hall boards and takes a room of his Brother to work in, who is a Farmer. Their Father Mother and Sister living with them who all behaved very kindly to us altho' none of them attend meetings except this young man. In the evening he gave us an agreeable account of his conviction. Being educated amongst the Independents he was preserved when very young from that gross wickedness most Children run into but being bound Apprentice to a Shoemaker in Nottingham he took very great liberties in folly and vanity so as to exceed many others and when he was about 18 years of age he run away from his Master and went to London where for sometime he continued his vain and wicked course of life spending all the money he got so as not to leave himself clothes to be decent, until one day being set alone in his room he was favoured with a very powerful and awakening visitation, his state and condition was clearly opened before him and from that time he set his heart to seek the Lord, forsaking his former vain companions, and diligently attending the National Worship, and occasionally the meetings of the Independents but remained dissatisfied, until reading the Life of John Richardson which accidentally fell into his hands, he was thereby drawn to the attendance of our religious Meetings where he was clearly convinced of the Truth, and received it in the love of it: but before he saw his way clear to apply for admission into membership he found it his duty to come down to Nottingham and makes satisfaction to the executor of his Master who was deceased, for the time he ought to have served him. Soon after he was joined with friends he came and settled here, were I hope and believe he will be of service if favoured to experience preservation.

On 30<sup>th</sup>. and 4<sup>th</sup>. of week a little past 7 o Clock in the morning we set out for the week.day Meeting at Furnace 7 miles, Samuel Hall kindly accompanying us thither, and after meeting returned home we went by Hucknall and Blackwell in Derbyshire got to furnace just in time to the meeting which began at 10 and held near 2 hours and a half It was but small altho' most of their members were there have but through divine favour was a pretty open strengthening season I was first concerned therein a long time in Testimony from Eccle: C: 9. v: 10. Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom in the grave; whither source thou goest. John Bottomley had a pretty long time next from Mark C: 9. v: 47. If thine eye offend thee pluck it out; it is better for thee to enter into the Kingdom of God with one eye, than having two eyes to be cast into hellfire. After which I had a few words more. After meeting we went with Jonathon Johnson of Wessington to his house 2 miles were we Din'd and after dinner went 1 mile to

Dioclesian Newtons of Brackenfield were we lodg'd. Joseph Bent a young man who is under convincement, and now live servant with Jonathon Johnson came to spend the evening with us, of whose company I was very glad, I had seen him once before at Robert Farnsworth says were he then lived when I was at Breach Monthly Meeting last year and tho' I had not much of his company, nor changed many words with him at that time; I have often since remembered him with much nearness of affection; and thought before I left home I should be glad to see him in this Journey but he did not expect it. He is the only son of a Farmer who lives at Crich a village in this County remote from the residence of any friends and being religiously inclined when young, he was favoured to see the emptiness of the various different professors of Religion, and the many outward forms and ceremonies, practised by them, and therefore separated himself from them all, and on the First.days of the week sat alone in silence, upon a Moor at some distance from the Town, were he was oftens divinely overshadowed, and favoured with many precious openings. After some time being desirous to leave his Fathers house he hired to Robert Farnsworths beforementioned where he came acquainted with our Principles and found them consistent with what the Lord had manifested to him. He then became a diligent attender of our religious Meetings, and I earnestly desire he may and hope he will be preserved and grow in the life of righteousness. After Supper we had a favourable opportunity in which I was concerned in Prayer and praises to the Almighty for all his mercies. When Joseph Bent returned home I set him a little on his way; at apart in we felt it such a solemnity as I hope will not easily be forgot, he was tendered and dissolved in a flood of tears.

On 31<sup>st</sup>. and 5<sup>th</sup>. of week betwixt 8 and 9 o Clock in the morning we set out for Oneash 18 miles, Dioclesian Newton seting us on our way about 1 mile and then returned we went by Matlock to Darley were we stopt about half an hour at the bridge and got 2 Pints of Ale paid 2d and a half a piece, and then went to Rousley were we stopt better than an hour and Din'd at the Red.Lyon paid 8d a piece eating and 2d and a half Liquor, then proceeded by Haddonhall an ancient seat of the Dukes of Rutland pleasantly situated on the banks of the Wye, then leaving Bakewell a little on a right hand we went by Overhaddon to Ebenezar Bowmans of Oneash got there betwixt 3 and 4 o Clock in the afternoon were we lodg'd.

On 1<sup>st</sup>. and 1<sup>st</sup>. Mo. 1796 and 6<sup>th</sup>. of week we set about betwixt 8 and 9 in the morning for Macclesfield 18 miles call'd and sat a little at James Chadwicks of Monyash and then proceeded over very high moors and mountains stopt about half an hour at an house called Park the Sine of the Hare and Hounds were we got some refreshment paid 4d a piece and then proceeded to a house called Newriver.head in Cheshire were we stopt better than an hour and din'd paid 11d a piece eating and 3d Liquor then proceeded to Macclesfield were we got about 4 o Clock in the afternoon and lodg'd at our very kind friends William Paxtons.

On 2<sup>nd</sup>. and 7<sup>th</sup>. of the week, we spent the day very comfortably with them resting both in Body and mind, and closed in the evening with a solemn opportunity in which I was concerned in testimony.

On 3<sup>rd</sup>. and 1<sup>st</sup>. of the week was at their forenoon Meeting which began at 11 and held about 2 hours; It was a low time that favoured towards the close thereof, John Bottomley had a short time therein in testimony first I had a pretty long time next from 1 Cor: C: 4. v: 4. I know nothing by myself; yet am not I hereby justified; but he that judges me is the Lord. After which John Bottomley was concerned in Prayer. At 3 o Clock was the afternoon meeting which held near 2 hours It was smaller than the former some families living in the country at a considerable distance, but eminently favoured, I had a very long time therein in testimony from Zech: C: 9. v: 9. Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem, behold, thy King cometh unto thee; he is just and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a call the fole of an ass.

After Meeting we drunk Tea at Joseph Brostors and supp'd at William Reynolds's after supper several friends coming in we had an opportunity together in which I was first concerned in testimony from Rev: C: 2. v: 17. To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no

man knoweth saving him that recieveth it. Afterwards John Bottomley had a short time from Psalms 119 v: 1. Blessed are the undefiled and the way, who walk in the law of the Lord. From hence we return'd to our lodgings.

On 4<sup>th</sup>. and 2<sup>nd</sup>. of week, After Breakfast we went to Samuel Stonehewers were we had a favoured opportunity in a renewed visitation of divine love being powerfully extending to him and his Wife. John Bottomley had a short time therein first after which I appeared several times. After getting a little refreshment with them we left Macclesfield about 11 o Clock, Joshua Stonehewer a friend of Leek was here on a visit to his Son and William Paxton accompanying us about 2 miles and then return'd: we came by Hollingwood.smithies were we stopt about half an hour at the Unicorn and got 2 pints of Ale paid 2d and a half a piece and then came by Poynton to Bullocks.smithies to Stockport were we got a little past 3 in the afternoon, drunk Tea at my Cousin John Chapmans and then went to George Jones's were we lodg'd.

On 5<sup>th</sup>. and 3<sup>rd</sup>. of week, we left Stockport about 8 o Clock in the morning William Wotton Newby set us on our way about 2 miles and then return'd and Robert Shepherd accompanied us to Manchester in Lancashire, being going thither to market. From Manchester to Rochdale is 12 miles, when we had got a few miles on the road we stopt half an hour at a publick house and got 2 Pints of Ale paid 2d and a half a piece and then came to Middleton were we din'd at the Kings Arms paid 10d a piece eating 3d Liquor, stopt about an hour and then proceeded to Rochdale were we got to William Midgley is betwixt 3 and 4 in the afternoon, and lodg'd there. He and his wife were both convinced of the Truth and not long ago accepted into membership. They are steady valuable friends whose conduct adorn their profession, and I hope and believe they will be of service in this large and populous Town even as lights to the inhabitants thereof testifying by the purity of their lives and conversations this efficiency of the divine principle we profess as it is believed in and obeyed to redeem from all iniquity.

On 6<sup>th</sup>. and 4<sup>th</sup>. of week. This day we proposed going to James Taylors but our kind friends here being desirous for us to stay another night with them, sent their Son and a horse for him early in the morning, and he got here before dinner; so that we spent the day very comfortably together and in the evening had a religious opportunity in which I was concerned in testimony.

On 7<sup>th</sup>. and 5<sup>th</sup>. of week. we set out betwixt 9 and 10 in the morning for their Week.day meeting near Oldham 5 miles James Taylor and Elizabeth Chapman their servant accompanying us and he and his Wife going on horseback we went by Crompton and got to John Lees's just in time to get a little refreshment before meeting which began at 11 and held 2 hours and a half.

There was a considerable number of friends and many sober People of other societies attended. It was an open favoured time the Truths of the Gospel being largely declared amongst them, I believe to general satisfaction John Bottomley had a pretty long time therein first from Rev: C: 18. v: 4. Come out of her, my People, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues. I had a very long time next from 1 John C: 1. v: 3. That which we have seen and heard, declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ. John Bottomley next in Prayer and afterwards I had a pretty long time in testimony from Lev: C: 2. v: 13. With all thine offerings thou shalt offer salt. After meeting we din'd at Thomas Halls of Salmonfield and after dinner went and sat a little at James Taylors and then he went with us to Henry Kings of Oldham were we drunk Tea and after Tea he and David Walton went and spent the evening with us at John Earnshaws of Glodwick.clough were we lodg'd.

On 8<sup>th</sup>. and 6<sup>th</sup>. of week about 9 in the morning we set out and came up by Glodwick and Austerlands in Yorkshire to Delpth in Saddleworth John Earnshaw accompanying us hither were we stopt near an hour at the New-Inn and got some refreshment he defraying the whole expence. From hence we came by Marsden to Meltham were we stopt about half an hour at the Shoulder of Mutton and got 2 pints of Ale paid 2d a piece and then came by Thong

to Wooldale were we drunk Tea at William Earnshaws who inform'd us of the death of my Aunt Mary Stead who departed this life ye. 5<sup>th</sup>. and was buried at the the 7<sup>th</sup>. of this month at Highflatts aged about 77 years she left home the last week in good health with an intent to come to my house and tarry until our return, went by Toppett to see her son Joseph Stead when she was taken ill and in a few days removed by death. How uncertain is our time, How necessary it is for us to be always ready for our final change. We tarried here and at Henry Swires near 3 hours, and then the evening been dark Henry took a lanthorn and set us on our way about 3 miles. He was educated amongst the Sandimonians his Parents being zealous professors frequently going 20 miles to their Meetings, but he being convinced of the Truth of our religious principles was lately accepted into membership with us we got home about 8 in the evening.

An Account of my Journey to our Spring Quarterley Meeting held at Leeds in ye. 3<sup>rd</sup>. Mo.  
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I set out from home ye. 29<sup>th</sup>. of ye. 3<sup>rd</sup>. Mo. 1796 and ye. 3<sup>rd</sup>. day of the week about 6 o Clock in the morning went to Paddock were I stopt at my Cousin Joseph Walkers near an hour and took a Glass of wine, then set forward in the company with John Brooke a sober young man who lives servant here and whose company was very agreeable to me. We went by Shelley, Roydhouse, Flockton and Grange hall to Denby were we stopt better than half an hour at my Cousin Samuel Steads and got some refreshment, then proceeded by Thornhill, Dewsbury, Chickhill and Woodkirk to Morley were we stopt about an hour at the old Malt.shovel and din'd paid 10d a piece eating and Liquor, then went by Churwell and Beeston to Leeds were we got betwixt 2 and 3 o Clock in the afternoon, I took up my quarters at the Bell and Bull in Briggate, paid 8d Breakfasts, 10d Dinners and 6d Suppers, but my companion was previously engaged to go to another house; This afternoon I drunk Tea at Joshua Ingles. At 5 in the evening began the Quarterly Meeting for Ministers and Elders were we was favoured with the company of several Strangers as William Alexander from Suffolk, Joshua Wheeler and Elizabeth his Wife from Hertfordshire Sarah Harrison from Pennsylvania in America and Martha Howarth from Lancashire. the Queries were read and answered from all our Mo. Meetings, and a General Answer drawn up approv'd and Sign'd in order to be laid before the Select Yearly Meeting, and the following friends were appointed to oversee the succeeding Meetings and advise as occasion may require and report to the adjournment of this Meeting at the close of the Quarterly Meeting viz. Thomas Priestman, William Fairbank Philip Maiden, Mary Maiden and Ann North. The meeting held 3 hours and a half.

On 30<sup>th</sup>. and 4<sup>th</sup>. of week at 10 in the morning was a meeting for Worship which was very large altho' mostly select of friends Catherine Tricket had a short time therein first in testimony. Joshua Wheeler next in Prayer. Christiana Hustler had two short times next in testimony and afterwards Sarah Harrison and Elizabeth Priestman had each of them a short time The general tendency of their labour was tenderly to admonished those who were rich in this world not to be high minded but fear not to trust in uncertain riches but in the living God, that so there may be no need to say, Go to now, ye rich men, weep and howl? for your miseries that shall come upon you. Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are moth eaten. Your gold and silver is cankered; and the rust of them shall be a witness against you, and all were warned rightly to prize the day of their visitation lest it should pass over their heads and the things belonging to their peace be for ever hid from their eyes. At the close of this meeting was held one for Discipline. The 1<sup>st</sup>. 5 Queries were read and answered from all our Mo. meetings and a general Answer prepared therefrom. By the answers to the 2<sup>nd</sup>. Query it appeared that one or more had been accepted into membership since last year in four of our Mo. meetings viz. York, Balby, Pontefract and Pickering both meetings held 4 hours. At 5 in the evening was another Meeting for discipline the remaining Queries and answers were bred

by which it appeared that 7 friends of Lothersdale meeting had been committed prisoners to the Castle of York since last year for their conscientious refusal to support an hireling Ministry. A General Answer was prepared therefrom and some other business gone thro' and then the meeting adjourn'd having held 3 hours.

On 31<sup>st</sup>. and 5<sup>th</sup>. of week at 9 in the morning was a another meeting for discipline in which a great deal of business was gone thro' to good satisfaction being conducted in much harmony and concord. The General answer to the Queries were read approv'd and Signed in order to be laid before our ensuing Yearly Meeting It was also now agreed to put the plan into practice for maintaining the poor by the Quarterly Meeting instead of the Monthly Meetings. It was also agreed that the several Mo. meetings should make an appointment of two friends to meet together preceding our next Quarterly Meeting to consider of an arrangement of the Mo. meetings in this County so as to make them more convenient for friends attendance. The meeting held 4 hours and a half. This and the preceding afternoon I drunk Tea at Joshua Ingles. At 5 in the evening was the parting Meeting for Worship which was very large many of other Societies attending Catherine Tricket had a short time therein first in Testimony from Isai: C: 45. v: 22. Look unto me and be saved: all the ends of the earth; for I am God; and there is none else. Sarah Birkbeck pretty long time next from Gal: C: 6. v. 7, 8. Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. for he that soweth to his flesh, shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the spirit, shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. Sarah Harrison next from Psalms 51. v. 12, 13. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation, and uphold me with thy free spirit. Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee. Mary Mason had a long time next setting forth our belief in the Scriptures, and the necessity there was for us to be baptised into the same spirit in order that we might be favoured with a right understanding of the mysteries contained therein; she was then largely opened from the Parables of the Prodigal Son, and of the Ten virgins. Christiana Hustler had afterwards a short time from Matt: C: 13. v: 25. While men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares. The meeting held 2 hours and a half after which I got a little refreshment at an Inn with several friends, and then set out in company with Samuel Gandy of Todmorden meeting and several friends of Gildersom as William Gelder, Mary Ellis junr. Mary Stansfield and Susannah Grist and several scholars from School; came by Beeston to John Ellis's of Gildersom.School, got there about 10 o Clock in the evening, being very dark were I lodg'd.

On 1<sup>st</sup>. of 4<sup>th</sup>. Mo. and 6<sup>th</sup>. of week at the pressing invitation of John Ellis and his wife I concluded to spend a day with them, were I was very agreeably entertained in the afternoon John Ellis and me took a walk to Joseph Horsfalls were we drunk Tea and then return'd.

On 2<sup>nd</sup>. and 7<sup>th</sup>. of week, I Breakfasted at Joseph Horsfalls and betwixt 9 and 10 o Clock set out towards home Joseph Horsfall setting me on my way 4 or 5 miles and then return'd, I came by Batley, Dewsbury, Thornhill and Briestfield to Denby were I stopt near 2 hours and Din'd then came by Grange.hall and Flockton to Anthony Kinsleys of Skelmanthorp were I stopt about 1 hour and a half and drunk Tea. Here I heard that our esteemed friend and Minister Martha Teall of Shelley.Woodhouse departed this life after a long and tedious illness which she bore with much patience on 4<sup>th</sup>. day evening the 30<sup>th</sup>. of ye 3<sup>rd</sup>. Mo. 1796 and was to be interred in our Burying ground at Highflatts tomorrow being ye. 3<sup>rd</sup>. of ye. 4<sup>th</sup>. Mo. aged about 44 years. She was convinced of Truth when young, and lived in this Town, soon after she was accepted into membership she came forth in the work of the ministry and her appearance therein was acceptable to friends; she married our friend Michael Teall of Otley by whom she had two children they lived together in much affection for a few years and then he was removed from her by Death sometime after she believed it to be her duty to return to within the compass of this Meeting, and came and settled in part of her Brother William Dysons house at Woodhouse were she continued a diligent attender of our religious Meetings whilst able her countenance therein being awful and instructive, and at times her mouth was livingly opened amongst us to our comfort and edification. From hence I went to William Dysons of Woodhouse were I stopt about half an hour and then proceeded to

John Firth of Shepley.Lanehead to see my much esteemed friend Jane Burrow formerly of Otley but now of Kendal who had been here several weeks on a visit to her children, I tarried here about 2 hours and then came home were I got about 10 o clock in the evening

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