

THE
LARGE AND SMALL
NOTEBOOKS
OF
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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. (The 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
- Volume 2 - Large Notebooks 19 - 37
- Volume 3 - Small Notebooks 1 - 25
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- Volume 5 - Small Notebooks 48 - 63 (Notebook 56 is missing)

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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I set out from home ye. 3rd. of ye. 5th. Mo. 1796 and 3rd. day of the week betwixt 5 and 6 o Clock in the morning, Henry Marsden formerly mine Apprentice is now my servant accompanying me with the Galloway to near Woodhead and then return'd; We went by Maythorn to Carlcoats were we stopt upwards of an hour and got Tea at William Earnshaws then proceeded to Salterbrook were we stopt at the door and got each of us a Glass of Rum, the morning being wet and very cold for the time of the year paid 8d and from thence went to Woodhead in Cheshire, were I stopt at the Angel near 2 hours in expectation of meeting with Thomas Earnshaw of Judfield who proposed to accompany me this Journey but he not coming after getting some refreshment for which I paid 9d I proceeded alone by Tinsel to Mottram were I stopt near an hour at the Bulls.head and got some refreshment paid 4d and a half and then went by Gee cross to Stockport were I got about 5 o Clock and took up my Quarters at Richard Yarwoods having travelled this day about 27 miles After Tea I went and sat a little at my Cousin John Chapmans, George Jones's and William Wotton Newby's and then returned to Richard Yarwoods to lodge.

On 4th. and 4th. of week I set out for Macclesfield 12 miles about 7 o Clock in the morning went by Bullock.smythies to Poynton were I stopt a little at the Horse and Groom and got a Pint of Porter paid 3d and then proceeded by Hollinwood.smithies to Macclesfield were I got about half past 10 in the forenoon, stopt at Samuel Stonehewers and got Tea, and then went with them to their Week.day meeting which began at 11 and held near 2 hours. It was very small but satisfactory, and I had a pretty long time therein in Testimony from Matt C: 18. v: 7. It must needs be that offences come; but woe to that man by whom the offence cometh. After meeting I went with William Paxton and his Wife to their house to dine were I tarried all night. In the afternoon William Paxton and his Wife proposed accompanying me to

Samuel Stonehewers to Tea but she was disappointed, we had an acceptable visit there having a religious opportunity after Tea in which I was a pretty long time concerned in testimony 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.

On 5th. and 5th. of week I set out betwixt 6 and 7 o Clock in the morning Samuel Stonehewer kindly accompanying me to Leek 12 miles and returned in the evening, we stopt and rested a little at the Red.Lyon at Boseley and got each of us a Glass of Brandy paid 4d a piece and then proceeded by Rushton in Staffordshire to Leek were we got a little past 10 in the forenoon, rested and got Tea at Joshua Stonehewers and then went to the Monthly Meeting which began at 11. It was not large and upon the whole an exercising laborious time yet strength was afforded to discharge what I apprehended to be required so as to be favoured with the answer of peace. John Bottom had a short time in Testimony first I had a pretty long time next from Psalms 53. v: 6. When God bringeth back the captivity of his People, Jacob shall rejoice, and Israel shall be glad. and afterwards had a short time from Hos: C: 7. v: 8, 9. Ephraim hath mixed himself among the People; Strangers have devoured his strength. At the close of this Meeting was held the Meeting for discipline which consists of three Preparative meetings viz. Stafford, Uttoxeter and Leek, They had not much business at this time before them, and it appeared to me but to be weakly conducted which I apprehend has been the case in this County from the first establishment thereof; but I thought there appeared to be a disposition in some to be instructed more perfectly therein, and upon the whole I believe there is some little revival amongst them. Both Meetings held 3 hours. After which we Din'd at Joshua Stonehewers, and after dinner I went to Toft Chorleys were I drunk Tea, and having a strong inclination to go to Francis Wests a young Man for whom I had an affectionate regard from our first acquaintance; Joshua Stonehewer kindly accompanied me to his house at Basford 3 miles from the Town, were I lodg'd, but after supper he return'd. Francis saw us before we got there and came to meet us, received us very kindly and I was much pleased with being there, he being a young man who I hope it is likely to be of use in that poor county.

On 6th. and 6th. of week the morning being wet prevented my setting out until about 10 o Clock in the forenoon, dear Francis West set me on my way about 2 miles and then returned. I went by Bradnop and Onecote to Warslow 9 miles were I stopt better than an hour and din'd at the three Stags.heads paid 6d eating and 7d Liquor. Here enquiring the road to Winster, a good looking young man who was set in the house, told me he came from there and was returning and should be glad of my company, as I was of his for it afforded me an opportunity of some profitable conversation with him, which may perhaps be remembered many days hence, he was very civil and respectful to me, express'd his gladness that we had met together and we parted very affectionately, his name is at William Staley. We passed by Hartington in Derbyshire and Biggin to Pike.hall were we stopt and got a Tankard of Ale at the Royal.oak paid 6d and then proceeded to Winster were we stopt near an hour at the Blue.Bell and I got Tea paid 6d and 3d for ale and then went by Winslow and Matlock to Dioclesian Newtons of Brackenfield got there a little past 8 in the evening were I lodg'd, having travelled 29 miles this day over high hills and deep fruitful valleys which afforded great variety of prospect and caused me many times to admire the wonderful works of him who made the heavens and earth, the seas and the fountains of water. About a mile before I came to Matlock I turn'd out of the highway on to a foot path which is shorter to the bridge and uncommonly pleasant, there being a surprizingly high Rocks on the right hand beautifully cloathed with Ivy and adorned with various kinds of Trees, growing spontaneously out of the clefts of the rock, with just sufficient room for the path betwixt the river Darwent which beautifully glides down on the left hand.

On 7th. and 7th. of week, I rested here and got my Linen washed. In the afternoon Dioclesian Newton a accompanied me to Jonathon Johnsons of Wessington or Washington were we drunk Tea, found my beloved friend Joseph Bent, at home who rejoiced much to see

me; but we tarried here until 7 o Clock, and then he obtained leave of his Master to go and spend the evening with us at Brackenfield.

On 8th. and 1st. of week, I went with them to their meeting at Furnace 3 miles which began at 10 and held 2 and a half hours, soon after I was set down therein I was agreeably surprised, we see my beloved friend Thomas Earnshaw of Judfield coming in, who understanding I proposed my being here to day, and he having been disappointed by the wet from setting off at first as intended came here to meet me and was my acceptable companion the remaining part of my Journey. It was a small meeting and I was very low in the forefront thereof but it ended comfortably I was first concerned therein in supplication, and next had a pretty long time in testimony from Rev: C: 21. v: 7. he that overcometh shall inherit all things: and I will be his God, and he shall be my son. and afterwards had a short exhortation, encouraging them to faithfulness in the various branches of our Christian testimony and to a diligent attendance of religious meetings that so all occasion of stumbling may be removed out of the way of those whose eyes may be turned towards us with the enquiry "Who shall shew us any good." After meeting my dear friend Joseph Bent intending to set me on my way a little we all went with Samuel Sutton by Okenthorp to his house at Broad.oak 3 miles were we Din'd and betwixt 3 and 4 o Clock set forward on our Journey by Swanwick to the White.Swan in Carter.lane 4 miles were we stopt near an hour and got three pints of Ale paid 2d a piece and then parting with dear Joseph Bent in much tenderness and near affection we proceeded to Sutton in Ashfield in Nottinghamshire 3 miles were we got betwixt 6 and 7 o Clock in the evening, and called to see my beloved friend Samuel Hall were we lodg'd, when we got there he was not return'd from meeting having stopt with some friends but the family received and entertained us with affectionate regard. About 9 o Clock he came home and appeared very glad to see us, at Bedtime he lighted us up stairs where he and I sat upwards of 2 hours, having an opportunity to impart in much freedom some of our religious exercises one unto another which was I hope profitable took us both, he being lately called in to the work of the ministry and his appearances have therein, (as I before had heard) were acceptable to friends.

On 9th. and 2nd. of week we set about betwixt 10 and 11 o Clock in the morning Samuel Hall kindly accompanying us to Mansfield 3 miles, stopt and Din'd with us at George Ellis's and then return'd we tarried there until betwixt 2 and 3 o Clock in the afternoon and then set out for Broomhouse 14 miles went by Woodhouse, Warsop and Cuckney to Norton were we stopt upwards of an hour at the Stag and drunk Tea paid 6d a piece for Tea and 2d Ale. From thence we proceeded to Worksop had a very pleasant walk thither having a fine prospect of Welbeck the seat of the Duke of Portland and Worksop.manor the seat of the Duke of Norfolk both on the left hand; got to David Dents of Broomhouse about 8 in the evening were we lodg'd.

On 10th. and 3rd. of week was at Mansfield Monthly Meeting held here in their parlour which began at 11 o Clock. It was but small but upon the whole satisfactory altho' held in silence. At the close thereof was the Meeting for discipline which consists of only two small Preparative meetings viz. Mansfield and Sand and Clay, consequently the business thereof was not much, but it appeared to me to be properly conducted, and a good degree of solemnity to cover our minds together. Both meetings held about 2 hours and a half. After which most of the friends din'd and drunk Tea here and we spent the afternoon very comfortably. Before we went to Bed the servants were called into the house when we had a short but solemn opportunity together in silence, which I understood was their practice every night.

On 11th. and 4th. of week we set out betwixt 7 and 8 o Clock in the morning and came by Carlton and Oldcotes to Tickhill in Yorkshire 7 miles were we stopt about half an hour at the carpenters.arms and got 2 Pints of Ale paid 2d a piece and then proceeded by Wadworth and Loversall to Balby 6 miles were we stopt 1 hour and a half at the White-Swan and din'd paid 8d a piece eating and 3d Liquor then came by Doncaster to Redhouse the sine of the Bunch of Grapes 6 miles were we stopt better than half an hour and got 3 Pints of Porter paid

4d and a half a piece and then proceeded to Little Smeaton 5 miles were we got about 6 in the evening and lodg'd at Thomas Hagues .

On 12th. and 5th. of week we set out about 9 o Clock in the morning and came by Darrington to Pontefract 6 miles, Thomas Hague accompanying us thither, got there in good time to our Monthly Meeting which began at 11 o Clock and were I much long to be. There was a large appearance of friends altho' I apprehended some were prevented from attending by our friend Mary Mason of Settle Mo. Meeting being at Wooldale to day in the course of her religious visit to the meetings in this county. The meeting here was much favoured Hannah Wigham had a long time therein in Testimony first from John C: 7: v: 6. My time is not yet come: but your time is always ready. John Bottomley next in Prayer. Hannah Wigham a long time next in testimony from Matt: C: 13. v: 16. Blessed are your eyes for they see. and was afterwards concerned in Prayer. It was indeed a time of high favour the presence of the ancient of days being near, and the wing of his divine love eminently overshadowing us to the comfort and solid satisfaction of those who have none in heaven but him nor nothing in the earth they prefer before him. At the close of this Meeting was held the meeting for discipline which consists of six Preparative Meetings viz. Pontefract, Burton, Highflatts, Ackworth, Wakefield, and Wooldale. A great deal of business was gone thro' in much Brotherly love and condescension. Henry Swire and Mary Roberts both of Wooldale Meeting laid before us their intentions of taking each other in Marriage. Both meetings held 3 hours and a half. After which I din'd at John Leathams and in the afternoon parted with my companion he going home with his servant Robert Grist, but it coming on heavy rain I tarried here all night were as usual I was entertained with affectionate kindness and regard. In the afternoon I drunk Tea at Joseph Johnsons were John Bottomley lodges by whom I heard of the health and welfare of the other part of my family; which was cause of renewed thankfulness; they being oftens brot near to me when far separated from them with earnest desires for their preservation every way. And oftens have I to bless the Lord for his great mercies, in favouring me when stripped of my near Relations with a family who manifests an affectionate regard for me and a prudent care in the management of my outward affairs, but above all that several of them, have closed in with the powerful visitations of Truth and are concerned to serve the Lord according to the best of their understanding.

On 13th. and 6th. of week, I called of John Bottomley who accompanied me to Mary Johnsons were we Breakfasted, and about 10 o Clock set out of Pontefract towards home 20 miles came by Purston, Wragby, Hardwick, Rial and Coldeenley to Notton were we stopt 1 hour and a half at the Horse-shoes and din'd paid 4d a piece eating and 2d Liquor then proceeded by Woolley to Skelmanthorp, but it coming on very long and heavy showers of rain we were obliged to call and take shelter twice by the way so that it was about 7 o Clock when we got thither were we stopt near 2 hours and drunk Tea at Anthony Kinsleys, then came by Cumberworth home were we got about 10 o Clock at night.

An Account of my Journey to Knaresborough Monthly Meeting held at Otley in the 8th. Mo.
1796

Having a desire to attend Knaresbro' Monthly Meeting and an inclination for some time to sit with the friends of Farfield meeting I set out from home ye. 12th. of ye. 8th. Mo. 1796 and 6th. day of the week betwixt 6 and 7 o Clock in the morning and went to Lanehead were I called to see John Firth who had got a hurt to his knee stopt about half an hour, and then went to James Wilkinsons of Shepley a well-disposed man who had attended our Meetings several years and having some Relations in those parts was going to see them and accordingly was my companion this Journey I stopt here about an hour and Breakfasted, then proceeded by Woodsom.mill, Kirkheaton and Deighton to Brighthouse were we stopt 2 hours at

James Lees's and din'd, then proceeded by Hipperholm and Northowram to my Cousin Joshua Smiths of Plowroyds, got there a little past 3 in the afternoon were we tarried all night.

On 13th. and 7th. of week we set out about 10 o Clock in the forenoon, Cousin Joshua Smith taking his horse and accompanying us, went by Queenshead, Denham gate and Cullingworth to Keighley were we Din'd at the Fleece paid 9d a piece eating and 6d Liquor, The weather being extremely hot we stopt betwixt 2 and 3 hours and went to see the Meetinghouse which friends have lately rebuilt there, which is a neat house and well contrived, but few friends to meet at it. We set out for Addingham 8 miles went by Steeton to Silsden were we stopt half an hour at the Blue Bell and got 3 Pints of Ale paid 2d and a half a piece and then proceeded got to our very kind friends Joseph Smiths of Addingham about 7 o Clock in the evening were we lodg'd.

On 14th. and 1st. of the week went with him to their Meeting at Farfield 1 Mile called at John Marsdens of the Hall and sat a little; The Meeting began at 11 and was considerably larger than when I was there before, several families being since that time settled within the compass thereof, and upon the whole it was an open favoured Meeting, I had a long time therein in testimony from Hag: C: 1. v: 7. Thus saith the Lord of hosts: consider your ways. and afterwards was concerned in Prayer. After which I was concerned in a short exhortation to the youth who appeared to be raw and too much unconcerned about those things which make for peace. At the close of this Meeting was their Preparative Meeting. Both Meetings held near 3 hours. We return'd with Joseph Smith to his house and after dinner Cousin Joshua Smith set out towards home, and we accompanied by Joseph Smith went and drunk Tea at James Hargreaves, and from thence went to George Scots were we supp'd he is a descendant of Thomas Scots of Highberries in Cumberland mentioned by Christopher Story in the account of his Life.

On 15th. and 2nd. of week we set out for Otley about 7 o Clock in the morning down a beautiful valley all the way on the banks of the river Wharfe, passed by Ilkley to Burley were we got some refreshment at the Queens.head paid 5d and a half and then proceeded got to Thomas Rhodes's of Otley about 10 o Clock, were we got some refreshment and rested until 11 at which time the Monthly Meeting for Worship began which was large and in some degree favoured, altho' held in silence. At the close thereof was the Meeting for discipline, the business of which was very amicably conducted, and under the good degree of weightiness of spirit; I thought I clearly perceived a growth in the Truth in some, since I was there before, particularly in Robert Walker of Netherdale Meeting who felt very near to me this day. Both Meetings held better than 2 hours and a half. After the meeting for Worship James Wilkinson set out to see his Relations in the neighbourhood of Bingley; I din'd at Thomas Rhodes's and drunk Tea at Abraham Stansfields, afterwards he went and spent the evening with me at Thomas Rhodes's were I lodg'd.

On 16th. and 3rd of week I set out a little before 8 o Clock in the morning and came by Hawksworth, Bayldon and Dixon.mill to Cottingly were I stopt about half an hour at the Sun and got some refreshment paid 4d and then proceeded by Ollerton to Queens.head, the heat being so great as to be almost insupportable I called there at the sine of the old Queens.head and got a Pint of Porter paid 3d stopt half an hour, and then came to my Cousin Joshua Smiths of Plowroyds were I got there betwixt 1 and 2 o Clock having travelled about 15 miles this day, here I met again with James Wilkinson who got in a little before me. After Dinner we went to Stephen Fawcetts of Damhead were we drunk Tea and then to my Cousins to lodge.

On 17th. and 4th. of week we went to their week.day meeting at Halifax 2 miles which began at 11 o Clock and held about 2 hours, It was very small and some of them appeared to me to be in a very unsettled state, having I believe been hurt by one Robert Fawcett, who appeared in public in this Meeting many years ago, but friends never having unity with his Ministry after a long time of tryal laboured with him many years in private to convince him of his error without effect, his case was therefore laid before the Monthly Meeting, which after suitable labour extended, he appearing obstinate, disowned his Ministry by a Minute of said Meeting, but he continuing still to impose it upon friends, was at length publicly disowned;

Upon which he went amongst the Methodists and immediately set himself up for a teacher amongst them; and they not being able to judge and try the spirit readily received him. This made some of his Relations and others who were weak in the faith rather in an unsettled state of mind, But this meeting being eminently favoured, I hope was of service to them, things opening therein very suitably to their conditions. I having two pretty long times in testimony, the first from John C: 6. v. 66, 67 and 68. From that time many of his disciples went back, and no more walked with him. Then said Jesus unto the twelve, will ye also go away? Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord to whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life. And afterwards from Matt: C: 11. v. 7. What went ye out into the wilderness to see, a reed shaken with the wind. After which I had a few words more in particular to some state. After meeting we stopt about half an hour at John Hitchins and din'd, then came by Salterebble to Ealand were we call'd at the bunch of Arrows and got 1 Quart of Porter paid 3d a piece stopt about half an hour and then came to Lindley were the heat being exceeding great we stopt 2 hours and half at Thomas Firths a friend for whom I had a great value, he was convinced several years ago and through much opposition was favoured with strength to make public profession of the Truth, since which his Wife hath been convinced, and he accepted into membership; They have a large family of children whom they are concerned to train up in the nurture, fear and admonition of the Lord, and having a tolerable good estate have given up the greatest part of their business, that they may live it more retired from the world and be more at liberty to attend religious meetings. They were very kind to us, and we drunk tea with them and then came by Lockwood Newsholme and Farnley near which place I parted with James Wilkinson he going directly home, and I came to my beloved friends William Bottomleys of Woodend were I got betwixt 8 and 9 in the evening, and tarried all night.

On 18th. and 5th. of week, after breakfast I went and sat a little at Thomas Bottomleys and about 8 o Clock set out towards home came by Shepley to John Firths of Lanehead were I stopt near 2 hours and then came to Park were I called to see my worthy friend John Pickford who accompanied me near home were I got about 11 o Clock in the forenoon.

An Account of my Journey to our Autumn Quarterly Meeting at York in the 9th. Mo. 1796

I set out from home ye. 24th. of ye. 9th. Mo. 1796 and 7th. day of the week betwixt 1 and 2 o Clock in the afternoon in company with my housekeeper Elizabeth Moorhouse who was going on a visit to William Pickards went by Cumberworth to Anthony Kinsleys of Skelmanthorp were we stopt about 2 hours and drunk Tea then went by Emley and Bretton to Painthorp were I stopt a little at William Pickards and Mary Cudworths, and then proceeded to Crigglestone were I called to see my Uncle Joseph Houghs stopt about half an hour and then went to Dirtcar were I got about 8 o Clock in the evening and lodg'd at Christopher Walkers.

On 25th. and 1st. of week a little past 10 in the forenoon, I set out for Wakefield Meeting in company with Robert Walker went by Milthorp and Sandal got there just in time to the meeting which began at 11 and held 2 and a half hours, there were several there who had begun to attend meetings from convincement since I was there before, and notwithstanding it appeared to me that the enemy had been very busy in endeavouring to sow the seeds of discord among some of those who were members of the society which caused much painful feeling; yet it was upon the whole an open profitable meeting and I left it under the evidence of Peace in having faithfully discharge my duty according to the best of my understanding, having had a long time therein in Testimony from Matt C: 13. v. 27, 28. Did'st not thou sow good seed in thy field? From whence then hath it tares? He said unto them, an enemy hath done this. and afterwards had a short time from Psalms 22. v: 6. I am a worm, and no man. Here I met with John Pickford of Park who was my acceptable companion this journey having been mercifully preserved from the time of his convincement in a humble

watchful frame of spirit accompanied with a lively zeal for the promotion of the glorious cause of Truth After Meeting George Pickard of Ossett a young Man who had attended friends meetings several years accompanied us to Heath were we din'd at the Horse and Groom paid 6 a piece eating and 2d and a half Liquor stopt about 2 hours having agreeable conversation with the aforesaid young man, who was of an innocent Life and religiously inclin'd, having been for sometime in a very low state of mind, but appeared to be getting better, he set us on our way about 2 miles further and then return'd, and we went by Purston to Pontefract were we got betwixt 5 and 6 the evening and took up our Quarters at John Leathams.

On 26th. and 2nd. of week in the morning I went and sat a little at Joseph Johnsons and afterwards took a walk into John Leathams Garden on that the north side of which is a Rock with a cave in, we entered it and by the help of a lighted candle descended down a pair of winding stairs cut out of the solid rock 72 steps deep at the bottom of which was a fine well of clear water; I thought it a very great curiosity. We left Pontefract about 10 o'clock and went to Ferrybridge were we din'd at Robert Thompsons, stopt 3 hours and then proceeded by Milford to Sherburn got there about 4 o'clock in the afternoon and lodg'd at our kind friends Rebecca Hunters.

On 27th. and 3rd. of week, we set out about 9 in the morning and went by Towton to Tadcaster, were we din'd at the Golden Lyon paid 9d a piece eating and 2d Liquor stopt 2 hours and then proceeded York were we got betwixt 3 and 4 o'clock in the afternoon and I took up my quarters at John Robinsons in Walmgate. At 5 in the evening began the Quarterly Meeting for Ministers and Elders were we had the company of two strangers viz. Deborah Darby from Shropshire and Rachel Fowler from Wiltshire. The Queries read and answered from all Mo. Meetings and many weighty remarks made thereon and testimonies borne. The list of the members of this Meeting were read and the necessary alterations made, and the following friends were appointed to oversee the meetings and advise as occasion may require, viz. Thomas Danson Philip Maiden, John Hipsley Hannah Rountree and Elizabeth Fletcher. The meeting held near 3 hours.

On 28th. and 4th. of week at 10 in the morning was a meeting for Worship which tho' select of friends was very large, Deborah Darby had a long time therein first in testimony from Matt: C: 2. v: 15. Out of Egypt have I called my son. Benjamin North had a short time next 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. Mary Proud a long time next from Joe: C: 2. v: 1. Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in my Holy mountains. Deborah Darby next in Prayer, and Praises to the Almighty for the renewed manifestations of his divine regard. At the close of this meeting was held one for Discipline in which the Queries were read and answered from all the Mo. meetings and divers remarks made thereon, some other business was gone thro' and then the meeting adjourn'd. Both Meetings having held near 4 hours. At the close the representatives met at the table to consider of proper Persons to act as Clerks for the ensuing year, and agreed to propose George Eddison of Leeds and Joseph Birkbeck of Settle who were acceptable to the meeting. At 5 in the evening met pursuant to adjournment. A proposition from Richmond Monthly Meeting was received and read requesting to be united to Westmorland Quarterly Meeting which was deferred to further consideration, a great deal more business was gone thro' and then the meeting adjourned having held 3 hours and a half.

On 29th. and 5th. of week at 9 in the morning met pursuant to adjournment. The arrangement of the Monthly Meetings in this County and the remarks upon the Proposition sent down to the several Mo. Meetings came under consideration. The remarks brought up were read which chiefly consisted of objections to the Propositions, but Brighouse and Gisborough Mo. Meetings not being prepared with theirs, the whole was deferr'd to further consideration a great deal more business was gone thro' and near the close thereof our friends Deborah Darby and Mary Proud came in and had much weighty counsel and advice to communicate in the Power and Authority of Truth. and the meeting closed under an awful

humbling sense of the overshadowings of divine regard which had mercifully accompanied the several sittings thereof, having held 4 hours and a half. After dinner I went to see the Prisoners in the Castle who were confin'd there for their conscientious refusal to support an hireling Ministry and they appeared chearful and easy under their confinement, afterwards on taking a view of the felons I was led to reflect the great difference there is betwixt suffering for the Testimony of Jesus, and suffering as evil.doers. At 5 in the evening was a Publick Meeting for Worship which was very large many of other Societies attending. Henry Tuke had a long time therein in testimony first from 2 Cor: C: 5. v. 17, 18, If any man be in Christ he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. and all things are of God. Deborah Darby had a very long and highly favoured time next from Matt: C: 16: v: 16, 17, 18. Thou art Christ the Son of the living God, and Jesus answered and said unto him Blessed art thou Simon.Bayjona; for flesh and Blood hath not so 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 to 2 hours and a half. At the close thereof 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 and had nothing further to remark to the meeting. In the evening John Holmes and John Lea two young Men who are apprenticed in the city, and under convincement, having formerly been in profession with the Methodists and the former a Preacher amongst them came to sit with us, of whose company I was very glad. There is also another Man attends York Meeting by convincement who hath been a Preacher amongst the aforesaid People, and Elizabeth Frank a young Woman daughter of Bacon Frank of Campsell Esq. a Justice of the Peace. She is a great example of humility and self denial both in dress and demeanour, and altho' her Parents are of high rank they behave tenderly to her and have agreeable to her desire taken her lodgings in part of our friend Lindley Murrays house and keeps a servant to attend on her, her leisure hours are employed in teaching poor children gratis to read, write etc.

On 30th. and 6th. of week, I arose early and called of my companion John Pickford at the Sine of the Sun were I got a Glass of Brandy paid 4d, left the City betwixt 6 and 7 o Clock in the morning and William Awmacks setting us on our way about 2 miles and then return'd. We breakfasted at the Golden.Lyon in Tadcaster paid 8d a piece stopt better than an hour, then came by Haslewood to Aberford were we stopt better than half an hour at the Pikes.head and got a Tankard of Ale and Porter paid 5d and then came to Garforth were we din'd at the Old.George paid 9d a piece eating and 3d Liquor stopt better than an hour then came by Swillington to Oulton to Royds.green were we called at to see our friend Ann Thorp who was at her Brother James Jowetts and tho' they are not members of our society were very kind and invited us to stop Tea, we accepted the invitation, and tarried 1 hour and a half then came by Standley and Wakefield to Dirtcar were we got about 8 in the evening and lodg'd at Christopher Walkers.

On 1st. and 10th. Mo. and 7th. of week we left Dirtcar about 9 o clock in the morning and came to George Earnshaws of Crigglestone were we sat about 1 hour and had an opportunity to drop some remarks to the family which was a considerable relief to my mind, from thence we went to Painthorp were we stopt a little at William Pickards and din'd at Mary Cudworths. About 12 o clock we set out and came by Bretton and Park.mill to Anthony Kinsleys of Skelmanthorp were we stopt 2 hours and a half and drunk Tea, then came to Cumberworth were I parted with my companion having some letters to deliver at Highflatts, supp'd and spent the evening at Elihu Dickinsons the Tanners and got home betwixt 9 and 10 at night.

An Account of my Journey to a Meeting held at Huddersfield in the 10th. Month 1796.

Our friends Deborah Darby from Shropshire and Rachel Fowler from Wiltshire being on a religious visit to the Quarterly Meetings of Yorkshire and Lancashire, and some meetings in their way, found a concern upon their minds to have divers publick meetings as they passed along, and amongst others with the inhabitants of Huddersfield and Deborah having express'd a desire to see me, and finding the like inclination in myself, having been very nearly united in some former religious labours together. I set out about 11 o Clock in the forenoon on the 3rd. of ye. 10th. Mo. 1796 and 2nd. day of the week in company with John Bottomley stopt about half an hour at John Firths of Lanehead and then proceeded by Shepley to Thomas Bottomleys of Woodend were we stopt about 1 hour and a half and din'd, then proceeded by Farnley Lumb, and Longley to Huddersfield were we got about 3 o Clock in the afternoon stopt near an hour at Joshua Woods one of the People called Methodists and an intimate acquaintance of mine, then went to Robert Firths, were soon after the friends came in having had a Meeting at Gildersom in the forenoon, they appeared glad to see us we drunk Tea together there and was well satisfied with their company. At 6 in the evening the Meeting began which was held in a large room belonging to John Campbell who keeps an Inn and is under convincement, having applyed to be accepted into membership. The room is 20 yards long and 5 broad, which with another room adjoining, was very conveniently seated and would contain a great number of People They were well filled, and many could not get in, It being supposed there was about 500 and the behaviour of the whole very commendable. Our friends Henry Tuke of York and Charles Parker of Bentham Meeting were also there in their way to the Quarterly meeting at Manchester. Henry Tuke was first concerned therein a pretty long time in testimony from Isai: C: 41. v: 1. Keep silence before me, O Islands, and let the people renew their strength. Deborah Darby had a very long time next from Jer: C: 2: v: 32. My people have forgotten me days without number. Henry Tuke was next concerned in Prayer and Praises to the Almighty for this renewed token of his divine regard, whose Power had been eminently manifested amongst us to the enabling of those who were nigh to acknowledge his might, in order that those who were afar off might be brought near. The meeting held better than 2 hours, after which we got a little refreshment and John Campbell's, and then went and sat with the friends at Robert Firths, were Deborah related something of the great openness she met with amongst People of other societies in attending meetings in her late visit to America. At Bedtime time we went to George and Joseph Brooks two young men who are under convincement were we lodg'd

On 4th. and 3rd. of week, It was our market here but I having no goods in the Hall, spent the forenoon amongst my friends and acquaintance, Din'd at my usual quarters paid 1s did some business in the afternoon, left the Town about 4 o Clock came by Longley, Lumb, and Farnley to William Bottomleys of Woodend were I drunk Tea, here I again met with John Bottomley, stopt about 1 hour, and then we came by Shepley to John Firths of Lanehead stopt about one hour and a half there and supp'd, then came home were we got about 10 in the evening.

An Account of my Journey to Brighthouse Monthly Meeting held at Halifax in the 11th. Mo. 1796

I set out from home ye. 10th. of ye. 11th. Mo. 1796 and 5th. day of the week betwixt 6 and 7 o Clock in the morning, called at Park of John Pickford who was my companion this Journey, we went by Shepley to William Bottomleys of Woodend were we stopt about half an hour and got some refreshment then proceeded by Farnley, Newsholme and Lockwood to Parrack were we got just in time to their week.day meeting which began at 10 and held better than 2 hours. It was small considering the numbers which attend on first.days, and was but a poor low

time, yet owned it in some degree more especially towards the close thereof. After Meeting we went with Joshua Brook to his house at Luck.lane were we stopt a little and got some Brandy and Water then proceeded to Thomas Firths of Lindley, were we Din'd and tarried until a little past 3 o Clock, and then proceeded by Blackley Greetland and Sowerby. bridge to Joshua Stansfields of Hand.green got there about 5 o Clock in the evening were we lodg'd being very kindly received and affectionately entertained.

On 11th. and 6th. of week we went with the family to their Monthly Meeting held at Halifax which began for Worship at 11 o clock. It was large and upon the whole satisfactory Christiana Hustler had a long time therein in Testimony from Rom: C: 12. v: 2. Prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God, after which she appeared several times having many very weighty and pertinent exhortations to drop. At the close of this meeting was the meeting for discipline which consists of 7 Preparative meetings viz. Leeds, Bradford, Brighouse, Parrack, Halifax, Todmorden and Gildersom, a great deal of business was gone through which was conducted in much harmony and concord, which was cause of rejoicing to my mind, as much of the contrary hath appeared in this meeting for a long time past to the great exercise of faithful friends, but the Power of Truth being in dominion, the spirit of man was subjected. Both meetings held 5 hours After which we went to the Pine-Apple and got 8 pennyworth of Brandy. and water and then proceeded to my Cousin Joshua Smiths of Plowroyds got there about 5 in the evening were we lodg'd.

On the 12th. and 6th. of week at 10 in the morning we set out for Gildersom 12 or 13 miles Cousin Joshua Smiths accompanying us thither and return'd home the next evening, went by Northowram, Coley.Chapel, Norwood.green, Wike, Scholes White.Chapel, and Cleckheaton to Gommersall were we called at the White.horse intending to dine but they being unprovided we got 1 Quart of Ale paid 4d and then proceeded to Birstall were we stopt 2 hours and din'd at the Black.bull paid 10d a piece eating and 2d and a half Liquor then went to Gildersom were we got betwixt 4 and 5 in the evening and lodg'd at John Ellis's. After Tea I went to Joseph Horsfalls sat about 1 hour there and then return'd.

On 13th. and 1st. of week was at Gildersom Meeting which began at 11 and held upwards of 2 hours, It was pretty large with the addition of John Ellis's scholars who were upwards of 50 in number, and upon the whole satisfactory. I had two pretty long times therein in testimony first from Acts C: 14. v: 22. That we must through much tribulation enter the Kingdom of God. and afterwards from Gen: C: 6. v: 3. My spirit shall not always strive with man; for he also is flesh. concluding with some weighty advice to the dear youth, some of whom were much tendered. After meeting went with Joseph Travis to dine at his house and about 3 o clock set out Joseph Atkinson accompanying a several miles and then return'd, at Stumpcross we called at the Sine of the Stumpcross were we got 8 pennyworth of Brandy and water which Joseph Atkinson would pay for, then came by Woodkirk, Chichhill and Gawthorp to Ossett were we got betwixt 5 and 6 o clock and lodg'd at David Pickfords. In the evening several who attended our Meetings and some neighbours came in with whom we had an opportunity, in which I had long time 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. Afterwards I appeared several times upon sundry subjects as they simply opened. The way of life and salvation was clearly set forth, a hireling Ministry of Christendom are exposed, and the people directed to learn of him who teaches his People himself, and who speaks as never man spoke.

On 14th. and 2nd. of week, after breakfast we went to Robert Shepherds of Ossett Street one a mile (George Pickford accompanying us) his Wife Mary and his Brother Joseph's Wife Ann having sometime ago begun to attend friends Meetings, soon after we got there Mary Sheperd sent her sister word who lives at the next house, we sat down together and had a very comfortable opportunity in which I was twice concerned 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 and afterwards from John C: 16. v: 33. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer up; I have overcome the world. They were very kind and gave us some Rum and water, and we understood their husbands were not adverse to their attending Meetings but the contrary

Robert Shepherd came into the house just before we left and was very friendly with us. We return'd from hence to David Pickards were we din'd and about 2 o Clock set out towards home, George Pickard accompanying us many miles and then return'd, we came by Middlestown and Emley to Anthony Kinsleys of Skelmanthorp were we drunk Tea, and tarried 2 hours, Charles Blackburn a young man who lives near neighbour to them hearing of our being there came in to sit with us, I had been in his company several times before, but never felt so much liberty with him in religious conversation; I believe he is enquiring the way to Zion, but having read much and embraced some deistical notions, it will be hard work for him to lay aside all his knowledge acquired in the fall'n wisdom, and to receive the kingdom as a little child, altho' there is no other way to enter therein, for he that will be wise must first be willing to become a fool. We came up by Cumberworth home were I got about 8 o Clock in the evening.

An Account of my Journey to our Winter Quarterly Meeting at York in the 12th. Mo. 1796

I set out from home ye. 24th. of ye. 12th. Mo. 1796 and 7th. of the week betwixt 10 and 11 o Clock in the forenoon and went by Cumberworth to Anthony Kinsleys of Skelmanthorp were I din'd. After dinner I went to Charles Blackburns a young man with whom I spent upwards of an hour in agreeable conversation. He had been about two weeks before at our meeting at Highflatts and after meeting din'd at my house and stopt our family sitting in the evening. It proved a remarkable favour time, several testimonies were borne therein to the Truth, and he was much broken and tendered, by that Power which is as a fire and a hammer to break the rocks asunder, After the opportunity we retired into the parlour were that awful solemnity which had mercifully covered our spirits was continued, and I had something further to communicate, and then after a considerable time silence he thus addressed himself to me in tears Joseph I am now fully convinced that a Man may know something of a man by the spirit of a man which is in him but none can know the things of God but by the spirit of God; I have no need to inform thee of my state thou knows it better than myself. It has been clearly opened this evening, and the way of life and salvation pointed out. I have attended meetings of most sort of professors in these parts, and followed after those who are accounted to the most eminent Preachers, with a real design to be benefitted thereby, but never found myself in such a situation as at this time, nor so well satisfied before I shall attend your meetings at times but am not worthy to assemble with you. I believe he was clearly convinced of the Truth from a sensible feeling of the Power thereof on his mind by which the many doubts and reasonings which had attended him concerning the Scriptures the outward appearance of Christ, and the work of the spirit in man, which the deists deny, whose writings he had industriously read and of late propogated, were at present removed. But I have sometimes observed when these seasons of divine favour are withdrawn, and the poor creature comes to be left to himself again, for want of keeping his mind properly staid upon the Lord, the enemy gets in, and leads to dispute the whole revelation; I sincerely desire this may not be his case, but that from one time unto another he may wait in the nothingness of self for the renewed manifestations of divine life, until he experience an establishment upon that foundation against which the gates of Hell cannot prevail. I return'd from his house to Anthony Kinsleys were I stepped and drunk Tea and about 4 o Clock set forward and went by Park.mill and Bretton to Painthorp were I got about 6 in the evening and lodg'd at William Pickards.

On 25th. and 1st. of week in the morning I went to Crigglestone were I stopt about half an hour at my Uncle Joseph Houghs, just when I was leaving there I met with my beloved friend William Bottomley of Thurstleland-Woodend who had come from home this morning, and was my acceptable companion this journey. We went together by Milthorp and Sandal to Wakefield meeting which began at 11 and held 2 hours, It was open and satisfactory, several men were there who had begun to attend meetings since last quarter, some of whom was

much tendered; I had a pretty long time therein in testimony 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. and afterwards had a short time from Psalms 22. v: 14. I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint. After meeting we went to Heath were we din'd at the horse and groom of something my companion had in his pocket, got some Ale paid 5d a piece stopt 1 hour and a half and then proceeded by Purston to Pontefract were we got betwixt 4 and 5 o'clock in the afternoon and lodg'd at John Leathams.

On 26th. and 2nd. of week, in the morning went and sat a little at Joseph Johnsons and betwixt 10 and 11 in the forenoon proceeded on our Journey, got to Ferrybridge were we stopt about half an hour and got some refreshment at Robert Thompsons, then proceeded by Pool and Burton.salmon to Hillam, were we stopt better than an hour with Thomas and Hannah Cooper, Christopher Walkers children who look after an estate of his here. After dinner we call'd to see our ancient friend Joseph Bourn who is now in his 89th. year of his age and favoured with his faculties so as to be very conversible. Thomas Cooper set us on our way about 1 mile and then return'd, we went by Monk.Fryston and Milford to Sherburn were we got about 3 o Clock in the afternoon and lodg'd at Rebecca Hunters.

On 27th. and 3rd. of week we set out about 10 in the morning and went by Towton to Tadcaster were we stopt about 1 and a half and din'd at the Golden.Lyon paid 9d a piece eating and 3d Liquor, then proceeded to York were we got betwixt 3 and 4 in the afternoon and I took up my quarters at John Robinsons. At 5 in the evening began the Quarterly Meeting for Ministers and Elders, Before the business was entered upon Elizabeth Hoyland had a short time in Testimony. The Queries were then read and Answers thereto from all our Mo. Meetings, and some few remarks were made thereon. Robert Tricket, Joseph Birkbeck, Thomas Priestman, Mary Cross and Ann North were appointed to Oversee the Meetings and advise as occasion may require and report to the adjournment at close of the Quarterly Meeting.

On 28th. and 4th. of week at 10 in the morning was a meeting for Worship which tho' select of friends was pretty large considering the time of year and the inclemency of the weather. Ellin Abrams was first concerned therein a pretty long time in Testimony from Isai: C: 58. v: 1. Lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and shew my People their transgressions and house of Jacob their sins. Mary Proud had a very long time next from Gen: C: 3. v: 1. The serpent was more subtile than any beast of the field. Elizabeth Hoyland had a pretty long time next from Cant: C: 2. v: 16. My beloved is mine and I am his: he feedeth among the lillies. At the close at this meeting was held one for discipline. The Queries were read and Answers thereto from all our Mo. Meetings and a few remarks were made thereon, some little more business was gone through and then the meeting adjourned, Both meetings held 4 hours. At 5 in the evening was a Publick meeting for Worship, which held near 3 hours, the house was not full notwithstanding a pretty many of other societies attended. Ellin Abrams had a short time in testimony first from Hab: C: 2. v: 20. The Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him. Barbara Hoyland and Mary Hutchinson had each a few words next and afterwards Thomas Colley had a pretty long time from Isai: C: 50. v: 10. Who is among you that feareth the Lord that obeyeth the voice of his servant, that walketh in darkness, and hath no light? let him trust in the name of the Lord, and stay upon his God

On 29th. and 5th. of week, at 10 in the morning was a Meeting for discipline which held 4 hours. An appeal was brought before this Meeting by John Travis of Hull against Owstwick and Cave Monthly Meeting for not complying with the advice of a former Quarterly Meeting in making a minute in their Monthly Meeting Book to the satisfaction of his Wife and himself having by a former minute reflected upon their moral character unjustly, and notwithstanding the Judgment of this Meeting was evidently for the appellant and against the Monthly Meeting, yet two or three friends who have long bore too much rule in this Meeting caused a very long and painful debate which took up most of the time of this long sitting to the great grief of many minds and the wounding of the cause of Truth, and at length

the meeting rather than have the living child divided gave it up to the harlot. I have oftens lamented that overbearing spirit which at times so much prevails in some of our active members, to their own hurt, the exercise of the faithful, and the offence of the little ones yea I have sometimes thought it has done more hurt to the good cause, than all the open prophaneness that hath appear'd amongst us, as this hath been judg'd and cast out. At 5 in the evening was another meeting for discipline which held about 3 hours. Thomas Colley had a short time therein in testimony which was instrumental in bringing a solemnity over the meeting, but this glory were soon eclipsed, when the business was entered upon; for altho' a great deal was gone through and pretty unanimously yet the Power which qualifies for service appeared to me mournfully low, and divers active members in a very unsettled state; I may truly say it was a day of deep distress to me, and in the night season my sleep departed from me.

On 30th. and 6th. of week, After Breakfast I went to see Isabella Flintoft not a friend but an intimate acquaintance stopt a little and got a Glass of Rum. and then went to the Inn were I called of my companion, we left York about 10 in the morning Richard Driver a young man from the neighbourhood of Leeds who is under convincement accompanying us to Tadcaster were my companion and me called at the Golden.Lyon, din'd paid 9d a piece eating and 3d Liquor, stopt 2 hours, and then came by Towton to Sherburn were we got about 4 in the afternoon and lodg'd at Rebecca Hunters.

On 31st. and 7th. of the week we set out betwixt 9 and 10 in the morning and came by Ledsham to Ledstone were we stopt about half an hour at the White.horse and got 2 Pints of Ale paid 2d and a half a piece. Here we understood that owing to the sudden thaw and the heavy rains the waters were so much out that it was impossible for us to get by Castleford either on foot or horseback; therefore went by Kippax and Purston to Swillington.bridge and so to Oulton were we stopt near an hour at the Carpenters.arms, and got some refreshment paid 2d a piece eating and 2d and a half Liquor, and then proceeded by Standley and Wakefield to Ossett were we got about 6 in the evening and lodg'd at Robert Shepherds, we met with an uncommon kind reception here from the whole family, considering we were so much strangers to each other, Robert and his Brother Joseph had lately begun to attend friends meetings at times, their wives having been convinced some time before, their Father who lives with them, was also very glad to see us, and appear'd loving and kind to us, we understood he had no objections to their attendance at meetings but on the contrary made all the way he could for them to get out. After Tea Joseph Shepherd and his Wife came in and we were favoured with a satisfactory opportunity together, in which I had a pretty long time in testimony from Matt. C: 18. v: 3. Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.

On 1st. of 1st. Mo. 1797 and 1st. of week we Breakfasted at Joseph Shepherds, and a little before 10 o Clock set out for Wakefield meeting, Robert Shepherd walking with us thither 4 miles. It was rather a lowish time, yet I was strengthened to bear a short testimony therein from Isai: C: 40. v: 1 They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength. At the close of the meeting for Worship was held their Preparative Meeting. Both meetings held 2 hours. From thence we came to Sandal.3.houses were we din'd at the Inn paid 6d a piece eating and 3d Liquor, stopt 1 hour and then came by Milthorp to Crigglestone were we stopt half an hour at George Earnshaws and got some Brandy and water then came by Bretton to Emley were my companion and me parted. I came to Skelmanthorp were I drunk Tea at Anthony Kinsleys, stopt near 2 hours then Charles Blackburn took a lanthorn the evening being very dark and accompanied me to Cumberworth and then return'd but lent me the landthorn forward. He appears very loving and kind to me, and I believe has a great love for the Truth and the faithful Professors thereof, But the way is strait to the kingdom and few are willing to enter and walk therein but whether he stand or fall the testimony he hath borne to the Truth will stand. I got home about 9 in the evening.

An Account of my Journey to Chesterfield Monthly Meeting in Derbyshire held there in the
4th. Mo. 1797

I set out from home ye. 19th. of ye. 4th. Mo. 1797 and 4th. day of the week about 6 o Clock in the morning Henry Marsden accompanying me with the Galloway about 10 miles and then returned had his pleasant ride over the Moors to Judfield having profitably to meditate how ages and generations pass away in considering that it was 6 years this day since my dear Father departed this life and 4 years since my dear Mother was buried, O that I may be so concerned to improve the time and talents committed to my care that when the likes solemn summons may be sounded in my ear I may be able to render up my account with joy. We Breakfasted at Thomas Earnshaws were John Bottomley went the evening before, and was my companion this Journey, stopt 1 hour and then proceeded by Middupstones and Uden to Strines were we stopt better than an hour and din'd paid 3d a piece eating and 2d Liquor then proceeded by Aston to William Marshals of Crabtree.meadows near Hope in Derbyshire, having some business with him which was the cause of our going this way, we stopt 3 hours and drunk Tea then proceeded by Hathersage to Grindlefordbridge, got there about 8 in the evening were we lodg'd at the Blue.Bell paid 8d a piece supper and 8d Breakfast.

On 20th. and 5th. of week, we set about betwixt 6 and 7 o clock in the morning went by Stoak.hall and Curbar, and so over the East.moor to Wigley.green were we stopt at the Bay.horse and got 1 Quart of Ale mull'd paid 9d then proceeded by Brampton to Chesterfield were we got about 10 o'clock having travelled about 12 miles this morning, went to Jared Colliers were we got Tea and then went to the Meeting which began at 11, It was not large, and a very low exercising time to me, John Bottomley had a short time therein in testimony from Neh: C: 2. v: 2. Why is thy countenance sad, seeing thou art not sick? At the close of the Meeting for Worship was held the Monthly Meeting for discipline, which consists of four particular meetings viz. Breach, Chesterfield, Furnace, and Monyash, the last of which hath not held a Preparative meeting for some time the number of members are so few. The first 12 Queries were read and Answers thereto from all their Preparative meetings, by which it appeared there was some convincement in some meetings since last year and one Person had been accepted into membership, a great deal more business was gone through in the course of which John Bottomley laid before friends a concern that he apprehended was on his mind to go into the Womens Meeting, which having obtained leave, was accompanied therein by one of their members, for I was so exceeding poor and stripped as to feel no ability for it. But after their return had a little strength to stammer forth some advice which unexpectedly came before me, by which my mind in some measure felt relieved. Both meetings held 4 hours, after which we din'd at Joseph Storr's who kindly invited us to stop all night with them which we accepted of spending the afternoon very agreeably, he and his Wife being worthy friends and William Fairbank of Sheffield and Joseph Birkbeck of Settle being there, the company of so many valuable friends was very acceptable, yet in the evening an unusual exercise attended my mind the cause of which was hid from me, but was so much depressed in spirit as to hinder me from sleeping much in the night. My Prayers were that every dispensation of the Almighty may be properly sanctified to me, and tend to my further refinement and dedication of heart to his service.

On 21st. and 6th. of week, we Breakfasted at William Brantinghams, and about 9 in the morning left Chesterfield Jared Colliers setting us on our way about 2 miles and then return'd we went by Tupton, Claycross and Woolley to Brackenfield 9 miles were we din'd at Dioclesian Newtons stopt upwards of 3 hours and then went to Jonathon Johnsons of Washington to see my beloved friend Joseph Bent who was lately accepted into membership, we stopt here betwixt 2 and 3 hours and then in company with Joseph Bent proceeded by South.Wingfield near which there is a large Abbey part in ruins called Wingfield.manor by which we passed to John Listers of Amberley 3 miles were we got about 7 o Clock and lodg'd there, Joseph Bent spent the evening with us and then return'd, we parted under the renewed manifestations of that divine love which had nearly cemented our spirits together. I was under

considerable exercise of spirit this night having had a prospect before I left home of going to Derby were I understand divers were under convincement, but since I entered upon the Journey my way thither appeared mostly closed up and I was now ready to conclude that in the morning I should set my face towards home.

On 22nd. and 7th. of week, my prospect towards Derby opening this morning with more clearness we set out for their 12 miles betwixt 9 and 10 o'clock went by Heage and Duffield got to Derby about 1 o'clock were we din'd at the Fox and Owl in Bridge street paid 9d a piece eating and 3d Liquor after dinner we went to Robert Longdons one of the friends who is under convincement, he and his Wife received us with affectionate kindness, we enquired what number there was who appear to be under convincement in the Town, and they inform'd us there was their family which consisted of themselves and 4 young children, Jonathan Oldham, George Young and Wife, and Joseph Stoddard and Wife, that they met together fore and afternoon on the first day of the week at George Youngs house, we soon concluded to stop and sit their forenoon meeting with them altho' none of them were accepted into membership with us, we spent the afternoon very agreeably here, and after Tea one William Pegg a young man in profession with the particular Baptists, but had been powerfully reach'd unto at a Publick Meeting which our friends Martha Howarth from Lancashire and Priscilla Gurney had in this Town the third day before, came in and some others of those who were under convincement with whom we had a satisfactory opportunity, John Bottomley had a short time in testimony first from 1 Thes: C: 4. v: 11. Study to be quiet and to do your own business. I had a pretty long time next from Mark C: 10. v: 17. What shall I do that I may inherit eternal life. John Bottomley next in Prayer, and afterwards I had a short time in testimony from Prov: C: 4. v: 18. The path of the just is as a shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day. Afterwards we took a walk into several parts of the Town which is large and beautiful called and sat a little at Joseph Stoddards. in my passing through the streets I was led to consider the long and cruel imprisonment our dear friend George Fox suffered in this place and his message to the inhabitants before his release, "As the waters run away when the flood gates are up, so does the visitation of God's love pass away from thee, O Derby!" and was humbled under the consideration, that as that hard-hearted generation passed away who had rejected the Lords mercies unto them he was pleased to renew the visitations of his love to the present; having lately engaged many of his servants to publish the Gospel glad.tidings to the inhabitants of this Town, some of whom appeared to receive their message, and to be gathering to the everlasting foundation and Rock of ages. We return'd to Robert Longdons to supper, and afterwards went to George Youngs where we lodg'd.

On 23rd. and 1st. of the week at half past 10 in the morning was at their meeting held in George Youngs house, and having desired that no information might be given of our intentions of being there, we were twelve in number and favoured with a very solemn open time John Bottomley was first concerned therein in Testimony from Matt C: 5. v: 6. Blessed are they that do hunger and thirst after righteousness; for they shall be filled. I had a pretty long time next from Hab: C: 2. v: 3. The vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it will speak and not lye; though it tarry, wait for it. John Bottomley had a short time next and afterwards I had a pretty long time 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. The meeting held 2 hours. After which we din'd with these friends whose kind entertainment and loving innocent deportment nearly united them to us, clearly manifesting with whom they had been and what fountain they dwell. About 2 o'clock in the afternoon we left Derby several of these truly tender-hearted People accompanying us a good way out of the Town and dear Robert Longdon and George Young set us on our way about 6 miles and then return'd we stopt at the White.hart in Duffield about half an hour and got two Tankards of Ale paid 10d and then came by Makeney and Belper.lane.end to Wirksworth 13 miles were we drunk Tea at the Ship for which and 1 pint of Ale we paid 6d a piece, then came by Cromford to Matlock.Bath to that most curious and Beautiful dale to Matlock 5 miles, were we got about 9 in the evening and lodg'd at the Queens.head paid 8d a piece Supper and 8d Breakfast.

The Landlady was a very pious woman, we had some religious conversation with her, she express'd much satisfaction with our company, and we was well pleased with hers.

On 24th. and 2nd. of week, we said out betwixt 8 and 9 in the morning came by Darley bridge Rowsley and Haddonhall to Bakewell 8 miles and a half were we got a Pint of Ale at the Star paid 2d and a half. There is a young man under convincement in this Town who is Nephew to the Duke of Rutland's Steward, but we did not get to see him, came to Ashford 1 mile and a half were there is curious marble works stopt upwards of 2 hours and Din'd paid 6d a piece eating and 2d and a half Liquor, then proceeded and crossing Monsalldale a very deep and curious valley we turned up to Brushfield Hough 3 miles were we call'd to see Ralph Blores got there little past 3 in the afternoon they kindly invited us to stop all night which we complied with. After Tea we took a walk into their grounds which is almost surrounded with surprizing deep valleys, the sides being in part cloathed with wood and others bare Rocks with Goats skipping upon them which was very curious.

On 25th. and 3rd. of week, we set out betwixt 7 and 8 o'clock in the morning, James Blore an innocent young Man setting us on our way about 1 mile and then return'd we crossed Millerdale and came up a curious rocky valley to Tideswell 3 miles were we stopt half an hour at the Old.Bulls.head and got 1 quart of Ale paid 5d and then came by Peak Forest, Sparrowpit and Chapel.in.le.friith to Milton 8 miles, were we stopt upwards of 1 hour and a half at the Cross.keys and Din'd 4d a piece eating and 4d Liquor, and then came over an high montain to Low.Leighton 4 miles were we got a little past 3 o'clock in the afternoon and lodg'd at William Holms's.

On 26th. and 4th. of week, This morning I attained the 47th. year of my age. We set out about 9 o'clock and came by Hayfield, Glossop and Forsett to Woodhead in Cheshire, were we got about 1 o'clock and took up our quarters at the George and Dragon, and coming on exceeding heavy rain we were under the necessity of stoping there all night, Paid 8d a piece Dinner 8d Tea and 8d supper.

On 27th. and 5th. of week, we set at a little before 6 in the morning, came over the Moss and by Holm in Yorkshire, to Longwalls were we call'd to see Lydia Taylor stopt better than an hour and Breakfasted her husband appearing very kind altho' he does not make any profession with us. We came by Holmfirth to Wooldale were we got in time to their Week day Meeting which began as usual at 10 and held about 2 hours, it here it was very small considering the number who were 10 on first.days and to me it was a poor low time, although towards the close I had a short time in testimony from Rev: C: 3. v: 1. Thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead. after meeting we din'd at Henry Swires and afterwards went and sat a little at our worthy ancient friends William Earnshaws he and his Wife having been shining examples in their day of Industry, and an humble circumspect walking; from thence we went and sat a little at Thomas Roberts's, and had left Wooldale betwixt 2 and 3 o'clock and came by Tottis and Scholes to George Broadheads of Melthomhouse, - he having been very pressing on us to call and see them at the close of the Meeting having been married the sixth day before, the 21st. of this Month to Lydia Grimshaw a member of Rounton Meeting, within the compass of Thirsk Monthly meeting, and they only got home on first day evening, so that this was the first time of their being at Wooldale meeting since their marriage. I was glad he appeared to have got so suitable a helpmeet he being a young Man for whom I have a particular value. We stopt and drunk Tea, and spent the time in agreeable conversation until 6 in the evening, when we set out being well satisfied with our visit, and came to John Firths of Shepley.Lanehead our esteemed friend Jane Burrow of Kendal being there, we spend about 2 hours in agreeable conversation and supp'd, then came home were we got about 9 in the evening having great cause to be thankful for the solid satisfaction I met with in this Journey, altho' the forepart thereof was attended with deep inward Baptisms.

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William Sowerby of Ackworth and Hannah Wigham	27	Do	1 st .
William Sowerby of Ackworth	29	10	1 st .
Mary Stirrey from London and Mary Watson from Ireland	11	12	2

1798

Thomas Colley of Sheffield	8	2	5
William Earnshaw of Wooldale			
At the burial of Ann the Wife of John Firth of Shepley Lanehead which was a very large Meeting the house being exceedingly crowded and many who could not get in After a long time in silence Thomas had a very long and extraordinary Testimony to bear from Mic: C: 2. v: 10. This is not your rest. She was a Pattern of Piety and virtue, she lived beloved and died much lamented.			

	rd	mo	th
Jane Burrow from Westmorland	23	3	6
Sarah Shackleton from Ireland			
Sarah Talbot from Delaware in America	5	4	5
William Sowerby of Ackworth	20	4	6
Elizabeth Copeland of Leeds			

She had a concern to visit the families of friends in our Preparative Meeting and Williams Sowerby found freedom to join her in the accomplishment thereof.

Mary Brantingham from Durham and William Sowerby of Ackworth	4	5	6
William Earnshaw of Wooldale	1	6	6
William Sowerby of Ackworth and William Earnshaw of Wooldale Mg. and Dinah Woodhead of Wooldale Mg.	7	6	6
William Sowerby of Ackworth William Earnshaw of Wooldale Dinah Woodhead	9	8	5
Mary Rotherford of Sheffield Mg. and Catharine Tricket of Sheffield and Ann Fairbank of Sheffield	11	11	1

The two former visited the families in our Preparative Mg

1799

	th	mo	th
Phebe Speakman from Delaware in America and Mary Tate of Cottingwith Mg	20	1	1
Wm. Sowerby of Ackworth and William. Sowerby of Ackworth	25	1	6
William Earnshaw of Wooldale Jane Burrow from Westmorland	6	6	5
Hannah Barnard from New York Elizabeth Coggeshall from Rhode Island in America	14	7	1
David Dent from Suffolk Jane Burrow from Westmorland	25	7	1
	9	8	6
	15	-	5
At the marriage of Simeon Hunter of Sherburn and Sarah Dickinson daughter of Elihu Dickinson Tanner of Highflatts. She also stopt sometime attending our Mgs. as they fell in course			
Thomas Scattergood from Pennsylvania in America and William Earnshaw of Wooldale	5	9	5
Thomas Colley of Sheffield	15	12	1

1800

John Wigham from Scotland	16	6	2
Charles Parker of Bentham Mg.	15	9	2
John Hoyland and Elizabeth his Wife of Sheffield Martha Smith of Doncaster			
Who with William Tuke and Thomas Priestman of York and Sarah Hustler of Bradford Mg. were under appointment of the Quarterly Mg. to visit our Monthly and Preparative Mgs.			

1801

William Sowerby from Richmond Mo. Mg.	15	6	2
Charity Cooke from South Carolina in America and Mary Swett from New Jersey in America	22	7	4
Thomas Cash from Cheshire	7	12	2

He was returning from a visit to some Meetings in this County and left Ackworth this morning with a view to go directly home, but on the way felt a concern on his mind to have a Publick Meeting at Highflatts this evening. It was 3 o'clock in the afternoon before we had any knowledge thereof and the meeting was appointed to begin at 7 We exerted ourselves as much as we could in giving notice, all frds. got information and many others for several miles around and considering the short time for notice and that it was the dark of the Moon, It was a large Meeting the house being well filled and many up Stairs. It proved a memorable season of divine favour, he had a long and extraordinary testimony there in from Isai: C: 66. v. 1, 2. Thus saith the Lord, The heaven is my throne, and the earth my foot stool; where is the house that ye build unto me? and where is the place of my rest? For all those things hath mine hand made, and all those things have been, saith the Lord; but to this man will I look, even to him that is poor, and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word. Afterwards he was concerned in Prayer, and concluded the meeting, with a lively and Pathetic exhortation to the People withall expressing the satisfaction he had felt with their company and commendable behaviour signifying his belief that altho' many of them might have a considerable way to go in the dark yet would get well to their habitations and concluded with recommending them unto God and the word of his Grace that when they came up to lie on a languishing bed they might be favoured with Peace on their poor minds and rest with him.

James Howarth from Lancashire	23rd.	12.	4
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1802			
William Sowerby of Richmond Mo. Mg.	20	9	2
Mary Ridgeway from Ireland and Susanna Appleby from Shropshire	8	10	6
Ann Alexander from Suffolk and Ann Burgess from Leicestershire and Henry Tuke of York	30	10	7
1803			
Joseph Cloud from North Carolina in America and William Crotch of Scarborough	23	2	4
Mary Stirrey from London	8	4	6
Margaret Bragg of Newcastle upon Tyne	22	7	6
Mary Brantingham from Durham	28	-	5
1804			
Isabella Harris of Ackworth	25	3	1
William Jackson from Pennsylvania in America	6	4	6
David Sands from New York in America	8	6	6
Isabella Harris of Ackworth	18	-	2
Deborah Darby from Shropshire and Rebecca Byrd from Dorsetshire	15	9	7
John Hoyland of Sheffield	14	10	1
Thomas Cash from Cheshire	17	-	4
At his request publick notice was given to the inhabitants, a great concourse attended. The Mg. was eminently favoured it began at 6 o clock in the evening and held 2 and a quarter hrs.			
Isabella Harris from Ackworth	21	-	1
At her request publick notice was given to the inhabitants and the greatest concourse attended I ever saw. It was in an extraordinary manner favoured, began at 11 o clock and held 2 and a half hours.			
1805			
Isabella Harris of Ackworth	17	6	2
Sarah Bleckley from Norfolk and Mary Bleckley from Cambridgeshire	8	8	5
Isabella Harris of Ackworth	16	9	2
1806			
Ann Crowley from Middlesex and Susanna Horne	9	2	1
Isabella Harris of Ackworth again	13 16	6 -	6 2
1807			
Thomas Shillitoe from Middlesex	5	4	1
Thomas Shillitoe from Middlesex and Isabella Harris of Ackworth	15	6	2
William Foster from Middlesex	31	7	6
Thomas Clark from Sommersetshire	4	8	6
Joseph Milford from at Sommersetshire			

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1808

	th	mo	th
Isabella Harris of Ackworth	20	6	2

1809

Esther Lees from Lancashire	14	4	6
Benjamin White from Pennsylvania in America	21	9	5

1810

Jane Doncaster of Sheffield	4	3	1
At the burial of Sister Mary Wood of Haddenley			
Isabella Harris of Ackworth	18	6	2
Thomas Shillitoe from Middlesex	3	8	6

1811

Henry Hull from New York in America and John Hull from Middlesex	1	11	6
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1812

John Hoyland of Sheffield and Elizabeth his Wife	24	5	1
John Shillitoe of Barnsley	14	6	1
Do and Isabella Harris of Ackworth	15	-	2
Esther Lees from Lancashire	24	7	6
Hannah Broadhead of Leeds	26	-	1
Stephen Grellete from New York in America and Sarah Hustler of Bradford Mg. and Isaac Hadwin from Lancashire	23	10	6

1813

Jane Doncaster of Sheffield and Isabella Harris of Ackworth	4	4	1
Sarah Sharman from Surrey	14	6	2
George Richardson from Newcastle upon Tyne and Daniel Oliver	4	8	4
William Smith of Doncaster	1	9	4
	17	-	6

1814

Robert Walker of Netherdale Mg.	18	2	6
Ann Burgess from Leicestershire	6	5	6
Mary Shorthouse from Warwickshire			
Sarah Lambly from Worcestershire			
Ann Fairbank of Sheffield			
Daniel Wheeler of Sheffield			

Sarah Lambly was on a religious visit to the families of frds. in this county, and Ann Fairbank to those in this Mo. Mg. thro' which they united as companions.

Isabella Harris of Ackworth	20	6	2
Esther Lees from Lancashire	24	7	1
She was also at our Meeting on 6th. day and 1st. day following			
William Masters from Staffordshire	29	-	6
Also on 1 st . day following			
John Kirham from Essex and	13	9	3

Elizabeth Copeland of Hull			
George Sanders of Whitby	6	11	1
Isaac Taylor of Helmsley Mg.			
William Alexander of York			
Thomas Scantlebury of Sheffield			
William Rountree of Pickering Mg. and Rachel his Wife			
Being part of a Committee appointed by the Quarterly Mg. to visit its Monthly and Preparative Mgs.			

1815

Elizabeth Robson from Durham and Mary Cooper of Brighouse	7	4	6
Thomas Shillitoe Barnsley and Isabella Harris of Ackworth	19	6	2
Isabella Harris of Ackworth	16	7	1
Isabella Harris of Ackworth	4	8	6
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An Account of my Journey to Marsden Monthly Meeting in Lancashire held at Crawshaw Booth in the 5th. Mo.1797.

I set out from home ye. 16th. of ye. 5th. Mo. 1797 and 3rd. day of the week about 6 o'clock in the morning, called at Cousin Joseph Walkers of Paddock were I stopt about half an hour and then proceeded by Shelley, Kirkburton and Amberry to Huddersfield were I tarried the market and a little past 5 o'clock in the afternoon left the Town in company with John Haigh of Barkhouse near Shelley who was my companion this Journey, we went with our kind friend Thomas Firth of Lindley to his house were we got about 6 o'clock and lodg'd there.

On 17th. and 4th. of week, The morning being very wet, we did not set out until betwixt 9 and 10 o'clock, Thomas Firth kindly accompanying us about 2 miles and then return'd we went by Outlanes to Cousin John Dysons of Lower.Goathouse were we din'd, and stopt betwixt 2 and 3 hours having very agreeable conversation with his Mother who had wanted to see me for some time. About 2 o'clock in the afternoon we set out, and travelled through a very mountainous country, by Marshy.bank and over the Withens to John Greenwoods of Langfield near Todmorden got there a little past 5 in the afternoon were we lodg'd.

On 18th. and 5th. of week, a little past 7 o'clock in the morning we set out for Crawshaw.Booth 11 miles, John Greenwood setting us on our way 1 mile and a half and then return'd we went by Todmorden in Lancashire Gauxholme and up a very deep and curious valley lined with wood, gradually ascending to the top of the hill and then descending to Bacop through which we passed to New-church in Rossendale were we stopt 1 hour at the Hare and Hounds and got some refreshment Paid 2d a piece eating and 2d and a half Liquor, then proceeded to Crawshaw.Booth were we found the Meeting had been gathered sometime our friend Mary Earnshaw beng concerned in Prayer, we stopt at the door until she had done and then went softly in, and took the first empty seat being much aggrieved at being behind the hour appointed which was entirely owing to the difference of the clocks here and at New.

church, as we apprehended by the clocks there we should have been here rather too soon. It hurt me much in my first sitting down, but considering that the fault was not in us, I endeavoured to get my mind properly staid and had cause to be thankful I was there, The Meeting began as usual by their clocks at 11 and was large especially of men friends, James Howarth, and dear James Brandwood (an intimate friend of mine whom I had not seen for a long time past,) had each of them a pretty long and acceptable time in testimony therein. and afterwards Sarah Hartley had a few words. At the close of this meeting was held the Monthly Meeting for discipline which consists of six Preparative Meetings viz. Marsden, Trawdin, Sawley, Rossendale, Oldham, and Edgworth and Bolton the business was conducted to pretty good satisfaction there appearing something of a lively concern upon the minds of divers friends for the maintenance of good order, and the promotion of the glorious cause of Truth and righteousness Both meetings held upwards of 3 hours. After which we din'd at David Binns's in the village and after dinner went and sat a little at Henry Mariots of Sunnyside. About 4 o'clock we set out for Rochdale 12 miles in company with several friends of Oldham Meeting viz. James Taylor, John Earnshaw, Thomas Hall, John Wilde, and Joseph Kershaw the last being under convincement but not accepted into membership, came by New church and over Rowley.moor a long high common James Taylor, Joseph Kershaw and us called at the Blue.Ball a Publick house near the middle of the moor, the other friends going forward as they intended for home that night; we stopt about half an hour and got 4 Pints of Ale paid 8d, and then came to Spotland.bridge were we stopt about half an hour at William Listers he was from home but his Wife received us kindly and entertained us very affectionately with good things of their house, altho' she was not in profession with us. We got to our worthy friends William Midgley's of Rochdale betwixt 8 and 9 in the evening were we lodg'd. Soon after we got in his Wife began to be exceeding poorly so that we was oblig'd to go to a neighbours in the town one of James Cleggs were we was very kindly entertained and in a little more than an hour's time William Midgley came for us informing us his Wife was delivered of a fine Boy whom out of respect to me, and my being there at this time they named Joseph.

On 19th. and 6th. of week, After Breakfast Joseph Kershaw set out towards home but we tarried most of the day here, in the forenoon, his Wife being desirous to see me we went upstairs were we had a favoured opportunity in which I was concerned in testimony. A little before 6 in the evening we set out William Midgley accompanying us to Beurshill 1 mile where he is building a very large house for himself to reside in, having been favoured with a very great increase of wealth, which I believe he is desirous to steward faithfully, being hitherto preserved in much humility and lowliness of mind and appears concerned to do all the good he can: He return'd from hence and we came to Whitefield were we got betwixt 7 and 8 o'clock, James Taylor went forward home but we stopt all night at John Halls.

On 20th. and 7th. of week, we set out about 10 in the forenoon, our ancient friend John Hall now in the 78th. year of his age accompanying us about 2 miles and then return'd, we came by Shaw.Chapel and Heighside to our dear friend James Taylors of Salmonfield were we got a little before 11 o'clock and spent the remainder of the day very comfortably with him and his housekeeper An elderly friend were we also lodg'd; in the evening several friends coming in we had an opportunity together which tho' a low time ended to some degree of satisfaction, After it was broke up and before friends separated I was concerned in testimony.

On 21st. and 1st. of week, we were at Oldham Meeting which began at 11 and held 3 hours It was large of friends and others who came in. Abraham Holt a man who is under convincement was there, I understood he attended pretty constantly altho' he had 8 miles to come how different is this from some amongst us who will scarcely attend when within a mile and yet would bear the name but I know not what for except they imagine it will take away their reproach from amongst Men. It was an open favoured meeting, the various states of the People were in a very particular manner opened and spoke to, and way of life and salvation clearly discovered and pointed out to the meanest capacity. Mary Earnshaw was first concerned therein in supplication and afterwards I had two long times in testimony the first from 2 Kings: C: 5. v: 13. If the Prophet had 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. and afterwards from Psalms 77. v: 18. The lightnings lightened the world, the earth trembled and shook. After meeting we stopt a little and got some refreshment at Francis Chapmans whose wife Margaret hath the gift in the Ministry and then returned to Salmonfield were we din'd at Thomas Hall's, and after dinner 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 and David Walton accompanying us hither were they spent the evening and then return'd.

On 22nd. and 2nd. of week about 9 in the morning we set out and came by Glodwick, Austerlands in Yorkshire, and through Saddleworth by the way of Delpth to Marsden were we din'd at the Red.Lyon paid 8d a piece eating and 4d Liquor, stopt near 2 hours and then came by Meltham and Thong to Wooldale were we stopt near 2 hours drunk Tea at William Earnshaws and afterwards sat a little at Henry Swires, and then came to Newmill were we called to see Matthew Broadhead who had been very poorly for some time, stopt half an hour there, and then came to Hill.end were John Haigh turned towards home and I came to my Brother Samuel Woods of Haddenley were I stopt about an hour and got some refreshment, and then came home were I got about 9 in the evening.

An Account of my Journey to our Autumn Quarterly Meeting held at York in the 9th. Mo.
1797.

I set out from home ye. 24th. of ye. 9th. Mo. 1797 and 1st. day of the week, betwixt 6 and 7 o'clock in the morning having my esteemed friend John Pickford for my companion this journey we went by Denby, Gunthwaite and Cawthorne to Joseph Listers of Bleach.house near Barnsley, were we stopt half an hour and got Tea, and then went with the family to their Meeting at Burton which began at 11 and held 2 hours and a half. It was considerably enlarged this day by friends from several other Meetings and tho' it was but a low season, I was strengthened to bear two pretty long testimonies therein I hope to the comfort and edification of some. The first 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, thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water. And afterwards from Jer: C: 13. v: 15, 16. 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. After Meeting John Wilson took us to his Country house and gave us some Rum and Water, and William Milford a young man who is under convincement from Sheffield with whom I had lately got acquainted, he having been at my house to see us the week before and tarried two nights, being at this meeting to day, and desirous that we should dine with him at his Uncle Joseph Machins a considerable Farmer in the village; we complied with his request, and tho' he was not a friend we met with a very kind reception and was agreeably entertained at his house stopt until about 3 o'clock and then proceeded by Low.Cudworth, Grimethorp, and Clayton in the Clay to Frickly.hall 9 miles the seat of William Payne, and got there about 6 in the evening were we lodg'd; being very affectionately received and kindly entertained.

On 25th. and 2nd. of the week, in the morning I took a walk into the Park and through the Plantations which are beautifully laid out with Gravel and grass walks, and into the Gardens, which are very large, and adorned with reservoirs of Water, and seats and harbours also with great variety of Trees, shrubs and plants all which with the neatness and elegance of the house, its situation on a small eminence in a large open valley of a very rich and fertile land makes it a most beautiful and delightful place. Betwixt 10 and 11 o'clock this forenoon we set out William Payne accompanying us about 1 mile and then return'd, went by Emsall, Minstrop, Upton and Thorp near Badsworth to Wentbridge were we stopt 2 hours at the Star

and Din'd Paid 10d a piece eating and 2d Liquor then proceeded by Darrington to Ferrybridge were we stopt about 1 an hour and a half and drunk Tea at Robert Thompsons, then went by Milford to Sherburn who were we got about 7 in the evening and lodg'd at our friend Rebecca Hunters.

On 26th. and 3rd. of week we were we set out about half past 9 in the morning and went by Towton to Tadcaster were we stopt 1 hour and a half at the Golden.Lyon and din'd paid 9d a piece eating and 2d Liquor, then proceeded to York were we got betwixt 3 and 4 o'clock in the afternoon, and I took up my quarters at William Awmacks in Walmgate, except for dinners which I got at the Inn with my companion, the Sine of the Cross.keys in great Shambles for which we paid 1s a piece At 5 in evening began the Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders. The Queries were read and Answers thereto received and read from all our Monthly Meetings, Also an Epistle from the Yearly Meeting containing much weighty counsel and advice. Also the list of the Names of the Ministers and Elders were read and the necessary alterations made. It appeared on revising the same that five Ministers were dead since last year viz. Elizabeth Dickinson of Balby Mo. meeting, Benjamin Hird and Mary Firth of Brighouse Mo. meeting, Samuel Harrison of Settle Mo. meeting, and Elizabeth Priestman of Pickering Mo. meeting, and one was recommended to be added upon the list viz. John Thistlethwaite of Richmond Mo. meeting. The following friends were appointed to oversee the succeeding Meetings and advise as occasion may require viz. George Chapman, William Tuke Esther Stickney and Sarah Hustler. The Meeting held 3 hours.

On 27th. and 4th. of week was a Meeting for Worship which was remotely select of friends and very large for the time of the year Catharine Tricket had a pretty long time therein in testimony first from Heb: C: 3. v. 7, 8. To day if ye will hear his voice, Harden not your hearts. John Hoyland next from Rev: C: 3. v: 18. I counsel thee to buy of me Gold tried in the fire. Henry Tuke next from 2 Cor: C: 11. v: 3. I fear lest by any means, as this serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. Thomas Colley had a very long time next from Rom: C: 8. v. 36, 37, 38, 39. For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. Nay in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present nor things to come; Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ.Jesus our Lord. At the close of this Meeting was held one for discipline; The Queries were read and Answers received from all our Mo. Meetings read and considered, and some remarks made thereon. After Meeting the representatives from the several Monthly Meeting stopt a little at the Table to consider of two friends to act as Clerks to this Meeting for the ensuing Year when we agreed to propose the continuation of Joseph Birkbeck of Settle and the addition of George Sanders of Whitby who were acceptable to the Meeting. Both Meetings held 5 hours. After dinner we went to see the Prisoners in the Castle who our friends and are now likely to be soon set at liberty, under the Insolvency Act which we believe the Government made up on purpose to procure their Release from a long and tedious confinement, bore with Christian patience and fortitude, one having died in Prison, and so sealed his testimony with his Blood. At 5 in the evening was another Meeting for discipline which held about 2 hours and a half, amongst other business which came before it was an appeal brought by James Fawcett of Halifax meeting against Brighouse Monthly Meeting who had disown'd him for falling short of paying his just debts; A Committee of two friends from each Mo. Meeting were appointed to hear the said James Fawcett and friends of Brighouse Mo. Meeting of which number I was one, we met at the close of this meeting and sat about 2 hours, were the appellant and the said friends were fully and fairly heard, and our united judgment was, that his conduct fully warranted the procedure and disownment of Brighouse Mo. Meeting, and the Quarterly Meeting the next day confirmed our Judgment.

On 28th. and 5th. of week, at half past 8 in the morning was a committee upon the records which broke up just in time to get to the Meeting for discipline which began at 10 and held 4 hours, amongst the business thereof, Friends of Settle Mo. Meeting produced a

Certificate expressive of their unity with our friend Sarah Birkbeck accompanying her former companion Sarah Harrison from North.America (with whom she had travelled on a visit to Meetings in Great Britain,) on a religious visit to the Nation of Ireland which was read and this Meetings approbation express'd by an endorsement thereon signed by the clerk. Also the concern of our esteemed friend Phebe Blakes of Leeds are to visit America which was laid before the Quarterly Meeting in the 3rd. Mo. last, when the Meeting feeling some demur about it the further consideration thereof was deferred to last meeting when a Committee was appointed to visit her who brought in their report to this which at length came to this Judgment and ordered two friends tenderly to inform her thereof viz. That this meeting did not see it sufficiently clear to encourage her to proceed therein at present. The business of the Meeting this Quarter was conducted in much harmony and concord to the solid satisfaction of faithful friends, except towards the close of this Meeting when the proposed arrangements of the Monthly Meetings came under consideration a friend for whom I have a value, but who hath all along appeared desirous to push this business forward but not having his desired gratified, let fall some unbecoming and reflecting expressions, to the trouble of many friends, but these making no reply the matter ended. When we got to the Inn we found dear John Lee a young man who was convinc'd during his Apprenticeship in this city but at present resides with his Mother at Ellerton near Cottingwith, being in want of a place, come to see us, of whose company I was glad, having the opportunity of some edifying conversation with him alone after dinner the other friends taking a walk - At 5 in the evening was a Publick meeting for Worship which was a very large many of different Societies attending. Thomas Colley had a very long and highly favoured time therein in testimony from Acts C: 11. v: 22, 23, 24. Then tidings of these things came unto the ears of the church which was in Jerusalem; and they sent forth Barnabas, that he should go as far as Antioch. Who, when he came, and had seen the grace of God, was glad, and exhorted them all that with purpose of heart they would cleave unto the Lord. For he was a good Man, and full of the Holy Ghost and of faith. Afterwards he was concerned in Prayer. 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 thereto and had nothing particular to remark to this meeting. In the evening John Lee, John Hulme and Robert Thirkill came and sat with us 2 hours, they being all under conviction, and having formerly been in profession with the Methodists, and the two last Preachers among that People.

On 29th. and 6th. of week, This morning we Breakfasted at Stephen Listers and betwixt 7 and 8 o'clock left York in company with our dear friend John Robinson of Wakefield, William Awmack and John Holme accompanying us about 1 mile and then return'd we came to Tadcaster were we stopt about 1 hour at the Golden.Lyon and got some refreshment paid 6 d apiece, and then came by Hasslewood Aberford, and Parlinton.hall the seat of Sr. Thomas Gascoyne of Garforth were we stopt part of an hour at the old George and got 3 pints of Ale paid 2d a piece and then came by Swillington, and cross'd the River Aire in a Boat to Fleet.mills were we called at William Evers's with whom John Robinson had liv'd as foreman in his business. They are not friends but received us courteously and entertained us kindly we stopt 2 hours and drunk Tea, and then came by Oulton and Standley to Wakefield were we got about 8 o'clock in the evening were we lodg'd at our fellow.traveller John Robinsons house, who from a sense of duty had removed from York the last spring with his family into this Town.

On 30th. and 7th. of week, in the morning we went and sat a little at Ann Thorps and betwixt 10 and 11 in the forenoon left Wakefield and in about an hours time got to Christopher Walkers of Dirtcar were we din'd, about 2 o'clock in the afternoon we set out and came to Crigglestone were we stopt better than half an hour at my Uncle Joseph Houghs and then came by Bretton and Park.mill to Skelmanthorp were we drunk Tea at Charles Blackburns, and afterwards went and sat a little at Anthony Kinsleys, stopt at both places about 3 hours, and then proceeded Charles Blackburn accompanying us, at Cumberworth we parted with John Pickford he going directly home, and Charles Blackburn went with me over

the foot way into my own ground were we parted he returning and I got home about 9 o'clock in the evening.

An Account of my Journey to Brighouse Monthly Meeting held at Brighouse in the 10th. Mo.
1797

I set out from home ye. 11th. of ye. 10th. Mo. 1797 and 4th. day of the week betwixt 7 and 8 o'clock in the morning intending to take our Monthly Meeting to be held at Ackworth, and go from thence to Brighouse, having John Bottomley for my companion this journey, we went by Cumberworth to Skelmanthorp were we stopt a little at Anthony Kinsleys, and from thence went to Charles Backburns were we got some refreshment stopt at both places 2 hours and then proceeded by Park.mill, Bretton.hall and Woolley to Notton, were we stopt 1 hour at the Inn and din'd paid 8d a piece eating and 2d Liquor, then proceeded by Havercroft to the Sine of the Angel at Ackworth.moor.top were being very thirsty we call'd and got 1 quart of Ale paid 4d stopt half an hour and then went to Ackworth were we got about 5 in the evening and lodg'd at the School After Tea I went and sat a little with Jonathan Binns and his Wife in their apartment who are very valuable friends having given up a great deal of outward possessions to come here to serve the society; from thence I went and sat a little at Joseph Donbavands and then return'd to supper.

On 12th. and 5th. of week, This morning I went and Breakfasted at Robert Whitaker's. At 11 o'clock the Monthly Meeting for Worship began which was pretty well attended by friends from the several Meetings considering where it was held, and with the scholars who are about 300 in number was a very large Meeting, John Bottomley had a pretty long time therein in testimony, concerning our Saviour breaking the bread and feeding the multitude. Our Friend Frederic Smith from London was here but had nothing publickly to offer in this meeting, but was indeed an example of awful reverent waiting upon God. In the meeting for discipline he had much weighty counsel and advice to drop and towards the close thereof had a pretty long and very encouraging testimony to bear to those who were oftens reduced into a very low state of mind from 2 Sam: C. 6. v: 22. I will yet be more vile. This meeting is constituted of 6 Preparative Meetings viz. Pontefract, Burton, Highflatts Ackworth, Wakefield, and Wooldale, we had not much business before us this day, but the little was conducted in much harmony. Both meetings held 3 hours. After dining at the school we set out to about half past 3 o'clock and came by Hazle, Wragby, Foulby and Crofton to Wakefield were we stopt about 1 hour and drunk Tea at John Robinsons then proceeded to Ossett were we got about half past 7 in the evening and lodg'd at Joseph Shepherds having travelled this afternoon about 11 miles.

On 13th. and 6th. of week, we Breakfasted at Robert Shepherds, and about 7 o'clock set out for Brighouse 10 miles went by Dewsbury, Mirfield, Nunbrook and Cooper.bridge and so up a pleasant valley by the River side to Brighouse were we got to Thomas Coopers about half past 10. After getting some refreshment we went to the Meeting which began at 11 and was very large the house been quite full; but to me it appeared a very low exercising season. Gervas Storrs had a few words therein. At the close of the Meeting for Worship was held the Mo. meeting for discipline which is constituted of 6 Preparative meetings viz: Leeds, Bradford, Brighouse and Parrack, Todmorden and Gildersome a great deal of business was gone thro', in much condescension which was a cause of thankfulness to a remnant, as a very contrary disposition had been too prevalent some time past in some of the members of this Meeting, to the grief and exercise of the faithful. Two couple appeared there with their intentions of Marriage viz. James Arthington and Sarah Whitelock both of Leeds meeting and Joseph Spence of Knaresborough Mo. meeting and Rachel Sutcliffe of Todmorden meeting Also the friends appointed to enquire into Joseph Tathams of Leeds meeting clearness in relation to Marriage from all others except Sarah North of York Mo. Meeting reported they

found nothing to the contrary of which York Mo. meeting was to be inform'd by Certificate. Both meetings held 4 hours. After which we din'd at Thomas Coopers were we also lodg'd. After Tea I went and sat a little at James Lees's and then return'd to my lodgings.

On 14th. and 7th. of week, I parted with John Bottomley he intending for Gildersome meeting next day, and came to James Houghtons were I Breakfasted, betwixt 9 and 10 in the forenoon I left Brighouse and came to Rastrick were I call'd and Jeremiah Smith stopt half an hour with him and then came to Joseph Firths of Toothill we had been very familiarly acquainted when young, he was glad to see me I tarried several hours there and Din'd. Betwixt 3 and 4 o'clock in the afternoon I set out Joseph Firth kindly accompanying me about 1 mile and then return'd, I came to Huddersfield were I stopt better than half an hour at Joshua Woods an intimate acquaintance of mine, and one of the People called Methodists got some refreshment there, and then came by Longley, Lumb and Farnley to Woodend were I got about 6 o'clock in the evening and lodg'd at William Bottomleys.

On 15th. and 1st. of week, After breakfast I went and sat a little at Thomas Bottomleys, about 10 o'clock William Bottomley called of me and we went together by Thursteland to their Meeting at Wooldale which began at 11 and held about 3 hours many sober Neighbours attended, who appeared to be enquiring the way to the kingdom with their faces thitherward, suitable doctrine opened to their seeking states and it was a memorable time of favour. I had two long Testimonies to deliver therein the first from Rev: C: 2. v: 17. To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna and I will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving him that receiveth it. and afterwards from Rev: chap. 2. v: 10. Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life. After which Leah Kinsley (who was here from our Meeting) had a few words. Charles Blackburn left me here, and after meeting we din'd at Henry Swire's, and after dinner sat a little at William Earnshaws, and drunk Tea at Thomas Roberts's. About half past 5 set out towards home Henry Swire accompanying us 3 miles and then return'd. Charles Blackburn went with me home and stopt our family sitting which began as usual at 7 o'clock in the evening and held about 1 hour and a half. I read a chapter in the Scriptures first and afterwards such of the family as were qualified each of them one according to their ages. We then closed into silence it was but a low season in the forepart thereof but towards the conclusion was mercifully covered with an awful solemnity.

An Account of my Journey to a Meeting held at Braithwait in the 10th. Mo. 1797.

Understanding that our friend Thomas Colley of Sheffield had appointed a public meeting at Braithwait, I felt my mind inclined to attend it. Accordingly I set out from home ye. 21st. of ye. 10th. Mo. 1797 and 7th. day of the week about 7 o'clock in the morning and went by Denby and Cawthorne to Carr-green were I met by appointment with Thomas Earnshaw of Judfield who was my companion this Journey; we stopped at Joseph Smiths near an hour and got some refreshment then proceeded by Carlton to Brearley were we din'd at the Blacksmiths. arms paid 8d a piece eating and 3d Liquor stopt better than an hour and then proceeded by Himsworth, Badsworth and Thorp to Wentbridge were we stopt better than half an hour at the Blacksmiths. arms and got 1 Quart of Ale paid 4d and then went by Kirk.Smeaton to Little Smeaton were we got about half past 5 in the evening and lodg'd at Thomas Hagues having travelled about 24 miles this day.

On 22nd. and 1st. of the week, betwixt 8 and 9 o'clock in the morning we set out for Braithwait 7 miles in company with Thomas Haigh and two young men friends viz. John Robinson and George Stephens his Apprentices went by Campsall and Askron were we entered into a very low flat level country through which we passed by Trumfleet to Braithwait, were we got just in time to the meeting which began at 11 and broke up a little past 2 o'clock. It was held in the Meetinghouse belonging to friends but no meeting had been

constantly held there for a great number of years past the members being all removed into other parts. A large concourse of People attended some of whom came a great many miles, the house was pretty large and very much crowded, and many were obliged to stand without in the burial-ground. It was eminently favoured, and the behaviour of the People very commendable and many being sensibly affected with the Power of Truth. Besides our friend Thomas Colley on whose account a Meeting was appointed, there was 2 other ministering friends from Sheffield viz. John and Elizabeth Hoyland. Elizabeth Hoyland was first concerned therein in testimony a pretty long time 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 oil? 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. John Hoyland next from John C: 16. v: 7. 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. Thomas Colley had a very long time next from Acts C: 17. v: 19, 20. May we know what this new doctrine whereof thou speakest is? For thou bringest certain strange things to our ears; we would know therefore what these things mean. Elizabeth Hoyland had a long time next from 1 Cor: C: 3. v: 6. I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase. The Meeting concluded in an awful solemn manner and the People departed apparently well satisfied. Our friend Thomas Colley had had one here 4 weeks before and at the close thereof gave notice of this. In the course of this summer his mind had been drawn to have many Meetings in this county in places where none are usually held which I understood were generally large and satisfactory as at Snaith, Syke.house, and at Redness and Swinefleet in Marshland a large tract of low level ground situated on the East side of Thorne, betwixt Rivers Aire, Dun, Ouse and Trent which with Mars.Ditch make it like a River Island, the inhabitants were much strangers to friends, and their Principles but received a then kindly and entertain them freely, the Priest of Redness attended himself the meeting there and encouraged his hearers to attend also. He had likewise Meetings at Frickley, Upper.haugh, Rawcliffe, Tadcaster Sherburn and some other places. After meeting this day we din'd at the Meetinghouse of such provisions as our kind friends had brought along with them (there being no place of entertainment in the village) and then set out for Doncaster 7 miles came by Bramwith were we cross'd the Dun in a Boat to Barmby.upon.Dun were we stopt better than half an hour at the Star and got 1 Quart of Ale paid 4d and then came by Kirk Sandall and Long.Sandall to Doncaster were we got about half past four in the afternoon and drunk Tea at Timothy Clarks. The friends of this Town formally went to a meeting at Warnsworth but their number increasing considerably they took a large upper room in the town and fitted it up conveniently for the purpose of a Meetinghouse so that a Meeting hath been regularly held there for several years past. Their afternoon Meeting usually begins at 5 o'clock, but in order to accommodate such friends as had been at Braithwait and might be inclined to attend it, It was this day put off until 6. The three ministering friends from Sheffield, with several other friends from different parts attended, and several People of other societies came in, It was a low time and held mostly in silence John Hoyland in the forepart thereof had a short Testimony from 1 Thess: C: 4. v: 11. Study to be quiet. The meeting held 2 hours, after which we went home with Richard Cockin were we lodg'd.

On 23rd. and 2nd. of week, After Breakfast we went to William Smiths and Timothy Clarks sat a little at each place and then went to John Clarks were we stopt and got an early dinner. About 12 o'clock we left Doncaster and came by Marr and Hickleton to Darfield.bridge were we stopt better than half an hour at the Ring of the Bells and got some refreshment paid 5d a piece and then came by Ardsley and Stairfoot to Barnsley were we got about half past 5 in the evening and lodg'd at Jonathon Bashforths having travelled this afternoon 15 miles. After supper we went and sat a little at Richard Dearmans were we have the company of one Delvey a Frenchman who told us he had had several near Relations

beheaded during the present commotions in France O that mankind universally were brought under the Government of the Prince of Peace living together in mutual love, then would this world much resemble that above.

On 24th. and 3rd. of week. After Breakfast we went and sat a little at Richard Dearmans, and from thence went to John Listers of Bleach.house were we Din'd and betwixt 12 and 1 o'clock return'd to Barnsley were I parted with my companion he going directly home and I came by Kexbro' and Hoyland to my cousin Joseph Steads of Toppitt were I stopt 2 hours and drunk Tea, then proceeded to Skelmanthorp were I stopt a near 2 hours at Charles Blackburns and got some refreshment, then proceeded he accompanying me we call'd and sat a little at Anthony Kinsleys, and then came by Cumberworth home were I got about 8 o'clock in the evening, Charles Blackburn came with me near entering my ground and then return'd.

An Account of my Journey to a Meeting held at Burton near Barnsley in the 11th. Mo. 1797.

Our friend Thomas Colley of Sheffield having a concern upon his mind to pay a religious visit to the inhabitants of Burton and places adjacent a Meeting was appointed for that purpose in friends Meetinghouse there, and I finding an inclination to attend it set out from home ye. 11th. of ye. 11th. Mo. 1797 and 7th. day of the week about 5 o'clock in the evening and went by Cumberworth to Anthony Kinsleys of Skelmanthorp were I sat a little and then went to Charles Blackburns were I lodg'd.

On 12th. and 1st. of week I set out about 7 o'clock in the morning having Charles Blackburn for my companion this Journey we went by Hoyland Kexbro' and Darton to Joseph Smiths of Carr-green were we stopt about half an hour and got some refreshment, then proceeded to Burton were we got about 10 o'clock spent about an hour at John Wilsons Country.house and in assisting friends in preparing additional seats in the meetinghouse for the better accommodation of the People. The Meeting began at 11 and held near 4 hours, Previous notice having been given thereof several days before, a vast concourse of People attended the house and chamber were both as full as could be comfortably accommodated and many were there who had never been at one of our Meetings before, It was a time of high favour, the most high graciously condescending to overshadow the Assembly with his ancient goodness under the influence of which many Gospel Truths were communicated to the People unto many of whom a powerful visitation appeared to be extended, may they be concerned to wait for the renewings thereof upon their minds that so the seed sown may prosper and bring forth fruit in due season to the Praise of the great husbandman. Thomas Colley had a very long and highly favoured time in testimony from Isai: C: 54. v. 13, 14. All thy children shall be taught of the Lord, and great shall be the peace of thy children. In righteousness shalt thou be established. After which he was concerned in prayer, when he arose from his knees many of the People began to go out but he stood up and inform'd them that his labour amongst them had been to gather them from a dependence upon Instruments took the one thing needful in themselves, and that our meetings did not end when publick labour ceased, expressing his grief that the solemnity of the Meeting was so broke into, as sometimes the best wine was kept until last, and requested them quietly to sit down again which they generally did, when after a short but solemn time in silence, he stood up and acknowledged the commendable behaviour of the People, except in the beforementioned instance which he hoped was done in ignorance, and after a few words more in exhortation concluded with the language of the Apostle 2 Thess: C: 3. v: 5. And the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God, and into the patient waiting for Christ. The People departed in a solid frame of mind and we came with Richard Dearman to his house in Barnsley were we din'd and after dinner went and sat a little at Jonathan Bashforths. About half past 4 we left the town and came by Kexbro' to Hoyland were we called at one Joseph Fishers to see his Wife who had been at the meeting and expressed her satisfaction with her Journey she is a religious Woman and in profession with

the Methodists I had some satisfactory conversation with her we stopt near an hour and got a little refreshment and then set forward, I had intended going from here directly home but it being very Misty and dark I went with my companion by Clayton to Skelmanthorp were we got betwixt 8 and 9 o'clock in the evening and lodg'd at his house.

On 13th. and 2nd. of week, After Breakfast I went to Anthony Kinsleys were I stopt about an hour and then came by Cumberworth home were I got betwixt 10 and 11 o'clock in the forenoon.

An Account of my Journey to a Meeting held at Pinder-oaks near Barnsley in the 12th. Mo.
1797

I set out from home ye. 6th. of ye. 12th. Mo. 1797 and 4th. day of the week about 9 o'clock in the morning in company with my beloved friend and servant William Taylor went to my cousin Joseph Mallinsons of Wood were we called to see his Nephew Who had been for some time in a very declining state of health stopt about half an hour, and then went to Dykeside were we stopt about 1 hour and a half at Joshua Morleys about some business, then William Taylor return'd home and I proceeded to my cousin Joseph Steads of Toppet were I stopt a better than an hour and din'd, then went by Cannon.hall seat of Walter Spencer Stanhope Esq. a pretty house and very pleasantly situated and so by Cawthorne to Jonathan Bashforth of Barnsley were I stopt near an hour and drunk Tea, then proceeded to Nathan Dearmans of Pinder.oaks were our Select meeting was held which was but small they are not being a large number who were members thereof in this Monthly Meeting and several were so aged and infirm as to not to be able to attend; it began at 5 o'clock and held near 2 hours. The Queries were read and Answers to the 2 and 4th. drawn up approv'd and Sign'd in order to be laid before our ensuing Select Quarterly Meeting. Our valuable friends and able ministers of the Gospel Mary Stirrey from London and Mary Watson from Ireland, in the course of their religious visit to friends in the Northern counties of England was here, and had very acceptable service in this Meeting, indeed their labours in these parts were very extraordinary a renewed visitation of Gods love being extended through them to friends and others. After meeting all the friends who were there lodg'd at our very hospitable friend Nathan Dearmans except George Chapman who was under the necessity of returning home this evening.

On 7th. and 5th. of week, in the morning I went and breakfasted at Jonathan Bashforths, and from thence to our Monthly Meeting at Burton which was large the house being well filled The meeting for Worship began as usual at 11 o'clock and was a time of extraordinary favour Mary Watson was first concerned therein a long time in Testimony from Rev: C: 2. v: 29. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the spirit saith unto the churches. Mary Stirrey was next concerned in supplication, Mary Watson next a short time in Testimony, and afterwards Mary Stirrey had a pretty long time next from 2 Cor: C: 6. v: 2. Behold, now is the accepted time; behold now is the day of salvation. At the close of this meeting was held a meeting for discipline. The Queries were read and Answers thereto received and read from all our Preparative meetings viz. Pontefract, Burton, Highflatts, Ackworth Wakefield, and Wooldale. a General Answer was drawn up approv'd and Sign'd in order to be laid before our ensuing Quarterly Meeting Also Robert Grist and Mary Dickinson both of Highflatts Meeting laid before this their continued intentions of taking each other in marriage. A great deal more business was gone through the whole being conducted in much Brotherly love and condescension. Both meetings held near 5 hours. At the close of the Meeting for Worship notice was given of a Meeting to be held next day at Pinder.oaks for the few friends of Burton meeting and at the friends request, for those of other societies who might be disposed to attend. I went accompanied by John Pickford to John Wilsons Country.house were we got some refreshment and then came to Joseph Listers of Bleach.house were we drunk Tea and from thence proceeded to Jonathan Bashforths of Barnsley were we supp'd, after supper John

Pickford return'd to Joseph Listers to lodge, and Jonathan Bashforth accompanied me to George Alletsons who had lately married Susanna Lister a member of our Society they received us kindly and entertained us freely, having given me an invitation in the morning to go and see them, I was not dissatisfied with my visit altho' I could not help morning in consideration of the sorrowful consequence of such mixtures in marriage. We return'd to my companions house were I lodg'd with Joseph Wood his Wifes Brother an innocent young man who had attended our religious meetings for some time past.

On 8th. and 6th. of week, I breakfasted at Richard Dearmans, and John Pickford calling of me we went together to Nathan Dearmans of Pinder.oaks to assist in preparing a place for holding the Meeting, got a large room conveniently seated with chairs. At 11 o'clock the meeting began and held upwards of 2 hours, friends generally attended but not so many of other People as were expected the morning been cold and I am afraid the minds of the generality of the People in this neighbourhood more so, however several sober People attended altho' the room was not quite full, unto whom the Truths of the Gospel were largely and livingly declared in the demonstration of the spirit and Power of God. Mary Stirrey had a pretty long time therein first 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. Mary Watson 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 the sacrifice of fools; for they consider not that they do evil. Mary Stirrey next being pretty largely opened to speak to those of our own society, and afterwards Mary Watson had a short time. After dinner we set out immediately and came to Jonathon Bashforths and a little past 3 o'clock left Barnsley and came by Kexbro, Hoyland and Clayton to Skelmanthorp were we got to Charles Backburns betwixt 5 and 6 in the evening; It having rained very fast all the way we were exceedingly wet, and the night continuing very stormy Charles kindly and pressingly invited us to stop all night with him which we at length complied with and were comfortably and affectionately entertained.

On 9th. and 7th. of week, after breakfast we came to Anthony Kinsleys were we stopt a little, and then came to Cumberworth were I parted with John Pickford and got home about 11 o'clock in the forenoon.

An Account of my Journey to the Quarterly Meeting for Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire
held at Mansfield in Nottinghamshire in the 12th. Mo. 1797.

I set out from home the 21st. of the 12th. Mo. 1797 and 5th. of week, about 9 o'clock in the morning having John Pickford for my companion this Journey we went by Ing.Birchworth to Penistone were we called at John Chapman stopt there 2 hours and got some refreshment and then proceeded by Underbank and Bolsterstone to Bradfield and there we understood we were better than a mile from a friend Joseph Jepsons of Holdworth.hall, and were we intended to lodge, a man directed us as well as he could we being both of us entire strangers in the country, when we had got a little out of the village we were enclosed with a very thick Mist, and lost our way, we went forward until we were fully satisfied we were wrong, but could see no house nor anyone to put us right, my companion was for having us to go to the left, but I inclined to the right, at length we stood quite still, when we heard somebody talk at a distance, on our right. I proposed our making towards them which we did and when we had got over a few fields found it to be two lads pulling turneps, at the same time we saw an house and it immediately arose in my mind it was the place we designed for which the lads confirm'd when we asked them the name of the place. We got there betwixt 3 and 4 o'clock in the afternoon, having travelled about 14 miles were we were very kindly entertained.

On 22nd. and 6th. of week, betwixt 9 and 10 in the morning we set out for Sheffield 6 miles, Joseph Jepson setting us several miles on our way, went by Owlerton to William

Rotherfords, stopt about half an hour there, and then went into the Town got to my Brother Daniel Doncasters about 12 o'clock were we lodg'd. After dinner went and sat a little at John Taylors, and from thence went to William Wrights were we drunk Tea, and then return'd to my Brothers with William Evatt and William Milwood came to spend the evening with us.

On 23rd. and 7th. of week we left Sheffield about 9 o'clock in the morning John Taylor setting us on our way several miles and then return'd; we went to Mosbro' in Derbyshire were we stopt about half an hour and got 1 Quart of Ale at the George and Dragon paid 4d and then proceeded by Eckington and Rennishaw to Balborough were we Din'd at the Old.horns paid 8d a piece eating and 2d Liquor, stopt near an hour and then a proceeded by Clown to Plesley were we stopt half an hour at the White.Swan and got 1 Quart of ale paid 4d and then proceeded to Mansfield in Nottinghamshire were we got about 6 in the evening and took up our Quarters at our very kind friends George Ellis's .

On 24th. and 1st. of week was at their meeting in Mansfield which began at 10 and held 2 hours. I had two short testimonies therein the first from John C: 17. v: 15. I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil. Afterwards I had to speak to a state that had lost the dew of their youth unto whom a renewed visitation appeared to be extended, and they were tenderly intreated to close in therewith. At 2 o'clock in the afternoon began the Quarterly Meeting for Worship. It was pretty large and several of other Societies coming in, altho' the house was not quite full. There are no ministering friends within the compass of this Quarterly meeting except one ancient Woman, who is not able to attend and one young man who has lately it appeared in the work, but was not yet recommended nor any Strangers attended here except myself Samuel Hall the beforementioned young man had a short testimony in this meeting from the Parable of the lost piece silver and towards the close thereof the Widow Kelsall of this Town whose appearances I understood are not acceptable to friends said a few words. The meeting held about 2 hours After which I drunk Tea at William Ellis's. At 6 in the evening was the Meeting for Ministers and Elders which was but small altho' an edition of Elders had been lately made. The Queries were read and Answers to the 2nd. and 4th. from all their Mo. meetings except Mansfield who had not held such a meeting. This meeting held better than an hour.

On 25th. and 2nd. of week in the morning was a meeting for Worship which began at 9 o'clock, there were more friends but fewer of other Societies came in than the day before. Samuel Hall had a short testimony to bear from Rom: C: 10. v: 1. My hearts desire and Prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved. At the close of this meeting was held one for discipline. The Queries directed to be answered this quarter were read and Answers thereto from all their monthly meetings viz. Chesterfield, Mansfield and Nottingham. They having this time very little more business both meetings held only 3 hours. We spent most of this afternoon at Richard Leavers who hath built a very large house near the Meetinghouse for the purpose of accommodating a larger number of friends, his kindness and hospitality to the members of our Society is very great as also to the poor of every denomination, It appearing to be his concern to do good and communicate. O that many who are favoured with affluence may be concerned to follow his example. We drunk Tea here and in the evening went to William Ellis's who hath an electrifying machine were we with several other friends were electrified and saw several curious performances by electrical fire.

On 26th. and 3rd. of week, betwixt 10 and 11 o'clock in the forenoon we left Mansfield in about an hours time got to Sutton in Ashfield were we stopt with our dear friend Samuel Hall all night who lives with his Brother. After dinner we went and sat a little with Thomas Huftons who had married a member of our Society, and a distant relation of mine, and then return'd to our quarters.

On 27th. and 4th. of week, we set out betwixt 7 and 8 o'clock in the morning dear Samuel Hall accompanying us several miles and then returned we went by Hucknall and Blackwell in Derbyshire to Furnace were we fell in with their week.day Meeting which began at 10 and held better than 2 hours, a pretty many of their members attended, it was a low time and I had some close labour therein having some pointed remarks to make, which I afterwards

understood was very applicable altho' I had had no information from any which I mentioned to them, yet was sensible the good hand was at work in the minds of some unto whom the language of encouragement flowed to come up in faithfulness not only in respect to their own immediate concern but also in discharging their duty to their fellow professors. I had a pretty long time therein in testimony from Rev: C: 2. v: 10. Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life. Afterwards I had another short testimony, and the meeting concluded under a good degree of an awful solemnity. After which we went with Joseph Sutton by Okerthorp to his house at Pentrich 3 miles to dine were we tarried all night, several friends came and spent the afternoon with us, amongst whom was cousin Benjamin Walker from our Meeting who was on a visit to his Relation's in this part, and had been at the meeting to day. He was about returning home next morning by whom I had the opportunity to send my love to my family some of whom frequently feel very near to me when outwardly separated from them with strong desires that they may be preserved alive and grow in the ever blessed and unchangeable Truth.

On 28th. and 5th. of week, betwixt 9 and 10 in the morning we left Pentrich and went to John Listers of Amberley 1 mile were we stopt near an hour and then proceeded to Heage to Duffield were we din'd at the Bulls head paid 8d a piece eating and 2d and a half Liquor stopt better than an hour and then proceeded to Derby were we got to Robert Longdons a little past 3 o'clock who kindly accompanied us to George Youngs were we took up our Quarters. Here we was informed that the number of those who are under conviction in this Town and met together in silence to Worship God are increased since I was there in the spring four more attending their Meetings constantly viz. William Pegg with whom we had a satisfactory opportunity at that time, having now entirely left the Baptists, he came and spent the evening with us, I was glad to see him as I could plainly perceive he had experienced a considerable growth in the Truth, having taken up the cross in speaking Truths language as also in laying aside many superfluities in dress, he felt very near to me at this time and I sincerely desire his preservation; also Thomas Hutchinson a choice innocent youth about 18 years of age. And Morris Levy and Richard Rouse young Men but married and have children, so that their number increases and I have some reason to hope it will continue to do so. In the 11th. Mo. last our friend Thomas Scattergood from Pennsylvania in America was at Derby and had two Publick Meetings for Worship on a First day in the County hall which was very large, he had also an opportunity with those who are under conviction select, and visited them in their families or separately. It was a time of extraordinary visitation to many, and of confirmation to those who had before received the pure Truth in the love thereof.

On 29th. and 6th. of week, we spent this day to good satisfaction amongst those tender People in the Town, Breakfasted at Robert Longdons Din'd at George Youngs and drunk Tea at Joseph Stoddards and from thence return'd to an lodgings. In the evening all those who were convinced since I was there before with several of the others came to sit with us with whom I had a comfortable opportunity in which I had two long times in testimony, the first from Luke C: 12. v: 23, 27. The life is more than meat, and the body is more than raiment. Consider the lillies, how they grow; they toil not, that they spin not up; and yet I say unto you that Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. and afterwards from Isa: C: 50. v: 10. Who is among you that feareth the Lord, that obeyeth the voice of his servant; that walketh in darkness, and hath no light? let him trust in the name of the Lord, and stay his mind upon God. After which I had a few words more from John C: 15. v: 14. Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you. After the opportunity William Pegg stopt a little with us, and shewed us what the Baptists call a dismissal upon that their removal from one congregation to another he having removed from Hanley in Staffordshire to this Town in the latter end of the year 1796. They are something like the certificates in given by friends upon removals, I was pleased to see they had such order amongst them, and that he was held in such great estimation by them.

On 30th. and 7th. of week, we breakfasted at Robert Longdons were dear William Pegg came and spent the forenoon with us, he being by trade a China painter took a walk with us to

the manufactory were we had the opportunity to see it pass through its various operations of moulding, forming, painting gilding and burnishing which are very curious, he also took us into the warehouse where the finished goods are in which there were sets of china of an hundred pounds value. My mind was profitably impress'd in passing through these works, I observed in forming the vessel that if but a very small particle of its native earth remained unground the vessel was marr'd upon the wheel and that those vessels which are our most valuable pass the oftenest through the fire. From hence we took a walk a little into the country and return'd to Robert Longdens to dine. After Dinner had an opportunity with his children and Apprentices in which I had some instructive advice to drop. A little past 1 o'clock we left Derby intending to be at Breach meeting the next day dear George Young accompanied us thither, and Robert Longden and William Pegg set us about 2 miles on our way and then return'd we came by Bradsall and Smalley to Thomas Peaks of Kidsley.park 7 and a half miles got there about half past 3 o'clock were we lodg'd.

On 31st. and 1st. of week went to their Meeting at Breach about 1 mile and a half which began at 11 and held better than 2 hours. It was pretty large to day there being 5 families of friends belonging thereto and several attend who are under convincement a pretty many of other societies also came in, and we were favoured together with a very open comfortable meeting; I was first concerned therein in supplication and afterwards had a very long time in testimony from Matt: C: 22. v: 14. Many are called but few are chosen. It was a precious opportunity many being reached and some much tendered, and my mind was much relieved by the labour of the day, and confirm'd that I was in my place in being there, and I humbly hope the opportunity will tend to the real advantage of some. My beloved friend Joseph Bent of Washington met us here in order to accompany us thither; We called at William Harrisons of Codnor where we got a little refreshment, and then came by Robert Farnsworths of Codnor.park where we din'd stopt better than an hour, and then came by Swanwick, Okerthorp and South.Wingfield to Washington where we drunk Tea at Jonathan Johnsons and stopt 2 hours. then dear Joseph Bent accompanied us to Dioclesian Newtons of Brackenfield got there about 8 in the evening were we lodg'd having travelled from Breach 10 miles.

On 1st. of 1st. Mo. 1798 and 2nd. of week the morning being wet prevented our setting out until about 10 o'clock, we came by Matlock to Darley.bridge where we got some refreshment paid 5d a piece stopt near an hour and then proceeded by Darley Chatsworth the beautiful mansion of the Duke of Devonshire, and Baslow to Stanton.ford where it coming on a heavy shower we called at a little Alehouse and just stopped until we drunk a Quart of Ale paid 5d and then came by Calver, Stoney.Middleton and up the curious valley of Middleton.dale to Foolow where we got about 5 in the evening having travelled about 20 miles this day, and being wet and weary, and I not very well, and the roads being exceeding dirty we called at a Publick house kept by one Edward Furness, and we finding the People very civil and agreeable concluded to stop all night Paid 6d a piece Tea, supper and Breakfast.

On 2nd. and 3rd. of week we set out a little before 8 o'clock in the morning and came by Grinlow, Great Huckley, Bradwell and Hope to William Marshalls of Crabtree.meadows where we got a little before 10 in the forenoon 6 miles, he was not at home and I having business with him, and he not returning until evening we were under the necessity of stopping all night there.

On 3rd. and 4th. of week we set out betwixt 8 and 9 in the morning and came by Alsop and Moss carr to Strines in Yorkshire, where we stopt about half an hour at the Taylors coat of arms and got some refreshment paid 4d a piece and then came by Uden and Middopstones to dear Thomas Earnshaws of Judfield, having had a very pleasant walk over the Moors it being a remarkable fine day; we stopt here about 1 hour and a half and drunk Tea, then came to our worthy friend George Chapmans of Penistone, where we stopp'd 2 hours and supp'd, then came by Ing.Birchworth to Newhouse where we got betwixt 8 and 9 in the evening.

An Account of my Journey to Publick Meetings held at Penistone and Middopstones in the
1st. Mo. 1798

Our friend Thomas Colley of Sheffield having signified to some friends a concern that had been on his mind for sometime to pay a religious visit to the inhabitants of Penistone and the neighbourhood thereof; a meeting was appointed for that purpose and notice given both in Town, and the country for many miles around. I set out from home towards there ye. 27th. of ye. 1st. Mo. 1798 and 7th. day of the week, about 7 o'clock in the morning in company with Sarah the daughter of George Chapman who came to my house the evening before to inform me when the meeting was to be held, and to request my assistance in procuring and preparing a place for the accommodation thereof; we went by Ing-Birchworth to Penistone where we got a little past 8 o'clock, soon after it Thomas Earnshaw of Judfield and John Pickford came in to assist us, we viewed several places in the Town but none appeared so lightly to answer the purpose as the Shambles which was freely offered us by William Dagley of the Rose and Crown who rents the same, and who would not have anything for the use thereof. We erected a Gallery in the left wing, and with the assistance of a man and Woman whom we hired got it cleaned and conveniently seated also the Aerea in the middle, the right wing we did not seat as it would hold more People considerably to stand, the inhabitants freely lent us forms and Planks and other things which we wanted we then cover the floor with straw to keep the feet of the People warm and got the whole compleated by 3 o'clock in the afternoon. A little after Tea Thomas Colley came in and Catharine Tricket another ministering friend belonging to Sheffield meeting and her husband. We stopt with them better than an hour and then John Pickford and me went to Thomas Earnshaw of Judfield where we lodg'd.

On 28th. and 1st. of week, early this morning we returned to George Chapmans of Penistone, a few more friends came in from Sheffield amongst whom was Gervas Brady a young Minister. At 11 o'clock the meeting began and held better than 2 hours, The concourse of People were very great the place being exceedingly crowded also the chamber over the right wing opposite the Gallery having sashes opened into the Aerea, and notwithstanding the people who sat in the Aerea were exposed to the open air which was cold altho' a fine day for the time of the year yet their still quiet behaviour throughout the the whole of the time, their manner of coming in and going away exceeded anything I had ever before seen on the like occasion in so large an Assembly. Catharine Tricket was first concerned therein a pretty long time from Isai: C: 41. v: 1. Keep silence before me, O Islands; and let the People renew their strength: let them come near, let them speak. Thomas Colley next from Isai: C: 55. v: 1, 2. Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to ye waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy and eat; yea come, 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. He stood about an hour and was eminently favoured. After which he had a short commendatory speech to the People for their good behaviour advising them not to be hasty in entering into conversation even upon religious subjects but rather keep themselves retired to their own gifts as that was the only way to profit, withall informing them that in the course of his labour amongst them he found freedom to appoint another Meeting to begin at 3 o'clock this afternoon. At which time we met again according to appointment, This meeting was not quite so large as the former many who came at a considerable distance being return'd home yet the concourse of People were very great, and the former Meeting having measurably prepared their minds it was a time of high favour. Thomas Colley stood up early and had a long and extraordinary time therein in Testimony from John C: 18. v: 37. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the Truth. Catharine Tricket had a long time next from Isai: C: 55. v. 6 and 7. Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near. Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thought; and let him return unto the Lord and he will have mercy upon him, and to our God and he will abundantly pardon. After which Thomas Colley concluded the meeting with a lively and pathetic

exhortation which held near 2 hours and the People departed in a very solid and becoming manner the spirits of some being I trust awfully bow'd here before him who is the dread of nations for this days peculiar favour extended unto them in causing his Gospel trumpet to be so eminently sounded, which directs not to uncertainties but to the pure living and eternal substance christ in man the hope of Glory. After we got to George Chapmans Thomas Colley sent for me into the parlour and acquainted me with a concern that had been on his mind for many years to pay a religious visit to the inhabitants of Middopstones and that Neighbourhood but could never see the time before to day when it appeared clear to him to be his duty to have a meeting there tomorrow accordingly two friends set out pretty directly to give notice thereof and Catharine Tricket concluded to accompany him thither but her husband and the other friends from Sheffield return'd home that evening; we stopt with them until about 7 o'clock and then John Pickford Charles Blackburn of Skelmanthorp and myself went to Thomas Earnshaws of Judfield where we lodg'd.

On 29th. and 2nd. of week early this morning accompanied by Thomas Earnshaw we went to the Middopstones in order to prepare a place for the Meeting got to Samuel Seniors a considerable Farmer who lives there betwixt 8 and 9 o'clock who had given up his house for the accommodation of friends the evening before, he and his Wife were very kind and offered to make us all the convenience which was in their Power, but told us that the principal inhabitants of the village had been together and were very desirous for us to have the meeting in the Protestant chapel apprehending there was no other place would contain the People, accordingly we went to look at it were Richard Ellis of Middophall met us I told him we did not wish to bring them into any trouble by holding the Meeting there, he replied he thought nobody could have any objections to it as we had nothing in view but their good and added did not the Jews admit Christ into their Synagogues We therefore returned to Samuel Seniors leaving it undetermined until the friends came which was a little past 10 o'clock accompanied by George Chapman and Sarah Dickinson daughter of Elihu Dickinson Tanner of Highflatts a thoughtful young woman they put up their horses here, and we inform'd them of the desire of the People which they did not feel any objections to as no other place appeared so convenient the barns not being empty, we got some refreshment here, but they would not take anything either for us or the horses. The meeting began at 11 o'clock and held 2 hours and a half, Thomas sat in the reading Pulpit and Catharine in the clerks seat. The inhabitants of the village and its neighbourhood pretty generally attended, also many from more distant parts where the notice had reach'd as Middop, Langsett, Hunchillbank, Bolsterstone and Broomhead. The chapel was not large but well seated and the seats pretty well filled both below and in the loft, and notwithstanding that they were mostly members of the church of England there being few dissenters in that part, they appeared an innocent people and more free from Bigotry than in most places. I really believe they did not think the place polluted by us sitting with our hats on. Catharine Tricket had a long time therein in testimony first 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. Thomas Colley had a very long and extraordinary time next from John chap: 12. v: 36. While ye have light, believe in the light, that ye may be the children of light. shewing the necessity there was to cleave unto the light, which was not a natural but a divine principle in man, not a dormant inactive principle but of a leavening nature as man is brought into a state of passiveness, a principle by which alone the new birth can be brought forth in us without which none can ever enter the kingdom, shewing the utter insufficiency of all forms and ceremonies to effect this change, informing them that he was brought up with the practice of saying the catechism of the church of England most of which he repeated unto them, but found himself utterly a stranger to what he express'd to have attained to, and when he was confirm'd by the Bishop the ceremony of which he repeated he then fully expected some special Grace would have followed, but found it not so, for when temptations to which he was inclined again presented, he found himself as unable to resist them as ever, he therefore from experience of the virtue and efficacy of the Light exhorted them to believe therein shewing them what true faith was

viz. a cleaving close in spirit unto the Lord and firmly confiding in his promises, he also showed from Pauls epistle to the Romans the difference betwixt a quickened and redeemed state in the former of which they were made to cry out from true conviction O wretched man that I am who shall deliver me, in the latter they had to acknowledge the deliverer that it was the law of the spirit of life in Christ Jesus by which they were set free from the law of sin and death. Indeed the everlasting Gospel was Preached in the demonstration of the spirit and Power thereof, and Christ the light and life in man exalted over all Types and shadows. At the close of the meeting I stood up and told the People they were at liberty to depart withall informing them their still solid and attentive behaviour had been very acceptable to us. After meeting Richard Ellis and Samuel Senior invited us to dine with them we acknowledged their kindness, but declined accepting it being engaged before Meeting to dine with Thomas Earnshaws of Judfield were we all went except Sarah Dickinson who was engaged to go directly home. we stopt there until about 4. o'clock, and then set out and came to Penistone were we drunk Tea at George Chapmans and stopp'd the evening in company with the family and friends, had a profitable opportunity together in silence and about 8 o'clock parted with our near and dear friends I thought under some degree of an awful solemnity and came to Ing. Birchworth were Charles Blackburn left us, he going directly home but we called and sat a little with John Green in his little habitation who had formerly been a member of our Society and then came to Newhouse were we got betwixt 9 and 10 in the evening.

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Manchester 27th. of 6th. 1782

My dear Brother and Sister

I expect you have before this time had the sorrowful intelligence communicated by Cousin Gibbons respecting our dear Nephew an event that yet very deeply affects my Heart, and had not divine compassion extended as a strong Tower around my poor Tabernacle, I think it scarcely could have sustained the shock. The information being by a secret intimation in my own mind when nature was far spent having sat several Meetings which lasted near seven Hours but before I proceed, may first say our worthy friend Robert Valentine from America came here the seventh day before the permitted Trial, and found his mind drawn to lodge with us, a favour we have no expectation of: he attended our meetings on first Day to the strength and comfort of the poor in spirit he is advanced in years and rather feeble in Body but I think it may be truly said of him that he is strong in the Lord and in the power of his might. He had a heart tendering season in the evening under our roof (many Friends being present) in which he was led into fervent supplication, before the Youth present as also for his Children in a distant Land, that they might continue to be the Lords Children----- Next Day we set out for Warrington when he took a tender leave of dear Tommy we went sooner than usual to attend the funeral of a Friend from Kendal who died on a Journey of Business at Whitchurch and brought here, so that many of the permitted events though trying to us, in divine Wisdom for the instruction of us who are left behind.

To return now to the former part of what I was going to mention that a friend comeing into our womens Meeting with some papers for us to sign said he thought it might not be amiss just to mention and that our friend Robert Valentine who had intended to proceed forward was on further consideration most easy to return back to Manchester. No sooner had he spoke than a very unusual sadness like a dart struck through my whole frame so that it was with difficulty I sat till the business was done and then could not refrain telling my Aunt something had falne out at Manchester since we left Yesterday which is the cause of Robert's going back she tried to put it from me believing it was a turn in his own mind that he did not feel quite clear of us but the Intelligence of my soul waxed louder and louder than that before we were well out of the Meeting place the voice said plainly and thy Nephew is dead I then told my Aunt again who seeing me very sorrowful said my Dear do not afflict thyself so, but have faith and patience till enquiry can be made I said my dear Aunt I do not afflict myself but am distressed and not without A cause, Then looked inward to see if he was removed by any kind of Accident in the but the answer was no, he was sunk in the deep waters I turned into a Friend's house and sat down in as much stillness as I could but in great agony of Spirit which the friend perceived quearied of me if any thing was amiss I told her my Nephew was dead and the way it had been permitted she seemed much astonished for she knew him well but was willing to hope it was not so and tried to comfort me but I could receive none till another intimation was soundend in the Ear of my Soul be not overmuch troubled he is taken from the evil to come and entered into rest and peace Nature then got some relief by Tears which were soon renewed by my dear Husband coming in who was then informed of the event and deeply affected therewith. We got Home that evening in a Carriage and found the remains of our adopted Son laid out a fair Corps except a little Sitling of Blood in his face being found in what is called a Whirlpool near the usual place of Bathing, Our beforementioned friend and many others who were standing around him I trust felt such a time of solemnity as will not

easily be forgot; when Robert was drawn forth in Testimony him which he had to express from divine Authority "Sorrow not my friends for I feel an evidence that it is well with the Young Man" and Oh! My dear Brother and Sister what cause have we to be thankfull that we feel the continuation of this evidence and that it has so bore up my mind when following him to Meeting that I did not drop one Tear but in the solemn Sitting was I trust influenced with power from on high to bear an Honest Testimony on behalf of the Deceased in which I had to express I was not Ashamed to acknowledge that he had a Strong will and undaunted Courage which might be some apparent Cause of his now being a Corpse and the permission of it might by some be styled an untimely End but I durst not call it so nor even say but with the Resignation why is it thus permitted for I had fully to believe in the ordering of unerring wisdom he was taken from the evil to come and entered into everlasting rest for which he was in a good degree prepared in being preserved in Innocence of Conduct and Conversation so that I never heard an unguarded expression drop from his Lips for though as I before Hinted he had a Strong will and also an Inclination to have followed others in imitation of Dress, but I found it my duty to remove their first appearance as the little Foxes so that I have cause to Hope the tender Vine was not hurt thereby and I felt an Earnest engagement of mind that all who had Children and the care of Youth might thus watch over them for good the reflection of which afforded great peace in the time of deep trial

Thus much was called from me after which several living testimonies were Born, as also under our Roof in the evening many of the Youth being present whose Hearts were greatly tendered. Our loss of him will be great but as we have cause to believe his gain for greater desire Resignation to the divine will etc

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An Account of my Journey to our Spring Quarterly Meeting held at Leeds in the 3rd. Mo. 1798.

I set out from home the 27th. of the 3rd. Mo. 1798 and 3rd. day of the week about 7 o'clock in the morning called at Park of John Pickford who was my companion this Journey, we called and sat a little at my cousin Joseph Walkers of Paddock and then proceeded by Shelley, Roydhouse Flockton and Grange.hall to Denby were we stopt near an hour at my Cousin Samuel Steads and got some refreshment and then went by a Bristfield, Thornhill, Dewsbury, Chickhill and Woodkirk to Morley were we stopt 1 hour at the Old.Malt.Shovel and din'd paid 1s piece eating and 2d Liquor then proceeded by Churwell and Beeston 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 Breakfast and 1s Dinners and 9d suppers. At 5 in evening began the Quarterly Meeting for Ministers and Elders which held 3 hours and a half. It was large and we were favoured with the company of several Strangers viz. Phebe Speakman and Sarah Talbot from Delaware in America, Ann Crowley from Middlesex, Sarah Shackleton from Ireland, and Martha Routh from Lancashire. The Queries were read and Answers thereto from all our Mo. Meetings and divers remarks were made, and several Testimonies borne by sundry friends. A General Answer was drawn up approv'd and Signed in order to be laid before our ensuing Select Yearly Meeting. Thomas Priestman, Phillip Maiden, Ann North and Mary Fairbank were appointed to oversee the succeeding meetings advise as occasion may require and report to the adjournment of this meeting.

On 28th. and 4th. of the week at 10 in the morning was a meeting for Worship which was mostly select of friends but very large Ellen Abrahams had a pretty long time in testimony first from Jer: C: 49. v: 8. Dwell deep, O inhabitants of Dedan. Catharine Tricket next from Matt C: 16. v: 18. Upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. Henry Tuke next from 1 Sam: C: 18. v: 7. Saul hath slain his thousands, and David his ten thousands Sarah Talbot next from 1 Cron: chap: 12. v: 18. Peace peace be

unto thee, and peace be to thine helpers; for thy God helpeth thee. Ann Crowley had a very long time next 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. At the close of this meeting was held one for discipline The 1st. 3 Queries were read and Answers thereto from all our Mo. meetings, and a general Answer thereunto prepared. In answer to the 2nd. Query it appeared that in several of our Mo. Meetings divers attended who appeared to be under convincement and in Balby Mo. meeting 3 had been accepted into membership since last year. and in Pontefract Mo. meeting. Both meetings held near 4 hours. - This afternoon I drunk Tea at Joshua Ingles. At 5 in the evening 9 Queries more was read (in the meeting for discipline which began at that hour and held 3 hours and a half) and Answers thereto, and considered; and a general Answer prepared therefrom. The meeting then adjourned until 9 the next morning.

On 29th. and 5th. of week at 9 in the morning met pursuant to adjournment The General Answer to the 1st. 12. Queries were read and approv'd and Signed. Also a short account by way of testimony concerning 3 Publick friends deceased viz. From Balby Mo. meeting on behalf of Elizabeth Dickinson and from Brighouse Mo. meeting on behalf of Mary Firth and Benjamin Hird which with some alterations were approv'd, and ordered to be forwarded with the Answers to the Queries to the Yearly Meeting. A conference next took place concerning the propriety of friends paying a tax lately imposed by Government and express'd in the Preamble thereunto to be for the purpose of carrying on the war against France and the other Powers united with them who threatened this country with an invasion. It was a solid weighty opportunity; Friends spoke their sentiments for and against the payment thereof with much tenderness and a becoming condescension. But it going into the Exchequer with other Taxes, and being also applyed to similar purposes, and friends having no share in the Government of this country; It appeared to be the judgment of this meeting not to direct their members to refuse the Payment thereof; but if any truly conscientious friend did clearly see it their duty to refuse, they were not to be censured. A great deal more business was gone through and then the meeting adjourned having held 4 hours. After which at Thomas Colleys request I went with him to dine at Joseph Tathams. At 3 in the afternoon was another meeting for discipline which held 2 hours the business was finished in this sitting the whole having been conducted in much harmony to the satisfaction of faithful friends. After which I drunk Tea at Joshua Ingles. At 6 An evening was a Publick meeting for worship which was very much crowded many of other Societies attending Sarah Talbot was first concerned therein a short time in testimony from Mark C: 8: v: 2. I have compassion on the multitude. Mary Proud had a long time next from Jer: C: 5: v: 21. O foolish People and without understanding: which have eyes and see not; which have ears, and hear not. Martha Routh next 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: and we are in him and that is true. Afterwards Phebe Blakes had a short time. The meeting held near 3 hours. 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 and had nothing further to remark to this meeting. After supper I went and sat a little at William Hodgsons and then return'd to my quarters.

On 30th. and 6th. of week, We went and Breakfasted at John Armisteads and betwixt 7 and 8 o'clock left Leeds and came by Beeston, Churwell, Morley, Woodkirk and Chickhill to Dewsbury were we din'd at the Crown paid 8d a piece eating and 2d Liquor stopt 1 hour and a half, and then came by Bristfield to Demby were we stopt near an hour at cousin Samuel Steads and then came by Flockton to Skelmanthorp were we drunk Tea at Charles Blackburns stopt near 2 hours and then came to Anthony Kinsleys were we sat a little, and then John Pickford went by the way of Shelley having to call at cousin Joseph Walkers, and Charles Blackburn came with me to Cumberworth and then return'd, and I got home about 8 o'clock in the evening.

An Account of my Journey to a Publick meeting held at Toppett in Clayton in the 4th. Mo.
1798

Our friend Thomas Colley of Sheffield having had for sometime a concern upon his mind to pay a religious visit to the inhabitants of the Parish of Hoyland and parts adjacent acquainted me therewith and the time when he apprehended it right to move therein; accordingly Elihu Dickinson and Joseph Stead went to Hoyland in order to procure a place about a week before the time but could not meet with one there suitable, those who had convenience pleading excuses and those who were well disposed towards it not having it in their Power to make suitable accommodations. However they met with a large Barn belonging to Timothy Lockwood of Toppett in the said Parish and in the Township of Clayton which he very freely gave up for the purpose, and lent friends all the assistance in his Power. The day before the Meeting John Pickford and me went to Toppett and with the assistance of Cousin Joseph Stead and his family, and Timothy Lockwood and his servant man, we got a Gallery erected and the Barn conveniently seated and returned home in the evening

On 8th. of 4th. Mo. and 1st. of week, betwixt 8 and 9 o'clock in the morning, I set out from home, went by Denby.dikeside and Low.Bagden to cousin Joseph Steads of Toppett where I got up about half past 9. Our friend Thomas Colley came in about an hour after I got there and with him and another ministering friend viz. Charles Parker of Bentham Meeting, I got a little refreshment with them and then are we went to the Meeting which began at 11 and held about 2 hours and a half, The concourse of People were very great who attended and the Meeting was eminently overshadowed with divine regard, there having been a considerable time of notice many collected from the different Townships and villages around for a considerable distance as Clayton, Hoyland, Kexbro', Cawthorne, Denby, Skelmanthorp, Shelley, Kirkburton Emley, Flockton and parts adjacent, The Barn with a Stable and Cowhouse which was open thereunto were very much crowded and abundance that could not get in, but the Gallery being fix'd opposite the door those without could see as well as hear. Charles Parker was first concerned therein in testimony from Rom: C: 1. v: 19. That which may be known of God is manifest in them. labouring to turn the attention of the People unto the gift of God in themselves that so their expectations might not be from Man but from the Lord alone which I thought had a tendency to settle and stay the minds of the People, and a solemn covering came over the Meeting; Thomas Colley stood up next and had a very long and eminently favoured time from 1 Kings C: 18. v: 21. How long halt ye between two opinions? If the Lord be God, follow him; but if Baal, then follow him. Martha Dickinson had a few words next, and afterwards Charles Parker stood up and acknowledged the satisfaction it had been to him to observe the willingness of the People to attend the meeting and the solid manner in which they had most of them sat or stood he expressed an earnest desire that they may not only be hearers but doers of the word that like the wise builders they might dig deep and lay their foundation sure that when storms and tempests came they might be enabled to stand being founded upon the rock. The meeting ended under an awful solemnity and the People departed in a very becoming manner, as their behaviour had been throughout except a few young People who could not get into the barn who talked a little on the outside. I with many both friends and others din'd at my Cousin Joseph Steads whose kindness on the occasion was worthy of commendation being desirous that all who came at a considerable distance might have a little refreshment at his house. After dinner Thomas Colley set out directly with Nathan Dearman to a Publick meeting appointed to begin at 5 o'clock this evening at his house, and betwixt 3 and 4 o'clock I set out in company with John Pickford and George Taylor of Park the latter a youth whom I believe to be under a precious visitation having frequently attended our Meetings of late where his sitting hath evidently denoted that he was enquiring the way to Zion with his face thitherward, may he never leave seeking until he find the substance, and by submitting to the cross experience an establishment in Truth and righteousness. We came together to Charles Backburns Skelmanthorp where we stopt near 3 hours and drunk Tea, afterwards came to Anthony Kinsleys where we sat a little, and then

came by Cumberworth to Newhouse were we got a little past 8 in the evening, they tarried better than an hour with us and then went home. My mind was filled with humble thankfulness for this days extraordinary favour, may the Lord alone have the praise who alone is worthy saith my soul.

An Account of my visit to the Families of Friends in Wooldale Meeting in company with Elizabeth Copeland of Leeds in the 4th. and 5th. Mos. 1798

Our friend William Sowerby of Ackworth having accompanied our friend Elizabeth Copeland of Leeds on a visit to the families and friends of our Preparative Meeting, and not feeling a sufficient draft to accompany her through Wooldale meeting requested me to weigh it, and feeling no objection I concluded to join her in the said visit and accordingly met them at their Meeting at Wooldale on the 29th. of ye. 4th. Mo. 1798 and 1st. day of the week. After meeting William Sowerby set out towards home and we proceeded on our visit this afternoon. Gervas Brady from Sheffield who is brother to Elizabeth Copeland and came to the meeting to day to see her accompanied us until evening and then set out towards home, his company was very acceptable to us, we first went through the families in this village in the following order.

After dinner went and sat at William Earnshaws were we had a comfortable opportunity The aged were encouraged to drawn nigh to God and he would still continue to own them even when they could not assemble with their friends as formerly; the daughter was intreated to let her days work keep pace with the day by coming up in a faithful discharge of her duty. Elizabeth Copeland appeared twice therein.

From thence we went to Henry Swires were we drunk Tea and afterwards sat with them They were encouraged to come forward, to keep their eye single to the Lord, and not look too much at others, but mind their own proper business for there appeared to be good things in store for them Elizabeth Copeland had a long time first concerning the young man who came to enquire of our Saviour what good thing he should do that he might inherit eternal life. I appeared next from Matt: C: 6. v: 22. If therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light. Elizabeth Copeland had afterwards a long time.

From thence we went to Joseph Brooks It appeared to be a time of powerful visitation to the youth who were intreated to come under the preparing hand that so they might be rightly qualified to be serviceable in the church, and the aged was advised to endeavour to be loosened from an attachment to all things here below that so he might experience an establishment upon that rock against which the enemy will not be able to prevail. Elizabeth Copeland had a pretty long time first. I 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 seest me when I am taken away from thee, it shall be so unto thee. Elizabeth Copeland had a long time next after which Gervas Brady had a short time. Elizabeth Copeland stopt supper here but I return'd to Henry Swires were I supp'd and afterwards went to William Earnshaws to lodge.

On 30th. and 2nd. of Week

This morning we sat with Thomas Roberts family. It was a low season but ended comfortably, they were exhorted not to sit down at ease in a state of weakness, nor to take up a Rest that is polluted, but press forward, and guard against the entangling hindering things of this Life, that so they might be enable to come up faithfully in their proper places, and in the end be favoured with peace Elizabeth Copeland appeared twice therein and afterwards I had a pretty long time. We Breakfasted here after opportunity. From thence we went to Sarah Robert's and sat with her and her mother who is not a member together. Elizabeth Copeland had a short testimony from Jer: C: 31. v: 33. I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their

hearts, directing them to a steady attention thereunto, and obedience to the discourses thereof, that so those things which separate from God may be removed out of the way

From thence we went to Ann Beaumonts of Tottis, were Elizabeth Copeland appeared a pretty long time exhorted her to dwell near the spring of divine Life in herself that so he who had been near her in six troubles might not forsake her in the seventh concluding with some suitable counsel to her Granddaughter, to keep out of bad company and guard against using bad words.

From thence we went to Benjamin Broadheads of Mearhouse, he and his wife were not members, but his Brother John Wood Broadhead, his sister Deborah and Apprentice Daniel Archer were, we sat with these five together. The state of things appeared to be low and much out of order yet a precious visitation appeared to be renewedly extended unto them. The youth were directed to have the fear of the Lord before their eyes, and that they might experience it to be their preservation from wrong things, to shake off the fettering and entangling things by which they were kept in a state of bondage. and leave all in obedience to the heavenly call. and the heads of the family were advised not to have their expectations from Man for help but from the Lord alone who is all sufficient for his own work. Elizabeth Copeland had two long times therein, being opened from the 14: C: of Prov: and 27. v. The fear of the Lord is a fountain of life, to depart from the snares of death. After which I appeared twice the first time from John C: 11. v: 44. Loose him; and let him go, and afterwards from Matt: C: 8. v: 22. Follow me; and let the dead bury their dead.

From thence we went to George Broadheads of Melthomhouse, were we din'd. and after dinner sat with the family were we were favoured with a precious opportunity. Elizabeth Copeland appeared first from Luke: C: 10. v: 42. One thing is needful, and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall never be taken away from her. I next from Luke C: 1. v: 6. They were both a righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless. afterwards Elizabeth Copeland appeared again. They were encouraged to leave the cumbering things, and cleave close to the one thing needful that so they might be enabled to come up faithfully in the commandments of the Lord and not look too much outward to their hurt but come up faithfully in their own proper time of duty filling up their places in the body and then his presence would be their support under their varied exercises.

From thence we went to Sarah Broadheads were we had a very painful suffering time Elizabeth Copeland appeared therein intreating some present to search out the cause why the pure seed was in such an oppressed state and be willing to have those things removed out of the way which burthened it concluding with a word of encouragement to the head of the family. We return'd from thence to George Broadheads to Tea.

From thence we went to Joseph Woodheads of Foulstone, were after a painful exercising time my mind was mercifully covered with that love which breathes peace on earth and goodwill towards all men and feeling a renewed visitation to flow towards the youth I had to labour with them to close in therewith. Afterwards Elizabeth Copeland appeared from Jos: C: 7. v: 8. O Lord, what shall I say, when Israel turneth their backs before their enemies. She had a very plain close labour with the heads of the family intreating them to examine and search into the cause. and be willing to have the acursed thing removed out of the way, From thence we went to Godfrey Woodheads were we lodg'd.

On 1st. of 5th. Mo. and 3rd. of W.

This morning we went to John Earnshaws of Shepley Woodend, were we had a low time I had a few words therein first from John C: 6. v: 63. It is the spirit that quickeneth. Elizabeth Copeland appeared 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. They were encouraged to retire inward and not let go their exercise in times of weakness; and then tho' they might be pretty much deprived of attending Meetings they might meet with the beloved of Souls by their fireside, and know a worshiping him in spirit and in Truth.

From thence we went to Abraham Bottomleys, were under a sense of a powerful visitation extended to some our minds were comforted and enabled to extend much Gospel

labour suitable to their varied states, endeavouring to rouse up those whose varied state appeared to resemble that of the heath in the desert, to more diligence and to encourage the visited to faithfulness, and a willingness to give up all to purchase the pearl of great price. Elizabeth Copeland appeared 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 the worlds lusts, we should live soberly righteously and godly in this present world. I next from Jer: C: 17. v: 6 He shall be like the heath in the desert, and shall not see when good cometh. Elizabeth Copeland appeared next from Judg: C: 6. v: 14. Go in this thy might. afterward she appeared again. I appeared next from Matt: C: 13. v: 44. The kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field; the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth, and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth the field. After which I appear'd again. From thence we return'd to John Earnshaws were we din'd, and after dinner return'd to Foulstone, were we drunk Tea at Joseph Woodheads.

From thence we went to Joshua Broadheads of Newmill. A precious visitation appeared to be extended towards them, they were intreated to close in therewith, and to be concerned that everything might be removed out of the way that hinders the growth of the heavenly seed, and as they appeared to be in an exposed situation, they were advised to guard against a familiarity with the People of the world, and mixing with their customs. Elizabeth Copeland appeared first from 1 John. C: 1. v: 3 That ye also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus.Christ. I appeared next from Cant: C: 2. v: 15. Take us the foxes, the little foxes that spoil the vines. Elizabeth Copeland appeared twice afterwards the first time from Psalms 110. v: 3. Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power. and the latter time from Eph: C: 5. v: 11. Have no fellowship with the unfruitfull works of darkness, but rather reprove them. We return'd from hence to Godfrey Woodheads were Elizabeth Copeland lodg'd, but I proceeded to William Bottomleys of Thursteland-Woodend were I tarried all night.

On 2nd. and 4th. of W:

This morning Samuel Woodhead brought Elizabeth Copeland hither on horseback and carried her behind him through this days visit. After Breakfast we sat with William Bottomleys which was a favoured time, Elizabeth Copeland appeared first therein. After which I appeared twice the first time from Matt: C: 13. v: 12. Whosoever hath, to him shall be given, and he shall have more abundance; but whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken away, even that he hath. and the latter time from Matt. C: 10. v: 39. He that findeth his life shall lose it; and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it. Elizabeth Copeland appeared 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. They were encouraged to come forward in faithfulness under a feeling sense that the Lord had good things in store for them. To surrender up their whole hearts unto him without any reserve; and after having been favoured and strengthened to make some little progress in religion to guard against settling down at ease in an orderly conduct and bearing a consistent testimony, but press forward and be careful not to take their flight in times of weakness which may be compared to winter seasons.

From thence we went to Thomas Bottomleys and sat with them and Joseph Bottomley of Clough together. Elizabeth Copeland appeared first therein from Matt. C: 21. v: 28. Go work to day in my vineyard. I next from Cant: C: 6. v: 11. I went down into the garden of nuts to see the fruits of the valley, and to see whether the vine flourished. afterwards I appeared twice and then Elizabeth Copeland appeared again from Isai: C: 55. v: 11. So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth; it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplished that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it. Things appeared to be much out of order, yet a renewed visitation was extended unto them, and a sense of which we laboured much to encourage them to turn into the vineyard of their own hearts and work, to keep low and humble and oftens to retire inward to see how the heavenly plant flourishes and that every thing that hinders its growth may be removed out of the way and all unsavoury

words and actions laid aside that so they might become as lights in the world. We return'd to William Bottomleys were we din'd and stopt until 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

From thence we went to Wooldale were we had a meeting appointed to begin at 3 o'clock, for such as were disowned their husbands or wives and children who attend our meetings, and tho several did not attend nor none brought any of their children with them, yet 16 of this class gave us their company viz. Jonathan Moorhouse and his Wife of Biggin, Jonathan Broadhead of Greenhillbank, Ann Moorhouse of Shude hill, William Jepson and his Wife of Fulstone, Joseph Haigh of Epsomhouse, Ann Gouldthorp of Upper.Holmhouse, David Broadhead and Wife of Hullock, Benjamin Broadhead and Wife of Mearhouse, Thomas Broadhead and Wife of Jackson.bridge, and John Roberts and Ann Brook of Tottis - Our friend Mary Brantingham of the County of Durham being on a religious visit to the meetings of friends in this county was at Pontefract yesterday and at Lumbroyd to day, Williams Sowerby came guide with her, stopt the meeting at Lumbroyd and got here to this opportunity of whose company we were very glad. It was a low and very exercising time yet much counsel and advice were communicated, endeavouring to stir them up to a sense of their duty, and to bring them under a right concern of mind for the welfare of themselves and their children; that so they might be enabled to pray when their hands were engaged in labour, to Worship by their firesides, and to follow the footsteps of those who had faithfully followed Christ. and notwithstanding many appeared to be in a sorrowful state of insensibility, yet some appeared to be renewedly favoured to see where they are and in humility to look towards his holy habitation. Elizabeth Copeland appeared a short time first therein. William Sowerby had a pretty long time next. I had a short time next from Luke C: 15. v. 18, 19. I will arise, and go to my Father, and will say unto him, Father; I have sinned against heaven and before thee, and am no more worthy to be called thy son; make me as one of thy hired servants. Afterwards William Sowerby and Elizabeth Copeland had each of them a few words more. After this meeting we went to Thomas Roberts's were we drunk Tea.

From thence we went to Godfrey Woodheads and sat with the family Our valuable friend Mary Brantingham was got before us who favoured us with her company in this siting. It was a very low time and held long in silence. Elizabeth Copeland appeared first with a few words of encouragement to those who had a thorny path to tread to thank God and take courage. Mary Brantingham appeared next. Elizabeth Copeland next from the advice of David to his son Solomon exhorting the youth to seek the God of their Fathers that so they might be favoured to find him. Afterwards Mary Brantingham had a long time. She was led in both her appearances in a remarkable plain close searching manner to the youth under an apprehension of some secret hidden wickedness in some who were seeking to cover it, and thereby add sin to sin, shewing how much better it was to confess and forsake, for tho' wrong things might be covered for a season, the light would manifest them and the hidden things of Esau and Achan would be searched out. This opportunity concluded the visit to the families in this meeting, except with Lydia Taylor of Longrow and Christopher Heap of Melthomhouse a young man who had at times attended friends meetings these being all in whom there was any appearance of convincement in this Meeting, with whom have friends Williams Sowerby and Elizabeth Copeland proposed siting at William Earnshaws together the next morning. But I being under an engagement to go from home the next day return'd this evening, and tho' I felt uncommonly distressed in my return and after, have oftens had cause to be thankful for this little dedication we having been nearly united in our labours and felt the good hand near in our passing along from one place to another. Mary Brantingham was at Wooldale meeting the next day and at ours at Highflatts the day following. She had extraordinary service in these three meetings, under a sense of a continued visitation extended unto those who had been lately visited in their dwellings, unto whom she had very suitable counsel to impart, and much encouragement to those who had been engaged therein, which tended greatly to the relief of my poor tryed mind.

An Account of my Journey and visit to the families of Friends in Burton Meeting in the 5th.
Mo. 1798

Having had for sometime a concern upon my mind to pay a religious visit to the families of Friends in Burton Meeting I laid my said concern and before our Monthly Meeting held at Pontefract in the 5th. Mo. which met with testimonies of approbation from some of the most weighty members and as far as appeared the general concurrence of the Meeting, with leave for any other approved Minister or Elder who might incline to join me in the same service. Thus having the united approbation of friends it had a tendency to strengthen me in some low proving seasons I afterwards met with before I set out which was not until ye. 25th. of ye. 5th. Mo. 1798 and 6th. day of the week, when I left home about 6 o'clock in the morning and went by Denby.dikeside and Bagden to my cousin Joseph Steads of Toppet were I stopt about 2 hours and Breakfasted then proceeded (the weather being extremely hot) by Hoyland, Kexbro' and Barnsley to a kind friends Nathan Dearmans of Pinder.oaks, he was gone to the Yearly Meeting at London but wrote to me before he set out desiring me to make his house my home. I got there about 12 o'clock were I met with my much esteemed friends William Sowerby of Ackworth and George Chapman of Penistone, who united with me on the said visit, and whose company were very acceptable to me. After dinner we proceeded taking all the families who attended meetings pretty constantly, those markt thus (+) are such as were disowned, and thus (o) such as appear under convincement.

We went first to Joseph Listers of Bleachhouse, were after a low discouraging time in silence much Gospel labour was extended and the opportunity ended comfortably, I appeared first, William Sowerby had a long time next, George Chapman had a few words next I had a long time next, and afterwards George Chapman had a few words more. The heads of the families were intreated not to be too much discouraged at the prospect of things, but still look towards his holy habitation, and come out of the cumbering things of this life, that let others do as they may, they might serve the Lord; and under sense of a renewed visitation extended to the young men they were earnestly and pressingly invited to close in therewith, that so they might be brought out of empty notions and speculative opinions to inherit substance they were also reminded of the many precious visitations they had withstood, and the danger of neglecting the present opportunity lest they should call and he would not answer but laugh at their calamity, and mock when their fear cometh. We went from hence to John Wilsons of Barnsley were we drunk Tea.

From thence we went to Jonathan Bashforths (o) and sat with him and his Wife and Joseph Wood a young Man who his apprentice with them all of whom appeared to be under convincement. It was a low time towards the close thereof, I was pretty largely opened from Matt C: 6. v: 22. If therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light. Intreating them not to let anything draw away their affections from the divine Being and so retard their spiritual progress, but endeavour to keep their eye single that they may be favoured with that which can discover the temptations of the enemy and enable them to escape his snares, then if sorrow be their portion at times in the evening they will experience joy in the morning.

From thence we return'd to Nathan Dearmans of Pinder.oaks were we lodg'd and before supper sat with his family, in which opportunity I had a pretty long time from Eze: C 14. v: 20. Though, Noah, Daniel, and Job were in it, as I live saith the Lord God; they shall deliver neither son nor daughter; they shall but deliver their own souls by their righteousness. Informing the dear youth that being descended from religious Parents would not be sufficient for them, that every individual must be concern'd for themselves if ever that birth was brought forth in them without which none could inherit eternal life; Pointing out the way and means by which this great change may be affected.

On 26th. and 7th. of W.

On This morning we went to John Websters of Carr.green, and sat with him, it was a low season, yet Williams Sowerby had a pretty long time therein from Psalms 46. v: 10. Be still,

and know that I am God. intreating him to gather into true stillness, so that he might know the Lords power to be a stay to his mind a stop to his thoughts and a bridle to his tongue, that being thus properly centred he might experience the Lords presence to be his support in times of trouble.

From thence we went to Joseph Smiths were we had a painful suffering time, yet Truth gain'd the victory, and much counsel and advice were communicated to them. I had a short time first from Gen: C: 28. v: 14. In thee and in thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed. William Sowerby had a very long time next being opened from the Parable of the sower and the seed. I have a long time next, and afterwards few words more. The necessity of being careful to seek after a right Preparation of heart for the reception of the heavenly seed, and of being diligent to have those things removed out of the way which oppress'd it and hindered its growth were largely opened unto them, and the danger of siting down in a state of ease and indifferency of mind, by which wrong things entered, and their duty to God came to be neglected as also one to another, a familiarity with the world took place, until strangers devoured their strength, hence a neglect of duty in attending religious meetings took place, and instead of being as Lights in the World many were become as stumbling blocks. we return'd to John Websters were we got some refreshment.

From thence we went to John Wilsons of Barnsley were we din'd, and afterwards sat with him and his daughter. Things appeared much out to order, but Truth arose for our help, and strengthened us to labour plainly and honestly with them, which appeared to be well recieved and a renewed visitation extended to them. I appeared first a short time William Sowerby several times next, and afterwards I had a long time. They were reminded of the gracious visitation of the Almighty, continued and at seasons renewed unto the eleventh hour of the day even unto those who were standing Idle in the market place, and such were encouraged to close in therewith, that so they might be favoured to recieve their penny with those who had borne the burden in the heat of the day, the danger of neglecting to improve by the gift bestowed was set before them, and how many who were Men of great natural parts and abilities were in a great measure rendered useless to the Society thereby who might otherwise have been of singular service, they were also cautioned against a familiarity with those who lived in the spirit of this world, and a conformity to the vain customs and fashions thereof, which exposed them to many temptations and greatly corrupted the minds of the youth, and they were intreated to consider timely, how little satisfaction it would be to reflect on these things and a Life spent in the vain amusements of the world when they came to be cast upon a sick and dying Bed.

From thence we went and sat with Arthington Wilson (+) in Jonathan Bashforths chamber: Williams Sowerby had a short time first from Isai: C: 45. v: 22. Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth. I had two short times next, and afterwards George Chapman had a few words. He was advised to look unto the Lord, who was able to bring back those who were gone as to the ends of the earth, and make them acquainted with his salvation, the fruits of which would manifest itself, by Loving those whom we might look upon as at enemies.

From thence we went to Richard Dearmans (+) were we drunk Tea and afterwards sat with him and his Wife I had a pretty long time in this opportunity from Matt: C: 7. v: 14. Strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, that leadeth unto life, and there few be that find it. exhorting them to strive to enter in at this strait gate, in the day of the Lords Power, shewing them the necessity there was to be stripped of their own wisdom, and to become as little children in order thereunto, and the necessity there was to walk in the narrow way in order that they might be favoured with true Peace when all worldly pleasures will lose their relish. We stopt a little after the opportunity and before we left closed again into silence which was a time of favour, in which counsel and admonition plentifully flowed towards them. William Sowerby was largely opened first George Chapman next. I had a short time next, and afterwards George Chapman had a few words more. It appeared to be this season of renewed visitation to them, in which their minds were mercifully brought under a solemn covering.

From hence we return'd to our lodgings at Pinder.oaks, having now finished the visit to the families in this meeting Our minds were bowed under a thankful sense that the Lord had mercifully helped us in our service, and nearly united us in our religious labours amongst them.

On 27th. and 1st. of W.

We attended their meeting at Burton which began at 11 and held better than 2 hours and a half. It was dull and heavy in the forepart thereof, but Truth arose for our help. and we were made to rejoice in the Lord and in the company one of another. I had a pretty long time therein first from John C: 16. v: 24. Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name; ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full. Williams Sowerby had a very long time next from 1 Cor: C: 2. v: 3. I was with you in weakness and in fear, and in much trembling. At the close of the Meeting George Chapman stood up and express'd a desire that as much labour had been publickly and privately bestowed whereby some had been roused; that such might not again sit down in a state of ease and indifferency of mind, but endeavour to keep under a proper exercise, that so the benefit intended by the Almighty in these labours might not be frustrated. After meeting I parted with my dear friends and fellow labourers in much nearness of affection. and John Pickford and George Taylor having kindly come here from their habitation at Cumberworth Park to accompany me home of whose company I was glad we came together to Joseph Listers of Bleachhouse were we din'd and drunk Tea, The weather being extremely hot we did not set out until betwixt 5 and 6 in the evening, and then had a pleasant walk up the valley and by Kexbro' and Hoyland to my cousin Joseph Steads of Toppet were we stopt near 2 hours and supp'd then came by Bagden and Denby.dikeside to Newhouse were we got betwixt 10 and 11 o'clock in the evening. Having course to acknowledge with the disciples formally, that I had lacked nothing.

An Account of my Journey to the Quarterly Meeting for Cheshire and Staffordshire held at Stockport in Cheshire in 6th. Mo. 1798

I set out from home ye. 12th. of ye. 6th. Mo. 1798 and 3rd. day of the week betwixt 7 and 8 o'clock in the morning my beloved friend and Servant Henry Marsden accompanying me with the Galloway about 11 miles and then return'd we went by Maythorn to Carlcoats were we stopt about 1 hour and a half at William Earnshaws and Breakfasted then proceeded by Salterbrook to Woodhead in Cheshire were at the Angel I met with my friend Thomas Earnshaw of Judfield who was my companion this Journey we stopt here an hour and got some refreshment paid 6d and a half a piece and then proceeded by Tintwistle commonly called Tinsel to Mottram were we stopt better than an hour at the Bulls.head and Din'd paid 8d a piece eating and 3d Liquor and then proceeded by Gee.cross to Stockport got there betwixt 5 and 6 in the evening were we took up our Quarters at our very kind friends and Richard Yarwoods in Great.Underbank After Tea we went and sat a little with my cousin Sarah Chapman and her daughters she having buried her husband since I saw her before concerning who sickness and death we heard a very comfortable account from many friends who visited him.

On 13th. and 4th. of week at 11 o'clock in the morning began the Quarterly Meeting for Ministers and Elders which was very small many of their own members not being there; John Thorp and Martha Routh two eminent Ministers from Lancashire attended. Before the opening of business Martha Routh had a pretty long time in testimony and afterwards John Thorp had a very long and extraordinary time. The Queries were then read and the 2nd. and 4th. answered verbally by a friend from Franley and Nantwich Mo. meeting and in writing from Morley Mo. meeting from Staffordshire Mo. meeting and account was given that they had not held such a meeting. This meeting held 2 hours. After which I din'd at George Jones and drunk Tea at William Wotton Newbys. At 6 in the evening was a meeting for Sufferings

which held about 1 hour and a half enquiry was made of the respective meetings if there were any suffering case to lay before this meeting but none appeared. The collections for the poor of Cheshire were recieved and proper disbursements made to the necessitous, and some other business was gone thro', after which we went and sat a little at my cousin Sarah Chapmans and then return'd to our Quarters.

On 14th. and 5th. of week at 10 in the morning was a meeting for Worship which was large of friends and several others attended the Meetinghouse being filled and many were obliged to sit upstairs, besides the Strangers beforementioned we were favoured with the company of two young Ministers from Lancashire viz. John Taylor and Mary Robinson both of whom join'd the Society by convincement It was an highly favoured meeting John Thorp had a long time therein in testimony first from Matt: C: 13. v: 45 and 46. The kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchant man seeking goodly pearls: Who, when he had found one pearl of great price went and sold all that he had, and bought it. Mary Robinson had a short time next. Martha Routh had a very long time next from Isai: C: 8. v: 10. Precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line, here a little and there a little. John Taylor had a short Testimony next which he delivered in much tenderness and brokenness of spirit very much to the satisfaction of friends He was formerly a Presbyterian Priest and had the living somewhere near Bolton in Lancashire, but being convinced of the Truth as professed by us, he left off preaching for hire and now teaches a School in Manchester, and having received a gift in the ministry he freely communicates the same as Truth opens his way without any Lucrative motive, and tho' he is a man of great natural abilities, and those much improved by a large share of outward Learning, yet all appears to him to be but as dross and dung in comparison of the pure Truth, moving in his appearances under the influences thereof, not in his former wisdom but in the innocency and simplicity of the Gospel of Christ, may he persevere therein to the end of his time and then I doubt not but he will be favoured to receive the crown immortal the sure reward of his faithful followers. At the close of this meeting was the Meeting for discipline; The Queries directed to be answered this quarter were read and answered from the three Monthly Meetings in these counties viz. (Franley and Nantwich) Morley and Staffordshire, the printed Yearly Meeting Epistle was also read, and a great deal more business gone through, the whole being conducyed to good satisfaction. Both meetings held 5 hours. This afternoon we drunk Tea at cousin Sarah Chapmans and then called to see John Colliers, Ollive Simms's and Daniel Coopers, and sat a while at each place then went to see William Nortcliffs a family who is under convincement having attended meetings several years, he is a Yorkshire.man, I was glad to see them being comforted in their company from a belief that they are upon the right foundation and a desire attended my mind that they may be favoured to experience preservation. From hence we return'd to our Quarters.

On 15th. and 6th. of week, we went to George Jones's to Breakfast, were we tarried longer than we expected, he having been in company with Ann and Mary Alexander from Suffolk, accompanied also by Joseph Storrs of Chesterfield and most of the time by Ollive Sims of this Town on a religious visit to the inhabitants of some parts of Wales, towards the back part of last year, and related to us many particulars they met with in the said Journey, which were both entertaining and edifying, so that at it was betwixt 11 and 12 o'clock when we left Stockport in company with James Taylor of Oldham meeting who came here to meet us and take us with him to his house, we came by Denton in Lancashire to Ashton were we stopt about an hour at the Stag and got some refreshment paid 8d a piece and then proceeded to John Earnshaw's of Glodwich.clough were we stopt about 2 hours and drunk Tea and then we proceeded to Oldham were we stopt a little at Henry Kings, David Walton hearing we were here came to see us and accompanied us to James Taylors of Salmonfield were we lodg'd got there betwixt 7 and 8 o'clock, David tarried with us until near Bedtime and then return'd.

On 16th. and 7th of week, after breakfast we set out James Taylor accompanying us went to Joseph Kershaws of Shaw were we sat a little they being under convincement, then proceeded by Crompton to William Midgley of Buerdsall they having lately removed from

Rochdale hither to a large house they had built, we got there a little before noon were we were very kindly received and affectionately entertained stopt here until betwixt 9 and 10 in the evening, and then return'd with James Taylor to his house, were we lodg'd.

On 17th. and 1st. of week was at their meeting near Oldham which began as usual at the 11th. hour, It was large the Meetinghouse being pretty well filled many of other Societies coming in, there were also several who are under convincement having constantly attended this meeting of late from the neighbourhood of Rochdale It held long in silence, and was a very laborious exercising time, but ended comfortably many being broken and much tendered. Mary Earnshaw had a short time therein first in testimony from Ezek: C: 37. v: 3. Can these bones live. Afterwards I had a very long time from Hab: C: 2. v: 3. The vision is yet for an appointed time, but in the end it shall speak and not lye; though it tarry, wait for it. At close of this meeting was held their Preparative meeting. The usual Queries were read and answered and some other business gone through in the course of which I had divers remarks to make an some advice to drop to friends which appeared to be well recieved and afforded me some relief. Both meetings held 4 hours. After which we return'd to our quarters to dine and in the afternoon drunk Tea at Thomas Halls in company with many friends who had stopt to have a little time with us.

On 18th. and 2nd. of week we set out about 9 o'clock in the morning for Goathouse 12 miles, having a desire to see my ancient friend and Relation Sarah Dyson, James Taylor accompanied us near half of the way and then return'd we went by Showver to the Sine of the Punch.bowl at Cowfield in Saddleworth Yorkshire were we called and got some refreshment stopt better than half an hour and then proceeded on the new road over the Moors to cousin John Dysons of Lower Goathouse were we din'd and drunk Tea, they were very glad to see us particularly his Mother whom we found very poorly we spent 4 hours very agreeably there, and then came by Outlanes to Lindley were we got about 7 o'clock in the evening and lodg'd at Thomas Firths After supper I was taken very poorly and a violent looseness came on which brought me very low and weak, owing as I apprehend to the extraordinary heat of the weather throughout this Journey and the fatigue of travelling therein.

On 19th. and 3rd. of week, we set out about 9 o'clock in the morning and came to Huddersfield were I parted with my beloved companion, he going for home but I stopt the market, and betwixt 2 and 3 o'clock in the afternoon left the Town and came by Amberry, Kirkburton and Shelley to John Haighs of Barkhouse were I stopt near 2 hours and drunk Tea, and then came to Park were I called to see George Taylor set a little there and then came home were I got about 7 o'clock in the evening having never before experienced so much difficulty in travelling as this day, being almost continually sick and faint, which continued with the looseness a considerable time after I got home.

An Account of my Journey and visit to the Families of Friends in Wakefield Meeting in company with William Sowerby of Ackworth in 8th. Mo. 1798

I set out from home ye. 5th. of ye. 8th. Mo. 1798 and 1st. of the week betwixt 4 and 5 o'clock in the morning Henry Marsden accompanying me with the Galloway about 6 miles and then return'd went by Cumberworth to Anthony Kinsleys of Skelmanthorp were we stopt about 1 hour and a half and Breakfasted, then proceeded by Emley and Bretton to William Pickards of Painthorp were I stopt about 1 hour and got Tea, then went with the family by Milthorp and Sandal to their Meeting near Wakefield were I met with William Sowerby of Ackworth and Nathan Dearman of Burton meeting, William having a concern upon his mind to pay a religious visit to the families of friends in this Meeting, which he communicated to me at our last Monthly Meeting withall desiring me to weigh it and see if I found liberty to unite with him therein and having felt a similar engagement sometime before I readily complied therewith our friend Nathan Dearman proposing to accompany us. The Meeting began at 11 o

clock, several sober People of other Societies attending, and tho' it was held in silence I hope it was a profitable season to some. At the close thereof we proceeded upon the visit and sat first with Thomas Gooch in the Meetinghouse, he living at that the Further end of the Town and having no friend in his family but himself; Nathan Dearman first explained unto him the nature of our visit accompanied with some suitable remarks, afterwards I had a pretty long time from Prov: c: 24. v: 30,31, 32, 33, 34. I went by the field of the slowful; and by the vineyard 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 recieved instruction. Yet a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep. So shall thy poverty come as one that travelleth, and thy want as an armed man: William Sowerby had a long time next from Prov: c: 23. v: 21. Drowsiness shall clothe a man with rags. Nathan Dearman had afterwards a few words. He was tenderly intreated to joining in with this renewed visitation altho' it might be the eleventh hour of the day with him, that so he might experience a being roused out of that slothful state which was felt so much to prevail and by turning into the vineyard of his own heart and doubling his diligence, he might be favoured to recieve the reward and that his last days might be his best.

From thence we went to John Robinsons were we din'd and after dinner sat with them were we had nothing to communicate but were sensible that deep answers unto deep.

From thence we went to Ann Thorps were Nathan Dearman and William Sowerby had each of them a short time She was encouraged from a belief that she might have been rightly convinced to keep to the principle that so she might experience preservation and grow in the Truth. From thence we return'd to John Robinsons to Tea, and after Tea William Sowerby and Nathan Dearman had each a short but very encouraging time to them.

From thence we went to Benjamin Booths of Agbridge.lane were we had a painful suffering time under a sense of that wholeness and self.righteousness which ever obstructs the life of pure religion towards the close thereof, I had a few words recommending them to the improvement of the divine gift placed in the secret of their heart from Matt C: 25. 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. Here Nathan Dearman left us being under the necessity of returning home and we went through the remainder of the visit without any other company, when we were going away William had some suitable advice to drop unto Benjamins Sister Ruth who keeps his house.

From thence we went to Christopher Walkers of Dircar were we lodg'd, in our way thither my companion was opened in an instructive manner to set forth the Lords care over his servants the Prophets under the many trying dispensations they had to pass through and tho' they were many times brought exceeding low, yet he in a wonderful manner sustain'd them and from one time to another renewedly strengthened them to go forth in his service and engage in his cause a which was very encouraging to my poor low mind which before I set out on this Journey had been deeply try'd and prov'd. We sat with the family this evening in which opportunity. I had a pretty long time first from 1 Chron: C: 4. v: 10. Oh that thou would'st bless me indeed, and enlarge my coast, and that thine hand might be with me, and that thou wouldest keep me from evil and that it may not grieve me. and God granted him that which he requested. Afterwards I had another pretty long time from Matt C: 22. v: 14. Many are called but few are chosen William Sowerby had a very long time next from Rom: C: 6. v: 18, 20. When ye were the servants of sin, ye were free from righteousness. But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life. I had a long time next from Rom: C: 6. v: 21. The wages of sin is death: but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. It appeared be a time of visitation to the youth unto whom caution counsel and advice were plentifully communicated the danger of continuing in a state of sin and neglecting the divine calls immediately and instrumentally extended was set before them, and how insufficient all these things would be if they were not concern'd to seek unto the Lord for themselves in order that they might

experience the work of regeneration, the necessity of which and the good effects arising therefrom were clearly pointed out unto them.

On 6th. and 2nd. of Week

This morning after Breakfast William Sowerby had some suitable advice to drop to the heads of the family, After which we proceeded to George Earnshaws of Crigglestone, were I had a few words first from John C: 10. v: 10. The thief cometh not but for to kill and to steal and to destroy. William Sowerby had a long time next from Job C: 22. v: 21. Acquaint now thyself with him, and be at peace. After a short time of silence he had another long time from 1 Chron: C: 28. v: 9. Solomon my son, know thou the God of thy father and serve him with a perfect heart and with a willing mind. for the Lord searcheth all hearts, and understandeth all the imaginations of the thoughts. if thou seek him, he will be found of thee; but if thou forsake him, he will cast thee off for ever. I was afterwards largely opened upon sundry subjects. The necessity of watchfulness was set before the heads of the family in order that the thief may not get in at unawares, and so retard the work which the Lord had mercifully begun. and if any wrong thing had got possession of the heart, that they might endeavour to cast it out, and from one time unto another be concerned to renew their acquaintance with the Lord, that so they might be favoured with Peace, and not neglect their duty in the due attendance of Week day meetings but be concerned in every respect to be as light in the world, and then the Lord would bless them inwardly and outwardly and they would have something to flee unto in the time of trouble which would be as an Anchor to the poor mind. The youth were exhorted to refrain from bad company to guard against saying wicked words, to be obedient to their Parents, and to seek to know the Lord for themselves and to serve him with a perfect heart and a willing mind. It appeared to be a time of renewed favour to the family, and I earnestly desire it may be duly priz'd.

From thence we went to Mary Cudworths of Painthorp were after a low time in silence we had a satisfactory opportunity in Which William Sowerby appeared twice being pretty largely opened both times the first from Psalms 58. v: 11. There is a reward for the righteous. Had much encouragement to drop to the head of the family, to trust in the Lord in low times, and not take her flight in the winter season nor on the Sabbath.day but endeavour to come up in faithfulness to the Lords commands with her immediately or instrumentally communicated, altho' it may be in weakness, and then as of the Widow of Zarephath handful of meal and little oil were made sufficient by her obedience to the Prophets command until the Lord sent plenty, so would she be favoured with strength for every divine requiring, and that reward which is the product of pure obedience He had also very suitable counsel and advice to communicate to her children.

From thence we went to William Pickards where in the early part of the opportunity my mind was overshadowed with good and towards the close thereof I had a few words to drop from John C: 15. v: 2. Every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit. They were encouraged to work whilst it is called to day, and patiently bear the turnings of the Lords hand upon them and his purifying Power that so they might be enabled to do their days work in the day time. We din'd here and after dinner my beloved friend William Sowerby set out towards home whose company had been very edifying to me, but I stopt Tea here and about 5 o'clock set out and came by Bretton to William Newtons of Cuttlehirst were I stopt near an hour, He had been an exhorter and leader of a class many years among the Methodists but being dissatisfied left them and hath for a considerable time past attended our meetings, as he told me much to his own satisfaction altho' he hath had to pass through much reproach and abusive language from the People with whom he had formerly been united. He his in low circumstances hath a Wife and six small children, his Wife having had one leg taken off some years ago, They live in an house which he hath built with his own hands upon the waste, and enclosed a little ground adjoining in which grows a few Oats and Potatoes through their industry they appear to live pretty comfortably, altho' they may seem to want many things that are looked upon to be comforts in life but true contentment is seldom to be met with in the habitations of the great, whilst the indigent who

truly fear the Lord are favoured therewith. I was well pleased with my visit, and he accompany me to Charles Blackburns of Skelmanthorp were I lodg'd. he tarried with us until bedtime and then return'd.

On 7th. and 3rd. of week

After Breakfast I came to Anthony Kinsleys were I sat a while, and then went to get my Shoes mended at my cousin Benjamin Steads of Siver-Ing, were I din'd, and about 2 o'clock set out towards home were I got about 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

An Account of my Journey to a Publick Meeting held at Carlcoats in the 9th. Mo. 1798

Having for some considerable time felt a concern upon my mind to have a Meeting at Carlcoats in order to visit inhabitants scattered in those remote parts of the Moors, I acquainted the friends that were necessary therewith who express'd their unity with my concern, and led me to my liberty to proceed therein, yet it appeared so weighty a matter to me that I was not hasty to proceed therein, but after a considerable time of waiting, in which I had many deep Baptisms to pass through, I apprehended I was favoured to see the right time to proceed therein, accordingly John Bottomley, and Thomas Earnshaw of Judfield went to give notice to the inhabitants thereof and to prepare a place for our accommodation which was a Barn belonging to William Earnshaw, who with his Wife attends our meetings but are not members of the Society he having been disowned for marrying many years ago, they erected a Gallery and seated the place in the most compleat manner I ever observed on the like occasion. I set out towards there on the 9th. of the 9th. Mo. 1798 and 1st. day of the week about 9 o'clock in the morning, in company with Charles Blackburn, of Skelmanthorp, John Pickford and George Taylor of Park, and three of mine own servants viz. William Taylor, Henry Marsden and Elizabeth Moorhouse. The morning being remarkable fine we had a very pleasant journey over the Moors to Carlcoats were we got about half past 10, At 11 o'clock the meeting began and held about 3 hours The concourse of People were very great considering the remoteness of the place, the Barn being very much crowded, and great number stood without, it being supposed there were upwards of 300 there. The inhabitants of those remote places upon the Moors for a considerable distance pretty generally attending, and many from Hepworth, and some from Middop and places adjacent. The Lord was pleased in a very eminent manner to crown the Assembly with his love and life giving Presence, the Truths of the Gospel were largely declared The minds of the people were generally bowed and many were much broken and tendered, and I believe it might be said Truth reigned over all, whereby his truly humble dedicated followers were renewedly strengthened to put their trust in him whose own arm brings salvation. and encouraged to serve him with a Perfect and upright heart and with a willing mind. In the very early part of the meeting I found a concern to stand up just to inform the People of our motive in seeking after such opportunities as these not expecting to have many words to drop but matters opening I had a pretty long time from Prov: C: 16. v: 1. The preparations of the heart in man, and the answer of the tongue is from the Lord. intreating them to endeavour to get into a state of true stillness and quietude of mind waiting to feel that Power which alone could prepare the heart to recieve what might be immediately or instrumentally communicated and then I believed he who had compassion upon the multitude formally and would send empty away, would have compassion upon this Assembly and in enable us to worship him not in unfeeling formality nor in the oldness of the letter but in the newness of the spirit and of life. John Bottomley had a short time next from Psalms 1. v. 1, 2, 3. Blessed is the man that walketh not in the council of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the Lord and in his law doth he mediate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water that bringeth forth his fruit in his season, his leaf also shall not wither, and whatsoever he doth shall prosper. I had a very long time next from Isai. C: 51. v.

5, 6. My righteousness is near; my salvation is gone forth, and mine arms shall judge the People: the Isles shall wait upon me, and on mine arm shall they trust. Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look upon the earth beneath: for the heavens shall vanish away as smoke, and the Earth shall wax old as doth a garment, and they that dwell therein shall die in like manner: but my salvation shall be for ever, and my righteousness shall not be abolished. John Bottomley was next concerned in Prayer. and afterwards was pretty largely opened in testimony, principally to the youth of both sexes setting forth the uncertainty of time and the necessity there was for them as well as those who were further advanced in years to be prepared for their final change, by suffering him to come in who stands knocking at the door of the heart for an entrance in order that he might thoroughly cleanse and purify the same. Leah Kinsley had a short time next being led in an encouraging manner to an afflicted poor state. I had then to acknowledge the obligation I was under to them for favouring us with their company and to commend them for their still solid and attentive behaviour which had indeed been very remarkable, concluding after a few exhortations with expressing a desire that the grace of our Lord Jesus.Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy.Ghost might be with them all. Amen. The people then departed in a very becoming manner and I are retired upon an eminence where my mind was much affected in observing such numbers moving in various directions over the moors towards their lonely habitations, some of whom I afterwards understood had not been at any place of Publick worship for 20 years before. We din'd at William Earnshaws who with his Wife were exceeding kind, not only in making all the accommodations they could but in providing plentifully for friends, and I hope and desire they may not lose their reward. After dinner we took a walk for a considerable way upon the moors and return'd to Tea and it coming on rain very unexpectedly we waited a considerable time in hopes of it being fair but it continuing and rather increasing, we who went together set out a little past 6 o'clock and the rain being now very heavy we each of us made the most haste we could to our respective habitations and in about an hours time we got to Newhouse exceeding wet but well rewarded for all the exercise I had had to pass through in order to prepare me for this little service which through fear of missing my way had been very great. But was much encouraged by the testimony of our friend Charles Parker in our Select meeting the 4th. day before, who had mentioned the fears which attended Gideon when the Lord was about to send him forth and to say, Go thou in this thy might, altho' he was an entire stranger to my exercise from any outward information, and therefore could not but look upon him as a messenger from God unto poor me.

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An Account of my Journey to a Publick Meeting held at Penistone in the 7th. Mo. 1799.

Our friends Hannah Barnard from Hudson in the County of Colombia and State of New York in America and Elizabeth Coggeshall of Newport in the State of Rhode-Island in America, in the cause of their religious visit to this Nation were drawn in Gospel Love to visit the inhabitants of Penistone and its neighbourhood, and I feeling my mind inclined to attend set out towards there ye. 24th. of the 7th. Mo. 1799 and 4th. day of the week a little before 5 o'clock in the afternoon John Pickford and George Taylor accompanying me we went by Ing. Birchworth and got to Penistone just in time to the meeting which began at 6 o'clock and held upwards of 2 hours and a half. It was in a large School room which upon application was readily lent friends for the occasion and it being conveniently seated it would contain betwixt 200 and 300 People to sit, It was long in gathering owing I apprehend in part to the shortness of the notice, but the place was at length well filled and some were oblig'd to stand without, Joseph Horsfall the Priest of Denby, who lives in this town was there, and the behaviour of the People in general was deserving of commendation, even the children sat with remarkable stillness, Hannah Barnard desiring in the early part of our sitting down desired that the children be admitted and seated as being the joy of the present and hope of the succeeding generation, whom she tenderly address'd in a few words exhorting them to behave in a becoming manner. After a long time in silence she had a long living and Powerful testimony to bear to the everlasting Truth which remains to be invariably the same in every age and under every dispensation altho' more gloriously are revealed in this Gospel day from Jer: C: 31. v. 31, 32, 33, 34. Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah; Not according to the covenant which I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they break, although I was an husbandman to them, saith the Lord But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the Lord, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my People. And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour,

and every man his Brother, saying, Know the Lord: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the Lord: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more. At the close of the Meeting John Bateman from Chatteris in Cambridgeshire a valuable Elder who had accompanied these friends for sometime stood up and inform'd the People it was now over who departed in a sober and becoming manner. We went to George Chapmans were we stopt upwards of an hour and got some refreshment, the Priest beforementioned came in whilst we were there and in a solid manner expressed his satisfaction with the meeting and the testimony borne therein, saying it was the Truth and that she was no Hypocrite but a true Prophet. We left Penistone a little before 10 o'clock and came by Ing. Birchworth, home were we got about 11 o'clock the same evening, well satisfied with this little journey, hoping the friends labour will not to be in vain.

An Account of my Journey to our Autumn Quarterly Meeting held at York in 9th. Mo. 1799

I set out from home ye. 21st. of ye. 9th. Mo. 1799 and 7th. day of the week betwixt 7 and 8 o'clock in the morning and went by Cumberworth to Skelmanthorp were I stopt about 1 hour and a half at Anthony Kinsleys and Breakfasted, then went to Charles Blackburns were I stopt about half an hour and then in company with him who was going below Pontefract about to business preceded by Parkmill Bretton-hall and Woolley to Notton were we stopt about 1 hour and a half at the Inn and din'd paid 8d a piece eating and 2d Liquor, and then went by Havercroft and Purston to Pontefract were we got betwixt 5 and 6 in the evening and took up our Quaters at our kind friend John Leathams and in the evening went and sat a little at Joseph Johnsons.

On 22nd. and 1st. of week was at Pontefract Meeting which began at 11 and held 2 hours and a half. It was considerably smaller than usual being a remarkable wet day and many families living at a considerable distance in the country, my exercise therein was very heavy, yet towards the close thereof was strengthened to relieve my mind in a long testimony from John C: 17. v: 15. I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil. It being so exceeding wet and having previously engaged to go to Sherburn that night we thought it not prudent to stopt the afternoon meeting therefore left Pontefract about 3 o'clock and went to Ferrybridge were we stopt about 1 hour and a half at Robert Thompsons and drunk Tea, then proceeded by Milford to Sherburn the continuing exceeding wet obliged us to take shelter by the way so that it was near 8 o'clock when we got to our Quarters at Simeon Hunters were as usual we met with a very kind reception, he having married in the eighth month last my kind friend and Neighbour Sarah Dickinson daughter of Elihu Dickinson of Highflatts Tanner a young Woman who had been favoured with a powerful visitation and I doubt not strengthened immeasurably to close in therewith, and I much desire that she and her husband may unitedly be concerned to serve the Lord faithfully that so they may be as lights in this Town and neighbourhood where there are no members of our Society but this family, yet I trust there are a few seeking People who are enquiring the way to Zion with their faces thitherward.

On 23rd. and 2nd. of week, Charles Blackburn left me in the forenoon to go about the business he came for, and to see some Relations he has in this part, intending to return from thence home. In the afternoon previous to an engagement heretofore made Simeon Hunter and Wife accompanied me to Jonathon Swaines of Huddlestone a considerable Farmer who lives about 1 mile from the Town at a house remarkably pleasant in its situation I having been acquainted with his son Thomas several years by seeing him at Simeon Hunters, he being an agreeable young Man, we drunk Tea there and was kindly entertained, they being a friendly family tho' not in profession with us, tarried until about 8 o'clock in the evening and then returned to Sherburn.

On 24th. and 3rd. of week, I set at about 8 o'clock in the morning and went by Towton to Tadcaster the flat country on my right hand as I went on the road being wholly under water with the heavy rains and the corn being generally in the fields was much damaged and some that was cut was taken quite away, the Farmers got boats and got what they could out of the water and brought it on to the higher ground to dry, when I got to the Golden Lyon in Tadcaster they inform'd me it was half a yard high the day before in their house and that the People were obliged to pass the streets in carts. I rested about 1 hour and a half here and got some refreshment Paid 5d and then proceeded when I had just got out of Town I came up with our friend Joseph Walker of Leeds whose company was very agreeable to York were we got a little past 1 o'clock in the afternoon. I stopt a little and got some refreshment at Stephen Listers, and then went to see John Kennion of Cumberworth who was confined in the Castle for a defraud, his Father having sent him some money by me. From thence I went to my Quarters at the White Swan in Goodramgate, where I paid 9d breakfasts, 1s dinners and 10d suppers. At 5 in the Evening began the Quarterly Meeting for Ministers and Elders which held upwards of 2 hours and a half we were favoured thereat with the company of several Strangers as Thomas Scattergood from Pennsylvania in America, Joshua Wheeler from Hertfordshire, Sarah Talbot from Delaware State in America, Sarah Shackleton from Ireland, and Susannah Horner from Middlesex. The Queries were read and Answers received from all our meetings and William Proud, Thomas Priestman, Joseph Birkbeck, Mary Fairbank and Sarah Parkinson were appointed to oversee the succeeding meetings, and advise as occasion may require. The list of the members of this Meeting were read and the necessary alterations made, Afterwards several of the strangers were concerned in testimony and one of them in Prayer. When I return'd to my Inn I found John Pickford from our meeting got there, of which I was glad, there being no other friend at the Inn, he was my acceptable companion the remaining part of the Journey.

On 25th. and 4th. of week, At 10 in the morning was a Meeting for Worship which tho' mostly select of friends was very large many having to sit in the Lofts Joseph Brown was first concerned in a short testimony therein from Cant. C: 1. v: 3. Thy name is as Ointment poured forth, therefore do the virgins love thee. Susanna Horne had a pretty long time next from Jer: C: 3. v: 22. Return ye backsliding children, and I will heal your backslidings. Joshua Wheeler next from Gen: C: 6. v: 3. My spirit shall not always strive with Man. Thomas Scattergood had a very long time next being opened from a verse in Popes Universal Prayer viz.

Teach me to feel another's woe

To hide the fault I see

That mercy I to others show

That mercy show to me.

He then proceeded to inform us that he had no particular liking to Poetry yet at times had met with some pieces very striking to him, and as this verse had much impress'd his mind in this meeting he thought it right to revive it, and then inform'd us that the Apostles were not always opened with passages from the scripture but at times saw it not only lawful but expedient to revive the sayings of the ancient Poets spoken under divine influence, and sometimes to magnify the wonderful works of the creation, he then return'd to the subject before him and was largely opened therefrom branching out in a very singular manner to the varied states of this large assembly, addressing in a very Pathetic manner the Aged, the middle aged and the Youth, intermixing his discourse with an account of his own religious exercises and deeper probations. It was indeed a very memorable season, and I hope will be to many as a Nail fastened in a sure place. Susanna Horne was afterwards concerned in Prayer. At the close of this meeting was held one for Discipline in which the Queries were read and Answers received from all our Mo. meetings, and some other business gone thro' and then the meeting adjourn'd. Both meetings held 4 hours and upwards. After Dinner we took a walk out of the city to see the Retreat a neat building and very pleasantly situated, erected by our Society for the accommodation of those amongst us who are disordered in their mind, and being intimately acquainted with George Jepson the Superintendent, we had an opportunity of

seeing the Gardens, and the apartments which are now got compleated and every thing kept in a remarkable neat order, there appeared nothing wanting to alleviate as much as possible the distresses of those poor afflicted creatures, we had also an opportunity of seeing that the Patients who are 36 in number and afterwards drunk Tea there. From thence we return'd to a Meeting for discipline which began at 5 o'clock and held upwards of 3 hours and a half. The Representatives from our several Mo. Meetings having met at the close of last sitting to consider of proper Persons to act as Clerks for the ensuing year. Proposed to this for that service Caleb Fletcher of Kirkbymoorside and Gervas Brady of Sheffield who were acceptable to the meeting, the remaining part of the business was gone thro' in this sitting, and upon the whole was conducted to pretty good satisfaction. Thomas Scattergood proposed to our consideration the dividing this large Quarterly Meeting into two, which was minuted for future consideration or otherwise lessening it by joining some of the distant branches thereof to other Quarterly Meetings.

On 26th. and 5th. of week at 10 in the morning was the Parting meeting for Worship which was larger than the former several People of other Societies attending Elizabeth Hoyland had a pretty long time therein in testimony first from Hab: C: 3. v: 16. When I heard, 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. Sarah Talbot had a long time next from Isai: C: 1. v. 2, 3, Hear, O Heavens; and give ear O earth; for the Lord hath spoken: I have nourished and bought up children and they have rebelled against me. The Ox knoweth his owner, and the Ass his masters crib; but Israel doth not know, my People doth not consider. Mary Proud had a very long time next from John C: 1. v.11, 12. He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him to them gave he Power to become the sons of God. The meeting held 2 hours and a half. About 2 o'clock in the afternoon we left York intending to reach Sherburn that evening having given Simeon Hunter and Wife reason to expect us at the breaking up of the Meeting, but when I awoke this morning I found myself very poorly with the pain in my Bowels attended with a violent looseness, so that it was with difficulty I sat the Meeting, and had no appetite to eat at the dinner, yet hoped I should be better with travelling, but on the contrary found myself much worse, so that it was with great pain I got on my Journey, we reach'd the Golden Lyon in Tadcaster about 6 in the evening were I was obliged to stop all night, for soon after I got there I was seized with sickness and violent vomiting that I was ready to conclude, I could not continue long but was favoured with a good degree of resignation to leave all if consistent with the divine will, my companion and the Landlady were both very kind and did all that lay in their Power for me, and about 9 o'clock I found a little relief, the sickness abating and I got something which settled upon my stomach, yet was obliged to keep a candle burning by me all night, having to rise many times and could get but very little sleep, yet was better in the morning altho' very weak the looseness still continuing yet not with such violence.

On 27th. and 6th. of week having satisfied the kind Landlady for the trouble and expence she had been at on my account we set out betwixt 9 and 10 in the morning and came by Towton to Sherburn when we got there Simeon Hunter told us he was just going to set out to see for us having staid at home as long as he could be easy concluding something must have happened. We stopt at his house upwards of 3 hours and din'd, then proceeded by Milford to Ferrybridge, were we stopt about an hour and drunk Tea at Robert Thompsons, and then in company with Ann Pickard of Painthorp came to Pontefract were we got about 7 o'clock in the evening and lodg'd at John Leathams. The affectionate care and kindness of his Wife to me in this my poor weak state, I cannot but gratefully acknowledge, and by her administering suitably to my complaint and the blessing of Providence upon it I found myself finely recovered in the morning, having rested well all night without having once to get up.

On 28th. and 7th. of week; we left Pontefract a little past 8 o'clock in the morning Ann Pickard coming along with us to Purston, we then came by Havercroft to Royston were we stopt about 1 hour and a half at the Horse and Rider and din'd paid 6d a piece eating and 2d Liquor then came by Staincross, Mapplewell, Darton, Kexbro' and Hoyland to cousin Joseph

Steads of Toppett were we stopt 1 hour and half and drunk Tea, and then came by Denby home were I got betwixt 7 and 8 o'clock in evening.

An Account of my Journey to a Meeting at Dewsbury in the 11th. Mo. 1799

There being several Persons convinced in the course of last Winter by the Ministry of our friend Thomas Colley in the Town and neighbourhood of Dewsbury, who sometimes attended the Meeting at Gildersome and sometimes at Wakefield, both on First and week.days but the Women not being able to attend at that distance they agreed to sit together in one of their houses on First and Fifth day evenings, and I having found my mind drawn for some time to pay them a visit set out towards there on the 17th. of the 11th. Mo. 1799 and 1st. of the week about 9 o'clock in the morning in company with John Bottomley we went by Denby.dikeside to Charles Blackburns of Skelmanthorp were we stopt near 3 hours and din'd then proceeded, Charles Blackburn and Elias Armitage going along with us, the latter being a young Man about 28 years of age who whilst he was an Apprentice went amongst the Independents as he related to me but when he grew towards a Man threw off all pretences to Religion and took great liberties in the follies and vanities of the world and in some of the gross pollutions thereof; He married a woman of an orderly conduct for whom he had a very strong affection, but it pleased the Lord to remove her by stealth before she was delivered of her first child when they had been married about 15 months, this proved to be an awakening call to him, he was renewedly favoured to see the uncertainty of all things here below, and the necessity of a right preparation for so solemn a change. The Lord was pleased to bring him under heavy Judgments for his manifold transgressions, yet was favoured at times with a secret hope that the Lord in his mercy would in his own time bring him safe through all which was as an anchor to his poor disturbed mind; in this exercised state he met with some of the People called Methodists and by conversing with them began to attend their meetings and was soon admitted a member of their Society and became at times active in their private meetings in praying and speaking his experience, but this being only a fire of mans kindling he lay down in sorrow frequently when alone feeling condemnation for it the just witness querying of him who hath required this at thy hands, thus his exercises continued, and having given up housekeeping when his Wife died, he then lived at Busher with one of the People called Independents but by keeping his mind inward, altho' he began to be much dissatisfied with the Methodists yet was preserved from embracing the errors of the Calvinists, and being at times set in the house in a retired frame his Mistress frequently said, I am sure our Elias will be a Quaker, which was not pleasing to him having a very great aversion to that People altho' an entire stranger to them except from what he had heard others say, however his dissatisfaction increasing he knew not what to do nor where to go, and meeting with a friends book he read it, and believed it was the Truth which raised a desire in his mind to attend our meeting accordingly he came to Highflatts on a First.day, and tho' there was not much said in that meeting yet his mind was favoured to enjoy a solemn quiet, which encouraged him to attend again, in which meeting he said he was so opened to his state and condition as fully convinced him of the Truth whereupon he left the Methodist Society and diligently attended our Religious meetings, About 5 or 6 weeks ago he removed into this town he having then attended our meetings about two months altho' I had no acquaintance with him, yet he had frequently been led into near sympathy with him, and John Bottomley and me meeting with him at Charles Blackburns we had a remarkable favoured opportunity together which tended much to his confirmation, since which we have been very near to each other, and altho' his exercises appear great I have no doubt if he keeps under the weight thereof but he will be favoured to experience support, and if his obedience keep pace with knowledge, will in due time become an useful member to our Society. We went by Flockton, Grange.hall, Denby, Bristfield, and Thornhill, to Dewsbury were we got about 4 o'clock in the afternoon and

drunk Tea at the Anchor paid 6d a piece stopt about an hour, and then went to Morritt Matthews's where the meeting was held which began at 5 o'clock and held about 2 hours when we got there they was set down quietly together being 4 in number viz. William Wass, Morritt Matthews and his Wife and Mary Armitage Richard Hirst who usually meets with them had been with the men at Wakefield meeting this day was not here this evening. My mind in my journey to this place was exceeding low and distressed so that I was ready to say in the secret of my heart, if I am but preserved from doing any harm I shall esteem it a favour, I sat some time amongst them in this poor low state but at length divine Power began to arise, the mountain skipped as Rams and the little hills as Lambs, Jordan was driven back, and we were favoured with a precious opportunity, being made renewedly to rejoice in the Lord and in the company one of another. I had a short time therein in testimony first from Hab: C: 2. v: 3. The vision is yet for an appointed time; but at the end it shall speak and not lye; though it tarry, wait for it. John Bottomley next from Isai: C: 26. v: 3. Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on thee; because he trusteth in thee. I had a pretty long time next having the word of encouragement given to communicate to them and was led to speak particularly to various states, After which John Bottomley was concerned in Prayer. After meeting, John Bottomley and Charles Blackburn went to an Inn to lodge William Wass accompanying them, and I tarrying with them until Bed.time But Elias Armitage and me slept at Morritt Mathews's were Mary Armitage stopt until late in the evening with whom we had agreeable conversation.

On 18th. and 2nd. of week, This morning after breakfast William Wass and our companions came to us, were we was unexpectedly favoured with a precious tendering parting opportunity in which myself and John Bottomley had each of us a few words to drop. We left Dewsbury betwixt 10 and 11 o'clock in the forenoon John Bottomley and Charles Blackburn going for Huddersfield, and Elias Armitage and me for home, we came by Thornhill, Bristfield, Denby, Grange.hall, and Flockton into Emley.park, were I parted with my affectionate companion, and came to cousin Benjamin Steads of Siver.Ing were I stopt about an hour and a half and din'd, then came to Anthony Kinsleys of Skelmanthorp were I stopt about 2 hours and drunk Tea, then proceeded Joseph Cliff setting me on my way as far as Cumberworth and then return'd. He is about 22 years of age and came in the latter part of summer to live with Charles Blackburn having been joined in Society with the Methodists in the neighbourhood of Huddersfield were he lived with his Parents, and after he came here join'd the class in this Town, but finding a desire to attend a meeting of Friends gave up in obedience thereto and came to Highflatts were he was convinced of the emptiness of the many forms and ceremonies in which he had been exercised, and diligently attending to that divine Light unto which his mind was happily turned he became more and more dissatisfied with attending the Methodists meetings, and after some time wholly declined and diligently attended ours as he said to his own solid satisfaction, I was well pleased with his company and conversation he appearing a sincere, innocent young man whom I pray God to preserve in faithfulness unto the end. I got home about 6 o'clock in the evening where I was surprized to hear of the death of Mary Brook widow of Daniel Brook of Highflatts, who had been several weeks on a visit to her Friends and Relations in and about Huddersfield, and went to Bed on first.day evening in perfect health, and good spirits being very cheerful, but was seized with sickness early this morning and in about half an hours time departed this Life at William Coopers aged 78 years How uncertain is all things here below? How necessary it is for us to be always ready for our final change which we are know must come. I went to the market next day, where the Town was all hurry and confusion, a great Mob being assembled, occasioned by the very high price of corn but some of the rioters being seized by order of the magistrates dispersed before evening and very little damage was done I stopt all night and attended the burial of the beforementioned friend, who was decently interred in the burying.ground at Parrack the 20th. of ye. 11th. Mo. 1799. After which a solemn meeting was held up on the occasion.

An Account of a meeting held at Newhouse in the 12th. Mo. 1799.

Our dear and well-beloved friend and faithful servant of Jesus Christ, Thomas Colley of Sheffield having felt his mind drawn in Gospel love to pay a religious visit to such as were lately begun to attend our meetings at Highflatts by conviction in a collective capacity at my house; this set out from home for that purpose ye. 15th. of ye. 12th. Mo. 1799 and 1st. day of the week, and came to George Chapmans of Penistone early in the morning, who accompanied him to our Meeting at Highflatts, which proved to be a season, I hope not too soon to be forgotten by some Thomas Colley had a very long living and powerful testimony to bear therein from Eph: C: 1. v: 13, 14. In whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, Which is the earnest of our inheritance, until the redemption of the purchased profession, unto the praise of his glory. He stood near an hour and a half and was eminently opened into the various states of the Assembly many hearts being tendered and an awful solemnity appearing to cover the whole. The meeting held near 3 hours; at the conclusion of which George Chapman mentioned to me Thomas Colley's concern accordingly a meeting was appointed at my house to begin at 5 o'clock this evening agreeable to the prospect he had before he left his own habitation, and as many of them lived at a considerable distance I invited them to dine at my house, Thomas Colley and George Chapman din'd at Elihu Dickinsons and after dinner came and drunk Tea with me. The meeting began at the hour appointed and held upwards of 2 hours Besides those two friends there was John Pickford and me present who were members of the Society and the following who were under conviction vis. Charles Blackburn and Joseph Cliff of Skelmanthorp, William Newton and his son Joshua of Cuttlehirst, John Firth of Marshal.mill, Elias Armitage formerly of Skelmanthorp but now of Denby.hall, George Taylor of Cumberworth.Park, Henry Marsden my manservant, and Frances Field my housekeeper. It was an memorable time of divine favour the power of Truth overshadowing the assembly and in the fresh springings of divine life, Thomas Colley's mouth was opened and his heart enlarged to labour amongst us in pointing out the way of Life and salvation from: 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 and light before them, and crooked things straight, these things will I do unto them, and not forsake them. He appeared upwards of an hour, and was indeed wonderfully favoured and supported, I believe fully to relieve himself, I doubt not but to the peace of his own mind, and the solid satisfaction of those whom the Lord is gathering in these parts from the many Lo.heres and Lo.theres, whose hearts were humbly bowed in thankfulness for this days renewed favour. After meeting George Chapman return'd home but Thomas Colley stopp'd all night with us, and set out about 8 o'clock the next morning, I trust with sheaves of Joy in his bosom, the sure reward of faithful obedience.

An Account of my Journey to Morley Monthly Meeting in Cheshire held at Macclesfield in ye. 12th. Mo. 1799

I set out from home ye. 23rd. of ye. 12th. Mo: 1799 and 2nd. of the week betwixt 7 and 8 o'clock in the morning having John Bottomley for my companion on this Journey There was a frost and snow but the snow not being deep and the morning mild we had a pleasant walk over the Moors call'd at William Earnshaws of Carlcoats and Breakfasted, stopt about an hour and then proceeded by Salterbrook to Woodhead in Cheshire were we stopt better than an hour at the Angel and din'd paid 8d a piece eating and 3d Liquor then proceeded by Forsett in Derbyshire Glossop and Chunall to Low.Leighton were we got betwixt 5 and 6 in the evening and lodg'd at William Holmes's

On 24th. and 3rd. of week we set out betwixt 10 and 11 in the forenoon Sophia Holme accompanying us by Newmill to her Brother John and William Holmes's of Torr, a curious

place situated in a very deep and narrow valley, through which runs a small river whose streams turns four Cotton mills, built very near each other, on each side of the river is surprising high Rocks, we descended with some difficulty by a wandering way to the bottom, stopt about half an hour viewing the curiosities of the place, and got some refreshment at their house, then proceeded, Jacob Bright a young man who had been apprenticed with their Father and now lives with them setting us on away a little and then return'd I was pleased with his company there being I hope something which is good at work in his mind. We went up the banks of the canal to Whaley in Cheshire, and so through a curious hilly country to Macclesfield, by Kettleshulme and Rainow, got there betwixt 3 and 4 in the afternoon were we lodg'd at William Paxtons.

On 20th. and 4th. of week, the monthly meeting began at 11, was larger than could have been expected, and pretty satisfactory, being covered with some degree of an awful solemnity, tho' held in silence, at the close of the meeting for Worship was the meeting for discipline which consists of three Preparative meetings viz Morley Stockport, and Macclesfield, The business was satisfactorily conducted and towards the close some seasonable advice was communicated, by Thomas Cash, George Jones and John Bottomley. Both meetings held near 2 hours and a half. This afternoon William Paxton, his Wife and daughter Frances accompanied us to James Frosts the most considerable Timber Merchant in this town whose Wife Martha Frost has lately joined our Society by conviction. She told her she had been 30 years joined in Society with the Methodists 20 of which she had been exceedingly distressed and uneasy in her mind, but from the value they had for her, and their repeated labours to prevent her leaving them, she continued in this exercised state so long, and yet such was her situation at times when she attended their meetings, her mind being inwardly gathered that she knew not one word that was spoken, but at length was obliged to leave them entirely and sit down amongst friends, we drunk Tea there and after Tea had a favoured opportunity in which John Bottomley and myself were concerned in Testimony. From hence we went to Samuel Stonehewers were we supp'd and spent evening.

On 26th. and 5th. of week, we got an early dinner and betwixt 12 and 1 o'clock left Macclesfield, William Paxton set us on our way about 3 miles, and then return'd, after treating us with some Brandy and Water at the Orange tree, we proceeded by Hollingwoodsmithies and Bullocksmithies to Stockport were we got betwixt 4 and 5 in the evening and drunk Tea at my cousin Sarah Chapman, whom we found in trouble on account of her daughter Mary who had suffered a young Man to take her away the 3rd. day morning before, and marry her without her Mothers knowledge, how oftens unguarded youth bring their Parents and friends into trouble in this respect here but sooner or later it generally falls the heaviest upon themselves, I having oftens thought the Almighty hath manifested his displeasure more against such mixtures in Marriage than some other things which are accounted more heinous. From hence we went to George Jones's were we lodged.

On 27th. and 6th. of week, we Breakfasted at Richard Yarwoods, and from thence went to Joseph Bents who was lately removed out of Derbyshire into this Town were we sat a little, and then return'd to George Jones's to dine, after dinner we went and sat a little at Robert Dearmans, and from thence went to John Colliers were George Jones and his Wife met us we drunk Tea and supp'd there spending the evening very comfortably.

On 28th. and 7th. of week, betwixt 9 and 10 in the morning we set out George Jones accompanying us about three miles and then return'd we came by Manchester in Lancashire to Failsworth were we stopt about half an hour at the Pack horse and got a Quart of Ale paid 2 and half a Piece, and then proceeded, John Bottomley went to John Earnshaws to lodge, but I came through Oldham to Salmonfield were I got betwixt 2 and 3 o'clock in the afternoon and took up my Quarters at James Taylors were I met with Charles Blackburn of Skelmanthorp who had been about some business at Manchester and had just got in before me we were glad to see each other, and he continued with us until second day morning.

On 29th. and 1st. of week, John Bottomley came to us pretty early in the morning. We went together to Oldham Meeting which began at 11 and held about 3 hours, It was large a

pretty many of other Societies attending, but an exercising time to me there being many worldly minded and raw professors some steady valuable friends, and a pretty many tender minded people who appear to be under convincement, most of them coming a long way to this meeting. After a long time in silence, I had a long time in testimony from Rev, C, 90. v. 14, 15 He was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood; and his name is called, The Word of God. And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses clothed in fine Linen white and clean. afterwards I had a pretty long time and again from first to 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, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus.Christ. After meeting we din'd with many other friends at James Taylors, and after dinner, William Midgley and Thomas Taylor went and drunk Tea with us at Samuel Gandys of Shaw who was lately removed from Todmorden thither after Tea we proceeded, and betwixt here and Crompton went by the grave of a youth who had put himself away, and was buried by the side of the public road a few days before. We got to William Midgleys of Buersill near Rochdale betwixt 5 and 6 in the evening James Taylor going with us and tarrying until the next day in the afternoon and then return'd. After we got in several who are under convincement in this neighbourhood came to see us viz. John Butterworth and Benjamin Butterworth, John Chadwick and his brother James who is in a very poor state of health, John Sutcliffe and James Bradley with whom we had a very satisfactory opportunity in which John Bottomley had a a pretty long testimony first from Matt: C: 11. v: 28, 29. Come unto me, all ye that labour, and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 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. I had a long time next from Luke C: 20. v: 17, 18. The stone which do builders rejected, the same is become the head at the corner? Whosoever shall fall upon that stone shall be broken but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind them to powder. John Bottomley was next concerned in Prayer and afterwards I had another short testimony to bear, being led to speak particularly and encouragingly to some tryed tempted state. After the opportunity James Bradley had 5 miles to go home in the dark living 4 miles beyond Rochdale, he was formerly in profession with the Methodists but hath for some time past attended Friends meetings at Oldham being 8 miles distance and walking to them on foot O! that such may be preserved and that their zeal might be instrumental to stir up the Lukewarm and indifferent Professors of Truth to more diligence, who have had a birthright in the Society and been favoured with many peculiar privileges, otherwise such will be set aside, and strangers called in to feed our flocks, and the sons of Aliens to be our ploughmen and vinedressers.

On 30th. and 2nd. of week in the morning Charles Blackburn set out towards home but we purposed tarrying another night. After dinner William Midgley set his two older sons James and John to read each of them a chapter in the Scriptures after which a solemn silence ensued in which opportunities I had a good deal of advice to communicate to the dear youth suitable to their tender years and afterwards John Bottomley had an open time, they were much broken and tendered, and I hope it was a time that may be profitably remembered by them. James Stott from Rochdale came and spent evening with us, an intelligent young man not a friend, he was lately returned from France where he had resided 14 years, he gave us an effecting account of the troubles there, and the many cruelties which were exercised, inform'd us he was present when 7 were beheaded at one time 2 Women and 5 Men giving us a particular account of their manner of doing it and the behaviour of the poor victims with many other shocking barbarities which so deeply affected my mind as to prevent me from sleeping when I went to Bed for some time. He also showed us a curious piece of their Gold coin and two of different value of silver likewise and Assignate, and several pieces of paper money to as low a value as three farthings. Also two curious cards one with a figure of all three coins and the other with the great mens heads who had suffered since the revolution.

On 31st. and 3rd. of the week, about 10 in the morning we set out in company with William Midgley and went to his Brother James Midgley of Laneside near Littlebrook were we din'd and tarried until about 3 o clock in the afternoon, his Wife appeared to be a

religiously exercised Woman, and in a good degree convinced of the Truth, and had been at several friends Meetings to her satisfaction. At the Table before dinner I was concerned in supplication, which I believed prepared the way a little in their minds further service. After dinner we had a Religious opportunity in which John Bottomley was concerned a long time in testimony from Isaiah. C: 55. v: 3. Hear, and your soul shall live. I had a long time next from Luke C: 19. v: 5. Zacchaeus, making haste, and come down; for to day I must abide at thy house. John Bottomley was next concerned in Prayer. It was a remarkable favoured time, the man and his Wife were both exceedingly broken and tendered, and we well satisfied with our visit. I had been lead much of late to seek out those honest enquirers who are scattered up and down Sheep without a Shepherd, and to direct them where to find Christ the true Shepherd and Bishop of souls, that they may be taught of him, and in righteousness and truth experience an establishment then great will be their Peace. We proceeded on our Journey, and after leaving the inclosed ground entered upon the high moor and travelled a considerable way where there was no road, when we came within the sight of the Turnpike.road at the Top of Booths.deign our kind friend William Midgley return'd and we proceeded went down the said road to John Dysons of Lower.Goathouse in Rushworth Yorkshire, got there a little before 6 in the evening were we lodg'd having felt a strong desire to see his ancient Mother, who appeared exceeding glad of our visit.

On 1st. of 1st. Mo. 1800 and 4th. of week we set out betwixt 10 and 11 o'clock in the morning and came by Outlanes Milnsbridge Lockwood, and Deadmanstone to Joseph Bottomleys of Royd, my companions Brother were we stopt near 4 hours and din'd and drunk Tea, then came to John Brooks of Shepley were we sat a little, and from thence to John Firths of Lanehead were our friend Jane Burrow now resided, and had done for several months past, we sat a little with them and got home about 9 in the evening having been favoured with fine weather all this Journey for the season of the year being a calm, though sharp frost; and the ground just covered with snow.

An Account of my Journey to a Publick meeting held at Wakefield in the 1st. Mo. 1800

Our friends Deborah Darby and Rebecca Young from Shropshire having paid a religious visit to the families of frds. in Leeds meeting and had divers Publick meetings with the inhabitants of that Town and places adjacent, found their minds drawn to visit our Monthly Meeting held near Wakefield and to have a Publick meeting with the inhabitants of the Town in the evening. On ye. 19th. of the 1st. Mo. and 1st. day of the week being very Snowy and Charles Blackburn having come with me to dine after meeting, I went with him to his house to lodge and Elias Armitage who now lives at Denby.hall accompanied us thither and return'd home in the morning, but I preceded to attend the beforementioned meetings. We left our house about 3 o'clock in the afternoon and went by Cumberworth to Skelmanthorp were we drunk Tea at Anthony Kinsleys and then went to Charles Blackburns were in the evening we had a religious opportunity in which I had a few words in testimony from John C: 8. v. 31, 32. If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; and ye shall know the Truth, and the truth shall make you free and afterwards had a pretty long time from Gen: C: 45. v: 26. Joseph is yet alive.

On 20th. and 2nd. of week John Pickford call'd of me here, and was my companion this journey; we set out about 7 o'clock in the morning, Joshua Dyson of Shelley.Woodhouse came up with us when we had got a little on our way being also going to the Monthly meeting and accompanied us thither, we went by Emley and Bretton to Crigglestone were we stopt half an hour and got Tea at George Earnshaws then set out in company with my dear friend and faithful servant William Taylor who left his horse here and walked with us by Milthorp and Sandall to the Meetinghouse were we got just in time to the meeting which began as usual at 11 o'clock and was large consisting chiefly of friends altho' a few others came in, the house

being well filled below stairs, Besides the beforementioned strangers we had the acceptable company of our friend Christiana Hustler of Bradford meeting, who return'd to Leeds after dinner. Deborah Darby had a long and favoured time in testimony first in this meeting from Eze: C: 33. v: 12. The righteousness of the righteous shall not deliver him in the day of his transgression. Christiana Hustler had a pretty long time next from 2 Thess: C: 2. v: 7. He who now letteth will let until he be taken out of the way. Afterwards Deborah Darby was concerned in Prayer. At the close of this meeting was held a meeting for discipline in which the business of the 6 Preparative meetings constituting it was conducted with great harmony viz. Pontefract, Burton, Highflatts, Ackworth, Wakefield, and Wooldale. Both meetings held upwards of 4 hours, after which we din'd with the friends at John Robinsons, and I drunk Tea at Daniel Hampshires one of the People called Methodists who sent me an invitation for that purpose, and afterwards I went and sat a little at Joseph Tolsons who had kindly accommodated friends as usual with his Wool Warehouse for the ensuing meeting, and was pressing on me to take a bed at his house, which I felt quite at a liberty to do, had I not been previously engaged; The meeting began at 6 in the evening and held near 3 hours. It was not so large as usual on these occasions, whether it might be owing to the severity of the weather or some other cause I know not, there not being I believed above 300 People there, however I believe it was a profitable time to many. Deborah Darby had a very long testimony to bear therein first 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. Rebecca Young had a pretty long time next from 2 Pet: C: 1. v: 10. Brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure and Deborah Darby concluded the meeting in Prayer and Praises to Almighty God. After which we supp'd at Daniel Hampshires and then came to John Robinsons were we stopt a little with the friends, left Wakefield a little past 10 o'clock, and came in company with John Haigh of Shepley, George Earnshaw, and Christopher Walker to Christophers house at Dircar were we lodg'd.

On 21st. and 3rd. of week, after breakfast John Haigh set out from here towards home, and about 10 o'clock we left Dircar and came to Crigglestone were we stopt a little at my Uncle Joseph Houghs, and then came up to George Earnshaws were John Bottomley came to see us who had stopt all night in Wakefield, we din'd here and then set out betwixt 12 and 1 o'clock and came together to Bretton.hall, and then John Bottomley went for Penistone to give notice of a meeting there and at Wortley and we came by Park.mill to John Firths of Marshal.mill, and from thence to William Newtons of the Cuttlehirst stopt a little at each place, and then proceeded to Charles Backburns of Skelmanthorp were we stopt better than an hour and drunk Tea, then came and sat a little at Anthony Kinsleys, from whence John Pickford went by Shelley, Shepley etc. to give notice of a Publick Meeting at Highflatts and I came by Cumberworth to cousin Joseph Mallinsons of Wood, and from thence to Elihu Dickinsons of Highflatts stopt a little at each place than call'd at Elihu Dickinsons Tanners were I got some refreshment and got home betwixt 8 and 9 in the evening.

An Account of my Journey to Publick Meetings held at Penistone and Wortley in ye. 1st. Mo: 1800

Our friends Deborah Darby and Rebecca Young from Shropshire in the course of their religious visit to these parts found drawings in their mind to visit the inhabitants in the neighbourhood of Highflatts, Penistone and Wortley and feeling an inclination to attend the said meetings, I set out from home ye. 24th. of year. 1st. Mo. 1800 and 6th. day of the week about 10 o'clock in the forenoon, when I got near Highflatts, I met with a man who brought me a letter from our friend Nathan Dearman of Pinder.oaks near Barnsley which inform'd me, that the friends having to come from Pontefract to Barnsley the day before and it proving a

very Snowy day attended with high wind, they were so overdone and Rebecca very poorly as not to be able to attend there, but intended to be according to appointment at Penistone in the evening if it were possible for them to get. The meeting began at 11 o'clock and held 3 hours, and notice having been fully given to those of other Societies for many miles round notwithstanding the lanes in many places were full of snow a vast concourse of People, and amongst the number two Methodist Preachers attended; so that the Meetinghouse and chamber was well filled. When I saw the great coming in of the people I was very much discouraged, but endeavouring to get into true quietude, we were favoured with a very solemn meeting, the People behaved well, and many were much affected, and I believe departed well satisfied. I had a pretty long time in testimony therein from Isai: C: 30. v: 17. Thou hast in love to my soul delivered it from the pit of corruption. John Bottomley 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. Jane Burrow next from Matt: C: 13. v. 45, 46. The kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchant man seeking goodly pearls: who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had, and bought it Afterwards John Bottomley concluded the meeting in Prayer. After which I din'd at Elihu Dickinsons Tanners, and after dinner in company with John Bottomley went by Ing. Birchworth to Penistone where we got about 4 o'clock to our kind friend George Chapmans whose heart and house are always open to friends on these occasions. About 5 o'clock the friends reached here, Rebecca Young being still poorly but much better than she had been. At 6 in the evening the meeting began and continued about 3 hours, it was held in the School which was conveniently seated for the occasion, and was very well filled with people. Deborah Darby had two very long times in testimony therein the first from John C: 20. v: 17. Go to my Brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my father and your father, and to my God and your God. The next from Isai: C: 55. v: 6. Seek ye the Lord while he may be found call ye upon him while he is near. Afterward she was concerned in Prayer, I informed the People when the meeting was over, commended them for their becoming behaviour, and advised them as an awful solemnity had covered many of their minds to guard against entering hastily into conversation, even upon what may be esteemed religious subjects. John Pickard and me lodg'd this night at George Chapmans and John Bottomley and Charles Blackburn got a bed at the Widow Woods.

On 25th. and 7th. of week, John Bottomley and Charles Blackburn set out early in the morning to Wortley to assist in preparing a place for the meeting, and betwixt 9 and 10 o'clock we left Penistone viz. The two friends in their own carriage George Chapman, Thomas Earnshaw of Judfield, and cousin John Mallinson on horseback, and William Taylor, Henry Marsden, Elias Armitage, John Pickford and myself on foot, went by Thurgoland to Wortley where we got to the Inn (kept by John Surtees who was very kind and lent friends all the assistance in his Power) a little before 11 o'clock, The meeting began at 11 and continued near 2 hours and a half It was held in a large upper room made use of for the club to meet in, in the Inn, where a Gallery was erected, and the room conveniently seated so as to accommodate about 150 people, which was well filled. There never having been a meeting here or in this part before in the memory of any living, if ever. We could not but admire the orderly behaviour of the people some of whom were very much broken and tendered. Deborah Darby had two very long times in Testimony therein, the first from 1 John C: 2. v: 20. But ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things. The next from Luke C: 14. v: 27. Whosoever doth not bear his Cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple. Rebecca Young was afterwards concerned in Prayer. At the close of the meeting I acknowledged our satisfaction with the commendable behaviour of the People, inform'd them it was now over and desired them to depart in a still quiet manner. These two Publick meetings were eminently favoured, the Testimonies of Truth were exhorted therein, and way of Life and salvation declared in the demonstration of the Spirit and Power of God. Before dinner we had a select opportunity together in which Deborah Darby and Rebecca Young address'd themselves more particularly to Charles and Elias in a very encouraging manner

intermixt with weighty counsel and caution. We paid 14d a piece for dinner and 4d Liquor. Betwixt 3 and 4 o'clock the friends with the guides proceeded on their Journey, and I left Wortley in company with William Taylor John Bottomley, John Pickford, Charles Blackburn, Elias Armitage, and Henry Marsden, we got to George Chapmans of Penistone about 5 o'clock were we lodg'd except William Taylor, Charles Blackburn and Henry Marsden who after Tea went home.

On 26th. and 1st. of week, John Bottomley and John Pickford stopt the meeting at Lumbroyd which I also intended to have done before I left home, but after, my mind was strongly impress'd to be at our meeting at Highflatts although I knew not for what cause. Accordingly betwixt 9 and 10 o'clock Elias Armitage and me set out and got to Highflatts in time to the meeting which began as usual at 11 and held about 2 hours and a half. A great many People of other Societies came in, and it proved to be a remarkable favoured opportunity. I had a very long time therein first in testimony from Psalms 116. v. 7, 8. Return unto thy rest, O my Soul; for the Lord hath dealt bountifully with thee. For thou hast delivered my soul from death, mine eyes from tears, and my feet from falling. Jane Burrow was next concerned in supplication and afterwards I had a pretty long testimony from Luke C: 19. v: 9. This day his salvation come to this house. After which Jane Burrow and Leah Kinsley had each of them a short testimony. I return'd from the Meeting home were I got about 2 o'clock being very well satisfied with this short Journey.

An Account of my Journey to Brighouse Monthly Meeting etc, held at Brighouse in the 2nd.
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I set out from home ye. 21st.of the 2nd. Mo. 1800 and 6th. day of the week about 6 o'clock in the morning, Thomas Earnshaw of Judfield came in the evening before and lodg'd at my house, who was my acceptable companion this Journey. We went by Shelley and Almondbury to Huddersfield were we called to see my Cousin Susanna Mallinson who lives with her Son George having the week before left Wood and removed with her son Joseph into this Town, she was in the 72nd. year of her age and notwithstanding several friends appeared to be much concerned about their removal, some of whom freely imparted their minds unto them yet it appeared to have very little place with her. My mind hath oftens been affected with sorrow that so many are of the members of our society who are comfortably situated in the country, where they are favoured with every thing which nature requires, should leave these peaceful quiet habitations, and flock into Cities and great Towns and have oftens yea very oftens seen the sorrowful consequence thereof, for however they may have advanced themselves in the world thereby, very few according to my observation have advanc'd much in piety and virtue; wherefore I cannot but much unite with many faithful friends in the beginning who bore their testimony against it, and had to see even in their day the sorrowful consequence of it, For by entering into large concerns in trade many got so leavened into the spirit of this World as almost wholly to depart from the plainness and simplicity of the pure Truth; I was not easy to omit this remark having been much exercised in my mind respecting the beforementioned removal, For altho' I believe it gave my cousin Joseph Mallinson more concern when the time drew near yet I had great reason to fear he did not sufficiently attend to the pointings of duty in his first movings therein, nor duly consider that it is not in the Power of man to direct his steps aright For want of this many settle where they ought not, and being outwardly out of their proper place can never fill up their place in the mystical body with propriety. We stopt about half an hour at cousin George Mallinsons and got some Brandy and water then proceeded by Rastrick to Brighouse were we got Tea at James Lees's, and then went to the meeting which began at 11 o'clock there was a large appearance of friends the house being nearly full, yet it was to be a very low time and held in silence except a few words by Gervas Storrs. At the close of the meeting George Eddison stood up and expressed a

few words concerning his own state and the state of the meeting which was to my satisfaction. Friends then proceeded to the business which was conducted in much harmony. This meeting consists of 6 Preparative meetings Leeds, Bradford, Brighouse, Parrack, Todmorden, and Gildersome. There was two presentations of marriage there viz. John Shiers and Ann Rishton both of Bradford meeting, and William Clay of Peel Mo. meeting in London and Mary Travis of Gildersome. Both meetings held 3 hours. After which we return'd to James Lees's were we din'd. and from thence went to Thomas Coopers to Tea were we also lodg'd.

On 22nd. and 7th. of week we set about betwixt 9 and 10 o'clock in the morning John Cooper kindly accompanying us about 2 miles and then return'd we went by Chapel in the brier to Halifax and it being market day there we went to look at that famous building the Piece.hall and also the Shambles which are lately built both of which are worth the observation of Strangers particularly the Piece.hall being I believe the most curious building of the kind in England. From hence we went to Joshua Stansfields of Handgreen were we din'd and stopt about 2 hours and then proceeded towards Todmorden having a desire to be at their Meeting next day the road thither is through a very deep narrow and beautiful Vale through which the river Kalder runs, and a Canal is also lately made from Sowerby. bridge to Rochdale and is intended to go forward to Manchester etc. The hills on each side are very steep and beautifully varied with woods and small inclosures, and as well as the bottom of the valley is a very populous. It being a fine day we had a very pleasant walk up it, the vale in some places being so narrow as only to have just room for the road, the river, and the canal. We stopt about half an hour at the White.Lyon in Heptonbridge and got some Brandy and water then proceeded to Robert Sutcliffes of Newshop near Todmorden got there betwixt 5 and 6 o'clock were we drunk Tea and they being very desirous for us to stop all night we consented thereunto.

On 23rd. and 1st. of week after Breakfast we went to see Uriah Brooks and from thence to Hannah Greenwoods of Longfield my usual Quarters, went with the family to their meeting at Shewbroad near Todmorden which began at 11 o'clock and held nearly 3 hours It was fully gathered of friends and two or three of other Societies came in there being in the whole betwixt 40 and 50 persons It was a low time and held long in silence but Truth arose, and I had a pretty long testimony to bear therein 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, and are come to worship him. After meeting we return'd to Longfield to dine, and after dinner in company with Samuel Greenwood went to Susanna Sutcliffes of Todmorden were we drunk Tea, and afterwards went and sat a little at Samuel Fieldens and then return'd to Longfield to lodge.

On 24th. and 2nd of week we set out betwixt 9 and 10 in the morning and entering Lancashire went near the banks of the canal to James Midgley's of Laneside near Littleborough were we stopt near 3 hours and din'd they appeared much pleased to see us, and she told us her husband had been much changed since that remarkable opportunity John Bottomley and me had there about two months before. Soon after we got there came in our friend William Midgley to inform them that our friend John Wigham from Scotland was to have a meeting next day at friends Meetinghouse near Oldham, I was glad when I heard thereof not having seen him of 20 years or more. He was grandson to Cuthbert Wigham of Cornwood in Northumberland and heir to his Estate He came forth in the Ministry when young, and hath dedicated much of his time and talents to his Masters service, he some time ago return'd from a religious visit to America where he had spent about 3 years in the promotion of Truth and righteousness and if I was informed aright he was now returning from a Religious visit to Wales the Islands of Jersey and Guernsey and divers of the Western and Midland Counties of England. He left his habitation at Cornwood in Northumberland and from a sense of duty removed to Edinburgh in Scotland, from thence to Aberdeen, from thence to Kinmerck residing at each place until way open for his removal and was of singular service where his lot was cast in that nation and some time back return'd to settle in Edinburgh again. From hence we went to John Milns's of Wardleworth near Rochdale a young man who married William Midgley's sister he had been in profession with the

Methodists but for some time past had attended our meetings, I observed him when I was last at Oldham in the meeting and felt my mind drawn towards him in Gospel Love but knew not who he was nor from whence he came until I afterwards heard by making enquiry but at the time had not opportunity to visit him, but had him oftens in my remembrance after I returned home and believe my coming into Lancashire at this time was principally from a desire to see him. We got to his house a little before 3 o'clock in the afternoon and after a a little conversation closed into silence and had a satisfactory opportunity with the family which consisted of him and his Wife her Mother and Sister, and a young a man who was Servant there, in which I had a long time in testimony from John C: 15. v: 14. Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you. After which they kindly invited us to stop Tea which we complied with and after Tea feeling my mind drawn in a peculiar manner towards the young man Servant I requested the family to sit down again when I was largely drawn forth to him from Job: C: 33. v: 14. God speaketh once, yea, twice, yet man perceives it not. I believe it was time in which a heavenly call and visitation was extended and I believe if he is faithful therein to he may be gathered under the immediate teaching of the Shepherd and Bishop of Souls. I understood his name is William Taylor that he is about 20 years of age hath been of orderly conduct and of an excellent natural temper but made no profession of religion further than attending the Steeplehouse in a customary manner. We left here about 6 o'clock in the evening and went through Rochdale to Buerdshill were we got a little before 7 and lodg'd at our friend William Midgleys, John Milns accompanied us hither and spent the evening with us; we had also the company of Elizabeth Wood daughter of John Wood of Bolton a pious young Woman who hath a few words in meetings, she was come to meet John Wigham having lived in America, going and returning in the same Vessels with him. She related to us many circumstances respecting their voyage and remarkable occurrences and customs she met with there which was very interesting

On 25th. and 3rd. of week. After the opportunity at John Milns's my mind was exceeding low and distressed so that I thought it would be best for me to return home this morning; how oftens we experience after times of favour a being thus stripped and deeply humbled and tho' these trying dispensations may not be pleasing yet they oftens prove profitable unto us, however I could not be easy to return without attending the meeting altho' I was afraid to be burdensome to the living therein. About 9 o'clock we set out in company with William Midgley went by Crompton to their Meetinghouse near Oldham were we got just in time to the meeting which began at 10 and held 2 hours and a half Friends pretty generally attended and a few others came in, It proved a remarkable favoured time my poor distressed mind was comforted and relieved, and I favoured renewedly to see that it is good both to hope and quietly wait for the Salvation of God. John Wigham had two long and acceptable times in testimony therein the first from 1 Cor: C: 10. v: 12. Let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall. and afterwards from John C: 16. v. 12, 13. I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. Howbeit, when he, the Spirit of Truth, is come, he will guide you into all Truth; for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak; and he will shew you things to come. After meeting we din'd at James Taylors of Salmonfield drunk Tea at Henry Kings of Oldham and lodg'd at John Earnshaws of Glodwick.clough.

On 26th. and 4th. of week, we set out betwixt 8 and 9 o'clock in the morning, John Earnshaw set us on our way several miles and then return'd we came by a Glodwick and Lees into Saddleworth in Yorkshire and so up the new road by the Canal which is making from Huddersfield to Ashton through a village called Uppermills and over to Marsden the wind being exceeding high in our faces made it very difficult travelling We din'd here at the Red.Lyon paid 9d a piece eating and 3d Liquor stopt 1 hour and a half and then came by Melthom and Netherthong to Thongsbridge were parted with my companion he going directly home and me to Henry Swires of Wooldale were I drunk Tea, he has a younger man Apprentice with him whose name is Hezekiah Smith who is under convincement, my mind was particularly drawn in love towards him before there was any outward appearance of it,

after he began to attend our meetings I wrote to him which I understand had a good effect on his mind being much broken and tendered in the reading of it and strengthened to persevere in the path into which his feet is happily turn'd, there being a visible change in his countenance and conduct. He is about 20 years of age, and if he is preserved faithful and obedient I have no doubt but he will become a useful member of the Society. I stopt here and at William Earnshaws 2 hours, and then Henry Swires set me on my way about 2 miles, I called at John Firths of Shepley.Lanehead were I unexpectedly met with my friend Thomas Firth of Lindley who was going to lodge at my house, we stopt here about 2 hours and supp'd, and then came to my house were we got a little past 9 in the evening.

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An Account of my Journey to our Spring Quarterly Meeting held at Leeds in 3rd. Mo. 1800.

I set out from home ye. 22nd. of ye. 3rd. Mo. 1800, and 7th. day of the week about 2 o'clock in the afternoon having John Pickford of Birdsedge for my companion this Journey, we went by Denby Gunthwaite and Cawthorne to Barnsley were we got about 5 o'clock in the evening, stopt at Jonathan Bashforths one hour and half and drunk Tea, then proceeded to Nathan Dearmans of Pinder.oaks were we lodg'd.

On 23rd. and 1st. of week, After Breakfast we set out for their meeting at Burton called by the way at Jonathan Bashforths of Barnsley, and at Joseph Listers of Bleachhouse stopt a little at each place, and then proceeded to Burton were we got just in time to the meeting, which began at 11 o'clock, and was larger than usual several friends from other meetings being there. Soon after I sat me down therein contrary to expectation my mind was covered with the tendering impressions of Truth, and all within me deeply humbled before the Lord for this renewed mark of his continued regard, and towards the close of the meeting I had a pretty long testimony to bear from Matt: C: 13. v: 16. Blessed are your eyes for they see. Considering the very low state of this meeting, I thought it a favoured season, a renewed visitation appearing to be extended to some, and the language of encouragement to others whose prospects might oftens be discouraging. At the close of this meeting was held their Preparative meeting in which the Queries were read and answers thereto drawn up approv'd and Signed, and some other business gone through. Both meetings held 2 hours and a half. After which we din'd with Nathan Dearman in the Meetinghouse of some provision he had brought for that purpose, and then went to see William Milwood from Sheffield who had been at the Meeting and was at his Uncle Joseph Machins, were we stopt a while, and a little before 3 o'clock left Burton and went by Cudworth and Brierley to Himsworth were we stopt about half an hour at the Bell and got 1 Quart of Ale paid 6d and then proceeded to Ackworth were we got about half past 5 o'clock and took up our Quarters at John Neilds.

On 24th. and 2nd. of week, Our Monthly meeting was held here being one week later than the usual time at the request of the following friends viz. William Tuke and Thomas Priestman of York, Charles Parker of Bentham Meeting and John Hoyland of Sheffield, who were appointed a committee of the Quarterly Meeting, to unite with a committee of our Monthly Meeting, and assist them in the nomination of a number of friends for Elders as an addition to our Select Meeting. The meeting for Worship began at 11 o'clock and was pretty large; Besides the beforementioned Strangers we had the company of Elizabeth the Wife of John Hoyland who was first concerned in this meeting a pretty long time in testimony, being opened with suitable advice to the children, and afterwards to various states in the meeting. Charles Parker had a pretty long time next from Gen: C: 26. v: 15. The wells which his Father's servants had digged in the days of Abraham his father; the Philistines had stopped them, and filled them with earth. At the close of this meeting was held the meeting for discipline; The Queries were read and Answers received from our 6 Preparative meetings viz. Pontefract, Burton, Highflatts, Ackworth, Wakefield and Wooldale and a General Answer was drawn up approv'd and Sign'd, in order to be laid before the Quarterly Meeting. The two Committees met this morning and reported to this meeting, that they were not prepared to report the names at present. A great deal more business was gone thro' and the whole was conducted with harmony and condescension. Both meetings held 5 hours. After which I din'd and drunk Tea at the School-house. At 6 in the evening was our Select meeting which held upwards of 2 hours It was very small there being but 4 of our own members there, The others being mostly from old age and one from sickness prevented attending, but the beforementioned visitors added to our number, we had also the company of Ann Dent from Nottinghamshire, and Richard Cocken and Ellin his Wife from Doncaster the two last coming in since last meeting. The Queries were read and answered and a General Answer drawn up approv'd and Sign'd in order to be laid before our ensuing Select Quarterly Meeting. In the course of this meeting, Elizabeth Hoyland, John Hoyland, Ellin Cocken and Charles Parker were all concerned in testimony. After meeting I return'd to my Quarters to supper.

On 25th. and 3rd. of week, we set out the foot way for Leeds in company with John Alcard of Sheffield and Samuel Whalley and Joseph Donbavand of Ackworth about 8 o'clock in the morning and it being a remarkable fine day we had a very pleasant walk thither, went by Purston, Snyderall, Normanton and Olthouse crossed the river Kalder in a Boat at Bottom Ferry in our way from Olthouse to the Ferry we went over a large level meadow thro' which the River runs nearly in the form of a figure of eight, and there being many Boats passing up and down it was very beautiful to behold they sailing a mile or two without gaining much towards the place where they was bound. We stopt upwards of an hour at the Ferry.house and din'd paid 8d a piece eating and 3d Liquor then proceeded by Rothwell and Hunslet to Leeds where we got about half past 2 in the afternoon and took up our Quarters at the Bell and Bull in Briggate where we paid 10d a piece Breakfasts and Suppers, and 15d dinners. This afternoon we drunk Tea at Joshua Ingles. At 5 in the evening began the Quarterly Meeting for Ministers and Elders where we were favoured with the company of two Strangers viz. Sarah Lynes from London and Sarah Hack from Sussex. The Queries were read and Answers received from all our Monthly Meetings and General Answers thereto drawn up approv'd and Sign'd in order to be laid before our Select Yearly Meeting, and the following frds. were appointed to oversee the succeeding Meetings and advise as occasion require viz Phillip Maiden, William Tuke, Elizabeth Fletcher, and Mary Hutchinson. The meeting held near 3 hours.

On 26th. and 4th. of the week, at 10 in the morning was a meeting for Worship which was mostly select of friends, altho' a few of other Societies came in, and very large Catharine Tricket had a short testimony first the tendency of which was to turn the attention of each mind to the Gift of God placed in the secret of each heart. Christiana Hustler next from Psalms 46. v: 10. Be still, and know that I am God. Mary Proud had a very long time next 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. Sarah Hack had a short time next from Heb: C: 11. v: 6. Without faith it is impossible to

please him (viz: God) Sarah Lynes was next concerned in prayer. At the close of this meeting was one for discipline, in which the three first Queries were read, and answers thereto from all our Monthly meetings, also General answers were drawn up and approved. In answer to the 2nd. Query it appeared that a pretty many had begun to attend our meetings from convincement since last year, in Balby, Pontefract and Brighouse Mo. meetings, and that one had been accepted into membership in Balby Mo. meeting. 2 in Pontefract. 5 in Brighouse. 3 in Owstwick and Cave. This afternoon I drunk Tea at Joshua Ingles. At 5 in the evening was another meeting for discipline which held 3 hours and a half. The other 9 Queries usually answered this quarter were read and answered and the General Answers thereto drawn up.

On 27th. and 5th. of week, at 9 in the morning was another meeting for discipline in which the General Answers to the Queries were read approv'd and Sign'd in order to be laid before our Yearly Meeting A great deal more business was gone thro' and the whole was conducted this quarter in great harmony and condescension. Our friend Sarah Lynes came into this meeting accompanied by Mary Proud and Elizabeth Hoyland, and had a very acceptable testimony to bear, and afterwards Elizabeth Hoyland. This afternoon I drunk Tea at Jonathan Patchetts. At 5 in the evening was the Parting meeting for Worship which was very large, many of other Societies attending, and eminently favoured Sarah Lynes had a very long testimony to bear therein from Psalms 48. v: 1. Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, in the city of our God. Afterward she concluded the meeting in Prayer and Praises unto the Almighty. At the close of which the Ministers and Elders sat a little together when the General Answers to the Queries were read, and one of the friends appointed to Oversee the meetings etc reported they had attended to the appointment and had nothing further to remark to this meeting. Both meetings held near 2 hours and a half.

On 28th. and 6th. of week, This morning my companion set out early to see his Sister who lives servant at Pudsey, and I went to breakfast at Nathaniel Priors, and afterwards went and stopt a little at Thomas Tathams, and from thence I went to David Jepsons were I tarried a considerable time he shewing me a collection of Letters of many of our ancient friends in their own handwriting which he had collected and preserved very entire by sewing them together, and were directed to different persons, being from George Fox, James Naylor, William Dewsbury, Richard Farnsworth, Alexander Parker, Christopher Taylor, Thomas Aldham, Gervas Benson, Margaret Fell and many others. I left Leeds betwixt 11 and 12 o'clock and came by Beeston to John Ellis's of Gildersom school, were I got about 1 o'clock and there met with my companion John Pickford again according to appointment. We din'd and drunk Tea here and then went to Joseph Horsfalls were we supp'd and spent the evening, and return'd to John Ellis's to lodge.

On 29th. and 7th. of week we set out about 10 o'clock in the forenoon, and called to see Joseph Atkinson of Bruntcliffe who accompanied us to Thomas Hopkins of Stumpcross and then return'd, we called there to see Barbara Priestman his Wife's Mother who is removed from Pickering meeting with an intention for her husband and her to reside here, stopt about an hour and got some refreshment, and then came by Batley to Dewsbury were we din'd at Morrit Matthews's and afterwards went and sat a little at William Wass's, whose Wife is again become more loving to friends having discovered the reports she had heard against them to be mostly untruths; she would gladly have had us to stop Tea but it did not suit us at this time, we tarried at both places about 3 hours, and then came by Thornhill to Joshua Binns's of Mugmill who married my companion Sister, they insisted on us having Tea there which we complied with and stopt about an hour and a half, then came by Flockton and Emley to Skelmanthorp were we stopt half an hour at Charles Blackburns, and then came by Cumberworth to Newhouse were we got about 9 o'clock the evening.

An Account of my Journey to a Publick Meeting held at Wooldale in the 5th. Mo. 1800

Before I give an account of my Journey to the aforesaid Meeting I think it necessary to make some remarks of the growth and increase of my concern previous thereunto, I had been for some time under an unusual exercise of mind and was not able to see the cause; my understanding appeared to be clouded both in and out of meetings and I seem'd as one cast off or forsaken. I thought I was willing to do anything or leave anything undone if I might but be favoured to experience relief but not withstanding I narrowly examined myself and could not find any guilt of admission or commission, yet my distress increased until one evening it almost appeared insupportable my distress being so great that I was almost ready to cry out with one formerly. It is better for me to die than to live; however I begged for patience. The next morning as I was walking alone being the 17th. of ye. 5th. Mo. 1800 and 7th. day of the week my mind was on a sudden relieved, Light sprung up and I was filled with Love to God and all mankind and in a particular manner I felt the flowings thereof to the inhabitants in the neighbourhood of Wooldale accompanied with a concern to pay them a visit, it also appearing to me that the beforementioned exercise was to prepare me for it. I being about to set out for our Monthly meeting the next day to be held at Pontefract, altho' I have not usually kept any account of these Journeys, but the steps I took in my present concern being so connected with this, I shall give a brief account of it. Our friend Jane Burrow having been a considerable time resident at her Sons John Firths of Shepley Lanehead and having a concern to visit Wakefield meeting the weather being exceeding wet she hired a Chaise to convey her thither, and this evening inform'd me she would give me my passage therein if I was willing, which I accepted of.

On 18th. and 5th. Mo. and 1st. of the week, I left home betwixt 5 and 6 o'clock in the morning and went to John Firths to Breakfast, about 7 o'clock, Jane Burrow her Granddaughter Sarah Firth and myself got into the Chaise, and it clearing up and the road being pretty good we had a very pleasant and agreeable ride by Shepley, Shelley, Roydhouse, Flockton, Overton, Middlestown, and Horbury to Wakefield, where we got to John Robinsons about half past 9 o'clock, took a cup of Tea with them and stopt there until the meetingtime which began at 11 and held 2 hours and a half several friends from our meeting was there in their way to the Monthly Meeting which enlarged it considerably and it proved to be a time of high favour. I had a short time therein first in testimony from 1 Cor: C: 10. v 12. Let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall. Jane Burrow had two long times next enlarging upon the same subject and branching forth into much suitable counsel and advice, as well as encouragement to some deeply tryed states. Afterwards I had a long time from Matt: C: 5. v: 3. Blessed are the poor in spirit; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. After which Jane Burrow had a lively exhortation to the youth. At the close of this meeting was held their Preparative meeting. After which Thomas Earnshaw of Judfield and me being under appointment of the Monthly meeting to visit Thomas Gooch for neglecting the due attendance of Meetings, sat with him in the Meetinghouse the opportunity being to some degree of satisfaction. We din'd and drunk Tea at John Robinsons where I acquainted my friend Jane Burrow with my concern who not only expressed her unity with it but gave me reason to expect her company if I went. Betwixt 4 and 5 o'clock She and her Granddaughter got into Chaise to return home. and I proceeded in company with Thomas Earnshaw, John Pickford and Henry Swire by Heath and Purston to Pontefract where we got betwixt 7 and 8 in the evening and took up our quarters at John Leathams.

On 19th. and 2nd. of week, Our Monthly meeting for Worship began at 11 o'clock which was large John Bottomley had a pretty long testimony therein from Matt: C: 5. v: 6. Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness. Afterwards I had a long time from Jer: C: 1. v: 6. Ah, Lord God, behold I cannot speak; for I am a child. At the close of this meeting, was the meeting for discipline the business of which was satisfactorily conducted. Before meeting I had communicated my concern to George Chapman the only Elder belonging our Meeting at this time, who expressed his entire freedom to leave me at my

liberty, which is all that is apprehended necessary in such a concern as this, But when the business was gone through, I felt most easy to spread it before the meeting believing if any friend had any objections to my concern would be removed, but beyond what I could expect many friends expressed their unity and encouraged me to proceed, and not one objection appeared. Being thus encouraged I left it to the care of Henry Swire to give notice to the People for the first day following, and John Bottomley went the day before to assist him therein. This afternoon I drunk Tea at Joseph Johnsons.

On 20th. and 3rd. of week, This morning I Breakfasted at Joseph Johnsons, and betwixt 9 and 10 o'clock left Pontefract in company with John Bottomley we came by Purston and Havercroft to Notton were we din'd paid 8d a piece eating and 2d and a half Liquor, then came by Woolley, Brettonhall and Parkmill to Skelmanthorp were we drunk Tea at Charles Blackburns and afterwards sat a little at Anthony Kinsleys then came by Cumberworth home were we got about 9 in the evening. I oftens felt the weight of the exercise attending my beforementioned concern the remaining part of this week but the concurrence of my friends was a help to me.

On 25th. and 1st. of week I set out about 9 o'clock in the morning in company with my beloved friend and servant William Taylor and my housekeeper Frances Field who for some time after she came to live with me was in profession with the Methodists but of late had constantly attended our meetings. We went by Newmill to Henry Swire's of Wooldale were we got some refreshment. The meeting was held in Friends Meetinghouse and began at the usual time 11 o'clock, a great concourse of People of other Societies attended the house and Chamber being nearly full, I thought it the largest congregation of sober looking People without much mixture of a different kind that I ever saw, for it being the time of the feast in these parts, those who only attend on these occasions out of curiosity were otherwise engaged. It was thro' merciful condescension a time of high favour many being much broken and tendered. John Bottomley had a short time therein first in testimony from Psalms 46. v: 10. Be still and know that I am God. I had a very long time next from Eze: C: 36. v. 25, 26. Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be cleaned; from all your filthiness, and from all your idols will I cleanse you. A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you; and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. Jane Burrow was next concerned in Prayer and Praises to Almighty God for this days peculiar favour, and afterwards had a lively exhortation to the People. The meeting held 3 hours at the close of which Jane Burrow had a short commendatory speech unto those of other societies for their sober orderly behaviour withall expressing how nearly she had felt united in Love to some of them. I put 20 small books into the hands of William Taylor to distribute to the People which he did at the Burial.ground.Gate, they appearing to receive them with thankfulness. We din'd and drunk Tea at Henry Swire's, and betwixt 5 and 6 o'clock set out towards home in company with Jane Burrow and Sarah and Jane Firth to Newmill, were I call'd and stopt half an hour at Joshua Broadheads and then came with Charles Blackburn and Joseph Cliff on to Cumberworth moor, were we parted, I called and sat a little at George Taylors of Park, were I met with Henry Marsden with whom I came home, were I got betwixt 7 and 8 in the evening.

An Account of my Journey to a Meeting at Dewsbury in the 6th. month 1800.

Since the few who are under convincement in and about Dewsbury have established a meeting there; I found my mind drawn in Gospel Love to pay them a visit on a first.day; since which time, I have frequently felt a concern under the same influenced to visit their week day meeting, and having an inclination to see my Relations and friends in the neighbourhood of Halifax, way appeared to open to accomplish the said visits in one journey; accordingly I left home ye. 3rd. of the 6th. Mo. 1800 and 3rd. day of the week, and attended our market at

Huddersfield and after finishing my business there, went to cousin Abraham Mallinsons were John Haigh of Shepley came to me in order to accompany me this Journey, we drunk Tea here, and then went to Lindley were we got betwixt 7 and 8 o'clock in the evening, and lodg'd at Thomas Firths a steady orderly family his Wife and children being accepted into membership with friends since I was there before.

On 4th. and 4th. of week, betwixt 9 and 10 o'clock in the morning we set out for their week day meeting at Halifax Thomas Firth accompanying us thither and then return'd, we went by Ealand and Salterhebble got to Halifax just in time to the meeting which began at 11 and held better than an hour and a half, Friends were formally pretty numerous here but their numbers are very much reduced, only one Woman friend belonging the meeting was here to day, but there was another from Lothersdale, and one from Leeds, These three Women were set quietly together when we went in, the two last being on a visit to some Relations in this part. And tho' it was cause of mourning and lamentation to observe the desolate state of this meeting, yet I was well satisfied in being here, and had a pretty open time 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. In the course of which testimony I had to relate to them what our friend Martha Williams from Monmouthshire related to me in the year 1766 when on a religious visit to friends in our parts, which was brought as fresh before the view of my mind in this meeting as when I first heard it and which I desired might be communicated to such members as were absent and was in substance as follows. She said she knew a meeting unto which a considerable number of friends formerly belonged but from one circumstance or another they became so reduced that only one Woman friend was left, but she being one who had the Truth in profession, could not be easy to neglect her duty but went constantly both on First and week days and sat in the Meetinghouse; She had 2 or 3 miles to walk thither and in her way had to pass through a town or village the inhabitants of which observing her diligence and knowing there was no other to meet with her, wondered why she went which raised a curiosity in three young Men to go and see; accordingly they followed her one day, and when they got to the Meetinghouse found her set quietly under the Gallery by herself, and tears running down her cheeks; They sat them down, and in a short time the same divine Power which overshadowed her mind, reached unto them to the tendering of their hearts and contriting their spirits before the Lord, and they were all convinced of the Truth; this unexpected change in them excited a curiosity in many others to attend the said meeting divers of whom were convinced so that it became a pretty large meeting again, thro' the faithfulness of an individual which hath oftens been an encouragement to me when it hath been renewed in my remembrance. After meeting we got 6d pennyworth of Rum and Water at the Three Doves in Northgate and then set out for my Relations went over that remarkable Bridge called Northbridge and up the Bank when we were got about halfway up the hill the Volunteers with a great crowd of People were assembled to celebrate the Kings Birth.day; as we passed by them they fired two pieces of cannon, which was answered by other companies firing Guns in two different parts of the Town. The canon then fired again and were answered immediately in like manner, The astonishing report of these engines of destruction, and the smoak which almost darkened the air, caused me to consider how awfully distressing the seat of War must be, and raised desires in my mind that mankind in an universal manner might be brought under the Government of the Prince of Peace, that so Nation might not lift up sword against Nation nor the inhabitants thereof learn war any more. We got to my cousin Joshua Smiths of Ploughroyd about 3 o'clock were we took up our Quarters that night.

On 5th. and 5th. of week betwixt 1 and 2 o'clock in the afternoon, we set out cousin Joshua Smith setting us on our way about 1 mile and then return'd, went by Coley.chapel, Norwood.green, and Wyke to Hightown were we stopt better than half an hour at the White.hart and got 1 quart of Ale paid 5d and then proceeded by Heckmondwike to Dewsbury were we got betwixt 5 and 6 in the evening and took up our Quarters at Morrit Matthews's. At 8 in the evening was at their Week.day meeting in his house which held better than an hour, there was Morrit Matthews and Lydia his Wife, William Wass, and Mary Armitage present,

these are constant attenders of the said meeting, The men generally attending Wakefield both on first and week.days, but had been to day at Gildersome. It was a solid satisfactory time and though no testimony was born therein, the promise was fulfilled to us, That were two or three are gathered together in my name there am I in the midst of them.

On 6th. and 6th. of week, After Breakfast we went to William Wass's with whom we had in little business to transact, stopt and got an early dinner there, About 12 o'clock we left Dewsbury William Wass setting us on our way a little and then return'd, we came by Thornhill Briestfield, Grange.hall, and Denby to Flockton were we stopt better than half an hour at the Star and got a Pint of Ale a piece paid 2d and a half, and then my companion and me parted he going directly home and I came to Skelmanthorp were I got to Charles Blackburns about 4 o clock in the afternoon having been for sometime under an engagement to go and stop a while there here I met with Elias Armitage who tarried with us until late in the evening and then I set him a little on his way towards home.

On 7th. and 7th. of week, Charles Blackburn accompanied me to Anthony Kinsleys, soon after we got in Elias Armitage came to us we all stopt and drunk Tea together there, and then I set out about 5 o clock, Elias Armitage came with me by Cumberworth to Carrbridge were we parted and I got home about 6 in the evening; In my way up our ground I met with dear William Taylor whom I am always glad to see on my return from a Journey and believe our joy is mutual after being a little separated when we are favoured to meet again having lived together in the greatest harmony and concord for about 25 years, the greatest part of which time I have not looked upon him as servant but as a Brother beloved in the Lord remembering that state described by the Apostle where there is neither Greek nor Jew circumcision nor on circumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free; but Christ is all, and in all. These are united to each other far beyond what the strongest ties of nature is able to do being Brethren by adoption, and filling up the duties of their respective stations in life with propriety which I believe hath been the case with him, not serving his Master with eye service, but with singleness of heart, taking care of my concerns both when I am at home and abroad as if they were his own which hath made him very near and dear to me, esteeming it a peculiar favour to have such a one whereby my mind is relieved of any anxiety about my outward concerns when I am otherwise engaged from home. May the Lord preserve us alive in him and during a stay here and then I doubt not but we shall be a comfort to each other through the difficult allotment of Providence which may be permitted to overtake us during our remaining stay in this probationary state of existence, as we have hitherto been, tenderly sympathising in each other's sorrows and partaking of each other's joys; that in the end we may be gathered where all sorrows will be wiped away, and where we shall never more part.

An Account my Journey to a Publick Meeting held at Lumbroyd near Penistone in 6th. Mo.
1800

Feeling a flow of love towards the inhabitants in and about Carlcoats, Langsett, and Thurlstone, accompanied with a concern to pay them a visit, and being desirous that I that I might move rightly in so weighty an undertaking, way appeared to open to attend the Meeting at Lumbroyd on a first.day, and giving information thereof the inhabitants who were well disposed in and about the beforementioned places. I then communicated it to two of the Elders belonging to our Monthly meeting who signified unity therewith and encouraged me to proceed therein; my way being thus clear, John Bottomley set out to give the necessary notice to the people early in the morning.

On the 21st. of the 6th. mo: 1800 and 7th. day of the week About 4 o clock in the afternoon I expected Hezekiah Smith calling of me to be my companion this Journey, I waited of him an hour and a half longer but he not coming, I set out when I got to the top of the hill, I observ'd him coming into my yard, he saw me, and I tarried until he came to me, but was

wholly unprepared for the journey having misunderstood the message I sent him. The evening being fine I had a very pleasant walk over the moors to Judfield, Hezekiah Smith went along with me 2 miles and then return'd home intending to meet me at the meeting the next day. He is a young man under a precious visitation, and in a good degree convinced of the Truth, our spirits in walking together appeared to be cemented according to our respective measures in love in which there was freedom to communicate and openness to receive, altho' I believe the enemy had been endeavouring to sow Tares since I was in his company before. Went by Summerford, Rodmor.firs, Royd and Millhouse to Eclands were I called at Joshua Roberts's who were lately removed thither from Birdnest. He was convinced of the Truth, and accepted into membership with friends when he was a young man, but contrary to the advice of many of his friends married very unsuitably a member of our Society, It proved as was apprehended an uncomfortable match to them both, they lived very disagreeably together, their conduct in divers respects became reproachful and they almost wholly neglected the attendance of our religious meetings, and at the present are under dealing by the Monthly meeting, I have oftens observed when young People neglect the advice of those who are more advanc'd in age and experience they make unto themselves beds of sorrow to lie upon, and whatever may have been their former experience gradually fall away until they become as unsavoury salt which is good for nothing but to be trodden under the foot of men. I stopt about half an hour here and then proceeded to Thomas Earnshaws of Judfield, got there betwixt 8 and 9 in the evening were I lodg'd.

On 22nd. and 1st. of week, I went to Lumbroyd in company with Thomas Earnshaw and Job Jepson his Apprentice, we got there just in time to the meeting which began as usual at 11 o'clock, Jane Burrow Leah Kinsley and several other friends from our meeting was there, The Meetinghouse being small the notice to others was rather partially given, and the morning being Showerry and the Showers heavier about meeting time prevented several from attended and made it long in gathering, however it was pretty well filled. and proved to be a very solemn open meeting, several being much broken and tendered by the Power which mercifully overshadowed the Assembly, and I trust it was a time that will be profitably remembered by some, and tend to their advantage. John Bottomley had a short testimony therein first from John C: 4. v: 24. God is a spirit, and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth. Jane Burrow had a long 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 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. I had a very long time next from Eze: C: 17. v: 24. All the trees of the field shall know that I the Lord have brought down the high tree, have exalted the low tree, have dried up the green tree, and have made the dry tree to flourish. Leah Kinsley had a few words next from Matt: C: 22. v: 14. Many are called but few are chosen. Jane Burrow was next concerned in Prayer. I had a short time in testimony next from Hos: C: 13. 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 the saints. Afterwards I had to express our satisfaction with the company and commendable behaviour of the People, concluding with the desires, That the Grace of our Lord Jesus.Christ, the Love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy.Ghost might be with them all always, Amen. The Meeting held 4 hours. After which John Pickford Henry Marsden and George Taylor went directly home, Charles Blackburn, Joseph Cliff and Elias Armitage went with Thomas Earnshaw of Judfield to dine, and Jane Burrow, Leah Kinsley, John Bottomley, Hezekiah Smith and myself went to George Chapmans of Penistone. After dinner we had a favoured opportunity together in which Jane Burrow had a long and encouraging time in testimony and afterwards I had a pretty long time from Luke C: 10. v: 20. Notwithstanding, in this rejoice not that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven. Afterwards the friends who went to dine at Judfield called of us here, intending for us to set out towards home together, but it proving very wet Jane Burrow, Leah Kinsley Hezekiah Smith and myself concluded to tarry all night, and the others went to their

respective homes. When we got to Bed Hezekiah Smith inform'd me how exceedingly tried, proved and tempted he had been of late, so that he had been ready to conclude at times that he would throw off all restraint and attend meetings no more that he had been very far from being faithful to the discoveries he had been favoured with, and was very doubtful at times he should never be able I have the language of encouragement to communicate to him, and believe it was a profitable strengthening day to his poor tossed and distressed mind. and I have no doubt but if he is favoured patiently to abide the tryals of the present dispensation the Lord who have begun the work by his own Power will carry it on and perfect the same in his own Praise, establishing his feet upon that Rock against which the Gates of Hell will not be able to prevail, and put a new song into his mouth which none can sing but the redeem'd of the Lord, those who have come through great tribulation and witnessed their robes wash'd and made clean in the Blood of the Lamb, these can sing of his Judgments and of his mercies to their soul; my spirit nearly sympathized with him under his varied exercises, and was glad of the present opportunity with him.

On 23rd. and 2nd. of week, we set out betwixt 9 and 10 in the morning, Leah Kinsley turned towards home at Ing. Birchworth, and at the Windmill on the top of Birdsedge.hill we parted with Hezekiah Smith, but Jane Burrow came with me home were we got about 11 o'clock, she stopt and din'd with me and then went home in the afternoon.

An Account of my Journey to Brighouse Monthly Meeting held there in the 7th. Mo. 1800.

I set out from home ye. 18th. of ye. 7th. Mo. 1800 and 6th. day of the week betwixt 5 and 6 o'clock in the morning, called at John Pickford of Birdsedge who was my companion this Journey, we went by Shepley, Woodsomhall, an ancient seat belonging to the Earl of Dartmouth Almondbury to Huddersfield were we stopt better than an hour at cousin George Mallinsons, and got Tea, then proceeded in company with him, by Hillhouse and Rastrick to Brighouse were we got in good time to the meeting which began at 11 o'clock and was very large of friends, and some few of other Societies came in, Christiana Hustler was first concerned in a short but very acceptable testimony from Isai: C: 28. v: 9. Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? Them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts. Phebe Blakes had a long time next from the Parable of the wise and foolish Virgins. Christiana Hustler next from Eze: C: 37. v: 3. Can these bones live? and I answered, O Lord God, that knowest. Elizabeth Copeland was next concerned in Prayer, and I thought the meeting concluded under a feeling sense of the overshadowing of divine good: at close of which was held their Monthly meeting for discipline which consists of 6 Preparative meetings viz: Leeds, Bradford, Brighouse, Parrack, Todmorden, and Gildersome. Richard Linsay of Gildersome meeting, and Mary Cooper of Brighouse, laid before this their intentions of marriage with each other. A great deal of business was gone through which was satisfactorily conducted, at the close of which Elizabeth Copeland came in. She with her Husband and family and being removed from Leeds, to near Rawden within the compass of Knaresborough Monthly Meeting and had this day requested their certificate After a short time in silence she had a very affectionate farewell exhortation to the members of this meeting concluding with much instructive advice to them, both meetings held 4 hours and a half. After which we din'd and drunk Tea at James Lees's and then went to Thomas Coopers were we lodg'd.

On 19th. and 7th. of the week in the morning Thomas Cooper and his Sister Mary accompanied us to James Houghtons to Breakfast. About 10 o'clock in the forenoon we left Brighouse and came by Rastrick to Toothhill were we spent a great part of the day at Joseph Firth's very agreeably in company with the family our valuable friend Christiana Hustler and several other friends were on a visit there. Betwixt 4 and 5 o'clock in the afternoon we set out, Joseph Firth accompanying us near a mile and then return'd we came by Hillhouse to

Huddersfield were we stopt better than an hour and a half at cousin Abraham Mallinsons and drunk Tea, and then came by Lumb and Farnley to Woodend, were we got betwixt 8 and 9 in the evening and lodg'd at Thomas Bottomleys.

On 20th. and 1st. of week I parted with my companion he setting out towards our meeting at Highflatts. But our Monthly meeting being to be held at Wooldale the next day I found an engagement upon my mind to attend their meeting to day, accordingly I set out towards there, and went by Thurstonland got to Henry Swires of Wooldale about 10 o'clock in the forenoon were I took up my Quarters, The meeting began as usual at 11 o'clock and held better than 2 hours. It was a remarkable open favoured time many People of other Societies attending; I was surprized to see it as no notice of my intentions of being there had been given but understood afterwards, that this had been mostly the case since that memorable Publick meeting held there in the last fifth month. I had a long time therein in testimony from Rev: C: 15. v: 3, 4. Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways thou King of saints! Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy Name; For thou only art holy; for all nations shall come and worship before thee; for thy judgments are made manifest. After Tea Hezekiah Smith and me took a walk on the cliff to near Shaley and return'd through the fields. It was exceedingly pleasant having a beautiful extensive and variegated prospect; this walk and sleeping together at night gave him an opportunity of opening the state of his mind a little to me, by which I understood his exercises had been so great of late as to prevent him from following his work as usual. I encouraged him to bear them patiently, and be faithful to every manifestation of duty, and then I firmly believe he would be brought safely thro' all, and have to praise the Lord from the banks of deliverance, which I very much desire and hope may be the case, but many are the temptations of the enemy, and it is not a beginning well and running well for a season but those who hold out unto the end patiently bearing the turning and overturning of the Lords hand upon them shall be saved, experiencing preservation in the hour of temptation.

On 21st. and 2nd. of week, the meeting for Worship began at 11 o'clock, and was not only very large of Friends, but many of other Societies attended the house and Chamber being well filled and several without doors. We was favoured with the company of our friend Elizabeth Copeland from Rawden Meeting, and it was a solid satisfactory time, John Bottomley had a pretty long time there in in testimony first from the Parable of the wise and foolish virgins Jane Burrow had a long time next from John C: 1. v: 29. Behold the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world. At the close of this meeting was held our monthly meeting for discipline which consists of 6 Preparative meetings viz. Pontefract, Burton, Highflatts, Ackworth, Wakefield and Wooldale. Our friend Nathan Dearman of Burton meeting laid before this his continued intentions of marriage with Mary Linskill of Pickering Monthly meeting. A great deal more business was gone through which was conducted in great harmony, and I thought there appeared a growing concern in some friends minds for the honour of the cause of Truth and the exhortation of its testimonies. Both Meetings held about 3 hours and a half After which I din'd at our ancient honourable friend William Earnshaw who is now in the 83rd. year of his age, being weak and feeble in body, but fresh and green in the Truth, having through a long course of years been an example of piety and virtue to all around him, a preacher of righteousness in Life and conversation as well as in word and doctrine, I have always esteemed him as an Elder worthy of double honour, having been a nursing father to me and many more visited minds when we were young in years and in experience, being much master of his own spirit and favoured with a great discernment of others. One instance of which I am free to pen down that all who read it may fear, and be aware of decking themselves with the Lords Jewels, and playing the harlot. Martha the wife of Elihu Dickinson of Highflatts was I believed in a good degree favoured with the precious influence of Truth, and appeared likely to have been a very useful member of the Society; being appointed an Overseer and afterwards an Elder, and had sometimes a few words to drop in meetings But at the time when she was most in esteemed amongst friends William Earnshaw inform'd me that he was one day set at his work without thinking anything at all

about her, when it run thro' him as if a vocal voice had spoken it "Martha Dickinson will come to nothing and be abundance of trouble to friends". he was much surprized thereat and soon after told me of it, with a caution not to use too much familiarity with her lest I should be hurt thereby; many years afterwards the Truth of this divine intimation was fully manifested; She being a woman of a weak capacity and diving into things above her measure as well as being pushed forward in services she was not qualified for by those who did not know her as they ought, she lost herself, and her esteem amongst friends, hurt her reason, got into a self.righteous exalted state, became exceeding troublesome not only amongst her neighbours but also in our religious meetings, the Monthly meeting put her out of the aforesaid offices yet she continued notwithstanding repeated admonitions to stand up in our meetings for worship when both the matter and the manner had no other tendency than to expose herself and burden the minds of friends, and disturb the solemnity of our gatherings, So that friends were under the necessity of using some other means to prevent her, which enraged her so much as publicly to oppose others who were in good esteem by the faithful; and shew much of that wicked ranting spirit in our Assemblies with which friends in some parts particularly the County of Cumberland were much troubled formerly. I have oftens desired that she might be favoured to see herself and return to her first love but have not much hope, she being so exceedingly whole notwithstanding her conduct or demeanour amongst men one would think might convince her she was sick, but indeed we have too oftens to observe that if the light in man become darkness the darkness is exceeding great. I left Wooldale about 4 o'clock in the afternoon in company with John Pickford and came by Newmill, to John Firths of Shepley.Lanehead were we drunk Tea and tarried several hours, then came home were I got about 9 o'clock in the evening.

An Account of my Journey to a Meeting held at Lumbroyd near Penistone in the 8th. Mo.
1800

I had not been in the practice of keeping any account of my Journeys to particular meetings for worship only, except on Public occasions, nor Marriages, Burials or our own Monthly meetings all which I constantly attended as my way opened, particularly our own Monthly meetings which I very seldom ever missed believing them to be of divine institution and a great blessing to the Society where the affairs thereof are conducted under the direction of best wisdom. But this concern being so connected with my visit to the Publick meeting held there in the last 6th. Mo. that I thought I was most free to preserve a short account thereof; For altho' I had in that meeting an open favoured time with those of other societies, yet towards the close thereof a concern revived for the welfare of those in profession with me, accompanied with a belief that I must sometimes pay them a visit, which was many times renewed upon my mind after I got home but was very desirous I might wait the right time and my way therein appearing to open clearly, I intimated my intentions of being there to Charles Smith of Heighmoorhouse who express'd a desire to go along with me and accordingly was my companion this journey. He was favoured with a religious concern of mind when young and joined in Society with the People called Methodists with whom he continued about 3 years but being dissatisfied in his mind he left them and at times attended our meetings at Highflatts and I believe was measurably convinced of the Truth, but the cross appearing great to him he stumbled at the stumbling stone and being unfaithful to manifest duty he appeared to be left unto himself for a season, and surrounded with manifold temptations, being overtaken with divers gross evils, in this situation he entered into a married state, and sometimes after was favoured with a renewed visitation of divine love and begun to attend sometimes the Independent and sometimes the Methodists meeting but could find no peace his troubled mind, in this situation he continued 2 or 3 years when he began to attend the meeting at Highflatts, and hath now continued constantly to attend there for most part of a

year past, and appears hopeful. He is now about 24 years of age and having suffered much for disobedience I hope he will learn obedience thereby. He called upon me On ye. 2nd. of ye. 8th. Mo. 1800 and 7th. day of the week in the afternoon, and a little past 5 o'clock we set out and went by Ing. Birchworth and Thurlstone to Batty. mill were we called at Daniel Broadheads and got some refreshment stopt better than an hour and then went over the moor to Thomas Earnshaws of Judfield got there about 8 o'clock in the evening were we lodg'd.

On 3rd. and 1st. of week we went in company with Thomas Earnshaw and his Apprentice Job Jepson to their meeting at Lumbroyd which began at 11 and held 2 hours I sat therein in a state of great weakness in which state I felt a concern to stand up and inform them simply how it had been with me preparatory to this visit and finding an enlargement of heart I had a pretty long testimony to bear amongst them, being opened to their various states and particularly to the beloved arising youth from Luke C: 13. v: 24, 25. Strive to enter in at the strait gate; for many, I say unto you will seek to enter in, and shall not be able. When once the master of the house is risen up, and hath shut to the door, and ye begin to stand without, and to knock at the door, saying, Lord, Lord, open unto us, and he shall answer, and say unto you, I know you not whence ye are. At the close of the meeting I had some weighty counsel and advice to communicate to the children, there being many of this class in this meeting for the number of friends belonging it. Afterwards we came to George Chapmans of Penistone were we din'd and drunk Tea and about 5 o'clock set out and came by Ing. Birchworth, and Faledge on to Denby. moor were I parted with Charles Smith he going directly home, but I call'd at Abraham Beaumonts of Moorroyd, having felt my mind drawn for some time past to visit his son John Beaumont a young man about 22 years of age who appears to be under convincement having constantly attended our meetings on first. days for about a year and of late on week. days also, But he was gone out; I waited for him more than an hour but he not coming, I set out, when I got a little from the house, I observed him walking alone, he saw me and came to me, and we then took a walk together upon the moor for a long way and entering into religious conversation he gave me some account of the Lords dealings with him from his youth up; being favoured with extraordinary visitations in very early life and many Scripture passages tending to settle his mind upon the divine teacher in the secret of his own heart opened before him altho' at that time he could not read, his parents being poor and having many children never sent him to School but afterwards when he had lent a little he was surprized to find many passages exactly as they had been open to him by the holy spirit. After some time he began to attend the Independent meeting at Shelley where one Robert Harper was Preacher who being a very eloquent man he was very much taken with his discourses and constantly and very zealously went there for a long time until he was sensible his mind was drawn from the divine teacher in himself after fallible man, and his understanding became more opened he not only saw the emptiness thereof, but also the pride and other inconsistencies which appeared in this Preacher with a Minister of the Gospel, and thereupon attending a meeting at Highflatts which was held in silence he was eminently overshadowed therein with that divine Power which had visited him in early life which had a tendency to convince him of the ever blessed and unchangeable Truth and to wait in silence for the renewings thereof These things with many more he related unto me whereby I was fully satisfied there was in him a right work upon the wheel and I earnestly desire it may not be marr'd This opportunity was much to my satisfaction, and I believe profitable to him we parted very affectionatly, and I got home about 9 o'clock in the evening.

An Account of my Journey to Marsden Monthly meeting in Lancashire held near Oldham in 8th. Mo. 1800.

I set out from home ye. 20th. of ye. 8th. Mo. 1800, and 4th. day of the week betwixt 5 and 6 o'clock in the morning, having my beloved friend William Taylor for my companion this

Journey, we called at Haddenley of my Nephew Robert Wood, who went along with us, went by Newmill to Henry Swires's of Wooldale were we stopt about an hour and Breakfasted. My companion having very tender feet we purposed going over the moors to Saddleworth, steeplehouse but a mist coming in we were doubtful of finding our way, there being not much of a road, however our kind friend Henry Swire being better acquainted with the moors proposed to us to accompany us over believing it would clear out, we proceeded by Holmfirth to Longwall were we called to see Lydia Taylor stopt about half an hour and got some refreshment, and then proceeded up Bradshaw, and going by James Broadheads of Knowl and acquaintance of mine we called to see him with which he was much pleased, and altho' we had no occasion he insisted on us taking a little refreshment with him; We soon entered after we left his house upon those very extensive Moors, and the mist being very close, we had not proceeded very far before we were sensible we were lost after wandering about some time we came to the head of a valley which I apprehended went on the back of West.Nab down to Marsden, but the rest of the company thought otherwise, however we concluded to go down it and seeing a man burning Bracken, we enquired of him were we was, he told us in Western Dale as I before apprehended about 3 miles from Marsden, It is a very curious deep and narrow valley, and as lonely a situation as I ever saw, when we had gone about a mile further down we came to a house called Haigh.green.cote, were one Samuel Haigh lives, we call'd there, they were very kind, and after resting us better than half an hour, Henry Swire return'd, and then the aforesaid Samuel Haigh accompanied us over the moors until we saw the enclosed ground in Saddleworth and then return'd, at parting I gave him a shilling for his trouble, altho' he objected taking so much We proceeded by Dig.Lee to Upper Mills were we stopt upwards of 1 hour and a half and got some refreshment at the Hare and hounds Paid 6d a piece eating and 3d Liquor then proceeded by Lees in Lancashire and Glodwick to John Earnshaws of Glodwick.clough got there a little before 6 in the evening were we Lodg'd.

On 21st. of 5th. of week, After Breakfast we left my nephew Robert Wood here he making it his home during our stay in these parts, and called of us the morning we return'd home at William Midgley's, went by Oldham to James Taylor's of Salmonfield near the Meetinghouse were we tarried until Meetingtime which began at 11 o'clock and was large of friends, and a few others came in so that the house was well filled, soon after we were collected came in our friend Charles Parker from Yorkshire whom I was glad to see. Esther Lees had a few words therein first, Charles Parker had a pretty long time next from Gal: C: 3. v: 27. As many of you as have been baptised and to Christ hath put on Christ. Afterwards he was concerned in Prayer. At the close of this meeting was their Monthly meeting for discipline which consists of 6 Preparative meetings, viz. Marsden, Trawdin, Sawley Rossendale, Oldham, and Edgworth and Bolton the business of which was satisfactorily conducted, at the close thereof Charles Parker had an acceptable testimony. Both meetings held upwards of 3 hours. After which we return'd to James Taylors were we spent the afternoon and lodg'd.

On 22nd. and 6th. of week, After breakfast we set out James Taylor accompanying us during the remainder of our stay in these parts, went to Benjamin Lees's of Ellinclough who stands disowned for misconduct but Esther his Wife is a friend in good esteem, and has lately appeared in the ministry, we stopt here near an hour, and then proceeded by Royton took Hanging.Chadder to William Midgley is of Buerdshill were we got about 10 o'clock in the forenoon. In the afternoon we went by Rochdale to Wardleworth to see John Milns and William Taylor the latter of whom was convinced in an opportunity I had there the last winter having attended frds. meetings ever since, he appeared to be a steady hopeful young man. We drunk Tea at John Milns's, and had an highly favoured opportunity with them, in which I appeared three times having much to communicate tendering to their encouragement. In our return to William Midgley were we lodg'd, we came through the Steeplehouse.yard in Rochdale, having to go up 117 steps from the street into it, from whence we had a beautiful prospect over the Town and adjacent country.

On 23rd. and 7th. of week, Robert Wood called upon as early in the morning, and about 8 o'clock we set out William Midgley ordering my companion to ride his mare which was a great service to him, and he and James Taylor set us on away many miles, we came by Ladyhouse, Butterworth.hall, and Carr to Highdoldrum, a very lonely house upon the edge of the moors, the Sign of the Hare and Hounds were we stopt upwards of half an hour and got some warm'd Ale which our kind friend William Midgley paid for the Landlady had a Father living in the neighbourhood who is in the 100th. year of his age. Our friends accompanied us until we entered upon the Reaps and then return'd, and we crossed them to Marsden, were we stopt 1 hour and a half at the Hare and Hounds and din'd paid 10d a piece eating and 3d Liquor, then came by Meltham, Upper.Thong, and Holmfirth to Wooldale were we rested 1 hour and a half and drunk Tea at William Earnshaws, then came to Newmill were we call'd to see Thomas Greenwood and John Spivey two religious young men who keep house together, and I think are in profession with the Methodists but seem much disposed to attend friends meetings of late; we stopt there better than half an hour, and then came home were we got about half an hour past 8 o'clock in the evening.

An Account of my Journey to Brighouse Monthly Meeting etc held at Brighouse in ye. 10th.
Mo. 1800.

Having been for some time in a very poor state of health, many thought it would be of service to me to get a little from home and by easy journeys and a change at air it might have a tendency to restore my weakened habit which was considerably better than it had been, and I feeling an inclination to visit some of my friends, and also to attend Brighouse meeting, I set out from home ye. 17th. of ye. 10th. Mo: 1800, and 6th. day of the week betwixt 6 and 7 . clock in the morning and went by Shepley, Woodsom.hall and Almondbury to Huddersfield were I stopt better than half an hour at Robert Firths and got Tea then proceeded by Hillhouse, and Rastrick to Brighouse. Marlon Cooper a friend about 18 years of age who is Apprentice with Robert Kaye of Lane End came up with me and accompanied me part of the way, I felt something upon my mind to him and hoped after the meeting I might have an opportunity to relieve myself but was disappointed, however as it was not intentional, I hope there will be accepted for the deed we called and sat a little at his Uncle James Houghtons and then went to the meeting which began at 11 o'clock, was pretty large the house being nearly full, and held in silence except for a few words dropt by Gervas Storrs. At the close thereof was held their Monthly meeting for discipline which consists of 6 Preparative meetings viz. Leeds, Bradford, Brighouse, Parrack, Todmorden, and Gildersom The business of which was amicably conducted, both meetings held 3 hours. After which I went in company of John Haigh of Shepley (who came to this meeting in order to accompany me on my Journey) to James Houghtons were we din'd. After dinner I went and spent the afternoon in company with many friends at Joseph Firths of Toothhill were I drunk Tea. In the evening Joseph Firth kindly accompanied me back to James Houghtons were my companion and me lodg'd.

On 18th. and 7th. of week in the morning we call'd to see James Lees's and then went to Thomas Coopers were we Breakfasted. About 9 o'clock we left Brighouse Thomas Cooper setting us on our way as far as Kirklees.mill and then return'd and we proceeded by Mirfield to Dewsbury were we din'd at William Wass's, and after dinner went and sat a little at Morrith Matthews's stopt at both places about 2 hours and a half and then proceeded by Earls.heaton and Chickenley to Ossett were we drunk Tea at David Pickards stopt about 1 hour and a half and then proceeded by Horbury.bridge to Dirtcar were we got about 6 in the evening and lodg'd at Christopher Walkers.

On 19th. and 1st. of week we went with the family to Wakefield Meeting, where they belong, got there rather early and found a young man with a solid countenance standing at the gate of the Burial.ground, he told me he had come upwards of 4 miles to the meeting, but

appeared much retired, and not forward in conversation, I believed he was one that was enquiring the way to Zion with his face thitherward. The meeting began at 11 and held 2 hours, I was very low and poor in my mind not being the least expecting when I went in that my mind would have been opened but had not sat long in silence before I felt a concern to stand up and was considerably enlarged in testimony from 2 Kings C: 6: v. 26, 27. Help, my Lord, O king. And he said, if the Lord do not help thee, or when shall I help thee? Out of the barn floor, or out of the wine press? Afterwards I had short time again being particularly opened concerning the Prophet who in the Lords name was sent to cry against the Alter in Bethel and delivered his message faithfully, withstood the temptations of the King, but was afterwards drawn aside by harkening to the Council of the old prophet, and in consequence thereof was slain by a lion. It was a favoured meeting and I believe profitable to the beforementioned young man and some others. At the close thereof was held their Preparative meeting. After which we returned to Dircar to our former quarters were several friends came and spent the afternoon with us.

On 20th. and 2nd. of week we set out for our Monthly Meeting to be held at Burton between 6 and 7 o'clock in the morning called at William Pickards of Painthorp were we Breakfasted, stopt better than an hour and then proceeded by Hollingthorp, Woolley and Staincross to Burton were I got to Robert Dearmans about half past 10 o'clock, met there by appointment with my beloved friend William Taylor who brought me some clean linen we got some refreshment there and then went to the meeting for worship which began at 11 o'clock and was large the house being pretty well filled, we were favoured with the company of our valuable friend Thomas Colley from Sheffield who had been at Gildersome the day before to attend the burial of our worthy friend Joseph Travis of that place who departed this life on 3rd. day morning of 14th. Inst. very suddenly as he was getting his Breakfast. I understood from the suddenness of the change he might perhaps retain an appearance something different from most corps, that when the time came the family was far easy to have him interred, so the People attended the meeting, being the first day of the week and this morning Thomas Colley found his mind drawn to attend here, without waiting longer to see the event. In this meeting after a long time in silence he had a pretty long and encouraging testimony to bear from Rev: C: 3. v: 2. Strengthen the things which remain that are ready to die. At the close of this was held the meeting for discipline, which consists of 6 Preparative meetings viz Pontefract, Burton, Highflatts, Ackworth, Wakefield, and Wooldale, Burton meeting was so reduced in number, and every way in so low estate as that for 2 or 3 months past they had not held a Preparative meeting. The business of this meeting was in the general satisfactorily conducted one case excepted which there appeared diversity of sentiments which took up a considerable time but at length was settled pretty well for the present Both meetings held 5 hours. Here I parted with John Haigh he returning home and Thomas Earnshaw of Judfield was my companion the remaining part of this Journey; We stopt a little at John Wilsons Country house and got some Rum and Water, and then went to Robert Dearmans were we din'd. After dinner we went with Jonathan Bashforth to his house in Barnsley were we drunk Tea and lodg'd, spent the evening and supp'd at Richard Dearmans who hearing of us in the Town came to give us an invitation.

On 21st. and 3rd. of week about 9 o'clock in the morning we set out for Frickley 10 miles. Barbara the Wife of William Payne having some time ago sent me a kind invitation to go and see them, went by Ardsley to little.Houghton were I and my companion called to see my cousin the Widow Elizabeth Adams who lives with her Son in law James Adams they are not friends but were exceeding kind we stopt about 1 hour and then proceeded by Great Houghton, and Clayton in the Clay, to Frickley.hall the seat of William Payne we were got betwixt 12 and 1 o'clock just in time to the dinner and tarried until next day being very kindly and freely entertained; It is very large and extraordinary good house, beautifully situated on rising ground in the middle of a large valley The Estate particularly well managed and beautifully ornamented with plantations, and tho' they are not what may be called in every respect the strictest friends, yet I could not but admire the orderly conducting of the family.

They have been married 16 or 17 years, and have had the following children viz. 1st. Mary, 2. Elizabeth, 3. Sarah, 4. Susanna, 5. William, 6. John Arthington, 7. Henry Jackson Sydney, 8. Richard Ecroyd, 9. Catherine, 10. Joshua, 11 Ann, 12. Cornelia, 13. Alfred. Three of which are deceased viz the 1st. 2nd. and 12. The other ten were all living and at home at this time. In order to prevent the evil habits which are too frequently learnt at Schools the Father instructed them in learning himself until of late he hath got into the house for a Tutor one John James Vullee from Geneva in Switzerland a sober young man who I suppose now attends friends meetings and I observ'd uses the plain language. They have also 5 Women servants and a Footman in the house The Coachman who is likewise Gardner and the men who are employed upon the farm being married have their victuals at their own houses. They are in the commendable practice of collecting their family together on first.day evenings to read the Scriptures and being a long way from the meeting they keep a Week.day meeting in their house on Fifth.days. We was pleased with our visit to them and felt our minds comforted in some intervals of retirement. After dinner we went to our friend Stephen Holmes's who lives upon one of their farms near them, where we sat a little and got a Glass of Wine and then return'd to the Hall to Tea.

On 22nd. and 4th. of week we set out for Ackworth 7 miles betwixt 10 and 11 o'clock in the forenoon, William Payne has set us on our way about one mile and then return'd we went by Kirkby and got to Ackworth betwixt 12 and 1 o'clock were we din'd at John Neill's, and after dinner went to the School were we spent the afternoon very agreeably with Jonathan Binns and his Wife were we drank Tea, and after Tea Leonard West and me being under appointment of the Monthly Meeting to visit Thomas Stackhouse on receiving his certificate from Southwark Mo. Meeting who was come Apprentice to a Schoolmaster here; we had a satisfactory opportunity, in which we both some advice to communicate. In the evening we returned to John Niels were we lodg'd.

On 23rd. and 5th. of week we set out betwixt 6 and 7 o'clock in the morning having felt my mind drawn to attend the weekday meeting at Burton which meeting is now in a very low state few members belonging thereto, and it is much to be feared these not enough the cause of Truth at heart. We came up to Himsworth were we breakfasted at the George and Dragon paid 1s a piece stopt about 1 hour and a half and then proceeded by Brierley and Cudworth to Burton, sat a little at Robert Dearmans and then went to the Meeting at the usual at 11 o'clock, but the door was lock'd and no friends there we got the key and went into the Meetinghouse but nobody came, however we were favoured with a comfortable opportunity and after sitting together 1 hour and a half we departed in peace and solid satisfaction in our minds, in giving up to this pointing of duty, yet not without a secret mourning for those who were so Lukewarm as to neglect that important duty of meeting together to worship God. We came by Mapplewell and Darton were we din'd at the Rose and Crown paid 10p a piece eating and 4d Liquor stopt about 1 hour and a half and then came to Kexbro' were my companion and me parted I came by Hoyland to my Cousins Joseph Steads of Toppett were I stopt about 1 hour and a half and drunk Tea, then came to Skelmanthorp were I got betwixt 6 and 7 o'clock in the evening and lodg'd at Charles Blackburns.

On 24th. and 6th. of week about 9 o'clock in the morning I set out in company with Charles Blackburn for our week.day.meeting at Highflatts which began at 10 o'clock went by Denby.dykeside and got there just in time to the meeting which was pretty well attended Martha Dickinson appeared twice in the forepart thereof having for sometime before taken friends advice and kept silence. Leah Kinsley had afterwards a short but lively testimony after which I had a pretty long time. The substance of what we had to communicate was to recommend a patient submission to the principle we profess in its operation upon the mind the which as it is pure in itself would leaven into its own nature and make us what we ought to be. After meeting I came home were I got about 12 o'clock.

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An account of our visit to the several particular Meetings within the compass of our Monthly Meeting of Pontefract in 10th. and 11th. Mos. 1800

Our Monthly Meeting held at Burton in the 10th. Mo. 1800 appointed John Robinson, Joseph Walker, George Chapman, and myself to collect the account of friends Sufferings, and enquire into their faithfulness in our Testimony against Tythes, Priest demands, those called Churchrates, the Militia etc. and advise friends to an annual inspection into the state of their affairs. Also to pay particular attention to those who continue to pay the Rate money and advised therein as way may open. Accordingly my three companions being under another appointment within the compass of Burton Meeting. On 26th. of 10th. Mo. and 1st. of the week was there, and at the close of the meeting for Worship made the usual enquiry of the few who are heads of families in that meeting. Our practice is for the men and Women who are members to sit together during the time of enquiry and those who have had any Sufferings made upon them within the year, are produced and the account thereof read from whence this meeting is called the Meeting for Sufferings.

On 2nd. of 11th. Mo. and 1st. of the week we all met together at Highflatts The meeting for Worship began his usual at 11 o'clock and was large a few of other Societies attending. I had a pretty long time therein in testimony from Jer: C: 35. v. 18, 19. Because ye have obeyed the commandments of Jonadab your father, and kept all his precepts, and done according unto all that he hath commanded you; Therefore thus saith the Lord of hosts the God of Israel; Jonadab the son of Rechab shall not want a man to stand before me for ever. Afterwards I had a short but encouraging time unto those who were oftens dip't into the deeps and had to go mourning on their way. Martha Dickinson was troublesome in the meeting, appearing twice, but friends took no notice of her, being preserved in that which gives dominion over such forward, hasty, ranting spirits. At the close of this meeting was the meeting for Sufferings were the usual enquiry was made. and Answers given thereto by all the heads of families present and received from those who were absent except two George Chapman was appointed to speak with them betwixt and Monthly Meeting. The Women friends then withdrew into the

Chamber and the business of our Preparative meeting was gone thro', These meetings held 4 hours. After dinner George Chapman and John Robinson came to my house and tarried all night whereby we were favoured with their company at our reading in the evening, several other friends also came in. After the family had read each one a chapter in order the opportunity continued in silence which was mercifully overshadowed with an awful solemnity.

On 3rd. and 2nd. of week This morning William Pickersgill from the edge of Wiltshire near the City of Bath having been to see his uncle Anthony Kinsley and other of his acquaintance in these parts, and was returning home called to take his leave of me and Breakfasted with us. The place of his nativity was in or near Wainfleet in Lincolnshire his parents dying when he was a child a relation took him under his care who behaved exceeding cruelly unto him when he grew up towards a young man he came into Yorkshire to his Uncles at Skelmanthorp and my Brother being in want of a Comber he came to live with him at our house, he being without Parents and nearly friendless I felt much sympathy with him and behaved kindly and tenderly to him which he hath since many times gratefully acknowledged and as a renewed token thereof, this morning presented me with a very good Silk handkerchief.

Sometime after he left our house he joined the Methodists and is now a Preacher among that People, He married his Wife from Clayton, being a young Woman with a handsome fortune, They settled near Rochdale in Lancashire, but was very unsuccessful in business, and spent what they had being reduced to great distress, They then removed to near Stroud in Gloucestershire where their affairs took a quite different turn being remarkably prosperous, and from thence into Wiltshire near the City of Bath were he now resides having as he observed attained through industry and the blessing of Providence a comfortable competency to live upon. I was much pleased to see him, not having seen or heard much of him for upwards of 20 years before. About half past 9 we set out for Wooldale in company with George Chapman and John Robinson went by Newmill thither were we got some refreshment at Joseph Brooks, and then went to the meeting which began at 11 o'clock were we met with our other companion. It was not large and a very poor low suffering time in silence At the close of the meeting for Worship was the meeting for Sufferings, The usual enquiries were made and Answers given or received thereto from all the heads of families except three, an appointment of friends of their own meeting was made to visit them and report to us betwixt and Monthly meeting, This was a much more open time than the former and we had an open conference with them respecting the payment of the Rate money and strengthened to give such advice therein as opened which appeared to be well received. Both meetings held better than 2 hours. After which we all din'd together at Joseph Brooks and after dinner my companions set out towards their several habitations, but I went to see Thomas Roberts's, William Earnshaw's and Henry Swires's sat a little at each place and drunk Tea at Henry Swires. About 6 in the evening I set out Henry Swire accompanying me most part of the way, we stood and conversed together upon the Moor a very long time before we parted so that it was past 10 o'clock at night when I got home.

On 14th. and 6th. of the week, Leah Kinsley came from our Week.day meeting with us and din'd at my house. Betwixt 4 and 5 o'clock in the afternoon I set out and went with her by Cumberworth to their house at Skelmanthorp, stopt about half an hour there were I met with Joseph Cliff with whom I went to Charles Blackburns, got there a little before 7 in the evening where I lodg'd.

On 15th. and 7th. of the week my cousin Joseph Walker called of me here, we left Skelmanthorp about 8 o'clock in the morning and went by Parkmill, and Bretton to Crigglestone were we called at my Uncle Joseph Houghs and stopt whilst we got a little refreshment then proceeded by Milthorp and Sandall to frds Meetinghouse near Wakefield were we met with our two companions. The meeting began at 11 o'clock, and tho' it was attended with close and heavy exercise, yet I believe it was upon the whole a profitable opportunity to some. I had two pretty long times therein in testimony the first from Hos: C:

7.v. 8, 9. Ephraim, he hath mixed himself among the People; Strangers have devoured his strength. and afterwards from Numb: C: 23. v: 9. The people shall dwell alone, and shall not be reckoned among the nations. At the close of the meeting for Worship was held the meeting for Sufferings, The account of Sufferings were collected, and the usual enquiries made and answered unto by all the heads of families present one being absent John Robinson was appointed to speak with her betwixt and Monthly meeting. At the close of this was held their Preparative meeting. These meetings held 3 hours. After which George Chapman having an horse went home with Christopher Walker, and met us the next day at Pontefract, and we went with John Robinson to his house to dine, and betwixt 3 and 4 o'clock in company with him, proceeded on our Journey, went by Heath and Purston to Pontefract were we got about 6 in the evening and drunk Tea at Joseph Johnsons, my companions took up their Quarters there, but after Tea I went to John Leathams, my usual quarters in this Town, where I have always met with a very kind reception.

On 16th. and 1st. of week, we was at their Meeting which began as usual at 11 o'clock, and being a very fine day was well attended and pretty large. At the close of the meeting for Worship was held the meeting for Sufferings The account of Sufferings was collected, and the usual enquiries made and answered to by all the heads of families, and at the close thereof was held their Preparative meeting. These meetings held upwards of 2 hours and a half. Our spirits were deeply oppressed throughout the several sittings there appearing little strength to communicate or openness to receive what was communicated; the generality appearing to be too wise to receive the Truth in its simplicity, and too rich and full to see they stood in need of anything, when alas were but their eyes rightly opened, they would find they were poor naked and miserable, and in want of all things; under a sense of these things, mourning and lamentation was our portion in this place and the weight of our exercise lay heavy upon us even after we left the meeting, yet we were sensible there were a few amongst them who were desirous to keep their garments clean with whom we sympathized in secret, as well as with the beloved youth, who no doubt are favoured at times with precious visitations, but have few examples to look unto, with this inscription upon them, of Follow us, as ye see we follow Christ. George Chapman din'd with me at John Leathams, and after dinner our other companions called upon us; about 3 o'clock in the afternoon we set out and went together to Ackworth were we got a little before 4 and took up our Quarters at the School.house were we drunk Tea and supp'd with Jonathan Binns the Superintendent and his Wife in their parlour At 5 in the evening we met with the friends of this meeting in their Meetinghouse; The meeting for Worship was short but eminently favoured, which tended greatly to relieve their minds of the burden we had this day laboured under. I had a short testimony to bear therein from Mark C: 9. v: 50. Have Salt in yourselves, and have peace one with another. At the close of this meeting was held the meeting for Sufferings. The account of Sufferings were collected and the usual enquiries made and answered to by all the heads of families present. Both meetings held upwards of an hour and half.

At the close of which we drew up our report to be laid before the Monthly meeting. Our minds being now relieved from the present exercise we felt comforted under a consideration, That altho' we met with many discouraging prospects, yet were secretly supported, and nearly united in our labours one with another, and for the good and welfare of the whole. Nathan Dearman and his Wife being at the School.Inn, he kindly invited me to go and sit a little with them this evening, his Wife being desirous of my company which I accepted of and when we had finished our business, went and spent about an hour very agreeably with them their Brother William Dearman from Nottingham was also there who inform'd me there was many serious People in their Town who were under convincement and constantly attended friends meetings, and amongst the number was the Widow of the late Alexander Kilham who was esteemed the most eminent man amongst the dissenting Methodists in his day.

On 17th. and 2nd. of week, This morning John Robinson got up early and set out for home, before it was well light. but we tarried and Breakfasted with Hannah Dumbleton the

Housekeeper and several others of the family in her room, and about 8 o'clock left Ackworth and came by Wragby and Fowlby to Crofton where we stopt about half an hour at the Cock and got some refreshment, and then proceeded by Agbridge to Friends Meetinghouse near Wakefield where our Monthly meeting was held, got there just in time to the meeting which began as usual at 11 o'clock, and was large both ends of the house being pretty well filled, and thro' divine favour was an open satisfactory time. John Bottomley was first concerned therein in testimony from Psalms 46. v: 10. Be still and know that I am God. he stood a considerable time, and afterwards I had pretty long time from Isai: C: 6. v: 5 Wo is me; for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a People of unclean lips, for mine eyes have seen the King the Lord of hosts. At the close of the meeting for Worship was held the meeting for discipline in which a great deal of business was gone thro' in much harmony and condescension. Both meetings held 3 hours after which my late companions set out towards their respective habitations, and I went in company with John Beaumont of Moorroyd within the compass of our meeting, a young man who is under convincement, to John Robinsons were we tarried all night. William Wass and Morritt Matthews of Dewsbury who had been at the meeting and since was engaged about some business in the Town came and drunk Tea here, and just when they was about to set out towards home we were unexpectedly drawn into silence in which opportunity the heavenly wing eminently overshadowed us, and towards the close thereof John Robinson dropt a few words and afterwards John Beaumont in tears and much trembling. In the evening John Robinson and me went to Sarah and Ann Blands two young Women members of our Society who had sometime ago removed from Sheffield and taken a shop in this Town, I had felt a desire for some time to pay them a visit and having this opportunity appeared most easy not to neglect it; Ann was not at home but Sarah received us kindly, we had an opportunity with her in which I had some advice to communicate to her from Jer: C: 10. v: 23. O Lord, I know that the way of man is not in himself; it is not in him that walketh to direct his steps. After which John Robinson had a few words, expressing his desire that the advice communicated might be duly attended to. She expressed her satisfaction with the visit and we returned in peace.

On 18th. and 3rd. of week. After breakfast we went and sat a little at Ann Thorps, and about 10 o'clock in the forenoon left Wakefield and came to Christopher Walkers of Dirtcar to call upon John Bottomley agreeable to appointment made the day before stopt there 2 hours and a half and din'd, then proceeded by Crigglestone, Bretton and Parkmill to Skelmanthorp where we stopt about 1 hour and a half at Anthony Kinsleys and drunk Tea then came by Cumberworth to Carrbridge near which place we parted with John Beaumont and got home at about 7 o'clock.

An Account of my Journey to our Winter Quarterly Meeting held at York in the 12th. Mo. 1800.

I set out from home ye. 20th. of ye. 12th. Mo. 1800 and 7th. day of the week, betwixt 10 and 11 o'clock in the forenoon, in company with John Pickford of Birdsedge, we went by Denby. Dike.side and Bagden to Toppett were we stopt betwixt 2 and 3 hours at cousin Joseph Steads and din'd, then proceeded by Cannon.hall and Cawthorne to Barnsley were we stopt about 1 hour and a half at Jonathan Bashforths, and drunk Tea, then proceeded to Robert Dearmans of Pinder.oaks, got there about 6 in the evening were we lodg'd.

On 21st. and 1st. of week, After breakfast we returned to Barnsley, were we sat a little at Jonathan Bashforths, and then and in company with him and Isabella his Wife went to the meeting at Burton, at 11 o'clock, and was but small altho' pretty well attended to day, and also enlarged by several friends who was on their way to the Monthly meeting. It was a very trying and exercising time in silence to me, but as I endeavoured to keep under my exercise patiently, a little matter opened with a concern to revive amongst them, and tho' I stood up in

much meekness, I was considerably enlarged in testimony from Acts C: 2. v: 39. The promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off; even to as many as the Lord our God shall call. and I thought the meeting ended comfortably. At the close thereof the Men and Women who have a right to sit in meetings for discipline, stopt a little together, they are few in number and in a very weak state. The Queries were considered and answered, and one friend ordered to attend the Monthly meeting. Both meetings held 2 hours. After which we got a little refreshment which Robert Dearman had kindly brought us to a house of his in the village, from whence he was newly removed. About 2 o'clock in the afternoon we left Burton, and went by Cudworth and Brierley to Himsorth where we got some refreshment at the George and dragon, paid 4d and a half a piece, stopt about half an hour and then proceeded to Ackworth where we got a little past 5 in the evening, and took up our Quarters at John Neilds. After Tea we went to the School. and at 7 o'clock attended the Reading there. The family Scholars and other friends who chose were collected together in the Boys dining room which was conveniently seated for the occasion. After a short time in silence. One of the Masters read a chapter in the scriptures, then a Boy; Afterwards one of the Mistresses, and then a Girl. After which a solemn silence ensued which I believe would have been more eminently overshadowed, had not Martha Dickinson broke in upon it with one of her confused testimonies. The opportunity held about an hour at close of which the children withdrew first the Girls and then the Boys in a very quiet becoming manner, and immediately went upstairs for Bed and we return'd to our lodgings.

On 22nd. and 2nd. of week. This morning we Breakfasted at Robert Whitakers. Our Monthly meeting was appointed to be held here one week later than the usual time to accommodate friends who were inclinable to go forward to the Quarterly meeting; The meeting for Worship began at 10 o'clock this forenoon we were favoured thereat with the company of our friend William Sowerby of Richmond Monthly meeting; It was not large but measurably overshadowed with that heavenly wing towards the close thereof, John Bottomley appeared a pretty long time in testimony from 2 Tim: C: 2. v: 19. The Lord knoweth them that are his. At close of this meeting was held the meeting for discipline, The usual Queries were read and Answers thereto from our 6 Preparative meetings viz. Pontefract, Burton, Highflatts Ackworth, Wakefield, and Wooldale. A great deal more business was gone thro', and the whole was unanimously conducted. Both meetings held upwards of 5 hours. From hence John Pickford proposed returning home and John Haigh of Shepley joined me as companion We din'd at James Bucks in the village, and about 5 o'clock set out for Pontefract where we got about 6, drunk Tea at Joseph Johnsons, and then went to John Leathams where we lodg'd.

On 23rd. and 3rd. of week, we left Pontefract about 8 o'clock in the morning and went to Ferrybridge where we stopt about an hour at Robert Thompsons and Breakfasted here we met with John Cooper of Ackworth who accompanied us to York, we proceeded by Milford to Sherburn where we stopt about an hour at Simeon Hunters and got some refreshment, then proceeded by Towton to Tadcaster where we stopt about an hour at the Golden.Lyon and din'd paid 1s a piece eating and 4d Liquor, then proceeded, call'd in the suburb of the city to see Isabella Flintoft, an acquaintance of mine but not a friend she gave each of us a Glass of wine; got to the White Swan in Goodramgate York about 6 in the evening where we took up at Quarters as usual and paid 1s a piece Breakfasts and suppers and 15d dinners. The Quarterly Meeting for Ministers and Elders began at 5 this evening, and tho' the weather was remarkable fine for the time of the year, yet the days were so short, and the roads so dirty that I could not reach in time to attend it, But was easier on that account as from the smallness of our number who were members of the select meeting, and no prospect of it being profitably enlarged at present, our last Quarterly meeting thought proper to direct us to discontinue holding such a meeting at present within the compass of our Monthly meeting and that the Elders should be at liberty to withdraw their names.

On 24th. and 4th. of week, at 10 in the morning was a meeting for worship which was pretty large for the time of the year especially of men friends. We were favoured this Quarter with the company of several Strangers, as, John Taylor and Martha Routh from Lancashire,

and Elizabeth Coggshall from Rhode Island in America. Charles Parker had a short testimony first in this meeting from Matt: C: 5. v: 8. Blessed are the pure in heart; put they shall see God. Catharine Tricket next from Acts C: 8. v: 36. Here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? Elizabeth Coggshall next in Prayer, and afterwards Martha Routh had a very long testimony from Isai: C: 26. v: 13. O Lord our God, other lords beside thee have had dominion over us; but by thee only will we make mention of thy name. It was a remarkable favoured meeting at close of which was held one for discipline, Gervas Brady of Sheffield and George Sanders of Whitby were chosen last quarter Clerks for the ensuing year. The Queries were read, and Answers thereto from all our Monthly meetings. Both meetings held 4 hours. A large Committee having to meet this afternoon, the meeting for Discipline adjourn'd until 6 in the evening. After dinner we took a walk to see the prisoners in the Castle, and from thence went to John Lee's where we drunk Tea, and from thence to the meeting, which met pursuant to adjournment at 6 this evening The answers to the Queries were considered and much weighty advice communicated, a great deal more business was gone thro' towards the close of which Elizabeth Coggshall and Martha Routh came in and produced their Certificates which were read; after which they had a great deal of weighty advice to drop cautioning friends against oppressing their servants in their wages, also against drinking wine, and to guard against other superfluities; but rather visit the poor in their cottages and according to our abilities administer to their necessities, in this time of great distress, when many were in want of the necessities of life, the exorbitant price of all manner of provisions, being such as the oldest person living could not ever remember the like, Flour now selling at 6s ... stone £15 ... stone, and Oatmeal at 9s 6d stroak which is 27 ... and other things proportionately dear, and having continued a long time the sufferings of many were very great. Martha Routh appeared first, Elizabeth Coggshall next and afterwards Martha Routh again The meeting held 2 hours and a half and then adjourn'd until next day at 10 in the morning.

On 25th. and 5th. of week, at 10 in the forenoon met pursuant to the adjournment the business of this Quarter was finished in this sitting which held 3 hours and a half. The whole was conducted in much harmony and concord, to the edification of the body which was cause of humble thankfulness unto those who travail in spirit for the exhortation of Truth, the peace and prosperity of Zion, and the enlargement of her borders. This afternoon I drunk Tea at William Tukes. At 5 in the evening was the Parting meeting for Worship which was large many of other Societies attending, and it was to thro were the continuation of divine favour a very solemn baptizing season John Taylor was first concerned therein in a pretty long time in testimony from Luke C: 24. v: 46, 47. Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day; and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations. Henry Tuke had a long time next from Acts C: 17. v: 27th. Feel after him and find him, though he be not far from every one of us. Elizabeth Coggshall next from John C: 10. v been : 7, 8. I am the door of the sheep, All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers. After a short time in silence she appeared again in a very tender and affecting farewell exhortation, and afterwards Martha Routh concluded the meeting in Prayer which held about 3 hours.

On 26th. and 6th. of week, This morning we Breakfasted at John Lees's, and betwixt 10 and 11 o'clock left York in company with John Holmes of Leeds formerly of York, and William Awmack set us on our way about 2 miles and then return'd, we called to take our leave of Isabelle Flintoff, stopt a little and drunk a Glass of wine, and then proceeded to Tadcaster where we stopt about 1 hour and a half at the Golden Lyon and din'd paid 1s a piece eating and 4d Liquor, here we parted with John Holmes he setting out for Leeds, and we came by Towton to Sherburn got there about 5 in the evening where we lodg'd at Simeon Hunters Our friend William Sowerby and with him John Robinson of Wakefield were just got there before us, with whom and the family we spend the evening very agreeably.

On 27th. and 7th. of week, After Breakfast Williams Sowerby had a good deal of suitable advice to communicate to the family. After which my companion and the other friends proceeded on their journey, but I was before engaged to spend a day with this and the

family. In the afternoon I went with Simeon Hunter and his Wife to drink Tea at Jonathon Swaines of Huddlestone, were I found a considerable change in the family since I was there before, the young people being favoured with a divine visitation had join'd the Methodists. I was pleased to find them awakened, and desirous that they might be favoured to settle upon the right foundation my visit there was satisfactory, and in the evening we return'd to Sherburn.

On 28th. and 1st. of week, about 8 o'clock in the morning I set out for Pontefract in company with Simeon Hunter the meeting this family belongs to, we went by Milford to Ferrybridge, called at Robert Thompsons and got little refreshment, were we met with William Sowerby with whom and this family, and Elizabeth Wainwright we went to Pontefract were we got just in time to the meeting which began at 11 o'clock and held upwards of 2 hours, The state of things appeared to be low, yet upon the whole it was a satisfactory meeting William Sowerby had a long and favoured time therein in testimony from Matt C: 17. v: 7. Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. After meeting we din'd at Joseph Johnsons, and after dinner I called to see John Leathams were I took a Glass of wine. Left Pontefract about half past 2 o'clock in the afternoon, and came by Purston and Heath to Wakefield were I got about 5 in the evening, and lodg'd at John Robinsons, were I had the opportunity of being at their family sitting which began at 7 o'clock and held about an hour, It was a satisfactory time, and a practice I wish the members of our Society were more generally in; believing a blessing would attend it.

On 29th. and 2nd. of week, I breakfasted at Ann Thorps, and about half past 10 in the forenoon left Wakefield, and came by Sandall and Milthorp to Crigglestone were I got a little refreshment at my Uncle Joseph Houghs then came by Bretton and Hoyland to my cousin Joseph Steads of Toppett were I stopt about 2 hours and drunk Tea, then came by Denby home were I got about 6 in the evening, having had remarkable fine weather all this Journey, before today when it Snowed exceeding fast the greatest part thereof, and began to lie deep upon the roads so that I was afraid of increasing a bad cold which had much affected me most part of the time since I left York, and made me very unwell, but through mercy, I could not perceive I had, feeling better this evening than before I set out in the morning.

An Account of my Journey to Staffordshire Monthly Meeting held at Leek in the 5th. Mo.
1801.

I set out from home the 1st. of ye. 5th. Mo. 1801 and 6th. day of the week, betwixt 5 and 6 o'clock in the morning in company with John Pickford of Birdsedge. We went by Maythorn to Carlcoats were we Breakfasted at William Earnshaws stopt better than an hour and a half and then proceeded by Salterbrook, Woodhead in Cheshire, and Torsett in Derbyshire to Glossop were we din'd at the Bulls.head paid 10d and a half a piece eating and 4d Liquor, stopt near 2 hours and then proceeded by Whitfield and Chunall to Low.Leighton got there betwixt 4 and 5 o'clock in the afternoon and lodg'd at William Holmes's.

On 2nd. and 6th. of week we set out about 9 o'clock in the morning and went by Newmill to the Torr were we stopt about half an hour at John Holmes's, then proceeded Jacob Bright a young man who lives with him set us on our way several miles and then return'd his company was very acceptable, believing him to be religiously disposed, and his preservation and growth in the Truth my mind felt anxiously concerned for. We went by Disley.hall in Cheshire, and over the Sponds a very high and lone hill and so by Rainow to Joseph Broasters of Kerridge.end were we stopt about 1 an hour and a half and din'd, then proceeded to Macclesfield, got there about 3 o'clock in the afternoon, and took up our quarters as usual at our kind friend William Paxtons who with his Wife and hopeful daughters were as I always found them from our first acquaintance affectionately kind to us; and in whose house we had much comfort and solid satisfaction.

On 3rd. and 1st. of week, we attended their meeting in Town. That in the forenoon began at 11 and held better than 2 hours a smaller than when I was formally here, several families being removed, but upon the whole pretty satisfactory. I was concerned a considerable time in testimony from Isai: C. 66. v: 22. To this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit and trembleth at my word. At the afternoon meeting began at 3 and held upwards of one hour and a half. It was much smaller than the former some of the the friends living at a distance in the country; and was held in silence, being a dull heavy time until towards the close when it was comfortably overshadowed with the heavenly wing. After meeting we drunk Tea at Samuel Stonehewers, and in return called and sat a little with Martha Frost.

On 4th. and 2nd. of week, we spent most of the day with our kind friends here; but John Foster being come on foot to this market, a young man who about 4 or 5 years ago had married Joshua Stonehewers daughter, and since that time had attended friends meetings, intending to return home this evening, was desirous for us to go along with him, but being late before his business was done, we set out before him about 6 o'clock in the evening William Paxton setting us on our way about 3 miles and then return'd, when we had got about a mile further on our way John Foster came up with us, appeared much pleased with our company as we were with his, we called at Harringtons.arms in Bosley and got a Tankard of Ale paid 7d and then proceeded by Rushton in Staffordshire to Leek were we got about 10 o'clock, John Foster took us to his house to lodge, were we was very kindly entertained.

On 5th. and 3rd. of week was at their Monthly meeting in Leek, which began for Worship at 11 o'clock, was smaller than usual the members even of this particular Meeting not attending so well as might have been expected or desired, and was held in silence as to outward testimony. At the close thereof was the meeting for discipline, which consists of 3 Preparative meeting viz. Stafford, Uttoxeter, and Leek. They had not much business before them, so that both meetings held only about 2 hours and a half. After which we din'd at Toft Chorleys, and return'd to Tea to John Foster's. Having had for sometime a desire to see Robert Rhodes a friend of Newcastle and apprehending I might never have a better opportunity being only 12 miles from thence we left Leek for that place about 5 o'clock this evening, went by Endon and Norton, when we had got about 8 miles on our way we came to the top of an hill, where we entered the Pottery and was much surprized to behold the populousness of the country so that we understood for 10 miles together it is like one continued irregular built Town, where about 20 years ago, there was only a few scattering inconsiderable houses but now the number is astonishing to behold as amongst which are abundance of good ones like gentlemen's seats inhabited by the principal tradesmen in the Staffordshire ware. I never saw so populous a part before, nor I apprehend the like is not to be met with in any other part of the Nation, so that in the space of about 3 miles there are 4 markets held weekly viz. Newcastle, Burslem, Hanley, and Stoke, and a little distance from these they are establishing other two. We turn'd a little to the right hand of the road to Burslem about a mile on the left is Hanley. and about 1 mile further is Stoke, a Canal runs through the valley which not only adds to the beauty thereof, but is very convenient for their trade. From Burslem we went to Wolstanton to Newcastle under Line, 3 miles were we got about 9 o'clock in the Evening, and took up our Quarters at the Sine of Duke of York in High.street paid 1s a piece Supper and the same for breakfast next morning.

On 6th. and 4th. of week, After breakfast we went to see Robert Rhodes the only friend in or near this Town, he was convinced of the Truth and joined our Society about 10 years ago, is a member of Stafford meeting from which he is distant about 16 miles, We knocked at the door, a servant came and conducted us through the house into the Garden, were we found him with his knitting in the Garden.house, which we understood was mostly his employment. He knew me and was pleased to see us, blaming us much for going to the Inn to lodge. His Wife and Daughters who are members of the Independent Society were gone to breakfast at their Country.house a little out of Town. We spent near 2 hours with him in this place of quiettude and retirement to our great satisfaction It is furnished with a Library of Books, a

Writing desk, a Clock, several chairs, and many curiosities of divers kinds, and having a small fire, and something to entertain his friends with we understood he spent a great deal of time here, We partook of his kindness whilst we staid with him, and he gave us something in our Pockets to refresh us on our Journey. We left Newcastle a little before 11 o'clock for Macclesfield 21 miles. Robert Rhodes kindly accompanying us out of the Town, were we parted in mutual affection, under a feeling sense of that Love which cements the Lords People together as children of one family. We came by Chesterton to Talk-oth-hill were we got a Quart of Ale at Queens.head paid 8d, at which with the provision that kind friend Robert Rhodes had accommodated us with, made us a comfortable dinner, Whilst we were dining the Landlady related an awful circumstance which happened near this village somewhere about 20 Years ago, a Wagon with 9 horses loaded with gunpowder muskets, etc took fire, the driver and horses were blown into the air and sorely shattered some of their limbs being found at a great distance the hedges for a considerable way were torn up, and most if not all the windows in the Town broke to pieces, a house opposite were the wagon was, was taken up into the air, and a Woman in it who was dug out of the ruins was little hurt save the loss of an eye, she lived many years after and had several children, so dreadful was the explosion that some men who were at harvest work 50 miles off, being set on the ground getting some refreshment felt the shock and apprehended it was an earthquake but looking at their Watch for the time of the day found at their return to this place. It was the time when this dreadful accident happened. We stopt here upwards of half an hour, and then came to Astbury in Cheshire to Congleton a neat Town and beautifully situated were we stopt upwards of an hour at the Pack.horse and drunk Tea paid 9d a piece then proceeded by Gawzworth to Macclesfield were we got about 7 o'clock in the evening and lodg'd at William Paxtons. After supper I went and sat a little at Samuel Stonehewers and then return'd to our quarters.

On 7th. and 5th. of week, After breakfast, had a comfortable opportunity with the family, in which I had been language of encouragement to communicate from Matt C: 14. v: 31. O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt, concluding with some tender counsel and advice to the children. About 9 o'clock we set out William Paxton accompanying us about a mile and then return'd, we called at Joseph Broasters of Kerridge.end were we stopt near an hour, and got some refreshment then came by Rainow, and over the Sponds to John Holmes of Torr were we stopt about an hour and got some refreshment, then John Holmes accompanied us to Low.Leighton were we got about 3 o'clock in the afternoon and lodg'd at William Holmes's.

On 8th. and 6th. of week, about 9 o'clock in the morning we set out, George Holmes (who was newly returned from America where he had been resident several years, and shewn us many curiosities he had brought from thence, and also given us much information concerning the country) accompanied us several miles, and then returned, we came by Chunall, Glossop and Torsett to Woodhead in Cheshire were we din'd at the Angel, paid 8d a piece eating and 3d Liquor, stopt 1 hour and then set out for Hordern 7 miles to see John How's not friends, but his Wife an acquaintance of mine whom he had lately married had engaged me to pay them a visit. We came by Salterbrook in Yorkshire to Hordern were we got about 5 o'clock. It is a very remote place beautifully situated on the side of an hill leaning towards the sun. The fields wholly surrounded with moors, and the house situated about the middle of them, a full mile from any other, the ground appears to be good, and trees of various kinds to thrive well which adds much to the beauty of the place in this remote situation. We were very kindly received and entertained, drunk Tea there, and looked about us, stopping about 2 hours, and then set out for home 7 miles, came by Swinden, Brookhouse, Bullhouse and Carrhouse, got home betwixt 9 and 10 in the evening, having been favoured with fine weather, without rain, all this journey.

An Account of my Journey to a Meeting held at Dewsbury in the 6th. Mo.1801.

Having had for sometime a desire upon my mind to visit some of my friends, and the Meeting at Dewsbury, where a few are gathered to wait upon the Lord in silence I left home the 2nd. of 6th. month and 3rd. of week, and went by Shepley, Woodsom.hall and Almondbury to Huddersfield, were I stopt the market, having finished my business about 3 o'clock in the afternoon; I went to Robert Firths were I drunk Tea and tarried until about 7 o'clock in the evening, and then set out in company with Thomas Firth of Lindley, for his house; called by the way to see the Widow Sarah Green were we stopt most of an hour, and then proceeded got to Lindley about 9 o'clock were I lodg'd at his house.

On 3rd. and 4th. of week, about 10 o'clock in the morning, I set out for Brighouse 3 miles in company with John and Robert Firth, two young Boys sons of Thomas Firth who were going on an errand thither we went by Birchencliffe Oaks.green and Rastrick, to Brighouse where friends were generally gathered when I got there, it being their week.day meeting, which began at 11 o'clock and held better than an hour and a half. It was small considering the numbers that belong thereto, and was a lowish time in silence, yet I was glad I was there. After meeting I called and sat a little at James Houghtons, and then went to Joseph Firths of Toothill to dine, were I spent the afternoon very agreeably with him and his Wife, and tarried all night, being previously engaged beforehand, so to do.

On 4th. and 5th. of week, betwixt 10 and 11 o'clock in the forenoon, I set out Joseph Firth accompanying me 2 or 3 miles and then return'd, went by Colnbridge to Mirfield were I stopt about half an hour at the Black.Bull, and got a Glass of Rum and Water paid 4d and then proceeded to Dewsbury were I got about 1 o'clock, and took up my quarters at Morritt Matthews's, he being from home and his Wife engaged in family affairs, I spent most of the afternoon alone, which was profitable, my mind being heavily exercised, towards evening I took a walk out of Town by the riverside, where my exercise increased into a great degree so that I was ready to cry out, O Lord, why am I thus. In this situation I return'd to my Quarters where a few who are under convincement and meet together on 1st. and 5th. day evenings. The meeting began at 8 o'clock and held 2 hours. Soon after I sat down therein, the weight of the oppression under which I had so heavily laboured was removed, a solemn quiet ensued, my spirit was broken and tendered, and in the depth of humility was enabled to worship him who I renewedly saw remained to be glorious in holiness, and fearful in praise, and who in the deeps sheweth his dependant children his wonders, and prepares them for the service he has for them to do. Four persons who had never sat with them before came in this evening. I had a short testimony first from 1 Tim: C: 4. v: 8. Bodily exercise profiteth but little. Afterwards I had two pretty long times, being opened to various states in a particular and encouraging manner, and as it was a favoured, so I hope it was a profitable opportunity to divers, May the Lord alone have the praise for he is worthy.

On 5th. and 6th. of week. I breakfasted at William Wass's with whom I had some business; which being done I returned to Morritt Matthews's, were after getting a little refreshment, I set out betwixt 10 and 11 o'clock, and went by Ossett to Wakefield, were I din'd at John Robinsons, and sat a little at Ann Thorps, stopt 3 hours in Wakefield and then set out met with Mary Cudworth returning from market with whom I came to Crigglestone, parting with her there, I call'd at my Uncle Joseph Houghs were I stopt about an hour and a half, and drunk Tea, and then came by Bretton and Parkmill to Skelmanthorp, were I got about 8 o'clock in the evening and lodg'd at Charles Blackburns.

On 6th. and 7th. of week, I spent the forenoon here, and in the afternoon went to Anthony Kinsleys in company with Charles Blackburn were we drunk Tea. After Tea a very heavy shower came on, which prevented me setting out until betwixt 6 and 7 o'clock, Charles Blackburn accompanying me about half way home and then return'd, I came by Cumberworth, and as I came down the fields towards Carrbridge, I observ'd my team coming down the hill from Knottingley were it had been for Lime, but had no apprehension of anything being amiss, but alas, I soon found the contrary; I got home betwixt 7 and 8 o'clock

in the evening, when I entered my house, I saw a stranger therein whom I understood had come home with the Team; upon enquiry I found that John Proctor my faithful servant set out from home on fifth day evening about 5 o'clock in perfect health in company with two of our neighbours servants viz. Edmund Moore of Wood and Joseph Graham of Birdsedge, that he got his Breakfast very well at the Boot and Shoe, Ackworth.moor.top the next morning, but after Breakfast complained of a pain at his heart, however he got pretty well to Knottingley, but they could not get loading there, so was obliged to come to Darrington.Leys, he grew worse and when he got there was obliged to go to bed his companions loaded his cart and brought him upon it to Darrington were they left him at an Inn kept by the Widow Pindar, and took care of the Team to Ackworth.moortop, Edmund Moore then return'd with a horse for him, but found him dangerously ill, and not at all in a situation to be removed, so was obliged to leave him, and got this person to come home with the Team

On 7th. and 1st. of week, I sent Henry Marsden of early this morning to see him and assist him in anything that was needful. The meeting at Highflatts this day was large and eminently favoured many of other Societies attending, I had a very long time in testimony therein, setting forth the necessity and advantage of silent waiting, in order to our obtaining the true knowledge of God, and being rightly prepared to worship him, who is a spirit in Spirit and truth. After which Jane Burrow was concerned in Prayer and Praises to Almighty God, whose power had this day been so eminently manifested amongst us. At the close of this meeting was held our Preparative meeting. After which many friends went with us to dine, but our satisfaction in one another company was soon eclipsed. About 4 o'clock Henry Marsden return'd, having been as far as Havercroft where he met a man coming to acquaint us with his decease and that it was necessary to bury him as soon as possible, accordingly Henry ordered him to return and get the necessary preparations made for his burial the next day, and he came the messenger of sorrowful tidings to us. His Relations being at that distance no word could be got them in time, John Bottomley, Henry Marsden and myself prepared to attend, leaving the care of the house to my worthy servant William Taylor and housekeeper Frances Field. We set out about 9 o'clock this evening and went by Denby.dykeside and Bagden to Toppett got there about 10 o'clock were we got some refreshment at cousin Joseph Steads, and it coming on heavy rain we stopt there 2 hours and a half.

On 8th. and 2nd. of week, about half past twelve in the morning we proceeded on our journey went by Hoyland, Kexbro', Dalton, Mapplewell and Staincross to Royston were we called at the Inn and got some mull'd Ale paid 1s, stopt near an hour then proceeded by Havercroft to Ackworth.moor.top, were we got about 5 o'clock, stopt 1 hour and a half at the Boot and Shoe and Breakfasted paid 2s 11d, then proceeded to Ackworth call'd to see several friends at the School, and afterwards at John Nields we stopt a little, spent about an hour with friends at Ackworth and then set out for Darrington 3 or 4 miles, call'd to enquire our way at James Harrisons of East.Hardwick, were we stopt about an hour and got some refreshment, he kindly proposed accompanying us which was very acceptable, as all were entirely Strangers to us; we got to the Widow Pindars of Darrington about 10 o'clock, was much affected on viewing the corps, in consideration of his sudden change, and at such a distance from home among strangers, but our sorrow was alleviated in finding them an honest, humane People, who had done every thing for him that lay in their Power, his disorder was an inflammation in the bowels, and the extremity of his pain exceeding great which from repeated Testimonies he bore with remarkable patience, A Physician and two Apothecaries attended him from Pontefract who appeared anxious to assist him, but not withstanding all that could be done he departed this Life in much quietness, being favoured after a very sore conflict with an easy passage betwixt 3 and 4 o'clock on 1st. day morning of 6th. mo. 1801 Aged as near as I could learn about 59 years They enquired in what manner we would wish him to be Buried, I told them as he was a member of the Church of England we should leave it entirely to them, desiring the Landlord to defray the whole expence, Edmund Moore of Wood an intimate acquaintance of the deceased came this morning on horseback to the Burial and return'd in the evening, with us 5 the family at the Inn, and neighbours they thought proper to invite, 23

din'd. After dinner the corps was taken up and carried in the usual manner into the Steeplehouse in Darrington, during the reading of the ceremony there, my mind was gathered into a very solemn quiet, and notwithstanding they was much strangers to friends neither Priest nor People appear to be offended with our behaviour. His body was afterwards interred near the South West corner of the Burial.ground. Many of the People return'd with us to the Inn, manifesting much kindness towards us in this deeply trying time. John Proctor was born at Derwent in Derbyshire lived servant with us upwards of 25 Years and a half during which time I never heard him swear an oath, nor knew him tell a Lye, nor I believe ever wrong'd us of the value of one farthing. After discharging the bills which amounted to £5 : 5s we took leave of the People many of them shaking hands with us in a very friendly manner, left Darrington at about 5 o'clock, and came by Carlton to Pontefract were we got to Joseph Johnsons a little before 6 John Bottomley lodg'd there, but after Tea Henry Marsden and me went to my usual Quarters at John Leathams. In the evening we waited upon the Apocatharies and discharged their Bill which was 14s 6d and then upon the Physician who appeared to be a very feeling man, he express'd much attachment to him and would not take anything, we understood he gave a man half a crown to see that proper care was taken of him.

On 9th. and 3rd. of week, we left Pontefract about 10 o'clock in the forenoon, and came by Purston and Havercroft to Notton were we stopt 2 hours at the Inn and din'd paid 3s: 9d then came by Woolley, Haigh and Hoyland to cousin Joseph Steads of Toppett were we drunk Tea and stopt 2 hours, Joshua Morley of Denby.dikeside was there a young man in profession with the Methodists for whom I have a value, and with whose company at this time I was well pleased. We came by Denby home were we got about 9 o'clock in the evening.

An Account of my Journey to as Summer Quarterly Meeting held at Leeds in the 6th. month 1801.

I set out from home ye. 23rd. of ye. 6th. Mo. 1801 and 3rd. of week, about 6 o'clock in the morning, for our Quarterly meeting at Leeds which was held there this Quarter, on account of the preparing the Womens Meetinghouse at York, went to cousin Benjamin Walkers of Paddock, were I Breakfasted, then went and sat a little at Cousin Joseph Walkers were I drunk a Glass of wine, stopt 2 hours at Paddock, then proceeded by Shelley, Roydhouse, Bristfield, and Thornhill to Dewsbury were I din'd at Morrit Matthews's, stopt upwards of a hour and a half, then proceeded Morrit accompanying me about a mile and then return'd, I went by Hanging.heaton, Soothill, Howley.hall, Stumpcross, Morley and Beeston, betwixt which and Leeds I called at the Duke of York and got a Glass of Brandy and water, paid 4 deep, reach'd Leeds about 4 o'clock in the afternoon were I took up my Quarters at the Bell and Bull in Briggate paid 10d a piece Breakfasts and Suppers and 1s: 6d Dinners. This afternoon I drunk Tea at Joshua Ingles. At 5 in the evening began our Quarterly Meeting for Ministers and Elders, which was unusually small and no Strangers present. The Queries were read and Answers received from all our Mo. meetings within the compass of which such meetings are held. Philip Maiden Mordecai Casson, Grace West, and Mary Hutchinson were appointed to oversee the succeeding meetings and to advise as occasion may require, At the conclusion of the business Charles Parker had a short but lively testimony to bear. After which Elizabeth Copeland was concerned in Prayer, and I thought the meeting concluded comfortably having held about 1 hour and a half.

On 24th. and 4th. of week at 10 in the morning was a meeting for Worship which was the largest of friends I ever saw in this County. Henry Tuke was first concerned therein in supplication. Mary Proud had a very long time next in testimony from Matt. C: 5. v: 4. Blessed are they that mourn; for they shall be comforted. Christiana Hustler had a long time next from Heb: C: 9. v: 27. It is appointed for men once to die, and after this the judgement. At the close of this meeting was held one for discipline the answers The Queries of last

Quarter were revised and many weighty remarks were made thereon, some little business more was gone thro', and then a large Committee having to meet this afternoon, this meeting adjourn'd until 6 in the evening. Both meetings held upwards of 3 hours and a half. After dinner John Pickford came to the Inn and was my acceptable companion the remaining part of this Journey. We drunk Tea this afternoon at William Rathmells. At 6 in the evening met pursuant to adjournment a great deal of business was gone thro', some considerable alterations having been made in the Rules of our Society at our last Yearly Meeting, they were read. The Meeting held upwards of 2 hours. After Supper we went and sat a little at John Thorntons.

On 25th. and 5th. of week at 10 in the morning was another meeting for discipline which held upwards of 2 hours and a half The business of this quarter was finished in this sitting, the whole having been satisfactorily conducted. At the close thereof the Printed Yearly Meeting Epistle was read This afternoon I drunk Tea at Nathaniel Pryors. At 5 in the evening was the parting meeting for Worship, It was not so large as expected fewer of other Societies attending than I ever saw before there on the like occasion, it held 2 hours and a half and was eminently favoured Mary Proud had a very long time therein in testimony first from 2 Cor: C: 10. v: 4 and 5. The weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds; Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of christ. Henry Tuke had afterwards along time from Am: C: 7. v: 2. By whom shall Jacob arise, for he is small. After meeting at the pressing invitation of William Rathmell we went to his house in Peters Square (a very beautiful place to lodge) were we was comforted and well pleased with our visit. He was formerly a member of the Methodist Society but being convinced of the Truth as professed by us, left them, and hath lately been united with friends.

On 26th. and 6th. of week we left Leeds betwixt 9 and 10 o'clock in the forenoon and came by Beeston, Morley and Stumpcross to Howley.hall belonging to the Earl of Cardigan formerly a very large place, but now in ruins, a Cottager only inhabiting a small part thereof, where I smoak'd my pipe. After viewing the curiosities of this place, we came by Soothill and Hanging.heaton to Dewsbury were we din'd at Morrit Matthews's, and drunk Tea at William Wass's stopt 4 hours in Dewsbury, and then came by Whitley, Falhouse, Roydhouse, and Shelley to Paddock were we stopt 1 an hour and a half and supp'd at cousin Benjamin Walkers, afterwards sat a little at cousin Joseph Walkers then came home were I got about 10 o'clock in the evening having had a pleasant days travel, for by keeping mostly in the foot.ways, we were much out of the dust, and not so over done with the heat.

An Account of my Journey to a Publick Meeting at Lumbroyd near Penistone in the 7th.
month 1801

Our friends Charity Cooke from South Carolina, and Mary Swett from New.Jersey in America, in the course of their Religious visit to friends in Europe were drawn in the Love of the Gospel to appoint a Publick Meeting at Lumbroyd near Penistone on the 22nd. day of the 7th. month 1801 and 4th. day of the week, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, and I feeling an inclination to attend, set out in company with Jane Burrow of Shepley.Lanehead from my house about 8 o'clock in the morning of the same day, and went by Ing.Birchworth to Penistone, were we met with the said friends at George Chapmans, After getting a little refreshment went to the meeting at Lumbroyd and tho' friends had been diligent in giving notice to those of other Societies, yet there did not many attend it being a fine day, and the People very busy in their hay, however the bottom part of the Meetinghouse was nearly full with friends and others, and upon the whole it was a satisfactory meeting. Charity Cooke had a pretty long testimony therein first from Matt: C: 6. v: 21. Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. Mary Swett had a short time next being opened with an affectionate

exhortation to the children, and concluding with some weighty advice to those who were further advanc'd in years. After which Charity Cooke had a pretty long time, encouraging some to faithfulness in small things in order that they might be favoured to partake of greater The Meeting held 2 hours, After which we din'd together at George Chapmans, and after dinner the friends were concerned to have an opportunity with the family, in which they had much weighty counsel and advice to communicate to the Children, and encouragement to the Parents. Mary Swett appeared first, Charity Cooke next, and afterwards Mary Swett and Charity Cooke again. Betwixt 2 and 3 o'clock we set out towards Highflatts to a meeting appointed for them there this evening, got there about 4 o'clock where I rested and drunk Tea at Elihu Dickinsons Tanner. At 5 in the evening the meeting began and held upwards of 2 hours, and tho' no notice was given to those of other Societies a pretty many attended, and it was an open favoured time. Charity Cooke had a long testimony first setting forth the nature of true spiritual Worship, and the necessity of silence as preparatory thereto, from Am: C: 4. v: 12. Prepare to meet thy God, O Israel. Mary Swett had a short time next, cautioning against an over anxious desire after hearing of testimonies Charity Cooke had a pretty long time next from Phil: C: 4. v: 3. Help those women which laboured with me in the Gospel. Mary Swett had a short testimony next setting forth the necessity there was, to have the beam cast out of the eye before any can be helpful to others or instrumental to pull the mote out of their Brothers eye. After meeting I got a little refreshment at Elihu Dickinsons Tanner, and then accompanied Jane Burrow on her way home as far as Birdsedge where I called at Cousin John Mallinsons and stopt about half an hour and so got home about 9 o'clock in the evening.

An Account of my Journey to the General Meeting at Ackworth in the 7th. Mo. 1801.

I set out from home ye. 28th. of ye. 7th. Mo. 1801, and 3rd. day of the week betwixt 5 and 6 o'clock in the morning, in company with John Bottomley went by Cumberworth to Skelmanthorp, sat a little at Anthony Kinsleys and Breakfasted at Charles Blackburns stopt upwards of an hour and a half in Skelmanthorp, and then preceded by Parkmill and Bretton hall and Woolley to Notton where we din'd at the Inn paid 9d a piece eating and 4d and a half Liquor stopt 1 hour and a half, and then proceeded by Havercroft and Hessel to Ackworth got there betwixt 3 and 4 o'clock in the afternoon and took up our quarters, where we were kindly received and generously entertained, his Mother being a pious Woman in profession with the Methodists, was very kind, and appeared to do all in her Power with pleasure for us

On 29th. and 4th. of the week, at 10 in the morning was a Publick meeting for Worship, where we was favoured with the company of our friends, Charity Cooke from South Carolina and Mary Sweet from New.Jersey in America, Besides several ministering friends from different parts of this Nation and many others, also a very large concourse of People of other Societies attended, The house and Loft, with two adjoin'g rooms thro' which we go into the Meetinghouse being much crowded so that it was very large and satisfactory. Christiana Hustler of Bradford meeting had a pretty long time therein in testimony first, having an affectionate address to the youth 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. Charity Cook had a long time next enlarging first upon the advice communicated in the foregoing testimony to the youth, and then branching forth into very suitable doctrine unto this mixed multitude from Heb: C: 8. v: 10. This is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days saith the Lord: I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts; and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a People, Richard Phillips from London had a pretty long time next setting forth the necessity and advantage of watchfulness from our Saviours command. He was formerly an Attorney at Law, but being convinced of the Truth, he joined our Society, and came forth in the ministry very acceptably, and I hope is likely to be a very useful man, I was glad to see him, and earnestly desire his preservation At the close of this meeting, those

of other societies withdrew first and afterwards the Scholars. The men and Women continued together until the Representatives and Agents names from the several Counties and places were called over, who with the members of the two Committees present were appointed to meet at the close of this sitting and chuse a proper person to act as Clerk this year. The Women friends were ordered to meet upon the business proper for them at 3 o'clock this afternoon and adjourn as they saw occasion and report at the conclusion to a future sitting of this meeting. The Women then withdrew, and the men appointed the representatives to this meeting, the Agents and members of the two Committees present with a large nomination of other friends to inspect into the state of the Schools, and the improvement of the childrens learning or any other matter that might come properly before them. These were to meet and divide themselves into classes for the purpose of inspection, and then to collect again to draw up a report of the state of things to be laid before the next sitting of this meeting. The friends who were present members of the Country Committee when next appointed to retain 21 of their number, and appoint other 7 for the approbation of this meeting in the room of the 7 thought proper to be left out This Committee consisting of 28 friends who meet here every month for business or a sufficient number of them who with 28 friends of or near London who meet there in like manner have the management of the School betwixt the General meetings, and 7 going out every year, and other 7 other being added makes an agreeable change of hands. This meeting adjourn'd until 11 o'clock next day in the mean time the Committees were taken up in attending to their respective appointments any other friends who chose having liberty to attend the inspection of the Children. After Dinner we took a walk to James Bucks, he was upon the Committee of inspection, however we had the liberty of walking in his Gardens which are very neat and well laid out, his house is also pleasantly situated, and well contrived, and with the outbuildings which are all of his own planing are remarkably uniform, and being on a rising ground commands a fine prospect, we stopt about an hour and took a Glass of wine, and then went to John Nields where we drunk Tea and then returne'd in the evening to our quarters.

On 30th. and 5th. of week, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon met pursuant to adjournment. The friends appointed to chuse a Clerk reported William Foster who was acceptable to the meeting. The Committee of Inspection etc. brought in a satisfactory account of the improvement of the children and the care of the masters etc. which was read and entered and the Treasurer ordered to make known the satisfaction of this meeting therewith as he might think proper for their encouragement. A List of the 21 friends thought proper to be retained and the nominations of 7 new ones added were produced, read and with only one alteration of a friend who objected approv'd and appointed the Country Committee for the ensuing year. Some other business was gone thro' respecting that institution which occasioned some debate not altogether pleasant, altho' I suppose there was less of this than for many years past which was cause of rejoicing unto those who wish well to the cause. and then the meeting adjourn'd until half past 4 o'clock in the afternoon having held upwards of 2 hours and a half. At half past 4 o'clock met pursuant to adjournment. After sitting sometime together the Women friends at the request of the men came in and brought their report of the state of things committed to their care which was read, giving a satisfactory account of the improvement of the Girls with very few exceptions, and the care of the Mistresses, Also the good order in which the various departments of the house were kept, which was minuted in the mens Books, and several friends express'd that the state of things appear'd by the reports more satisfactory than they ever remembered before. After the business was gone thro' a time for Worship as is usual ensued which was solemn and satisfactory towards the close thereof Mary Swett had a short but very encouraging testimony unto those who were more immediately concerned with the care and management of this large family, expressing her desire they might not be discouraged, tho' cross occurrences had arisen and might arise from various causes and various quarters; yet she firmly believed the Institution would be blessed; and made a blessing to many hundreds. The meeting held near 1 hour and a half. When taking leave of many friends from different parts we return'd to our quarters and drunk Tea, then went to James

Bucks were we got some Brandy and water, and having received kind invitation to lodge at James Harrisons of East.Hardwick, we left Ackworth about 7 o'clock and in half an hours time got there being much wet it having rained fast all the way, were we met with a very kind of reception. They having several other friends their Beds were full but had procured one for us at a Neighbour one Joseph Shillito were James accompanied us after supper they appeared a very kind agreeable family we sat with them about an hour before we went to Bed and got some Rum and Water, having some agreeable conversation with them.

On 31st. and 6th. of week, After Breakfasting at James Harrison we went to see James Harrison junr. and having a desire to go to Darrington to see the family were poor John Proctor my servant lately died and also Thomas Simpson and his Brother John whose Father is Steward to William Sotheron Esqr. of that place, the former holding a large farm under him, and the latter being his Gardiner they having behaved exceeding respectfully to us on the day of his Burial, Thomas offering us to lodge, and the best accommodation of his house, we also understood he had been remarkable kind in visiting and assisting John in his illness. We left Hardwick about 9 o'clock in the morning and got to the Widow Pindars of Darrington a little more than half an hours time They appeared very glad to see us we got 1 Quart of Ale with them paid 6d But meeting with Thomas Simpson there he took us to his house were he would gladly have us to stop dinner but that not suiting, we took a little refreshment and then went to John Simpsons but he not being in the house we saw him in the Gardens as we were leaving the village he was pleased to see us again, After acknowledging his kindness on that trying occasion as we had done to the others before we proceeded on our Journey, got to Thomas Hagues of Little.Smeaton about 1 o'clock, After dinner we purposed going to Campsall but it coming on loud Thunder with flashes of Lightning accompanied with heavy Showers of rain which continued most of the afternoon, we concluded to stop all night with which the family appeared well pleased.

On 1st. of 8th. Mo and 7th. of week we left Smeaton about 7 o'clock in the morning and went to John Carbutts of Campsall to Breakfast were John Bottomley was going to stop a few weeks for the benefit of Askron spaw which is about 1 mile distant. After Breakfast John Carbut took a walk with us to shew us the Gardens and Shrubberies belonging to Elizabeth Yarborough, The house is at the top of the village not large but neat and convenient situated on an eminence commanding a very extensive prospect both to the South and North The Stables, Barns and outhousing at a small distance are exceeding neat and uniform, the Gardens were laid out and kept in good order, and the Shrubberies very extensive adorned with beautiful winding green walks, harbours, Summerhouses, and convenient seats of different kinds. We returned by Bacon Franks Esqr. whose house is at the bottom of the village a very large and good building but the situation low and dull, at present they are making considerable improvements in the Gardens, and Grass platts. Betwixt 1 and 2 o'clock in the afternoon, I set out for Barnsley 15 miles, John Carbutt and John Bottomley set me on my way about 3 miles and then return'd, came by Rangbro', Minstrop, Kirby, Brierley.manor, Grimsthorp, Low.Cudworth, and Burton.grange to Barnsley were I got betwixt 6 and 7 o'clock and took up my quarters at Jonathan Bashforths. After Tea I went to see Thomas Hardys not friends but he a particular acquaintance of mine, he was pleas'd to see me and treat me with a Glass of Rum and Water which was very acceptable after the fatigue at my Journey. I stopt there about an hour and then return'd to my Quarters.

On 2nd. and 1st. of week, This morning I breakfasted at Richard Dearmans, and went to Burton Meeting in company with Joseph Wood a young man who had been convinced of the Truth but being unfaithful had not attended meetings much of late but I believe this proved a time of renewed visitation to him, The meeting began at 11 and held about 2 hours and a half. It was larger than formerly, several of late having begun to attend here who appeared to be under convincement, and some of them I trust really so. It was a good meeting and I hope profitable to many. I had a very long testimony therein from Luke C: 10. v: 21. 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; even so Father; for so it seemed good in thy sight. After a

short time in silence I appeared again being opened in a particular manner to various states present, and afterwards was concerned in Prayer, a young man named Thomas Walker was here who was convinced at a meeting I attended at this place In winter and hath since constantly attended. I have understood that he hath sometime sat the Week.day alone having before that time been a wild youth, and there being so visible a change wrought in him, I believe it hath had its use unto others, O that he may be favoured with the blessing of preservation. Elias Armitage was also here from our meeting who accompanied me as far as Toppett, John Wilson took us to his Country.house and gave us some Rum and Water, we then came by Mapplewell to Darton were we din'd at the Rose and Crown, paid 10d a piece eating and 3d Liquor stopt 1 hour and then came by Kexbro' and Hoyland to Toppett were I stopt about 1 hour and a half at Cousin Joseph Steads and drunk Tea, then came by Denby home were I got betwixt 8 and 9 o'clock in the evening, having the satisfaction to find my family preserved with the blessing of health, which was cause for thankfulness to my mind.

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An Account of my Journey to the Quarterly Meeting for Lancashire held at Manchester in the 10th Mo. 1801

I set out from home ye. 3rd. of the 10th. mo: 1801, and 7th. day of the week about 6 o'clock in the morning, called at my Brother Samuel Woods of Haddenley were I stopt about half an hour and then went by Tottis to Henry Swires of Springhouse were I Breakfasted, stopt about 2 hours and then proceeded, Henry Swires set me on my way about 6 miles and then return'd went by Holmfirth and Upper.Thong to Melthom, it raining most of the way, we called there at an Inn dried our clothes and got some refreshment paid 1s stopt an hour and then proceeded. It clearing up I had a pleasant Journey over the moors by Marsden to Delph in Saddleworth were I stopt upwards of half an hour at the White.Lion and got some refreshment, then went by Sholber in Lancashire and Heyside to James Taylors of Salmonfield got there about half past 5 o'clock were I lodg'd

On 4th. and 1st. of week I attended their Meeting at Turf. laneend near Oldham which began as usual at 11 o'clock and held 2 hours and a half It was pretty large of friends and several of other Societies attended with divers who are under convincement, and I hope through divine favour it was a profitable season to many both friends and others whose states were in a remarkable manner opened and spoke unto. I had a very long testimony therein 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 has 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 that my fear is not in thee, saith the Lord God of hosts. Afterwards our ancient friend Margaret Chapman had a short testimony delivered in much brokenness of spirit. After meeting I return'd with James Taylor to dine, and after dinner went and sat a little at Thomas Halls. About 3 o'clock I set out for William Midgleys in company with James Taylor and William Taylor a young man who lives near Rochdale, convinced about two years ago in an opportunity I had at John Milns's, he appears hopeful and I trust is in a growing state; I was much pleased with his company, we went by Samuel Gandys of Shaw were we stopt 1 hour and a half and drunk Tea then proceeded by High Crompton, got to William Midgleys of

Buershill betwixt 6 and 7 o'clock in the evening After Supper we had an eminently favoured opportunity together, in which I had a long testimony from John C: 16. v: 12. I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. and afterwards concluded in Prayer and Praises to the Almighty for this days peculiar favour with all others mercifully extended to us. William Taylor and me slept together which gave me an opportunity of conversation with him much to my satisfaction and I believe his encouragement under his varied exercises, he felt near to me, and his preservation and growth in the Truth I most ardently desire.

On 5th. and 2nd. of week, After Breakfast William Taylor set out towards home, before we parted I had much to communicate to him which I hope was profitably instructive the opportunity being eminently overshadowed, and after dinner James Taylor return'd home. In the afternoon John Butterworth came for Alice Midgley and me to go with him to his house to Tea which we complied with, being only a neighbouring place called Bolderstone, He is a young man whose convincement he says I was made instrumental in about two years ago, and who I trust hath in a good degree retain'd his integrity, altho' he hath not yet joined the Society, After Tea Alice Midgley return'd home, but he insisted on me spending the evening there, William Midgley being return'd from Rochdale market came and bore us company, we supp'd and tarried until near Bed.time, and then return'd to my kind friends house.

On 6th. and 3rd. of week about 9 o'clock in the morning, I set out for Manchester in company with John Midgley a tender spirited youth about 11 years of age went by High-Crompton and Heyside to James Taylors of Salmonfield, stopt about 2 hours and a half there and din'd, then proceeded in company with Thomas Hall and his Son James, went by Oldham and Failsworth to Manchester, were we got about 4 o'clock, and I took up my Quarters at Joseph Colliers in Bridge-street were I with many other friends who before was strangers to me, were kindly received and graciously entertained, amongst the number was John Wichhill and his Wife late of Edinburgh in Scotland who inform'd me of the state of the Society in that nation and that a meeting was now again settled in Glasgow were about 30 persons attended some of whom were accepted into membership also that meetings were settled in Perth and Dundee, in both which places several appeared to be under convincement which was pleasing intelligence to me. At 5 o'clock this evening began the Quarterly Meeting for Ministers and Elders, which I thought was but small for this county and I afterwards understood it was smaller than usual; There was not many Strangers in the Ministry, Joseph Brown from Yorkshire was there. The Queries were read and Answers received from three of the Monthly meetings and read, from Lancaster Mo. meeting there was no account and in Preston Mo. meeting no Select meeting is at present held. The names of the members of this meeting was brought up and read from Hardshaw and Marsden Mo. meetings, the other meetings had omitted it. This meeting held upwards of an hour.

On 7th. and 4th. of the week was a meeting for Worship which was very large of friends and some of other Societies attended, A Woman friend I did not know was first concerned therein in a short supplication, Susanna Hadwin had a pretty long time next in testimony from 2 Sam: C: 20. v: 9. Art thou in health, my brother? James Howarth a long time next from 2 Pet: C: 3. v. 15, 16. As our beloved brother Paul also, according to the wisdom given unto him, hath written unto you; As also in all his Epistles speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned, and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures to their own destruction. Afterwards John Taylor, Joseph Brown and John Goodier had each of them a short exhortation, At the close of this meeting was held one for discipline The Queries were read and answers thereto received and read from the 5 Mo. meetings in this County viz. Lancaster, Swarthmore Preston, Hardshaw and Marsden. some other business was gone thro', and then the meeting adjourn'd until 3 o'clock in the afternoon, Both meetings held near 4 hours. After which I din'd at Joseph Atkinson's at 3 o'clock met pursuant to adjournment. The business was finished in this sitting the whole having been conducted in much harmony and condescension, This meeting held near 2 hours. After which James Taylor went with me to my Quarters were we drunk Tea and stopt until betwixt 6 and 7 o'clock in the evening, then left Manchester the

weather being fine we had a pleasant walk altho' it was the dark of the moon, came by Failsworth to Oldham, when we got there it began to rain and was very dark, we called and procured a Lanthorn at John Whitakers, stopt about half an hour and got some refreshment, got to my companions house at Salmonfield betwixt 9 and 10 o'clock were I again took up my Quarters.

On 8th. and 5th. of week, was at their Week.day meeting near Oldham which began at 11 o'clock and held upwards of 2 hours It was not so large by far as it was on first day and mostly select of friends. I expected I had fully cleared myself before and that I might this day be favoured to sit in silence amongst them, but found it to the contrary, being largely opened amongst them to various states from Jonah C: 1. v: 2. Arise go to Nineveh that great city, and cry against it for their wickedness is come up before me. And as it was a favoured so I hope it was a profitable time to many. After meeting I stopt and got a little refreshment at Margaret Chapmans, and then return'd to my Quarters to dine. In the afternoon James Taylor accompanied me to Benjamin Lees's of Ellinclough having felt a concern on my mind to pay him a visit We drunk Tea there and after Tea got an opportunity which afforded me some relief, what I had to communicate appeared to be favourably received, and I hope made some impression upon him, I sincerely desire it may remain with him, and that he may experience a change of heart, for alas he appears to be in a poor state, but I hope and believe the day of his visitation is not yet over, altho' he was inform'd it was drawing towards the 11th. hour, and we do not read of any being called afterwards. In the evening we return'd to supper.

On 9th. and 6th. of week, David Walton of Oldham being going to Wooldale called on me whose company was very acceptable. We set out about 11 o'clock this forenoon, James Taylor set us on our way about 3 miles and then return'd, we came by Delph in Saddleworth Yorkshire to Marsden were we stopt about 1 hour and a half at The George and din'd paid 1s 3d a piece eating and 3d Liquor then proceeded by Melthom, Upper.Thong and Holmfirth to Henry Swire's of Springhouse got there betwixt 6 and 7 o'clock in the evening were we lodg'd.

On 10th. and 7th. of week, I set out betwixt 9 and 10 o'clock in the morning David Walton accompanying me upwards of 2 miles and then return'd we went by Wooldale to see our ancient and valuable friend William Earnshaw, stopt about 1 hour there and then came by Newmill home were I got betwixt 11 and 12 o'clock in the forenoon.

An Account of my Journey to Publick Meetings held at Wooldale, Honley, Almondbury, and Lindley in the 12th. Mo. 1801

Our friend James Howarth of Marsden Monthly Meeting in Lancashire having a concern on his mind to pay a religious visit to the Inhabitants of many parts of Lancashire, and some places in the neighbouring Counties, laid his concern before their Monthly meeting and obtained their Certificate, expressing their Unity and approbation with his concern, Accordingly he proceeded and had 4 meetings in the neighbourhood of Coln and Pendlehill and came to Todmorden on the 7th. of the 12th. Mo. 1801 and 2nd. day of the week, and had a Publick meeting there at 6 o'clock the same evening, John Earnshaw of Oldham Meeting was his companion in this service being an Elder in good esteem, and Samuel Greenwood of this meeting join'd them here and was very serviceable in giving notice to the People, and fitting up places for the meetings and seating the People therein after this meeting they proceeded and had Meetings on that side of Lancashire and Saddleworth in Yorkshire visiting the Inhabitants pretty generally, was at Littlebro' on 8th. and 3rd. of week at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, and at Rochdale at 6 the same evening, On 9th. and 4th. of the week at Oldham at 6 in the evening. On 10th. at 11 o'clock in the forenoon at the week day meeting at Turf. laneend, and at Shaw at 6 the same evening. On 11th. at 11 o'clock in the forenoon at High. Whitfield, and at 5 the same evening at Milnrow. On 12th. and 7th. of week at Glodwick at 6 in

the evening On 13th. and 1st. of week a Publick meeting in friends meetinghouse at Turf.laneend and at 6 o'clock the same evening at Royton. On 14th. and 2nd. of week at 11 o'clock in the forenoon at Delph, and at 6 the same evening at Dobcross. On 15th. and 3rd. of week at Uppermills at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, and at Lees at 6 in the same evening. On 16th. and 17th. went and attended their Monthly meeting held at Crowshaybooth in Rossendale. On 18th. and 6th. of week was at Middleton at 11 o'clock in forenoon, and at Buershill at 6 the same evening. On 19th. and 7th. of week at Mosley at 11 o'clock in forenoon, and at Ashton at 6 the same evening. On 20th. and 1st. of the week at Shaw.hall for the inhabitants of the valley of Greenfield and places adjacent, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, and the same day at 6 in the evening at Marsden in Yorkshire. On 21st. and 2nd. of week at 6 in the evening at Huddersfield. On 22nd. and 3rd. of week at 5 o'clock in the evening at a Publick meeting in friends Meetinghouse at Parrack. The same evening about 8 o'clock I received a Letter requesting me to appoint a Meeting for them in our Meetinghouse at Highflatts the next day and give Publick Notice thereof to the inhabitants. We exerted ourselves late that night and early the next morning so that most people got information for several miles around. On 23rd. and 4th. of the week the meeting began at 11 o'clock in the forenoon and held about 2 hours and a half Friends generally attended, but the morning being very wet not so many of other Societies came as might have been expected, the house being not quite full. James Haworth appeared three times therein in Testimony and stood pretty long each time. Being opened and much enlarged from 1 Cor: C: v: 9. Ye are Gods husbandry. Spiritualizing in a beautiful and instructive manner the necessary preparation of the ground for the reception of the seed in order that it may be productive and its growth therein towards perfection. and I thought it was a profitable opportunity. The same evening they had a Publick meeting in friends Meetinghouse at Wooldale, were John Bottomley and me at their request and from our own inclination accompanied them I left home about 3 o'clock in the afternoon and met them upon the road near Birdsedge we went by Newmill to Thomas Roberts's of Wooldale were we drunk Tea. At 5 o'clock the meeting began and held 3 hours and a half It was very large many of other Societies attending the house being well filled and several in the chamber. James Howarth had a few words first setting forth the danger of withholding any little matter that any might receive for to communicate to the People, which if given up to might be as a Key to others opening into the heavenly treasury. After a short time in silence he appeared again and stood pretty long from Christs miraculous feeding of the multitude Mark C: 6. John Bottomley had a pretty long time next from Jonah C: 3. v: 2. Go unto Nineveh that great city, and preach unto it the preaching I bid thee. James Howarth had a long time next from the passage of Naaman the Assyrian going to the Prophet that was in Israel to be healed of his leprosy 2 Kings C: 5. And afterwards had a short exhortation. At the close of the meeting I had a few words to the People commending them for their behaviour, withall requesting them to attend to the gift of God in their own hearts. For altho' Paul may plant and Apostles water yet the increase of good comes from God; earnestly desiring their hearts might be directed into his Love and a patient waiting for the coming of Christ. After meeting we dispersed to several friends houses. I went with Henry Swire to his house at Springhouse were I lodg'd with dear Hezekiah Smith a visited and tender spirited youth.

On 24th. and 5th. of week, I return'd to Wooldale were we all met at Thomas Roberts, The friends called me aside and inform'd me they had thought about a Meeting at Honley but did not see their way sufficiently clear to appoint one yet, but should be glad if John Bottomley and me would accompany them thither which we willingly consented to I having had a desire to sit with the inhabitants of that place for some years. Henry Swire went along with us, we left Wooldale about 10 o'clock in the forenoon, and went by Smithy place to Honley were we got about 11, we were entire strangers in the place, and went to the George Inn which we had afterwards reason to believe we were rightly directed unto We called for a room to ourselves and after siting down together therein in silence for sometime way seemed to open for a Meeting, we then called for the Landlord and acquainted him with the concern, withall enquiring where a suitable place might be met with for the purpose, he told us he had

up stairs the largest Room in the Town being 11 yards long and 8 broad which was at our service and both he and his Wife were very kind and lent us all the assistance in our Power they had also forms within themselves to seat it fully and every other convenience for a meeting we then proceeded to give notice thereof to the inhabitants both in the Town and neighbourhood. I went into the country as far as Joseph Bottomleys of Royd giving notice as I went along, stopt there and din'd and after dinner Joseph returned with me another road to Honley when we got there we went to look at the place which was got compleately fitted up for the occasion At 5 in the evening the meeting began and held near 5 hours It was very large the room being as full as could be comfortably accommodated. We sat very long in silence being deeply baptised together in spirit for the dead but Truth arose for our help and in the Power thereof dear James Howarth got upon his feet and bore a noble testimony to the ever blessed and unchangeable truth from 1 Thess: C: 5. v: 21. Prove all things; hold fast that which is good. he stood about 2 hours and a half, and as he begun in the Power he was eminently carried on in the same I believe to the astonishment of many high Professors, for I believe it might be said that Truth reigned over all, and its testimony was exalted. John Bottomley was next concerned in Prayer. Afterwards James Howarth appeared again and stood about half an hour informing them of our reasons for sitting together in silence, and shewing them the necessity there was for it, in order to prepare us rightly to worship the Father in Spirit and in Truth which was the only acceptable Worship. After which I had a short exhortation to the People withal expressing our satisfaction with their company and behaviour and in the Love of the Gospel bade them Farewell. We got some refreshment at the Inn and then took leave of each other the friends set out for Huddersfield, Joseph Bottomley going with them for guide, not knowing then but they might proceed pretty directly towards their own County. John Bottomley went home with Elizabeth Moorhouse to Royd were I engaged to call of him the next day, and I return'd with Henry Swire to my former lodging at his house, we left Honley about 11 o'clock and it being moonlight had a pleasant walk and got to Springhouse about midnight.

On 25th. and 6th. of week after breakfast I went and sat about half an hour at our friend William Earnshaws of Wooldale, and then proceeded by Mythombridge, Smithyplace, and Brockholes to Joseph Bottomleys of Royd were I got about 11 o'clock, and found Joseph just return'd from Huddersfield who inform'd me the friends had felt a stop in their minds from proceeding as they expected the evening before and that meetings were appointed for them at this evening at Almondbury and tomorrow at Lindley, John Bottomley being under the necessity of returning home this afternoon, and I inclining to attend those meetings, gave a boy 6d to go and inform Hezekiah Smith thereof who appeared sorry he did not know of the meeting the evening before, he return'd with the messenger and was my very acceptable companion the remaining part of this Journey. We set out after Tea and went by Farnley to Almondbury and got there to the Sine of the Woolpack about half an hour before the meeting. time where the meeting was held in a large Upper room 12 yards long and 7 broad which was got very well seated. The Landlord was Clerk of the Parish who when he was apply'd to for it signified he had no objections but was afraid of the Priest being displeased, it being the largest room in the Town, friends waited upon the Priest who received them civilly, and when they inform'd him of their business he enquired whether it was a Man or a Woman, if it was a Man he said he had no objections, but if a Woman he could not consent, for tho' he believed them to be very useful in their own houses, yet he could not think they had any business to teach men Thus poor man he manifested his ignorance not considering that in Christ. Jesus Male and Female are all one. When I got to the Inn I met James Howarth in the passage who expressed his satisfaction with seeing me The meeting began at 5 o'clock and held upwards of 4 hours, The concourse of people who attended was very great so that not only the room but the passage from the top of the stairs was very much crowded, and many went away who could not get within hearing I had a short testimony therein first from Prov: C: 16. v: 1. The preparations of the heart in man is from the Lord. James Haworth appeared next stood near 2 hours and a half and was highly favoured from Matt: C: 23. v: 37. O Jerusalem, Jerusalem,

thou that killest the Prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee; how often would I have gathered thy children together even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not. After we had shook hands I stood up and acknowledged our obligation to the People for their company and commendable behaviour withall desiring them not to be hasty in their departure in entering into conversation but rather retire in their minds to the divine gift as the only way for them to be truly benefited. After which James Howarth immediately stood up and requested the People to stop a little as he now felt his way open for a little further service, he first enlarged a little upon the remark I had just made and was then beautifully opened from the Parable of the sower and the seed Matt. C: 13. After meeting several came to us, and express their thankfulness for the opportunity, we got some refreshment at the Inn, and then proceeded to Huddersfield in company with several friends from that town who had been at the meeting, got there a little before 11 o'clock were I stopt and supp'd with the friends at Robert Firths and then went to cousin Abraham Mallinsons were my companion and me lodg'd.

On 26th. and 7th. of week, After breakfast we went to call upon the friends at Robert Firths, and left Huddersfield in company with several friends of the Town as cousin Abraham Mallinson and Sibylla his wife, John Earnshaw, and cousin Mary Firth betwixt 9 and 10 o'clock, got to Lindley about half an hour before Meetingtime were we got some refreshment and then went to the Meeting which was held at the Sine of the Black.bull They having two chambers which they could occasionally lay together, and which was got conveniently filled up for the purpose and was supposed to contain about 130 People It began at 11 o'clock and held near 4 hours and the said rooms were well filled with People whose behaviour was very commendable and it proved an open satisfactory meeting. James Howarth bore an excellent testimony to the truth there in for the space of about 2 hours from Matt: C: 18. v: 12, 13, 14. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess. And the Publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes towards heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful unto me a sinner. After a short time in silence he appeared again and had a pretty long and encouraging testimony to some states from Isai: C: 40. v: 31. They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength. After meeting we din'd at Thomas Firths were all the friends who had been there were kindly and generously entertained. After dinner we had a short but solemn time together in silence, and betwixt 4 and 5 o'clock the friends and me took an affectionate Farewel of each other, they setting out for Brighouse, and we came by Lockwood and Farnley to William Bottomleys of Thursteland-Woodend, got there a little before 7 o'clock in the evening were we lodg'd.

On 27th. and 1st. of week after breakfast my beloved companion Hezekiah Smith set out towards home, and betwixt 9 and 10 o'clock I proceeded and came by Shepley to John Firths of Lanehead were I stopt about half an hour and got some refreshment then came on in company with Jane Burrow directly to our Meeting at Highflatts which was not quite so large as usual several friends being gone towards the Monthly Meeting I had a long laborious time in testimony from Psalms 32. v: 9. Be ye not as the horse, or as the mule, which have no understanding; whose mouth must be held in with bit and bridle. After a short time in silence I appear'd again a pretty long time having several close remarks to make, Indeed it was a day of heavy exercise and hard labour, but was favoured fully to relieve my mind, and the Truth was in dominion over all libertine spirits. The meeting held upwards of 2 hours, after which I came directly home, were I got betwixt 1 and 2 o'clock in the afternoon. On reflecting on the aforesaid journey, my mind was covered with thankfulness, not only on mine own account but in consideration of a renewed visitation to the inhabitants in many places particularly the visit to Honley and Almondbury, where I suppose none are now living who can remember of any friends meetings being held before.

On my return home my beloved friend William Taylor inform'd me that they had been the day before to invite me to the Burial of my kind friend Rebecca Hunter of Sherburn who

departed this life the 24th. of this month, and was to be buried in friends Burial-ground there the 28th. of the same Aged about 72 years, The respect I bore the friend, and the kindness she had frequently manifested to me would have prompt me to pay this last office of respect but apprehending I was not in a situation to reach there in time I declined it and afterwards heard that our friend Henry Tuke of York was there and had an extraordinary time to a very numerous audience in the Grave.yard who attended on the occasion. Thomas Colley of Sheffield was invited, but did not get there until after the Burial. In the evening he had a Publick Meeting with the Inhabitants of the Town and neighbourhood, in the Methodists Meetinghouse newly built there which was satisfactory.

James Howarth and his companions the day after I parted with them had a publick Meeting in friends Meetinghouse at Brighouse at 11 o'clock, he told me he knew not whether he should then find himself clear of this County but if not he must return again being engaged to attend their Quarterly Meeting to be held at Preston, he also inform'd me he had a prospect of visiting the Inhabitants pretty generally from Preston upon the banks of the river Ribbble as far as Bolland in Yorkshire, and at Haslingden, and through Rossendale, to Bury and Bolton and places adjacent.

An Account of my Journey to Brighouse Monthly Meeting etc; held at Brighouse in ye. 1st.
Mo. 1802

I set out from home ye. 14th. of ye. 1st. Mo. 1802 and 5th. day of the week, about 10 o'clock in the forenoon, called at John Firths of Lanehead were I stopt near an hour and got some refreshment with Jane Burrow in her room, The Frost being very sharp and the Snow deep, and in many places the lanes not passible, I preceded by Shepley and Thunderbridge to Thomas Bottomleys of Thursteland.Woodend, were I called upon John Bottomley who having got an hurt of his arm had been there sometime, and who was to be my companion this journey, Stopt here about 2 hours and din'd, we then proceeded by Farnley and Almondbury to Huddersfield were we stopt half an hour at cousin George Mallinsons and got some refreshment, then went by Fartown and Rastrick to Brighouse were we got about 5 o'clock, and lodg'd at James Houghtons.

On 15th. and 6th. of week was at the Monthly meeting there, The meeting for Worship began at 11 o'clock, and was smaller than usual owing to the severity of the weather, but pretty satisfactory, I was first concerned therein in testimony 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; that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus.Christ. John Bottomley next from 2 Tim: C: 2. v. 19. The Lord knoweth them that are his. At the close of this meeting was held the meeting for discipline which consists of 6 Preparative meetings viz. Leeds, Bradford, Brighouse, Parrack, Todmorden and Gildersome. They had a great deal of business which was amicably conducted to satisfaction. Both meetings held 4 hours. After which we din'd at James Lees's, Our friend Henry Swire of Springhouse near Wooldale was there of whose company I was glad He was educated amongst the Sandimonians, and was convinced of the Truth, and joined our Society before his marriage. I believe he hath suffered loss, by having his ear open to the conversation of unbaptized members of our Society, but being honest in his intentions, hath been favoured to see through it, and condemn it; being sensible true judgment had been perverted thereby, and I hope it may be a lesson of profitable instruction to him in future, believing that for some time past he hath been and is preserved in a growing state. We stopt Tea here, and then return'd to our quarters at James Houghtons.

On 16th. and 7th. of week, This morning we breakfasted at Thomas Coopers and betwixt 9 and 10 o'clock left Brighouse and went by Clifton to Robert Croslands of Oldfieldnook were we stopt upwards of 3 hours and din'd, then proceeded by Cleckheaton and Gomersall to Birstal were I got shav'd and a little behind there got some refreshment at the

White.horse paid 7d stopt at both places near an hour, and then proceeded, by Bruntcliff, to John Ellis's of Gildersome.School, got there about 5 o'clock in the evening were we took up our quarters.

On 17th. and 1st. of week was at their meeting at Gildersome which began as usual at 11 o'clock and held near 3 hours John Bottomley had a pretty long time therein first in testimony. I had a long time next from Jos: C: 15. v: 19. Give me a blessing; for thou hast given me a southland, give me also springs of water; and he gave her the upper springs, and the nether springs. John Bottomley was next concerned in Prayer and afterwards a pretty long time in testimony. After which I had a short time again. It was a low time in the forepart of this meeting but proved a memorable season of divine favour some stouthearted ones being much broken and tendered, and the rightly exercised comforted and encouraged. George Brearey from Dewsbury who is under conviction having formerly been in profession with the Methodists was there and after meeting din'd with us at John Ellis's, After dinner we went to Joseph Horsfalls to Tea and in our way called and sat a little at Richard Lindsay's. In the evening we return'd to John Ellis's to lodge there.

On 18th. and 2nd. of week, betwixt 7 and 8 o'clock in the morning we set out for our Monthly Meeting to be held at Wakefield came by Bruntcliff, Stump.cross, Tingley and Ardsley to Wakefield were we got about 10 o'clock, called at Daniel Hampshires one of the people called Methodists, an acquaintance of ours, were we got some refreshment. The Meeting for Worship began at 11 o'clock it was rather unusually small, for altho' the storm was broke the lanes westward had been so filled with snow that it was difficult getting, and prevented many especially Women friends. Our worthy ancient friend William Sowerby from Richmond Monthly meeting was there; It was rather a lowish time but in some degree overshadowed with the heavenly wing, and silent, as to outward testimonies At the close of the Meeting for Worship was the meeting for discipline which consists of 6 Preparative meetings viz. Pontefract, Highflatts, Ackworth, Wakefield, Wooldale and Burton. We had rather less business than we oftens have, and it went on readily being agreeably conducted. Amongst other things Samuel Woodhead of Wooldale meeting and Jane Firth of Highflatts meeting laid before this their intention of marriage with each other. Also Highflatts friends brought up an application from Frances Field a young Woman who had attended their Meetings a considerable time to be admitted a member of our Society, She had lived near three years as housekeeper with me, was in profession with the Methodists for some time after, but being convinced of the truth became a diligent attender of our religious meetings, and of an exemplary conduct and I hope is in a growing state. Both meetings held 3 hours, After which John Pickford who was my companion home accompanied me to John Robinsons were we din'd, and William Wass being there who was lately admitted into membership we was glad of his company, and stopt until after Tea, then came by the River side to Dircar were we got betwixt 5 and 6 o'clock in the evening and lodg'd at Christopher Walkers, were we met with John Bottomley again.

On 19th. and 3rd. of week, we set out betwixt 9 and 10 o'clock in the morning, and came to Crigglestone were we stopt about an hour at my Uncle Joseph Houghs and got some refreshment, then came by Bretton to Emley where we parted with John Bottomley he going again to his Brothers and we came to Skelmanthorp were we din'd and drunk Tea at Charles Blackburns stopt about 4 hours, and then called to see Anthony Kinsley were we sat about half an hour came by Cumberworth to Newhouse were we got about 7 o'clock in the evening.

An Account of my Journey to a Meeting at Barnsley in the 2nd. Mo. 1802

Several young persons in Barnsley having lately come under a religious concern of mind, and been so far convinced of the Truth as constantly to attend friends Meetings at Burton, and having heard that of late they had kept a meeting on first days in the evening amongst

themselves at the house of Penelope Dunn in Barnsley a well disposed Woman whose daughter was under convincement and who had offered her house for the service I felt my mind drawn to go and sit with them, and being of the committee appointed by our Monthly meeting to visit Burton Preparative meeting and assist them therein their numbers being very small who were members of the Society. I set out towards there, on the 14th. of the 2nd. Mo. 1802 and 1st. day of the week about 7 o'clock in the morning, my esteemed friend Henry Swire of Springhouse near Wooldale came to my house the evening before to tarry all night and was my acceptable company on this journey, we went by Denby and Cawthorne to Barnsley were we stopt about half an hour at Jonathon Bashforths and got some refreshment, and then proceeded to the meeting at Burton, most of those who were under convincement were there which had enlarged this small meeting considerably and agreeably. It proved to be a time of favour many being very much broken and tendered, I had a long testimony therein from Cant: C: 3. 4. 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, and his fruit was sweet to my taste. He brought me to the banqueting house, and his banner over me was love. Afterwards I was concerned in Prayer. At the close of this meeting was held their Preparative meeting. Both meetings held upwards of 2 hours. After which we din'd at the Inn at Old.mill, having a concern on our minds to visit Joseph Lister who many friends thought to be in a state more depending upon the labours of others, than to live upon his own which they was fully satisfied was sufficient for the support of his family if prudently managed An evil which too many of the members of our Society have fallen into, who are in low circumstances to their unspeakable loss being I believe brought on through friends liberality to their Poor, too many of whom not duly considering the Apostles testimony that, "if any man provide not for his own, and especially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an Infidel" have fallen into this lamentable error of not using their best endeavours to live within their own incomes. After dinner we sent for him and enquired their earnings which we was fully satisfied was sufficient to support them comfortably but he appeared to think the contrary, we laboured plainly and honestly with him for a long time, in much love but O the darkness that appeared to surround him it was like that in Egypt which was to be felt. However we fully relieved our minds, and what effect it may have upon him and his family time alone must determine. From hence we went to Jonathon Bashforths to Tea, were we lodg'd. Betwixt 7 and 8 o'clock in the evening, we went to the meeting at the Widow Dunn's which held 1 hour and a half. There was 8 attended besides the Mistress of the house beforementioned viz. Jonathon Bashforth and his Wife George Wood, James Wood, Thomas Walker, Thomas Walton, Elizabeth Dunn and Elizabeth Wilson daughter of John Wilson who had her education amongst friends but was sometime ago disowned for neglect of attending meetings, but after going some time amongst the Methodists became dissatisfied, and being convinced of the Truth of friends Principles, again attended their meetings to her satisfaction. Thomas Walton first read a few chapters in the Scriptures (being their usual practice) and then closed into silence. I had two open times therein in testimony the first from John C: 14. v: 1. Let not your heart be troubled; ye believe in God, believe also in me. and the latter from Hab: C: 3. v: 3. God came from Teman, and the Holy One from mount Paran, Selah. his glory covered the heavens, and the earth was full of his praise. Afterwards I had a short exultation or two to drop, and we were comforted amongst them, believing there was a right work begun, and was concerned secretly to beg that they might be blessed with the blessing of preservation and through their obedience to that principle unto which their minds are happily turn'd experience an establishment in the Truths. I felt particularly near to Thomas Walton believing him to be under great sufferings from his Relations who are high in the World, when he first gave over attending the Methodists meetings and came among friends they behaved better to him than they had done before but when he was called out of the customs and language of the world then his tryals began through their resentment so as to threaten turning him out of doors, He appears to be about 18 or 20 years of age and I believe if he is preserved faithful will be a noble plant of the Lords right hand planting.

On 15th. and 2nd. of week, we left Barnsley, about 8 o'clock in the morning and went by Newmillerdam to Sandall where we called at the Widow Lindleys and got some refreshment paid 5d and a half a piece stopt about half an hour, and then went to our Monthly meeting held near Wakefield The meeting for Worship began at 11 o'clock and was very large. Jane Burrow had a pretty long testimony therein principally to the youth setting before them the danger of resting in tradition from Luke C: 3. v: 8. We have Abraham to our Father. Afterwards she had a short testimony unto those who had joined the Society by conviction from Gen: C: 45. v: 24. See that ye fall not out by the way. At the close of this meeting was the meeting for discipline. Samuel Woodhead and Jane Firth laid before us their continued intentions of taking each other in marriage Also a committee of friends were appointed to visit Frances Field on her application to be accepted a member of our Society, some other business was before the meeting altho' not so much as we oftens have and the whole was conducted in much harmony. Both meetings held upwards of 3 hours. After which I parted with my companion he returning directly home and I went into the Town, where I din'd at John Robinsons, and after dinner came to Christopher Walkers of Dircar where I lodg'd.

On 16th. and 3rd. of week, I rose early and came to William Pickards of Painthorp to Breakfast, and after breakfast went and sat a little at Mary Cudworths left Painthorp betwixt 10 and 11 o'clock in the forenoon, and came by Bretton and Hoyland to cousin Joseph Steads of Toppett where I din'd tarried about 2 hours, and then went to Pillinghouse to see Elias Armitage who had taken a house there and was newly removed from Denby.hall into it, He was not within, and so I proceeded to Skelmanthorp where I drunk Tea at Charles Blackburns, and after Tea went and sat a little at Anthony Kinsleys, about 6 o'clock I left Skelmanthorp, Elias Armitage hearing that I had been at his house followed me hither and accompanied me almost home where I got about 7 o'clock, and found Hezekiah Smith come as I expected to be my servant in husbandry, whose growth and establishment in the Truth I much desire and hope it may be the case.

An Account of my Journey to a Meeting at Barnsley in 3rd. Mo. 1802

Our Monthly meeting being held as usual at Ackworth in the 3rd. Mo and I being of the committee appointed to visit Burton Preparative meeting, proposed calling there in my way to the Monthly meeting; Accordingly I set out from home the 14th. of ye. 3rd. Mo. 1802 and 1st. day of the week between 6 and 7 o'clock in the morning called at Bog.hall of Joseph Haigh who accompanied me to Burton, we went by Denby, Gunthwaite and Cawthorne to Barnsley where we stopt about 1 hour at Jonathon Bashforths and then went with them to the meeting at Burton; Several friends from our meeting was there on their way to Ackworth, and there being a pretty many who appeared to be under conviction and several others came in to day, It was a pretty large open and satisfactory meeting, I had a pretty long time therein in testimony first from Oba: 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. and afterwards had a short time from Jer: C: 12. v: 9. Mine heritage is unto me as a speckled bird; the birds around about are against her. At the close of the meeting for Worship was held their Preparative meeting. The Queries were read and answered, and some suitable advice dropt to the youth, Both meetings held upwards of 2 hours and a half After which I proposed to have proceeded on my Journey but felt a stop in my mind and a concern to return to Barnsley and sit with those who appeared to be under conviction in their meeting there, this evening accordingly I acquainted the friends of our Meeting therewith, withall adding that if any of them found freedom to return with me their company would be acceptable after weighing the matter a little Thomas Earnshaw of Judfield agreed to go with me and was my acceptable companion to Ackworth We called and sat a little at Joseph Listers of Bleachhouse, and then went to dine at Jonathon

Bashforth of Barnsley were we took our quarters that night. Thomas Walton one of those who are under conviction, an innocent tender spirited youth about 19 years of age came and spent the afternoon with us of whose company we was glad. Betwixt 7 and 8 o'clock in the evening their meeting began and held about 1 hour and a half Ellin Spenceley a young Woman who is under some degree of conviction and was from home when I was here before, was here to night, and a man who is in profession with the Baptists came in so that there was 14 of us sat down together. None of them read as before, our minds being awfully and reverently bow'd before him whose presence graciously overshadowed us in our first collecting together, and it proved throughout a memorable opportunity. I had a pretty long testimony to bear therein from Isai: C: 55. v: 1, 2. Ho, Every one 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. 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. Afterwards I had a short exhortation to faithfulness. When we return'd to our quarters Richard Dearman sent for us to go and sit a little with them which we complied with.

On 15th. and 2nd. of week we left Barnsley betwixt 7 and 8 o'clock in the morning, and Jonathon Bashforth accompanied us to Ackworth, went over the fields to the surprizing aqueduct were the canal from Wakefield to this Town crosses the River Dearn the Boats sailing over it and a very considerable height, had a very pleasant walk upon the banks of the said canal for near 2 miles, then passing through Cudworth Brierley, and Himsworth we got to Ackworth about half past 10 o'clock got some refreshment at the School.house, and then went to the meeting for Worship which began at 11 o'clock, and was pretty large, and tho' mostly held in silence, was satisfactory a good degree of solemnity overshadowing many minds, towards the close thereof John Bottomley had a short exhortation to the children. In the meeting for discipline The Queries were read and Answers received from all our Preparative meetings, and a General Answer drawn up approv'd and Sign'd in order to be laid before our Quarterly meeting The report of the friends appointed to visit Frances Field my housekeeper was read and after it was weightily considered, she was accepted a member of our Society. The whole of the business of this meeting was conducted to good satisfaction. Both meetings held 3 hours and a half. After which John Bottomley and me went to dine at James Bucks. After dinner James Buck having been resident in America shew'd us the full dress of an Indian King and many other things he had brought over with him which were very curious, and the account he gave us of his visits to the Indians and their order in their treaties with other circumstances he met with in that land were particularly entertaining. We stopt Tea and then went with James Harrison junr. of East.Hardwick to his house, were we got about 7 o'clock in the evening and lodg'd there. His Wife having been favoured with a religious turn of mind, had been very desirous to see us and we was well satisfied with our visit.

On 16th. and 3rd. of week. This morning we breakfasted at James Harrisons Senr. and after Breakfast return'd to his Sons were we had a favoured, encouraging opportunity with him and his Wife. In which John Bottomley was concerned in testimony from Psalms 105. v. 1, 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 from henceforth even for ever. Afterwards I was concerned from Hab: C: 2. v: 1. I will stand upon my watch, and set me upon the tower, and will hearken to see what he will say unto me, and what I shall answer when I am reproved. We left Hardwick about 10 o'clock, and came to Ackworth stopt a little at Joseph Johnsons, then came to the School, were we got some refreshment with Jonathon Binns's, stopt about an hour at Ackworth, and then came by Hazle and Havercroft to Notton stopt about an hour at the Inn and got some refreshment paid 5 d and a half a piece, then came by Woolley, and after parting with John Bottomley who was going to his Brothers, I came by Haigh and Hoyland to cousin Joseph Steads of Toppett were I drunk Tea, and stopt about 1 hour then came by Denby and called at Thomas Pickfords to see Mary his Wife who had been for some time in a poor state of health and appeared to be

drawing fast towards her conclusion. Afterwards I called to see Benjamin Haigh a young man who had been dangerously ill but was getting better. He hath had many visitations, but hath been unfaithful and overtaken with gross evils he is now spared a little longer, and I hope divine favour and mercy continued to be held out to him through repentance, I wish he may close in therewith, and sin no more lest a worse thing come upon him. I got home betwixt 8 and 9 o'clock in the evening.

An Account of my Journey to our Spring Quarterly Meeting held in Leeds in the 3rd. Mo.
1802

I set out from home ye. 23rd. of ye. 5th. Mo. 1802 and 3rd. day of the week between 6 and 7 o'clock in the morning in company with Benjamin Chapman son of George Chapman of Penistone who came to my house the evening before to be ready this morning we went by Cumberworth to Skelmanthorp were we stopt about half an hour at Anthony Kinsleys and then preceded by Parkmill, Bretton, and Crigglestone to Dirtcar were we stopt about 1 hour at Christopher Walkers, and got some refreshment then went by Wakefield and Newton to the White hart at Lingwoodgate were we stopt about 1 hour and got 1 quart of Ale paid 5d and then proceeded by Thorp and Hunslet to Leeds were I got a little past 3 o'clock in the afternoon, and went directly to my kind friend William Rathmells in Petersquare having received an invitation from him to take up my quarters at his house were I with many more friends were kindly and generously entertained. My companion lodg'd at the Wheat sheaf in Upper head row. At 5 o'clock this evening began the Quarterly Meeting for Ministers and Elders, were we had the company of one Stranger viz Ann Millar from Scotland. The Queries were read and Answers received from all our Mo. meetings in which Select meetings are held, and a general Answer prepared therefrom to be laid before the Select Yearly Meeting. Some other business was gone through and Richard Cocken, Joseph Birkbeck, Sarah Parker and Elizabeth Fletcher were appointed to oversee the succeeding meetings and advise as occasion may require, and then the meeting adjourn'd to the close of the Quarterly meeting having held 3 hours.

On 24th. and 4th. of week at 10 in the morning was a meeting for Worship which was very large of friends and others. Ann Millar was first concern'd therein in supplication. Elizabeth Hoyland next a pretty long time in testimony from Mic: C: 4. v: 6. I will assemble her that halteth, and I will gather her that is driven out. Ellin Cocken had a short time next from Rom: C: 12. v: 2. Be not conformed to this world; but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God. Mary Proud had a very long and highly favoured time next from Am: C: 7. v: 2. By whom shall Jacob arise? For he is small. At the close of this meeting was a meeting for discipline. George Sanders of Whitby and William Maud of Bradford was Clerks being chosen the last 9th. Mo. for that service for the ensuing year The first 3 Queries were read and Answers thereto from all our Mo. meetings and a General Answer prepared. In Answer to part of the 2nd. Query it appeared that there was some appearance of convincement in Balby, Pontefract, and Pickering Monthly meetings since last year and that two had been admitted into membership in Pontefract and 6 in Pickering. Both meetings held about 3 hours and a half. After which I din'd and drunk Tea at Joshua Ingles At 5 in the evening was another meeting for discipline. The remainder of the Queries were read and Answers thereto, and a General Answer prepared, A friend was appointed to prepare a fair copy of the whole and produce it at the next sitting of this meeting some other business was gone thro' and towards the close thereof Ann Millar accompanied by Elizabeth Hoyland came in and had each of them an acceptable testimony to bear. The Meeting held 3 hours. After which I supp'd at John Thorntons, and then return'd to my Quarters.

On 25th. and 5th. of week at 10 in the morning was another meeting for discipline which held near 4 hours. The business of this Quarterly meeting was finished in this sitting, the whole having been conducted in a good degree of harmony which was so far satisfactory. At 5 in the evening was a Publick Meeting for Worship which held about 3 hours, It was very large more of other Societies attending than at the former meeting for Worship, Ann Millar and Ann Fairbank had each a short testimony first, Henry Tuke had a long time next from 2 Kings C: 5. v: 3. Would God my lord were with the Prophet that is in Samaria; for he would recover him of his leprosy. Thomas Colley had a very long time next being indeed eminently favoured from 1 Sam: C: 12. v. 22, 23, 24. The Lord will not forsake his People for his great names sake; because it hath pleased the lord to make you his people. Moreover, as for me, God forbid that I should sin against the lord, in ceasing to pray for you; but I will teach you the good and the right way; Only fear the Lord, and serve him in truth with all your heart; for consider how great things he hath done for you. Ann Fairbank concluded the meeting in Prayer. The meetings for Worship this quarter was very eminently favoured under a sense whereof the minds of many was bowed as in the depth of humanity before him who continues to regard the dust of Zion, and in his own time to feed her poor with bread, as also to renew the visitations of his love to those amongst us who are afar off, and unto those who are seeking the living amongst the dead in order that the borders of Zion may be enlarged. Feeling not very well I did not stop the adjourn'd Select meeting but went and sat a little at Joshua Ingles and from thence to my quarters.

On 26th. and 6th. of week, I met by appointment with John Bottomley and Benjamin Chapman at David Jepsens; we left Leeds together betwixt 8 and 9 o'clock this morning and came by Beeston and Morley to Thomas Hopkins of Stumpcross. Slack were we stopt about 1 hour and got some refreshment, parted with John Bottomley here he having to accompany his Sister home, and we came by Howley.hall, Soothill and Hanging.heaton to Dewsbury, were we din'd at William Wass's who had been accepted into Membership in our Monthly Meeting about 5 months ago. We stopt near 3 hours here, and then came by Thornhill, Bristfield, Roydhouse, and Shelley to Paddock were we stopt 1 hour at cousin Joseph Walkers and drunk Tea, then came to Newhouse were we got betwixt and 8 and 9 o'clock in the evening.

An Account of my Journey to a Meeting at Barnsley in 4th. Mo. 1802

I set out from home ye. 18th. of ye 4th. Mo. 1802 and 1st. of the week betwixt 6 and 7 o'clock in the morning having John Bottomley for my companion this Journey, we went by Dikeside, Netherdenby and Cawthorne to Carr.green, were we called to see Isabella Webster Widow of Joseph Webster who left our Society and enlisted for a Soldier, but whilst in the Army was favoured with a religious turn of mind and as much as he could attended friends meetings; being visited with sickness he with his Wife and 4 children came to one of his houses at this place where his disorder increasing upon him, he was very desirous, to see me, In the 8th. Mo. 1801, at his earnest request I paid him a visit, much to my own and his satisfaction, and in the latter part of the 9th. Mo. following he departed this life, leaving a particular injunction with his Wife to bring up his children in the way of Truth as professed by us, and at his request he was buried in friends Burying ground at Burton, being aged about 37 years. Since his death she hath attended meetings as much as she could, and this morning made me a present of a favourite walking rod of her husbands which I was to call for in my return. We got Tea here, and then went to the meeting at Burton which was pretty large and eminently favoured, There was three friends from our meeting and two from Ackworth; their own members, several who are under convincement, and many other Societies came in. The power of Truth eminently overshadowed us to the tendering of many hearts John Bottomley had a long time therein first in testimony from Eccle: C: 2. v: 14. The wise mans eyes are in his head. Jane Burrow next from Acts C: 26. v: 19. I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision. John Bottomley was

next concerned in Prayer. At the close of this meeting was held their Preparative meeting, and when the business was gone through I had a pretty long testimony to bear from Eze: C: 12. v: 18. Son of man, eat thy bread with quaking, and drink thy water with trembling and with carefulness. Both meetings held about 2 hours and a half. After which we went to Jonathon Bashforths to dine were we spent the afternoon. The meeting in the Town was removed here since last month and the time of holding it altered. It now begins at half past 3 o'clock, and this afternoon held near 2 hours, and was a time of high favour. I had a pretty long testimony therein first from 2 Cor: C: 6. v: 10. As having nothing and yet professing all things. John Bottomley next from Job: C: 28. 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 of war. Jane Burrow next from Mic: C: 2. v: 10. This is not your rest. I next from 2 Cor: C: 6. v: 11. O ye Corinthians, our mouth is open unto you, our heart is enlarged. Soon after the meeting broke up came in our friends William Wass and Morrit Matthews from Dewsbury, and after Tea we had with them, and some of the newly convinced friends in this town, a very satisfactory opportunity in which John Bottomley appeared first a pretty long time in Testimony. Jane Burrow next from Matt C: 5. v: 25, 26. Agree with thine adversary quickly whiles thou art in the way with him; lest at any time the adversary deliver thee to the judge, and the judge deliver thee to the officer. and thou be cast into prison. Verily I say unto thee, Thou shalt by no means come out thence till thou hast paid the uttermost farthing. I next from Hos: C: 6. v: 3. Then shall we know, if we follow on to know the Lord; his going forth is prepared as the morning; and he shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter and former rain unto the earth. After this opportunity Jane Burrow return'd to her quarters at John Wilsons, and we with the friends from Dewsbury went to Robert Dearmans of Pinder.oaks to supper were we lodg'd.

On 19th. and 2nd. of week, our Monthly meeting was held at Burton, The meeting for Worship began at 11 o'clock, and was very large of friends and others. It was a solemn time held mostly in silence, towards the close John Bottomley had a short testimony from Hab: C: 2. v: 3. Though it tarry wait for it. The meeting for discipline was held at the close of this, but we had but very little business before us, and what we had was conducted to satisfaction, at the conclusion John Robinson and myself had each of us a pretty long time in testimony and many were much broken and tendered, being renewedly brought near unto the Lord and one unto another. Both meetings held about 2 hours and a half. After which we din'd at John Wilsons Country house, were at these times he provides, and gives a general invitation to friends without respect of Persons. After sitting a while with him, we went to Jonathon Bashforths were we spent the afternoon very agreeably in company with several friends, and divers of those who are under convincement, had an opportunity together which was a memorable time of divine favour. I had a pretty long time therein first from Cant; C: 3. v: 3, 4. The watchman that go about the city found me; to whom I said, saw ye him whom my soul loveth? It was but a little that I passed from them, but I found him whom my soul loveth. John Bottomley next in Prayer. I had two short testimonies next. Jane Burrow had a long time next from John C: 1. v: 50. Because I said unto thee, I saw thee under the fig tree, believest thou; thou shalt see greater things than these. Afterwards she had a few words more. After supper we went to lodge at William Hardys the Black.Swan who had kindly offered us a Bed and would not take anything for it but told us we should be welcome to one any other time.

On 20th. and 3rd. of the week, we breakfasted with Thomas Walter Haigh who told John Bottomley he was convinced by me at a meeting at Burton upwards of a year ago. He is an innocent young man and appears to have attained a considerable degree of stability in the Truth; we called upon Jane Burrow at George Alletsons were we got a little Rum and Water, and left Barnsley betwixt 10 and 11 o'clock dear Thomas Walton a choice youth, highly favoured, and who is I believe growing in the life of Religion, he having spent most of his time with us whilst in this part, set us on our way as far as Darton. I was much pleased with his company and innocent conversation and in much freedom he communicated to me of his many religious exercises, and Sufferings he had had to pass through from his Relations and

others. We went by Carr.green to call for the stick Isabella Webster gave me and had a satisfactory opportunity with her and her children, in which John Bottomley had a short testimony first from Mark. C: 13. v: 37. What I say unto you, I say unto all, Watch, I next from 1 Kin: C: 17. v: 14. The barrel of meal shall not waste, neither shall the cruise of Oil fail, until the day that the Lord sendeth rain upon the earth. Jane Burrow had a pretty long time next from Acts C: 10. v. 13, 14, 15. Rise, Peter; kill, and eat. But Peter said Not so Lord; for I have never eaten anything that is common or unclean. And the voice spake unto him again the second time, What God hath cleansed that call not thou common. From hence we came to Darton were our beloved Friend Thomas Walton to whom we had found ourselves nearly united parted with us he returning home and we called at the Rose and Crown, stopt about 1 hour and a half and din'd paid 1s 3d a piece and then came by Kexbro' and Hoyland to my cousin Joseph Steads of Toppet, were we drunk Tea and stopt about 1 hour and a half then came to Denby were we stopt a little at Joseph Priests, then proceeded to near Moorroyd, when John Bottomley set Jane Burrow on her way towards home and I called to see Mary the Wife of Thomas Pickford whom I found in all appearance near her end. From thence I came to Boghall were I called to see Benjamin Haigh he had been brought near unto the grave as most People who saw him thought, but is now finely recovered and got to his work again, I would gladly hope that his sickness may have had some good effect upon his mind as he has begun to attend meetings since he got able and appears more serious. I got home betwixt 7 and 8 o'clock in the evening, having with thankfulness to commemorate the Lords goodness so graciously vouchsafed to us throughout this Journey, and favouring at our return with Peace.

An Account of my Journey to Publick Meetings held at Darwent and Bamford in Derbyshire
in the 5th. Mo. 1802

Our Friend Thomas Colley of Sheffield having sometime ago mentioned his concern to the friends of Balby Monthly Meeting of paying a Religious visit to the Inhabitants of Sheffield and parts adjacent in our own County and Derbyshire and having visited Sheffield and the vicinity thereof pretty generally by having certain districts invited at a time to friends Meetinghouse there as many at once as was apprehended could be accommodated comfortably and also visited most of the neighbouring Villages; he found his mind drawn under the same pure Influence of Gospel Love and with the full unity and approbation of the Monthly Meeting before whom he had laid his concern and not yet felt clear to deliver in his Certificate, to visit the Inhabitants about Darwent and several other places in those parts. Accordingly Meetings were appointed for him at Darwent and Bamford the 11th. of the 4th. Mo. 1802 and 1st. of week but the day proving Stormy the Meeting at Darwent was but small, and not finding himself clear at the close thereof he appointed another to be held that day three weeks; which I hearing of found an inclination to attend. Accordingly I left home the 1st. of the 5th. Mo. and 7th. of the week betwixt 4 and 5 o'clock in the afternoon, and went by Ing. Birchworth to my Worthy friends George Chapmans of Penistone got there a little before 6 in the evening were I met with my dear friend Thomas Dixon Walton of Barnsley, (whose name I had not fully known before) a choice youth, who was my kind affectionate, and very acceptable companion this Journey; we stopt here all night and he inform'd me that since I saw him before his Brother with whom he lived told him that if he would not renounce his Principles he would not have him in the family he meekly answered he could not do the first, but was willing to comply with the other and accordingly got another place, but his Mother would not suffer him to go to it but insisted on him returning to his employment at his Brothers which he did, and was to have his Victuals at his Mothers were he suffered much from her, and many severe threatenings if possible to prevent him from coming forward in the line of his duty, but as he is upon the right foundation, he is enabled thus far to stand his

ground faithfully, and I have a comfortable hope will be blessed with the blessing of preservation and enabled to surmount all the difficulties that may be thrown in his way, experiencing all things to work together for his good. I felt much sympathy with him, his mind appearing to be covered with the meekness and innocency of a little child, which state our Lord and Saviour pronounced blessed, and surely I thot. his blessing was upon us in this Journey in which I oftens remembered the words of the wise man, from a renewed feeling sense thereof, That two are better than one.

On 2nd. and 1st. of week, we rose early in the morning and a little before 6 o'clock left Penistone, me and my companion on foot, and George Chapman accompanying us on horseback; As there were no members of our Society in the parts were we was going I would have it understood that all the places I may have to mention our being kindly entertained at from our leaving this place to our return to it again were not such, without particularly remarking it as I go along. It was a remarkable fine day which made the Journey very pleasant over the high Moors, we went by Middop, and through all the Cut.gate to Howden the last house in Yorkshire this way, and the only one in that County within many miles, got to Abbey in Derbyshire were we called and rested us about a quarter of an hour, and then proceeded down a deep and pleasant valley through which the River Derwent runs, which adds to the beauty thereof, and got to Darwent about half past 9 o'clock which from Penistone is about 13 miles, we met with 6 men friends with Thomas Colley from Sheffield and one Woman viz. Hannah Kilham Widow of Alexander Kilham the principal man amongst the dissenting Methodists or Kilhamites as they are mostly called. As I was well acquainted with him, and believed him to be sincere in his intentions I was much pleased to meet with his Widow, who since his decease has been convinced of the Truth as professed by us and constantly attends friends Meetings but is not accepted into membership. She appears a plain solid woman and I believe is in a growing state. We got Tea at the Inn for which we paid 8d a piece. The Meeting began at 11 and held 2 hours and a half It was in a very large room at the Hall formerly a Gentlemans seat but now farm'd by Charles Wain who readily lent it Friends for the occasion and filled it up with seats. The inhabitants of Woodland pretty generally attended, some out of Bradfield dale, and some from Bamford, Hathersedge and places adjacent. So that for the country it was a large meeting the Room being well filled there being many more than could be accommodated with seats Thomas Colley had a very long testimony to bear therein from Eph: C: 2. v. 8, 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. At the close of the meeting, he acknowledged the commendable behaviour of the People and the solemnity which had mercifully overshadowed the Assembly, and concluded with a lively and Pathetic exhortation to them; After which we din'd at the Inn paid 14d a piece eating and 3d Liquor, and after dinner Thomas Colley inform'd me that a meeting was appointed at 4 o'clock this afternoon at Bamford and that he should be glad of my company if I was free to attend. I was glad of the information, George Chapman being otherwise engaged, my companion and me set out betwixt 2 and 3 o'clock, and had a pleasant walk down the valley to Bamford 4 miles got there a little past 3 o'clock were Christopher Kirk who appeared to be religiously inclined, and a man of property, had opened his house to receive friends and kindly and generously entertained us all. We drunk Tea there and then went to the meeting which was held in a small barn belonging to one George Shaw which was pretty well filled with People, who behaved well; and was a solemn favoured time. It began at 4 o'clock and held 2 hours and a half Thomas Colley had a very long testimony therein from Isai: C: 41. v 17 18. When the poor and needy seek water, and there is none, and their tongue faileth for thirst; I the Lord will hear them, I the God of Israel will not forsake them. I will open rivers in high places, and fountains in the midst of the valleys. I will make the wilderness a pool of water, and the dry land springs of water. After meeting we got some refreshment at Christopher Kirks, and then taking leave of him and friends from Sheffield we set out about 7 o'clock being previously engaged by Thomas Webster of Banktop in Woodland to lodge at his house, we came by Darwent thither 8 and a half miles, and tho' it was dark part of the way the evening being fine

and we agreeable company it did not appear unpleasant or tedious to us, we got there about 10 o'clock where we was kindly received and entertained.

On 3rd. and 2nd. of week, George Chapman who had lodg'd at Thomas Wains of Birchinglee came after Breakfast to call of us, and having received a pressing invitation from the widow Elizabeth Webster of Ridge to dine there, we complied therewith; were we was kindly entertained. About 1 o'clock in the afternoon we set out and had a pleasant journey over the Moors to Middop were we called at Benjamin Crosleys who appeared very glad to see us and was pressing on us to stop Tea, but it not suiting we desired to be excused, after getting some refreshment and stoping about half an hour we came to Penistone were we got George Chapmans about half past 4 o'clock in the afternoon, we drunk Tea there and stopped together until about 7 o'clock and then my dear companion set out for Barnsley to his Mothers who is not wanting in affection to him altho' she is suffered exceedingly to try him many ways having taken his Bible, and a friends book he had from him and Locked them up, but at his request she has given him the Bible again, but keeps the other, Poor lad many are the tryals he meets with but I hope he will be enabled to retain his integrity and experience all his afflictions to be sanctified unto him. I stopt near an hour after he set off, and then came by Ing Birchworth home were I got about 9 o'clock in the evening.

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An Account of my Journey to a Meeting at Barnsley etc. in 5th. Mo. 1802

Intending to attend our Monthly meeting to be held at Pontefract; I thought of taking the Preparative Meeting at Burton in my way; but felt a stop in my mind, and indeavouring to attend to the best instructor way seemed to open to go directly from home to the meeting of the newly convinced friends held at Barnsley on first day afternoons, after their return from Burton. Accordingly I set out from home ye. 16th. of ye. 5th. Mo. 1802, and 1st. of week, betwixt 11 and 12 o'clock in the forenoon after getting an early dinner, in the company of John Pickford. We went by Dikeside, Netherdenby and Cawthorne, and in about 3 hours time got to Barnsley, and took up our quarters at Jonathon Bashforths, where the meeting is held. It began as usual at half past 3 and continued upwards of an hour and a half; was not so eminently overshadowed as those I had been at amongst them before, but I believe it was a profitable season, I had two short times in testimony therein, the first from Hab: C: 2. v: 20. The Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him. The other from Matt: C:15. v: 13. Every plant which my heaven Father hath not planted shall be rooted up. Afterwards I had a few more words. Several of the newly convinced friends came and spent the evening with us, amongst the number Samuel Coward a steady man who had been in profession with the Methodists, but convinced of Friends Principles and attended our meetings upwards of a year. I had not an opportunity of his company before, for being in the Supplementary Militia, he was called away soon after his conviction, where as he inform'd me he suffered much in mind, but having now obtained his liberty by the restoration of Peace, he is return'd to his family in this town, we was pleased with his company, and hope the tryals he hath met with, may tend to his establishment if he is preserved in faithfulness.

On 17th. and 2nd. of week, We arose early, and set out betwixt 5 and 6 o'clock, dear Thomas Dixon Walton calling of us, accompanied us about 3 miles and then return'd. we went by Burton.grange to Samuel Levers of Woodnook near Cudworth, he and his Wife are in profession with the Methodists but I believe under some dissatisfaction of mind; he had left word with a friend of Barnsley, that he should be glad for me to call and see them whensoever I might come that way and having this opportunity I gladly embraced it; they was very kind,

and we was well pleased with our visit, stopped one hour and a half and breakfasted, then proceeded by Cudworth, Brierley and Himsworth to Ackworth were we stopt a little out Joseph Johnsons and got some refreshment, got to Pontefract and went directly to the meeting, about 11 o'clock, which we found to be pretty near fully gathered. It was large and though a lowish season, was I believe satisfactory. John Bottomley had a short testimony therein from Psalms 40. v: 1. I waited patiently for the Lord; and he inclined unto me, and heard my cry. Afterwards I had a long time 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 the meeting for Worship was held our Monthly meeting for discipline the business of which was harmoniously conducted. Both Meetings held near 4 hours. After which we din'd at John Leathams were we tarried all night. After dinner we went to Joseph Johnsons were we drunk Tea, and afterwards went and sat a little at John Thistlethwaites, and then return'd to our Quarters.

On 18th. and 3rd. of week, my companion set out early this morning for home but I desirous to see some friends this way went in the forenoon to Robert Thompsons of Ferrybridge were I tarried all night being comforted in my visit to this Family. In the evening I went and sat a little at Elizabeth Wainwrights.

On 19th. and 4th. of week, I set out for Hardwick 5 miles about 10 o'clock in the forenoon came to Darrington, and went thro' the Steeplehouse.yard were the remains of my faithful servant John Proctor lieth; called at the Widow Pindars where he died, stopt better than half an hour and got a Pint of Ale paid 2d and a half and then came to James Harrison junr. of East.Hardwick were I got betwixt 12 and 1 o'clock and tarried all night being well satisfied with my visit he and his Wife being improving in the best sence. After Tea he went with me to his Fathers were we sat a while and then return'd.

On 20th. and 5th. of week, I set about 6 o'clock in the morning and came to Ackworth were I stopt upwards of an hour and Breakfasted at John Niels then came by Himsworth, and Brierley to Cudworth were I stopt about half an hour at the Butchers.arms and got a Pint of Ale paid 3d and then proceeded to Burton, were I got about 11 o'clock to their week.day meeting having felt a concern for sometime to drop in amongst them, and was glad I had this opportunity; Thomas Earnshaw of Judfield from a similar concern was here of whose company I was glad. There was 9 persons attended besides 4 of whom were in membership, and 5 under conviction It was a remarkable favoured time and I had a long testimony to bear therein 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, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you. and afterwards was concerned in Prayer. After meeting we din'd at the Inn at Oldmill paid 10d a piece eating and 4d Liquor, then went and sat a little at Joseph Listers of Bleachhouse, and from thence to Jonathon Bashforths were I tarried all night but Thomas Earnshaw return'd home. This afternoon at I drunk Tea with Elizabeth Dunn, and after Tea Thomas Walker Haigh, and Thomas Dixon Walton came thither. We were favoured with a precious opportunity together in which I had two pretty long testimonies to bear the first from 1 Cor: C: 10. v: 17. We being many are one bread. and the other from Isai: C: 48. v: 10. I have chosen thee in the furnace of affliction. and afterwards had several short communications and remarks which I hope were profitable to them.

On 21st. and 6th. of week, Elizabeth Dunn and Thomas Walker Haigh, spent most of the afternoon with me at my Quarters, Thomas gave me a particular account his conviction and many particulars concerning it, in a very solemn and affecting manner which was in the 2nd. Mo. 1801, and not in the 12th. Mo. before, as I had from mistake remark'd. I got an early dinner and then set out about half past 12 o'clock Thomas Dixon Walton accompanied me upwards of 2 miles and then return'd. He hath lately met with many tryals, and much cruel usage, from his Relations for the Truths sake, but being upon the right foundation he is thus far enabled to bear all patiently. Our parting was as I thought something like separating the Bark from the tree, being nearly united in affection and more closely by the cementing Power of Truth. Came on the banks of the canal to Barugh.mill, and by Kexbro', Hoyland and

Clayton to Elias Armitage's of Pillinglane, he is about to give over housekeeping and live with his Master at Busker, where he resided at the time of his convincement. I drunk Tea and supp'd with him and then he accompanied me to Skelmanthorp were I got about half past 8 o'clock and lodg'd at Charles Blackburns.

On 22nd. and 7th. of week, I spent the day agreeably here until about 4 o'clock in the afternoon, when I came to Anthony Kinsleys were Charles Blackburns and me drunk Tea stopp'd about 2 hours, and then he set me on my way about 1 mile, and I came by Cumberworth home were I got about 7 o'clock in the evening.

An Account of my Journey to a Meeting at Dewsbury etc in 6th. Mo. 1802.

I set out from home ye. 24th. of ye. 6th. Mo. 1802 and 5th. of week betwixt 12 and 1 o'clock in the afternoon, called and sat about half an hour at cousin Benjamin Walkers of Paddock, then proceeded by Shelley, Roydhouse and Whitley to Dewsbury were I got about 4 o'clock in the afternoon, and took up my quarters at Morritt Matthews's. After Tea I went and sat a little at George Breareys, and at my return met with Thomas Dixon Walton of Barnsley, agreeable to appointment who was my acceptable companion this journey. Their meeting began at 8 o'clock, and held upwards of an hour. I found their number was increased since I was there before, two youngish men from Earls.heaton whose names are John Hall, and Joseph Greenwood, having begun to attend meetings constantly; some of them was from home and one out of health, which made the meeting smaller this evening than usual, but I well satisfied in being there, having felt my mind drawn for some time past to pay them a visit, and the opportunity was in a good degree satisfactory; towards the close thereof I had a few words to communicate.

On 25th. and 6th. of week, we arose early, and Morrit Matthews accompanied us to George Breareys to Breakfast we stopt there until betwixt 8 and 9 o'clock, then proceeded Morrit Matthews accompanying us about 2 miles and then return'd, we went by Heckmondwike, Hightown and Lightcliffe to the White.swan near Hipperholm were we stopt near an hour and got some refreshment paid 5d a piece, and then proceeded by Halifax to Joshua Stansfield of Handgreen were we stopt upwards of 2 hours and din'd, then proceeded to Mythomroid were I called to see John Varley not a friend but had served his Apprenticeship with my Uncle William Stead, he was much pleased to see me, we stopt half an hour at his house, and got some refreshment; then proceeded by Heptonbridge to Robert Sutcliffes of Newshop were we stopt about an hour and drunk Tea; and got to Todmorden about 8 o'clock in the evening were we lodg'd at Susanna Sutcliffes having travelled about 23 miles to day.

On 26th. and 7th. of week, Early this morning I was taken very poorly with a complaint in my bowels not very unusual to me at times, accompanied with a violent loosness and vomiting which continued until about 10 o'clock in the forenoon and then rather abating, we proceeded on our Journey, I found myself very weak and feeble, but my companion manifested much affectionate kindness, and true sympathy with me, lending me all the assistance in his power, we rested by the way and got to Wardleworth near Rochdale in Lancashire about 1 o'clock in the afternoon were we was kindly received and entertained by James Midgley and Mary his Wife a truly pious Woman, they was newly removed there from their former place of residence. I could eat no dinner, but after getting something weak to drink, and lead me down upon one of their Beds and got some sleep; After I got up I found myself much better; William Taylor hearing of our being here, came to see us, and stopt Tea. After which we had a comfortable opportunity together in which I had an encouraging testimony to bear being opened from 2 Cor: C: 9. v: 15. Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift. We left here about 6 o'clock, dear William Taylor accompanying us thro'

Rochdale and about 1 mile further and then return'd. We got to William Midgley's about 7 in the evening were we lodg'd.

On 27th. and 1st. of week, This morning William Taylor called of us, and he with William Midgley walk'd us by Crompton to their Meeting at Turflaneend near Oldham which began as usual at 11 o'clock, and held 3 hours There are pretty many friends belonging thereto, several attend who appear to be under convincement and divers of other Societies came in today. My exercise therein was heavy, yet upon the whole the Meeting was satisfactory; Samuel Gandy had a short testimony therein first, I was next concerned in supplication, Samuel Gandy had a short testimony next, I had a pretty long time next from Hos: C: 13. v: 9. O Israel, thou hast destroyed thyself; but in me is thine help. and afterwards had another short testimony from 1 Pet: C: 4. v: 18. If the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and sinner appear. After meeting we din'd at James Taylors of Salmonfield, and then came to Samuel Gandys of Shaw were we drunk Tea, and after Tea return'd by Crompton to William Midgley's were we got about 7 o'clock in the evening, parted with William Taylor a little before we reach'd there he going directly home.

On 28th. and 2nd. of week, In the afternoon James Taylor called to see us in his return from Rochdale, and accompanied us to Tea to John Butterworths of Bolderstone. After Tea he set out from home, and we return'd to our Quarters. In the evening we had a precious tendering opportunity together in the family, in which I had a pretty long testimony to bear from the Parable of the lost piece of silver.

On 29th. and 3rd. of week, We purposed setting out early but the morning being very wet, we tarried until betwixt 10 and 11 o'clock in the forenoon, and then it clearing up a little, we set forward William Midgley accompanying us about 7 miles and then return'd, we came by Milnrow to Crossgates, were we was overtaken with an heavy shower of rain which caused us to call for shelter at James Cleggs one of the People called Baptists, who was very kind and gave us some refreshment, we stopt about half an hour, and then proceeded to John Rhodes's of Longdenend not a friend, but was partner with William Midgley at his Mills in this part, we din'd there he and his Wife being very kind, and stopt until betwixt 2 and 3 o'clock in the afternoon, then proceeded William setting us about 2 miles further were we parted with him and came up over the Reaps to Marsden in Yorkshire and by Holt.head to Melthom were we drunk Tea at the Shoulder of Mutton, paid 9 d a piece stopt about an hour and then came by Upper.Thong and Holmfirth to Henry Swires of Springhouse, got there betwixt 8 and 9 o'clock in the evening were we lodg'd

On 30th. and 4th. of week. After Breakfast Henry Swire accompanied us to Wooldale to see our ancient honourable friend William Earnshaw now in his 85th. year of his age and who had been for some time confin'd to his Bed thro' indisposition, being very weak in body, but I believe strong in the best things and loving and innocent as a child, we had a comfortable opportunity in his room in which I had a short testimony to bear from Luke C: 2. v. 29, 30. Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word: For mine eyes have seen salvation. We came from thence by Newmill to Shepley were we called and stopt several hours with Jane Burrow and din'd at John Brooks; then Jane Burrow came with us to Newhouse were we got about 3 o'clock in the afternoon. After Tea we had an opportunity together in which Jane Burrow had a pretty long and encouraging time in testimony from John C: 17. v: 24. Father, I will that they also whom thou hast given me be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory which thou hast given me. After which my companion set out towards home.

An Account of my Journey to a Meeting at Barnsley in 7th. Mo. 1802

Having had it upon my mind for some time renewedly to pay a visit to the newly convinced Friends in Barnsley, and drop in with them unknown at their Meeting at Burton and Jane

Burrow and John Bottomley having a similar concern went down into that neighbourhood the day before and in order to keep the visit private lodg'd at the Inn at Oldmill I set out from home ye. 4th. of ye. 7th. Mo. 1802 and 1st. of week about 6 o'clock in the morning called upon John Beaumont of Moorroyd who proposed accompanying me to Burton and returning after meeting, stopped there about half an hour, and then proceeded by Denby, Gunthwaite and Cawthorne to Joseph Smiths of Carr.green were we stopt about half an hour and got some refreshment, and then went with him to Burton. The meeting began as usual at 11 o'clock and held near 3 hours, It was considerably enlarged by the convincement which had lately appeared there, and was a very open satisfactory meeting and I hope profitable to many minds I was first concerned therein a pretty long time in testimony from 2 Kings C: 5: v: 11. Behold, I thought, he will surely come out to me, and stand, and call on the name of the Lord his God, and strike his hand over the place and recover the leper. John Bottomley had a pretty long time next and afterwards Jane Burrow that tendency of their labour was to encourage the people to labour after a state of true passiveness of mind, that so the operation of the Lords power might be felt, and the leavening virtue thereof experienced to leaven into its own divine and heavenly nature. John Bottomley had a pretty long time next from Psalms 8. v: 4. What is man, that thou art mind full of him? All the son of man that thou visitest him? Jane Burrow had a long time next being first opened in a tender and affectionate address to the children some of whom were much tendered and then had sundry pathetic exhortations to those who were further advanced in years adapted to various states. After meeting we went to the Wheat.Sheaf at Oldmill were we din'd was charg'd 1s a piece eating and 4d Liquor but our friend Jane Burrow would not suffer us to pay anything but defrayed to the whole expence After dinner Thomas Dixon Walton came to us and we went up together to Jonathon Bashforths of Barnsley. The meeting began there as usual at half past 3 o'clock and held near 2 hours there was 16 attended besides ourselves, 2 of whom had never been there before, and I thought it was a very open profitable and encouraging time I had a long time therein first in testimony from Isai. C: 30. v: 20. Though the Lord give you the bread of adversity, and the water of affliction; yet shall not thy teachers be removed into a corner any more, but thine eyes shall see thy teachers. Jane Burrow had a long time next. John Bottomley was next concerned in Prayer, and after which Jane Burrow had another long testimony, The tendency of her labour was to gather the People in to that state of pure silence, in which alone our respective duties are discovered, and we abilitated to perform the same and how much more acceptable this state of mind is to the Almighty than all the offerings invented by man. After meeting we went to drink Tea with Elizabeth Dunn; Ellin Spenceley stopt to assist her in preparing the same. After Tea we dropped into silence together; and one of the convinced friends came after another until most of them was come, and we were favoured together with another precious heart tendering season, in which John Bottomley had a pretty long testimony first 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 an colt the fole of an ass. I had a long time next from Heb: C: 4. v: 12. The Word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints, and marrow; and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. Jane Burrow a long time next from John C: 13. v: 8. If I wash thee not thou hast no part with me. I had a long time next from Matt: C: 20. v: 22. Are ye able to drink of the cup that I shall drink of, and to be baptised with the baptism that I am baptized with? After this opportunity Jane Burrow and John Bottomley went with Samuel Coward to see his Wife who was unwell and from thence Jane went to Richard Dearmans were she lodg'd, and John came to Elizabeth Dunns were we tarried until Jonathon Bashforth came for us to supper. After supper we went to William Hardys the Swan Inn who had kindly offered to accommodate us with a bed were we lodg'd.

On 5th. and 2nd. of week. I breakfasted at Jonathon Bashforths, but my two companions went to Widow Spenceleys the sine of the Windmill, Thomas Dixon Waltons mothers who had been very severe with him and called for their breakfast, having a desire to have an

opportunity of conversation with her, but she being unwell they were disappointed. After breakfast I went and sat a little at Richard Dearmans and then return'd, betwixt 11 and 12 o'clock we got a little refreshment at Jonathon Bashforths and then set out for home, when we had got better than a mile on our way Thomas Walker Haigh a choice young man overtook us and accompanied us to Cawthorne where we din'd at the Spencers.Arms, charg'd 1s 6d eating and 6d Liquor which our friend Jane Burrow fully discharged for all of us. It coming on rain we stopt long Thomas West my Landlords steward hearing of our being at the Inn sent for us to his house we then parted with Thomas Walker Haigh he returning home and we friend thither were we met with a very kind reception they blamed us much for dining at the Inn, instead of making so free as to call upon them and insisted our stoping Tea which we complied with, and set out again betwixt 6 and 7 o'clock, came by Denby to Newhouse where we got betwixt 7 and 8 o'clock in the evening.

An Account of my Journey to a Meeting at Barnsley in 8th. Mo. 1802.

I set out from home ye. 15th. of ye. 8th. Mo. 1802 and 1st. day of the week about 6 o'clock in the morning in company with Frances Field my housekeeper, we went by Denby, Gunthwaite and Cawthorne to Barnsley where we got about 9 o'clock, stopt at Jonathon Bashforths until it was time to set out to meeting and got Tea then proceeded in company with Jane Burrow (who got to Barnsley the evening before) and some other friends to Burton. The meeting was pretty large, there being several friends present from other meetings, and a pretty many of other Societies attended a considerable openness continuing amongst the People in this part since several have been convinced and come amongst friends. It was a remarkable open favoured time many being much broken and tendered therein. Jane Burrow was first concerned a long time in testimony from 1 Chron: C: 16. v: 25. Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised. I had a very long time 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. Jane Burrow was next concerned in Prayer. At the close of this meeting was held their Preparative meeting. Both meetings held about 3 hours. From thence we return'd to Jonathon Bashforths where we din'd, and was at the meeting there this afternoon which began at half past 3 and held about 1 hour and half. There was 17 persons there. It was a laborious time, altho' there was great encouragement to the rightly exercised and communications tending to stir up some to more diligence who appeared not to have come forward according to the manifestations they had been favoured with, I had a pretty long time in testimony first from Isai: C: 3. v. 10, 11. Say ye to the righteous that it shall be well with him for they shall eat the fruit of their doings. Wo unto the wicked; it shall be ill with him; for the reward of his hands shall be given him. Jane Burrow next from Psalms 23. v: 4. and though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. I next from Acts C: 26. v: 19. I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision. After which Jane Burrow had a short time tenderly desiring that an examination may take place for she verily believed there was a cause for the close remarks that have been drop'd, and then the disobedient was amongst the men which also felt the same to me, and I hope it was a profitable opportunity to them. After meeting we went to drink Tea with Elizabeth Dunn, and after Tea several of the newly convinced friends coming in we had a satisfactory opportunity together, in which Jane Burrow had a pretty long time in testimony from Isai: C: 42. v: 7. To open the blind eyes, to bring out the prisoners from the prison, and them that sit in darkness out of the prison house. I had a long time next from Deut: C: 30. v: 29. Happy art thou, O Israel; who is like unto thee, O People, saved by the Lord, the shield of thy help, and who is the sword of thy excellency! and thine enemies shall be found liars unto thee, and thou shalt tread upon their high places. Afterwards I had a few words more to communicate. and then went with Thomas Dixon Walton to his Mothers

who keeps the Lower Windmill were Jane Burrow had lodg'd the night before, She being gone to Bathe at Scarbro' we were very agreeably entertained by him and his sister in law Ellin Spenceley who was very glad of the opportunity, which they could not have had so comfortably if their mother had been at home, she being so much against their going amongst friends. But poor creatures they did all in their Power for us and would not have taken anything for it but we could not be free but to pay for what we had, which was 9d a piece our supper, and the same our breakfast the morning we left Barnsley, which were the only meals we got there after I came.

On 16th. and 2nd. of week, we called of Frances Field at Jonathon Bashforths were she lodg'd and went together to Robert Dearmans of Pinder.oaks to Breakfast he being newly married to Mary Raywood a Farmers daughter of Ardsley. Jane Burrow had some suitable advice to communicate to them after Breakfast. From hence we went to an Monthly Meeting held at Burton, The meeting for Worship began at 11 o'clock, there was a large appearance of Friends, and a pretty many of other Societies attended, It was but a lowish time altho' not without a degree of divine overshadowing towards the close thereof. The Meeting for discipline was satisfactory, and the business thereof amicably conducted. John Wood Broadhead of Wooldale Meeting and Sarah Priest of Highflatts Meeting laid before us their intentions of taking each other in marriage. Also Joseph Dickinson of Highflatts Meeting with Ann Grist a member of Balby Monthly Meeting. Both meetings hold near 3 hours After which Frances Field return'd home and I stopt to accompany Jane Burrow the next day, and din'd at John Wilsons Country house at Burton, and then return'd to Jonathon Bashforths of Barnsley. This afternoon we went to George Woods to Tea, Thomas Walker Haigh a choice young man and James Wood live with him, and after Tea Samuel Coward and William Gant came in to see us, and we had an opportunity together was much stripp'd in the forepart thereof but Truth arose for our help, and I believe it may be said we were mutually edified together. Jane Burrow had a very long time in testimony therein first from Psalms 97. v: 11. Light is sown for the righteous, and gladness for the upright in heart. I had a pretty long time next from 1 Cor: C: 15. v: 31. I protest by your rejoicing which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die daily. Afterwards Jane Burrow appeared a short time. William Gant is a young man about 22 years of age was born at Rippon and learned his business in Netherdale were he inform'd us he was convinced of Truth and attended friends Meetings but not being faithful in time he declined and came to reside in Barnsley, his uneasiness of mind continuing he enlisted for a Soldier but was soon dissatisfied, and at the return of Peace the regiment being broken up he was discharg'd and return'd to Barnsley. He was at the meeting at Burton yesterday for the first time; which I believe was a time of renewed visitation unto him, and if what he has suffered for disobedience make him more watchful and careful for the future I believe he may yet do well. From hence Jane Burrow went to George Alletsons, and I to Thomas Hardys an acquaintance of mine were I stopt and took a Glass of Rum and Water, then calling at Elizabeth Dunns were I sat a little, I came to Jonathon Bashforths to supper were I again met with Thomas Dixon Walton who had given up his time to accompany us this afternoon. After supper we called of Jane Burrow and went directly to our lodgings at the Windmill were we got a little Rum and Water before we went to Bed.

On 17th. and 3rd. of week, about 8 o'clock in the morning we left Barnsley and came to Cawthorne were we stopt upwards of 2 hours at the Spencer.Arms and got some roast Beef and Tea paid 1s a piece which Jane Burrow discharg'd we then came to Denby but it being extremely hot and Jane but poorly we called to rest us twice by the way; got to Joseph Priests about 3 o'clock in the afternoon were we stopt 2 hours and drunk Tea, and I got home about 6.o'clock in the evening.

An Account of my visit in company with other friends to several families in our Preparative Meeting. in 1802

There appearing a deficiency in too many members of our Preparative meeting in the due attendance of Week.day meetings as well as divers other inconsistencies in conduct. It came weightily upon the minds of the Overseers to pay a general visit to such as far as Truth might point out the way, and in the 8th. Mo. 1802, they laid their concern before our Preparative meeting withall requesting if the Meeting approv'd thereof that some friends might be appointed to unite with them in that service, accordingly the Men's Meeting appointed William Taylor, John Brook and myself, and the Womens, Jane Burrow.

On 22nd. of 8th. Mo. 1802, and 1st. of week, The Overseers and friends appointed met together in the Meetinghouse chamber at Highflatts to confer and feel after the pointings of Truth in our proceeding in this weighty undertaking, Our minds were low and much discouraged but in our sitting divine regard was near, The families were laid out and John Bottomley, Jane Burrow, and myself gave up to go through the whole, and several of the friends proposed accompanying us someone time and some another.

In the afternoon we entered upon the service Mary Walker accompanying us this day, we met together at Samuel Haighs of Highflatts, and sat with him and his Wife, there was a deficiency in one of them in the due attendance of Week.day meetings. It was a satisfactory opportunity, things opening encouragingly to them to come forward in the line of their duty to John Bottomley appear'd first, Jane Burrow twice next, I next, John Bottomley next. Being thus favoured we were encouraged to proceed.

From thence we went to John Dickinsons two of his Children, Jane and Joseph being members, and deficient in the attendance of Week.day meetings, and some other inconsistencies in conduct. We sat with them they appeared very raw, we felt a sympathy with them from the loss they sustained in not having religious Parents, and counsel and admonition was plentifully extended to them, I appeared first, Jane Burrow next, John Bottomley next and afterwards Mary Walker had a few words to do daughter. From thence we returned to Samuel Haighs to Tea.

From thence we went to John Mallinsons of Birdsedge and sat in his parlour with William Dickinson and James Arthington Wilson together, They were negligent in the attendance of Week.day meetings, and in one of then too much a conformity to the fashions of the World. It was a laborious time yet we were comforted under a sense of the extendings of divine regard for their help, I appeared first, Jane Burrow next, I next, John Bottomley twice next, Mary Walker next. From hence we returned to our respective habitations.

On 23rd. and 2nd. of week

This day John Brook and Mary Walker accompanied us, We met in the morning at Charles Steads of Siver.Ing. There was in this family a neglect in the due attendance of week day meetings and an unsuitable connection in relation to marriage in one of the daughters, and too much a conformity to the customs and fashions of the world in their oldest son, but he refused to let us have his company, We sat down with the Father and Mother and 9 children, felt much obstruction at first but Truth arose for our help and made way for us, much caution counsel and advice were communicated, and it appeared to be a time of renewed favour to them. I was first concerned in supplication Jane Burrow appeared next, I next, Jane Burrow next, John Bottomley next, I next.

From thence we went to Benjamin Steads, There was an almost total neglect in this family in the attendance of week day meetings and divers other inconsistencies in conduct, we sat down with the Father, Mother and 4 Children, They received us kindly which made the way easier for much profitable labour and communication which was plentifully extended to them, and tho' things appeared much out of order, I believe it was a time of renewed visitation to divers, I appeared first, Jane Burrow next, John Bottomley next, I next and afterwards John Bottomley in Prayer. After which we din'd here.

From thence we went to John Firths of Shepley Lanehead, and there was a neglect in the due attendance of week day meetings in the head of this family, and an unsuitable connection in relation to Marriage in the daughter. We sat with them two together, The opportunity was first low and trying but thro' mercy we were enabled to relieve ourselves, and I believe it was a profitable time to them. I appeared first Jane Burrow next twice, I next, John Bottomley next. After which we drunk Tea here.

From thence we went to Samuel Woods of Headingley, there was a drowsiness in meetings in one of the family, and a love of unprofitable company, some other inconsistencies in another, We sat down with the Father, Mother and 3 Children it was a season of favour, great encouragement flowed towards two of the youth, and the other was faithfully warn'd of his danger, and intreated to close in with this renewed visitation, suitable advice was also communicated to the Parents. John Bottomley was first concerned in supplication Jane Burrow appeared twice next I twice next to John Bottomley next and afterwards Jane Burrow in Prayer. After which we supp'd here, and then return'd to our respective habitations except Jane Burrow will came to my house to lodge.

On 24th. and 3rd. of week

We set out to visit those proposed in Lumbroyd Meeting, George Chapman and John Pickford accompanied us this, and the day following, we called by the way at John Aldams of Birchworth and got some refreshment; then proceeded to James Dickinsons of Folley were we was joined by our beforementioned friends, There was a neglect in this family in the due attendance of Meetings for Worship and discipline particularly in the Wife We sat down with him only, she being from home It was a favoured time things opening in a very encouraging manner to him. I appeared first, George Chapman next, Jane Burrow next, John Bottomley next. At close of the opportunity I was concern'd to leave a message with him to his Wife tending to stir her up to more diligence.

From thence we went to William Dickinsons of Thurlstone, and sat with him his Wife and two children; There was in this family a neglect of due attendance of meetings on week days especially. It was a low time but strength was afforded to labour honestly with them I hoped to their profit being a time of renewed visitation. Jane appeared for us, John Bottomley next, I next after we got upon our feet George Chapman and Jane Burrow had each a few words to drop

From thence we went to Benjamin Dickinsons were we din'd, and after dinner sat with him and his Wife. There was a neglect of attendance of meetings here. It was a mournful exercising time yet strength was afforded to communicate some advice which appeared to reach the witness in them. John Bottomley appear'd first, Jane Burrow next, John Bottomley next, and Jane Burrow next.

From thence we went to David Dickinsons, there was a neglect of the due attendance of meetings here and some other inconsistencies in conduct in some. It was a very painful trying time, and not withstanding the state of the family was closely and plainly spoke to so that it was hard work for us to clear ourselves for indeed things did appear to be much out of order, yet little sensibility appeared in some of their minds, tho' abundance of labour was bestowed, I wish it may prove to profit. We sat with him his Wife and two sons, I appeared first twice, George Chapman next, I next Jane Burrow 3 times next, John Bottomley next, and I next. After we got upon our feet, myself, George Chapman, and Jane Burrow had each a few words to drop to the older son which reach'd the witness, and we left some of them in tears, but with heavy hearts on our own part.

From thence we went with George Chapman to his house at Penistone to Tea were we lodg'd Altho' we had no prospect of visiting this family but as our lots were cast here we had a satisfactory opportunity with their two children in the evening in which Jane Burrow had a short time in testimony.

On 25th. and 4th. of week

This morning at 10 o'clock was at their week day meeting at Lumbroyd which held 2 hours and a half The forenoon being exceeding wet and windy there was more friends collected

than we expected, there being 10 members of that meeting My mind soon after I got to Penistone the night before were so low, that I sunk under the discouragement, my way seemed entirely closed up for further service, and I believe had return'd home this morning had it not been for my companions who encouraged me to proceed, altho' I believe the cause of my distress was hid from them. But towards the close of this meeting light arose and dispell'd darkness and I again felt my mind fully at Liberty, O the mercy and goodness of the Almighty who' tho' he sees meet to try yet will he never forsake those who put their trust in him. The meeting continued long in silence After which John Bottomley had a pretty long time in testimony from Mark C: 30. v: 37. What I said unto you, I say unto all, Watch. Jane Burrow was next concerned in supplication and afterwards had a few words in testimony from 1 Kings C: 17. v: 13. Elijah said unto her, Fear not; go, and do as thou hast said; but make me thereof a little cake first, and bring it unto me, and after make for thee and thy son. I had a pretty long time next being first opened from 1 Sam: C: 1. v. 14, 15. Eli said unto her, how long wilt thou be drunken? Put away thy wine from thee. and Hannah answered and said No my lord, I am a Woman of a sorrowful spirit; I have drank neither wine nor strong drink, but have poured out my soul before the Lord. After enlarging a little upon this subject was open to various states in the meeting. After which we went to Judfield and din'd at Thomas Earnshaws who kindly accompanied us this afternoon, and John Bottomley being lame of a foot he conveyed him and Jane Burrow in his cart.

From hence we went to Thomas Earnshaws of Langsett, There was a neglect of the due attendance of meetings here. We sat with him his Wife and two children. It was a laborious time but counsel and encouragement flowed plentifully towards them, and we were well satisfied with our visit. Jane Burrow appeared first, I next, John Bottomley next and Jane Burrow next. Afterwards we drunk Tea here.

From thence we went to Joshua Roberts's of Ecklands, and sat with his Wife and 3 children he being from home, but his spirit was as clearly felt as if he had been present. There was a sorrowful neglect of attending meetings here drowsiness when there, and divers other inconsistencies in conduct. It was an exceeding painful time, and things opened in a very plain close manner, which was hard to deliver, but I believe reach'd the witness, and broke her into tenderness before we parted, and we were favoured to clear ourselves, I appeared first, John Bottomley next, Jane Burrow next, I next, George Chapman next, I next, Jane Burrow next, John Bottomley next After which the Overseers had a conference with her respecting her and her husbands conduct which indeed appeared to be shameful so as to require the Mo. meetings notice and care. After which I had an encouraging testimony to bear to the two friends of this meeting who had kindly accommodated us at their house and favoured us with their company. From hence we thought of returning home but it being got late we went with George Chapman to his house to lodge, except John Pickford who return'd to his habitation.

On 26th. and 5th. of week

Having now finished the visit to all that was before us except 3 families who were gone from home, and not likely to return soon, and so was likely to be deferr'd a while. But in the course of this visit we have felt our minds drawn towards a number who had attended our Meetings sometime, and appeared to Under convincement but were not accepted into membership and having laid our concern before several friends who expressed their full unity therewith. A meeting was appointed for that purpose at Joseph Walkers of Shepley at 5 o'clock this evening being a place that appeared most convenient for those whom we wish to visit, who were 18 in number viz. John Beaumont and Thomas Pickford of Moorroyds, Henry Marsden, and Hezekiah Smith of Newhouse, George Taylor of Cumberworth Park, James Wilkinson and Wife and Martha Gouldthorp of Shepley, Joseph Hinchcliffe and Wife and son Charles of Whinney, Charles Smith of Bankbottom, Joseph Haigh and James Haigh and Wife of Bankside, Charles and Martha Blackburn of Skelmanthorp, and Elias Armitage of Busker, all of whom attended except John Beaumont Hezekiah Smith and Martha Blackburn, who was from home, and James Haigh Wife who was confin'd, and Elias Armitage who had lately fallen into gross evils in the hour of temptation. We left Peniston this forenoon and came to

my house were we din'd, and after dinner went to Shepley were we drunk Tea at John Haighs and tarried until meeting time. John Pickford and Mary Walker joined us on this visit. It proved an open favoured time, I had a few words therein first informing them of the nature of the visit and intreating all to gather to their own gifts, and then I believed from present feeling it would be a time of edification to the visitors and the visited. Jane Burrow had a pretty long time next from Isai: C: 42. v: 7 To open the blind eyes, to bring out the prisoners from the prison, and them that sit in darkness out of the prison house. John Bottomley 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. I had a long time next from Matt: C: 11. v. 3, 4, 5, 6. Art thou he that should come, or do we look for another? Jesus answered and said unto them, Go and show John again those things which ye do hear and see. The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the Gospel preached to them. And blessed is he whosoever shall not be offended in me. John Bottomley had a pretty long exhortation next, and at close of meeting which held upwards of 2 hours Jane Burrow had a few words. After which we went and got a little refreshment with Jane Burrow, and then came to John Haighs were we met with Henry Marsden and George Taylor we supp'd there and then came home together.

On 10th. of 9th. Mo. and 6th. of week

John Bottomley being from home and his return uncertain, Jane Burrow and myself proposed going through the remainder of the families, and William Taylor and Mary Walker accompanied us to day. In the afternoon after our week.day meeting, we proceeded to Henry Dickinsons of Strines, There was almost a total neglect in the youth of the attendance of week day meetings, and a lamentable departure from the simplicity of Truth in their dress. We sat down with him and his Wife and 3 sons, They appeared exceeding raw, and things felt very much out of order, yet much labour was bestowed for their help and recovery, and we believed it was a time of renewed visitation to them, and the danger of neglecting the present opportunity was closely laid before them. Jane Burrow appeared first, I twice next, Jane Burrow next.

From thence went to Joseph Steads of Toppet, were we drunk Tea, There was in one of the Family a drowsiness appeared in religious Meetings, and an inclination to conform to the customs of the world in dress. We sat down with him and his Wife and two sons, their daughter whom our minds were most engaged to visit being from home. It was a satisfactory opportunity things opening in an encouraging manner both to the Parents, and children, yet with a degree of caution that they might be careful to keep their unspotted of the world, and the youth be obedient to the manifestations of Truth in their own minds I appeared first, Jane Burrow twice next, afterwards I appear'd again. After which the evening being very windy accompanied with heavy showers of rain, Jane Burrow stop'd all night here, William Taylor accompanied Martha Walker home, and I return'd by myself.

On 12th. and 1st. of week

This morning we went to Elihu Dickinsons, Tanner being accompanied by John Brook and Mary Walker; there was here too much a conformity in some to the customs and fashions of the world also an appearance of drowsiness at times in religious meetings. We sat down with him and 3 children. It was a lowish time at first but afterwards prov'd a time of favour, counsel and admonition was plentifully extended, and I hope the opportunity may be remembered by some to their advantage. I appeared first Jane Burrow next twice I next and afterwards Jane Burrow and myself had each of us a few words. The visit being now compleated our minds felt quite at Liberty, except a concern towards two young men who appear under convincement and was from home when we sat with that class; We therefore agreed upon the following report to be laid before our Preparative meeting to day viz. "Agreeable to the minute of last meeting, a number of friends have visited such families and individuals within the compass of this Preparative meeting, as way opened; and have to acknowledge; That notwithstanding we entered upon the service and a great discouragement,

yet we were enabled to go through the same, to a good degree of satisfaction; having reason to believe it was a time of renewed favour to many minds. Friends generally appeared to receive the visit kindly, and gave us their company freely except one young man, and as we thought we did our best to procure an opportunity with him, we passed him by easy on our own account; But thought it a pity that any member of our Society, should have so little concern for their own welfare, as to reject a visit from their friends when offered."

On 15th. and 4th. of week

Feeling a desire to have an opportunity with two young men who are under conviction viz. John Beaumont and Hezekiah Smith who were from home when we sat with those of that class before, John Bottomley, Jane Burrow and me give up to sit with them this evening at 6 o'clock at my house. It was a precious opportunity, Jane Burrow was first concerned therein in testimony from Psalms 119 v: 165. Great peace have they that love thy law; and nothing shall offend them. John Bottomley next from John C: 8. v: 12. I am the light of the world; he that follow with me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of Life. I had a long time next from Eph: C: 2. v: 1, 2. You hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the Prince of the Power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience. I had afterwards a pretty long time again from Heb: C: 13. v: 5. I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. Having now entirely finished the service before us we felt the answer of peace in our own bosoms, and whatever effect this labour of Love may have upon the minds of the visited we cannot but acknowledge that arm was stretched forth in an eminent manner which would gather all near unto himself.

An Account of my Journey to Publick Meetings held at Dewsbury, Sturton.grange, Abberford and Little Preston, and to our Autumn Quarterly Meeting held at York in the 9th. Mo. 1802

Understanding that our friend Thomas Colley of Sheffield intended having a Publick Meeting at Dewsbury on first day the 26th. Inst and I inclining to be there on my way to York, and intending to assist them a little in making preparation for same set out from home betwixt 10 and 11 o'clock in the forenoon on ye. 25th. of ye. 9th. Mo. 1802 and 7th. day of week went by Cumberworth to Anthony Kinsleys of Skelmanthorp, and from thence to Charles Blackburns were I din'd, the heat being extreme I stopped until 2 o'clock in the afternoon, and then proceeded by Emley to Flockton.mill were I called at Cousin Alexander Hampshires, the heat continuing almost insupportable at their earnest request I stopp'd about 2 hours and drunk Tea then proceeded by Flockton, Mugmill and Thornhill to Dewsbury were I got about 7 o'clock in the evening and took up my quarters at Morrit Matthews's. After which I went and sat a little at George Breareys were I met with Joseph Greenwood of Earls.heaton near this town a young man who is under conviction of whose company I was glad having only seen him once about a week before at my house.

On 26th. and 1st. of week, This morning I breakfasted at William Wass's, were John Haigh of Shepley came who was my companion this journey. At 10 in the morning the Meeting began which was held in a new warehouse belonging to William Wass which was well seated and a convenient Gallery erected. It was supposed there was about 300 People within and as many without doors, were planks were fixed to sit upon, and many went away who could not get near. Thomas Colley had a long testimony there in from Tit: C: 3. v. 4, 5, 6. But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward 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 the renewing of the Holy.Ghost; which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus.Christ as Saviour. The meeting held near 2 hours. At the close thereof Thomas Colley inform'd the People that it was intended to hold another meeting this afternoon at 4 o'clock and for the better accommodation of those who inclined to attend, it was proposed holding it

in the dissenting Methodists Meetinghouse, John Atlay the preacher having previously offered it to friends if there was a necessity for it. We din'd and drunk Tea at William Wass's. At 4 o'clock the meeting began and held about 2 hours That large house was well filled, it being supposed there was about 1000 People. Thomas Colley had a long time therein in testimony from Jer: C: 6. v: 16. Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. When he sat down the People began to move, and several went out, I inform'd them the meeting was not over requesting them to keep their seats, but many are continued unsettled, whereupon Thomas Colley stood up and had an excellent exhortation to them, and the meeting ended comfortably. After which we supp'd at George Breareys and then return'd to my Quarters to lodge.

On 27th. and 2nd. of week, we breakfasted at George Breareys and left Dewsbury about 8 o'clock in the morning, went by Chichhill, Woodkirk, West.Ardsley, Thorp, and Rothwell to Wooddlesford were we got a little Spirit and water at the White.hart paid 10d and then proceeded by Swillington.bridge to Little-Preston were we got about 12 o'clock having travelled this morning about 11 miles, we called at there at Charles Smiths who married Elizabeth the daughter of Amelia Walker of Pontefract with whom I was intimately acquainted before her Marriage, but had not seen her for many years. She was very glad to see me, and I understood that both her and the children, attended friends meetings, and tho' her husband did not profess with us he mostly accompanied them, and went to no other place of Worship. I thought him a solid sensible man and felt a particular nearness to him, his heart as well as his house being open to receive and entertain friends They was exceeding kind, and pressing to us to tarry all night which we complied with. Thomas Colley and William Wass intending to lodge here, they got in just before we sat down to dinner, so that we spent the afternoon very comfortably together. Thomas having a concern on his mind towards the inhabitants of this part It was agreed to appoint a meeting for him to attend in his return from York at Sturton.grange about 4 miles from here the next 6th. day, and at this place the first day following and notice was accordingly ordered to be given thereof.

On 28th. and 3rd. of week, After getting some refreshment we set out about 6 o'clock in the morning, and went by Garforth to Abberford about 6 miles were we breakfasted at the Fox and hounds paid 1s a piece and then proceeded by Hasslewood to Tadcaster were we din'd at the Golden.Lyon paid 14d a piece eating and 6d Liquor, stopt at Abberford about 1 hour and a half and here 2 hours then proceeded to York, it being extremely hot we call'd by the way and got a Tankard of Porter paid 6d got there about 3 o'clock in the afternoon, and took up our quarters at the White.Swan in Goodramgate, paid 10d a piece Breakfasts 1s 6d Dinners and 1s Suppers. At 5 in evening began the Quarterly meeting for Ministers and Elders, which held about 2 hours and a half we had no strangers in the Ministry except Mary Ridgway from Ireland and Susanna Appleby from Shropshire. The Queries were read and answers received from all our Monthly Meetings in which Select meetings are held. A List of the members of this meeting were read and the necessary alterations made One Minister was deceased since last year viz. William Earnshaw of Pontefract Monthly Meeting and one recommended viz Sarah Hustler of Brighouse Mo. meeting. John Hipsley, Cable Fletcher, Sarah Parker, and Mary Hutchinson, were appointed to oversee the succeeding meetings and advise as occasion may require.

On 29th. and 4th. of week at 10 in the morning was a meeting for Worship which was very large, Mary Ridgway had a long time therein in testimony from 1 Thess: C: 4. v: 11. Do your own business, and work with your own hands. Afterwards William Crotch was concerned in Prayer. At the close of this meeting was held one for discipline. The Queries were read and Answers received from all our Monthly meetings some other business was gone through and then the meeting adjourned. Both meetings held 4 hours, After dinner we took a walk to see the Felons in the Castle. At 5 in the evening met pursuant to adjournment. The Representatives having met at the close of last sitting to consider of two friends for Clerks for the ensuing Year, proposed to this William Maud of Bradford and William Rountree of Pickering meetings who were acceptable to the meeting some other business was

gone thro' and then the meeting adjourn'd having held near 2 hours. A large Committee having to sit at the close thereof, on the renewal of James Fawcetts Appeal against the proceedings of Brighthouse Mo. Meeting.

On 30th. and 5th. of week, at 10 in the morning met pursuant to adjournment, the business of the meeting was finished in this sitting which held about 2 hours and a half, the whole having been conducted with a good degree of Unanimity. This afternoon we drunk Tea at John Lee's. At 5 in the evening was the Parting meeting for Worship, which was larger than the former more of other Societies attending, and was eminently favoured. Mary Ridgeway had a very long and extraordinary time in testimony from Isai: C: 40. v. 6, and 8. The voice said, Cry, and he said, What shall I cry? All flesh is grass, and all the goodness thereof as the flower of the field; the grass withereth, the flower fadeth; but the word of our God shall stand for ever. Afterward she was concerned in Prayer and Praises to Almighty God whose Power had been eminently manifested in this meeting. It held upwards of 2 hours and a half.

On 1st. of 10th. Mo. and 6th. of week, we left York about 6 o'clock in the morning and came to Tadcaster in company with Joseph Shackleton of Leeds and George Brearey of Dewsbury. Breakfasted together at the Golden Lyon paid 10d a piece eating, stopt about 1 hour and half, and then they set out for Leeds, and we came to Towton, called the at the Rockingham and got 6 pennyworth of Rum and Water, then came to Simeon Hunters of Sherburn, got there about 12 o'clock were we din'd About 2 in the afternoon we set out to the meeting at Sturton grange, Simeon Hunter walked this, but he not knowing the shortest way, and one William Wilson a neighbour of his being going about some business into that part accompanied us to Micklefield 3 miles were we call'd at the Blands arms and got a Tankard of Ale, then proceeded to Sturton grange 1 mile and a half were we got betwixt 3 and 4 o'clock. It is a large farm house lonely but pleasantly situated, being a Township and Constabulary of itself Tenanted by Edward Wade one of the people called Methodists who farms 800 Acres of Land, being a man of considerable property, who with his Wife and children, (who are mostly grown and one Son Thomas newly-married) received us lovingly and entertained friends on this occasion generously. Thomas Colley and Robert Tricket and his daughter Mary who proposed accompanying him to the meetings in these parts, and John Robinson of Wakefield were got thither before us, and afterwards Charles Parker of Bentham Meeting and David Priestman of Malton came in being on their way to the Committee at Ackworth. We all drunk tea together there, and I had a private interview with several of the family in a little parlour by ourselves The man and his Wife were very talkative, and I thought too full of themselves to receive the simplicity of the Truth; The young People appeared to be more in the innocency and I was particularly pleased with the company of their son Thomas and his Wife. The meeting was appointed to begin at 4 o'clock, but they altered it to 7 in the evening. It was held in a large room called the hall which was well seated with forms and chairs and filled with People besides many in an adjoining room, I was surprized to see so many collected in such a place, but afterwards understood it was not above a mile from Garforth were I apprehend the greatest number came from. It was a satisfactory meeting the People appearing mostly serious, and their behaviour commendable Charles Parker had a pretty long time therein first in testimony 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. Thomas Colley had a very long time next from Eph: C: 2. v. 20, 21, 22. Are built upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone; In whom all the building fitly framed together, growth unto an holy temple in the Lord, in whom ye are also builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit. Afterwards he had a short exhortation to the People intreating them (as many had been favoured to feel a solemn covering) to endeavour to keep under it, and not disperse it, by entering into conversation altho' it may be upon religious subjects. The meeting held 2 hours and a half. After which Thomas Colley inform'd us of his concern to have one at Abberford the next evening if a

place could be procured. Before we set out they ordered each of us a glass of wine. The evening was dark there being no moon but the weather being remarkable fine, we had a pleasant walk the way we came with Simeon Hunter to his house where we got betwixt 11 and 12 o'clock at night.

On 2nd. and 7th of week, This morning After Breakfast, Simeon Hunter and John Haigh set out to meet John Robinson to procure a place for the meeting at Abberford, and give notice thereof. But I tarried here the forenoon, and just when we were about sitting down to dinner, our friends Mary Ridgeway and Susanna Appleby came in, being on their way to the Meeting at Ackworth next day, we din'd together, and I was pleased with this short time in their company. About 2 o'clock I set out for Abberford about 5 miles, a pleasant road, went by Lotherton thither where I got to a little past 3, stopt at the Fox and hounds where I got a Pint of Porter, then proceeded further into the Town, and met with friends at the Fox where we took our Quarters, paid 10d a piece Tea and Breakfast and 1s Supper. The meeting began at 6 in the evening, and was held in a large Schoolhouse which the Methodists at times hold meetings in, so that there was a place raised for the Preacher which with the addition of a chair upon the top of the steps accommodated Thomas Colley, myself and Robert Tricket to sit. The place was well furnished with forms and the other friends were very useful in directing the People to seats. It was well filled with People and many without doors, so that it was supposed about 300 attended whose behaviour was remarkable, considering they were so much strangers to friends and our way and manner of Worship. It proved a remarkable favoured meeting an awful solemnity covering many minds, Thomas Colley had a long time therein in testimony from 2 Cor: C: 6. v: 1. We then, as workers together with him, beseech you also that you receive not the Grace of God in vain. Afterwards he had a commendatory speech to other People for their good behaviour withall informing them of our motives in seeking such opportunities as these, and then proceeded with a lively exhortation, concluding with recommending them to God and the word of his Grace, and the People departed in a solid frame of mind. The meeting held upwards of 2 hours.

On 3rd. and 1st. of week we set out betwixt 7 and 8 o'clock in the morning, John Robinson walking with us, came by Parlington hall and Garforth to Charles Smiths of Little Preston near Swillington Charles and his men were busy when we got there about 9 o'clock in preparing for the accommodation of the meeting. It having been proposed holding it in a large Granary of his, but the day being very fine they apprehended it would not contain the People, and having a large court adjoining the house with outbuildings on all sides, except one which was an high wall with doors for entrance. They seated it with Planks and erected a long Gallery at one end, so that I never remember to have seen a more suitable place out of doors for the purpose. We got Tea at Charles Smiths. The meeting began at 11 and held 2 hours and a half several friends attended from different meetings and a vast concourse of People of other Societies so that the place was nearly full and their behaviour commendable, and we were favoured with an open satisfactory meeting Thomas Colley had a very long time therein in testimony from Isai: C: 55. v: 1, 2. Ho, every one 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. 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. After which he was concerned in Prayer. After meeting we with many other friends din'd at Charles Smiths whose hospitality and willingness to make every suitable accommodation for the occasion was an offering I hope acceptable to the Lord and his People. After dinner Thomas Colley had a favoured time in supplication. About 4 o'clock John Haigh and me set out for Dircar 10 miles, we came by Swillingtonbridge to Oulton where we call'd at John Walkers and drunk Tea, his sister Hannah who is a member of our Society having been at the meeting, and given us an invitation, stopt there upwards of half an hour, and then proceeded by Stanley to Wakefield where we stopt a little at John Robinsons, and then came to Dircar where we got about 8 o'clock in the evening, and lodg'd at Christopher Walkers.

On 4th. and 2nd. of week, John Haigh arose early and set out for home. But I tarried Breakfast and then set about betwixt 8 and 9 o'clock, came to Crigglestone were I call'd at my Uncle Joseph Houghs and George Earnshaws stopt upwards of 2 hours at both places and got some refreshment at the latter; then came by Bretton and Parkmill to Skelmanthorp were I din'd at Charles Blackburns and drunk Tea at Anthony Kinsleys, stopt at both places about 3 hours, and then came by Cumberworth home were I got betwixt 5 and 6 in the evening.

An Account of my Journey to a Meeting at Barnsley in the 10th. Mo. 1802.

I set out from home ye. 16th. of ye 10th. Mo. 1802 and 7th. day of the week betwixt 5 and 6 o'clock in the afternoon, Having felt my mind drawn to be at the meeting at Lumbroyd the next day Charles Smith of Bankbottom called of me and drunk Tea at my house, and accompanied me thither and then return'd home: We went by Ing: Birchworth to Penistone, got there about half past 6 in the evening were we lodg'd at John Chapmans.

On 17th. and 1st. of the week, was at their meeting at Lumbroyd which began at 11 o'clock and held near 2 hours, The day being fine most of their members attended, and it was upon the whole a satisfactory meeting. I had a pretty long time therein in Testimony from 1 Kin: C: 18. v. 42, 43, 44. Elijah went up to the top of Carmel; and he cast himself down upon the earth, and put his face between his knees, and said to his servant, Go up now, look toward the sea, and he went up, and looked, and said, There is nothing, and he said, Go again seven times. And it came to pass at the seventh time, that he said, Behold, there ariseth a little cloud up out of the sea like a mans hand, and he said, Go up, say unto Ahab prepare thy chariot, and get thee down that the rain stop the not. After meeting we din'd at George Chapmans, and about quarter past 2 o'clock I set out in company with Thomas Earnshaw of Judfield who went with me to Burton and after the meeting there return'd home. We proceeded by Hoylandswain, Silkstone and Dodworth to Barnsley 7 miles, were we got betwixt 3 and 4 o'clock, having a desire to be at the meeting at Jonathon Bashforths which begins at half past 3, When we got there we found them collected together and Leah Kinsley from our meeting and Hannah Bottomley of Wooldale meeting set with them, That I think there was 18 in number before we got in. It was a comfortable opportunity I had two short times therein in testimony first from Luke C: 17. v: 5. Lord, increase our faith. and afterwards from Luke C: 12. v: 27. Consider the lilies, how they grow; they toil not, they spin not; and yet I say unto you that Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. Leah Kinsley 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. I had afterwards a pretty long time from Mark: C: 10. v: 21. Jesus beholding him, loved him, and said unto him, One thing thou lackest; go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor; and thou shalt have treasure in heaven; and come, take up the cross and follow me. The meeting held upwards of an hour and a half. After which we drunk Tea, at Jonathon Bashforths, and then went to Elizabeth Dunns were divers of those who were under convincement came to sit with us, and return'd to Jonathon Bashforths to supper, and lodg'd at the Swan.

On 18th and 2nd. of week, This morning we Breakfasted at Jonathon Bashforths and went to our Monthly meeting at Burton, The meeting for Worship began as usual at 11 o'clock, and was the largest I ever remember there, a few of other Societies attending, We had the company of Thomas Colley and, Thomas Scantlebury from Sheffield meeting, William Sowerby of Richmond Monthly meeting and Thomas Priestman of York who were under appointment of the Quarterly Meeting to visit those in our Monthly Meeting who were members of the Select meeting and further as their way might open. Thomas Colley had a very long and favoured time in this meeting in testimony from John C: 21. v: 5. Children have you any meat. At the close of this meeting was held the Meeting for discipline. A great deal of business was gone thro' and conducted to mutual satisfaction. John Bottomley was clear'd

from any other engagement in relation to marriage except with Ruth Dickinson a member of Brighthouse Monthly meeting and the further care left to that meeting. Also Thomas Firth a member of Brighthouse Monthly Meeting, and Jane Burrow of Highflatts meeting laid before this their intentions of taking each other in Marriage, Both meetings held 5 hours. After which I got some refreshment at John Wilsons Country house, and then returned to Barnsley, drunk Tea with Elizabeth Dunn and supp'd at Jonathon Bashforths, and then having received a kind invitation from my friend Samuel Coward I went and lodg'd at his house (accompanied by Thomas Walker Haigh who slept with me). His wife is in profession with the Methodists, and soon after I entered the house my mind was much exercised, and closing into silence had a satisfactory and I hope profitable opportunity in which I had a pretty long testimony to bear from Luke C: 11. v: 1. Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples.

On 19th. and 3th. of week, This morning I breakfasted with Thomas Walker Haigh, afterwards called to see some of those who are under convincement, and a little before 11 o'clock, left Barnsley and came to Cawthorne, where I din'd at Thomas Wests, stopp'd there until betwixt 3 and 4 o'clock in the afternoon, and then came by Denby home where I got betwixt 5 and 6 o'clock in the evening.

On 2nd. day of the friends who were on a visit to the members of the Select meeting sat in the evening with Leonard West of Ackworth at an Inn in Barnsley. On 3rd. day they proceeded to Wooldale and sat with Joseph Brook and Thomas Roberts, and from thence to Fulstone, and sat with Dinah Woodhead. Betwixt 11 and 12 o'clock in the forenoon on the 4th. day they reach'd my house, and after dinner sat with me. It was a precious opportunity towards the close of which Thomas Colley bore the following testimony. "Under a sense of the weight of that solemn awful covering, which hath at this season covered our spirits; I have remembered the office of him, of whom it was declared; He shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may minister or do office in mine holy place. I say under a sense of this solemn covering I have thought, How good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity. It is like the precious Ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aarons beard; that went down to the skirts of his garment, as the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion; for there the Lord commanded the blessing, even life for evermore." Afterwards they sat with John Bottomley who tho' not recommended as a Minister had appeared in Publick many years, I understood the opportunity was satisfactory, and that all of them had something to communicate to him. From hence they went to George Chapmans of Penistone, and sat with him where the visit closed at present, feeling no further engagement, and the next morning they set out towards their respective habitations.

An Account of my Journey to a Publick Meeting held at Lumbroyd near Penistone in the 11th.
Mo. 1802.

Our friend Ann Alexander from Suffolk, being on a Religious visit to the families of Friends in Sheffield meeting; found her mind drawn in Gospel Love to have a Meeting principally for those of other Societies in Penistone if a place could be procured, and if not in friends in Meetinghouse near there. I received a message from John Aldam who brought the intelligence requesting me to go over to George Chapmans to consult with him about it. Accordingly John Pickford and me set out on 6th. of ye. 11th. Mo. 1802, and 7th. of week about 8 o'clock in the morning and went by Ing. Birchworth to George Chapmans of Penistone, when we got there George inform'd us that he had apply'd to the School but the Master did not appear willing for us to have it for fear of the Priest, he living at Cawthorne I wrote a few Lines to Thomas West desiring to speak with the Priest to grant us that favour and sent John Pickford with it; When he got there, he was gone to Leeds, but his Wife sent her daughter with it to the Priest who wrote him a kind of evasive answer at the bottom of the Letter and return'd it to me; which

when we shewed to the Schoolmaster he still refused. We then look'd at the Shambles chambers, one of which the Tenant did not appear free to let us have, and the other I thought the steps in to it were not safe, and there being no other place likely in the Town we were obliged to give it up, and appoint a meeting at Lumbroyd, accordingly John Pickford being returning home he undertook to give notice to through Thurlstone and sent word to Ecklands and thereabouts, George Chapman set out to give notice through Penistone and Cubley and other places thereaway; and after Tea I set out to Thomas Earnshaws of Judfield where I lodg'd, and after I got there sent his Apprentice to give notice in Middopstones and that neighbourhood.

On 7th. and 1st. of week, The meeting began at 11 o'clock, Thomas Earnshaw and me went a little before the time and made we what convenience we could, John and Elizabeth Hoyland came along with a friend from Sheffield. The Meetinghouse was exceedingly crowded, and many who could not get in; and the behaviour of the whole was remarkable still solid and commendable; and we were favoured with a comfortable edifying opportunity together, John Hoyland had a pretty long time therein in testimony first from Psalms 46. v: 10. Be still, and know that I am God. Elizabeth Hoyland next from John C: 4. v: 24. God is a spirit; and they that Worship him worship him in spirit and in Truth. Ann Alexander had a long time next from Luke C: 12. v. 8, 9. Whosoever shall confess me before men, him shall the Son of man confess before the Angels of God: but he that denieth me before men shall be denied before the Angels of God. John Hoyland had a pretty long time next from Luke C: 2. v. 29, 30, 31. Lord, now letteth thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word, For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, Which thou has prepared before the face of all people? Ann Alexander was next concerned in Prayer, and afterwards John Hoyland inform'd the People that we should have been glad if we could have met with a place where they could all have been accommodated with seats, that some pains had been taken but could not procure one; and added that the meeting was now over and that they were at Liberty to withdraw. It held about 2 hours and a half. I set out towards home in company with John Pickford. We din'd at Joshua Earnshaws of Thurlstone, and afterwards called of Charles Blackburn of Skelmanthorp at William Dickinsons who accompanied us home, we called by the way at John Aldams of Ing. Birchworth where we drunk Tea at got home betwixt 5 at 6 o'clock in the evening

An Account of my Journey to a Meeting at Barnsley in the 11th. Mo. 1802.

I set out from home the 21st. of the 11th. month 1802 and 1st. of the week about 7 o'clock in the morning and went by Denby, Gunthwaite and Cawthorne to Barnsley being accompanied thither by James Arthington Wilson of Birdsedge a youth who I believe is under a divine visitation which hath caused a visible alteration in his countenance, and conduct, I was pleased with his company and conversation and felt secret desires for his preservation. I stopt about half an hour Jonathon Bashforths and got Tea, where I was inform'd that Ann Alexander from Suffolk accompanied by John Hoyland and Elizabeth his Wife of Sheffield had, had a Publick meeting in this Town the last first day which was held in a Barn at the White Bear, and was very large open and satisfactory. I was glad that the Lord continues to send forth laboures not only to plant, but water his heritage. I went in company with many friends to the meeting at Burton which tho' it was laborious I believe was a profitable season to many, and I was well satisfied with being there, had two pretty long times therein in Testimony the first from John C: 12. v: 24. Verily verily I say unto you, except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone; but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit. And afterwards from Luke C: 16. v: 3. I cannot dig, to beg I am ashamed. At the close of the meeting for worship was held their Preparative meeting, Both meetings held near 2 hours and a half. Here I met with my beloved friend Thomas Earnshaw of Judfield who accompanied me from hence to our Monthly Meeting at Wakefield and then return'd home. We went to the Oldmill where we

call'd and got some Rum and Water paid 1s, and then went to dine at Jonathon Bashforths of Barnsley, where we took up our Quarters that night. After dinner feeling unwell I laid me down upon the Bed and rested until meeting time, being also low and poor in mind. The Meeting at this place began at half past 3 o'clock and held near 2 hours, It was part gathered when I came downstairs, most of the newly convinced friends attended and some others; and three of other Societies came in, It proved a remarkable favoured opportunity the Power and Presence of the Almighty eminently overshadowing us, to the tendering of many hearts, a door of utterance was opened, and I had two long times in testimony therein, the first 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. And afterwards from Isai: C: 38. v: 3. Remember now, O Lord, I beseech thee, how I have walked before thee in Truth and with a perfect heart, and have done that which is good in thy sight. After Meeting we went to drink Tea with Elizabeth Dunn where we spent the evening, several of the convinced friends coming in to sit with us, amongst the number Sarah the wife of Samuel Coward who is in society with the Methodists, but at times attends friends meetings, and I believe is under a good degree of convincement of the Truth. Before we return'd to our Quarters we had a satisfactory opportunity together in which I had a pretty long testimony to bear 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, there shalt not eat of it; for in the day that thou eatest thereof, thou shalt surely die. Afterwards I was concerned in Prayer.

On 22nd. and 2nd. of week we left Barnsley betwixt 7 and 8 o'clock in the morning, Thomas Dixon Walton setting us upwards of 1 mile on our way and then return'd, we called at Newmillerdam at the Malt.Shovel, stopt about half an hour and got some refreshment, then proceeded after paying 6d a piece, by Sandal to the Meetinghouse near Wakefield. The meeting was considerably smaller than it had generally been when held there, we were favoured thereat with the company of our friend Mary Ellis of Gildersome, I had a short time therein in testimony first from Jer: C: 8. v: 22. Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? Why then is not the health of the daughter of my people recovered. Afterwards Mary Ellis had a short but acceptable time At the close of the Meeting for Worship was held our Monthly Meeting for discipline. By a few lines from Brighthouse Monthly Meeting we were inform'd of Thomas Firths clearness in relation to Marriage from all others except Jane Burrows and she coming clear from the Womens meeting they were left at liberty to accomplish the same. A great deal of business was gone through to a good degree of satisfaction, altho' that which rightly qualifies for service appeared to me to be very low, and more of the prevalence of that spirit which may be desirous to pull down what the wise in heart are honestly concerned to build, than is oftens the case. Both meetings held upwards of 3 hours, After which I din'd at John Robinsons and tarried until near 4 o'clock, then left Wakefield being accompanied to Dewsbury by John Haigh of Shepley, John King of Oldfieldnook and George Brearey, we went by Ossett, and got to Dewsbury about 6 o'clock in the evening were John Haigh and me lodg'd at William Wass's but after Tea John King set out towards home.

On 23rd. and 3rd. of the week, about 9 o'clock in the morning I set out for Huddersfield having some business at the market, left Dewsbury a little after 9 o'clock, and went by Mirfield and Cooperbridge, got to Robert Firths of Huddersfield betwixt 11 and 12 exceeding wet it have rained most of the way. I got some refreshment there and then went and did my business in the market and having had a kind invitation to dine at Robert Firths I accepted thereof and return'd thither where I tarried until betwixt 2 and 3 o'clock and then set out towards home it continuing exceeding rainy and the road being very dirty I had an uncomfortable walk, came by Almondbury to Shepley where I called see Jane Burrow but being so exceedingly wet dare not stop much; I had also to call at John Haighs to inform his Wife of his stoping a little at Dewsbury but for the same reasons did not sit me down, but got home as soon as I could being betwixt 5 and 6 o'clock in the evening, both wet and weary, yet did not suffer by it.

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An Account of my Journey to a Meeting at Barnsley etc, in the 12th. Mo. 1802

I set out from home ye. 25th. of ye. 12th. Mo. 1802 and 7th. of the week betwixt 1 and 2 o'clock in the afternoon, having John Bottomley for my companion this Journey, we went by Denbydikeside and Cawthorne to Barnsley where we got betwixt 4 and 5 and took up our Quarters at Jonathan Bashforths; After Tea we went to see Elizabeth Dunn, several friends who were newly convinced came and spent the evening with us there, with whom we had a satisfactory opportunity, in which John Bottomley had a pretty long time in testimony from Matt C: 5. v: 6. Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after righteousness. After which I had a pretty long time from Hos: C: 6. v: 5. I hewed them by the Prophets; I have slain them by the words of my mouth.

On 26th. and 1st. of week, In the morning we went to Samuel Cowards to Breakfast, and afterwards went to their Meeting at Burton which began at 11 o'clock. It was pretty large several friends calling there who were on their way to the Monthly Meeting, and some of other Societies came in; Of the committee appointed to attend here, There was George Chapman, John Bottomley, John Pickford, Henry Swire and myself It was an exercising meeting, but we were favoured to relieve our minds, things opening encouragingly to the true Zion travellers, and the rebellious were faithfully warned. John Bottomley had a long testimony first, being opened from,

How are thy Servants blest, O Lord,
How sure is their defence:
Eternal Wisdom is their Guide,
Their help is Omnipotence.

I had a pretty long time next from Gen: C: 49. v: 5. Simeon and Levi are brethren: instruments of cruelty are in their habitations. and afterwards John Bottomley from Matt: C:

23. v. 37, 38. O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the Prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered they children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not! Behold, your house is left unto you desolate. At the close of this meeting was held their Preparative meeting, The three Queries usually answered this Quarter were read and answered, and a Representative appointed to attend the Monthly Meeting. Both meetings held about 2 hours. We were before engaged to go with Samuel Lever to his house, but I felt a pressure upon my spirit to be at the meeting at Barnsley this afternoon, accordingly my companion went with him and I with George Broadhead and Henry Swire to the Inn at Oldmill were we din'd together paid 1s a piece eating and 6d Liquor. After dinner they set out for Ackworth, and I tarried until near Meetingtime and then went to the Meeting held at Jonathan Bashforths of Barnsley, which began at half past 3 o'clock and continued about 1 hour and a half. There was 15 attended beside myself amongst the number John Gudger and his Wife, he was so far convinced of the Truth when I was last here as to attend meetings since on first days. This proved a favoured opportunity and tended greatly to the relief of my spirit, I had two pretty long times therein in testimony, the first from Luke C: 12. v: 37. Blessed are those servants whom the Lord when he cometh shall find watching. and afterwards from Luke C: 17. v: 32. Remember Lots wife. After which I had two short exhortations. As soon as the Meeting was over I set out for Samuel Levers having promised if I could to get there to Tea, Thomas Dixon Walton and Thomas Walker Haigh accompanied me thither and return'd in the latter part of the evening. We went by Burton grange, formerly an Abbey part of which is now standing, Captain Milner lived here in the days of George Fox who had a Meeting at his house, the said Captain being convinced of the Truth. We got to Samuel Levers of Woodnook near Cudworth about 6 o'clock. After Tea we had a precious opportunity in the family. He and his Wife had formerly been in profession with the Methodists, but being dissatisfied, had been measurably convinced of the Truth but not being faithful had not made publick profession thereof. This was a time of renewed visitation unto them and more particularly so to him, that I hope they will be enabled to take up their cross, and confess Christ before men, by yielding obedience to his requirings. I had three pretty long Testimonies to bear the first from Heb: C: 1. v. 1, 2. God, who at sundry times, and in divers manners spake in time past to the Fathers by the Prophets. Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, and next from Isai: C: 1. v: 19. If ye be willing and obedient; ye shall eat the good of the land. And afterwards from Luke C: 10. v. 5, 6. Into whatsoever house ye enter, first, says Peace be to this house. And if the son of peace be there, your peace shall rest upon it. John Bottomley had a pretty long time next, and afterwards I had a few words more. After the opportunity the young Men from Barnsley set out for home. When we sat down to supper John Bottomley was concerned at Table in Prayer.

On 27th. and 2nd. of week, early this morning Samuel Coward and Thomas Dixon Walton, called of us, and accompanied us to Ackworth, we left here about 7 o'clock in the morning, and went by Cudworth Brierley, and Hemsworth got to Ackworth School about quarter past 9 were we got Tea in the Housekeepers room. At 10 o'clock the meeting for Worship began which I thought was large for the time of the year. It was a lowish time and held in silence; At the close thereof was held our Monthly meeting for discipline the best help was near and enabled us to go thro' the weighty affairs which came before us to a good degree of satisfaction. Four of the Queries usually answered this Quarter were read and Answers recieved from all our Preparative Meetings viz. Pontefract, Highflatts, Ackworth, Wakefield, Wooldale and Burton. A General Answer was drawn up approv'd and Sign'd in order to be laid before our Quarterly meeting. Also Henry Marsden a young man who lived with me, and whose application to be accepted a member of our Society was laid before our last Meeting, and a Committee appointed to visit him, who brought in a satisfactory report to this meeting accordingly he was admitted into membership with us. Wooldale friends also laid before us an application from Elizabeth Moorhouse a young Woman who had attended friends Meetings from a child requesting to be admitted into membership, a committee was

appointed to pay her a visit, and report to our next meeting. A great deal more business was gone thro' and both meetings held 4 hours and a half. After which we went to dine at James Bucks and after dinner return'd to the School were we drunk Tea with Jonathan Binns's, and after Tea at the request of the Superintendant, we attend the meeting of the Schoolmasters and him together where enquiry was made into the conduct of the Boys and such punishment ordered for whose conduct had been disorderly as was thought proper. From hence we went and sat a little at John Neilds, and then return'd to James Bucks were we lodg'd.

On 28th. and 3rd. of the week, we set out for William Paynes, having never been there since the Death of his Wife, and having a desire to see the family; James Buck kindly accompanied us about 2 miles and then returned. We left Ackworth about 10 o'clock in the forenoon, and went to Badsworth were we called at one William Mittons a Farmer there to look at a Bull of the Tees.water kind, who was sold when a calf for 80 Guineas, and is judg'd to be one of the finest Beasts of the sort in England, having had 5 Premiums adjudg'd to him, He takes in Cows at 1 Guinea a piece, and is now 4 years old. We stopt near an hour and he treat us with a Bottle of Cowslip wine and cake. We then proceeded by Upton, Minstrop and Long.Emsall, to William Paynes of Frickley.hall, were we got betwixt 1 and 2 o'clock just before their dinner, and tarried all night.

On 29th. and 4th. of week, William Payne set out very early in the morning for York, and I feeling my mind exercised for the good of the dear children, requested an opportunity with them, which was freely complied with, after Breakfast, and tended much to the relief of my mind, being an open favoured time. We sat down with 9 of them, the youngest not being old enough, I had a pretty long time first from Eccle: C: 12. v: 13. Fear God, and keep his commandments; for this is the whole duty of man. John Bottomley next concerning the call of the Lord to Samuel formerly. Afterwards I had a pretty long time again being opened from sundry subjects adapted to their various states. After which we came to Stephen Holmes's were they was very pressing of us to stop and dine with them which we at length complied with. At Table John Bottomley was concerned in supplication. We left Frickley betwixt 1 and 2 o'clock and Came by Clayton-'eth-clay and Grimethorp to a farmhouse called Ferrymoor, were we called to enquire our way, when we knock'd at the door, James Needham who looks after the Farm and resides there with his family, came out and kindly invited us in. as soon as I saw him I felt a love in my heart to the man, and I thought the solidity of his countenance struck me. We went in and tarried about half an hour, Smoak'd our pipes and they gave us some Beer and would gladly have had us to have something to eat, but we had no occasion, we had not much conversation, but I felt a particular nearness to the man and at parting left him with a degree of reluctance. We came by Low.Cudworth to Samuel Levers of Woodnook were we got about 4 o'clock, intending to go to Oldmill to lodge, but they being desirous for us to stop there we complied therewith, and telling them we had called at James Needhams they inform'd us he was a Relation of theirs through marriage, and in profession with the Methodists but under some dissatisfaction of mind, and that they believed he would be glad of a religious opportunity with us, and feeling something on my mind that way, I gave a person 6d to acquaint him to come over hither this evening, but something prevented him, so that we were prevented at this time from seeing him Altho' we much desired it, but having done our best we felt more easy.

On 30th. and 5th. of week, We felt our minds drawn to attend the Weekday meeting at Burton Samuel Lever accompanied us thither. We set out about half past 10 in the forenoon and got there about 11 at which time the meeting began and held 2 hours. It was a time of extraordinary favour. There was 9 Persons there besides my companion and me. I had a very long time therein in testimony first 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. John Bottomley had a pretty long time next from John C: 15. v: 2. Every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit. I next from Matt: C: 24. v: 41. Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left. John

Bottomley next in Prayer and Praises for this days peculiar favour. After meeting we set out towards home. Thomas Dixon Walton and Thomas Walker Haigh accompanying us about 2 miles and then return'd, we came by Mapplewell to Darton were we stopt about 1 hour and a half at the Rose and Crown and din'd paid 10d a piece eating and 6d Liquor, then came by Kexbro' and Hoyland to cousin Joseph Steads of Toppett were we drunk Tea, stop about 1 hour and a half and then came by Denby.dike.side home were we got about 8 o'clock in the evening.

An Account of my Journey to a Meeting at Barnsley on the 1st. Mo. 1803.

I set out from home ye. 15th. of ye. 1st. Mo. 1803 in the forenoon, to Birdsedge to attend the Burial of Sarah Langley who departed this Life on the 13th. Inst. In the forenoon Aged about 62 Years She had lived servant in our family 11 Years, besides assisting us in times of sickness, and on other occasions, and had demeaned herself so as to gain our esteem both as a friend and Neighbour, and it being the 7th. day of the week, and Burton Preparative meeting next day which I had not thought of attending this time; but unexpectedly felt my mind engaged so to do, accordingly after accompanying the corps to Denby where it was interr'd, and dining at William Kilners were the dinner was ordered. I proceeded that evening to Cousin Joseph Steads of Toppett, got there betwixt 5 and 6 o'clock were I lodg'd.

On 16th. and 1st. of week I set out about 9 o'clock in the morning and went by Hoyland, Kexbro', Darton, and Mapplewell to Burton were the meeting had been fully gathered a short time when I got there, It was a satisfactory one to me several of other societies attending and I was fully confirm'd of being in the way of my duty in my sitting therein. Of the Committee appointed to attend here, there was only John Bottomley, (who came into this part the day before) and myself; John Bottomley was first concerned in supplication, and afterwards I had a long time in testimony from Matt: C: 4. v: 4. Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. At the close of the meeting of Worship was held their Preparative meeting: Both Meetings held near 2 hours. After which I came to the Inn at Oldmill, and the day being extremely cold and I not very well, I got 6 pennyworth of Rum and Water, and then went to dine at Jonathan Bashforths were I took up my Quarters during my stay in Barnsley. At half past 3 o'clock the meeting began at their house; John Bottomley came to it and we continued together until after the meeting at Wakefield. Besides us 20 Persons attended. It was upon the whole a satisfactory opportunity, tho' not so eminently overshadowed as we have sometime experienced I had two pretty long times therein in Testimony the first from Prov: C: 4. v: 23. Keep thy heart with all diligence for out of it are the issues of Life. and afterwards from Matt: C: 8. v: 22. Jesus said unto him, Follow me, and let the dead bury their dead. The meeting held 1 hour and a half. After which we went to drink Tea with Elizabeth Dunn. After Tea several of those who were under convincement and some others came to see us with whom we had a favoured opportunity, in which John Bottomley had a long time in testimony first from Matt: C: 6. v: 10. Thy will be done in earth as it is done in heaven. I next from Isai: C: 55. v: 2. Wherefore do ye spent money for that which is not bread? And your labour for that which satisfieth not? Harken diligently unto me, and eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness. Afterwards I had a few words more. John Bottomley had a long time next, and afterwards myself from 2 Cor: C: 4. v: 5. We preach not ourselves, but Christ.Jesus the Lord. From hence we return'd to our Quarters.

On 17th. and 2nd. of week, we left Barnsley after getting a little refreshment. William Gant a young Man who has been in the Army and got discharged when the Peace was made, and settled in this town, being so far convinced of friends Principles as to attend our Meetings for some time past and of late hath appeared to increase in religious thoughtfulness set us on our way about 2 miles and then return'd I had some private conversation with him and felt

much sympathy for him believing him to be under a divine visitation, and in a state similar to that described by the Apostle. When I would do good, evil is present with me, and I sincerely desire his obedience may so far keep pace with the knowledge he is and may be favoured with as to experience a being brought into that situation in which there is no condemnation to them who walk not after the flesh but after the Spirit. But Alas! too many visited minds when hard things are required, instead of being faithful, turn away sorrowful, and so dwindle away or like the sow that was wash'd turn again to wallow in the mire and filth of sin. We set out about 7 o'clock, and got to Newmillerdam were we Breakfasted at the Malt..Shovel paid 9 a piece stopt 1 hour and then proceeded by Sandal to the Meetinghouse near Wakefield were we got just in time to the Meeting which was not large, and I thought a low time and held throughout in silence. At the close of the Meeting for Worship was out Monthly Meeting for discipline, in which a great deal of business was gone thro', which was amicably conducted. Both meetings held about 3 hours and a half. After which I din'd at John Robinsons of Wakefield and after dinner came to Christopher Walkers of Dircar were I lodg'd.

On 18th. and 3rd. of week I set out about 9 o'clock in the morning and came to William Pickards of Painthorp were I stopt near 2 hours and got some refreshment then came by Bretton and Parkmill to Charles Blackburns of Skelmanthorp were I got about 2 o'clock in the afternoon din'd and drunk Tea there were I again met with John Bottomley; from thence we came to Anthony Kinsleys were we sat a little and then proceeded by Cumberworth home were we got about 6 o'clock in the evening.

An Account of my Journey to Brighthouse Monthly Meeting held at Brighthouse etc.in the 2nd.
Mo. 1803.

I set out from home ye. 3rd. of ye. 2nd. Mo. 1803 and 5th. day of the week, about 5 o'clock In the evening. It being Snowy and a sharp frost, stopt about half an hour at John Haighs of Shepley and the proceeded to William Bottomley of Thursteland-Woodend, got there about 7 o'clock in the evening were I lodg'd. After sitting a while went to Thomas Bottomleys , were I supp'd and then return'd to my Quarters, just before Bedtime John Haigh of Shepley came in who accompanied me this Journey as far as Todmorden and then return'd.

On 4th. and 6th. of week, we set out about 7 o'clock in the morning and went by Farnley Almondbury, Huddersfield, Hillhouse and Rastrick to Brighthouse, got there about 10 o'clock were we got Tea at James Lees's. The meeting for Worship began at 11 and I thought was not large considering the fineness of the day, and the numbers belonging thereto. It was held in silence. At the close thereof was the Monthly Meeting for discipline which consists of 6 Preparative meetings viz. Leeds, Bradford, Brighthouse, Parrack, Todmorden and Gildersome. The business was amicably conducted, and I thought I felt a good degree of satisfaction in sitting amongst them. Both meetings held 3 hours. After which we din'd at James Lees's. And having felt for sometime a concern on my mind to be at Todmorden meeting and visit the newly convinced friends at Rochdale; about 4 o'clock We proceeded on our Journey. John Wommersley a young man who lives here and hath lately join'd the Society by convincement set us on our way about a mile and then return'd. we went by Chapel-'eth-Brier, and Halifax to Joshua Stansfields of Handgreen got there betwixt 6 and 7 o'clock in the evening were we lodg'd.

On 5th. and 7th. of week, we set out betwixt 9 and 10 o'clock in the forenoon and went to Heptonbridge were we stopt about an hour at the White.Lyon and got some refreshment, paid 4d a piece eating and 6d Liquor, then proceeded to Robert Sutcliffes of Newshop were we stopt about 2 hours and din'd, got to Todmorden about 4 o'clock, were we drunk Tea at Susanna Sutcliffes, stopt here and at Thomas Firths until after 6 o'clock in the evening and then went to Hannah Greenwoods of Longfield were we lodg'd.

On 6th. and 1st. of week was at their Meeting at Shoebread near Todmorden which begin at 11 o'clock and held upwards of 2 hours. It was larger of friends than I expected especially of youth, and several of other Societies came in. Upon the whole I thought it was a satisfactory meeting. I had a pretty long time in Testimony therein from Tit: C: 3. v: 3, 4, 5, 6. 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 toward man appeared, not by righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ, our Saviour. Truth was comfortably in dominion, and many were much broken and tendered. After meeting my companion return'd towards home, James Midgley of Rochdale who came to meet me here, went to dine with me at Longfield; We set out for Rochdale in Lancashire about 3 o'clock James having a horse had left it at the Inn in Todmorden and return'd that way. John Greenwood kindly accompanied me about 5 miles on my way and then return'd, I got to James Midgleys of Wardleworth in Rochdale a little past 5 o'clock were I stopt two nights. After Tea dear William Taylor a choice young man who had intended to have met me at Todmorden but was prevented through indisposition came in and favoured me with his acceptable company most of the time I stopt here, and slept with me of whose company I was glad, being nearly united to him, and when I left he was finely recovered of his Indisposition. Some others coming in we had a precious heavenly opportunity together in which I had a long and encouraging testimony to bear 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. and afterwards had a few words more.

On 7th. and 2nd. of week, I spent the day here much to my satisfaction. In the afternoon William Taylor went to his work, but return'd in the evening. John Milns also came in and we had another very satisfactory opportunity in which I had a long testimony from Phil: C: 2.v: 12, 13. Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. For it is God that worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure. And afterwards had a few words more; and then thought I felt myself fully clear of this place at present.

On 8th. and 3rd. of week. After Breakfast I called to see Samuel Brook one of the People called Methodists who went from our parts, stopt a little there, and left Rochdale betwixt 10 and 11 o'clock. William Taylor accompanied me to Buersall and then return'd; We parted in much affection and tenderness, feeling the cementing Love of Truth which distance cannot separate. I stopt at William Midgleys and din'd, and drunk Tea, having had a prospect of going to the week.day meeting at Bolton the next day, and my kind friend William Midgley offered to accompany me, and convey me in his Chaise. But having before I left home engaged to meet a Person at Penistone on fifth day, I could not feel easy to omit it, so concluded to return home, and apprehending it would make my Journey easier to go this evening to Samuel Gandys of Shaw, I went thither; James Taylor having met me there this afternoon before Tea accompanied me and likewise William Midgley; we went by Crompton and got to Shaw about 7 o'clock. James Taylor stopt all night with me, but William Midgley return'd home.

On 9th. and 4th. of week, I set out betwixt 9 and 10 o'clock in the morning, James Taylor set me on my way about 2 miles and then return'd. I came by Delpth in Yorkshire, to the Sine of the Horse and groom in Saddleworth, were I stopt about an hour and got some refreshment paid 5d and a half then came over Standish and by Marsden, Holthead, Blackmoorfoot, and Crosland to Netherton were I called to see Ann Kay and Sarah Hallawell two Women with whom I had some acquaintance who are in Profession with the Baptists, I sat about half an hour with them and then came to Joseph Bottomleys of Royd, were I stopt upwards of an hour and drunk Tea; then came to Shepley were I sat upwards of half an hour at John Brooks and took a Glass of Wine and Water, then came to Birdsedge were I called in Cousin John Mallinsons Shop and sat about half an hour with Joseph Grayham a young man for whose welfare every way I have been very much concerned, having frequently been led to

sympathize with him that he had not been taught to read, and this winter through my encouragement he has tryed to learn, and for the time hath improv'd surprizingly; I wish he may also be concerned to improve in the Truth all are visited but all are not willing to take up their daily cross, but those who do, experience it to be the Power of God unto Salvation. I got home betwixt 8 and 9 o'clock in the evening.

An Account of my Journey to a Meeting at Barnsley etc. in the 2nd. Mo. 1803.

I set out from home ye. 19th. of the 2nd. Mo. 1803 and 7th. day of the seek about 4 o'clock in the Afternoon, and went by Cumberworth to Anthony Kinsleys of Skelmanthorp were I drunk Tea and then went to Charles Blackburns were I lodg'd.

On 20th. and 1st. of week, I set out about 8 o'clock in the morning for the Meeting at Burton, Charles Blackburn accompanying me thither and then return'd we went by Clayton, Hoyland, Kexbro', Darton and Mapplewell to Burton were we got just in time to the Meeting, which tho' laborious for a season was upon the whole satisfactory. I had a pretty long time therein in testimony from Zech: C: 3. v: 4. Behold I have caused thine iniquity to pass from thee, and I will clothe thee with change of raiment. Of the Committee appointed to attend here there was only Thomas Earnshaw of Judfield and myself, he continued with me until next morning whose company was very acceptable. At the close of the meeting for Worship was held their Preparative Meeting: Both meetings held 2 hours and a half. After which we went to the Inn at Oldmill were we din'd paid 10d a piece eating and 6d Liquor. From thence we went to the meeting at Jonathan Bashforths in Barnsley which began at half past 3 o'clock and held 1 hour and a half. There was 15 attended besides ourselves, some of whom I had not seen before. It was I believe a profitable opportunity tho' held in silence, After which we went to Elizabeth Dunns to Tea, and after Tea many of those who are under convincement came in with whom we had a very satisfactory opportunity in which I had a long time in testimony from Jer: C: 4. v: 3. Break up your fallow.ground and sow not among thorns. And Afterwards was concerned in Prayer. From hence we return'd to Jonathan Bashforths to supper, and then went to William Hardys the Sine of the Swan to lodge were we was kindly entertained.

On 21st. and 2nd. of week, After taking a Glass of wine I set out towards our Monthly meeting to be held near Wakefield betwixt 7 and 8 o'clock in the morning, when I had got a little out of Town Thomas Dixon Walton came up with me and accompanied me thither, we called at the Malt.shovel at Newmillerdam and stopt about an hour and Breakfasted, but Thomas Dixon Walton would not suffer me to be at any expence but defray'd the whole himself. Whilst we were at Breakfast Thomas Walker Haigh of Barnsley and Joseph Smith of Carrgreen came up to us and accompanied us to the Meeting. We went by Milthorp and Sandal, got there just in time. The meeting was large the house being pretty well filled, but the solemnity thereof was much hurt by the frequent confused appearances of one Benjamin Boothe, a member of that meeting who hath been long troublesome to friends, and continues to refuse to take their advice being actuated by a wicked Ranting spirit under a pretence of Zeal for the Lord and his cause. Towards the close of the meeting John Bottomley was concerned in Prayer. and afterwards I had a pretty long time in testimony from Joel: C: 2. v: 28, 29. It shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophecy: your old men 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. My exercise was very heavy, but I was enabled to relieve my own mind, I believe to the satisfaction of many friends. Having first to set forth the priviledge of the present Gospel day, and how the Lord was choosing the weak and foolish of this world to confound the wisdom of the wise etc. so that no rightly exercised mind dare presume to say that they should pass the meeting in silence. But then there ought to be a great care not to

believe every spirit but try the spirits whether they be of God. for it is only that which comes from him that can be acceptable anything short of this brings death, disorder and confusion. And as the Prophets have liberty to speak one by one, and the rest to judge, that we should be willing to submit to the advice of our friends and not assume the liberty of both speaking and judging for ourselves with more to the like effect, with which I believe exercised frds who had felt the burden of the present day were comfortably relieved, and the meeting closed more satisfactorily than was once expected. The meeting for business was covered with a good degree of solemnity and the business thereof very amicably conducted. Amongst other things Elizabeth Moorhouse of Wooldale meeting formerly my housekeeper was admitted into membership. Both meetings held about 3 hours and a half. After which I din'd at John Robinsons in Wakefield were I met with John Pickford we stopt there until after Tea, and then came together to Dircar were we got betwixt 6 and 7 o'clock in the evening and lodg'd at our friend Christopher Walkers.

On 22nd. and 3rd. of week, we set out betwixt 8 and 9 o'clock in the morning. John Pickford went directly home, but I called at William Pickards of Painthorp were I met with John Bottomley who accompanied me to Skelmanthorp we stopt here and got anearly dinner and betwixt 11 and 12 o'clock set out and came by Bretton and Parkmill to Charles Blackburns of Skelmanthorp were we got about 2 o'clock in the afternoon. After John Bottomley had rested a while he set out for his Brother Thomas's but I tarried here until near 5 o'clock and drunk Tea, then came by Cumberworth home were I got about 6 o'clock in the evening.

An Account of my Journey to our Spring Quarterly Meeting held at Leeds in the 3rd.
Mo.1803.

I set out from home ye. 27th. of ye. 3rd. Mo. 1803 and 1st. day of the week betwixt 6 and 7 o'clock in the morning. John Pickford accompanying me to Ackworth were our Monthly meeting was to be held; we went by Denby.dikeside and Bagden to Toppett were we stop near an hour at Cousin Joseph Steads and got some Tea, then proceeded by Hoyland, Kexbro, Darton and Mapplewell to Burton, were we got just in time to the meeting, and unexpectedly met with our friend Thomas Colley from Sheffield there, who having previously acquainted friends of that meeting to give some information, to those of other Societies a great concourse attended, so that the meeting was very large the house being well filled and many stood without. Thomas Colley had a very long and highly favoured time therein in testimony from Isai: C: 45. v: 22. Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth. It was a glorious meeting the hearts of many being broken and tendered before him who is the dread of Nations and the Lord of the whole earth. At the close thereof was held their Preparative meeting. of the committee appointed to attend here there was only John Pickford and myself. The Queries were read and answered and some other business gone thro' Both meetings held 2 hours and a half. After which Samuel Laver a friend under convincement who waited for us, took us with him to his house at Woodnook near Cudworth to dine were we tarried all night. After dinner Thomas Dixon Walton, and William Gant of Barnsley came to see us. After Tea we had a precious opportunity with them and this family in which I had a pretty long testimony from Rom: C: 10. v: 17. Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. and afterwards had a few words more. About 8 o'clock in the evening the young men set out for home, and called upon us the next morning to accompany us to Ackworth.

On 28th. and 2nd. of week, we set out about 8 o'clock in the morning and went by Cudworth, Brierley and Himsworth to Ackworth were we got about 10 o'clock, and got Tea at the School.house were I took up my Quarters this time. Our Monthly meeting for Worship began at 11 o'clock, being held one week later then the usual time to accommodate some friends appointed by the Quarterly meeting to visit us three of whom attended here viz.

Thomas Priestman of York and Thomas Colley and Thomas Scantlebury of Sheffield Meeting. Thomas Colley had a long and encouraging time in testimony therein from Luke C: 1. v: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8. And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint; Saying, there was in a city a judge which feared not God, neither regarded man: and there was a widow in that city; and she came unto him saying, Avenge me of mine adversary. And he would not for a while; but afterward he said unto himself, Though I fear not God, nor regard men; Yet because this widow troubleth me, I will avenge her, lest by her continued coming she weary me. And the Lord said Hear what the unjust judge saith. And shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them? I tell you that he will avenge them speedily. At the close of the meeting for Worship was held the meeting for discipline the business of which was satisfactorily conducted, amongst other things the Queries were read and answers recieved from all our Preparative meetings viz. Pontefract, Highflatts, Ackworth, Wakefield, Wooldale and Burton, and a General Answer drawn up approv'd and Signed in order to be laid before our ensuing Quarterly Meeting. Both meetings held near 5 hours. After dinner I went and drunk Tea at James Bucks and in the evening return'd to my Quarters, were I had the company of Daniel Starbuck who was come with a Child to the School, he was a descendant of the Starbucks of the Island of Nantucket, and has removed from there to Milford in Pembrokeshire South Wales where he and some other friends are settled and keep a Meeting.

On 29th. and 3rd. of week, I set out for Leeds about 6 o'clock in the morning in company with Thomas Scantlebury we went to Pontefract were we stopt about 1 hour and a half at Joseph Johnsons and Breakfasted then proceeded by Methley to Oulton were we called to see Hannah Walker stopt about an hour and got some refreshment and then proceeded to Leeds which from Ackworth the road we came is about 15 miles, got there betwixt 1 and 2 o'clock were I din'd at Samuel Grimshaws and afterwards took up my Quarters at the Theatre. Coffee.house in Hunslet lane. Paid 10d a piece Breakfasts and 1s 3d Suppers Malt Liquor included. At 5 in the evening began the Quarterly Meeting for Ministers and Elders which held near 3 hours and a half; Where we had the company of several Strangers Viz: Joseph cloud from North Carolina in America, James Haworth from Lancashire and Mary Stirrey from London. Before the business was entered upon Joseph Cloud had a long time in testimony. The Queries were then read and Answers received from all our Monthly meetings in which Select meetings are held, and a General Answer prepared to lay before the Yearly Meeting. Some other business was gone through and Thomas Priestman, Caleb Fletcher, Sarah Parker and Grace West were appointed to Oversee the succeeding meetings and advise as occasion may require. The meeting then adjourn'd to the close of the Quarterly Meeting.

On 30th. and 4th. of week, At 10 in the morning was a meeting for Worship and tho' pretty select of friends was very large. Esther Clark had a short testimony therein first from 1 Thes: C: 4. v: 11. Study to be quiet and to do your own business. Joseph Cloud had a pretty long time next from Isai: 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 had a short time next 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. and after sitting down a little she rose again and was pretty much enlarged upon the same subject. At the close of this meeting was held a meeting for discipline 4 of the Queries were read and answers thereto from all our Monthly meetings and General Answers drawn up and approv'd. in Answer to the 2nd. Query it appeared That a considerable number of sober People who were apprehended to be under convincement attended our meetings within the compass of Balby and Pontefract Mo. Meetings, and some few in Pickering Mo. Meeting, and that 6 had been accepted into membership since last year viz. 3 in Balby, 1 in Pontefract, 1 in Brighouse, and 1 in Settle Mo. meetings. Both meetings held about 3 hours and a half and then adjourn'd to 5 o'clock in the evening. After which I went with Joseph Shackleton to his house at Holbeck

were I din'd and drunk Tea. At 5 in the evening met pursuant to adjournment. The remaining Queries were read and the Monthly meetings Answers thereto, and General Answers drawn up and approv'd. It appeared that only one Public friend was deceased since last year viz William Earnshaw a member of Pontefract Monthly meeting, concerning whom a short account was read at the close of the Answers to the Queries some other business was gone thro' and then the Meeting adjourn'd until the next day at 9 in the morning having held 3 hours.

On 31st. and 5th. of week, met at 9 o'clock in the morning pursuant to adjournment. Joseph Cloud was concerned in Prayer. The business was then entered upon and the remaining part thereof gone thro' in this sitting the whole having been conducted in a good degree of harmony. The Meeting held 2 hours and a half. After which I went with William Wass to dine at one Thomas Browns, where he lodg'd, not a friend but an opulent tradesman, who received us kindly and entertained us generously. From hence I went to Jonathan Patchetts where I drunk Tea. At 5 in the evening was a Public meeting for Worship which was very large of friends and others. Catharine Trickett had a short time therein in Testimony first Psalms 68. v: 1. Let God arise, let his enemies be scattered; let them also that hate him flee before him. Joseph Cloud had a long time next, setting forth his feeling of the state of the Society in these parts, with divers weighty remarks thereupon, and then pointing out in a lively manner the way and means of salvation from Rom: C: 8. v: 2. The law of the spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. After a short time in silence he had another long testimony being led in an affectionate and encouraging manner more particularly to the youth from Prov: C: 3. v: 5. Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. Afterwards William Crotch had a long time from Job: C: 17. v: 9. The righteous shall hold on his way, and he that hath clean hands shall be stronger and stronger. The meeting held 2 hours and a half. As I purposed leaving the town this evening I did not stop the adjourn'd Select meeting there being only a fair copy of the answers to the Queries to read and Sign which I had heard before but went to my Inn and got some refreshment and about 8 o'clock left Leeds in company with John King of Brighouse meeting, and Sarah and Elizabeth Ellis of Gildersome came by Beeston and got to John Elliss's of Gildersome about half past 9 o'clock where we lodg'd.

On 1st. of 4th. Mo. and 6th. of week I set out betwixt 9 and 10 o'clock in the morning and came to Bruntcliff, Howley.hall and Soothill to Dewsbury where I got about 11 o'clock, sat a little and got some refreshment at Morrit Matthews and then went to William Wass's where I din'd Betwixt 2 and 3 o'clock in the afternoon I left Dewsbury in company with John Haigh and his Wife of Shepley and William Bottomley and wife of Thursteland.Woodend. The women having an horse, came by Thornhill, Bristfield, Roydhouse and Shelley to cousin Benjamin Walkers of Paddock where I called and drunk Coffee stopt about 1 hour and a half and then came home where I got about 8 o'clock in the evening having had remarkable fine weather throughout this journey.

An Account of my Journey to a Meeting at Barnsley etc. in 4th. Mo. 1803.

I set out from home ye. 17th. of ye. 4th. Mo. 1803 and 1st. of the week betwixt 6 and 7 o'clock in the morning, in company with Frances Field my housekeeper went by Denby, Gunthwaite, and Cawthorne, to Barnsley, where we stop better than an hour at Jonathan Bashforths and got Tea, then proceeded in company with several of the convinced Friends in this Town to Burton where we got just in time to the Meeting which was pretty large to day for beside those who usually attend, several of other Societies came in and we were favoured with an open satisfactory time in which I had two pretty long testimonies to bear the first from Psalms 20. v: 7. Some trust in chariots, and some in horses; but we will remember the name of the Lord our God. and afterwards from Dan: C: 12. v: 3. They that be wise shall shine as the brightness

of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness, as the stars for ever and ever. At the close of this meeting was held their Preparative Meeting. of the committee appointed to attend here there was only myself. Both meetings held near 2 hours and a half. After which we return'd to Barnsley and din'd with Thomas Walker Haigh. At half past 3 o'clock went to their meeting held at Jonathan Bashforts, 17 attended there besides us two, soon after we were collected our friend William Wass of Dewsbury came in, whom I rejoiced to see. We had a comfortable opportunity together in which I had a short testimony first from Rom: C: 8. v: 14. As many as are led by the spirit of God, they are the sons of God. William Wass dropt a few words next in much brokenness of spirit from Rom: C: 8. v: 17. If children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together. I had a short time next from 1 Thes: C: 4. v: 11. Study to be quiet and to do your own business. and afterwards had a few words more. The meeting held near 2 hours. After which we drunk Tea at George Woods, and after Tea had a satisfactory opportunity there with most of those who are under convincement in which I had a short testimony setting forth the difference betwixt the Baptism of John and that of Christ the former being no ways essential to salvation the latter absolutely necessary to be experienced without which we could not be rightly initiated into the church of christ, and afterwards William Wass from Job: C: 17. v: 9. The righteous shall hold on their way, and he that hath clean hands shall be stronger and stronger. We return'd from hence to Jonathan Bashforts to supper were Frances Field lodg'd but I went to Samuel Cowards were I slept with William Gant.

On 18th. and 2nd. of week, I breakfasted at Samuel Cowards, George Chapman John Robinson and Leonard West being under appointment of the Monthly Meeting to visit Thomas Dixon Walton, on his application to be accepted into membership, proposed paying him a second visit this morning and William Wass and myself having felt our minds inclined to unite with them therein, and obtained their permission, we accordingly met at 9 o'clock in the Meetinghouse chamber and was favoured with a solemn and very satisfactory opportunity having all of us suitable advice to communicate to him, and nothing appeared to us to obstruct his acceptance into membership if the Meeting thought proper. At 11 o'clock our Monthly meeting for Worship began which was very large of Friends and some others the house being quite full and many that could not sit down. We had the company of our friends William Sowerby from Richmond Mo. meeting and Hannah Wigham from Essex. Hannah Wigham had a long testimony to bear therein from Prov: C: 16. v: 1. The preparations of the heart in man, and the answer of the tongue is from the Lord. At the close of this meeting was held one for discipline. William Russel a member of Hardshaw Monthly meeting in Lancashire and Mary Wigham of Pontefract meeting laid before us their intentions of taking each other in Marriage. This Meeting also uniting with the report of the friends accepted Thomas Dixon Walton into membership. There not being a great deal more business before the meeting. Both meetings held 3 hours. At the close thereof on the request of a friend the Overseers of the Monthly meeting with a committee of other friends had a conference upon some business which held about an hour. After which Thomas Earnshaw of Judfield joined me as companion and we went to John Wilsons Country.house were we din'd. After which we return'd to Jonathan Bashforts of Barnsley having felt an inclination to visit Joel Yeardeley's a family who is under convincement, and who have lately removed from near Handsworth.Woodhouse to within the compass of this meeting, after stopping a little at Jonathan Bashforts we went to drink Tea with Elizabeth Dunn were we tarried until about 7 o'clock when being engaged to lodge at Robert Dearmans of Pinder.oaks. Thomas Dixon Walkton accompanied us thither by the way we sat us down and discharg'd our appointment of the meeting by informing him that he was accepted iinto membership after which we had each of us some advice to communicate to him.

On 19th. and 3rd. of week, A little after 7 o'clock in the morning, Thomas Walker Haigh, James Wood, and William Gant called of us at Pinder.oaks and accompanied us to Joel Yeardeleys of Blacker near Worsbro' 2 miles were we went to Breakfast He and Frances his Wife with Thomas and John their sons the former about 19 the latter 17 years of age received

us in a very kind and affectionate manner expressing their satisfaction with our coming to see them, and we were much pleased with our visit. They are great Farmers and appear to have considerable property, appeared quite open and free and gave us a particular account of the manner of their convincement and beginning to attend friends Meetings which was about 4 Years ago. I believe there is a good degree of sincerity in the Man and his Wife, and the two sons appear to be tender and hopeful, they have another with them called William who appears to be about 5 or 6 years of age. We spent most of the forenoon very comfortably with them, and after getting a little more refreshment, left this kind family betwixt 11 and 12 o'clock, and came by Worsbro' and Stainbrough. Hall the magnificent seat of the late Earl of Strafford, was a considerable time in viewing the outside of this noble building, the Park walks, Obelisks, Statues and Grottos the Castle with other curiosities, and then came by Hoodgreen near which place we parted with Thomas Earnshaw the three young men from Barnsley continuing with me and being in want of refreshment we went to Silkstone where we got some at the Sign of the 6 Ringers, paid 1s 2d stopt near 2 hours, then they came with me a little further where we sat down under a hedge and had a solemn time in silence before we parted. I then came by Gunthwaite and Denby home where I got about 6 o'clock.

An Account of my Journey to a Meeting at Barnsley etc. in 5th. Mo. 1803.

Having ever since I was at Joel Yeardeleys the last month felt my mind draw to sit with the family and this appearing to me to be the right time. I set out from home the 14th. of ye. 5th. Mo. 1803 and 7th. of the week about 12 o'clock at noon in company with John Bottomley, we went by Denby, Gunthwaite, Silkstone and Dodworth. green to Stainbrough. Inn where we stopt about half an hour and got some refreshment paid 1s and then proceeded by Roundgreen and Worsbro' to Joel Yeardeleys of Blacker where we got betwixt 4 and 5 o'clock, After Tea Thomas Dixon Walton and Samuel Coward of Barnsley came to meet us there. In the evening we had a precious opportunity together, in which caution, counsel, advice and encouragement flowed plentifully, suited to the varied states of the family. I had a long time therein first from 1 Cor: C: 15. v: 58. Be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord; forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord. John Bottomley next. Afterwards I had a pretty long time. After which John Bottomley was concerned in Prayer. At the breaking up of the opportunity I had something very encouraging to communicate to their Son Thomas who I believe is an exercised youth to whom my Spirit felt very nearly united. and also a few words of advice to the servant Girl.

On 15th. and 1st. of week, about 9 in the morning we set out for Burton near 4 miles, dear Thomas Yeardley an innocent young man walking with us, the rest of the family rode, we called at Jonathan Bashforths where we stopt about half an hour, then proceeded to Burton. The meeting began at 11 and appears very considerably enlarged by convincement, and one or two who do not usually attend was there. It was eminently favoured, I doubt not to the refreshment of many. John Bottomley had a pretty long time therein first in testimony from 1 Pet: C: 1. v: 19. We have also a more sure word of Prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed. I had a very long time 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 all his armour wherein he trusted, and divideth his spoils. Afterwards I had several short remarks to make. At the close of the meeting was their Preparative meeting. Of the Committee appointed to attend here there was James Harrison, John Bottomley and myself. Both meetings held 2 hours and a half After which John Bottomley went home with James Harrison, but I felt drawings on my mind to attend the meeting at Barnsley called at the Oldmill and got 6 pennyworth of Rum and Water, then went to Jonathan Bashforths where I din'd. The meeting began at half past 3 and held about 1 hour and a half. There was 13 attended beside myself. It was a satisfactory time, and I had a pretty

long testimony to bear therein 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. After meeting I went and drunk Tea with Elizabeth Dunn. And Thomas Dixon Walton intending to go along with me to our Monthly meeting at Pontefract went home to inform his Mother, But she treated him with very abusive language, and told him to go at his Peril, and in order to prevent him locked him up in a room where she kept him confin'd a considerable time opening the door at times to look at him, and then locking it again, But the last time it did not fasten upon the staple so that he got out, and out of the house undiscovered. Believing that though it was right to obey all her lawful commands, yet in those pertaining to the conscience it was better to obey God. This prevented us setting out, so soon as we intended, so that it was about 7 o'clock before we got out of town and here I cannot but observe The difficulties some who come in by conviction have to pass through to attend religious meetings, whilst too many who have had their education amongst us and have their full liberty can too easily neglect their duty in this and other respects. We went by Burton.grange to Samuel Lavers of Woodnook near Cudworth were we got about 8 o'clock and lodg'd this night. James Needham a man whom I had much desired to see again from Ferrymoor, and a religious young Woman from Cudworth was there, with whom, and the family we had an highly favoured opportunity, in which I had two long testimonies to bear, the first from John C: 12. v: 35. Yet a little while is the light with you; walk while ye have the light, lest darkness come upon you, for he that walketh in darkness knoweth not whither he goeth. and the next from John C: 9. v: 4. I must work the works of him that sent me while it is day; the night cometh when no man can work. Afterwards I had a few words more. When we went to Bed, I felt thankful that I had been enabled fully to relieve my mind, but my body felt weak and much spent, with the exercise of the day, but a good nights rest helped greatly.

On 16th. and 2nd. of week, We set out about 7 o'clock in the morning, and went by Cudworth, Brierley and Hemsworth to Ackworth were we called at Joseph Johnsons and got some refreshment stopt about half an hour, and then proceeded to Pontefract got there about 10 o'clock were I took my Quarters at John Leathams. The Meeting began at 11 and was the smallest I had seen there for many years owing I suppose to many friends in different parts of the Monthly meeting being ill of the Influenza and the Scarlet fever accompanied by a putrid sore throat raging in the family at Ackworth.School in rather an alarming manner, many of the Scholars being ill, and two having died, and another this afternoon. At the close of this meeting which was held in silence, altho' I believe no unprofitable to some minds was our Mo. meeting for discipline the business of which was amicably conducted. William Russel of Hardshaw Mo. meeting in Lancashire and Mary Wigham of Pontefract meeting were clear'd from all others and left at liberty to accomplish their Marriage. Both meetings held 2 hours and a half. This afternoon I drunk Tea at Mary Johnsons and from thence went to see Hannah Wigham from Essex at her Brother John Thistlethwaites whose company we had been favoured with at meeting to day. Afterwards went and sat a little at Joseph Johnsons, and then return'd to my Quarters.

On 17th. and 3rd. of week, At 9 in the Morning I left Pontefract in company with John Bottomley and came to Crofton were we got some refreshment at the Sine of the Sawers paid 6d and a half stopt about half an hour and then came by Walton and Milnthorp to Dircar, got there about 1 o'clock were we din'd at Christopher Walkers, After dinner I left John Bottomley here, he purposing to tarry all night, and came to William Pickards who had lately removed from Painthorp into this village I stopt and drunk Tea there, and betwixt 4 and 5 o'clock set out towards home, called at my Uncle Joseph Houghs of Crigglestone were I stopt about half an hour and then came by Bretton and Parkmill to Charles Blackburns of Skelmanthorp, were I stopt about half an hour and got some refreshment, then he set me on my way as far as Denby.dikeside and I got home about half past 9 in the evening.

An Account of my Journey to a Meeting at Dewsbury etc in 5th. Mo. 1803.

Having for some time felt my mind drawn to sit with the newly convinced friends in their meeting at Dewsbury, and visit some friends and a few meetings as they might fall in my way in Lancashire I set out from home ye. 22nd. of ye. 5th. Mo. 1803 and 1st. day of the week, after getting an early dinner betwixt 11 and 12 o'clock, and went to John Haighs of Shepley, who I understood was going to Dewsbury, and who accompanied me thither, stopt at his house upwards of half an hour and then we proceeded by Shelley, Thorncliffe and Bristfield and got to Morrit Matthews's of Dewsbury a little before 4 o'clock in the afternoon were we drunk Tea. The meeting being held in their house we tarried there until it began which was at 5 in the evening and continued near 2 hours. There was 14 attended besides ourselves; two young People had begun since I was there before, I think their names are George Barber and Sarah Stinton, two men and two Women were there from Hanging.heaton who do not usually attend. It was an open favoured meeting and I had a long time therein in testimony from John C: 8. v. 31, 32. If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. After meeting we went with George Brearey to supper and from thence to William Wass's to lodge were we sat with them at their family reading, After which I had a short testimony to bear principally to the youth from John C: 17. v: 15. I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil.

On 23rd. and 2nd. of week I left Dewsbury about 7 o'clock in the morning for Rochdale 25 miles, went through Dawgreen by Mirfield and Cooperbridge to Elland, were I called at Mahlon Coopers, he and his Wife had formerly been members of our society, but were disowned, stopt near an hour and got some refreshment, then proceeded by Greetland and Ripponden and over Blackstonedge, upon the top of which soon after I entered Lancashire I called at an Inn situated near the large Reservoir for supplying the Todmorden canal with water, tarried there upwards of half an hour and fot some refreshment paid 10d and then proceeded by Littlebro' to James Midgleys of Wardleworth in Rochdale got there about 5 o'clock in the evening were I took up my quarters.

On 24th. and 3rd. of week, I spent this day principally amongst my kind friends here much to my satisfaction. In the afternoon I went to Tea to Samuel Brooks one of the People called Methodists. After my return to my Quarters, I had a religious opportunity there with the newly convinced friends in this Town in which I had a long testimony to bear from 2 Cor: C: 10. v: 4. The weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds. and afterwards had three short testimonies more. Their varied states were opened and spoke to in a wonderful manner. It was a precious tendering season to us all, our cups were made to overflow, and when we sat down to supper, I had to supplicate and Praise the Name of Israels God, for this renewed token of his fatherly regard.

On 25th. and 4th. of week. Feeling my mind drawn to attend their week day meeting at Bolton I set out for there 12 miles a little past 6 o'clock this morning, my dearly beloved friend William Taylor of this place accompanying me, whose company was truly acceptable we went to Bury were we stopt about half an hour at the Black.Bull and got some refreshment paid 6d and then proceeded by Cocker.chapel to Bolton got there about half past 10 in the forenoon and took up our quarters at John Woods, after getting a little refreshment we went to the meeting in Town which began at 11 o'clock and held 2 hours. It was not large, but my mind was much exercised therein, the state of things appearing to me, in the general, to be but low. I had two pretty long testimonies to bear towards the close thereof the first from Matt: C: 5. v: 3. Blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. And afterwards to the youth unto whom a renewed visitation appeared to be extended, and they were tenderly intreated to chuse the Truth for their portion and the God of Jacob for the lot of their inheritance. In the afternoon we went to Tea to Joshua Woods, were we met with John Mulliner an innocent young man from Cheshire whose very appearance did me good, verifying the Truth of this Scripture, Iron sharpeneth Iron; so a man sharpeneth the

countenance of his friend. May he be favoured with the blessing of preservation we return'd from hence to our quarters to supper.

On 26th. and 5th. of week, being the Weekday meeting at Edgworth, a little more than 5 miles from this place, I felt an inclination to attend it, accordingly we set out a little before 9 o'clock in the morning, John Wood kindly accompanying us thither we called by the way at John Ashworths of Birtinshaw where we stopt upwards of half an hour and got some refreshment then proceeded by Turton to Edgworth where we got just in time to the meeting which began at 11 and held near 2 hours. It was but small; and amongst the number, I believe were some rightly exercised minds so that upon the whole it was a satisfactory meeting, I had a pretty long testimony to bear therein from Gen: C: 22. v: 7, 8. Behold the fire and the wood: but where is the lamb for a burnt-offering. And Abraham said My son, God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering. After meeting we din'd at Thomas Tommysons; whose Father I was acquainted with when I was young; soon after he and many others in this part were brought to the knowledge of the Truth, and a meeting settled amongst them. After dinner several friends came to see us, and a little before 3 o'clock John Wood set out for home, and we for Rochdale 12 miles. Dear James Brandwood, Ralph Longworth, Reuben Harrison, and Thomas Tommyson, set us on our way a little and then return'd, we came by Offaside to Bury, where we stopt about half an hour at the Black Bull and got some refreshment paid 9d and then proceeded got to James Midgleys of Wardleworth in Rochdale about half past 7 o'clock where we lodg'd.

On 27th. and 6th. of week, about 2 o'clock in the afternoon I left Rochdale and came to Buersell where I called at William Midgleys he and his Wife were gone to the Yearly Meeting at London, I stopt and drunk Tea with their children, went and sat a little at George Conways, and took a Glass of Wine with them, left Buersell a little past 6 o'clock in the evening and came by Crompton and Heighside to Salmonfield got there about half past 7 o'clock, and took up my quarters at James Taylors, having a desire to be at their meeting at Turflaneend near Oldham on first day.

On 28th. and 7th. of week in the afternoon James Taylor accompanied me to Samuel Gandy's of Shaw where we drunk Tea. In our conversation Samuel inform'd me of two of his neighbours viz. Samuel and John Robinson who were under conviction. After our return I went and sat a little at Thomas Halls. And after I got to Bed this night my mind was much exercised respecting the two Brothers at Shaw accompanied with a concern to return to Samuel Gandys the next day after meeting stopt all night, and have an opportunity with them. This was a fresh cross to me having before purposed to go that night to John Earnshaws and from thence home, but after I was brought into a state of willingness I felt easy, and got to sleep.

On 29th. and 1st. of week, a little before meeting time, dear James Brandwood from Edgworth came in to my quarters, and with him one Thomas Barrett a young man of Failsworth where James had lodg'd at his Fathers the night before. He appeared to be a pious youth of a sweet natural disposition and in profession with the Presbyterians After meeting he informed me it was the first time he ever heard a friend appear in Testimony I was much pleased with his company and conversation and believe he is enquiring the way to Zion with his face thitherward. The meeting began at 11 and held upwards of 2 hours. It was large of Friends. And several of other Societies came in. The great Master was pleased to favour us together in an eminent manner Esther Lees was first concerned therein in a short Testimony from Isai: C: 45. v: 22. Look unto me and be ye saved all the ends of the earth. James Brandwood had a pretty long time next from Matt: C: 15. v. 25, 26, 27, 28. Lord, help me. But he answered and said, It is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast it to the dogs. And she said, Truth, Lord; yet the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their Master's table. Then Jesus answered and said unto her, O Woman great is thy faith; be it unto thee even as thou wilt. I next from 1 Sam: C: 15. v: 22. Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice; and to hearken then the fat of Rams. Afterwards James Brandwood concluded the meeting in Prayer and Praises to Almighty God. about 3 o'clock this afternoon I left Salmonfield in company

with William Taylor of Rochdale who concluded to tarry all night with me, and went agreeable to the prospect I had been favoured with to Samuel Gandys of Shaw were we lodg'd, Samuel having been previously acquainted with my concern invited the two young men to Tea, and James Taylor came also, and return'd in the evening. After Tea we closed into silence and had an highly favoured opportunity in which various states present were opened and spoke to, caution counsel and advice were encouragingly communicated, I believe to the solid satisfaction of most present. I had three pretty long testimonies to bear the first from Psalms 45, v. 10, 11, Hearken O daughter, and consider, and incline thine ear; forget also thine own people, and thy fathers house; So shalt the king greatly desire thy beauty; for he is thy Lord; and worship thou him. The second from Acts C: 26. v: 28. Almost thou persuades me to be a Christian. The third from Luke C: 22. v. 31, 32. Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat: But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not; and when thou art converted, strengthen they brethren. Afterwards I had a few words more. After a little conversation not feeling my mind fully clear I had something further to communicate, particularly address'd to Samuel and John Robinson, and afterwards Samuel Gandy had a long time. At table before supper, I was concerned to Praise the Lord for this days mercies, and to supplicate his continued regards, and that we might be mercifully favoured to walk worthy thereof.

On 30th. and 2nd. of week, Betwixt 10 and 11 o'clock in the morning I set out towards home dear William Taylor that innocent inoffensive young man, who had given up much time to accompany me since I came into Lancashire, and whose company had been truly acceptable being rightly exercised in a travail of spirit before the Lord in meetings for the arisings of Life, whereby our spirits became more and more united together in that Love which thinketh no evil, but rejoiceth in the Truth; proposed setting me on my way a little, we called at the White Lyon at Delpth in Saddleworth Yorkshire and got some refreshment paid 1s stopt about 1 hour and then proceeded he continuing with me until we got on this side Marsden were we parted in tears, he returning and I came by Holthead, Meltham, Upper Thong and Holmfirth to Henry Swires of Springhouse were I stopt 1 hour and a half and drunk Tea, then came directly home were I got betwixt 7 and 8 o'clock in the evening.

An Account of my Journey to a Meeting at Dewsbury in the 6th. Mo. 1803.

Wakefield friends having laid before our Monthly meeting, applications from George Brearey of Dewsbury and John Blacksmith of Wakefield, to be admitted members of our Society; Said meeting appointed George Chapman, John Bottomley and myself to visit them and report to another meeting and feeling my mind drawn to visit the meeting at Dewsbury at the same time we ordered it to suit both purposes. On ye. 25th. day of ye. 6th. Mo. 1803 and 7th. day of the week, I left home about 9 o'clock in the morning in company with John Bottomley went by Cumberworth to Anthony Kinsleys of Skelmanthorp were we stopt a little, and then proceeded to Charles Blackburns, got an early dinner there, stopt about 2 hours in Skelmanthorp and then proceeded by Parkmill and Bretton to Crigglestone were we stopt upwards of half an hour and got some refreshment then went to Christopher Walkers of Dircar were we stopt upwards of an hour and a half and drunk Tea, then crossed the Ferry over the Kalder And went by Thorns to Wakefield were we got about 6 in the evening. I lodg'd at John Robinsons.

On 26th. and 1st. of week, This morning I breakfasted at Ann Thorps, We expected George Chapman meeting us here this morning but he did not come. After waiting until a little after the time appointed we went to John Blacksmiths's and had an opportunity with him and afterwards drew up the following report to be presented to the Mo. meeting which will best explain our visit viz.

“Two of the friends appointed, have had an opportunity with John Blacksmith; to a good degree of satisfaction; Upon enquiry we found he had regularly attended our religious meetings at different places about seven years; and we believe is pretty fully convinced of the Truth of our religious Principles, and if his conduct have been consistant therewith, we feel no objections of leaving the decision of his case entirely to the meeting, and as he hath only been resident in Wakefield about two Months, we propose writing to some friends of Darlington in the County of Durham where he last resided a considerable time to be inform'd thereof.”

Joseph Wood,
John Bottomley.

Wakefield 6 mo. 26th. 1803.

From hence we went with him to their Meeting which began at 11 o'clock and held about 2 hours. It was considerably enlarged since I was here before by convincement and friends removing into it. It was upon the whole a satisfactory meeting. Altho' attended with hard labour, many things opening very closely to the careless professors, yet it appeared to be a time of renewed visitation to them, and the true mourners in Zion were comforted and encouraged to hold on their way. John Bottomley had a pretty long time therein in testimony first from John C: 4. v: 24. God is a spirit; and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth. I had a long time next 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 a short time in silence I appeared again a pretty long time from Matt: C: 18. v: 3. Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. I left this meeting in Peace and solid satisfaction of mind; having renewedly to acknowledge. The Lord is strength in weakness, riches in Poverty, and a present help in the time of need. We return'd to John Robinsons were we din'd, and after dinner went to John Blacksmiths, were George Brearey din'd in order to walk with us to Dewsbury. We left Wakefield betwixt 2 and 3 o'clock, and went by Ossett got to Dewsbury about 4 were I took up my Quarters at William Wass's; we drunk Tea there, and afterwards went to the meeting held as usual at Morrit Matthews's, it began at 5 in the evening and continued upwards of 2 hours, was a remarkable open favoured time. The Lord being pleased to open a door of utterance, and I believe of entrance in the minds of many 15 Persons attended the meeting besides ourselves 2 of whom do not usually attend, On David Brearey a young Man from Hanging-heaton was there, who I understood afterwards had duly attended friends meetings since I was there before and had withdrawn himself from the Society of the People called Methodists were he had been a member. He is I think from what I heard about 22 Years of age, and has been in the Army formerly. I felt a particular nearness to him in the meeting, and hope it was a time of favour to him, being a renewed visitation of divine Love to divers. I had a long time therein in testimony first from 2 Kin: C: 5.v: 11. Behold, I thought, He will surely come out to me, and stand, and call on the name of the Lord his God, and strike his hand over the place, and recover the leper. John Bottomley 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 to the Fathers by the Prophets, Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son. I next from Mark C: 10. v: 17. Good master, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life. John Bottomley was next concerned in Prayer and Praises to Almighty God. after the meeting several being gone, we had another opportunity with those who were left in which I had a short time first from Phil: C: 1. v: 29. Unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on him but also to suffer for his sake. John Bottomley next from Matt: C: 10. v: 32. Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. William Wass dropt a few words next, and afterwards I had a few words more. We stopt supper at Morrit Matthews's, and afterwards I return'd to William Wass's to lodge.

On 27th. and 2nd. of week, This morning we went to George Breareys to Breakfast, and William Wass having expressed to us an inclination he had felt to unite with us on the visit to

him if we had no objections, accompanied us; After Breakfast we sat with him in his own house, and afterwards drew up the following report to be laid before the Monthly meeting Viz.

“Two of the friends appointed, accompanied by another who found liberty to accompany us, have visited George Brearey, and report, That as far as we were favoured to see, we believe he is measurably convinced of the Truth of our religious Principles, and diligent in attending meetings; The opportunity was also favoured, and we hope may be profitable unto him; yet we apprehend it may be safest for him to get a little deeper before he be admitted a member of our Society, and therefore propose if the meeting think proper suspending his admission at present.”

Dewsbury 6 mo. 27th 1803.

Joseph Wood
John Bottomley

We din'd at William Wass's, and it being extremely hot spent the afternoon very agreeably there. After Tea John Bottomley set out towards home, buti having to attend the market next day at Huddersfield tarried until betwixt 5 and 6 o'clock and then left Dewsbury, and came by Mirfield and Kirkheaton to Dalton were I got to Joshua woods betwixt 7 and 8 o'clock in the evening and lodg'd there. Having been to go and see them ever since they left Huddersfield and therefore embraced the present opportunity, They are in profession with the dissenting Methodists, and I believe have had a religious concern upon their minds. But O the cares and concerns of this Life frequently choak the good seeds. They are in a great hurry of business, and have upwards of 20 a family. I never more clearly saw than whilst I was here the great advantage those are favoured with whose wants are few, and need little cumber to supply them with, their heart being in heaven where their treasure also is, who having food and raiment are therewith content, knowing that a desire after abundance is attended with manifold temptations and snares. They was much pleased to see me and entertained me very kindly.

On 28th. and 3rd. of week, I wanted to have set out about 9 o'clock in the morning but Joshua Wood was very desirous for me to tarry until he went, and not having anything particular to attend to in the forenoon, I complied with his request, About 11 o'clock we got some refreshment and then set out and got to Huddersfield about 12. I went immediately into the Cloth hall and after the market was over din'd at cousin Abraham Mallinsons, and after dinner went to Sarah Greens to see Elizabeth Moorhouse mine old housekeeper who having a cancer in her breast is there to attend upon the doctor who has it under his care. I also called and sat a little at Robert Firths and took a Glass of Brandy and water. Betwixt 4 and 5 o'clock in the afternoon I left Huddersfield in company with John Haigh of Shepley we came by Almondbury, Woodsomhall and Thunderbridge to Shepley stopt about 1 hour and a half there at John Haighs and drunk Tea, he then accompanied me near home were I got about 9 o'clock in the evening.

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An Account of my Journey to a meeting at Dewsbury in 7th. Mo. 1803.

Having felt a concern on my mind to visit the friends under convincement in Dewsbury in their week day meeting and also to attend the week day meeting at Burton, I set out to accomplish the same ye. 6th. of ye. 7th. Mo. 1803 and 4th. of the week betwixt 1 and 2 o'clock in the afternoon and went by Denby.dikeside to Cawthorne were I met with Benjamin Beever my servant in husbandry and Joseph Grayham my Neighbours man of Birdsedge for whom I have a particular regard, not as a religious character he making no profession; altho' I am sensible he has had his visitations, and may perhaps if the Lord is pleased to follow him therewith at one time or another close in with the offers of his Love but for his good.nature, Industry and honesty; Altho' I believe the first may have been a snare to him, being thereby too easily carried away with unprofitable company; the seed of the kingdom is many times sown but for want of the heart being rightly prepared to receive it, and the fowls of the air pick it up. Yet I have sometimes had a degree of hope that he may bow unto that Power which can alone prepare the heart for the reception of the heavenly seed and enable it to bring forth fruit in its season. They was returning from the Lime.kilns, I gave them a Quart of Ale, and got some Rum and Water myself at Stanhopes Arms were we stopt better than half an hour, paid 1s and then proceeded to Barnsley were I got a little past 5 o'clock, and took up my Quarters at Jonathon Bashforths, After Tea, I went and sat a little with Elizabeth Dunn were I had the company of Thomas Yeardley of Blacker who had been at market, he stopt with me until about 8 o'clock, and then set out for home and I return'd to my Quarters.

On 7th. and 5th. of week, In the morning, I went and Breakfasted with Thomas Walker Haigh, and afterwards attended their meeting at Burton which began at 11 and held 2 hours There was 16 attended beside myself, and we were favoured with an open satisfactory time

together; I had a long testimony to bear therein from Rom: C: 12. v. 11, 12. Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord; Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation. After meeting I set out for Dewsbury 12 miles, Thomas Walker Haigh kindly accompanying me we went by Staincross to Woolley were we stopt about an hour at the Sine of the Plow intending to dine there, but they was unprovided, we got some Bread and Butter and Ale paid 4d and a half a piece, and then proceeded by Hollingthorp, Crigglestone, Netherton, and Horbury bridge, and so up the beautiful valley, on the banks of the River Kalder to Dewsbury were we got about 5 o'clock, and took up our Quarters at Morrit Matthews's William Wass being gone from home having met him this morning on his way in Barnsley. The Meeting began at 6 in the evening and held 2 hours, There was only 8 attended besides ourselves one of the number being a young man who was never there before, I sat for sometime in a very low discouraged state of mind, but being concerned to get to the place of true waiting, Truth arose for our help, and we were favoured with a satisfactory Meeting, I had a long time therein in testimony from Isai: C: 14. v: 1. The Lord will have mercy on Jacob, and will yet choose Israel, and set them in their own land; and the strangers shall be joined with them, and they shall cleave to the house of Jacob.

On 8th. and 6th. of week, we breakfasted at George Breareys, and I having expressed to him the evening before a desire I had to see his cousin David Brearey of Hanging.heaton, something having prevented him from attending the meeting he sent and invited him to breakfast with us, and he got there before us. After Breakfast we had a precious opportunity together in which I had a long time in testimony from Psalms 40: v. 6 7, 8. Sacrifice and offering thou didst not desire; mine ears hast thou opened; burnt offering and sin offering hast thou not required. Then said I, low, I come; in the volume of the book it is written of me; I delight to do thy will, O my God. After the opportunity George was very desirous of us to stop and dine with him which we at length consented to, this afforded us an opportunity of agreeable conversation with his kinsman David Brearey, who is at present a choice young man about 22 years of age, He inform'd us that in early life he was much addicted to folly and vanity yet the Lord was pleased to follow him by his convictions which was too much disregarded by him and hiring to serve in the Militia he continued amongst them upwards of three years where he had his full swing in the vanities and sinful pleasures of the World, yet was many times smote with remorse of conscience. After his discharge his convictions increasing he forsook his former companions, and betook himself to a religious course of Life according to the best understanding he was favoured with, attending diligently the meetings of the Methodists, and at length join'd himself a member of their Society, soon after which he became dissatisfied in his mind, their Preaching and other exterior performances appearing to him to be in the will of the creature, and instead of edifying were burdensome he then went to the meeting of friends in Dewsbury, and for sometime continued to halt as it were betwixt two opinions, until the last time but one that I was there on my way for Lancashire, which meeting he attended where his state and condition was so closely spoke to, and his doubts so fully resolv'd, that he withdrew himself from the Methodist Society and since hath diligently attended friends meetings to his satisfaction. After dinner we return'd to Morrit Matthews's, were we sat a little and then set out towards home betwixt 2 and 3 o'clock, the afternoon being very wet and likely to continue so and I without top coat Morrit lent me an Umbrella which was particularly useful to me, we called to see William Wass Wife and family, and then came by Thornhill and Mug.mill to Flockton were Thomas Walker Haigh and me parted he going for Barnsley and I came to Flockton.mill, were I called at my cousin Alexander Hampshires, stopt about half an hour and got a little refreshment, then came by Emley to Skelmanthorp were I drunk Tea at Charles Blackburns, and afterwards sat a little at Anthony Kinsleys, stopt about 2 hours in Skelmanthorp and then came by Cumberworth home were I got betwixt 8 and 9 o'clock in the evening.

An Account of my Journey to a Meeting at Barnsley etc. in the 8th. Mo. 1803

Having had it on my mind for sometime to visit the newly convinced friends in Burton meeting, and some of the Week day meetings within the compass of our Monthly Meeting, I set out from home ye. 14th. of ye. 8th. Mo. 1803 and 1st. day of the week about 7 o'clock in the morning and having previously acquainted my dear friend William Taylor of Rochdale in Lancashire with my intentions he came to my house the evening before, and was my acceptable companion this Journey. We went by Denby and Cawthorne to Joseph Smiths of Carrgreen, were we stopt near an hour and got Tea, and then went with him his Son John and daughter Ann to their Meeting at Burton, got there just in time, where we met with Leah Kinsley of Skelmanthorp come to pay them a visit and attend their Mo. meeting next day. Several People of other Societies attended, and I had a pretty long time in testimony therein from Joh: C: 4. v: 22. Ye worship ye know not what. At the close of the Meeting for Worship was held their Preparative meeting, of the committee appointed to attend here there was only myself. Both meetings held 2 hours. After which we went to Barnsley and din'd with Thomas Walker Haigh and William Gant who had provided jointly to accommodate friends on this and the following day. In the afternoon attended the Meeting at Jonathan Bashforths which began at half past 3 and held 1 hour and a half. There was 19 there besides us who were Strangers. It was an open favoured Meeting. I had a pretty long time therein in testimony first from Deut C: 33. v: 29. Happy art thou O Israel; who is like unto thee, O people, saved by the Lord, the shield of thy help, and who is the sword of thy excellency! and thine enemies shall be found liars unto thee, and thou shalt tread upon their high places. Leah Kinsley had a few words next. and afterwards I had a pretty long time again from Isai: 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. Afterwards we drunk Tea with Elizabeth Dunn, supp'd at Jonathan Bashforths, and lodg'd at William Hardys the Sine of the Swan.

On 15th. and 2nd. of week, we Breakfasted at Jonathan Bashforths, and from thence went to our Monthly Meeting held at Burton which began at 11 o'clock and was very large of friends the house being quite crowded, and I thought it was a good an awful solemnity covering the minds of many. John Bottomley was concerned in supplication in the early part thereof; and at the close I had a short exhortation. The meeting for Worship being ended, the meeting for discipline began; the business of which was transacted in amity and concord, and much instructive counsel and advice was communicated, many weighty matters coming under consideration, that I thought it might be said; The meeting was to the edification of the youth and one another. Both meetings held 4 hours. After which I din'd at John Wilsons Country.house, and then came to Joseph Lister of Bleach.house, from thence came to Barnsley and called of my companion at Jonathan Bashforths. Thomas Dixon Walton accompanied us to Joel Yeardleys of Blacker were we got betwixt 5 and 6 o'clock, After Tea he return'd home, but my companion and me tarried all night.

On 16th. and 3rd. of week, we spent the forenoon in viewing the neighbouring country, got an early dinner, and after dinner relieved my mind of an exercise, in an opportunity with Joel Yeardley and his Wife, in a short but encouraging testimony to a tried state from Prov: C: 14. v: 10. The heart knoweth his own bitterness; and a stranger does not intermeddle with his joy. We left Blacker about 1 o'clock and came by Worsbrough to Stainbrough.hall the seat of the late Earl of Straffords family, and my companion having a mind to see the house, we called, and was shewed through it by one of the servants; the magnificence and grandeur of the Rooms with the many curious Paintings, Pictures, and costly furniture exceeding anything of the kind he had ever before seen, there was a considerable number of scripture pieces, family Likenesses and Likenesses of many Kings and Queens of England and other great men. and a very striking Likeness excellently painted of the Kings of Poland Denmark and Prussia shaking hands together who all din'd in this house at one time. We also saw the state Bed prepared for Queen Ann when She came to stand as Sponsor for one of the family, and a great many other things too tedious to mention. But in viewing this noble place my mind was

profitably instructed by the remembrance of "This is not the place of mortals rest." Many who have been possessors thereof have but enjoyed it for a short space and are now numbered amongst the dead so that I was ready to conclude with one formerly Vanity of vanities all is vanity short of a possession in the unchangeable Truth After viewing the house we look'd at many curiosities in the Park, visited the Hermitage and the Castle, then came to Hoodgreen will we stopt about an hour and got a little refreshment at Matthew Darwens an acquaintance of mine then came to John Richardsons of Puel.hill who married Martha the daughter of my Uncle Joseph Green, who had express'd a desire to see me not having seen me of near 40 Years before we stopp'd here near an hour and got some Rum and Water, then came to Rough.Birchworth were we called at John Camms an acquaintance of mine, stopt near an hour and got some refreshment, then proceeded to Penistone were we got about 7 o'clock and lodg'd at George Chapmans.

On 17th. and 4th. of week, We went with them to their week.day meeting at Lumbroyd which was smaller than usual there being only 5 friends there besides ourselves and they out of two families. It was a low laborious time towards the close I had a short and encouraging testimony to bear from Matt: C: 7. v. 9, 10, 11. What man is there of you, whom if his son asked bread, will he give him a stone? Or if he asked the fish will he give him a serpent? If ye then being evil know how to give good gifts unto your children; how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him. The meeting began at 10 and held 2 hours. After which we went with Thomas Earnshaw of Judfield to dine, and it having been extremely hot most part of this Journey the heat this afternoon was almost insupportable which caused us to stop Tea here. About 5 o'clock in the evening we set out towards Wooldale 8 miles, Thomas Earnshaw set us on our way about 2 miles and then return'd; we had a pleasant walk over the Moors, by Haslehead wares and Slaidebrook, and so to Barnside, Epworth, Scholes and Tottis to Henry Swire's of Springhouse got there about 8 o'clock were we lodg'd.

On 18th. and 5th. of week. Early this morning John Bottomley met us here with some clean Linen etc, and accompanied us the remaining part of the Journey. We went with the family to their Week.day. meeting at Wooldale which began at 10 and held near 2 hours. It was full as large as usual there being 20 there beside us who were Strangers, but in the general it is but poorly attended on these days a very considerable number being remiss in their duty in this respect. It was upon the whole more satisfactory this day than I expected altho' the forepart thereof was attended with heavy labour John Bottomley had a pretty long time in testimony therein first from Matt: C: 26. v: 41. Watch, and pray that ye enter not into temptation. and afterwards myself from Jam: C: 1. v. 16, 17. Do not err, my beloved brethren. Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights. After meeting we set out for Dewsbury 12 miles, Joseph Bottomley of Royd accompanied us by Thursteland to Woodend were we din'd at Thomas Bottomleys, stopt upwards of an hour, and then proceeded my Storthies.hall the seat of the Horsfall family, High Burton, Lepton, and Whitley.hall the seat of Richard Henry Beaumont Esqr. to Whitley were we stopt about half an hour at the Wool.Pack and got some refreshment then proceeded to Dewsbury were we got at 5 o'clock and drunk Tea at Morrit Matthews's, Their week day Meeting was held here and began at 6 o'clock, It was a very low time in the forepart thereof but ended pretty well; there was only 7 attended besides we who were Strangers. I had a few words therein in Testimony first John Bottomley had a pretty long time next from Heb: C: 10. v: 35. Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompense of reward. and afterwards myself from Rev: C: 3. v: 18. I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou may'st be rich; and white raiment that thou mayest be clothed. The meeting held upwards of an hour and a half. After which John Bottomley lodg'd here, but we went to William Wass's to sleep.

On 19th. and 6th. of week, we breakfasted at Morrit Matthews's, and after breakfast he accompanied us about half a mile out of Town to see Mary Armitage a friend under convincement who had been long confin'd thro' indisposition; we had a comfortable

opportunity with her in which the language of consolation freely flowed. I had a short time first and afterwards John Bottomley had pretty long time. From hence we came to George Breareys, he had been from home but return'd late the evening before, he was very desirous for us to stop dinner which we complied with being inclinable to see his cousin David Brearey of Hangingheaton whom he had sent for to dine. At Table before we ate John Bottomley was concerned in supplication; and after dinner we had a pretty satisfactory opportunity with them in which I had a long testimony to bear from Isai: 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. Afterwards we called to take leave of Morrit Matthews's and William Wass's sat a little at the latter place and got some Rum and Water. Left Dewsbury betwixt 2 and 3 o'clock and came by Thornhill, Mugmill, and Flockton to Emley were we got some refreshment at the Coach and six paid 11d stopt about half an hour, and then came to Skelmanthorp will be drunk Tea at Charles Blackburns stopt an hour and then came by Cumberworth to Newhouse were we got about 8 o'clock in the evening.

An Account of my Journey to a Meeting at Dewsbury etc in the 9th. Mo. 1803

George Chapman, John Bottomley and myself being ordered by our Monthly meeting to pay a second visit to John Blacksmith of Wakefield on his application to be united with friends, I set out for that purpose in company with John Bottomley ye. 14th. of ye. 9th. Mo. 1803 and 4th. of week betwixt 7 and 8 o'clock in the morning, we went by Cumberworth to Anthony Kinsleys of Skelmanthorp stopt about an hour and got some Tea, then preceded by Park mill and Bretton to Crigglestone called at my Uncle Joseph Houghs and got a little refreshment, stopt half an hour and then proceeded to Dircar were we din'd at William Pickards, here we met with George Chapman who left his Horse here and walk'd forward with us, we tarried about an hour and a half, and then proceeded cross'd the Kalder at the Ferry and went by Thorns to Wakefield got to John Blacksmiths betwixt 2 and 3 o'clock in the afternoon, and had a satisfactory opportunity with him at the close of which we drew up the following report to be laid before our ensuing Monthly meeting viz.

“The friends appointed to visit John Blacksmith report: That a second visit hath been paid him; In which visit our opinion was renewedly to confirm'd that he was convinced of the Truth, and having a free open time of conference with him we believe he hath endeavoured to come up faithfully in the various branches of our Christian testimony, and do not find but he hath stood his ground, and not flinch'd for fear of Suffering. The opportunity was solemn and satisfactory, and nothing appeared to us to obstruct his acceptance into membership, if the meeting feel fully satisfied

George Chapman
John Bottomley
Joseph Wood

Wakefield 9th. Mo. 14th. 1803

We drunk Tea together here, and afterwards George Chapman set out for home, and we went to see Daniel Hampshire an acquaintance of ours were John Bottomley lodg'd, but after stopping a considerable time I went to supper to John Robinsons were I tarried all night.

On 15th. and 5th. of week, we attended their Week.day meeting which began at 10 o'clock and held 2 hours, I had a pretty long testimony to bear therein from Psalms 53, v: 6. When God bringeth back the captivity of his People, Jacob shall rejoice, and Israel shall be glad. There was 11 Persons at the meeting besides ourselves. We went with John Blacksmith to dine, and after dinner call'd and sat a little at cousin William Steads, left Wakefield betwixt 2 and 3 o'clock in the afternoon and came to Ossett were I called to see the Shepherds two families who appeared some years back to be under convincement I met with Josephs Wife but he was from home, she inform'd me that Robert was dead about 24 weeks ago, and his

Widow lived at Heckmondwike She was very kind and appeared glad to see me, was very desirous for me to stop Tea but it did not suit at that time I got a little refreshment with her, but my mind was covered with mourning in consideration, How the gold was become dim, many visited minds for want of living daily under the discipline of the cross of christ become as unsavoury salt lose the dew they were favoured with in the day of their visitation and are as withered branches. I tarried about half an hour and then proceeded to Dewsbury were we got betwixt 4 and 5 o'clock, drunk Tea at George Breareys and went with him to their week.day meeting held at Morritt Matthews's which began at 6 in the evening and continued near 2 hours There was 9 attended besides us, I had a short time in testimony first 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. Afterwards John Bottomley had a pretty long time 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. There was one John Newsome at this Meeting a young man who lives a little out of the Town, who was powerfully reached unto at the meeting the last time but one I was here, which I think was the first meeting he was at, and hath pretty constantly attended since. After meeting we supp'd at Morritt Matthews's and lodg'd at William Wass's.

On 16th. and 6th. of week we got up early and after getting a little refreshment set out before any of the family arose except a servant, left Dewsbury betwixt 5 and 6 o'clock came by Bristfield, Demby, Grange.hall and Flockton to Skelmanthorp were we Breakfasted at Charles Blackburns stopt near an hour and then he came with us by Denby.dikeside to our Week day meeting at Highflatts which began at 10 and held near 2 hours, It was smaller than it oftens is there being only 32 there towards the close thereof I had a pretty long testimony to bear principally to one state, and to whom I had something very close and hard to deliver, which appeared strange to me, but afterwards I understood there was a young man a stranger who had been convinced of the truth but through unfaithfulness there had lost his condition and fallen into deistical notions. I was opened 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 the backsliding shall reprove thee; know therefore and see, that it is an evil thing and bitter that thou hast forsaken the Lord thy God, and that my fear is not in thee saith the Lord God of hosts. After meeting we came directly home.

An Account of my Journey to our Autumn Quarterly Meeting at York in the 9th. Mo. 1803.
and to Publick Meetings held at Dewsbury, Sherburn and Burton.

I set out from home year. 24th. of 9th. Mo. 1803 and 7th. day of the week betwixt 2 and 3 o'clock in the afternoon having John Pickford for my companion this Journey we went to cousin Benjamin Walkers of Paddock were we stopt about half an hour and got some refreshment, then preceded by Shelley, Thorncliffe and Bristfield to Dewsbury were we got about 6 o'clock and took up our quarters at Morritt Matthews's. After Tea we went to George Breareys were we spent the evening and supp'd, David Brearley of Hanging.heaton came to see us here, his company was very acceptable, being an exercised young man who felt very near to me

On 25th. and 1st. of week, our friend Thomas Colley of Sheffield having a concern to have a Publick meeting in this Town. It was held in the Dissenting Methodist Meetinghouse and began at 10 o'clock. A great concourse of People attended altho' the house was not quite full, It proved a solemn satisfactory time Thomas Colley was first concerned therein in supplication, and afterwards had a long testimony to bear from Luke: 9. v: 23. If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me. After which

he was concerned in Prayer and Praises to the Almighty whose Power had been eminently manifested amongst us this day. The meeting held 2 hours, at the close of which, I inform'd the People it was over, and added, that it had been particularly satisfactory to us that the People had so generally kept their seats until the meeting broke up. I din'd and drunk Tea at William Wass's. In the evening we were at their meeting held at Morrit Matthews's, which at Thomas Colleys request began at 4 o'clock 1 hour sooner than the usual time. It was Select of friends from several meetings who had attended the Publick meeting, and those of the Town and neighbourhood who had lately come among friends viz. William Wass, Morrit and Lydia Matthews, Mary Armitage, George Brearey, Joseph Greenwood, John Hall, John Hargreave, George Barber, David Brearey, and John Newsome. There appeared to me in the early part of the meeting a great struggle betwixt the Powers of Light and darkness, but at length light prevailed and expell'd darkness and we were favoured together with a glorious refreshing season from the presence of God Thomas Colley had along and encouraging testimony to bear therein from Isai: C: 30. v: 15. In returning and rest shall ye be saved, in quietness and in confidence shall be your strength. Afterwards he was concerned in Prayer. The meeting held 2 hours and a half.

On 26th. and 2nd. of week we breakfasted at George Breareys, and betwixt 9 and 10 o'clock in the forenoon left Dewsbury dear David Brearey setting us on our way many miles whose company was truly acceptable, we went by Chickhill Beggerington.hill, West.Arsley and Thorp to Rothwell well we called at the Coach and six and got some Refreshment paid 1s 11d, stopt about 1 hour then parting with our affectionate friend David Brearey we proceeded by Woodlesford and Swillington.bridge to Little.Preston were we got to Charles Smiths about 2 o'clock just before they din'd, Stopt the afternoon and all night here being kindly received and entertained.

On 27th. and 3rd. of week, We set out betwixt 5 and 6 o'clock and in the morning before any of the family arose, they having set us a little provision ready the night before; went by Garforth to Abberford were we stopt upwards of an hour and a half at the Fox and Breakfasted paid 1s a piece and then proceeded by Hasslewood.hall to Tadcaster stopt about 1 hour at the Golden.Lyon and got some refreshment paid 1s 3d and then proceeded to York were we got betwixt 2 and 3 o'clock in the afternoon, and took up our quarters at the White.Swan in Goodramgate paid 1s a piece Breakfasts and suppers and 1s 6d dinners. At 5 in the evening began the Quarterly Meeting for Ministers and Elders. We had no strangers there except our friend Hannah Wigham from Essex. I thought it was the smallest I ever attended in our County, but was very satisfactory being mercifully overshadowed with the heavenly wing Ellin Cocken bore testimony thereunto. After which the Queries were read and Answers thereto from all our Mo. meetings in which Select meetings are held. The Record of the names of the Ministers and Elders were next read and the necessary alterations made which have taken place since last year. and Robert Tricket, Phillip Maiden, Mary Fairbank and Grace West were appointed to Oversee the succeeding meetings and advise as occasion may require. The Meeting held 2 hours.

On 28th. and 4th. of week at 10 in the morning was a meeting for worship which tho' Select of friends was large the house being full and several in the Lofts. It was a remarkable favoured meeting Ellin Cocken had a short time in testimony there in first from Psalms 121, v: 4. Behold, he that keepeth Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. Christiana Hustler had a pretty long time next from Eze: C: 33. v: 11. I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live. Charles Parker next from Acts. C: 2. v. 45, 46. And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need. And they continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart. Elizabeth Hoyland next from Num: C: 21. v: 17. Spring up, O well; sing ye unto it. Thomas Colley had a long time next in Prayer. At the close of this meeting was one for discipline. The Queries were read and Answers thereto from all our Mo. meeting some little business more was gone thro' and then the meeting adjourn'd until 5 o'clock in the evening. Both meetings held near 4 hours. At 5 in

the evening met pursuant to adjournment. The Representatives who met at the close of the last sitting to consider of two proper persons for Clerks for the ensuing year proposed to this, William Rountree of Pickering meeting and Isaac Taylor of Hemsley Mg. for that service who were accepted by the meeting, the business was gone thro' in this sitting having been conducted in a good degree of Brotherly love and condescension to the satisfaction of the faithful. A proposition was received from Owstwick and Cave Mo. Meeting requesting to change the name thereof to Hull which was agreed to by this meeting. The meeting held near 3 hours.

On 29th. and 5th. of week. This morning after breakfast we went to see the Prisoners in the Castle, Jonathan Dunning a friend of Thirsk Mo. meeting was confined there on account of the Militia we sat a little with him in his room he appeared a serious young man, and cheerful and easy in his confinement. The Parting meeting for Worship began at 10 this forenoon and held 2 hours and a half It was larger than the former a few of other Societies attending, Christiana Hustler had a short testimony therein first from Isai: C: 65. v: 2. I have spread out my hands all the day. After a short time in silence she had a pretty long testimony to bear from Matt C: 20. v: 4. Go ye also into my vineyard. Ellin Cocken next from 1 Cor: C: 15. v: 32, 33. If the dead rise not? let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die. Be not deceived; evil communications corrupt good manners. Phebe Blakes next in supplication, Thomas Colley had a very long time in testimony next from Eph: C: 6. v: 12,13, 14, 15, 16 17. We wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against Powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with Truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; Above all taking the shield of faith; wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the spirit, which is the word of God. Elizabeth Hoyland had afterwards a pretty long time upon sundry subjects principally tending to enforce the communications we had been favoured with; and branching forth into various weighty exhortations. It was an highly favoured meeting, At the close of which a friend gave notice that Thomas Colley intended to have a Publick meeting in this place this evening and desired friends to give as full notice to the inhabitants of the city as they could. Betwixt 2 and 3 o'clock in the afternoon we left York and came with John Robinson of Wakefield to Tadcaster were we drunk Tea together at the Golden.Lyon paid 10d a piece stopt hour and then he set out to Leeds and we for Sherburn having the care of procuring a place in appointing a publick meeting there to be held next day for Thomas Colley we came by Towton and got Sherburn about 8 o'clock in the evening were we took up our quarters at Simeon Hunters.

On 30th. and 6th. of week we went to see for a place to hold the meeting in, but could not find any in the Town that we apprehended would be likely to contain the People except the Methodists Meetinghouse which they were willing for us to have and which we accepted of, and assisted in giving notice to the Inhabitants. At 6 o'clock in the evening the Meeting began and held 2 hours and a half The house was not full I suppose there might be about 200 People there. It was an open satisfactory meeting, Thomas Colley had a very long time in testimony therein from 2 Cor: C: 4. v: 6. God who commanded the light to shine out of the darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the Glory of God in the face of Jesus.Christ. At the close of the meeting I expressed our satisfaction with the behaviour of the People in general and informed them it was now over The Priest of the Parish and a Methodist Preacher was there. Also a young man named Joseph Gell to whom I felt a particular nearness, and who I understood was in a great measure conviction of the Truth of our Principles but had not yet fully made Publick profession thereof, I hope and desire this may prove a strengthening opportunity to him, that he may not only believe but have Power to confess Christ before men by coming up faithfully to all his manifestations. We also met with another man in the Town, one Joseph Johnson whose head is now covered

with gray hairs, and had some conversation with him I understood when very young he met with a friends book the reading of which so opened his understanding that he could never join with the Publick Worship since, but sits on first days in his own house, His Landlord requiring his Sons to go for Volunteers in the Army of defence; he refused, being fully convinced of the inconsistency of war with the Gospel dispensation and therefore bore his testimony faithfully against it Altho' it is supposed he lost his farm thereby his Landlord giving him notice to quit it To him I doubt not but this religious visit was truly acceptable

On 1st. of 10th. Mo. and 7th. of week, we left Sherburn a little past 6 o'clock in the morning and came by Milford to Ferrybridge were we Breakfasted at Robert Thompsons stopt about 1 hour and a half then came to Pontefract were we call'd at Joseph Johnsons and John Leathams sat a little at each place, then proceeded to Ackworth were we din'd at the School with Jonathan Binns and his Wife, stopt 2 hours there and then came by Himsworth and Brierley to Cudworth were we gave notice pretty fully to the inhabitants of both villages of our friend Thomas Colleys intentions of having a Publick meeting at Burton in friends Meetinghouse the next day, and meeting with a man from Shafton he promised me he would do the like to the inhabitants of that village, information thereof had been before sent into Barnsley, and that neighbourhood. After we had finished this little service we went to Samuel Lavers of Woodnook were we got about 5 o'clock in the evening and lodged there.

On 2nd. and 1st. of week, we went to Burton a little sooner in company with Samuel Laver, to regulate the seats, but when we got there found they were already done. The meeting began at 11 o'clock and held near 3 hours and a half A great concourse of People of other Societies attended were generally strangers to friends, and supposed principally to come from Cudworth, Shafton, Carlton Royston, Notton or those neighbourhoods. The Meetinghouse was very full, and the behaviour of the People truly worthy of commendation. It was to me in the forepart a laborious time, but Truth arose and eminently overshadowed us, that I believe it might be said it reigned over all. Thomas Colley had a very long time in testimony therein from Isai: C: 48. v. 17, 18. I am the Lord thy God which teacheth thee to profit, which leadeth thee by the way that thou shouldest go. O that thou hast hearkened to my commandments! then had thy peace been as a river, and thy righteousness as the waves of the sea. Afterwards he was concerned in Prayer. At the close of the meeting I inform'd the People it was over, who departed in a becoming manner, the minds of many evidently appearing to be covered with an awful solemnity. I went with Thomas Colley to John Wilsons Countryhouse were we got a little Wine and water, then came to Barnsley were we din'd at John Wilsons and I at Jonathan Bashforths. The Meeting having held long at Burton it was half an hour later than the usual time before it began here. There was 15 attended besides my companion and me, and William Wass and Morrit Matthews of Dewsbury who had been at Burton and found their minds inclined to attend here. It was a satisfactory time something like a gathering up of the fragments that nothing be lost. I had a short testimony to bear therein 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. The meeting held about 1 hour and a half After which we drank Tea here, and betwixt 6 and 7 o'clock set out for home, Thomas Dixon Walton and Thomas Walker set us on our way about 2 miles and then return'd. We came by Cawthorne and Denby to Newhouse were we got betwixt 9 and 10 at night.

An Account of my Journey to a Meeting at Barnsley etc in the 10th. Mo. 1803

I set out from home ye. 16th. of ye. 10th. Mo. 1803 and 1st. day of the week between 6 and 7 o'clock in the morning in company with Francis Field my housekeeper; we went by Denby. dikeside and Bagden to Toppett were we stopt upwards of half an hour at cousin Joseph Steads and got Tea, that preceded by Hoyland, Kexbro' and Darton to Joseph Smiths of Carrgreen, were we stopt a little and got some refreshment, then proceeded in company with

him, his Son and daughter to Burton were we got in time to the meeting which began at 11 o'clock and was open and satisfactory. I had a long time therein in testimony from 1 Cor: C: 9. v: 24. Know ye not that they that run in a race, run all, but one receiveth the prize? so run that ye may obtain. At the close of this meeting was held their Preparative meeting, Of the committee appointed to attend here there was only myself. Both meetings held 2 hours and a half. David Brearey of Hanging.heaton met me here and was my acceptable companion during my stay within the compass of this meeting. We din'd with Thomas Walker Haigh and William Gant of Barnsley; was at their Meeting this afternoon at Jonathan Bashforths which began at half past 3 and held about 1 hour and a half. It was highly favoured, There was 12 attended besides we who were Strangers; I have a long testimony to bear therein from 2 Kin: 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 to be upon me. And he said, Thou hast asked a hard thing; nevertheless if thou seest me when I am taken from thee, it shall be so unto thee; but if not, it shall not be so. After meeting we drunk Tea and supp'd here; and lodg'd at William Hardys the Sine of the Swan.

On 17th. and 2nd. of week, we breakfasted with Elizabeth Dunn, and attended our Monthly meeting at Burton, the meeting for Worship, tho' select of friends was very large and satisfactory the Meetinghouse being very full. I had a long testimony to bear therein from Heb: C: 13. v: 14. Here have we no continuing city, but we seek one to come. At the close of this meeting was the meeting discipline, a great deal of business was gone thro' and the whole was conducted to mutual satisfaction The former meeting began at 11 in the forenoon and both held 3 hours. After which I din'd at John Wilsons Countryhouse, and then called upon my companion David Brearey at Barnsley. Thomas Walker Haigh and William Gant accompanied us to Joel Yeardleys of Blacker were we got about 5 o'clock and tarried all night there, but the two young men from Barnsley return'd home after supper. Joel was from home, but after Tea we had a religious opportunity with the rest of the family in which I had a very long consolatory and encouraging testimony to bear to the deeply suffering exercised minds from John C: 16. v: 33. In the world ye shall have tribulation; but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world. Afterwards I had a pretty long time principally to their son John who I believe was under a precious visitation from on high, he was much broken and tendered, and I hope this season of remarkable favour will not soon be forgot by him.

On 18th. and 3rd. of week about 11 o'clock in the forenoon we left a Blacker and went by Bankend, and Stairfoot to Burton.grange were I parted with David Brearey he returning towards home and I proceeded on my Journey, William Leatham of Pontefract having been Balloted to serve in the Army of Reserve and having no property that they could come at, and he being unwilling to go to prison, his father John Leatham had inconsiderately paid the fine of 20£. Which case being laid before the Monthly Meeting friends appointed Jonathan Binns, William Wass, and myself to pay them a visit and report to another meeting Upon which we agreed to meet at their weekday meeting next fifth.day, of which they had information, and having felt my mind drawn to visit John Dobson a young man who attends Pontefract meeting and appears to be under commencement I thought this appeared to be a suitable opportunity I called at Samuel Lavers of Woodnook were I din'd and the day being very wet I stopt upwards of 3 hours then proceeded by Cudworth, Brierley, Hemsworth, and Ackworth to James Harrisons of East.Hardwick were I met by appointment with John Bottomley who had also felt his mind drawn to visit the beforementioned young man and who was my companion the remaining part of this Journey. I got here between 6 and 7 o'clock were I lodg'd, but John lodg'd at their mothers the Widow Ann Harrisons.

On 19th. and 4th. of the week, we breakfasted at Ann Harrisons, and betwixt 10 and 11 o'clock set out for Smeaton 4 miles, James Harrison accompanied us thither on his way to Askron we went by Wentbridge and through Brocken.dale a very curious valley deep and narrow with many curious rocks on each side. The narrow river Went runs in a curious winding stream through it and many of those animals called Brocks have their habitations in the sides of the hills. We got to Thomas Hagues of Little.Smeaton betwixt 11 and 12 were we

din'd, and betwixt 1 and 2 set out for John Dobsons of Woodhall, Thomas Hague accompanying us thither which was about 3 miles we went by Wommersley and in about 1 hours time reached Woodhall, John Dobson saw us coming and gave us the meeting; he received us in a very kind and affectionate manner, and being conducted by him into the parlour we had a very satisfactory opportunity together in which John Bottomley had a pretty long time and testimony first from Psalms 8. v: 4. What is man, that thou art mindful of him; and the son of man, that thou visitest him. I next from John C: 13. v: 17. If you know these things, happy are ye if you do them. After which John Dobson expressd himself in a very tender broken manner in substance as follows, that the Lord had been gracious and merciful unto him from very early Life woing and drawing him by the cords of his divine Love unto himself, and when he had turn'd aside he had mercifully and gently chastised him with his rod, and he had been obedient to his commandments his peace would have flowed as a river but for sometime past he had been as a Ship tossed upon the wide ocean but added the present opportunity had been much to his comfort and satisfaction and hoped it would remain sealed upon his breast as a renewed token of divine regard. He is a considerable farmer has about 400 Acres of ground, is about 32 years of age and has a Wife and four children. After the opportunity we drunk Tea here his Wife behaved very civilly to us and a little past 5 o'clock we set out for East Hardwick 6 miles, Thomas Hague and John Dobson accompanied us on our way about 3 miles and then return'd. As we went he renewed his expressions of satisfaction with our visit and added his mind had been comforted with it. He told me he was about four years joined with the Methodists but being fully convinced there was too much will worship amongst them he left them and being in his judgement about two years ago convinced of the truth of friends Principles he hath since mostly attended the meetings of friends when he heard of any near but removing from Baln to Woodhall it gave him the opportunity to get to Pontefract which was 6 miles distant I was well satisfied with our visit feeling my mind nearly united in Love to him. We came by Stapleton and Darrington to James Harrisons of Hardwick were we got a little past 7 o'clock in the evening. After supper we had an opportunity with them in which John Bottomley had a short communication by way of encouragement in testimony. I lodg'd here but John Bottomley went to his former quarters to sleep.

On 20th. and 5th. of week, we breakfasted at Ann Harrisons and afterwards set out for their Week day meeting at Pontefract, got there just in time, it began at 10 and held 2 hours There was 20 attended besides we who were strangers; and tho' we were sensibly dip'd into a feeling sense of weakness, yet strength was mercifully afforded to relieve our minds and I hope it was a profitable time to some. I had a pretty long time in testimony therein first from Matt C: 10. v: 38. He that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me. John Bottomley next from Isai: C: 55. v: 3. Hear and your soul shall live. And afterwards again from Matt C: 26. v: 41. Watch and pray that ye enter not into temptation. After meeting John Bottomley went with Joseph Johnson to dine. But we who were under the appointment stop'd and sat with John Leatham and William his Son in the Meetinghouse, The opportunity was more satisfactory than we expected, there was a door of utterance opened, and I hope in some measure of entrance, believing the word did not go forth in vain. After the opportunity we went to dine with them at their house and after dinner drew up the following report to be laid before our next monthly meeting viz.

“We your committee have heard an opportunity with John Leatham and his Son William, and were kindly received; it was an open time of communication; they both expressed their concern that their conduct had occasioned cause of uneasiness to Friends; and the father signified that if anything of like nature should occur in his family he should take care to consult with some friends and act agreeably to their advice”

Pontefract 20th. of the 10th. Mo. 1803

Joseph Wood
William Wass
Jonathan Binns

After which we went and sat a little at Joseph Johnsons, and drunk Tea at his daughter Mary Johnsons. Jonathan Binns being very desirous for me and my companion to go with him to Ackworth and tarry all night, we consented thereto, he took John Bottomley with him in his carriage, and after calling to take leave of my friends, I left Pontefract a little before 5 o'clock and in about 1 hours time reached Ackworth were I called and sat a little Joseph Johnsons and then went to the School were we lodg'd. In the evening we visited our worthy friend Leonard West with other of the servants in the Kitchen, and called and sat a little with Hannah Dumbleton the housekeeper in her room, a pious young Woman, where we had a little of the company of Robert Whitaker an exercised Man who is clerk to the institution. The remainder of our time whilst here we spent principally with Jonathan Binns the Treasurer and his Wife, and their Son Jonathan an hopeful youth in the 19th. year of his age who felt affectionately near to me, and whose preservation and growth in the Truth I much desire.

On 21st. and 6th. of week, we left Ackworth a little past 9 o'clock in the morning and came by Hazle, Havercroft, Royston, Staincross and Mapplewell to Darton were we got some refreshment at the Rose and Crown paid 8d a Piece stop'd upwards of an hour and then came by Kexbro' and Hoyland to cousin Joseph Steads of Toppett, we stopt here about 2 hours and drunk Tea then came by Bagden and Denby.dikeside home were we got betwixt 6 and 7 o'clock in the evening.

An Account of my Journey to a meeting at Dewsbury in 1st. Mo. 1804

I set out from home ye 15th. of ye. 1st. Mo. 1804 and 1st. day of the week, about 10 o'clock in the forenoon being accompanied this journey by Frances Field my housekeeper. We went by Shelley, Roydhouse and Briestfield, to Dewsbury were we got betwixt 3 and 4 o'clock in the afternoon, having called to rest us twice by the way and got some refreshment we brought with us from home The roads were extremely bad and difficult owing to the very heavy rains which had lately fallen, and when we got near Dewsbury the river was much out so that in one place we should have had to have waded up to the knee had not a man kindly let us through his mill, and in another place the water was upwards of a yard deep in the road for a considerable way so that we were obliged to go through the fields on higher ground. We were kindly received at Morrith Matthews's were we drunk Tea. The meeting began at his house at 5 o'clock and held upwards of 1 hour and a half, one person hath begun to attend constantly since I was there before viz John Mawland who I understood had formerly been inclinable to the Papists, 3 or 4 sober People who do not usually attend came in this evening, so that there was 17 at meeting besides ourselves, and upon the whole it was a satisfactory time. I had a pretty long testimony to bear therein from 1 John C: 1. v: 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. After meeting my housekeeper went home with William Wass were she took up her quarters and I with George Brearey were I supp'd and Lodged.

On 16th and 2nd. of week, we set out betwixt 8 to 9 o'clock in the morning, George Brearey accompanying us to Wakefield we called there to see John Blacksmith who had been very poorly ever since he joined the Society, the Doctor being with him we did not get to see him, but proceeded to John Robinsons were we got a little refreshment and then went directly to the Meetinghouse, where our Monthly meeting was this day held. The meeting for worship began at 11 o'clock and was pretty large we were favoured thereat with the company of our friend William Sowerby of Richmond Mo. meeting and Isabella Harris an acceptable Minister who is lately removed from Cumberland to reside at Ackworth.School in the station of Governess; This was the first time I had seen her. It was a comfortable meeting held in silence, At the close thereof was the meeting for discipline, the business of which was satisfactorily conducted. An application was received from Wakefield meeting on behalf of Morrith Matthews of Dewsbury requesting to be admitted a member of our Society and a

committee friends appointed to visit him. Also the meeting directed the friends heretofore appointed to pay a second visit to George Brearey of the same place on his application for admission into membership. Both meetings held 3 hours and a half. After which I came by Millthorp to Dirtcar were I din'd at Christopher Walkers, and took up my quarters there this night. After dinner, I went and spent about 2 hours at William Pickards and drunk Tea, and then return'd.

On 17th. and 3rd. of week, I left Dirtcar, betwixt 8 and 9 o'clock in the morning in company with John Pickford, we came to my Uncle Joseph Houghs of Crigglestone were we stopt a little and got some refreshment, met my housekeeper here who had lodg'd at the Widow Cudworths of Painthorp, We came by Bretton and Parkmill to Skelmanthorp were we stopt near 2 hours din'd at Charles Blackburns a sat a little at Anthony Kinsleys, then came by Cumberworth home were we got betwixt 3 and 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

An Account of my Journey to a meeting at Dewsbury in 2nd. Mo. 1804

Being appointed by our Monthly meeting along with other friends to visit George Brearey and Morritt Matthews of Dewsbury on their application to be admitted members of our Society, and having agreed to meet there to perform the said visit this day. I set out from home about 8 o'clock in the morning in company with John Bottomley, being ye. 19th. of ye. 2nd. Mo. 1804 and 1st. day of the week,, called at cousin Benjamin Walkers of Paddock were we got some Tea and, stopp'd about one hour and then proceeded by Shelley Roydhouse and Briestfield, to Dewsbury were we got about 1 o'clock, Din'd at George Breareys, and according to appointment sat with him at 2 o'clock and after the visit drew up the following report to be laid before our Monthly meeting viz.

“Agreeably to the direction of last meeting; The friends heretofore appointed, have paid a second visit to George Brearey, and believe that he has been favoured to experience an improvement since the former. The opportunity was pretty open and satisfactory. We feel no objections to leave the decision of his case entirely to the solid judgement of the meeting.”

Dewsbury 2nd. Mo.
19th. 1804

George Chapman
John Bottomley
Joseph Wood

After which we went to Morritt Matthews's to Tea. At 5 in the evening was at the meeting held as usual in his house, which was a pretty open satisfactory time. There was 15 attended besides we who were strangers, John Bottomley had a short testimony therein first. After which I had a pretty long time from Gal: C: 4. v: 19. My little children, of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you. The meeting held near 2 hours. At the close of which we sat with Morritt Matthews, and at the close of the sitting drew up the following report to be laid before the Monthly meeting viz.

“We your committee have had a satisfactory opportunity with Morritt Matthews; having reason to believe that his conduct hath pretty fully manifested the sincerity of his convincement of the Truth, and the various branches of our christian testimony; and that his application have arisen solely from an apprehension of duty. We do not find any objections against his admission into membership if the meeting concur in the same judgement.”

Dewsbury 2nd. Mo.
19th. 1804.

Leonard West
Thomas Earnshaw
Joseph Wood

We stopt supper at Morritt Matthews's and then I return'd to George Breareys were I lodg'd.

On 20th. and 2nd. of week, I set out for our Monthly meeting to be held near Wakefield about 8 o'clock in company with the Leonard West, Thomas Earnshaw of Judfield and John Bottomley, went by Ossett and got to Wakefield about 10 o'clock when I called to see John Blacksmith who is very weak and apparently his dissolution approaching I sat a little with

him, and then called at Sarah and Ann Blands stopt a little there and then proceeded to John Robinsons were I got Tea, and from thence went to the meeting which began at 11 o'clock and was large the Meetinghouse being pretty well filled. It was I believe a time of renewed visitation to many being a very open favoured meeting Isabella Harris had a pretty long testimony therein first, from John C: 9. v. 6, 7. He spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and he anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay, and said unto him, go wash in the pool of Siloam, (which is by interpretation, Sent) he went his way therefore, and washed, and came seeing. I had a short time next 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 of the water of life freely. Isabella Harris next from Prov: C: 14. v: 10. The heart knoweth his own bitterness; and a stranger doth not intermeddle with his joy. At the close of this meeting was the meeting for discipline the business of which was satisfactorily conducted, Morritt Matthews and George Brearey were both accepted into membership. Both meetings held 4 hours. After which I came up with William Taylor to Christopher Walkers of Dirtcar were I din'd and after dinner his son Robert Walker accompanied me to William Pickards were we drunk Tea, and then I return'd with him to his Fathers to lodge.

On 21st and 3rd. of week, I left Dirtcar, about 9 o'clock in the morning and came by Midgley and Flockton to Kirkburton were I got about 12 o'clock and din'd at the Punch.bowl paid 6d eating and 8d and a half Liquor After dinner I went to see my friend Joseph Grayhams Mother were I stopt conversing with her a considerable time left Kirkburton about 4 o'clock and came to John Haighs of Shepley were I tarried upwards of an hour and drunk Tea; then came to Birdsedge were I called in the Shop upon my beloved friend and Scholar Joseph Grayham, we rejoiced to see each other again, being nearly united in Love and true friendship. The night before I left home he came and spent the evening with me, and tarried all night and slept with me. I tarried with him about 2 hours and hearkened him his Lessons, and then I came home were I got about 9 in the evening.

An Account of my Journey to a meeting at Barnsley in the 4th. Mo. 1804

I set out from home ye. 15th. of ye. 4th. Mo. 1804 and 1st. day of the week about 7 o'clock in the morning, my esteemed friend Joseph Grayham came to my house the evening before and stopt all night and slept with me, tarrying until I was nearly ready to set out and then we parted. I went by Denby.dikeside, and Denby.hall to Dakinbrook were I rested me a little at Joseph Ingrams, and then proceeded by Cawthorne to Joseph Smiths of Carr.green, were I stopt a little and got to Burton just in time to the Meeting which was open and satisfactory. Two persons were there who have attended duly on first days since the burial of Jonathan Bashforth viz. George Swift and Jonadab Exley both of Barnsley, the latter is in profession with the dissenting Methodists, and appears a very serious man. Also Edith Pickard a young Woman from near Cudworth a Methodist but I believe is measurably convinced of the Truth and hath been for sometime halting as it were betwixt two opinions. I had a long time therein testimony from Matt C: 7. v: 21st. 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 their Preparative meeting, of the committee appointed to attend here there was only myself, Both meetings held near 2 hours. After which I went to Barnsley and din'd with Thomas Walker Haigh, and attended their meeting this afternoon at the Widow Isabella Bashforths which began at half past 3 and held near an hour and a half. There were 15 there besides myself. It was a very low time in the forepart thereof but ended comfortably. I had a short testimony to bear therein from Luke C: 16. v: 3. I cannot dig, to beg I am ashamed. After meeting I drunk Tea with Elizabeth Dunn and after Tea went with Frances Yeardley and her son, Thomas to their house at Blacker were I tarried all night, my beloved

friend Thomas Dixon Walton accompanied us thither, and after stopping about an hour return'd home.

On 16th. and 2nd. of week. After Breakfast I return'd to Barnsley, called to see several of my friends there and then went to our Monthly meeting at Burton which began at 11 o'clock, It was very large of friends, and several sober People of other Societies attended so that the Meetinghouse was well filled We was favoured with the company of our truly valuable friend William Jackson from Pennsylvania in America. It was an highly favoured meeting, The way of Life and salvation was clearly opened, and many important Truths of the Gospel communicated in the demonstration of the spirit and Power thereof. Isabella Harris had a long testimony to bear first from John C: 17. v: 3. This is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus.Christ whom thou hast sent. Afterwards William Jackson had a very long time from Matt: C: 20. v. 30, 31, 32, 33, 34. Behold, two blind men sitting by the wayside, when they heard that Jesus passed by, cried out, saying, Have mercy upon us, O Lord, thou son of David. and the multitude rebuked them because they should hold their peace; but they cried the more saying, Have mercy on us, O Lord, thou son of David. And Jesus stood still, and called them, and said, What will ye that I should do unto you. They say to him, Lord, that our eyes may be opened. So Jesus had compassion on them, and touched their eyes; and immediately their eyes received sight, and they followed him. At the close of this meeting was the meeting for discipline the business of which was amicably conducted. In the course thereof our friend William Jackson had divers weighty remarks to make, and much suitable counsel and advice to drop more particularly to the youth of which class there were great numbers present. Both meetings held about 4 hours. After which I dined at John Wilsons Country.house, and betwixt 4 and 5 o'clock left Burton and came home with John Pickford and my housekeeper Frances Field, we came to Cawthorne were we stopt better than half an hour at Stanhope's.arms and drunk Tea paid 10d a piece, and then came to Dakinbrook were we purposed resting a little at Joseph Ingrams but they were not at home, his Wifes father seeing us invited us into their house were we stopped a little, and then came by Denby.dikeside home were we got about 9 o'clock in the evening.

An Account of my Journey to Marsden Monthly Meeting in Lancashire held at Turf.laneend near Oldham in the 4th. Mo. 1804.

I set out from home ye. 18th. of ye. 4th. Mo. 1804 and 4th. day of the week about 6 o'clock in the morning, called at John Haighs of Shepley and sat about half an hour, and then went to Joseph Bottomleys of Royd were I Breakfasted stopt 2 hours and then proceeded by Honley to Netherton were I called to see two Women of my acquaintance, were I stopt upwards of an hour and got some refreshment then proceeded by Crosland Blackmoorfoot, Holthead, and Marsden to John Fishers of Mount an acquaintance of mine who had removed thither from Skelmanthorp whose Wife had once lived a little while servant with me, they were much pleased to see me, I stopt with them about an hour and got some refreshment, and then proceeded by Delpth in Saddleworth and Sholver in Lancashire to James Taylors of Salmonfield near Oldham, got there about 6 o'clock were I took up my quarters.

On 19th. and 5th. of week, when I awoke this morning, my mind was awfully impressed with the uncertainty of time on considering that it was 13 years this day since my Father departed this Life, and 11 years since my Mother was Buried. O may I be favoured just to experience my days work to keep pace with the day whether it may be in doing or suffering that so I may lay down mine head in peace with God and all good men. At 11 o'clock the meeting for Worship began at the Meetinghouse near this place, which was large of friends, and are pretty many sober neighbours came in, so that the house was well filled, and a pretty many upstairs. It was upon the whole satisfactory meeting. Mary Earnshaw was first concerned therein in supplication. And afterwards James Howarth had a pretty long time in

testimony from Mark C: 8. v. 23, 24, 25. He took the blind man by the hand, and led him out of the town; and when he had spit on his eyes, and put his hands upon him, he asked him if he saw ought. and he looked up, and said, I see men as trees, walking. After that, he put his hands again upon his eyes, and made him look up; and he was restored, and saw every man clearly. At the close of this meeting was held their Monthly meeting for discipline which consists of 6 Preparative meetings viz. Marsden, Trawden, Sawley, Rossendale, Oldham, (Edgworth and Bolton) the business of this meeting was conducted in a good degree of harmony and concord. Both meetings held near 4 hour. After Tea I set out for Rochdale in company with my beloved friend William Taylor of that place, who was lately accepted into membership with friends we went by Crompton to Rochdale were we got betwixt 7 and 8 o'clock in the evening and lodg'd at James Midgleys.

On 20th. and 6th. of the week, in the forenoon, Henry Ackroyd and James Kitching of Marsden meeting called here in their way home from the Monthly meeting, and stopped a little, I was pleased with their company, they appearing to me to be valuable friends, the latter came from the Isle of Man to settle at Coln being then in the Methodists Society, but being convinced of the Truth and joined with friends after sometime he settled within the compass of Marsden meeting, and I understand hath appeared in the work of the ministry. William Taylor spent the day with me here, and in the afternoon, William Midgley and James Taylor came here to Tea, and after Tea John Milns came in with whom and this family I had a satisfactory opportunity before we separated in which I was three times concerned in testimony being first opened from John C: 15. v: 2. Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away; and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit. My mind felt considerably relieved after this opportunity, counsel caution and encouragement flowed plentifully to the various states present and I believe it was a profitable time to some. Afterwards James Taylor and me went with William Midgley to his house were we lodg'd.

On 21st. and 7th. of week we came by Cropton to Shaw were we stopt about 2 hours and din'd at Samuel Gandys, dear William Taylor of Rochdale overtook us upon the road intending to accompany me on my way towards home. About 2 o'clock we parted with our mutual friend James Taylor he returning home and we came my Delpth in Saddleworth Yorkshire to Marsden where we stopt about 1 hour and a half at the George and drunk Tea paid 1s a piece and then came by Holthead, and Blackmorefoot to Robert Kays of Laneend, got there betwixt 7 and 8 o'clock in the evening were we lodg'd.

On 22nd. and 1st. of week, This day we attended their meeting at Parrack went a little before the time to look at the alterations they were making, Being building a large new Meetinghouse, and making considerable improvements in the old one. The meeting began at 11 o'clock and held about 2 hours, there were a considerable number of friends attended and several of other Societies came in John Bottomley met me here intending to accompany me home. We sat for a considerable time in a state of great weakness, but when the Lord was pleased to arise by his Power his and our souls enemies were scattered; and a way opened to relieve our minds by speaking unto various states present, John Bottomley had a pretty long testimony first from Rom: C: 8. v: 14. As many are led by the spirit of God, they are the sons of God. I have a long time next from Rom: C: 1. v: 21. When they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful, but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart were darkened. John Bottomley had a pretty long time next from Isai: C: 3. v. 10. Say ye to the righteous that it shall be well with him. Afterwards he was concerned in Prayer. After meeting I parted with my beloved friend William Taylor he intending for home this afternoon, and John possibly unmake came with my cousin Abraham Mallinson to his house in Huddersfield to dine. After dinner John Fisher came and stopt a little with us and then kindly accompanied us out of Town, we left Huddersfield about 3 o'clock and came by Almondbury and Woodsommill to Kirkburton, we were agreeable to appointment I met with my much esteemed friend Joseph Grayham at his Mothers, we stopt there upwards of an hour and drunk Tea and then came by Shelley home were we got about 7 o'clock, my beloved

friend Joseph Grayham went to look after his cattle and then came and spent the evening with me to our mutual satisfaction being glad of the company of each other, I hearkened him his Lessons, and he stopt all night and slept with me.

An Account of my Journey to a Publick Meeting held at Lumbroyd in the 5th. Mo. 1804

On the 28th. of ye. 5th. Mo. 1804, and 2nd. day of the week. Our friend David Sands from the state of New.York in America, who was on a religious visit to friends and others in Europe having been engaged in the work of the ministry in this quarter of the world betwixt 8 and 9 Years, and his service appearing now to be nearly concluded except a few meetings in these parts, came from Stockport in Cheshire to Penistone were he got about noon this day, in company with Thomas Pritchard and his man from Ross in Herefordshire, who had accompanied him and conveyed him in his carriage about 4 weeks. They took up their quarters at the Rose and Crown not knowing there were any friends in the Town, but upon enquiry they sent for George Chapman and inform'd him of Davids desire to have a Publick Meeting in their Meetinghouse at Lumbroyd this evening, accordingly George Chapman and his family with some others exerted themselves in informing friends and others thereof; and George kindly came to my house to acquaint me. I was poorly in body and extremely low in mind, so that at first hearing it appeared very unlikely that I should attend. But after considering it a while I felt most easy to attempt it of which I had afterwards abundant cause to be thankful. I left home betwixt 4 and 5 o'clock in the afternoon, my much esteemed friend John Pickford accompanying me thither we went by Ing.Birchworth to Penistone were we got about half past 5 o'clock, and met with the friends at George Chapmans having gone there to Tea. At half past 6 o'clock the meeting began and held 2 hours and a half and considering the shortness of the notice, the evening proving wet, it was pretty large, many of other Societies attending so that the house and chamber was nearly full, and their behaviour very commendable. It was a very open satisfactory and highly favoured meeting. David Sands had a very long and encouraging testimony to bear therein from John C: 4. v. 25, 26. I know that Messias cometh, which is called Christ; when he is come he will tell us all things. Jesus saith unto her, I that speak unto thee am he. afterwards he was concerned in Prayer. And at the close of the meeting inform'd the People, that there was more attended than he could have expected considering the wetness of the night, but he was glad to see them, and very affectionately bade Farewel. I stopt all night at my dear and worthy friend George Chapmans, not being in a situation to return home, altho' I think not worse for my journey, having occasion to remember the sick bed expression of a friend viz. "Inward comfort helps greatly." Before we went to Bed, George Chapman and me went and sat a little with the friends at the Inn were we was much pleased with their company and they express'd their satisfaction with ours.

On 29th. and 3rd. of week, After Breakfast the friends came to George Chapmans, were we were favoured with a precious opportunity together, in which David Sands had two pretty long encouraging and very consolatory testimonies to bear, the first from Rom: C: 11. v: 33. O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgements, and his ways past finding out. and the other time from Rom: C: 8. v. 24, 25. We are saved by hope, but hope that is seen is not hope; for what a man seeth why does he yet hope for? But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it. Afterwards he was concerned in Prayer. About 11 o'clock we parted they set out for Sheffield and I came by Ing.Birchworth home were I got just in time to dinner.

An Account of my Journey to a Publick Meeting at Dewsbury in the 6th. Mo. 1804

I set out from home ye. 6th. ye. 6th. Mo. 1804 and 4th. day of the week of betwixt 5 and 6 o'clock in the morning, went by Cumberworth to Anthony Kinsleys of Skelmanthorp were I Breakfasted and after breakfast went to Charles Blackburns were I din'd, and it coming on heavy rain prevented my proceeding until after Tea; I left Skelmanthorp about 5 o'clock and went by Park mill and Bretton to Crigglestone, stopt about half an hour at my Uncle Joseph Houghs, and got to Dirtcar a little before 8 in the evening were I lodg'd at Christopher Walkers

. On 7th. and 5th. of the week, I went in company with Robert Walker to their week day meeting near Wakefield which began at 10 and held upwards of 2 hours; there was 16 attended beside myself, and tho' I cannot say it was eminently favoured yet I believe it was a profitable time. After a long silence I had a pretty long testimony to bear from Matt. C: 3. v: 9. Think not to say within yourselves, we have Abraham to our father. for I say unto you, that God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham. After meeting I went into town sat a little at Ann Thorps, then went to John Robinsons were I din'd. Left Wakefield about 2 o'clock in the afternoon, William Awmack setting me on my way of 2 miles and then return'd, I went by Ossett to Dewsbury got to George Breareys a little before 4 o'clock were I lodg'd. At 6 in the evening was at their Week day meeting held at Morrith Matthews's were 9 attended besides myself. The Masters presence was near, and divers minds were covered with an awful solemnity, which I had to mention to them in a short testimony towards the close of the meeting, withall adding that I had believed if all had rightly gathered to their own gifts and being properly exercised therein they would have experienced Truth to be strongest of all; concluding with a few words of encouragement to some tryed state or states. The meeting held upwards of 1 hour and a half. After which I went with William Wass to his house were I sat a little and then return'd to George Breareys were Morrith Mathews and David Brearey sat with us until Bed.time.

On 8th. and 6th. of week. This morning I Breakfasted at Morrith Matthews's and then went to William Wass's were I din'd about 3 o'clock in the afternoon I left Dewsbury and came by Bristfield to cousin Samuel Steads of Denby were I stopp'd betwixt 2 and 3 hours and drunk Tea, then came by Grange.hall and Flockton to Skelmanthorp, were I got about 8 o'clock in the evening, and lodg'd at Charles Blackburns, who inform'd me that they had been favoured with the company of David Sands from the state of New.York in America at our Meeting at Highflatts this day; the particulars of the visit I was afterwards more fully inform'd of, He came from Sheffield and got to Highflatts the evening before, and being desirous that information should be given to those of other Societies friends exerted themselves what they could, having no notice beforehand of his coming. The meeting began at 10 o'clock in the forenoon and was as large as could be expected, the house being pretty well filled, considering the short notice, and the wetness of the forenoon. He did not sit above 10 minutes before he stood up, and inform'd the meeting that he knew not the cause, but he had thought the most about this meeting of any in this County, that there were many present who were near his best life, and said this place had been uppermost in his thoughts for two months past both by night and by day, he was I understood very eminently favoured having to speak very particularly to many states present in the power and authority of the Truth. He was exercised in his gift most part of the meeting having two long testimonies to bear and afterwards was concerned in Prayer. Many were much broken and tendered and I sincerely wish it may prove a season of lasting advantage to them. At 4 o'clock this afternoon he had a Publick meeting at Wooldale which I understood was large and favoured, many both friends and others went from our neighbourhood, the afternoon proving fine.

On 9th. and 7th. of week, I spent the day here very agreeably until about 3 o'clock in the afternoon, and then set out for home, came by Denby.dikeside and got to my outward habitation about 4 o'clock, were I found all my family well as usual, for which blessing, with all others may I ever be preserved truly thankful. In that evening my beloved companion

Joseph Grayham came to say his Lessons, he informed me he was at the meeting at Wooldale the day before and expressed much satisfaction in being there. He is a young man for whom I retain a particular value, well knowing how hard it is to take up our daily cross and become fools for Christs sake altho' there is not another way to become truly wise. For want of faithfulness, many are left in a weak state so as not to be able at all times to resist the temptations of the enemy, this I apprehend to be the case with this my dearly beloved friend, and yet I would gladly flatter myself with a hope that in time he will be strengthened to confess Christ before men, and experience him to enable him to overcome all evil.

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An Account of my Journey to a Meeting at Barnsley in 6th. Mo. 1804.

I set out from home ye. 24th. of ye. 6th. Mo. 1804 and 1st. day of the week betwixt 6 and 7 o'clock in the morning, having my beloved friend Joseph Grayham, for my companion this journey who called upon me and Breakfasted with me. We went by Denby.dikeside, and Bagden to Hoyland were we called to see, Mary Fisher a religious Woman in profession with the Methodists stopped about half an hour there and then went by Kexbro' to Darton were we stopped about half an hour at the Rose and Crown and got some refreshment paid 6d, then proceeded by Mapplewell to Burton, were we got just in time to the meeting which began at 11 o'clock and held 2 hours, a few sober People of other Societies came in, and upon the whole we were favoured with an open satisfactory time together. John Bottomley came to Barnsley the day before, and was here in his way to the Quarterly meeting at York, he had a pretty long testimony to bear therein first from Psalms 127. v: 1. Except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain. I had a long time next from Jer: C: 30. 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. John Bottomley was next concerned in Prayer, and afterwards had a short testimony from Isai: C: 26. v: 3. Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee. A Shower of rain coming on just at the breaking up of the meeting, Joseph Grayham and me stopp'd until it was over at John Wilsons Country.house were we got some Rum and Water and then went to Barnsley were we din'd with William Gant at Samuel Cowards, At half past 3 we attended their meeting at Isabella Bashforths which held about 1 hour and a half. There was 16 there besides ourselves 4 of whom did not usually attend. It proved to be a remarkable favoured meeting, I had a very long testimony to bear therein from Psalms 37. v: 37. Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright: for the end of that man is peace. After which I was concerned in Prayer. and afterwards had a short exhortation. After meeting we went and drunk Tea with Elizabeth Dunn, and then went with Frances Yeardeley and her son Thomas to their house at Blacker, Thomas Dixon Walton Thomas Walker Haigh

and William Gant accompanied us thither, were my companion and me tarried all night. Before the young men return'd we had a precious heart tendering opportunity together all the family being present, in which I had a long testimony to bear 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 day of my distress, and was with me in the way which I went.

On 25th. and 2nd. of the week, we spent most of the day here very agreeably, In the forenoon I harkened my companion four chapters, besides which we took a pretty long walk into the country, and having a good prospective glass belonging the family with us, we had a fine opportunity of observing many places at a considerable distance. Betwixt 5 and 6 o'clock in the afternoon we set out towards home dear John Yeardley setting us on our way about 1 mile and then return'd; we came by Worsbrough Roundgreen, and Stainborough.hall to Hoodgreen were we stopt at Matthew Darwens an acquaintance of mine about half an hour and got some refreshment, then proceeded having a pleasant walk, being very agreeable company and having a great love for each other, it made the way appear short, and I hope it was a profitable journey to dear Joseph Grayham, may he be strengthened to walk worthy of the manifold mercies he is favoured with, is the earnest desire of my mind; we came by Hoylandswain, Gunthwaite and Denby home, were we got betwixt 9 and 10 in the evening.

An Account of my Journey to a Meeting at Barnsley in the 9th. Mo. 1804

Being under appointment of our Monthly meeting with other friends to visit two of those in Burton meeting who where under conviction and had applyed to be admitted into membership with friends and having felt a inclination to visit the meeting at Barnsley, I set out from home ye. 9th. Mo. 2nd. 1804 and 1st. day of the week at 6 o'clock in the morning and John Bottomley and John Pickford set of with me, It being the time of their General Conference held at Burton when the Overseers of the Monthly meeting meet together to confer about the affairs of the Church, and what may yet be done for the help and restoration of such as walk inconsistent with our high and holy profession. We went by Denby to Dakinbrook were we rested us a little at Joseph Ingrams, and then proceeded by Cawthorne to Joseph Smiths of Carr.green, got a cup of Tea there, and then I preceded immediately to Burton to meet the committee appointed to sit with Isabella Bashforth of Barnsley on her application to be admitted a member of our Society; got there at 10 o'clock the hour appointed were we just all met together. After the opportunity with her we drew up the following report to be laid before the Monthly meeting viz.

“Agreeable to the appointment of our last Monthly meeting we have visited Isabella Bashforth: The opportunity with her was satisfactory; having cause to believe she was fully convinced of our religious Principles: Upon enquiry we found she had been a diligent attender of our meetings for a great number of years, and that her conduct was consistent with her profession. We were unanimously of opinion she was worthy of the regard of friends, and feel no objections to her admission into membership if the meeting concurred in judgment there with.”

Burton 9th. Mo. 2nd.
1804

Leonard West
Joseph Wood
Mary Cudworth
Mary Walker

The meeting for Worship began at 11 o'clock and was larger than usual with the Overseers attending here, and several of other Societies came in, and upon the whole was pretty satisfactory. John Bottomley had a short testimony to bear therein 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.

At the close of this meeting, the conference of Overseers was held, which I attended; the following Overseers were present from the several Meetings viz. Pontefract, Robert Thompson and James Harrison. Highflatts, George Chapman John Bottomley, John Pickford, Thomas Earnshaw John Brook, Mary Mallinson, Mary Walker and Elizabeth Walker. Ackworth, Leonard West, Wakefield, William Wass, Christopher Walker and Mary Cudworth, Wooldale John Brook. In Burton Meeting there is none at present under this appointment. and the following Overseers in the several meetings either thro' indisposition or some other cause did not attend here viz. Pontefract. Frances Thompson and Mary Johnson, Ackworth, Jonathan Binns, Joseph Johnson, Mary Binns and Hannah Dumbleton, Wakefield, Rebecca Robinson Wooldale Thomas Roberts, George Broadhead, Lydia Broadhead and Sarah Bottomley. Both these meetings hold upwards of 2 hours and a half. After the conference the friends appointed immediately proceeded to sit with Thomas Yeardley of Blacker near Worsbro' on his application to be united in membership with friends; and after the opportunity we drew up the following report to be laid before our Monthly meeting viz.

“We your committee appointed to visit Thomas Yeardley report. That we have had a satisfactory opportunity with him, believing that he is clearly convinced of the Truth of our religious Principles; and of an exemplary conduct. And that the great difficulties and sufferings he hath met with, have had a tendency measurably to establish him on the right foundation. We thought him worthy of the proper notice of friends.”

Burton 9th. Mo. 2nd.
1804

George Chapman
Leonard West
Joseph Wood

Afterwards I went with Thomas Yeardley to Oldmill were we got 6.pennyworth of Brandy and Water, and then proceeded to the Meeting at Barnsley held at the Widow Isabella Bashforths, which began at half past 3 and held at 1 hour and a half It was smaller than usual when I had been there before there being only 11 beside myself; but pretty satisfactory. I had a short testimony to bear there in from Matt: C: 6. v: 10. Thy will be done in earth as it is done in heaven. After meeting I felt very much spent with the exercise of so many opportunities which followed so close one after another that I had no time to get proper refreshment; so that a cup of Tea now was truly acceptable which I got with Elizabeth Dunn; and about 7 o'clock I left Barnsley in company with Frances Yeardley and her Sons, Thomas and John we had a pleasant walk to Blacker were I lodg'd, my dearly beloved friend Thomas Dixon Walton set us nearly thither and then return'd.

On 3rd. and 2nd. of week, I left Joel Yeardleys about 10 o'clock in the forenoon and came to Barnsley were I set a little with Elizabeth Dunn and then went to William Hardys at the Sine of the Swan were I din'd he refuse to take anything for my eating but I paid 6d Liquor, then went and sat a little with Isabella Bashforth and Ellin Spenceley, and about 2 o'clock in the afternoon left Barnsley, Thomas Dixon Walton accompanied me a little out of Town and then return'd; I came by Cawthorne to Dakinbrook were I stopt about 2 hours at Joseph Ingrams and drunk Tea then came by Denby home were I got betwixt 7 and 8 o'clock in the evening.

An Account of my Journey to a Publick meeting held at Kirkburton in the 9th. Mo. 1804

Our friends Deborah Darby from Shropshire and Rebecca Byrd from Dorsetshire in the course of their religious visit to the inhabitants of some parts of the North of England found their minds drawn to have a Publick Meeting at Kirkburton a place in which I believe there never had been a Meeting of our Society before and a large room being readily procured of James Boothe the Clerk of the Parish who also keeps the George Inn, being 11 Yards long and 7 wide and the largest place in the Town, friends got it conveniently seated a notice given of

the meeting to be held there the 14th. of ye. 9th. Mo. and 6th. day of the week in the evening. After dinner of the same day our friend John King of Brighthouse meeting came to inform me thereof at which I much rejoiced, having for sometime felt a desire that some friends might be rightly concerned to visit that place, where the People in general were so ignorant of us and our principles. I immediately went and informed my beloved Scholar Joseph Grayham thereof who was mowing Oats he inclined to be there but it being so busy a time he could not go but just in time to get to the meeting. I return'd and got me ready, and left home about 3 o'clock went by Lower.Carr to Shepley to Kirkburton were I got to Joseph Grayham Mothers about four drunk Tea there and stopt until the friends came and then went to them at the Inn. The Meeting began at half past 6 in the evening and great was the concourse of People that attended the Room and Passages leading thereto being very much crowded and it was thought there was nearly as many without doors as within, but the evening being fine and two large Sash windows open to the street many of the People could both here and see, and upon the whole their behaviour was as commendable as could be expected considering the very great crowd. It was an highly favoured meeting the truth was largely declared amongst them in the demonstration of the Spirit and Power of God Deborah Darby had a very long testimony to bear therein first from 2 Pet: C: 1. v: 19. We have also a more sure word of Prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the star arise in your hearts. Rebecca Byrd had a long time next from John C: 9. v: 4. I must work the works of him that sent me while it is day; the night cometh when no man can work. Deborah Darby was next concerned in Prayer and Praises to Almighty God. and afterwards had a short speech to the People withall informing them of their intentions of holding a Meeting the next day in friends Meetinghouse at Highflatts at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, were if any were disposed to attend their company would be acceptable The Meeting held about 2 hours. After which I sat a little with the friends at the Inn were they stopt all night. I got a glass of Rum for which I paid 4d being so exceedingly heated in the meeting that I durst not venture into the air without taking something, and then went to call upon dear Joseph Grayham at his Mothers who had provided a comfortable supper for us; we tarried until 10 o'clock and then set out for home in company with John Bottomley and William Dyson a neighbour of ours who had been at the meeting came by Shelley and Birchhouse, and got home a little past 11 o'clock.

On 15th. and 7th. of week at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, I attended the meeting at Highflatts, and not withstanding full notice had been given several days before to the inhabitants of the villages within several miles around, It being harvest and the People in general very busy It was not very large, Altho' a pretty many of other Societies attended so that the Meetinghouse was tolerably well filled and proved a time that I hope will not be easily forgot by many, The heavenly wing eminently overshadowing us to the tendering of many hearts, and I believe covering the minds of most if not all with an awful solemnity. Deborah Darby had a very long testimony to bear therein first from John C: 1. v: 45, 46. We have found him of whom Moses in the law, and the Prophets, did write, Jesus of Nazareth the son of Joseph. And Nathaneel said unto him, Can there any good thing come out of Nazareth? Phillip saith unto him, Come and see. Rebecca Byrd next from Rom: C: 10. v: 6, 7, 8. The righteousness which is of faith speaketh on this wise, who shall ascend into heaven? That is to bring christ down from above. Or, who shall descend into the deep that is, to bring up Christ again from the dead. But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is the word of faith which we preach. Afterwards Deborah Darby was largely and powerfully concerned in Prayer and Praises to that Almighty Being whose Presence and Power had been in this opportunity so eminently and mercifully manifested amongst us. The meeting held 2 hours and a half, when a after taking leave of these dear friends and servants of the most high God in Elihu Dickinsons, I return'd home I hope I may say with thankfulness of heart for this renewed visitation of divine love to the inhabitants of this part under every denomination

An Account my Journey to our Autumn Quarterly Meeting held at York in the 9th. Mo. 1804.

I set out from home ye 23rd. of the 9th. Mo. 1804 and 1st. day of the week betwixt 9 and 10 o'clock in the morning, called at my neighbour Stephen Fields of Lanehead were I stopt half an hour and then went by Shelley to Roydhouse were I stopt an hour at Benjamin Hirsts, whose daughter Esther was engaged to be my housekeeper, then proceeded to Briestfield were I stopt about half an hour at an old neighbours; got to Dewsbury about 3 o'clock in the afternoon; drunk Tea at Morritt Matthews's where the meeting is held. It began at 5 o'clock and held upwards of an hour and a half there was 17 attended besides myself towards the close thereof I had a pretty long testimony to bear 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 meeting I went and sat a little at William Wass's and then went to George Breareys were I lodg'd.

On 24th. and 2nd. of week I left Dewsbury betwixt 8 and 9 o'clock in the morning David Brearey set me on my way about 6 miles and then return'd; went by Chichhill, Woodkirk, Morley and Beeston to Holbeck were I din'd at Joseph Shackletons, stopt 2 hours and then went to Leeds were I called to see Benjamin Norths and Jonathan Pratchett stopt a little at each place, and then proceeded by Seacroft to the Sine of the Fox at Bramham. moortop were I rested half an hour and got a pint of Porter paid 3d got to Tadcaster about 7 o'clock in the evening, were I lodg'd at the Golden.Lyon, paid 1s 4d Tea and Supper and 10d Breakfast.

On 25th. and 3rd. of week, I set out about 9 o'clock in the morning, and got to York about half past 11, called and sat a little at Stephen Listers, and afterwards at John Lee's then went to Joseph Awmacs were I din'd. After dinner I went to the retreat to see Martha Dickinson who had been very considerable time disordered in her mind. I tarried there a considerable time and then return'd to the city and took up my quarters at the White.Swan in Goodramgate were we paid 1s a piece Breakfasts and Suppers and 1s 6d dinners. At 5 in evening began the Quarterly Meeting for Ministers and Elders, were we was favoured and the company of several Strangers viz Jesse Kersey from Pennsylvania in America. Thomas Cash from Cheshire. William Crow from Norfolk. Susanna Horne from Middlesex and Elizabeth Wheeler from Hertfordshire. The Queries were read and answers received from all our Mo. meetings in which Select meetings are held. Also the List of Ministers and Elders in this county were read, and the necessary alterations made. One Minister was deceased since last year Viz. Mary Tate of Cottingwith Mg. in York Mo. meeting. and Robert Walker of Netherdale Mg. was recommended by Knaresborough Mo. meeting as a Minister in Unity also George Sanders of Whitby by Pickering Mo. meeting. And William Tuke, Edward West, Sarah Parker and Mary Fairbank were appointed to oversee the meetings this quarter and advise as occasion may require. The meeting held 2 hours.

On 26th. and 4th. of week, at 10 in the morning was a meeting for Worship, and altho' it was mostly select of friends it was very large, The house and Lofts being pretty well filled Jesse Kersey had a pretty long testimony to bear therein first from John C: 1. v: 9. That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. Afterwards Susanna Horne had a long time from 2 Pet: C: 1. v: 16. We have not followed cunningly devised fables. At the close of this meeting was held a meeting for discipline. The Queries were read and Answers received from all our Monthly meetings, and some other business was gone thro' and then the meeting adjourn'd, Both meetings held upwards of 3 hours. After dinner I went to see the Prisoners in the Castle and afterwards drunk Tea at John Lee's. At 5 in the evening met pursuant to adjournment. Isaac Taylor of Helmsley Mg. and Joshua Priestman of Pickering Mg. were appointed Clerks for one year and took their seats accordingly. The business of the meeting was finished in this sitting the whole having been conducted to satisfaction in much harmony and concord. Jesse Kersey was concerned in testimony before the business was opened in this sitting and several times in the course thereof to the comfort and edification of friends. The meeting held 3 hours and a half.

On 27th. and 5th. of week at 10 in the forenoon was the Parting meeting for Worship which held about 2 hours; It was much as the former for numbers few of other Societies coming in but eminently overshadowed with the heavenly to the tendering of the hearts of most present. Susanna Horne was first concerned therein in supplication. George Sanders had a short testimony next. Jesse Kersey had a long time next from a Lam: C: 3. v: 27, 28. It is good for a man that he beareth the yoke in his youth. He sitteth alone and keepeth silence, because he hath born it upon him. and after some time in silence had another short but encouraging testimony from Deut: C: 32. v: 9, 10, 11, 12. The Lords portion is his people; Jacob is the lot of his inheritance. 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. As an eagle stirreth up her nest, fluttereth over her young, spreadeth abroad her wings, taketh them, beareth them on her wings; So the Lord alone did lead him, and there was no strange God with him. Afterwards Christiana Hustler had a short time 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. About half past 1 in the afternoon I left the Inn in York, in company with Thomas Dixon Walton of Barnsley, George Brearey of Dewsbury, Richard Shackleton of Leeds meeting, who had been at quarters with me at my Inn, which was very agreeable We had also the company of Jonathan Crispin of Cornbrough near Thornton in the Clay a young man about 21 years of age, not a member of our society his Parents having been disowned for marrying by a Priest, but brought up their children with attending meetings altho' they had very little of the appearance of friends, ever since I came to this house the family had attended the meeting for Worship on 4th. day morning and after dining with us return'd home but never appeared to make free with us. But this young man attended both days this time, and appeared very loving and free, and I was thankful not only to see but I thought to feel the change in him, and secretly desired his preservation and growth, we parted with him in tenderness. When we got out of the city we joined company with other two friends viz. John King of Brighouse Mg. and William Whalley of Rawden Mg. and came altogether to Tadcaster were we got to the Golden.Lyon in about 3 hours. After Tea the friends proceeded forward except Thomas Dixon Walton and myself he being taken very poorly obliged us to stop here all night were we paid 1s 4d a piece for Tea and supper.

On 28th. and 6th. of the week, my beloved companion being better we set out about 6 o'clock in the morning and came by Towton to Sherburn were we breakfasted at Simeon Hunters were we stopped near 2 hours, and then came by Milford to Ferrybridge were we din'd at Robert Thompsons and stopped near 2 hours. Robert inform'd us that the week before, our friends Deborah Darby from Shropshire and Rebecca Byrd from Dorsetshire had a Publick meeting there in the Methodists Meetinghouse for the inhabitants of that village and Knottingley which was very large and satisfactory. The Lord hath of late turned the feet of his Ministers and Messengers very much as into the highways and hedges; and I hope the borders of our Zion are enlarging and will be enlarged. From thence we came to Pontefract were we stopped 3 hours, sat a little at Jonathan Binns's and Joseph Johnsons, and afterwards drunk Tea at John Leathams. Left Pontefract about 6 o'clock, and came 1 mile to the beautiful and pleasantly situated village of Carlton were we lodg'd at Benjamin Jowetts he inform'd us that about two months ago a friend David Sands from the state of New.York in America had a meeting in his Barn with the inhabitants of this village, Darrington and East.Hardwick which was well attended and very open and satisfactory I was glad of the information having oftens thought of the People in that part since I attended the Burial of my worthy servant John Proctor of Darrington.

On 29th. and 7th. of week in the morning Benjamin Jowett took a walk with us into his Greenhouse and Gardens, which are large and beautiful, containing many curious Shrubs, plants and flowers. We left Carlton about 9 o'clock and came to Hardwick were we stopt near an hour at James Harrisons, then came to Ackworth.School were we stopped near 2 hours and din'd, then came by Hemsworth, Brierley, and Cudworth to Samuel Lavers of Woodnook were we stopt about 1 hour and half and drunk Tea; then came by Burton.grange to Burton,

were my beloved companion and me parted I came by Cawthorne to Dakinbrook were I rested me a little, and borrowed a Lanthorn it being very dark, came by Denby home, were I got about half past 9 in the evening.

The next day being the first of the week I was at our meeting at Highflatts which was large a pretty many People of other Societies attending. It was a low time to me: towards the close thereof I had a few words to drop setting forth the nature of true spiritual Worship, and the sorrow I had felt that so many appeared Strangers to it and were sitting down at ease in the traditions of their forefathers. After meeting I invited John Issot of Stockmoortop to dine with me he had formerly being in profession with the Methodists, but for a long time past constantly attended our meeting on first days, I thought he appeared to be rightly under convincement and desire his preservation and growth he stopt the afternoon and I was pleased with his company. My beloved scholar, Joseph Grayham came spent the evening and tarried and slept with me.

An Account of my Journey to a Meeting at Barnsley in 10th. Mo. 1804

I set out from home ye. 14th. of ye. 10th. Mo. 1804 and 1st. day of the week about 7 o'clock in the morning in company with my beloved friend John Pickford we went by Denby to Dakinbrook were we stopt about half an hour at Joseph Ingrams and then proceeded by Cawthorne to Burton when we got there I saw several People of other Societies coming towards the Meetinghouse and enquiring the cause was informed that our friend Thomas Cash who was on a religious visit to friends and others in this County and the county of Durham, had appointed a Publick meeting here to day, but that thro' indisposition he was prevented attending. The meeting began at 11 o'clock a great many sober People of other Societies attended; the Meetinghouse being pretty well filled but not crowded. It was a satisfactory meeting, and I had a long testimony to bear therein from Matt: C: 15. v: 32. I have compassion on the multitude, because they continue with me now three days, and have nothing to eat: and I will not send them away fasting, lest they fainted in the way. At the close of this meeting was held their Preparative meeting. Both meetings held near 2 hours. After which we went to Barnsley and din'd with Thomas Walker Haigh At half past 3 we went to the meeting at Isabella Bashforths which held better than an hour and a half there was 14 attended besides ourselves. It was a comfortable opportunity held in silence. After which we drunk Tea with Elizabeth Dunn, and afterwards went with Frances Yeardeley and her Sons Thomas and John to their house at Blacker were we lodg'd.

On 15th. and 2nd. of week, After Breakfast we return'd to Barnsley, sat a little at Samuel Cowards, and then proceeded to Burton where our Monthly meeting was held. The meeting for Worship was large altho' the house was not quite full, a few of other Societies came in, It began as usual at the 11th. hour. We had the company of two Strangers in the ministry viz. Thomas Cash from Cheshire and John Hoyland of Sheffield the latter being under an appointment of the Quarterly meeting for some service in this meeting along with William Duke of York and Mordecai Casson of Thorne whose company was I thought serviceable to us in the meeting for discipline John Hoyland had a short testimony to bear first from Psalms 132. v: 15. I will abundantly bless her provision; I will satisfy her poor with bread. Afterwards Thomas Cash had a pretty long time from Rom: C: 12. v. 1, 2. I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, wholly acceptable, unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God. At the close of the meeting for Worship was the meeting for discipline in which Thomas Taylor and Rebecca Lynch were cleared from all other engagements relating to Marriage and left at liberty to accomplished theirs when they and the Ackworth friends saw meet. Also John Pickard was cleared from all marriage

engagement except with Elizabeth Marsden of Marsden Monthly meeting in Lancashire of which information was sent to them to whom the further care was referred. Also John Pickford and Frances Field both of Highflatts Mg. Laid before us their intentions of taking each other in marriage. And it having been in contemplation for sometime about purchasing a Meeting House of the Methodist at Wakefield for the use of friends the present being small and very inconvenient which being laid before our Quarterly Meeting they appointed three friends to unite with some of our Monthly meeting, to examine the premises who reported that the situation was very eligible, the building good, and large 17 yards long and 12 wide, and with a good dwelling house and Stable, the price only 500£. This meeting therefore appointed a committee to purchase it, And opened a Subscription immediately, John Robinson of Wakefield a man of no great affluence subscribed 50£ which I believe opened the hearts of others so that £200 within a very small trifle was subscribed in the meeting. and 3 friends appointed to apply to the members who were not present. A great deal more business was gone thro' and the whole was very agreeably conducted. Both meetings held about 5 hours and a half. After which I din'd at John Wilsons Country.house, drunk Tea with Elizabeth Dunn of Barnsley and afterwards went with John Yeardley to Blacker were I lodg'd. Two of his Aunts from Handsworth.Woodhouse being on a visit there viz. Rachel Watts and Anne Shepherd the former being lately joined with friends and the latter appearing to be under convincement; with them and the family I had a satisfactory opportunity after supper in which I had a long testimony to bear from Psalms 34. v: 19. Many are the afflictions of the righteous; but the Lord delivereth him out of them all.

On 16th. and 3rd. of week, After Breakfast I set out Thomas and John Yeardley accompanying me to Barnsley were I stopt a little at Isabella Bashforths, then called at George Alletsons of John Bottomley we came together to Cawthorne having left Barnsley a little before 10 o'clock in the forenoon, and then separated to give notice to other people of our friend Thomas Cash's intention of holding a Publick meeting tomorrow evening at Highflatts and came by Ing Birchworth were I stopp'd about 1 hour at John Aldams and din'd, then came to Elihu Dickinsons of Highflatts were I stopt a little, and got home betwixt 2 and 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

An Account of my visit to most of the families of friends in Wooldale Meeting by Isabella Harris, William Wass, James Harrison and myself in the 10th. Mo. 1804

Agreeable to the recommendation of our Quarterly Meeting, our Monthly meeting appointed a committee of Men and Women friends to visit such as were negligent in the due attendance of our Religious meetings or who had deviated from our religious profession in speech behaviour or Apparel. Of the said Committee Isabella Harris of Ackworth, William Wass of Dewsbury, James Harrison of Pontefract Mg. And myself gave up to visit such in Wooldale Mg. and the three former in Highflatts Mg. who was accompanied therein by John Bottomley except to one family. We met together at the Week.day.meeting at Wooldale on the 18th. of the 10th. Mo. 1804 and 5th. of the week which began as usual at 10 o'clock and held about 2 hours, It was small and a very low time Isabella Harris had a pretty long testimony to bear therein from Matt: C: 12. v: 34. Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. After meeting we divided to dine, Isabella Harris and James Harrison at Thomas Roberts's, William Wass and myself at Henry Swires, and after dinner had a conference with an Overseer and another concerned friend, they appear to think that so great was the neglect of the due attendance of meetings in this meeting that there were not above 4 families besides two ancient Widows who were not able to attend, but that some part of the family were negligent, They therefore proposed to us to visit the whole to prevent any taking offence, except the two Widows beforementioned. We comply'd with the proposal but found ourselves wrong in it; having to sit with three of those families this afternoon our way was nearly quite shut up

therein, and on conferring together we concluded not to go to the fourth only we had engaged to Breakfast there which we did. We entered upon the service under great discouragement, in weakness and fear even unto trembling; Our spirits were mercifully nearly united together, A door of utterance was largely opened in all the deficient families, and tho' our labour was mostly very close painful and searching, yet as far as appeared friends received us kindly, and if no good was done I hope we were favoured to do no harm, and had cause to acknowledge with the disciples formally when they went forth poor naked and destitute, that they lacked nothing. We went first to sit with John Roberts daughters of Tottis who were members of our Society, but their Parents were both disown'd, yet they sat with us. Isabella Harris appeared first in this opportunity, William Wass next, and afterwards Isabella Harris again. From thence we went to John Wood Broadheads in which opportunity I appeared first, and afterwards Isabella Harris.

From thence we went to Henry Swires of Springhouse were we drunk Tea and afterwards sat with the family in which Isabella Harris had very few words to drop.

From thence we went to Joseph Brooks of Wooldale, were we had little to communicate, Isabella Harris and myself had each of us a little matter by way of encouragement to the Son and daughter.

From thence we went to Thomas Robert's has were we supp'd and after supper sat with the family and Sarah Roberts together; here we were entirely shut up, except a few words I had to communicate in the close of the opportunity. Isabella Harris lodg'd here James Harrison at Joseph Brooks, William Wass and myself at Henry Swires.

On 19th. and 6th. of week

In the morning we went to George Broadheads of Melthomhouse to breakfast, and from thence to Samuel Woodheads of Foulstone and sat with them I had first to inform them of the nature of our visit with some addition as it opened before me Isabella Harris appeared next, James Harrison next, Isabella Harris next, William Wass next, I next, James Harrison next. After which we din'd here

From thence we went to Joseph Bottomleys of Shepley. Woodend and Sat with his family and Jonathan Bottomley of Westroyds together, I had just to inform them of the nature of our visit first. Isabella Harris appeared next, James Harrison next I next, Isabella Harris next and James Harrison next, William Wass next I next, Isabella Harris next.

From thence return'd Foulstone and drunk Tea at Godfrey Woodheads and afterwards sat with that family. I had first to explain the nature of our visit with some additional advice. Isabella Harris appeared next, William Wass next, I next. After which we supp'd here, and then went to Joseph Woodheads but he being from home the visit was deferred until next morning, after sitting a little we returned to our quarters, Isabella Harris and James Harrison lodg'd at Godfrey Woodheads and William Wass and myself at Samuel Woodheads.

On 20th. and 7th. of week.

This morning we Breakfasted at Joseph Woodheads and afterwards sat with the family. I first explained the nature of our visit with some addition and after a short time in silence had to appear again, after which Isabella Harris had a very long time.

From thence we went to Joseph Bottomleys of Royds, were I first explained the nature of a visit with some additional advice Isabella Harris appeared next, James Harrison next, Isabella Harris next, William Wass next, Isabella Harris next, I next, James Harrison next. After getting a little refreshment not feeling entirely clear we sat down together again, when James Harrison, myself, Isabella Harris, and William Wass had each of us a few words more to communicate.

From thence we went to William Bottomleys of Thursteland. Woodend were we din'd and after dinner sat with them, I had just to inform them that I apprehended that they were not acquainted with the nature of our visit and then communicated something further that opened. Isabella Harris appeared next, I next, William Wass next

From thence to went to Thomas Bottomleys, here my lips was as it were sealed up I could not open my mouth to inform him of the nature of our visit. James Harrison appeared first

Isabella Harris next, I next, Isabella Harris next and after which James Harrison a few words in supplication. After which we drunk Tea here.

Having now gone thro' our service in this meeting we came to John Firths of Shepley.Lanehead, were we got betwixt 6 and 7 o'clock in the evening. I stopp'd a little with my friends and then came home, they sat with this family this evening were they lodg'd except William Wass who came to my house.

On 21st. and 1st. of week, in the morning they sat in Elihu Dickinsons parlour first with William Dickinson of Birdsedge, and afterwards with Joseph Dickinson of Highflatts, and in the afternoon with Henry Dickinsons of Strines, and with Elihu Dickinsons Tanner of Highflatts.

On 22nd. and 2nd. of week, they breakfasted at my house and afterwards sat in my parlour with James Arthington Wilson of Haddenley. In the afternoon they sat with Charles Steads and Benjamin Steads of Siver.Ing which finished the visit in our meeting. They having the 3rd. day before visited the following families on Lumbroyd side accompanied by George Chapman viz. Thomas Earnshaws of Langsett, Benjamin Dickinsons and William Dickinsons of Thurlstone and James Dickinsons of Folly.

On 7th. day evening about 7 o'clock when at John Firths, Isabella Harris informed me of her concern to have a Publick meeting in our Meetinghouse at Highflatts the next day at 11 o'clock the usual time of holding our meeting. The time was short for notice, I hasted home and we exerted ourselves, so that notice was pretty fully given to the inhabitants of Cumberworth, Dykeside, Denby, Maythorn and places adjacent, Deershaw and that neighbourhood, and the greatest concourse of People of other Societies attended that ever I saw there on any occasion before. The meetinghouse and chamber was very much crowded Friends generally gave up their seats to other People and many stood all the time. It was an highly favoured meeting so that I believe it may not only be said that Truth reigned, but that it reigneth over all, there not being a light countenance to be seen in all this great multitude Isabella Harris had two long testimonies to bear therein first, the first from Ez: C: 18. v: 23. Have I any pleasure at all that the wicked should die ? saith the Lord God; and not that he should return from his ways, and live. and the other from the passage of the little captive maid and Naaman the Assyrian being cured of his Leprosy which she spiritualized in a very lively and beautiful manner. John Bottomley had afterwards along time 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 sup with him, and he with me. I had a long time next from Matt: C: 25. v: 8. Give us of your Oil; for our lamps are gone out. Isabella Harris had a pretty long time next principally relating her own experience of the Lords gracious dealings with her in judgement and mercy; in bringing her to the knowledge of the Truth. John Bottomley has next concerned in Prayer. After which Isabella Harris acknowledged to the people our satisfaction with their company concluding with a short exhortation to them. Unto which I added not only with their company, but very commendable behaviour desiring that in their return they might endeavour to keep under us solemn covering they had been favoured with this and avoid running hastily into words, lest the fowls of the air should pick up the seed which had been mercifully sown. My beloved Scholar Joseph Grayham was at the meeting on 4th. day before appointed at the request of our friend Thomas Cash and afterwards spent the evening and slept with me. He was also at the meeting to day which I omitted to mention in its proper place held 2 hours and a half. I hope they were profitable opportunities to him he spent the afternoon as usual at my house, and slept with me. Our family sitting in the evening was favoured Joseph Grayham, John Pickford and John Haigh of Shepley were there. After reading I had a pretty long testimony to bear from Acts C: 16. v: 30. What must I do to be saved.

An Account of my Journey to a Meeting at Dewsbury in 11th. Mo. 1804

I set out from home ye. 18th. of ye. 11th. Mo. and 1st. day of the week betwixt 10 and 11 o'clock in the forenoon in company with John Bottomley and John Pickford, we went by Cumberworth to Skelmanthorp where we stopt a little at Anthony Kinsleys and then proceeded by Emley to Flockton where we stopt better than half an hour and got some refreshment paid 1s, and then proceeded by a Mugmill and Thornhill to Dewsbury where we got to Morritt Mathews's a little past 3 o'clock in the afternoon, drunk Tea there and then went and sat a little at William Wass's, after which we return'd to Morritt Matthews's to the meeting which began at 5 o'clock and held upwards of 2 hours. It was larger than usual, our esteemed friend Isabella Harris of Ackworth being there who had long had a concern on her mind to sit with them in this place, also Joseph Shackleton of Leeds meeting, and John Womersley of Brighouse meeting. likewise several neighbours came in so that besides us who were strangers there was 19 attended. Isabella Harris had a long testimony therein first from 1 Cor: C: 15. v: 29. What shall they do which are baptized for the dead, if the dead rise not at all? Why are they then baptized for the dead? After a short time in silence she had a pretty long time again from Isai: C: 26. v: 12. Lord, thou wilt ordain peace for us; for thou also hast wrought all our works in us. I had a pretty long time next from Acts C: 19. v. 2, 3, 4. Have you received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, we have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost. And he said unto them, unto what then were ye baptised? And they said, Unto John's baptism. Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, That they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus. Isabella Harris had a short time next from Luke C: 12. v: 32. Fear not little flock; for it is your Fathers good pleasure to give you the kingdom. and afterwards William Wass had a short time next from Isai: C: 59. v: 1. The Lords hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear. After a time of deep Baptism, the dead was raised, and the Gospel preached; the various states of the People being opened, and spoke to in the power and authority of Truth. and I thought upon the whole it was a good meeting. After which we stopt about 1 hour together here and then separated, Joseph Shackleton and me went to sup at George Breareys where we lodg'd.

On 19th. and 2nd. of week, I left Dewsbury betwixt 8 and 9 o'clock in the morning in company with Joseph Shackleton and John King of Brighouse meeting, who called and breakfasted with us this morning on his way to our Monthly meeting held near Wakefield, we went by Ossett to Wakefield where we called and sat a little at John Robinsons and then went to the meeting which began as usual at 11 o'clock, it was large of friends, and a few of other Societies came in, and I thought a good degree of solemnity covered the minds of a remnant whereby they were enabled to worship without the aid of words. At the close of this meeting was held the meeting for discipline in which John Pickford and Frances Field were cleared from all other engagements relating to Marriage and left at liberty to accomplish theirs when they and Highflatts friends see meet. Also John Womersley a member of Brighouse Monthly meeting and Ann Earnshaw of Highflatts meeting laid before us their intentions of taking each other in marriage. Also our friend Isabella Harris laid before us a concern that had been some time on her mind to pay a religious visit to the inhabitants of some villages in the neighbourhood of Burton and Highflatts meeting, with which the meeting expressed their unity and left her to her liberty both meetings held 4 hours and a half a great deal of business was gone thro' which was agreeably conducted. After which I din'd at John Robinsons and after dinner came with John Pickford to Dircar who accompanied be home, we got to Tea to Christopher Walkers where we lodg'd. In the evening had an opportunity with his Son Robert who had been guilty of some misconduct which had been laid before the Monthly meeting some time ago, and two visits paid him but on his acknowledging his sorrow for the same and the meeting waiting sometime friends concluded to drop further proceeding against him, and appointed us to inform him thereof. Which afforded us an opportunity to import some advice to him which I sincerely desire he may have profit by, altho' I thought I had reason to fear,

from nothing but my feeling in our sitting together its having the desired effect, yet believe the meeting was right in affording him a time of trial.

On 20th. and 3rd. of week. In the morning we called to see John Pickards, and then went to Breakfast at William Pickards in company with the friends who were proceeding on a religious visit to such in this meeting who did not duly attend meetings or were inconsistent with our profession in speech, behaviour or apparel viz. George Chapman, John Bottomley, Isabella Harris, and Frances Thompson. We left Dircar betwixt 10 and 11 o'clock and came to Crigglestone were we stopt about half an hour at my Uncle Joseph Houghs, and then came by Bretton and Parkmill to Skelmanthorp were we din'd at Charles Blackburns and after dinner when sat a little at Anthony Kinsleys stopt about 2 hours at both places, and then came by Cumberworth to Newhouse were we got a little past 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

An Account of my Journey to Publick Meetings held at Mapplewell, Royston, Kexbrough, Silkstone, Cawthorne, and Emley in the 12th. Mo. 1804.

Our esteemed friend Isabella Harris of Ackworth having laid before our last Monthly meeting a concern which had been for sometime on her mind to pay a religious visit to the inhabitants of several the villages within the compass of Burton and Highflatts meetings and had the unity and approbation of the meeting, the day before she spread her concern before Frds we accidentally or without knowing one of another met together at a Meeting at Dewsbury, in my way thither in company with two friends I related to them a dream which I had very lately had viz. That our friend Isabella Harris had a meeting at Mapplewell on first day forenoon and on the same day at Royston in the evening. After meeting as we sat together in Morrith Matthews house, she begun to mention the concern that had been long on her mind to have a meeting at Mapplewell and some other villages thereaway which she did not know the names of and that she believed the time was now at hand to proceed therein; Upon which I related to her my dream, and that I apprehended myself and some other friends whom I mentioned were there. This appeared singular to me, but I thought encouraged her. After the meeting next day a number of us being together at a friends house several villages were mentioned to her which she apprehended was right for her to visit, some of which I had particularly found my mind drawn unto for a long time past but did not see my way clearly open to proceed therein alone but believed that in the right time the Lord would engage some of his servants to visit those places with whom I might unite. Several friends gave up their names to accompany her, and Christopher Walker and John Bottomley agreed to go the week before to see if places could be procured for holding meetings in. and we proposed to meet at Mapplewell the 9th. of the 12th. Mo. 1804 and 1st. day of the week; accordingly I set out betwixt 7 and 8 o'clock in the morning in company with John Bottomley we went by Dykeside and Bagden to Toppett were we stopt better than half an hour and got some Tea and then proceeded by Hoyland, Kexbro' and Darton to Mapplewell were we got about 11 o'clock at which time the meeting began, and held about 2 hours, It was in the Dissenting Methodists Meetinghouse which was very much crowded It was supposed there was about 500 People attended, Isabella Harris had two long testimonies to bear therein the first from Prov: C: 16. v: 1. The preparations of the heart in man, and the answer of the tongue is from the Lord. And the other from Matt: C: 5. v. 33, 34. Ye have heard that it hath been said by them of old time, Thou shalt not forswear thyself, but shalt perform unto the Lord thine oaths. But I say unto you, swear not at all. After which I had to acknowledge our obligation to the people for favouring us with their company and satisfaction with their commendable behaviour and after adding a few remarks, concluded with the Apostles language. The Grace of the Lord Jesus.Christ and the Love of God and the communion of the Holy.Ghost be with you all. Amen. After which we din'd at Wentworth.arms. Christopher Walker rode before Isabella Harris, Mary Cudworth accompanied her as a Female companion, and was assisted from place to place by one friend

or another; Leonard West, John Bottomley and myself walked, and the two former had the care of preparing the places where the meetings were held and discharging the expenses. All the above went through the visit, and William Wass and Morritt Matthews were at most of the meetings, which were occasionally attended by several other friends. As the places were generally too small for the company that attended, a Gallery was made and a few seats placed before it, and the rest of the People stood as more a great deal could be accommodated that way This was the case in all the succeeding places and therefore I thought one observation of this kind might serve for the whole. We proceeded from hence by way of Staincross to Royston where we got about 3 o'clock and took up our quarters at the Pack horse We drunk Tea before meeting which began at 5 o'clock and was held in a large Schoolhouse which was very much crowded, and many had to stand without who could not get in. Isabella Harris had a very long time in testimony first from Heb: C: 9. v: 27. It is appointed for men once to die, but after this the judgment. I had a long time next from Psalms 66. v: 16. Come and hear, all ye that fear God, and I will declare what he hath done for my soul John Bottomley was next concerned in Prayer. Isabella Harris had a pretty long exhortation next, and afterwards myself concluding with commending the People for their good behaviour, and in the Love of the Gospel which had been eminently shed abroad amongst us in this meeting bade them all Farewel. The meeting held upwards of 2 hours. After which the inhabitants appeared uncommon kind, and many came to offer us their Beds which some of us accepted of her. But after stopping near an hour at the Inn, and getting some Brandy and water, being exceeding hot when I came out of the meeting I concluded to accompany Joseph Lister and Thomas Yeardley to Barnsley, we went by Carlton thither where we got betwixt 9 and 10 o'clock and lodg'd at Isabella Bashforths my worthy friend Thomas Yeardley stopping to sleep with me.

On 10th. and 2nd. of week, This morning I breakfasted with Elizabeth Dunn and din'd with Thomas Walker Haigh. I left Barnsley about 2 o'clock in the afternoon and came to Joseph Smiths of Carrgreen where I had an opportunity with the family, his wife being one of the number of those who were negligent in the due attendance of our religious meetings which completed the visit unto those of that description in our Mo. meeting except one who had been from home. The said opportunity was attended with plain close labour, yet was I believe satisfactory both to myself and her who was the particular object of the visit which she particularly expressed at our parting. I stopt Tea here and then proceeded by Darton and Kexbro' where a meeting was appointed to be held this evening, got there about 5 o'clock today Sine of the Three.cotton.hanks, where I again met with my friends, The meeting began at 6 o'clock and was held in a parlour at the Inn, This room tho' large and another adjoining was very much crowded and many in another room. Isabella Harris had a very long testimony to bear therein first from Isai: 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. I next from Acts C: 18. v. 24, 25, 26. 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 expounded unto him the way of God more perfectly. Isabella Harris had a long time next from Isai: C: 40. v: 6, 7, 8. The voice said cry, and he said what shall I cry? All flesh is grass, and all the goodness thereof is as the flower of the field: The grass withereth, the flower fadeth; because the spirit of the Lord bloweth upon it: Surely the people is grass. The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our Lord shall stand for ever. John Bottomley was next concerned in Prayer. After which I inform'd the People, and that we were oblig'd to them for favouring us with their company, and that their behaviour had been commendable and satisfactory to us; requesting those who could feel to feel with us in the arduous service in which we were engaged; and if favoured to supplicate the Lord on their own account, they might remember us, that we might be enabled to get thro' so as to return in peace to our respective habitations The meeting held 2 hours and a half. After which the hearts of the People appeared to be remarkably opened towards us, and

many came to offer us Beds, so that we all lodg'd at private houses. Morritt Matthews and me slept together at Widow Hudsons as did also Leonard West and John Bottomley. She and her Son were both remarkably kind to us; so that we felt as if at our own homes.

On 11th. and 3rd. of week, They insisted on us breakfasting with them. After which we had an acceptable opportunity in which, John Bottomley was concerned in Testimony. We left Kexbro' about 10 o'clock, Christopher Walker, William Wass and our Women friends, going to spend the day at cousin Joseph Steads, and Leonard West, John Bottomley and me came to Cawthorne. Walter Stanhope Esquire of Camel.hall, having opposed friends having the School to hold a meeting in, we went first to Stanhopes.Arms, were we got some Brandy and water they kindly offered their house, as did several other People who appeared very desirous of a meeting and grieved that we was refused the School, but we apprehended that they would be too small, and I being intimately acquainted with Thomas West a man of considerable property in the Town we concluded to go to his house and consult with him, and not withstanding he knew of the objections of his neighbour to our having the School he told us he would make way for us, we accordingly got a person to give notice of a meeting to be held there tomorrow evening, and after getting some refreshment we proceeded to Silkstone were a meeting was appointed this evening we got there about 12 o'clock. After dinner my companions were engaged in making preparations for the Meeting we took up our quarters at the Pack.horse were our other friends met us again to Tea. The meeting began at 6 o'clock and was held in a large School.house The concourse of People who attended was very great the School being not only very much crowded but the dwelling house adjoining it which had a communication by a door. I had a long testimony to bear therein first from 2 Cor: C: 10. v. 4, 5. The weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds; casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ. Isabella Harris had a very long time next from 1 Cor: C: 13. v: 1 Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become a sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. I had a long time next from Rev: C: 3. v: 18. I counsel thee to buy of me gold tryed in the fire, that thou mayst be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayst be clothed; and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear. John Bottomley had a short time next from Rev: C: 3. v: 20. Behold I stand at the door and knock. After which I had to express our satisfaction with their company and the commendable behaviour of most present, not withstanding some had been more unsettled than in any place we had been at before, but believed it was more thro' ignorance, and the excessive crowd than any intention to disturb us; After making a few more remarks by way of exhortation, I concluded with requesting them to retire quietly to their respective habitations and like the noble Bereans examine the Scriptures and see for themselves if what they had heard delivered were not so. The Meeting held 2 hours and a half. After which our Women friends and Christopher Walker went with George Chapman to his house at Penistone intending to sit with the friends at Lumbroyd in their Week day meeting next day. But a concern coming upon our friend Isabella Harris to have the People of other Societies inform'd, I understood a great many attended, The Meeting being put off until 11 o'clock and that it was a very open satisfactory time. We return'd to our Inn were we stopt and got some refreshment and then came to Cawthorne in company with Thomas West who had been at the meeting and stopt to bear us company, We got there about 10 o'clock, William Wass and me lodg'd at his house and Leonard West and John Bottomley at Stanhopes.Arms

On 12th. and 4th. of week, This morning William Wass set out for home, and after Breakfast my friends came from the Inn, Thomas West having engaged them with the other friends to take up their quarters at his house were we were plentifully and generously entertained. The kindness of him his Wife and family on this occasion I believe will be oftens gratefully remembered by us. This forenoon my friends and me went to John Beatsons of Synderhill a man of an independent fortune who had been at the two last Meetings, we spent about an hour there in a very agreeable conversation and took a glass of Wine and cake he

was very kind and I believe one who is enquiring the way to the kingdom. We return'd to Thomas Wests to dine and after dinner my companions were engaged in making preparations for the Meeting. The friends from Penistone got here to Tea, At 6 in the evening the meeting began which held about 3 hours. The school tho' very large was exceedingly crowded and many could not get in, It was thought to be the largest meeting we had had a great many of the higher rank attending, and the behaviour of the whole was very commendable. In the afternoon the exercise of my spirit was very great, so that under the weight thereof I walked out into the fields where I remained a considerable time I did not much wonder at this afterwards as the principal weight of the ministerial labour in this meeting fell upon me; having a very long testimony to bear therein first 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 in 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 both towards God and toward men. Isabella Harris had a short time next from Prov: C: 18. v: 10. The name of the Lord is a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it, and is safe. Afterwards I had a pretty long time from John C: 17. v: 15. I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil. Concluding with the language of the Apostle to the Church of corinth, 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. Our Women friends and Christopher Walker and myself lodg'd at Thomas Wests, but after supper up Leonard West and John Bottomley went with cousin Joseph Stead of Toppett to his house to lodge, in order to be nearer Emley where they had the care of appointing and preparing a place for a meeting to be held tomorrow evening.

On 13th. and 5th. of week. John Beatson of Synderhill having the night before kindly invited us to breakfast at his house this morning we accepted the invitation and were kindly received and entertained, his Sister met us there a religiously disposed woman. About 11 o'clock The friends set out for Toppett Cousin Joseph Stead having engaged us to dine at his house. But John Beatson having a desire to have a little conversation with me upon religious subjects detained me until 1 o'clock day and then kindly accompanied me about halfway, at parting he wished me to call at his house as often as I could telling me I should be as welcome as at my own home. I got to Toppett before they arose from the Table. After dinner cousin Joseph Stead walk'd with me by Clayton to Emley, and his wife accompanied the other frds. on horseback, we got there to the Nags.head about 4 o'clock were we again met with William Wass and Morritt Matthews, also with William Taylor and Charles Blackburn the latter having been assisting the friends who went before to prepare for the Meeting, which was appointed to begin at 6 o'clock this evening; It was held in a large room in the Workhouse, which being chambered part way over, and a ceiling with a hole therein, and the door towards were friends sat made it very convenient as the people could hear well. Both places were pretty well filled a friend numbering them as they came out 251 attended. The People in general appeared more Raw and insensible, and the prevalence of the Powers of darkness greater than in any place we had been at before; nevertheless instrumental labour under the influence of Gospel Love was extended for their help Isabella Harris had a long testimony to bear first from Isai: 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. John Bottomley had a short time next from Rev: C: 50. v: 3. Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways thou King of Saints. Isabella Harris had a pretty long time next from: 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. She concluded with a gentle reproof to a young man for his light and irreverent behaviour. John Bottomley inform'd the People the meeting was over desiring them to withdraw quietly; Isabella Harris immediately arose and added she felt most easy now at

separating to acknowledge our obligation to them for favouring us with their company, and that their behaviour had been in the general very commendable and in the Love of the Gospel bade them Farewell. The meeting held 2 hours. After which we return'd to the Inn were we got some refreshment, and made a collection for the Poor People in the Workhouse which we put into the hands of John Bottomley to distribute to them. Now feeling our minds released from this weighty service in which we had been engaged. I felt my spirit bowed in deep humility before the bounteous author of all good, who is continuing to put forth his own sheep and got before them and prepare their way. For tho' there had never been any meetings of our Society before that I ever heard of in any of the Places were we had been at, except the last, and that many years before; Yet it was admirable to us after each meeting how the hearts and houses of the People were opened, and the kindness they manifested towards us; So that I believe if the Lord in his mercy should see meet to send more of his Ministers to visit them a door is left open. We separated from each other in that Love which had cemented us nearly together in this service, and I believe return'd towards our respective habitations, with thankful hearts, and Sheaves of joy in our bosoms. After the other friends were gone, I tarried a little with those who stopped all night and then came to Skelmanthorp were I got betwixt 10 and 11 o'clock and lodg'd at Charles Blackburns.

On 14th. and 6th. of week, this morning being poorly with the fatigue of my Journey I kept my bed longer than usual. After Breakfast I came to Anthony Kinsleys were I sat a little, and about 11 o'clock left Skelmanthorp and came by Cumberworth home were I got a little past 12 o'clock, just in time to dinner.

An Account of my Journey to a Meeting at Dewsbury in the 1st. Mo. 1805.

I set out from home the 20th. of ye. 1st. Mo. and 1st. day of the week about 10 o'clock in the forenoon, for our Monthly meeting near Wakefield intending to take Dewsbury meeting in my way having felt my mind particularly drawn to attend there, for some time. The evening before I left home my cousin William Wood of Bradford came in much fatigued it being a very stormy evening of wind and Snow, he return'd towards home the next morning. and soon after him my beloved friend Joseph Grayham came to spend the evening and sleep with me as he usually did the night before I set out a journey. I went by Cumberworth to Anthony Kinsleys of Skelmanthorp, soon after I got there Charles Blackburn came in, being rather poorly he durst not venture to the meeting at Highflatts to day, he kindly invited me to go to his house and stop dinner which I accepted of; I left Skelmanthorp a little past 1 o'clock and went by Emley, Flockton, Mug.mill and Thornhill to Dewsbury were I got to Morritt Matthews's a little before 4 o'clock, very weary, being much harassed with the weather it having snowed very fast all the way from Skelmanthorp, but being very good care taken of by my kind friends here I was mercifully preserved from suffering much. The meeting began at 5 o'clock and held upwards of an hour and a half, there was 14 attended beside myself. I had a pretty long testimony to bear therein being largely opened from the passage concerning the transfiguration of Christ, more particularly that part thereof in Matt: C: 17. v: 5. This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him. After meeting I supp'd and lodg'd at George Breareys.

On 21st. and 2nd. of week, I breakfasted at Morritt Matthews's, and left Dewsbury being accompanied by George Brearey (a little past 8 o'clock in the morning) we went by Ossett to Wakefield were I stopt a little at John Robinsons, and then went to the meeting which began at 11 o'clock. It was considerably smaller than usual, owing I suppose to the severity of the weather, altho' the present day was pretty fine. John Bottomley was concerned in supplication therein. At the close of the meeting for Worship was held our Monthly meeting for discipline we had not much business before us today but what we had was pretty amicably conducted yet I thought it was but a lowish time. Both meetings held 3 hours. At the

close of which a friend put a number of Books into my hand to distribute in the villages and places adjacent where Isabella Harris had lately held publick meetings Accordingly I thought it best to do it before I return'd home, and Thomas Yeardley concluding to accompany me, the next day, we went to John Robinsons to dinner and afterwards, came to tea at Christopher Walkers of Dirtcar were we lodg'd In the evening I went to see John Pickards were I supp'd, and then return'd.

On 22nd. and 3rd. of week. This morning we Breakfasted at William Pickards, and it being very Snowy we tarried until nearly 11 o'clock, and then set out and came by Chapelthorp and Hall.green to Notton were we called at William Shaws and left him two Books, then proceeded to Royston were we call'd at several places and distributed 9 Books stopped upwards of half an hour and got some refreshment at the Pack.horse paid 10d and then proceeded by Cudworth to Samuel Lavers of Woodnook having a desire to see his Wife who had been long confined thro' indisposition we found her a little better, and she seemed much pleased to see us, we stopped upwards of 2 hours and drunk Tea, and then came by Burton.grange to Barnsley were we got betwixt 6 and 7 o'clock much fatigued it continuing Snowing most of the day, we called at Elizabeth Dunns first were we sat a little and got a glass of wine. and afterwards went and sat a considerable time at Isabella Bashforths, and then went to the Old Royal Oak were we lodg'd. Paid 6d a piece Supper.

On 23rd. and 4th. of week. This morning we breakfasted at Isabella Bashforths and it continuing to Snow very fast I tarried until 10 o'clock and then came to Carrgreen were I stopt a little at Joseph Smiths, and then came to Mapplewell were I called at George Pickerings a man whom we had particularly noticed in the meeting there, he seemed pleased to see me and kindly invited me to dine with him, which I accepted; I gave him two Books and left him 6 more to distribute amongst his Neighbours, From thence I came by Darton to Kexbrough were I called at the upper Inn and got a Pint of ale. In this village I disposed of 8 Books, just before I left the Widow Hudson hearing I was here came to see me and notwithstanding I was at an Inn the Landlady being her daughter, She would send for some of her own drink and give me a Tart to put in my pocket which I afterwards found very useful. The Power which opened the heart of Lydia formerly hath remarkably open the heart of this Woman who I believe is not far from the kingdom. She kindly invited me to call at her house any time and added she was never so well satisfied with any company that ever she had as with friends whom she lodg'd when the meeting was here. From hence I came to Hoyland were I stopt a little with Mary Fisher and gave her a Book. I had also left one with Elizabeth Dunn of Barnsley for a young man of Shafton the remainder I purposed to sent to John Beatson to distribute in the neighbourhood of Cawthorne, From hence I came by Toppett and Denby it continuing Snowing and the Snow laying deep upon the ground it was hard work travelling, nevertheless thro' difficulties I got home about 6 o'clock in the evening and was favoured with a peaceful mind.

An Account of my Journey to a Meeting at Barnsley in 2nd. Mo. 1805

I set out from home ye. 17th. of ye. 2nd. Mo. 1805 and 1st. day of the week about 7 o'clock in the morning. having been very poorly in the night of a complaint in my Breast and Bowels, so that I was obliged to get up and sit by the fire, lodging in the Parlour that night with my companion Joseph Grayham who as usual before I go a Journey, came to sleep with me to night, at which times we generally have a fire in the room; which proved particularly useful to me this night. But having so little rest I felt very weary and unfit for my Journey, but was supported therein beyond my expectation, and was favoured to return home much better than I left. I went by Denby.dikeside to Dakinbrook were I called and rested me a little at Joseph Ingrams he asked me if I was free to let him accompany me to Burton meeting were I was going I told him I had no objections; accordingly he went with me thither and his company

and conversation was very acceptable; there appearing to be a very considerable reformation in him of late both in conduct and in the diligent attendance at our religious meetings. I sincerely desire he may persevere in the path of righteousness until he is favoured to experience an establishment upon that foundation which cannot be shaken. We went by Cawthorne to Carrgreen where we called at Joseph Smiths and stopped whilst we got a little refreshment and then proceeded to Burton where we got just after the meeting was gathered. I had a long testimony to bear therein from Prov: C: 3. v: 5. Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. After a short time in silence I had another pretty long testimony, upon the same subject which had very much impress'd my mind in this meeting, wherein I had to open the deplorable state of those whose minds had been favoured to experience their confidence placed upon the Lord, but had fallen therefrom and followed after their own carnal reason and the loss such had sustained both spiritually and temporally, and after having a great many things to point out to this state. I was led in a very encouraging manner to those who in all the tryals inwardly and outwardly which they had met with had been favoured to retain their trust in the superintendency of him who careth for the sparrows, and suffereth not an hair of our heads to fall to the ground without his permission, believing that tho' some present might be tryed with great fears lest they should not be able to put on honourably in their outward affairs, yet as a they were concerned to retain their integrity he who multiplied the widows Oil formerly would multiply his blessings and favours upon them and quench all their fears, resolve all their doubts, and make the mountains of opposition to flee before them. At the close of this meeting was held their Preparative meeting None of the committee appointed to attend here was present but myself. Both meetings have 2 hours and a half. After which I went to Barnsley and din'd with William Gant at Samuel Cowards. At half past 3 I was at the meeting in this Town held at Isabella Bashforths. There was 13 attended besides myself It was to me a dull heavy time. perhaps in part from being much fatigued and sitting down so soon after dinner, but I thought a little more lively towards the close. The meeting held about 1 hour and a half. After which I went with several of the convinced friends to drink Tea with Elizabeth Dunn where we stopp'd several hours and then I return to Isabella Bashforths who had sent me word that she had prepared a Bed for me, where I supp'd and lodg'd; my worthy friend Thomas Yeardley stopt and slept with me whose company was truly acceptable.

On 18th. and 2nd. of week, I set out for our Monthly meeting to be held near Wakefield betwixt 7 and 8 o'clock in the morning my dearly beloved friend Thomas Dixon Walton accompanying me thither, we had an agreeable walk to Newmillerdam where we called and Breakfasted at the Malt. Shovel paid 9d a piece stopped near an hour, and then proceeded by Milthorp and Sandal to friends Meetinghouse near Wakefield where we got just in time to the meeting which began at 11 o'clock as usual, and was very large both ends of the Meetinghouse being pretty well filled altho' mostly select of friends. It was attended with close exercise yet Truth prevailed and the minds of many I believe were comforted I had a long testimony to bear therein from Jer: C: 46. v: 27. Fear not thou, O my servant Jacob; and be not dismayed, O Israel; for behold, I will save thee from afar off, and thy seed from the land of their captivity; and Jacob shall return and be in rest and at ease, and none shall make him afraid. At the close of the meeting for worship was held the meeting for discipline. A great deal of business was gone thro' which was in the general agreeably conducted. One case excepted respecting a certificate in which there appeared some difference in sentiment and took up a great deal of time I thought unprofitably and for a season hurt the meeting, but Truth got the victory in the end; and after a time of silence best help was again felt to bring a solemnity over the meeting; and the business thereof was gone through to satisfaction. Amongst other things A part of the Committee appointed to visit Burton Preparative Mg. inform'd this in writing "That it had appeared to them for some time past that it would be of advantage to the said Preparative Meeting if the Monthly meeting thought proper to direct them to keep a record of their transactions, and draw up their Answers to the Queries in writing by increasing the weight thereof and adding to its solemnity." With which this

Meeting concur'd in Judgment and accordingly adapted it to be put in Practice desiring the committee to continue their care and attendance. Both meetings held about 4 hours. After which I din'd at John Robinsons, and intending to go to Dewsbury for some Books to distribute amongst the inhabitants of Silkstone and Emley as I had none left for those places the last month; I left Wakefield betwixt 4 and 5 o'clock in company with my much esteemed friend Morrith Matthews, and John King of Oldfieldnook, and Ann Radley late of Rawden but was going to live at Ackworth we went by Ossett and got to Dewsbury betwixt 6 and 7 o'clock where I took up my quarters this night at George Breareys.

On 19th. and 2nd. of week I breakfasted at Morrith Matthews's and din'd at William Wass's and about 2 o'clock in the afternoon left Dewsbury my esteemed Friend William Wass accompanying me a little out of the town and then return'd. I came to Briestfield where I gave two Books to a poor Woman, and from thence came to Kirkburton where I stopt near 2 hours and drunk Tea at Joseph Grayhams Mothers then came by Shepley to Birdsedge where I called in my cousin John Mallinson Shop upon my beloved Scholar Joseph Grayham who as usual was glad to see me, and me him. I tarried and harkened him his lessons, and then he accompanied me part way home where I got betwixt 8 and 9 o'clock this evening; think brought with me 12 Books for the inhabitants of Silkstone which John Bottomley took under his care to distribute and 12 for Emley which I propose to put into the hands of Charles Blackburn to distribute there.

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An Account of my Journey to a Meeting at Barnsley in 3rd. Mo. 1805.

Intending for our Monthly meeting to be held at Ackworth, and to take Burton Preparative Meeting and the meeting at Barnsley in my way. I set out from home ye. 17th. of ye. 3rd. Mo. 1805, and 1st. day of the week having previously engaged to Breakfast at my beloved friend John Pickfords of Strines who accompanied me to Burton; we left his house between 6 and 7 o'clock in the morning and went by Denby, Gunthwaite and Cawthorne to Barnsley where we stopt about an hour at Isabella Bashforths and got some refreshment, then proceeded to the meeting at Burton which was larger than usual, several friends calling in their way to the Monthly meeting. It was a low heavy time with me. At the close of the meeting for Worship was held their Preparative meeting, of the committee appointed to visit it there was George Chapman, Thomas Earnshaw of Judfield, John Pickford and myself attended to day, and our last Monthly meeting having re-established it a meeting of record, which for several years have been discontinued on account of their very small number. Thomas Dixon Walton was appointed Clerk thereto at present. The Queries were read and Answers thereto drawn up approv'd and Sign'd in order to be laid before the Monthly meeting. The business upon the whole was satisfactorily conducted, altho' the rightly exercised met with some opposition from a nominal professor yet I believe the re-establishing of it a meeting of record will be of

service. Both meetings held 3 hours. After which Thomas Earnshaw was my companion the remaining part of this Journey, we went by Oldmill were we got some Spirit and water Paid 6 a piece, and then went to Barnsley were we din'd with Thomas Walker Haigh, The meeting at Widow Bashforths began at half past 3 and held upwards of an hour and a half. There was 11 attended besides my companion and me, It was a satisfactory meeting. I had two pretty long testimonies to bear therein, being largely open to different states the first from Deut C: 12. v: 13. Take heed to thyself, that thou offer not thy burnt offerings in every place that thou seest. and the other from Matt: C: 20. v: 6, 7. Why stand ye here all the day idle? They say to him, because no man hath hired us. After meeting we drunk Tea with Elizabeth Dunn, and supp'd at Isabella Bashforths, were we lodg'd.

On 18th. and 2nd. of week, we left Barnsley about 7 o'clock in the morning, being accompanied to Ackworth by Thomas Dixon Walton and Thomas Yeardeley. we went by Cudworth to Brierley were we Breakfasted at the Horse.shoes Paid 1s a piece stopt about 1 hour, and then proceeded by Hemsworth to Ackworth were we got just in time to the meeting which was pretty large, and favoured with the company of our friend Ellin Cocken from Doncaster who had a pretty long testimony to bear therein first from the Psalms 93. v: 4. The Lord on high is mightier than the noise of many waters, yea than the mighty waves of the sea. Isabella Harris next from Psalms 34. v: 19. Many are the afflictions of the righteous; but the Lord delivereth him out of them all. They were led in an encouraging manner to the rightly exercised. and afterwards Ellin Cocken had a pretty long and close testimony to those who were at ease in Zion and trusting in a profession from Psalms 120. v. 3, 4 What shall be given unto thee? or what shall be done unto thee, thou false tongue? Sharp arrows of the mighty, with coals of juniper. At the close of the meeting for Worship was our Monthly meeting for discipline, the business of which was transacted satisfactorily. The Queries were read and Answers received from all our Preparative meetings Viz. Pontefract, Burton, Highflatts, Ackworth, Wakefield, Wooldale. and a general Answer drawn up approv'd and Sign'd in order to be laid before the ensuing Quarterly Meeting. In Answer to the second Query it appeared. That several sober People continue to attend some of our meetings who we believe to be under convincement and that two had been accepted into membership by convincement in Burton meeting since last year. Both meetings held 4 hours and a half. After which we din'd and drunk Tea at the School-house, and then went to John Neilds were we sat a little and from thence to James Harrisons of Hardwick were we lodg'd.

On 19th. and 3rd. of week, we left Hardwick about 9 o'clock in the morning, and came to Ackworth were we stopt about 1 hour at the School very agreeably with the friends and got some refreshment, then proceeded in company with John Bottomley by Hasel and Havercroft to Royston were we got some Refreshment at the Horse and Jockey paid 1s 3d stopt about 1 hour, and then came by Staincross, Mapplewell, and Darton to Kexbrough were we called to see the Widow Hudson spent near 2 hours very agreeably there, and drunk Tea. then parting with Thomas Earnshaw we came to Hoyland, a little before we got there Dr. Long overtook us, and insisted on us calling at his house were we stopt half an hour and took each of us a glass of Rum and Water then came by Bagden and Dykeside home were we got about 8 o'clock in the evening.

An Account of my Journey to our Spring Quarterly Meeting held at Leeds in the 3rd. Mo. 1805.

I set out from home ye. 25th. of ye 3rd. Mo. and 2nd. day of the week betwixt 9 and 10 o'clock in the forenoon, and went by Dikeside and Low.Cumberworth to Skelmanthorp were I stopt a little at Anthony Kinsleys, and then went to Charles Blackburns were I din'd, stopt 3 hours in Skelmanthorp, and then proceeded by Emley to Flockton.mill were I called at Cousin Alexander Hampshires stopt near an hour there and then proceeded by Flockton, Mugmill and

Thornhill to Dewsbury were I got about 5 o'clock and took up my quarters at Morrill Matthews's After Tea I went to see George Brearey's and William Wass's sat a little at each place and then return'd to my quarters.

On 26th. and 3rd. of week I left Dewsbury about 10 o'clock in the forenoon George Brearey set me on my way about 4 miles and then return'd, went by Batley and Bruntcliff to John Ellis's of Gildersome School were I stopt about 2 hours and din'd, then proceeded to Holbeck were I got to Joseph and Richard Shackletons betwixt 2 and 3 o'clock Joseph had kindly invited me to take up my quarters at their house this time which was very agreeable to me being little more than half a mile from friends Meetinghouse in Leeds and were I enjoy'd quietness and retirement in a very comfortable manner. The Quarterly Meeting for Ministers and Elders began this evening at 5 o'clock and held about 2 hours and a half. We had no Strangers there except Morris Birkbeck from the County of Surrey who had been sometime in these parts on a visit to his Relations. Before the business was opened Ellin Cocken had an acceptable testimony to bear. The Queries would then read and Answers received from all our Select meetings, and a general Answer prepared to Lay before the Select Yearly Meeting. Afterwards the Advices to Ministers and Elders were read, and Thomas Priestman, Edward West, Mary Fairbank and Ann North were appointed to oversee the succeeding meetings and advise as occasion may require.

On 27th. and 4th. of week, At 10 in the morning was a meeting for Worship which was the largest I ever saw at this time of the year, being as usual mostly select of friends, one of the doorkeepers told me there was 1400. Ellin Cocken had a short testimony therein first from Matt: C: 19. v: 29. Every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands for my names sake, shall receive an hundred fold, and shall inherit eternal life. George Sanders 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. Catharine Tricket had a pretty long time next from Mic: C: 4. v: 2. Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, and to the house of the God of Jacob, and he will teach us of his ways. Charles Parker 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. Christiana Hustler had a short time next from Prov: C: 40. v: 27. The fear of the Lord is a fountain of Life, to depart from the snares of death. Robert Walker next from Matt: C: 11. v: 28. Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest; Thomas Colley had a long time next from Isai: 51. C: and 3: v: The Lord shall comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places, and he will make her wilderness like Eden, and her desert like the garden of the Lord. At the close of this meeting was a meeting for discipline The 1st. Query was read, and Answers thereto from all our Mo. meetings, and a general Answer prepared, the meeting then adjourn'd until 5 in the evening. Both meetings held 4 hours. After which I din'd and drunk Tea at John Broadheads of Shipscar. At 5 in the evening met pursuant to adjournment. The remaining Queries were read, and the Answers thereto from our Mo. meetings, and a general Answer prepared and approved; and a friend appointed to Transcribe them, and produce a fair copy thereof at our next sitting. In Answer to the 2nd. Query it appeared that there was some appearance of convincement in Balby, Pontefract, Thirsk, Gisborough and Pickering Mo. meetings and that 5 Persons had been accepted into membership thereby since last year viz. 2 in Balby 2 in Pontefract and 1 in Gisborough Mo. Meetings We were also inform'd of one Ministers decease since last year viz. Mary Tate of Cottingwith meeting; concerning whom an agreeable account was received from York Mo. meeting. This meeting held 3 hours and then adjourn'd until 10 o'clock the next morning. At the close of Henry Wormall lent me a Book in manuscript to peruse, and return it the next day; It was wrote by himself during his confinement in York Castle where he with several other friends suffered a long imprisonment for refusing to pay Tythes; It contained many remarks of the state of his own mind, their meetings which were regularly held on first and week.days; and friends and others who visited them, with the substance of what they had to deliver to them. Also Copies of several

Letters wrote by himself and such as they received from others. I thought the reading thereof was both entertaining and edifying.

On 28th. and 5th. of week, At 10 in the morning pursuant to adjournment. A fair copy of the general answers to the Queries were produced read and Signed, and committed to a Representative to lay before the Yearly Meeting. Martha Smith laid before us a concern she had had for sometime on her mind to pay a religious visit to the nation of Ireland in conjunction with John and Elizabeth Hoyland, who was prevented attending here by the sudden death of a Brother viz. William Hoyland of Sheffield who was seized with an inflammatory Fever on the 20th. of this Mo. and departed this life ye. 25th. of the same, here we have a renewed instance of the uncertainty of all things here below. A Certificate of the Unity of friends of Balby Mo. meeting with them in their concern was produced and read, and this meeting indors'd the same. The business of this quarter was finished this sitting which held upwards of 3 hours and a half, and the whole was very amicably conducted to good satisfaction. At 5 in the evening was the Parting Meeting for Worship which held near 3 hours, and a pretty many of other Societies attended, Robert Walker had a few words therein first. Thomas Colley had a very long time next from the parable of the great supper and more particularly from that part thereof Luke C: 14. v: 17. Come; for all things are now ready, Martha Smith concluded the meeting in Prayer and Praises.

On 29th. and 6th. of week, this morning Joshua Priestman of Pickering meeting came here and stopt Breakfast with us; on my enquiring of him concerning a certain young man whom I have particularly noticed in the meeting he told me he was a member of their Mo. Meeting, and that his name was Richard Foster, that he came out of the South and settled at Scarborough, that he joined the society by convincement, and had appeared acceptably in the ministry, and with all related the following occurrence which I have put down as near as I can remember viz. that Dr. Southam of Buckingham a man eminent in his profession, by which he had acquired considerable property; took a journey for pleasure with his Wife to London; during their stay there they attended a Play in which was acted the Quaker, with which the Dr. was very much affected; At the close thereof the principal manager observ'd to the company, that if any one was desirous to know more of this respectable body of People, he would recommend them to read Barclays Apology: Accordingly the Dr. before he left London privately purchased it, and when he got home secreted it in his Study; where he employed his leisure time in diligently perusing it. His Wife very soon perceiving a visible alteration in him, and having taken notice that he spent more time than usual in his Study, wondered what was the cause; whereupon taking the opportunity when he was from home, she carefully examined the room, and found the Apology therein, which she began to read, and continue to do so, at such times when he was absent. The consequence of which was by turning their minds to that divine Principle of Light and Life which comes by Jesus.Christ, and is placed in the secret of every heart; they were both convinced of the Truth as professed by the People called Quakers; and in time found strength to make publick profession thereof. About the same time Richard Foster's Brother who was Apprentice with them was out of his time, and gone to London for further instruction: the Dr. having a great deal of business, had proposed at his return to taking in Partner; before he reach'd home he heard they were become Quakers, at which he was very much surprized; but being determind to let them know that he was not one; when he entered the house, he began to Whistle and Sing, and passing thro' the Lobby by the sitting-room door went directly into the kitchen where he was very much struck with the visible alteration he observed in the countenance of the servant Girl; and thus accosted her "what Betty are you all turn'd Quakers, but I will not be one however." But in a short time he was also favoured with a precious visitation and became clearly convinced of the Truth. The said Richard Foster hearing that his Brother was turn'd Quaker, likely said "I shall quake also when cold weather comes". But the same divine Power soon after reached unto him, and caused him to bow thereunto bringing him into a state of willingness to confess Christ before men. And about the same time another Brother resident at some distance was convinced of the Truth; without having any previous conversation one

with another. Thus were 6 Persons in rather a remarkable manner convinced and brought to the acknowledgement of the Truth and became valuable members of a religious Society. The morning being very wet I did not set out until 9 o'clock, and John Ellis being very desirous of me calling at his house in my return, I came thither, where I got in about an hours time, din'd there, and tarried until betwixt 3 and 4 o'clock in the afternoon, then left Gildersome and came by Bruntcliff to Stumpcross where I called to see John and Barbara Priestman stopt there about 1 hour and a half and drunk Tea then came by Batley to Dewsbury where I got betwixt 6 and 7 in the evening, sat a little George Brearey's, and then went to William Wass's where I took up my quarters this night.

On 30th. and 7th. of week, I left Dewsbury betwixt 9 and 10 o'clock in the forenoon and came by Thornhill and Mugmill to Flockton where I called at the George and Dragon and got 6 pennyworth of Rum and water stopt about half an hour and then came by Emley to Skelmanthorp where I din'd at Charles Blackburns stopt about 1 hour and a half, and then came by Dykeside home where I got betwixt 3 and 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

An Account of my Journey to a Meeting at Barnsley in 4th. Mo. 1805

Having proposed attending our Monthly meeting to be held at Burton, and the Preparative meeting held there the day before, and the meeting at Barnsley the same afternoon; but having had a violent fit of the Cholick, and being left in a very weak low state, I had given up the thoughts of the journey, and did not set out as I have proposed, but feeling desirous to see the friends of Barnsley, and having had a better night I felt most easy to try to get to the meeting there If I could; accordingly I set out from home ye. 14th. of ye. 4th. Mo. 1805 and 1st. day of the week betwixt 11 and 12 o'clock, after getting an early dinner walkt very slowly being not able to do otherwise, and went by Dikeside, Bagden, Hoyland, and Kexbro'; and got to Barnsley to Isabella Bashforths, just after the meeting was gathered which began at half past 3. I was agreeably surprized when I went in to find out valuable and much esteemed friend William Sowerby of Richmond Monthly meeting there; Here was also several other friends of our own Monthly meeting as Leonard West, James Harrison, and John Bottomley who had all attended the Preparative meeting at Burton to day, and proposed being at the Monthly meeting tomorrow. Besides us who were strangers there were 12 persons attended. I was exceeding weary with my journey, and much worse in my health than when I left home. But this being a favoured meeting was a great help to me. William Sowerby had along and encouraging testimony to bear therein from 2 Pet: C: 1. v: 10. Give diligence to make your calling and election sure; for, if ye do these things, you shall never fall. The Meeting held near 2 hours. After which I drunk Tea with Elizabeth Dunn. Supp'd at Isabella Bashforths, and lodg'd with my beloved friend Thomas Dixon Walton in a chamber adjoining his Warehouse where he had lately put up a Bed with a view to taking a friend.

On 15th. and 2nd. of week. I Breakfasted at Isabella Bashforths, and went to Burton in company with several friends the meeting began as usual at 11 o'clock and was very large the house being well filled and several sat in the chamber, and tho' they were mostly such as professed the Truth, yet there were a few of other Societies came in. I had a pretty long testimony to bear therein first from Luke C: 13. v: 24. Strive to enter in at the strait gate; for many, I say to you, will seek to enter therein and shall not be able. John Bottomley had afterwards a short time from Nah: C: 1. v: 3. The Lord hath his way in the whirlwind and in the storm, and the clouds of the dust of his feet. At the close of the Meeting for Worship was our Monthly meeting for discipline. We had not so much business to day as sometimes but what we had was amicably conducted; we had two presentations of Marriage viz. John Bottomley and Phebe Haigh of Highflatts meeting. and Henry Marsden Highflatts Mg. and Elizabeth Moorhouse of Wooldale Mg.. Both Mgs. Held 3 hours. After which I din'd at John Wilsons Country.house, and after sitting and conversing with him about an hour, returned to

Barnsley, drunk Tea with Elizabeth Dunn several of the convinced friends coming in after Tea we had a satisfactory opportunity together in which I had to project on testimonies their first from Zech: C: 13. v: 1. There shall be a fountain opened to the house of David, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, for sin and for uncleanness. and afterwards from James C: 1. v: 13, 14, 15. Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God; for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man. But every man is tempted when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin; and sin, when it is finished, it bringeth forth death. From thence I went to Isabella Bashfords were I supp'd, and then went to sleep with Thomas Dixon Walton whose kindness to me I hope will be ever gratefully remembered having been exceeding poorly all this Journey, but he not only assisted me all in his Power but supplied me in a plentiful manner with things very suitable for my present complaint and which I believe was of considerable service to me.

On 16th. and 3rd. of week, this morning I breakfasted at Isabella Basfords and it being very wet I tarried until betwixt 10 and 11 o'clock and then set out and came by Cawthorne to Dakinbrook were I stopt about 1 hour and a half at Joseph Ingrams, rested me and got some refreshment then came by Dykeside home were I got about 4 o'clock in the afternoon and found myself better at my return than I expected so that I was glad I had perform'd this journey altho' it had been under much bodily affliction. and I hope I shall ever remember the encouraging testimony our worthy frd. William Sowerby had to bear towards the close of the meeting for discipline unto all those who were rightly exercised, in the course of which he had a weighty caution to drop to such as took the liberty to seek to oppose the Lord's work or speak lightly of those who were rightly engaged therein; adding that according to his observation he never knew but sooner or later such were either swallowed up by the earth, or their hand withered. As in the case of Korah, Dathan and Abiram's rebellion read Numb: C: 16. and in the case of Jereboam when he put forth his hand to lay hold of the man of God read 1 Kin: C: 13. v: 4.

An Account of my Journey to the Meeting at Barnsley etc in the 5th. Mo. 1805

I set out from home ye. 19th. of ye. 5th. Mo. 1805 and 1st. day of the week, intending for our Monthly meeting to be held at Pontefract and to take the meeting at Barnsley in my way, went to John Mallinsons of Birdsedge having to speak with him; took leave of my companion Joseph Grayham about 10 o'clock, and preceded by Denby to Dakinbrook were I stopt about half an hour and then went to Cawthorne were I called to speak with Thomas West, they were exceeding kind, and insisted of my tarrying dinner with them, after which having stopp'd about 1 and a half I proceeded to Barnsley were I got about 3 o'clock, found Isabel Bashforth confined to her Bed thro' indisposition and her companion Ellin Spenceley so exceeding poorly that friends had concluded not to hold the meeting this afternoon I felt disappointed at this and not altogether easy but said not much only remark'd, that the dropping of a religious meeting ought to be weightily considered, as we knew not who might be drawn to attend; Elizabeth Dunn being there kindly invited me to her house to Tea which I accepted of. After tea William Gant came in and concluded to accompany me to Pontefract which was very acceptable, we left Barnsley about 5 o'clock, my dear friend, sticks and Thomas Dixon Walton set us on our way about 1 mile and then return'd, being poorly not able to attend the Monthly Meeting, we went by Burton.grange, Cudworth, Brierley, Hemsworth and Ackworth to Hardwick were we got to betwixt 8 and 9 o'clock and lodg'd at James Harrison's.

On 20th. and 2nd. of week after Breakfast we went to Pontefract were we got to John Leatham's about 9 o'clock, got Tea before Meeting which began at 11 and was very large; and I thought eminently favoured, altho' it was attended with plain and close labour. John Bottomley had a short testimony to bear therein first from Mark C: 9. v: 50. Have salt in yourselves, and have peace one with another. I had a long time next from Gen: C: 35. v: 2, 3.

Put away the strange gods that are among you, be clean, and change your garment; and let us arise and go up to Bethel; and I will make there an altar unto God, who answered me in the day of my distress, and was with me in the way which I went. John Bottomley was next concerned in Prayer, and afterwards Isabella Harris had a long testimony to bear from Prov: C: 30. v: 17. The eye that mocketh at his father, and despiseth to obey his Mother, the ravens of the valley shall pick it out, and the young eagles shall eat it. At the close of the our Monthly meeting for worship was held our Monthly meeting for discipline In which John Bottomley and Phebe Haigh was cleared from all of engagements relating to marriage and left at liberty to accomplish theirs when they and Highflatts friends saw meet. Also Henry Marsden and Elizabeth Moorhouse was cleared and left at liberty to accomplish theirs when they and Wooldale friend saw meet. Also William Leppington a member of Balby Mo. Meeting and Sarah Earnshaw of Highflatts meeting laid before us their intention of taking each other in marriage. After the business of the meeting was gone thro' I informed friends of a concern that had been long upon my mind to pay a religious visit to the inhabitants of 2 and 3 villages within the compass of our own Monthly meeting, when after a solemn time of silence many friends express'd their unity concurrence and feeling sympathy with me which was very encouraging to my poor drooping mind, and no objections appearing the Meeting left me at liberty to proceed therein as my way might open. Both meetings held 4 hours. After which I din'd at John Leathams and drunk Tea at Joseph Johnsons junr. and having for some time felt a concern to visit Robert Thompson family of Ferrybridge, I went down thither this evening in company with Arthur Feetham a hopeful young man who lives servant with him got there about 8 o'clock. After supper I had an opportunity with him his Wife and Son and four young men and their Servants or Apprentices all of whom attend meetings I had a very long testimony to bear therein being first opened in a very encouraging manner to the heads of the families from Isai: 28. v: 6. (where the Lord thro' his servants promised that he would be) For a spirit of judgement to him that sitteth in judgement, and for strength to them that turn the battle to the gate, and afterwards was led to speak to the varied states of the youth, some of whom had been preciously visited, after a time of silence I had two short exhortations to communicate. It was an highly favoured time, and I have a hope will be profitably remembered by divers.

On 21st. and 3rd. of week, After Breakfast I took a walk to see the village of Knottingley from which place we fetch most of our Lime After my return Frances Thompson accompanied me to see Elizabeth Wainwright with whom I had an appointment in which I had a short testimony to bear from 1 Cor: C: 9. v: 24. Know ye not that they which run in a race, run all but one receiveth the prize? so run that ye may obtain. After which I took a glass of wine with her, and she went back with me to Robert Thomsons and stopt dinner with us. About 2 o'clock in the afternoon I left here, Arthur Feetham accompanying me upwards of 1 mile and then return'd, I had a pleasant walk by Carlton were I got to Benjamin Jowetts about 3 o'clock stopt with betwixt 4 and 5 hours there, and drunk Tea. After which James Harrison of Hardwick came to accompany me to his house, got there about 8 o'clock in the evening were I lodg'd.

On 22nd. and 4th. of week, I set out pretty early and got to Ackworth about 7 o'clock were I Breakfasted at the School, spent most of the forenoon in agreeable conversation with Robert Whitaker, Isabella Harris and Hannah Dumbleton three choice friends; left there betwixt 11 and 12 o'clock and came by Hazle and Havercroft to Royston were I stopt near an hour and got some Refreshment at the Horse and Jockey paid 5d and then came by Staincross, Mapplewell, Darton, and Kexbro' to Hoyland were I called to see Mary Fisher who kindly invited me to take Tea with her, I stopt near an hour, and then came by Bagden and Dikeside home were I got about 7 o'clock, my beloved friend Joseph Grayham came to write soon after I got in spent the evening and tarried all night and slept with me.

An Account of my Journey to a Publick meeting held at Hepworth in the 6th. Mo. 1805.

Having laid my concern before friends at our last Monthly Meeting to visit the inhabitants of 2 or 3 the villages within the compass thereof, and had their full unity and concurrence therein and a meeting being appointed on my account first at Hepworth, I set out towards there ye. 2nd. of ye. 6th. Mo. 1805 and 1st. day of the week betwixt 8 and 9 o'clock in the morning, called of my beloved friend John Pickford of Park who bore me company thither, stopt near half an hour at George Taylors and then proceeded to George Broadheads of Meltomhouse where we stopt about half an hour and got some refreshment, met with George Chapman of Penistone and Charles Blackburn of Skelmanthorp here who with George Broadhead and his Wife accompanied us to Hepworth where we got just in time to the meeting which began at 11 o'clock and was held in a large Barn belonging to James Marsh in which a convenient Gallery was erected and a few seats placed around it. John Bottomley Henry Swire, and George Broadhead had the care of preparing and giving notice of this meeting which they did the day before many lending them all the assistance in their power and offering them freely every accommodation they had, but this Barn appearing the largest and most convenient they accepted of it but the man would not take anything for it for several days before the meeting I was in a very low and discouraged state that had not I had to look back at the unity expressed by so many of my beloved friends at the Monthly Meeting I believe I should have fainted in my mind; thus I experienced the advantage of having the unity of the Brethren in these weighty concerns. The concourse of People who attended was exceeding great, so that notwithstanding most of them had to stand not only the Barn, but a Mistal adjoining which was opened thereto, and a Hay Loft over was exceedingly crowded, but great numbers were obliged to stand with outdoors. Soon after I sat me down all fear of man was removed, and awful solemnity covered by mind, which was strengthened by that Love which breaks the bonds of death asunder and renewedly sets the captive soul at liberty a concern arose to stand up on my feet, and I had a long testimony to bear from Isai: C: 2. v. 2, 3, 4, 5. It shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountains of the Lords house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it. And many People shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths; for out of Zion, shall go forth the law, the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many People; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares; and their spears into pruning hooks; nations shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come ye, and let us walk in the light of the Lord. John Bottomley short testimony next from Isai: C: 26. v: 3. Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee. I had a long time next, being first opened in exhortation to the children who attend what is called a Sunday.School in this village and their teachers; and afterwards 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 he will 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; his going forth is prepared as the morning; and he shall come unto us as the rain as the latter and former rain upon the earth. John Bottomley was next concerned in Prayer After which I have briefly to observe to the People my obligation to them for favouring us with their company, whereby I had been enabled to discharge a debt which had been long due to the inhabitants of this part. and commended them for their civil behaviour, withal desiring if any good was done they might give God the glory as nothing belongs to man but blushing and confusion of face, then inform'd them the meeting was now over, and in Love of the Gospel bade them all Farewell. It held 2 hours and was indeed a time of high favour many were much broken and tendered therein, and I so much strengthened and encouraged as to leave friends at liberty to appoint a meeting at Holm the first day following. Lydia the Wife of George Broadhead kindly brought something in her Pocket for me to sup on which she gave me at the breaking

up of the meeting which was of great service to me as I was much spent with the exercise thereof. I return'd with several friends to George Broadheads where we din'd, stopt about an hour and then came over the Moor and down Slack.Lane home where I got betwixt 3 and 4 o'clock in the afternoon. George Chapman and John Bottomley came with me the former stopt Tea with us, Joseph Grayham was at my house improving in his learning when we got there, he stopt until Bedtime and then went home, thus was I favoured in my return home with the company of those who are near to me, and whom I wish as well for as for myself.

An Account of my Journey to a Meeting at Dewsbury etc in 6th. Mo. 1805

I set out from home ye. 5th. of ye. 6th. Mo. 1805 and 4th. day of the week about 6 o'clock in the morning, our family being busy in the general or annual cleaning of the house, I went to Breakfast at John Pickfords of Park where I tarried about 3 hours, and then proceeded intending to visit my friends and Relations in and near Huddersfield, in my way to Dewsbury; went by Shelley to Kirkburton where I called to see Joseph Grayhams Mother stopt near an hour and got a little refreshment and then went by Almondbury to Huddersfield where I got a little past 12 o'clock, and din'd at cousin Robert Firths where I tarried upwards of 2 hours, and then went to John Fishers of Longroidbridge, he was from home but his Wife altho' a stranger to me before, received and entertained me in a very kind and affectionate manner; I stopt Tea there and spent about 4 hours in very agreeable conversation with her, and then went to cousin Joseph Mallinsons where I lodg'd, having for some time had a desire to see his ancient Mother who had long been confined to the house pretty much thro' indisposition.

On 6th. and 5th. of the week, I attended their Week.day meeting at Parrack in Huddersfield, where they have lately built a large and very good Meetinghouse, and enlarg'd the Burial.ground and made many other conveniences so that I take it to be the prettiest and completest place I know in our County; This was only the second Meeting in the new Meetinghouse, It began at 10 o'clock and held 2 hours; it was small altho' there were more friends attended than I expected, and I believe this is of late more generally the case than formally. I had a long testimony to bear therein from Isai: 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. I thought it was favoured meeting and felt thankful for the opportunity. I din'd in Huddersfield at cousin Abraham Mallinsons and a little past 3 o'clock left the Town and went by Dalton, Kirkheaton, and Mirfield to Dewsbury where I got about half past 5 o'clock and took up my quarters at Morrith Matthews's. The meeting began at 6 and held upwards of 1 hour and a half There was 10 attended besides me and another frd. who happened to drop in there at this time My mind was heavily exercised therein, and found it as hard labour as I think I ever experienced to get to the place of true waiting, which I had briefly to observe to them with the addition of a few very close remarks to some states. After a short time in silence, I had another short testimony to bear 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. The language of encouragement flowed freely onto the rightly exercised minds; and the meeting broke up under a solemn covering.

On 7th. and 6th. of week. This morning I breakfasted at George Breareys and din'd at William Wass's; and about 3 o'clock in the afternoon left Dewsbury and came by Thornhill, Mugmill and Flockton to Flockton.mill where I called at cousin Alexander Hampshires rested me there near an hour, and then came by Emley to Skelmanthorp where I got about 7 o'clock in the evening and lodg'd at Charles Blackburn's

On 8th. and 7th. of week. After Breakfast I called to see Anthony Kinsley and his Wife, left there a little past 9 and came by Cumberworth home where I got quarter past 10 in the forenoon.

An Account of my Journey to a Publick Meeting held at Holm in ye. 6th. Mo. 1805.

I set out from home ye. 9th. of ye. 6th. Mo. 1805 and 1st. day of the week about 6 o'clock in the morning in company with John Bottomley of Wood, towards a meeting appointed on my account at Holm 8 miles distant from my house. We went by Tottis to Henry Swires of Springhouse where we Breakfasted, and then proceeded in company with John Brook of Wooldale and Henry Swire who had, had the care of making the necessary preparation for this meeting which they did with the assistance of some of the inhabitants who appeared very much pleased they were likely to be favoured with such a visit and willing to do every thing in their Power; the said friends exerted themselves, also, very much in giving notice to the inhabitants in remote places for many miles around, and to whom my concern principally lay; and I hope they did not lose their reward. We went by Holmfirth to Holm where we got to John Beardsell's a little after 10 o'clock who had kindly sent us an invitation to take up our quarters there, and whose kindness I hope will ever be gratefully remembered by me his son John had been convinced of the Truth, some years ago, but had not come forward in the line of faithful obedience. We got some refreshment here before meeting, which began at 11 o'clock and was held in a very large Barn belonging to John Beardsell (uncle to the man who kindly entertained us) who refused to take anything for the lent thereof, A convenient Gallery was erected therein and a few seats placed. The concourse of People who attended was indeed very great so that notwithstanding most of them had to stand the Barn was very much crowded and a considerable number in an adjoining Mistal and hay Loft over it both of which were open to the Barn, and it was thought there would have been a great many more but the day happened to be wetish; however several said they believed there never was at one time so many People seem together in Holm on any occasion, and I thought the innocency and simplicity of many countenances, did me good, which I thought promised fair for a good meeting and so it proved, being a time of extraordinary favour, which I hope will not easily be forgot neither by the visitors nor visited. John Bottomley had a short Testimony therein first from Psalms 46. v: 10. Be still, and know that I am God. I had a long time next from John C: 5. v: 20, 21. We know that the son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding that we may know him that his true; and we are in him that is true, even in his son Jesus Christ, this is the true God, and eternal life. Little children, keep yourselves from Idols. John Bottomley had a pretty long time next from John C; 2 .v: 14. I have written unto you young men, because ye are strong, and the word of God abideth in you. I had a long time next from Rom: C: 9. v: 13. Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated. After which I express'd our obligation to the People for favouring us with their company and our satisfaction with their still solid and attentive behaviour; and as I believed many minds had been covered with an awful solemnity, I requested in their return from this place they might not enter hastily into conversation but endeavour to keep under the solemn covering they had been favoured with, and as in all probability they might this day have heard something advanced, different from what they had usually had delivered to them, I therefore recommended them to follow the example of the noble Bereans in examining the scriptures and see if they were not consistent therewith, and then in the Love of the everlasting Gospel of Christ bade them all Farewel. The meeting held upwards of 2 hours. After which the few friends who were there divided, part going to dine at John Taylors of Long.Row (whose Wife had attended friends meetings many years) but we and Alice Moorhouse and her son din'd at John Beardsell's whose kindness on the present occasion, I hope will ever be gratefully remembered by me. I felt remarkable easy in their house, they were kind to strangers and loving and kind one to another. At Table before dinner, I was concerned in supplication. The rain coming on heavy detained us longer than we expected, so that it was half past 2 o'clock before we left Holm, called at Longrow to see Lydia Taylor, and on the other friends who din'd there, stopt about half an hour, and then came to Holmfirth in company with Henry Swire, John Brook, Henry Marsden and his brother in law William Moorhouse; were we separated, John Bottomley and me coming with Henry Swire to his house were we drunk Tea, and stopped near an hour, and then came by

Tottis to Newhouse were we got about half past 6. clock. I may say with a thankful heart, that I could set up my Ebenezer and humbly acknowledge hitherto the Lord had helped me.

An Account of my Journey to a Publick Meeting held at Flockton in the 6th. Mo. 1805.

I set out from home ye. 23rd. of ye. 6th. Mo. 1805 and 1st. day of the week about half past 6 o'clock for Flockton 6 miles to a Meeting appointed on my account, called upon John Pickford of Park who purpose to accompany me thither and who had invited me to Breakfast at his house, stopp'd there upwards of an hour, and then proceeded by Cumberworth to Skelmanthorp were we called to see Anthony Kinsley who had been dangerously ill, but now appeared to be getting better; from thence we went to call upon Charles Blackburn were we found John Bottomley, stopt near an hour and got some refreshment, then we all proceeded together to Flockton were we got about half past 10 o'clock; and took up our quarters of the Sine of the Star. The meeting began at 11 and was held in a very large Barn belonging to John Milns Esqr. who freely gave it up for the service without any recompence, and behaved himself very kindly to the friends ordering them some refreshment. John Bottomley, Joseph Walker and John Haigh had the care of giving notice, and preparing the place for this meeting who met with very unexpected openness among the people they appearing willing to lend every assistance in their power one Bond Esqr. who hath built a Chapel for the Independents would gladly have had them to have had it; and to have appointed the meeting out of their usual hours, but they could not comply therewith, believing it would not feel easy to me, but acknowledged his kindness They gave notice fully to the inhabitants of this village, Demby and Bristfield with the adjoining country places, and very great indeed was the concourse of People that attended; The Independent Preacher made short work at his Chapel and he and his congregation came to friends Meeting. It was the last of the three meetings under my present concern, and was the largest, and by many thought the most eminently favoured. The People were quite strangers to friends and our Principles, there never having been a meeting of our Society in any of the three places before, but this seemed to me to be the hardest of any to go to; so that I was ready to think if my concern had been for any other place whatsoever it would have been easier for me to give up to than this, and the nearer the time came the more stripped and discouraged I was so that I was ready to sink under the weight of my exercise; but O I had abundant cause to acknowledge that the Lord empties that he may fill; Strips that he may clothe with his salvation, and in the very depth of our weakness manifests his strength, that so what we are, we may be by and through him. May I ever trust in him, and be preserved from leaning to mine own understanding. A convenient Gallery was erected, and a few seats placed but not many for fear of taking up room. Soon after the meeting was gathered William Wass exhorted the People to endeavour to get into a state of stillness that so we might be favoured to Worship God who is a spirit in spirit and in Truth. I had a very long testimony to bear next from Mic: C: 5. v. 2. But thou Beth.lehem Eprahtah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of these shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth hath been from of old, from everlasting. John Bottomley had a pretty long time next from 1 Pet. C: 1. v: 15. Be ye holy in all manner of conversation. I had a long time next from Luke C: 11. v: 1. Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples. John Bottomley was next concerned in Prayer. William Wass had a pretty long and very acceptable exhortation next; after which I acknowledged our obligation to the People for favouring us with their company, and that their behaviour had been worthy of commendation, requesting them in their return from this place to guard against entering hastily into conversation; and revived the language of the Apostle, 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. I then inform'd them the meeting was now over and believed that in that love which drew us from our outward habitations, I might unitedly salute them, and bid them all

Farewell. As we return'd to our Inn some express'd their desire to us, that they might be favoured with another meeting, and sometime after we got there A man came into the room to us, and said a number of People who were collected together had sent him to express to us their satisfaction with the meeting and desire that we might have another with them adding they had been at the owner of the Barn and obtained leave of him to let the thing stand as they were for 5 or 6 weeks if we could give them any room to hope for a visit in the course of that time. I briefly observ'd to him, that we were not our own, nor at our own disposing, and therefore dare not at present give them any expectation of another visit but added I believed if they diligently attended to the Principle unto which they had been directed the Lord would engage some of his servants to visit them but thought it would at present be best to remove the things, and if any friends should find a right engagement to pay them another visit we were willing to be at the expence of replacing them. We paid 1s 6d a piece for dinners beside Liquor. I left Flockton between 3 and 4 o'clock, and came with Henry Marsden and his Wife Elizabeth to Kirkburton 3 miles were I met by appointment with my beloved Scholar Joseph Grayham at his Mothers, we drunk Tea and supp'd; stopt upwards of 4 hours and then came together by Shelley home were we got about 10 o'clock at night and I may add with a thankful heart, and with a peaceful mind; the sure reward of unreserved obedience.

An Account of my Journey to a Publick Meeting held at Lepton in the 6th. Mo. 1805.

I set out from home ye. 30th. of ye. 6th. Mo. 1805 and 1st. day of the week about 7 o'clock in the morning to a meeting appointed on my account at Lepton, went to cousin Benjamin Walkers of Paddock were I stopt near an hour and got some refreshment, and then he accompanied me by Shelley and Kirkburton to Lepton which from my house was distant about 6 miles, we got there about 10 o'clock and took up our Quarters at the White Lyon, The meeting began at 11 and was held in a very large Barn, the largest in the Town belonging to the Widow Hannah Jessop who refused to take anything for the lent thereof or for her sons labour who kindly assisted friends all in his Power. In my return from the meeting at Flockton I thought I felt quite relieved from any further exercise of this kind at present as these three meetings were all that I had a prospect of when I laid my concern before friends at the Monthly meeting which had long lain heavy upon my mind. But in two days after I had enjoy'd a sweet calm, a weighty concern came upon my mind to have a meeting the first day following with the inhabitants of Lepton and places adjacent, but gladly would I have excused myself on account of my having no prospect of this place when I laid my concern before friends at our Monthly meeting. But my exercise increasing, I mentioned how it was with me to some friends of our meeting all of whom encouraged me to give up adding the Monthly meeting left me entirely at liberty to proceed as far as my way might open. However at present it was left to further consideration, during which time I was variously exercised. I thought it was a place were they were entire Strangers to friends their principles and practices, so that it seemed very hard for me to give up to the opening; beside I thought things had been hitherto satisfactory, and if this should prove otherwise, I might be blamed and sink under the weight of discouragement. Then it was brought to my mind what was presented to me the week before that if it was required of me to go to any other place than Flockton it would be easier, so thought it best to endeavour to be as still and as quiet as I could. On sixth day I was very poorly but feeling pretty easy in mind was in hopes I should be excused from the service so said nothing to friends about appointing the meeting. But on seventh day morning, was better and with the return of my health, came a return of my concern, so that in the forenoon I was under the necessity to acquaint John Bottomley very willingly gave up to go that afternoon in company with Joseph Walker and John Haigh to procure and prepare a place and give notice of a meeting to be held this day at the before mentioned hour. They erected a convenient Gallery and placed a few seats but not many for the fear of taking up room they

then gave notice to the inhabitants of Lepton Bagden Fennybridge, Woodsommill, Rooley and places adjacent, and very great indeed was the concourse of People who attended it being by far the largest meeting of any we had had, some thought there was nearly 2000 there the Barn being not only crowded but a great many without doors. It proved a time of remarkable favour, I thought I never experienced the Truth in greater dominion, that I believe it may truly be said it reigned over all, the People, altho' very few of them, had ever been at one of our meetings before were as still as if it had been a gathering wholly of friends, an awful solemnity appearing in almost every countenance I had a very long testimony to bear therein, first, informing them that we had nothing in view in paying them this religious visit but peace to our own minds thro' a discharge of duty, and the good of their immortal souls, we coveted nothing they had thro' the blessing of Providence having a sufficiency of our own, and therefore desired all prejudice might be removed out of every mind, and as the preparation of the heart both in Preacher and hearer is of the Lord I desired that all might endeavour to get into a state of perfect stillness that so that Power might be raised into dominion which enables to Worship God in an acceptable manner. I then informed them of that in my silent waiting amongst them this passage had much accompanied my mind viz. from Acts C: 3. v. 22, 23. Moses truly said unto the fathers, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye here in all things whatsoever he shall say unto you. And it shall come to pass that every soul which will not hear that prophet shall be destroyed from among the People. Upon which subject I found very great enlargement and many were much broken and tendered John Bottomley was next concerned in Prayer and afterwards had a short time in testimony from Isai: C: 26. v. 3. Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee; because he trusteth in thee William Wass had a pretty long exhortation next chiefly tending to stir up the People to faithfulness in the little, this being the only way to be made ruler over more. After which I express'd our satisfaction with the company and very commendable behaviour of this very large and solemn Assembly expressing my desire in a particular manner for some in the language of the Apostle, The Lord direct your hearts into the love of God and into the patient waiting for Christ, and under the precious influence of Gospel Love concluded with reviving the language left upon record. 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 3 hours which was the longest of any we had had, that at Flockton holding about 2 hours and a half. The people departed in a very solid manner some expressing to me their thankfulness for the visit. We din'd at the Inn and paid 1s 4d a piece eating stopt until a little past 3 o'clock and then set out in company with John Bottomley Benjamin Walker, and Charles Blackburn, came by Kirkburton and Shelley, called cousin Benjamin Walkers of Paddock were we rested us about half an hour, then John Bottomley and me came together by Cumberworth to Carrbridge, and I got home betwixt 5 and 6 o'clock, found Joseph Grayham at my house at his Books, he stopt Tea and supper with me and went home about Bed time after he was gone being left in my room alone. I had to take a view of these late religious movements, with a degree of comfort and solid satisfaction to mine own mind, being favoured with a firm belief that the cause had not suffered thereby and at a door was left open in all places, if the Lord should see meet to send any of his servants to visit them. I received a letter from a young Man at Flockton wrote the day after the meeting held there informing me of the general satisfaction of the People with the visit and their desire of another adding that he was commissioned to inform me by the Independent Preacher and one Bond Esqr. who built the Chapel there, that they would give it up to me at any hour in the fore or afternoon if I found liberty to visit them again, I felt thankful that the Lord so far opened a way in the hearts of the People, but it had no tendency to exalt, but rather humble me; knowing that every ability for service cometh from God.

An Account of my Journey to a Meeting at Barnsley etc. in 8th. Mo. 1805

I set out from home ye. 18th. of ye. 8th. Mo. 1805 and 1st. day of the week about 6 o'clock in the morning, intending for the Meeting at Barnsley and to be at Burton Preparative Meeting, and at our Monthly meeting held there the next day. Went by Denby to Dakinbrook were I called and stopt about half an hour at Joseph Ingrams, John Bottomley came up with me here, and accompanied me to Burton; we went by Cawthorne to Carrgreen were we got Tea at Joseph Smiths stopt about half an hour and then went with him to Burton, got there just in time to the meeting which was pretty open and satisfactory. I had a long time therein in testimony from Cant: C: 8. v. 8, 9. We have a little sister, and she had 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; and if she be a door, we will inclose her with boards of cedar. At the close of the meeting for Worship the business of their Preparative meeting was gone thro'. Both meetings held 2 hours. After which we went to Barnsley and I din'd Thomas Walker Haighs. The Meeting at Isabella Bashforths this afternoon began at half past 3 and held about 2 hours There was 12 attended besides my companion and me: John Bottomley had a pretty long testimony therein first from Heb: C: 2. v. 6. What is man that thou art mindful of him; or the son of man that thou visitest him? I next from 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. John Bottomley was next concerned in Prayer. After which we went to drink Tea at Elizabeth Dunn were we met with Timothy Sykes of Shafton and William Smith of Cudworth both Preachers amongst the Methodists who came here on purpose to have a little of our company, the former is a young man about 20 years of age and the latter appears to be betwixt 30 and 40, we were pleased with their company, believing them to be serious well disposed men, yet I thought the activity of Self was very far from being slain neither have they sufficiently seen that without Christ they can do nothing, however I was pleased with having a little of their company and thought I should have liked to have had a little more as I felt something open upon my mind towards the more particularly the younger. I supp'd and lodg'd with Thomas Yeardley at Isabel Bashforths.

On 19th. and 2nd. Of week, John Bottomley and me being appointed by the Monthly Mg. to inform Thomas Walker Haigh that he was accepted a member of our Society; we had an opportunity with him after Breakfast, in which we both of us had some suitable advice to communicate. The meeting at Burton was very large the house being quite crowded with friends and a few of others who came in. My sister Jane Doncaster from Sheffield was there and had a short but acceptable testimony to bear therein in from Job: C: 17. v. 9. The righteous also shall hold on his way, and he that hath clean hands shall be stronger and stronger. and just at the close of the meeting Isabella Harris had a few words to drop. The business of our Monthly Meeting succeeded the meeting for Worship which was amicably conducted, amongst other things, Nathaniel Pryor and Elizabeth Gregory were cleared of all other engagements relating to marriage and left at liberty to accomplish theirs when they and Ackworth friends saw meet. Also James King a member of Marsden Mo. meeting in Lancashire and Rachel Brook of Wooldale Mg. laid before us their intentions of taking each other in marriage. Both meetings held about 4 hours. After which I din'd at John Wilsons Country.house, and then return'd to Barnsley were I drunk Tea with Elizabeth Dunn in company with most of the convinced friends. Afterwards I went to sup and lodge at Isabella Bashforths.

On 20th. and 3rd. of week I left Barnsley betwixt 10 and 11 o'clock and came the foot way over Higham common to Barnby furnace were the news we had heard the day before to Barnsley of 6 men being killed in a coalpit here, was confirm'd to me; I went up to the pit, were abundance of People were collected together, there I was inform'd that this sorrowful affair or accident happened at about noon the day before by what is called the Fire.damp which made a most terrible explosion out of the top of the pit so as to shake the houses at a

considerable distance. The colliers had been in search of them ever since when they could but the damp continuing in the Pit they dare not stay long in at once, and when I got there their bodies were not found, but soon after some who had been in search was drawn up and said they had found 4 of them at a very considerable distance from the Pits mouth. After some time 20 was let down to try to get the bodies out, who was in eminent danger of sharing the same fate, when they began to remove the bodies, and had not got quite the halfway with them the damp came on so strong that they were obliged to leave them and make the best of their way to get out and indeed when they were drawn up many of them appeared very far gone but after being sometime in the air they came to themselves and one of them told me that he once never expected that any of them would have been got out alive. After they were got better some of them with others to the number of 12 went down again and brought the bodies of the deceased to the pit mouth, when they was drawn up I thought it was the most awful spectacle I ever beheld. They were not mangled but some of them was scorched by the fire; yet it appeared as if suffocation had been the principle cause of their death and when they lay upon the hill they smelled exceeding strong of Sulphur. It was a very awful consideration how suddenly they were launched out of time into eternity; as well as leaving many desolate Widows and fatherless children. Having spent about 7 hours here, I came to Cawthorne were I stopt about an hour at Thomas Wests and got some refreshment, then came to Joseph Ingrams of Dakinbrook were I got a little more refreshment, and so came by Denby home were I got about 10 o'clock in the evening.

An Account of my Journey to our Autumn Quarterly Meeting held at York in the 9th. Mo.
1805.

I set out from home ye. 22nd. of ye. 9th. Mo. and 1st. day of the week a little past 11 o'clock, after getting an early dinner; my servant in husbandry Benjamin Beever accompanying me betwixt 2 and 3 miles and then return'd; he hath lived with me going of 3 years, and having demeaned himself as a servant in an orderly becoming manner is well respected by me, and we parted in nearness of affection. I went by Dikeside to Dakinbrook were I rested a little at Joseph Ingrams, and then proceeded by Cawthorne to Barnsley were I got about half past 2 o'clock and took up my quarters at Isabella Bashforths. The Meeting this afternoon at her house began at half past 3 o'clock and held about 1 hour and a half. It was smaller than usual some of the friends being from home 8 attended besides myself and John Robinson junr. of Wakefield. I had a long testimony to bear therein from Cant: C: 2. v. 16, 17. My beloved is mine, and I am his; he feedeth among the lilies. Until the day break, and the shadows flee away; turn, my beloved, and be thou like a roe, or a young hart upon the mountains of Bether. After meeting I drunk Tea with Elizabeth Dunn and in the evening return'd to my quarters were Thomas Dixon Walton kindly came to sleep with me.

On 23rd. and 2nd. of week, I arose pretty early, and soon after I got up, Thomas Walker Haigh came and asked me if I would accept his company to York, this was altogether unexpected, but he was a very acceptable companion to me. We left Barnsley about 7 o'clock in the morning and went by Burton and Cudworth to Shafton were we called to see Timothy Sykes a Preacher in the Methodist Society, who had a few weeks before given me an invitation; We stopt there an hour and a half and Breakfasted was very kindly received by all the family, and generously entertained. He is a Gardener by trade and in the twentieth year of his age, his house being surrounded with beautiful and fruitful gardens and I thought it appeared like an earthly paradise, he expressed his satisfaction with our company and we were well pleased with our visit; his Brother George who is also a religious young Man from Manchester being there set us on our way several miles and then return'd; we went by Falkirk and Hasel to Ackworth were we sat about half an hour at the School with Isabella Harris and Hannah Dumbleton and got a little refreshment and then proceeded to Hardwick were we

din'd at James Harrisons stopt about 1 hour and then went by Carlton to Ferrybridge were we stopt near 2 hours at Robert Thompsons and drunk Tea, and then proceeded by Milford to Sherburn were we got a little past 7 in the evening and lodg'd at Simeon Hunters.

On 24th. and 3rd. of week we left Sherburne betwixt 9 and 10 o'clock in the morning, and went by Towton to Tadcaster were we stopt upwards of 1 hour and a half and din'd at the Golden Lyon paid 1s a piece eating and 3d Liquor then proceeded to York were we got about 3 o'clock in the afternoon and took up our quarters at the White Swan in Goodramgate Paid 1s a piece Breakfasts 1s 6d Dinners, and 1s 3d Suppers. At 5 in the evening began the Quarterly Meeting for Ministers and Elders, which held 2 hours, We had the company of some Strangers this Quarter viz. Sarah Bleckley from Norfolk, Mary Bleckley from Cambridgeshire and Martha Routh from Lancashire. The Queries were read and Answers received from all our Meetings were Select Mgs. are held. Also the Record of the Names of Ministers and Elders in this County, and the necessary alterations made; One friend was recommended as a Minister in Unity viz. Jane Doncaster from Balby Mo. Mg. and her name added to the Record. and the following friends were appointed to Oversee the succeeding Meetings and advise as occasion may require viz. Thomas Priestman, Joseph Birkbeck, Mary Hutchinson and Sarah Hird.

On 25th. and 4th. of week, at 10 in the morning was a Meeting for Worship, which tho' Select of friends was very large, the house being full and many in the Lofts. Isaac Field dropt a few words first which I understood was his first appearance, he'd been lately admitted a member of the Society, and lives at Leeds. Afterwards Christiana Hustler, Jane Doncaster and Ellin Cocken add each of them a short testimony. Martha Routh had a very long time next Luke C: 22. v: 35. Lacked ye anything? and they said, Nothing. Ellin Cocken had a pretty long time next from Psalms 34. v: 8. O taste and see that the Lord is good. George Sanders next from Luke C: 6. v. 47, 48. Whosoever cometh to me, and heareth my sayings, and doeth them, I will shew you to whom he is like. He is like a man that built a house, and digged deep, and laid the foundation on a rock: and when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently upon that house, and could not shake it: for it was founded upon a rock. At the close of this Meeting was a Meeting for discipline in which the Queries were read and Answers thereto from all our Mo. meetings; some little business more was gone thro' and then the meeting adjourn'd. At five in the evening met pursuant to adjournment. Joshua Priestman of Pickering Mg. and Joseph Birkbeck of Settle Mg. were chosen Clerks for the ensuing year. The Answers to the Queries work reassumed and divers weighty remarks made on the deficiencies which appeared. The report of the friends pointed last quarter to confer with the friends of Balby, Brighouse and Pontefract Mo. meetings on the subject of making those 3 Monthly meetings into 4 was read, and a little entered upon, but the Mg. having continued pretty long, adjourn'd until the close of the meeting for Worship next day. This Mg. held near 3 hours, and the two former about 3 hrs. and a half. Betwixt the meetings we took a walk into the Castle to see the Prisoners.

On 26th. and 5th. of week, at 10 in the morning was a meeting for Worship, a few of other Societies came in; Mary Bleckley had a short Testimony therein first from John C: 14. v: 15. If ye love me keep my commandments. Isabella Harris was next concerning supplication. Sarah Bleckley had a very long testimony to bear next from Joel C: 2. v: 17. Spare thy People, O Lord: and give not thine heritage to reproach. At the close of this Meeting was another Mg. for discipline The consideration of the proposal alteration in the 3 Monthly meetings was reassumed, and a great deal of time was taken upon it, many friends spoke for and against it in calmness and moderation but so many objections appearing the further consideration there was deferr'd. The business was finished in this sitting. Both meetings held 4 hours. Betwixt 3 and 4 o'clock in the afternoon we left the city and came to Tadcaster, were we just stopped until we drunk Tea at the Golden Lyon paid 10 a piece and then came by Towton to Sherburn were we got between 8 and 9 in the evening and lodg'd at Simeon Hunters.

On 27th. and 6th. of week, earlier this morning my companion set out towards home. I tarried until betwixt 10 and 11 o'clock, and then I set out Simeon Hunter accompanied me

about 2 miles and then return'd, I came Ledsham to Castleford were I called to see Arthur Feetham who had newly taken a house in this village and set up in business. I stopt about 2 hours and din'd; before we arose from the Table I had a pretty long Testimony to bear to him from Mark C: 10. v: 20. Jesus beholding him, loved him. It was a satisfactory visit. I came from hence to Normanton, Kathorp, and Heath to Wakefield, were I stopt about 2 hours, drunk Tea at John Robinsons, and went to see the new Meetinghouse, which is now got fitted up so that friends have met in it sometime, It is a large commodious house, conveniently situated for the Town and will contain a great number of People. William Awmack set me out of Town near 2 miles and then return'd; I got to Dirtcar betwixt 7 and 8 o'clock, were I lodg'd at Christopher Walkers.

On the 28th. and 7th. of week, I Breakfasted at William Pickards, left Dirtcar about 8 o'clock, and came to Crigglestone, were I called to see my Uncle Joseph Houghs and George Earnshaws stopt at both places about 2 hours, and then came by Bretton and Parkmill to Skelmanthorp, din'd at Charles Blackburns, and afterwards sat a little at Anthony Kinsleys, stopt that both houses upwards of 2 hours, and then came by Cumberworth home were I got about half past 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

An Account of my Journey to Brighthouse Monthly Meeting held near Huddersfield and a
Publick Meeting held at Cudworth in the 10th. Mo. 1805.

I set out from home ye. 18th. of ye. 10th. Mo. 1805 and 6th. day of the week about 7 o'clock in the morning, and went by Shepley, Woodsome.hall, and Almondbury to Huddersfield were I got a little before 10 o'clock, and took up with my quarters at Cousin Abraham Mallinsons. After getting Tea we proceeded to the Meetinghouse at Paddock or Parrack. The Meeting for Worship began at 11 o'clock, and there never having been a Monthly meeting held there before a considerable number of friends attended, yet I did not think the meeting large considering the great number of members belonging thereto; a few of other Societies came in, and upon the whole it was I thought a satisfactory time; the high and lofty were admonished the low and humble were encouraged, and the beloved youth encouraged and intreated to join in with the visitations of Truth. Christiana Hustler had a long testimony to bear therein first chiefly tending to gather the minds of the People into a true waiting state from a sensible feeling that good was near. Phebe Blakes next from Isai: C: 3. v. 16, 17. Because the daughters of Zion are haughty, and walk with stretched forth necks, and wanton eyes, walking, and mincing as they go, and making a tinkling with their feet. Therefore the Lord will smite with a scab the crown of the head of the daughter of Zion, and the Lord will discover their secret parts. Mary Ellis had a few words next. I had a short time next from Job C: 17. v: 14. I have said to corruption thou art my Father; to the worm thou art my Mother, and my sister. Sarah Hustler next 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, which shall not break my head. At the close of this meeting was held at the Meeting for discipline which is constituted of 6 Preparative Meetings viz. Leeds, Bradford, Brighthouse, Huddersfield, Todmorden and Gildersome. A great deal of business was before the meeting which was for the most part harmoniously conducted. William Hanson of Todmorden Mg. laid before this his intentions of Marriage with Elizabeth Binns a member of Marsden Mo. meeting in Lancashire. Both meetings held near 5 hours. From hence I return'd to my cousins were I lodg'd.

On 19th. and 7th. of week, I left Huddersfield betwixt 9 and 10 o'clock in the forenoon and proceeded to Dalton were I called at Joshua Woods an intimate acquaintance of mine stopt near an hour and got some Rum and Water then went by Kirkheaton and Mirfield to Dewsbury were I got about 1 o'clock, Din'd at William Wass's drunk Tea at Morrith Matthews's, and Supp'd and lodg'd at George Breareys.

On 20th. and 1st. of week, I left Dewsbury about 9 o'clock in the morning, George Brearey accompanying me by the way of Ossett to Wakefield, the meeting there began at 11 o'clock were I unexpectedly met with our valuable friend Isabella Harris from Ackworth. The day being very fine friends pretty generally attended and a few of other Societies came in. I had a pretty long testimony to bear first from Matt C: 12. v: 33. Make the tree good, and his fruit good. and afterwards Isabella Harris from Job: C: 29. v. 2, 3. Oh that I were as in the months past, as in the days when God preserved me. When his candle shined upon my head, and when by his light I walked through darkness. At the close of this meeting was their Preparative meeting. Both meetings held 2 hours and a half. After which I din'd at John Robinsons; and betwixt 3 and 4 o'clock I left Wakefield; William Awmack accompanied me to Dircar, got there betwixt 4 and 5 o'clock were I lodg'd actor Christopher Walkers but after Tea William Awmack return'd home

On 21st. and 2nd. of week I set out about half past 8 o'clock in the morning for our Monthly meeting to be held at Burton, went by Chapelthorp, Hallgreen, Notton, Royston and Carlton, go there in time to the meeting which began at 11 o'clock; It was large the house being very full John Bottomley had a pretty long testimony to bear therein 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 the meeting for discipline the business of which was amicably conducted: our last Mo. meeting having adjourn'd to Ackworth for the purpose of accommodating Isaac Payne a member of Tottenham Mo. meeting in Middlesex and Sarah White of Ackworth meeting, with laying their intentions of taking each other in marriage before it. They were cleared from all other engagements in this meeting and left at liberty to accomplish theirs when they and Ackworth friends saw meet. At the close of the business I inform'd the meeting with a concern that that had been some time on my mind to have an opportunity of setting with some of the inhabitants of this neighbourhood, with which divers friends express'd their unity to my humbling encouragement and the meeting left me at liberty to proceed as way opened. I din'd at John Wilsons Country.house, drunk Tea with Elizabeth Dunn of Barnsley, and after Tea many friends being present we had a satisfactory opportunity together in which I have several communications to drop. From hence George Brearey and me went to Isabella Bashforths were we supp'd and lodg'd.

On 22nd. and 3rd. of week, early this morning John Bottomley and Thomas Walker Haigh set out for Cudworth were Samuel Laver assisted them in procuring a place and giving notice to the inhabitants of that village and Shafton of the meeting intended to be held there this evening. This morning we Breakfasted with William Gant, and about 11 o'clock left Barnsley in company with George Brearey and Thomas Yeardeley, we went by Burton grange to Samuel Laver of Woodnook near Cudworth were we din'd and drunk Tea. Friends consulting with some of the principal inhabitants about the most suitable time for the meeting to begin they proposed half past 6, accordingly it was appointed for that time, and held in the house of John Bamford a man of considerable property who freely gave it up for that service. It was very convenient for the occasion three large rooms opening into each other, which were all pretty well filled, and the Gallery fixed in the middle room. There never having been a meeting of friends here before in the remembrance of any it was very large the inhabitants of the beforementioned villages generally attending It proved a season of remarkable favour, the word of the Lord had free course and was glorified, many were much broken and tendered; and an awful solemnity appeared to cover the whole. I had a very long testimony to bear therein from Acts C: 19. v. 2, 3, 4. Have ye received the Holy.Ghost since ye believed? and they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy.Ghost. And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptised? And they said unto Johns Baptism. Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the People, That they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus John Bottomley was next concerned in Prayer. I had a pretty long time next from Rom: C: 11. v: 33. O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable

are his judgments, and his ways past finding out. After which John Bottomley express'd our obligation to the People for favouring us with their company and our satisfaction with their commendable behaviour concluded with briefly observing his desire that as it had been a season of peculiar favour unto all, that those who were at a distance might experience a being brought near. The Meeting held 2 hours and a half. John Bamford and his Brother William were exceeding kind express'd their satisfaction with having the meeting in their house, did all in their Power to accommodate it, and the friends who attended, was very pressing upon me to lodge with them, but I was previously engaged. John Bottomley and George Brearey slept there but after I had got a little suitable refreshment I went with dear Timothy Sykes (a Brother I hope though under a different Name) to his house at Shafton, were I lodgd and met with a very kind reception; we slept together, and had some Private and I hope profitable conversation upon some important subjects.

On 23rd. and 4th. of the week I left Shafton betwixt 8 and 9 o'clock in the morning, George Sykes set me a little on my way and then returned, I came by Carlton to Joseph Smiths of Carr green work John Bottomley and me had appointed to meet, stopt there about an hour and got some refreshment then we came by Darton, Kexbro' and Hoyland to Cousin Joseph Steads of Toppett were we din'd, stopt about an hour, then came by Bagden and Dikeside, called with John Bottomley at his house at Wood, were I rested me a little and got home about 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

An Account of my Journey to a Public Meeting held at Mapplewell in the 10th. Mo. 1805.

After the meeting at Cudworth not feeling fully clear of the inhabitants of this part and Mapplewell being pointed out to me as the right place for a meeting the first day following. John Bottomley went down the day before who with the assistance of Joseph Smith procured the place and gave notice to the inhabitants in the country around. I set out from home ye. 27th. and ye. 10th. Mo. 1805 and 1st. day of the week about half past 10 o'clock in the forenoon having my beloved friend Joseph Grayham for my companion this Journey. We got an early dinner and then proceeded by Dykeside, Bagden, Hoyland, Kexbro', and Darton to Mapplewell were we got to the Sign of Wentworth.arms about half past 2 o'clock; met with several friends there whom I was very glad to see; we got a little refreshment before the meeting which began at half past 3 o'clock and was held in the Dissenting Methodists Meetinghouse, they freely offering it for the service and refused to take anything for the lent thereof. It would contain 500 People and was very full 3 or 4 Methodist Preachers were there. I entered under the roof in an exceeding stripped poor state of mind being ready to sink under the weight of discouragement which I felt when I saw the multitude but endeavouring to get into the place of true waiting my heart was replenished with that perfect love which casteth out all fear, and we were favoured with a glorious meeting. I had a very long testimony to bear therein first from Rev: C: 20. v: 12. I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were open; and another book was open, which is the book of life; and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books according to their works. John Bottomley was next concerned in Prayer. After which a very solemn time of silence ensued, which was interrupted a little by some People going out thought I suppose the meeting was over; Whereupon I found a concern to stand up and inform them the meeting was not over and expressed my sorrow that the solemnity thereof had been hurt by People going out briefly observing that acceptable Worship to Almighty God did not begin with the Publick exercise in a meeting; neither did it end when that was over, but was many times continued in a state of solemn awful silence, I therefore requested the People to endeavour to be still until the meeting broke up in an orderly manner, which was duly complied with; and an awful solemnity again appeared to overshadow the whole. At the close of the meeting which held near 2 hours, I acknowledged our obligation to the People for favouring us with

the company; and our satisfaction with their behaviour in general desiring that as I believed it had been a profitable time to many the Lord alone might have the glory, and under the precious influence of Gospel Love bade them all Farewel. We return to the Inn with several other friends, George Pickering a kind inhabitant of this place followed us, we drunk Tea together, paid 8d a piece, and about half past 6 o'clock set out towards home in company with John Bottomley. Our beloved friends Thomas Dixon Walton and John Yeardeley set us on our way as far as Darton and then return'd, we came by Kexbro', Hoyland, Toppett, and Dykeside home, well we got about quarter before 10 in the evening, having been assisted from Hoyland with a Lanthorn and Candle which we left there as we went; Joseph Grayham stopt all night and slept with me.

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An Account of my Journey to an intended Publick Meeting at Bretton in ye. 11th. Mo. 1805.

Under my concern as expressed to our last Monthly Meeting, where I had the full unity and approbation of the friends of said meeting to proceed therein as way might open; and feeling my mind particularly drawn towards the inhabitants of Bretton a place where they were very much Strangers to friends. I had a conference with several friends upon the subject when it was proposed to hold a meeting there ye. 7th. of ye. 11th. Mo. and 5th. day of the week in the evening if a place could be obtained. Accordingly John Bottomley and Morrith Matthews met at the Inn in the said village in the forenoon of that day to procure a place, and give notice to the People. They were very cordially received by the inhabitants who expressed their thankfulness that they were likely to be favoured with such a visit, but inform'd them no one durst open the door for such a service without leave could be first obtained of Colonel Beaumont and his Lady who resided at the Hall near the village, and the whole Township was their property; and that this must be done thro' the medium of one Wood their Steward who was reported to be well disposed towards friends. They looked at the School which was a large commodious place and readily obtained leave of the Master who added he would freely

lend them all the assistance in his Power. They then went to the Hall, but both the Colonel and his Lady, and their Steward were from home, and would not return until evening: they then concluded no meeting could be held that day accordingly Morritt Matthews returned to meet the friends who were coming from Dewsbury, and John Bottomley us from Highflatts Meeting. I set out the same morning after Breakfast having been so reduced with the exercise about this meeting, and some others which came upon me at the same time, together with some indisposition of body, that I had slept very little for four nights before, and was very weak and low both in body and mind called John Pickfords of Park to be shaved, left very little before 10 o'clock in the forenoon and went by Cumberworth to Skelmanthorp where I sat about 1 hour at Anthony Kinsleys and got some Rum and Water then proceeded to Charles Blackburns where I din'd and tarried until half past 3 o'clock, then set out for Bretton Charles proposing to accompany me, before we got halfway thither, we met with John Bottomley who inform'd us how things were. We then stood upwards of an hour considering what was best to be done, I durst not even look back towards home, several things were proposed and considered, at length something opened in my mind, I desired them to return, and I preceding by Parkmill, Bretton and Crigglestone to Christopher Walkers of Dirtcar knowing that he was intimate with the Steward of Brettonhall where I got about 7 o'clock in the evening and tarried there all night. I informed Christopher what I was about, and what the friends had done, He made no doubt of obtaining leave for a meeting next evening and proposed riding over in the morning which felt very pleasant to me.

On 8th. and 6th. of week, This morning I arose after an entire sleepless night from the weight of exercise attending me, Christopher Walker got of early and return'd about 10 o'clock when he inform'd me, That he readily met with the Steward but did not meet in him with that heartiness in the cause which he expected, however he told him he could not give him an answer until his Master and Mistress arose which would not be long. At the time they went to the Butler who inform'd them that two of our friends had had an interview with his Mistress the evening before who had told them she wish'd to consult her Husband who was not return'd home before she gave an Answer, The Butler then went in with the message, and quickly return'd with the following Answer, That they had conferr'd together, and were not free to give liberty for a Meeting to be held. I then felt quite easy to return home. Friends had done all in their Power to procure a Meeting, I had offered myself and felt the will was accepted, Yet I felt much for the inhabitants who had been very far from objecting the offered mercy and sincerely desired the Lord may continue the visitations of his Love to them who can carry on his own work either immediately or instrumentally as he who is perfect in wisdom may see meet. and who can even bless this heavy exercise, labour, and disappointment to the furtherance of his own work in that part. I now took my leave of my kind friends here, called at William Pickards sat a little and got some Rum and Water, left Dirtcar about 11 o'clock weak in body through loss of sleep and appetite, but much better in mind, came by Crigglestone, Bretton, and Parkmill to Skelmanthorp where I din'd at Charles Blackburns, stopt upwards of an hour, then called out Anthony Kinsleys sat a little there and then preceded by Cumberworth home where I got betwixt 3 and 4 o'clock in the afternoon. My old respected servants Henry and Elizabeth Marsden came and spent the evening with me of whose company I was very glad, and betwixt 8 and 9 o'clock my beloved friend Joseph Grayham came and stopt all night and slept with me. He is yet at times overtaken with some weakness, but I believe desirous that the better part may get uppermost; may the Lord strengthen him, for I oftens feel desirous for his welfare every way.

An Account of my Journey to a Meeting at Barnsley in ye. 11th. Mo. 1805.

Intending for our Monthly Meeting to be held at Wakefield and to take the Meeting at Barnsley in my way, I left home ye. 17th. of ye. 11th. Mo. 1805 and 1st. day of the week

between 12 and 1 o'clock went by Dykeside to Dakinbrook were I rested me a little at Joseph Ingrams and then proceeded by Cawthorne to Barnsley were I got betwixt 3 and 4 o'clock in the afternoon, drunk Tea at Penelope Dunns were I tarried until 5 o'clock At which time them Meeting began, they having altered the hours since I was here before much for the better, It was held as usual at Isabella Bashforths, were I supp'd and lodg'd. There was 12 attended beside myself, and tho' I had been extremely low, yet this proving an open good meeting, it much relieved my poor depressed mind. I had a long testimony to bear therein from Isai: C: 41. v. 6, 7. They helped every one his neighbour; and every one said to his Brother, be of good courage. So the carpenter encouraged the goldsmith, and he that smoothed with the hammer him that smote the anvil, saying, it is ready for the sodering, and he fastened it with nails that it should not be moved. After which I was concerned in Prayer. The Meeting held 2 hours. After supper I went and sat a little with Thomas Dixon Walton in his room took a Glass of wine and then dear John Yeardley return'd with me and stopt all night to sleep with me.

On 18th. and 2nd. of week, I left Barnsley betwixt 6 and 7 o'clock in the morning my beloved friend Thomas Dixon Walton accompanying me to Wakefield, we went by Staincross, Woolley, and Hollingthorpe to Painthorp were we breakfasted at Mary Cudworths, stopt upwards of an hour and then proceeded to Chapelthorpe to Wakefield, sat a little at John Robinsons and then went to the Meeting which began at 11 o'clock, and was the first Monthly Meeting held in the new Meetinghouse, It was large, and altho' it was attended with very close and heavy labour, yet strength being afforded to discharge the duty required, it was a good meeting and ended comfortably. John Bottomley had a pretty long testimony therein first from Psalms 133. v. 1, 2. Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in Unity. It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aarons beard; that went down to the skirts of his garments. I had a long time next from Judg: C: 5. v: 16. For the divisions of Rueben there were great searchings of heart. Isabella Harris next from Numb: C: 11. v: 29. Enviest thou for my sake? would God that all the Lords People were Prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit upon them. John Bottomley was next concerned in Prayer. At the close of this meeting was the meeting for discipline, the business of which was agreeably conducted. Both meetings held 3 hs. and a half. After which I din'd with several other friends at the Swan with two necks in Westgate paid 1s 4d a piece eating and 7d and a half Liquor. Left Wakefield betwixt 4 and 5 o'clock in company with John Bottomley, Henry Marsden, William Wass, and George Brearey had a pleasant walk together by Ossett to Dewsbury were we got about 6 o'clock in the evening, drunk Tea at Morritt Matthews's, and afterwards I went to sup at George Breareys were I lodg'd, and the other friends at William Wass's, they intending for Huddersfield market the next morning.

On 19th. and 3rd. of week, I breakfasted at William Wass's, and betwixt 9 and 10 o'clock left Dewsbury and came by Thornhill and Mugmill to Flockton, were I called to see James Field, whilst I was set there Thomas Healey his neighbour came in, the man who wrote to me after the meeting held in this village, requesting another, he seemed much pleased to see me, took me with him to his house and insisted on me dining with him. After dinner J Herby the Independent Preacher came in, Thomas inform'd him who I was, he expressed his pleasure with seeing me, renewed the offer of his Chapel for a Meeting if either me or any of my friends should be drawn to visit them again was very open and free in conversation, and I was much pleased with his company. I spent betwixt 2 and 3 hours in Flockton, and then came to the Mill were I stopt a little at Cousin Alexander Hampshires, then came by Emley to Skelmanthorp that I rested me a little at Anthony Kinsleys, came by Cumberworth home were I got about 4 o'clock; found my valuable and much esteemed friend William Midgley from near Rochdale in Lancashire there, who had been at our Monthly meeting, and was come to spend a few days with me. I was much pleased with his company Also with my beloved friend Joseph Grayham who came down early in the evening, supp'd with us, said his lessons and stopt all night and slept with me.

An Account of my Journey to a Publick Meeting held at Higham in the 11th. Mo. 1805.

Under my present concern of visiting the inhabitants in the neighbourhood of Burton, I found my mind drawn towards the People of Higham and the neighbourhood thereof, accompanied with a concern to have a Meeting there. John Bottomley went before to prepare the way, and he, and Thomas Dixon Walton had the care of providing the place and giving notice to the People. I set out from home the same morning the meeting was held, the place being only about 7 miles from my house; My worthy friend William Midgley from near Rochdale in Lancashire having been several days on a visit to me, was inclined to attend this meeting, and after it go to Huddersfield the same evening, and my beloved friend William Taylor accompanied him on horseback, dear Joseph Grayham was my acceptable companion this journey he left Birdsedge the night before, and proposed stopping with me until he went to Denby where he was hired for the ensuing year. We set out a little past 7 o'clock in the morning on ye. 24th. of ye. 11 Mo. 1805 and 1st. day of the week, went by Dikeside and Dakinbrook to Cawthorne, where William Midgley and William Taylor had let their horses at an Inn, and ordered their dinner to be ready after meeting, From thence they walked with us, to Higham, at Barnby.furnace our beloved friends Thomas Dixon Walton, and John Yeardley met us and conducted us to John Sellers in the said village we got there about half past 9 o'clock where we got some refreshment we had brought with us from home John Sellers was a Class.Leader in the Methodist Society but attending the Publick meeting held a few weeks ago at Mapplewell, he said he was there convinced of the Truth, it powerfully opening in his mind. These people are to be thy People; Their God thy God; and where they go thou must go. Since which he hath attended friends meetings at Burton. The Meeting was held in a Barn belonging to Richard Longley. It began at 10 o'clock, and I thought betwixt 2 and 300 People attended which was full as many as could be expected, the notice only extending to this village, Barugh, and the inhabitants scattered around, most of whom were very much Strangers to friends their Principles and manner of Worship. It proved a very remarkable favoured Meeting I had a very long testimony to bear therein first from 1 John C: 3. v: 8. He that committeth sin is of the Devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. for this purpose the Son of God was manifested that he might destroy the works of the devil. John Bottomley was next concerned in Prayer. After which I had to acknowledge our satisfaction with the company and very commendable behaviour of the People, requesting them as it had been a time of extraordinary favour to keep under an humbling sense thereof, and not hurt themselves by entering hastily into conversation, and as they might probably have heard something advanc'd different from what they had been used to do, I recommended them to follow the example of the Bereans in searching the Scriptures and seeing if these things are not so, and then in the love of the Gospel bade them all Farewell. The Meeting held upwards of 2 hours. After which John Bottomley Thomas Dixon Walton, John Yeardley, Joseph Grayham and myself return'd to John Sellers where we got a very comfortable dinner which our friends in Barnsley had provided and brought with them After dinner we had a religious opportunity in this family very much to our satisfaction; in which I had a pretty long testimony to bear from John C: 16. v: 12. I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. and afterwards John Bottomley from Isai: C: 26. v: 3. Thou will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee; because he trusteth in thee. The head of this family I believe is thoroughly shaken, and I sincerely desire that Power may continue to shake until nothing remain but that which cannot be moved, I feel much for him it will be hard work to give up all, and been nothing but what he is immediately from God. The People appear very much afraid of losing in which makes it hard work for him, they setting before him his great services among them. But poor man I believe if he is preserved alive, he is sensible he must leave all may the most highly be pleased so to strengthen as his obedience may keep pace with the knowledge he is and may be favoured with. We left here betwixt 2 and 3 o'clock in the afternoon in company with John Bottomley, Thomas Dixon Walton and John Yeardeleys set us on our way to Barnby.furnace and then return'd. We came by

Cawthorne to Dakinbrook were we rested about half an hour at Joseph Ingrams, and then came by Dykeside home were we got about 5 o'clock found Samuel Woodhead of Foulstone at my house who stopt Tea with us and then set out for home, but my beloved friend Joseph Grayham tarried and slept with me, he making my house is home for a few days. At 7 o'clock in the evening was our family sitting which held near an hour and was a precious opportunity, After reading I had a short testimony to bear from John C: 13. v: 23. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples if ye have love one to another. Thus ended a day of remarkable favour to the encouragement of my poor drooping mind, who am not worthy of the least of the Lords mercies, but his compassionate regard fails not.

An Account of my Journey to a Meeting at Rochdale in Lancashire etc. in the 1st. Mo. 1806.

There having been several persons convinced of the Truth of our religious principles in the Town and Neighbourhood of Rochdale in Lancashire; and some friends removing from other parts and settling there; The Monthly meeting of Marsden agreed for them to hold a meeting in a friends house in Rochdale on the fifth day of the week, which meeting was established and the first held in the 9th. Mo. 1805. As the Lord had been pleased to make me instrumental in his hand to the convincement of some of them; from the time of the meeting being first settled, I had found my mind drawn to visit it; and my beloved scholar Joseph Grayham who inclining to accompany me, he obtained leave of his employer, and was my very acceptable companion this journey. Most of the week before we left home it was remarkable stormy, and the day before the weather was so boisterous, that several friends said it was not at all likely to think of going; however I could not help thinking but we must go at the time proposed and that we should have a favourable journey. In the evening there came on a perfect hurricane of wind and Snow which damaged several houses, and in the height of this storm my dear companion came from Denby to my house to be ready for our journey the next morning; he was very much spent with coming, but I took the best care in my Power of him, and I hope he did not suffer further than being much fatigued. On 11th. of 1st. Mo. 1806, we arose early being the 7th. day of the week it was a clear frosty morning, the wind settled, and it proved a very fine day. We set out between 6 and 7 o'clock, went by Newmill and Thong to Meltham were we stopt upwards of half an hour at the Shoulder of mutton and got some refreshment we brought with us from my house and 1 Quart of ale paid 6d and then preceded by Holthead and Marsden to Mount were we din'd of our Provisions at an Inn the Sine of some great Mans arms and got some Liquor paid 9d and then proceeded over Standish into Saddleworth and by Delpth to Shaw in Lancashire; got there to our friend Samuel Gandys betwixt 3 and 4 o'clock in the afternoon, while we sat a little and got some refreshment, and then went to James Taylors in the same village to Tea will be lodg'd.

On 12th. and 1st. of week we was at Oldham meeting, went a little before the time, and met with two choice young men in the burial.ground from Royton who are under convincement I was glad to see them observing in their countenances the mark of whose followers they are; they have attended this meeting duly a considerable time, and appear very hopeful; their names are Miles Meadowcroft and Hugh Grimshaw, the former is married and the latter single, and is the son of a Priest of the Church of England. The meeting began at 11 o'clock, it was larger friends, and a few others came in, I sat the forepart thereof in a very low suffering state, but Truth prevailed and gradually arose into considerable dominion, many being much broken and tendered. I had a very long testimony to bear therein from Rom: C: 12. v: 2. Being not conformed to this world; but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God. At the close of this meeting was held their Preparative meeting, in which I had a short exhortation to drop to the youth. Both meetings held 2 hours and a half. After which we return'd to James Taylors to dine in company with several friends, and after dinner went by Crompton to

William Midgley of Buersell in company with William and James Midgley, Jonathan Haworth, and William Taylor got there to Tea were we took up our quarters for the two succeeding nights, William Taylor called with us and stopt until Bedtime and George Conway and his Wife came and spent the evening with us.

On 13th. and 2nd. of week, In the afternoon we went to Rochdale to see the market in company with William Midgley and James Taylor my companion and me having a little business in the Town, we met by appointment again with William Midgley at our friend Jacob Brights were we drunk Tea, and stopt until about 6 o'clock in the evening, and then return'd to Buersell. At Table before supper I was concerned supplication.

On 14th. and 3rd. of week, Being desirous to attend the week.day meeting at Todmorden, we left Buersell betwixt 10 and 11 o'clock in the forenoon, and went to Rochdale were we din'd at James Midgley's, and betwixt 2 and 3 o'clock in the afternoon, dear William Taylor favouring us with his company (as he did the remainder of our stay in these parts which was truly acceptable) we went by Smallbridge and Gauxholme to Samuel Greenwoods of Longfield in Yorkshire got there about 5 o'clock were we took up our quarters; after Tea Samuel Greenwood accompanied us to Susanna Sutcliffes of Todmorden were we stopt about 2 hours and then return'd to supper.

On 15th. and 4th. of the week, was at their meeting at Shoebroad near Todmorden which began at 11 o'clock and held upwards of 2 hours, It was larger than I expected friends pretty generally attending, and upon the whole it was a pretty satisfactory meeting; I had a long testimony to bear therein from Psalms 8. v. 4. What is man that thou art mindful of him? and the son of God that thou visiteth him? After dinner we left Longfield about 3 o'clock and return'd by Gauxholme and Smallbridge to James Midgley's of Wardleworth in Rochdale were we got betwixt 5 and 6 o'clock in the evening, and took up our quarters there during the remainder of our stay in Lancashire. After Tea we had a favoured opportunity together, in which I was opened and had to speak in a particular manner to every state present addressing them individually by name and after a short time in silence had a general exhortation to the whole. and at Table before supper I was concerned in supplication.

On 16 and 5th. of week was at the Meeting in Rochdale which began at 10 in the forenoon and was held in the dwelling house of Jacob Bright (but they are making preparations for building a Meetinghouse in the town) which I believe will be of use, several appearing to be under convincement and have begun to attend meetings since I was this way before. There was 24 besides my companion and me at Meeting to day, and I suppose there would have been more but for the very heavy rain that fell last night, which caused a very great flood that did much damage, and made it extremely difficult for the friends on the opposite side of the river to get, the water being deep in the streets about the bridge and in many houses. It was an eminently favoured meeting. I had a long testimony to bear therein first from Luke C: 20. v: 18. Whosoever shall fall upon that stone shall be broken; but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder. Afterwards I had a pretty long time to the youth from Rom: C: 1. v: 16. I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ; for it is the power of God unto salvation. The meeting held about 2 hours. After which we din'd at Jacob Brights; and after dinner we went to look thro' their cotton factory in which about 200 hands are employed; The many different kinds of machinery at work was a curiosity to us who had seen nothing of the kind before. From hence we went about 2 miles out of Town to Jonathan Howarths of Meadowcroft a friend who was lately removed from Haslingden thither, stopt several hours and drunk Tea there, being pleased with our visit to this family and in the evening return'd to our quarters.

On 17th. and 6th. of week, Robert Entwistle a young man whose Father is Justice of Peace, and resides at Foxholes a pretty mansion near this Town, being Apprentice with James Midgley; We took a walk to see the place this afternoon, The Gardener contacted us through the Gardens and Plantations which are beautiful with curious winding walks seats and grass platts, shewed us the hothouses and Greenhouse in which are many curious and rare plants. In the evening John Milns came to see us, and after supper we had a precious parting

opportunity with our beloved friends now present in which I had a long testimony to bear from Jude: v: 3 Earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints. and afterwards had another testimony addressed to the young men from John C: 11. v: 28. The master is come, and calleth for thee.

On 18 and 7th. of week, We left Rochdale a little past 7 o'clock in the morning; our kind friend William Midgley sent his single horse Chaise to convey us over Blackstonedge which was a great favour to us, Joseph Grayham was the driver and managed very well we went by Smallbridge and Littlebro' to the Sign of the Whitehart at Dysonlane near Ripponden in Yorkshire 10 miles, got there a little before John Fothergill, William Midgleys apprentice who walkt, to take the carriage back; he is a pretty youth, and very kind; we got Tea together paid 1s a piece, stopt about 1 hour, and then we proceeded, it began to rain just when we set out and continued all the remaining part of the day, accompanied with high wind, but being on our backs we got better on than might have been expected, came by Ripponden and Outlanes to Lindley were we stopt upwards of an hour at Thomas Firths were we din'd; then came by Huddersfield and Almondbury to Kirkburton were we called at my beloved companion Joseph Grayham Mothers, stopt about 1 hour and drunk Tea, and then came by Shepley to my house were we got a little past 7 o'clock in the evening. William Taylor inform'd us that Henry Marsdens Wife of Haddenley was delivered of a Son and daughter on 4th. day ye. 15th. Inst. who were called Isaac and Rebecca, but she being long before the usual time Rebecca died this morning and was to be buried at Highflatts tomorrow and that Isaac did not appear likely to survive long.

On 19th. and 1st. of week we was at our meeting at Highflatts which to me was solid and satisfactory being held in silence. Joseph Grayham return'd with me to dinner, and spent the afternoon in improving in his learning. After Tea he set out for Denby, and I towards our Monthly meeting to be held next day at Wakefield, we went down our fields together were we parted, I going by Cumberworth to Skelmanthorp were I got about 6 in the evening and lodg'd at Charles Blackburns.

On 20th. and 2nd. of week, This morning my beloved friend John Pickford of Park called upon me and accompanied me to Wakefield we left Skelmanthorp a little past 7 o'clock and went by Park mill and Bretton to Crigglestone were we stopt about half an hour and got some refreshment at my Uncle Joseph Houghs, then preceded by Sandal to Wakefield were we got about 11 o'clock, just in time to the meeting, being very wet it having rained fast all the way, in which situation we sat the meeting, yet do not know that I suffered much from it. The meeting was larger than I expected considering the weather. Our worthy friend William Sowerby from Richmond Mo. meeting was there, who had a pretty long and acceptable testimony to bear from Ex: C: 32. v: 26. Who is on the Lord side. At the close of this meeting was the meeting for discipline, the business of which was amicably conducted. Both meetings held near 4 hours. After which I din'd at John Robinsons, and about 4 o'clock left Wakefield in company with my dear friends Thomas Dixon Walton and John Yeardley of Barnsley, we came together about 2 miles and then parted, I coming to Christopher Walkers of Dircar to Tea, got there about 5 o'clock were I lodg'd.

On 21st. and 3rd. of week, Having been for some time desirous of procuring a few Books, An account of Margaret Lucas convincement to give away, I had applyed to several friends without effect; But meeting here with a small parcel and a Letter from my friend Samuel Stonehewer of Macclesfield in Cheshire, on opening the parcel I was agreeably surprized to find it contained 3 of the Books I so much wanted, whereupon I concluded to dispose of them before I went home. After Breakfast I called and sat a little William Pickards and got some Rum and Water, then proceeded to Painthorp were I din'd at Mary Cudworths and a little past 1 o'clock set forward on my Journey the day being fine had a pleasant walk by Chapelthorp, Woolley, and Staincross to Barnsley were I got between 3 and 4 o'clock. Here I met with the pleasing intelligence of some friends of my late exercising visit in these parts; that John Sellers and William Baildon have appeared more settled, and attended friends meetings since. I drunk Tea with Elizabeth Dunn; and then went to Thomas Dixon Waltons

room to see him and John Yeardley soon after I got there William Baildon came in; he is a choice youth about 18 years of age, and has been under a religious exercise of mind for several years, avoiding unprofitable company and seeking after solitude and retirement, he is of a considerable family in the world and has many Rich relations, that I apprehend he will have much to pass thro' if he is faithful. I gave him one of the Books. With these three young man I had a precious opportunity in which I had a pretty long testimony to bear from Rev: C: 2. v: 10. Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give the crown of life. After getting a little Rum and Water here I went to sup at Isabella Bashforths, were I lodg'd, and dear John Yeardley came to sleep with me.

On 22nd. and 4th. of week, After Breakfast I called at dear Thomas Dixon Waltons were I got a glass of Wine, left Barnsley betwixt 10 and 11 o'clock, he accompanied me about 3 miles and then return'd, we called John Sellers of Higham, but he was not at home; his Wife informed us that he acquainted his Class last week, he could not be their Leader any longer; and the night before the meeting falling in course at their house, he left home during the time it was held. I left him another of the Books. We stopt about half an hour, and then proceeded, I came to Cawthorne were I stopt about 1 hour at Thomas Wests got some refreshment, then proceeded to my cousin Joseph Steads of Toppett were I stopt about 2 hours and drunk Tea, I then came by Denby, but not meeting with Joseph Grayham for whom I had reserved the other Book, I was obliged to omit giving it him until another opportunity, and came to John Bottomleys of Wood were I stopt half an hour, and got home between 6 and 7 o'clock in the evening.

An Account of my Journey to a Meeting at Barnsley in the 2nd. Mo. 1806

My mind being drawn to attend the Preparative meeting at Burton, and the meeting at Barnsley in my way to our Monthly meeting to be held at Wakefield, I set out from home ye. 16th. of ye 2nd. Mo. 1806 and 1st. day of the week a little past 7 o'clock in the morning, my beloved friend Joseph Grayham who came to my house the evening before and tarried all night and slept with me, accompanied me to Denby in his return home; I called a little at Joseph Ingrams of Dakinbrook who accompanied me to Burton we went by Cawthorne to Joseph Smiths of Carrgreen were we stopt a little and got some refreshment, then proceeded to Burton were we got just in time to the Meeting, which was in a good degree favoured. I had a pretty long testimony to bear therein from 1 Thes: C: 1. v: 5, 6. Our Gospel came not unto you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy ghost, and in much assurance; as ye know what manner of men we were among you for your sake. And ye became followers of us and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Ghost. At the close of this meeting was their Preparative meeting, None of the committee beside myself attending there to day. Both meetings held upwards of 2 hours. After which I went to Barnsley and din'd with Thomas Walker Haigh, and drunk Tea with Elizabeth Dunn were John Sellers met me who had been at home to dine and return'd to attend the meeting this evening, which was held as usual at the Widow Bashforths, and began at 5 o'clock, It was a time of favour I was first concerned therein in supplication, and afterwards had two pretty long testimonies to bear The first 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 happened unto you. and the other from Luke C: 22. v. 31, 32. Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you that he may sift you as wheat: But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not; and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren. After which I had a few words more. The meeting held 2 hours. I then accompanied John Sellers a little out of Town on his way home, and return'd two Isabella Bashforths to supper were I lodg'd and dear John Yeardley came to sleep with me.

On 17th. and 2nd. of week I left Barnsley in company with Thomas Walker Haigh about half past 7 o'clock in the morning, went by Newmillerdam where we breakfasted at Malt.Shovel, Paid 9d a piece stopt near an hour and then preceded by Milthorp and Sandal to Wakefield, where we went directly to the meeting, which was large of friends and a few others came in, We were favoured with the company of our friends Ann Crowley and Susanna Horne from the County of Middlesex who had very acceptable service therein. Ann Crowley had a very long and encouraging testimony to bear first from Matt: C: 13. v: 37. What I say unto you, I say unto all, Watch. After which Susanna Horne had a pretty long time, having suitable counsel to drop relating to the necessity there was to seek after divine qualifications to enable us to transact the important affairs of the church with propriety, and keep things in the comely order of the Gospel. At the close of this meeting was held our Monthly meeting for discipline. The business of which was satisfactorily conducted The friends appointed to visit Samuel Coward of Burton meeting on his application to be united with friends, brought up a report to this meeting that they had paid him a second visit much to their satisfaction: He was accordingly accepted a member of our Society. Both meetings held 3 hours. After which I din'd with several other friends at the Swan with two necks in Westgate paid 1s 4d a piece eating and 4d Liquor; and a little before 4 o'clock left Wakefield in company with George Brearey and John Bottomley and John Haigh and went by Ossett to Dewsbury where we got betwixt 5 and 6 o'clock. I drunk Tea at Morrith Matthews's and supp'd and lodg'd at George Breareys

On 18th. and 3rd. of week I breakfasted at Morrith Matthews's, and din'd at William Wass's. Betwixt 2 and 3 o'clock in the afternoon I left Dewsbury and came by Thornhill, Mugmill and Flockton to my Cousin Alexander Hampshires of Flockton.mill where I stopt near 1 hour and a half and drunk Tea, then came by Emley to Skelmanthorp where I stopt a little at Anthony Kinsleys, and then came by Cumberworth home where I got about 8 o'clock in the evening. In the course of this journey, I had the agreeable intelligence that since our last Monthly meeting our friend Thomas Colley of Sheffield had had Publick Meetings at Chapelthorpe in a School, at Dewsbury in the Dissenting Methodist Meetinghouse, and at Flockton in the Independents Meetinghouse all which were large and satisfactory.

An Account of my Journey to a Publick Meeting held at Thurgoland in the 3rd. Mo. 1806.

Having a concern upon my mind to pay a religious visit to the inhabitants of Thurgoland and its vicinity; and having the unity and full approbation of my friends therein; I set out from home towards there, being about 7 miles distant ye. 2nd. of ye. 3rd. Mo.1806, and 1st. day of the week betwixt 7 and 8 o'clock in the morning and went to Denby where I stopt about half an hour at Ralph Swindens, of Joseph Grayham who was my acceptable companion this journey; we went by Gunthwaite, Hoylandswain and Oxspring to Thurgoland where we got about half past 10 o'clock to the Sine of the Green.dragon, where we met with Thomas Earnshaw of Judfield and John Bottomley who went the day before to prepare the place for the Meeting and given notice thereof. We got some refreshment at the Inn, and then went to the Meeting which began at 11 o'clock and held 2 hours It was in a School.room, which the Master gave up very freely and refused to take anything up for the lent thereof. The Dissenting Methodists made us an offer of their place which was larger than the School, and notwithstanding they had a Preacher come from some distance to pay them a visit he gave it up freely. We weighed the proposal but felt most easy to decline accepting the offer, nevertheless we properly acknowledged of their kindness. Our meeting was large the place being exceedingly crowded, notwithstanding the People generally stood, most of the seats being removed to make room, and many were without doors. It was a favoured solid satisfactory time, and the behaviour of the People was truly commendable, notwithstanding they were Strangers to us our principles and practice. John Bottomley had a short testimony therein first from Psalms 46. v: 10. Be

still, and know that I am God. I had a very long time next from John C: 3. v: 5. Except a man be born of water and the spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. John Bottomley was next concerning Prayer. I had a pretty long testimony next from Isai: C: 40. v. 6, 8, The voice said, cry, and he said, What shall I cry? All flesh is grass, and all the goodness thereof is as the flower of the field: The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever. At the close of the Meeting John Bottomley acknowledged our obligation to the People for favouring us with their company, and they're still solid and attentive behaviour, concluding with a suitable exhortation to them, when he sat down I immediately stood up, and in the love of the Gospel bade them all Farewel. We return'd to the Inn were we din'd, in company with the before mentioned friends and George Brearey of Dewsbury and Thomas Dixon Walton of Barnsley, we being all the members of our Society who attended and being nearly united we tarried together until near 3 o'clock, and then paid 1s 6d a piece eating and 4d Liquor. Left here in company with John Bottomley and Thomas Earnshaw and came to Penistone were we drunk Tea at our Worthy friend George Chapmans, stopt near 1 hour and a half then leaving Thomas Earnshaw there; we came to Denby were we left my companion Joseph Grayham, and I came on with John Bottomley to his house at Wood were I stopt near 1 hour and a half and then came home, were I got betwixt 8 and 9 in the evening, very weary, but with the sweet reward of Peace in mine own bosom.

An Account of my Journey to a Publick Meeting held at Huddersfield in the 3rd. Mo. 1806.

On ye. 1st. day of ye. 3rd. Mo. 1806, departed this life Cousin Benjamin Mallinson of Huddersfield, and was buried in friends Burial ground at Paddock near the said Town ye. 6th. of the same and 5th. day of the week aged about 38 years. I being invited attended the said Burial, left homely. 5th. and 4th. of the week about 3 o'clock in the afternoon in company with John Bottomley of Wood, we went to Shepley were we stopt a little at John Haighs I'm then proceeded to Thomas Bottomleys of Thursteland. Woodend were we drunk Tea, stopt about 1 hour and then went by Farnley, Newsom and Lockwood to Robert Kays of Laneend, got there betwixt 7 and 8 o'clock were we lodg'd.

On 6th. and 5th. of week. The invitation being for half past 8 o'clock we got to the house of the deceased in Huddersfield about the time, were we Breakfasted; Several ministring friends were invited and attended besides us, as James Haworth from Lancashire, Thomas Colley of Sheffield and Christiana and Sarah Hustler of Bradford meeting The corps was taken up about 10 o'clock and the meeting began at 11 and held about 2 hours and a half A great concourse of People attended in the burial ground and after the body was put in the grave Christiana Hustler had a pretty long testimony to bear from Eccle: C: 12. v: 7. Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was; and the spirit shall return to God who gave it. Afterwards we went into the Meetinghouse, which was well filled, but not crowded; a many of other Societies attending. James Haworth had a pretty long testimony to bear therein first from Am: C: 4. v: 12. Prepare to meet thy God, O Israel. Thomas Colley had a long time next from John C: 11. v. 25, 26. I am the resurrection and the life, he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live. And whosoever liveth, and believeth in me, shall never die. After meeting we returned to the Widows house were a dinner was provided for the Relations and friends who came at a distance. We all din'd together in a very large outer Room, before we arose from the Tables, we had a very solemn opportunity in which Sarah Hustler had a pretty long testimony to bear first from Luke C: 23. v: 28. Weep not for me, but weep for yourselves, and for your children. Christiana Hustler next from Matt: C: 5. v: 4. Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted. Thomas Colley next from John C: 16. v: 33. These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have Peace. This afternoon Thomas Colley informed me of his concern to have a Publick Meeting in this Town if a place could be procured; accordingly I called some of the friends of this meeting to us, when it was agreed to

appoint one for the next day in the evening and give notice thereof to the inhabitants. We many of us stopt Tea and supper here and at the Table after supper had an opportunity in which Sarah Hustler had a pretty long testimony to bear, principally addressed to the near Relatives of the deceased from Matt: C: 24. v: 44. Be ye also ready; for in such an hour as ye think not the son of man cometh. After which I went with Cousin Joseph Mallinson to his house at Longroidbridge were I lodg'd.

On 7th. and 6th. of week, After Breakfast I went to see some friends in the Town and gave notice to some of my acquaintance of the meeting in the evening, and then return'd to the bridge, having previously engaged to dine at John Fishers, were I met with all the friends who were Strangers. James Haworth set out for home before noon, but the Women friends stopt the meeting. After dinner at the Table, Christiana Hustler was concerned in Prayer. We spent the day very comfortably together until about 5 o'clock in the afternoon, and then went to Huddersfield and drunk Tea at cousin Abraham Mallinsons. At 6 in the evening the meeting began, It was held in the Methodists Meetinghouse, a very great concourse of People attended so that altho' the house was very large, it was much crowded; and was a memorable season of divine favour Thomas Colley had a very long testimony to bear therein from 1 Cor: 2. v. 3, 4, 5. 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: that your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God. I have been with this my endeared friend on very many publick occasions before, but never remember him standing so long at one time, nor I thought ever knew him so eminently favoured. Oh how did the stream of Life flow through this devoted servant to the solid satisfaction and refreshment of the heritage of God more particularly towards the close of his testimony, when he was led to revive the discourse of the Prophet Zachariah and the Angel as expressed in the following words. "Then answered I, and said unto him, What are these two olive trees, upon the right side of the candlestick, and upon the left side thereof? And I answered again, and said unto him, what be these two olive branches, which through the two golden pipes empty the golden oil out of themselves? And he answered me, and said, knowest thou not what these be and I said, No my lord. Then said he. These are the two anointed ones that stand by the Lord of the whole Earth." Upon which subject he was largely and beautifully opened and livingly and powerfully illustrated and applyed the same. The meeting held near 3 hours. At the close of which I expressed our obligation to the People for favouring us with their company, our satisfaction with their commendable behaviour and inform'd them the meeting was now over, concluding with a short exhortation. We went to Cousin Robert Firths well we supp'd, and after supper I return'd with Cousin Joseph Mallinson to lodge.

On 8th. and 7th. of week, After Breakfast I return'd to Huddersfield were I had to call at several places, Left the Town betwixt 9 and 10 o'clock in the forenoon and came by Almondbury to Kirkburton were I rested me a little at dear Joseph Grayham Mothers, then came by Shelley to John Pickfords of Park were I stopt a little and got home before 1 o'clock to dine.

An Account of my Journey to our Spring Quarterly Meeting held at Leeds in the 3rd. Mo. 1806.

Having being for sometime very much indisposed, so as to prevent my attendance at our last Mo. meeting, but being something better and feeling a desire to be at our ensuing Quarterly Meeting to be held at Leeds, altho' it was thought very unlikely for me to attempt it by many, and I thought I felt very unfit for such a journey myself, yet felt most easy to make tryal and set out from home ye. 24th. of ye. 3rd. Mo. 1806, about 8 o'clock in the morning, and went to John Bottomleys of Wood were I sat a little, and then went to Denby.mill were my beloved companion Joseph Grayham was, who left his business, and set me a little on my way. After

parting with him I went by Lower.Cumberworth to Skelmanthorp were I sat a little at Anthony Kinsleys, and then went to Charles Blackburns were I stopt several hours and din'd. Left Skelmanthorp a little past 2 o'clock in the afternoon and went my Emley to Flockton.mill were I rested me a little at my Cousin Alexander Hampshires, and then proceeded by Flockton, Mugmill and Thornhill to Dewsbury were I got betwixt 5 an 6 in the evening; drunk Tea at Morritt Matthews's and afterwards went to George Breareys were I lodg'd.

On 25th. and 3rd. of week I left Dewsbury a little past 8 o'clock in the morning George Brearey accompanied me several miles and then return'd, went by Batley and Bruntcliff to John Ellis's of Gildersome.School were I stopt near 3 hours and din'd then proceeded to Joseph Shackletons of Holbeck near Leeds were I took up my Quarters. Hitherto I had been better than I could have expected, but felt both days very much fatigued. At 5 in the evening began our Quarterly meeting for Ministers and Elders. The Queries were read and answers thereto from all our Mo. meetings in which such meetings are held, and a General Answer drawn up approv'd and Signed, in order to be laid before the Select Yearly Meeting. Also the advices to Ministers and Elders were read, and WilliamTuke, Mordecai Casson, Ann North and Susanna Clark were appointed to oversee the succeeding Meetings and advise as occasion may require The Meeting held upwards of 2 hours and a half .

On 26th. and 4th. of the week at 10 in the morning was a meeting for Worship which tho' mostly select of friends was large Ellin Cocken had a pretty long time in testimony therein first from Psalms 93. v: 4. The Lord on high is mightier than the noise of many waters, yea than the mighty waves of the sea. Henry Tuke 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. Christiana Hustler next from Psalms 110 v: 3. Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy Power. Ellin Cocken next from Isai: C: 4. v: 1. We will eat our own bread, and wear our own apparel; only let us be called by thy name, to take away our reproach. George Sanders a short time next from Prov: C: 16. v: 1. The preparations of the heart in man, and the answer of the tongue is from the Lord. John Hoyland next from Heb: C: 11. v: 6. He that cometh to God must believe that he is. Thomas Colley had a long time next from Isai: C: 33. v: 20. Look upon Zion the city of our solemnities; thine eyes shall see Jerusalem a quiet habitation, a tabernacle that shall not be taken down; not one of the stakes thereof shall ever be removed, neither shall any of the cords thereof be broken. Elizabeth Hoyland had a pretty long time next from Psalms 116. v: 12. What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits towards me. Charles Parker concluded the meeting with expressing his unity with exercise and labour of the present-day branching forth into divers weighty and pertinent exhortations. At the close of this meeting was a meeting for discipline. The first 3 Queries were read and Answers thereto from all our Mo. meetings, and General Answers prepared. In answer to the 2nd. Query it appeared, That there was some appearance of convincement in Balby, Pontefract, Brighouse, and Gisbro' Monthly meetings, and that 5 Persons had been accepted into membership since last year viz. 2 in Pontefract, 2 in Brighouse and 1 in Gisbro' Mo. meetings. some little business more was gone thro'and then the meeting adjourned until 5 in the evening. Both meetings held 4 hours. At 5 in the evening met pursuant to adjournment. The remaining Queries were read and Answers thereto and General Answers prepared. More business was gone thro' and then the meeting adjourn'd until next day at 10 in the morning having held 3 hours. This day I felt better in my health than I could have expected.

On 27th. and 5th. of week at 10 in the morning met pursuant to adjournment. The General Answers to the Queries were read approv'd and Signed in order to be laid before the Yearly Meeting, and the remaining part of the business of this Meeting was gone thro'in this sitting. The whole having been conducted in much harmony and under a good degree of awful solemnity. The meeting held near 2 hours. After which I din'd at Nathaniel Pryors and drunk Tea at Joshua Ingles. At 5 in the evening was a Publick meeting for Worship which held near 3 hours, a pretty many of other Societies attended. George Sanders had a pretty long testimony to bear therein first from Isai: C: 55. v: 3. Incline your ear, and come unto me; hear

and your soul shall live: and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David. Thomas Colley had a long time next from Isai: C: 48. v: 17, 18. I am the Lord thy God, which teacheth thee to profit, which leadeth thee by the way thou shouldest go. O that thou hadst harkened to my commandments! then had thy peace been as a river, and thy righteousness as the waves of the sea. Christiana Hustler had a pretty long time next from Matt C: 5. v: 25. Agree with thine adversary quickly whiles thou art in the way with him. Isabella Harris next from Hos: C: 7. v: 9. Strangers have devoured his strength, and he knoweth it not; yea grey hairs are here and there upon him, yet he knoweth it not. I had been worse in my health all this day than since I left home and after I got to Bed had a return of my alarming complaint the Cholic, so that betwixt 2 and 3 o'clock in the morning I was obliged to arise, and sit up the remaining part of the night a violent Lax and vomiting continuing all the time which brought me very low and weak.

On 28th. and 6th. of week. Believing it would be best for me to endeavour to get home as soon as I could, I set out about 9 o'clock in the morning, and came from Leeds to Wakefield in company with John Robinson of Wakefield and John Hawksworth of Hull, we came by Hunslet, Lofthouse and Newton, got to Wakefield about 12 o'clock, being extremely weary, with weakness thro' the violent discharges the night before, which I believe will prove of use to me by removing the course of my complaint for a season. I rested me at John Robinsons until evening, Din'd and drunk Tea there, and betwixt 5 and 6 o'clock set out for Dircar, William Awmack accompanied me about half way and then return'd. I got to Christopher Walkers about 7 o'clock were I lodg'd.

On 29th. and 7th. of week having been favoured with a very good nights rest, I felt myself much better this morning; Breakfasted at William Pickards, and left Dircar between 8 and 9 o'clock, came to Crigglestone were I stopt a while at my Uncle Joseph Houghs, and then came by Bretton and Parkmill to Skelmanthorp were I stopt 1 hour at Charles Blackburns, and din'd, then came by Dykeside to John Bottomleys of Wood were I sat a little and got home about 2 o'clock in the afternoon, having felt myself better, (altho' very weak) than I had done for several weeks before and I was truly thankful I had been able to accomplish the Journey, After resting me a little, I went to Birdsedge to see Cousin John Mallinson. I tarried Tea there, he having been poorly sometime was pleased with a little company. After I return'd home my beloved friend Joseph Grayham came to see me, who Tarried all night and slept with me Our valuable friend Thomas Colley of Sheffield in the course of his Journey to this Quarterly Meeting had Publick meetings in several places viz. On 1st. day ye 23rd. In friends Meetinghouse at Burton at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, and at 6 in the evening in friends Meetinghouse at Wakefield On 2nd. ye. 24th. at Chapelthorpe in a School, at half past 6 in the evening. On 28th. and 6th. of week at half past 6 in the evening at Leeds in the friends Meetinghouse, On 7th. and ye. 29th. at half past 6 in the evening at Newmillerdam in a Cornmill, On 1st. day ye. 30th. at Burton at 11 o'clock in the forenoon in friends Meetinghouse.

An Account of my Journey to a Publick Meeting held at Barughmill in the 4th. Mo. 1806.

Having for some time felt drawings on my mind to pay a religious visit to the inhabitants in the neighbourhood of Barugh.mill, and Richard Schorah and his Wife having repeatedly express'd their desire to have a meeting in their house who live at the said place. I left home ye. 20th. of ye. 4th. Mo. 1806 and 1st. day of the week, with a view of having a meeting there before my return, and to attend a Preparative and Monthly Meeting to be held at Burton. My beloved friend Joseph Grayham came to my house the evening before, stopt all night and this morning accompanied me to Denby. I set out betwixt 6 and 7 o'clock in the morning, called and sat a little at Joseph Ingrams of Dakinbrook, then proceeded by Cawthorne to Richard Scorahs of Barugh.mill, a kind friendly family, were I stopt a little and got some refreshment,

but said nothing to them of my concern, altho' they renewed their request to have a meeting at their house. I got to Burton a little before meeting time which began as usual at 11 o'clock, Susanna Atkinson a young Woman of Barnsley who has had a genteel education, and some others who also appear to be under convincement having lately begun to attend friends meetings were there. I have a very long testimony to bear therein from 1 Cor: 7. v: 19. Circumcision is nothing, and uncircumcision is nothing, but the keeping of the commandments of God. and afterwards had a short but very close testimony to bear to some particular state 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. At the close of this meeting was held their Preparative meeting None of the committee was there except myself Both meetings held 2 hours and a half. After which I went to Barnsley were I din'd with Thomas Walker Haigh and drunk Tea with Elizabeth Dunn Then went to Isabella Bashforths were I took up my Quarters. The meeting at her house began at 5 o'clock and held near 2 hours, 17 attended beside myself and George Brearey and Elizabeth Dix of Dewsbury who came in just after we were gathered, and of whose company I was glad. I had two long testimonies to bear therein, the first from Rom: C: 8. v: 14. As many as are led by the spirit of God, they are the sons of God. and the other from Job: C: 34. v: 3. The ear trieth words as the mouth tasteth meat. Afterwards I had a short time from Luke C: 12. v: 32. Fear not little flock; for it is your fathers good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

On 21st. and 2nd. of week. I Breakfasted in company with several friends at Thomas Walker Haighs. Our Monthly meeting at Burton was this day large, the house being pretty well filled It was a very low time in the forepart thereof, yet Truth arose into dominion and we were eminently favoured together. John Bottomley was first concerned therein in supplication. I had a pretty long time in testimony next From Isai: C: 14. v: 1. The Lord will have mercy on Jacob, and will yet choose Israel, and set them in their own land; and the strangers shall be joined with them, and they shall cleave to the house of Jacob. Isabella Harris had a very 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. I had a short time next from Rom: C: 11. v: 7. The election hath obtained it, and the rest were blinded. At the close of the meeting for Worship was the meeting for discipline the business of which was satisfactorily conducted. Amongst other things William Awmack of Wakefield meeting was cleared from all engagements relating to Marriage except with Mary Gandy a member of Marsden Monthly meeting in Lancashire. Also John Robinson of Wakefield meeting was clear'd from all engagements relating to Marriage except with Ann Hargrove a member of Marsden Monthly Mo. in Lancashire. The said Monthly Mg. was inform'd thereof by our Certificates, and a further care, as also of the accomplishment of them, left to the friends of said Mg. Also David Brearey of Dewsbury within the compass of Wakefield Mg. was accepted a member of our Society. Towards the close of the meeting I inform'd friends of a concern that was on my mind to pay a religious visit to the inhabitants of some few places within the compass of our own Monthly meeting more particularly in parts about Wakefield; several testimonies of friends unity therewith were borne to my humbling encouragement, and the meeting left me at liberty to proceed therein as way might open nominating 4 friends viz. Christopher Walker, William Wass, George Chapman and John Bottomley, for me to confer with, and assist me under the said concern. Both meetings held 3 hours and a half. After which I din'd at John Wilsons country house; and then return'd to Barnsley, calling in my way to see Joseph Listers of Bleachhouse were I sat a little and then went to drink Tea at Elizabeth Dunn in company with many friends. After Tea we had a satisfactory opportunity together in which I have a pretty long testimony to bear from Lev: C: 2. v: 13. With all thine offerings thou shalt offer salt. and afterwards John Bottomley from Isai: C: 26. v: 3. Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee, because he trusteth in thee.

On 22nd. and 3rd. of week. My way clearly opening to have a Publick meeting at Barugh.mill this evening. John Bottomley and John Sellers undertook the care of preparing

the place and informing the inhabitants in that neighbourhood thereof. I spent most of the forenoon at my much beloved friends Thomas Dixon Waltons, whose kindness to me had been signally manifested since I came to Barnsley this time in supplying me with comfortable cordials which I stood in need of, for my present weakness. I din'd at Samuel Cowards, and drink Tea with Elizabeth Dunn; and about 5 o'clock left Barnsley in company with Thomas Dixon Walton, we went the foot way to Barugh.mill world we met with a very kind reception from Richard Scorah his Wife and family, which I hope will be oftens gratefully remembered by me. We got here about 6 o'clock, the meeting began at 7 and was held in a large room in their house were a convenient Gallery was erected, and a few seats placed; It was very much crowded, and many were in adjoining rooms. A glorious meeting it was, many were much broken and tendered therein, and an awful solemnity covered the whole, reaching to the most distant mind. John Bottomley had a short testimony first from Heb: C: 1. v: 1, 2. God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in times 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. I had a very long time next from 2 Cor: 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, and rose again. John Bottomley was next concerning Prayer. After which I had to informed the people that their company and behaviour had been truly acceptable to us, and after a short time in exhortation, concluded with bidding them in the Love of the Gospel, Farewel. The meeting held 2 hours and a half. After which John Bottomley and me tarried all night here. I think it worthy of observation that since I left home I had been much afflicted with a soreness in my breast accompanied with an hoarseness which caused a great difficulty in speaking, and many of my friends appeared much concerned for me; and tho' I durst not omit appointing this meeting, yet after it was done, I was very much afraid of being able to answer the service required and was reduced indeed into a very low and discouraged state of mind. But soon after I sat me down in the meeting, I felt healing virtue to flow from the Physician of value, so that I had abundant cause to acknowledge that miracles are not ceased. I never remember being so enlarged in testimony before, nor speaking with more ease and clearness, and felt myself much better the next day than I have done since I left home. After supper John Bottomley and myself had each of us a pretty long time in advice to their son a youth about 16 years of age.

On 23rd. and 4th. of week. After Breakfast we had an opportunity in which John Bottomley had an encouraging testimony to bear to the Wife. Betwixt 9 and 10 o'clock we set out for home, came to Cawthorne were we stopt about 2 hours at Thomas Wests and got some refreshment, and then came to Joseph Ingrams of Dakinbrook were we sat a little, and then came to Netherdenby were I had to call about some business I then came to Denby were I called at Ralph Swindens to have seen Joseph Grayham, but was disappointed, so proceeded to Wood were I stopt about an hour and din'd at John Bottomleys. and got home a little past 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

An Account of my Journey to a Publick Meeting held at Netherton in the 5th. Mo. 1806.

Under my present concern of visiting the inhabitants of several places, I found my mind drawn to pay a religious visit to the inhabitants of Netherton and its vicinity, a part where they were much Strangers to me, to Friends and our Principles. Accordingly I set out from home On ye. 4th. and ye. 5th. Mo. 1806 and 1st. day of ye. Week about 7 o'clock in the morning for Netherton, went by Cumberworth to Skelmanthorp were I stopt about 1 hour at Anthony Kinsleys and got some Tea, here I met with my beloved friends John Bottomley and Joseph Grayham who were my companions this Journey. We preceded by Emley and Midgley to Netherton were we got about half past 10 o'clock. We were entire Strangers knew not where

to go to, there being no Inn in the village, but soon after we entered the place we saw our friend Morritt Matthews, standing at a door, who was waiting for us; It was his Brother John Matthews house who had not only opened his door but his heart to receive friends, and kindly and generously entertained most of the friends who attended this meeting. I hope and believe he and his Wife will not lose their reward, for their kindness was indeed very great. We got a little refreshment and then went to the meeting which began at 11 o'clock It was held in a Barn belonging to John Shaw a wealthy farmer, who very freely gave it up for the service. It was 5 Bay long and 6 Yards wide. John Haigh, William Wass, and Christopher Walker had the care of giving notice and preparing the place for this meeting in which they were kindly assisted by the inhabitants, who appeared disposed to do all in their power for them. A convenient Gallery was erected, and 3 Bays well seated with Planks, in the other two the People stood. Great was the concourse of People who attended, the Barn being much crowded, and several could not get in. The Lord was pleased to look down upon us and favour us with an open satisfactory meeting. John Bottomley had a short testimony to bear therein first from Isai C: 40. v: 31. They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength. I had a very long time next from 2 Cor: C: 4. v: 6. 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. John Bottomley was next concerned in Prayer, and afterwards had a pretty long testimony to bear from 1 John C: 2. v: 14. I have written unto you young men, because ye are strong, and the word of God abideth in you. I concluded the meeting with acknowledging our obligation to the People for their company and commendable behaviour and after dropping a few exhortations to them, in that love which still continues to breathe Peace on earth and goodwill to the whole human race, I tenderly saluted them and made them all Farewel. The meeting held upwards of 2 hours and a half. We returned to John Matthews's were we din'd, and after dinner had an opportunity before we separated in which John Bottomley had something to communicate more particularly to the Master and Mistress of the house. We left Netherton about 4 o'clock in the company with John Haigh and came by Midgley and Emley. Woodhouse to Skelmanthorp were we drunk Tea at Charles Blackburns, stopped upwards of an hour, and then John Haigh set out towards home, and we came by Dykeside to our respective habitations, I rested me a little at John Bottomleys of Wood, and then came up home with Joseph Haigh, George Mallinson and James Arthington Wilson, were I got betwixt 8 and 9 o'clock in the evening.

An Account of my Journey to Publick Meetings held at Shafton and Warmfield in the 5th. Mo. 1806.

I set out from home ye. 18th. of ye. 5th. Mo. 1806 and 1st. day of the week between 6 and 7 o'clock in the morning, my beloved friend John Pickford came and Breakfasted with me and accompanied me to Burton and Joseph Grayham who had been all night at my house, went along with us to Denby, we proceeded by Dakinbrook were we sat a little at Joseph Ingrams and then went to Richard Schorahs of Barugh.mill were we stopt upwards of half an hour and got some refreshment, got to Burton just in time to the meeting which was but a low time, towards the close thereof I have a short testimony to bear therein from Psalms 127. v: 1. Except the Lord do build the house, they labour in vain that build. At the close of the Meeting for Worship was held their Preparative meeting of the committee appointed to attend here there was present this day Thomas Earnshaw of Judfield, John Pickford and myself. Both meetings held upwards of 2 hours. After which my beloved friend Thomas Dixon Walton join'd me as my companion to Pontefract where our Monthly meeting was to be held the next day, we went by Burton.grange with Samuel Laver to his house at Woodnook near Cudworth were we din'd. Between 3 and 4 o'clock we proceeded on our Journey, having previously engaged to lodge at Timothy Sykes's of Shafton this night, Samuel Laver accompanied us

thither, were we got about 4 o'clock. Before I left home, I had a prospect of having a meeting with the inhabitants of this village, and had inform'd Thomas Dixon Walton therefore desiring him to hold himself in readiness if the concern should increase when I got here to assist me therein, but desired him to keep it to himself as probably I might feel easy to pass it by. However the nearer I came to Shafton, the more my mind was exercised about it, and I have not sat long in Timothy Sykes's before my exercise was so heavy that I left the house and walked into the fields. After I had been there sometime, dear Thomas Dixon Walton a truly sympathizing friend and acceptable companion to me, came and enquired how I felt myself, I told him I believed I must give up to have a meeting, if one could be obtained this evening, we return'd into the house and inform'd the family who seemed much pleased therewith, and added several of their neighbours who had heard of my coming had expressed a desire there might be a meeting. After tea Thomas Dixon Walton and Samuel Laver with the assistance of this family procured a place and gave notice to the inhabitants of the village. The meeting began at 7 o'clock in the evening and was held in the dwelling house of Martha Wood who very freely gave it up for the service and it was thought the most suitable place in the village, which consisted of about 40 families all of whom attended that were in a situation and some few others from other places who had accidentally heard thereof, a Gallery was erected, and a few seats placed but the People generally stood in order that it might contain more, the house was crowded and many stood without doors, it was an open favoured meeting and I had a very long testimony to bear therein 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 speak my word faithfully; what is the chaff to the wheat? saith the Lord. Afterwards I acknowledged our satisfaction with the company and commendable behaviour of the People and with the salutation of Gospel love bade them Farewel. The meeting held about 2 hours and a half.

On 19th. and 2nd. of week we left Shafton about 7 o'clock in the morning, Timothy Sykes set us on our way about 1 mile and then returned we went by South Heenley to Hemsworth were we met with Thomas Walker Haigh of Barnsley who accompanied us to Pontefract, we called at Ackworth.School were we stopt about half an hour and then proceeded in company with Leonard West and Hannah Dumbleton of this place, and William Wass, Morrith Matthews and George Brearey of Dewsbury we got to Pontefract about half past 10 o'clock and I took up my quarters at John Leathams, The meeting began as usual at 11 and was large. It was an exercising time and attended with heavy labour yet upon the whole it was a satisfactory meeting I had a long time therein in testimony first from Jer: C: 48. v: 11. Moab have 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. Isabella Harris next from 2 Tim: C: 4. v. 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. John Bottomley next in Prayer. Isabella Harris had a pretty long testimony 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, let not 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. I next being led in an encouraging manner to an exercised state, who had many inward and outward tryals to pass through, from 1 Sam: C: 17. v: 28, 29. I know thy pride, and the naughtiness of thine heart, for thou art come down that thou might see the battle. and David said, what have I now done? is there not a cause? At the close of the meeting for Worship was held our monthly Mg. for discipline. We had pretty much business before us, but the whole was satisfactorily conducted. Robert Walker and Hannah Cudworth both of Wakefield meeting laid before this their intentions are taking each other in marriage. Also John Yeardeley a young man who had attended Burton meeting several years was accepted a member of our Society. Both meetings held 3 hours and a half. After which I din'd at my quarters and after dinner had a conference with friends about having a Publick meeting at Warmfield on 4th. day

evening, and Christopher Walker and John Bottomley undertook the care of preparing the place, and giving notice to the inhabitants in that part. This afternoon I drunk Tea at Joseph Johnsons junr. and afterwards went to James Wighams were I sat a little and then return'd to my quarters to supper.

On 20th. and 3rd. of week, after breakfast I went and sat a little and Joseph Johnsons and left Pontefract betwixt 9 and 10 o'clock in the forenoon and came to Benjamin Jowetts of Carlton were I tarried until 7 o'clock in the evening and then Benjamin Jowett accompanied me to James Harrison of East.Hardwick were I lodg'd

On 21st. and 4th. of week, After Breakfast, I came to Ackworth.School were I din'd and about 3 o'clock in the afternoon set out for Warmfield 6 miles, James Harrison took Isabella Harris in his carriage, and I went with Joseph Samms and Hannah Dumbleton in the School.carriage, Joseph Samms is a choice young man a Schoolmaster at the School I had no particular acquaintance with him before, but in this journey we were brought uncommonly near to each other, I much desire his preservation and faithful perseverance in the path of unreserved obedience We went by Purston and got to the Sine of the horse and groom in Warmfield betwixt 4 and 5 o'clock were we drunk Tea, and paid 8d a piece. The meeting began at 6 o'clock in the evening and was held in a Barn belonging to William Kirshaw a substantial Freeholder who kindly offered it for the service. A convenient Gallery was erected, and about one half of the place comfortably seated notice was given generally to the inhabitants of this village, Kirkthorp, Woodhouse, Normanton, and the adjacent places, and great numbers attended so that the Barn was comfortably filled, and considering they were much strangers to friends their behaviour was remarkable. It was a very open satisfactory meeting, I had a long testimony to bear therein first from Isai: C: 55. v. 6, 7. Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near. 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. Isabella Harris next from Luke C: 15. v: 7. I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repentance, more than over ninety and nine just persons which needs no repentance. John Bottomley was next concerning Prayer. After which I had to acknowledge our obligation to the People for favouring us with their company, and our satisfaction with their commendable behaviour, and after a short exhortation recommended them in the Apostles language. 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, the glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen. and concluded with the salutation of our united Loves to them and bade them all Farewel. The meeting held upwards of 2 hours and a half. After which we return'd to the Inn, and got a little refreshment and then I came with George Brearey by Heath to Wakefield 3 miles were we got about 10 o'clock and lodg'd at John Robinsons junr.

On 22nd. and 5th. of week I left Wakefield between 6 and 7 o'clock in the morning and came to Dircar were I breakfasted at Christopher Walkers, and after breakfast John Bottomley and me came to William Pickards were we sat a little and got some Brandy and Water left Dircar betwixt 10 and 11 o'clock and came to Painthorp were we stopt about 1 hour at Mary Cudworths and got some refreshment then proceeded to Woolley having a desire to speak with Justice, but he was from home. We came by Haigh and Hoyland to Toppett were I called at my Cousin Joseph Steads, stopt there between 2 and 3 hours, and then came to Denby were I tarried at Ralph Swindens about 2 hours, of my beloved frd. Joseph Grayham; who accompanied me home were we got about 9 o'clock, and he tarried all night and slept with me.

An Account of my Journey to Publick Meeting held at Royd in Farnley in the 6th. Mo. 1806.

Feeling drawings in my mind to pay a religious visit to the inhabitants of Farnley and those scattered upon the west side of that village John Bottomley went to procure a place, and Matthew Lockwood of Royd near Farnley freely offering his barn for that service, it felt very easy to me, and I had cause to believe it was right place, John Bottomley and his brother Joseph undertook the care of preparing place and giving notice to the inhabitants which was effectually done thro' the village of Farnley and on the West side thereof from Brockholes to Castlehill, Lumm etc. The meeting was appointed to be held ye. 1st. of ye. 6th. mo: 1806 and 1st. day of week, The same morning Joseph Grayham came and Breakfasted at my house and was my acceptable companion this journey. We set out about 9 o'clock this morning, and went by Shepley to Royd 5 miles were we got to our friend Joseph Bottomleys about half past 10, who kindly and generously opened his house for the entertainment of friends on this occasion. The meeting began at 11 o'clock and held upwards of 2 hours and a half, a convenient Gallery was erected and a few seats placed before it, but the People generally stood in order that more might be accommodated, and great indeed was the concourse that attended, so that not only the Barn, but a large stable, and hay loft over it, both of which was open thereto, were crowded, and a very large and understood without doors. John Bottomley had a short testimony therein first chiefly tending to gather the minds of the people into the state of true quietude, that so if the Lord was pleased to open a door of utterance they might be rightly prepared to receive the communication. I had a very long time next from Acts C: 2. v. 27, 28, 29. Men and brethren, what shall we do? Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus.Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all them that are afar off, even to as many as the Lord our God shall call. John Bottomley was next concerned in supplication, and afterwards had a pretty long time in testimony from 1 John C: 2. v: 14. I have written unto you young men, because ye are strong, and the word of God abideth in you. After which I acknowledged our satisfaction with the company and very commendable behaviour of the People, and after making a few remarks, and dropping some suitable advice to them concluded with recommending them to God and the word of his Grace, and in that love which still continues to breathe peace on earth and goodwill to men, saluted them and bade them all Farewel. We din'd at Joseph Bottomleys and after dinner went and sat a little at Matthew Lockwoods; about 4 o'clock my companion and me left Royd in company with Thomas Bottomley, my Brother Samuel Wood, Samuel Woodhead, John Bottomley and William Taylor came together to Height were Thomas Bottomley hath build a new house which he is about removing to, we looked into the several parts thereof, and then parting with my Brother and Samuel Woodhead, we came with Thomas Bottomley to his house at Woodend were we stopt 1 hour and a half and drunk Tea then came to Shepley were Joseph Grayham and me stopt about half an hour at John Haighs, and got home about 8 o'clock in the evening. After supper I set him part of the way towards Denby and in my return called and sat a little at John Bottomleys of Wood.

An Account of my Journey to a Publick Meeting held at Hanging.Heaton in the 6th. Mo. 1806.

I set out from home ye. 4th. of ye. 6th. Mo. 1806 and 4th. day of the week about 5 o'clock in the morning and went by Denby to Dakinbrook were I stopt near an hour, and then proceeded to Cawthorne were I Breakfasted at Thomas Wests, stopt 3 hours, it coming on very heavy rain, he lent me his Plaid to Barnsley, I called by the way at Richard Schorahs of Barugh.mill were I din'd and after dinner had a religious opportunity with him and his Wife in which I had a pretty long and encouraging testimony to bear 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. After stopping here about 3 hours I

proceeded to Barnsley were I got to Isabella Bashforths betwixt 3 and 4 o'clock in the afternoon; after changing my wet clothes I went to Penelope Dunns were I drunk Tea, and then went to dear Thomas Dixon Walton's who returned the day before from the Yearly Meeting at London spent a considerable time there in agreeable conversation and took a glass of Brandy and water, then return'd to supper to Isabella Bashforths were I lodg'd and dear John Yeardley with me.

On 5th. and 5th. of week, I Breakfasted at Penelope Dunns, and afterwards called at Thomas Dixon Waltons who gave me a Glass of Tent wine, and accompanied me about 1 mile out of the Town I left Barnsley betwixt 9 and 10 o'clock in the forenoon, called and sat a little at Joseph Smiths of Carr.green and then proceeded by Mapplewell to Woolley were I had some business with the Justices which detained me about 1 hour, and then I preceeded by Netherton to Horbury.bridge, were I din'd at the Ship paid 9d eating and 9d Liquor stopt upwards of 1 hour and then had a very pleasant walk up the valley by Earls.heaton to Dewsbury were I got about 4 o'clock and took up my quarters at Morritt Matthews's. Betwixt 5 and 6 o'clock my Cousin George Mallinson of Birdsedge met me here by appointment who was my companion the remaining part of this journey; We was at their Week.day meeting here which began at 6 o'clock this evening and held about 1 hour and a half. It was a very low time in the forepart thereof, but gradually increasing in weight a good degree of an awful solemnity covered most of our minds, and I had a pretty long and encouraging testimony to their from 1 Thes: C: 4. v: 11. Study to be quiet, and do your own business. This evening I inform'd some of my friends here of the concern I was under to have a meeting the next evening with the inhabitants of Hanging.Heaton a village about 1 mile and a half from this Town with which proposal they seemed well pleased.

On 6th. and 6th. of week, we Breakfasted at George Breareys and after Breakfast he and cousin George Mallinson set out for Hanging-Heaton to procure a place for the meeting, and give notice to the inhabitants of that village, Chichhill, Soothill and places adjacent, and returned to Tea in the afternoon; I spent most of the day at William Wass's were I din'd and drunk Tea. A little past 6 o'clock, we set out for the meeting in company with John Haigh of Shepley who happened to be here on business, and several of the friends of Dewsbury as William Wass, George Brearey David Brearey and Thomas Abel, got to Hanging Heaton just in time to the meeting which began at 7 o'clock and was held in the dwellinghouse of John Hirst who freely gave it up for the service. No Gallery was erected but we sat in the window seat and a chair was placed before us to stand upon with a desk to lay the hands upon for support 3 rows of seats were placed before us for the People to sit upon, and the rest generally stood. The house and parlour was well filled, and a considerable number in two other rooms, I sat for a considerable time in a very low stripped state; But truth at length arose and it proved an open favoured meeting, I had a very long testimony to bear therein from Jer: C: 14. v: 22. Are these any among the vanities of the Gentiles that can cause reign? or can the heavens give showers? art not thou he, O Lord our God? Therefore we will wait upon thee. William Wass at the conclusion of the meeting informed the People that it was over, acknowledged our satisfaction with their behaviour, and expressed his desire that as it had been a favoured it might prove a profitable opportunity to them. The meeting held near 2 hours and a half. After which Benjamin Brearey took us to his house, and got us every necessary refreshment, would gladly have had us to have stopp'd supper which was already provided, we acknowledged his kindness but declin'd the invitation, and return'd to Dewsbury were we got to our quarters a little past 10 o'clock.

On 7th. and 7th. of week, We left Dewsbury betwixt 8 and 9 o'clock in the morning and came by Briestfield, Thorncliffe and Shelley to cousin Benjamin Walkers of Paddock were we stopt about 1 hour and got some refreshment, and then came home to dine well we got about 1 o'clock. My esteemed friend Joseph Grayham came to my house to supper, this evening and stopt all night and slept with me.

An Account of my Journey to a Public Meeting held at Lumbroyd near Penistone in the 6th.
mo: 1806

Our friend Isabella Harris of Ackworth, being under appointment with some of the friends on a visit to a family in Lumbroyd meeting by the Monthly meeting which visit being ordered to be on the day before our Monthly meeting at Highflatts being ye 15th. of 6th. Mo. 1806 and 1st. day of ye. week, she felt her mind inclined to have notice given to those of other societies of her intentions of being there, and tho' I knew nothing thereof I felt my mind drawn to give her the meeting there that day, and accordingly left home the same morning about 9 o'clock and went to John Bottomleys of Wood what I sat about half an hour, and then proceeded to Denby call'd at Ralph Swindens of my beloved friend Joseph Grayham who was my companion this Journey We went by Ing. Birchworth to Thurlstone to Lumbroyd were we got just in time to the meeting which began at 11 o'clock and held about 2 hours and a half a considerable number of People of other Societies attended so that with friends and others the Meetinghouse and chamber was well filled and thro' divine mercy it proved an open satisfactory meeting. John Bottomley had a short testimony therein first from the miracle of our Saviours feeding the multitude. Isabella Harris had a long 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. I 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, that ye may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God. John Bottomley was next concerned in Prayer; and afterwards Isabella Harris had a pretty long time in testimony from Ex: C: 20. v: 7. Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain. concluding her testimony with commending the People for the civil behaviour, and desiring that the Grace of our Lord Jesus.christ, and the love of God might be with us all always. After meeting we went with our beloved friend Thomas Earnshaw of Judfield to dine, were we stopt until betwixt 4 and 5 o'clock and then came to our worthy friend George Chapmans of Penistone were we drunk Tea, and stopt a considerable time in company with our beloved friend Isabella Harris and some others who were going to stop all night there, our monthly meeting being to be held at Highflatts the next day. She had been under a concern of mine to visit the week.day meetings of Lumbroyd, Wooldale and Highflatts, which fall in course one after another which visit she perform'd the last week to the satisfaction of friends. After the week.day meeting at Highflatts I din'd at her request with her and James Harrison who accompanied her on this visit and conveyed her in his carriage at Elihu Dickinsons, and after dinner they came to my house were they stopt all night, the visit I believe was to our mutual satisfaction, she having had a desire for sometime to spend a day with me in the afternoon on 7th. day I accompanied them to Ing. Birchworth were we drunk Tea at John Aldams, and after Tea parted, they going for Penistone and me home. About 7 o'clock this evening Joseph Grayham and me left Penistone, came together to a little of this side Ing. Birchworth, and then parted and I got home about 8 o'clock in the evening.

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An Account of my Journey to a Publick Meeting held at Briestfield in ye. 6th. Mo. 1806

In the course of my concern of visiting of the inhabitants of several villages in these parts, I found my mind drawn towards the inhabitants of Briestfield and places adjacent, and a Publick meeting being appointed to be held there on the 22nd. of ye 6th. Mo. 1806, and 1st. day of the week, I left home the same morning betwixt 7 and 8 o'clock in company with my beloved friend Joseph Grayham who called of me, and breakfasted at my house; and was my companion this Journey. We went by Shelley and Thorncliffe, and got to the Inn at

Briestfield, kept by George Armitage 7 miles, about 10 o'clock, who had given up his Barn which was the largest in the village for the meeting to be held in, George Brearey with the assistance of a carpenter had the care of preparing the place and giving notice of the meeting, a convenient Gallery was erected, and the Bay in which it stood, and the Barn floor, was seated with Planks and forms, in a large Bay behind the People stood. We got a little refreshment at the Inn, before the meeting, which began at 11 o'clock and held about 2 hours and a half, A very great concourse of People attended, notice having been fully given to the inhabitants of this village, Demby and Whitley, and the adjacent places, which spread into other villages, so that the Barn, with a large Mistal adjoining, and a hay-loft over, that were open to the Barn, were well filled and many had to stand without doors, It proved thro' gracious condescension, an open favoured meeting, I had a short testimony to bear therein first from. Lev: C: 2. v: 13. With all thine offerings thou shalt offer salt. After some time of silence, I had a very long time from 1 Chron: C: 14. v: 15. And 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. John Bottomley had a pretty long time next 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. After some time of silence he was concerned in Prayer. At the close of the meeting, I express'd my obligation to the People for favouring us with their company, as it had afforded me an opportunity of discharging a debt which for sometime I had apprehended to be due unto them, but had been concerned to try the fleece both wet and dry before I moved, and now believed it was in the right time, feeling the evidence of peace in mine own mind. I then acknowledged as satisfaction with their behaviour in the general, and in that love which many waters cannot quench nor distance separate saluted them and bade them all Farewell. We din'd with several other friends at the Inn paid 1s 3d a piece eating and 3d Liquor. Our kind friend Morritt Matthews of Dewsbury knowing they did not sell any spirituous Liquors at the Inn, brought some Rum with him in his pocket, which was particularly useful to me after the exercise of this meeting. My cousin Samuel Stead and his Wife, having kindly invited us to call upon them, after dinner John Bottomley went with us to their house at Demby where we stopt about 2 hours and drunk Tea. Betwixt 5 and 6 o'clock we left there in company with cousin Benjamin Walker and Elizabeth his Wife who had been at the meeting, came by Grange.hall, Flockton, Roydhouse, and Shelley, to Stephen Fields where we met with dear William Taylor who had been at the meeting and came with my beloved companion Joseph Grayham and me from thence, home where we got betwixt 7 and 8 o'clock. Joseph Graham stopt supper with me, and after 9 o'clock I sent him a little on his way toward Denby.

An Account of my Journey to a Publick Meeting held at Thurlstone in the 6th. Mo. 1806.

Finding a concern upon my mind to pay a religious visit to the inhabitants of Thurlstone and its vicinity. I acquainted my much esteemed friends George Chapman, and Thomas Earnshaw of Judfield therewith; who undertook the care of preparing a place and giving notice to the inhabitants. They procured a large Barn belonging to our friend Benjamin Dickinson, and with the assistance of him and his son, got it fitted up. But when they came to give notice thereof to the People, Askham Eyre, and Vincent Smith two of the Principal men in the Methodist society in this village, desired it might be held in their Meetinghouse as it would accommodate the People much better, and as they offered it of their own accord and seemed unwilling to be denied friends agreed to their proposal. The meeting was held on ye. 29th. of ye. 6th. Mo. 1806 and 1st. day of the week at 10 o'clock in the forenoon. I set out for Thurlstone 3 miles of the same morning, a little before 9 o'clock, in company with my beloved friend William Taylor, and Benjamin Beever my servant in husbandry who was going to see his Parents went by Ing.Birchworth thither and got to our friend Benjamin

Dickinsons, about quarter past before 10 o'clock were we rested as a little, and then went to the meeting which was large open and satisfactory; The place being pretty well filled, but not crowded; notwithstanding some stood with outdoors all time; and contrary to my expectations. I do not ever remember to have found greater liberty than in this meeting having a very long testimony to bear therein from Psalms 51. v. 10, 11, 12, 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. After some time in silence, I inform'd them, that I apprehended, The meeting was now near its close, acknowledged the civility of their behaviour, and our satisfaction therewith; Inform'd them that I did not see my way open, publickly to kneel down amongst them, but that I had secretly prayed for them, and after a few words more in exhortation saluted them under the precious influence of that love which yet continues to bring Peace on earth and goodwill towards all men and bade them Farewel. The people not offering to depart, after a short pause I stood up again and inform'd them the meeting was over, and added that as I believed many had felt their minds covered with a degree of an awful solemnity, and that these were favours we could not procure to ourselves, so I desired we might be careful not to squander them away by entering hastily into conversation, and so suffer the fowls of the air to pick up the seed sown. The meeting held 3 hours. After which James Eyre pressingly invited us to dine at his house, my worthy friend George Chapman and me accepting the invitation, I feeling to be in need of some immediate refreshment, were we was plentifully and generously entertained; his wife had been much affected in the meeting and appeared exceeding loving and kind we stopt until near 3 o'clock, and then they and their children being going to the Steeplehouse we went together to Penistone, at parting his Wife express'd a desire I might be drawn to visit them again and added she should be glad to see me any time at their house. I stopt near 2 hours at George Chapmans drunk Tea, then came to Denby were I called to see my beloved friend Joseph Grayham who had intended to have got with me to day but could not on account of the family being all from home and not willing to leave the house without somebody in it. I had promised the day before to call upon him, and sent for him to Ralph Swindens he accompanied me a good part of the way home were I got about 7 o'clock in the evening.

An Account of my Journey to a Publick Meeting held at Shelley in the 8th. Mo. 1806.

Having felt for sometime a concern on my mind to pay a religious visit to the inhabitants of Shelley and Kirkburton, and the neighbourhood of those places, and the Independent Meetinghouse at Shelley appearing most central and best adapted to accommodate the People, upon application for it to Robert Blake the Preacher, he gave it up as he express'd with the greatest pleasure, and attended himself taking great pains in directing the People to seats. When the prospect of this visit opened it appeared so great a cross to me that I was ready to say, If it be thy will grant that this cup may pass from me, but no peace could I find until I was brought into such a state of resignation as to say Not my will but thine O Lord be done, and the full time appearing to be come I acquainted some friends with my concern to have a meeting there, in the evening of the 14th. of ye. 8th. Mo. 1806 and 5th. day of the week, and John Bottomley and Benjamin Walker took the charge of giving notice to the inhabitants; on the same day in the afternoon my beloved friend Joseph Grayham came to my house to Tea, and was my acceptable companion this Journey. We set out about half past 5 o'clock and got to cousin Benjamin Walkers of Paddock near Shelley about half past 6; the meeting began at 7 and held about 2 hours and a half, great was the concourse of the People who attended, so that the Chapel was very much crowded, and it proved a remarkable open favoured meeting. I had a very long testimony to bear therein from 1 Cor: 1. v: 22, 23, 24. The Jews require a

sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom; But we preach christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumbling block, and unto the Greeks, foolishness; But unto them that called to both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God. John Bottomley was next concerning Prayer, and afterwards I acknowledged our obligation to People for favouring us with their company; and our satisfaction with their commendable behaviour, and after a few words more in exultation, concluded with the language of the apostle to one of the christian churches 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. After meeting Robert Blake kindly invited us into his house, and it gave us some Brandy and Water which was very acceptable to me being very much heated with the exercise of the meeting and the crowd of People. From thence we came to my cousin Benjamin Walkers were we got some refreshment stopt half an hour, and then set out in company with John Bottomley, John Pickford, and Joshua Haigh of Birdsedge, got to Newhouse about 11 o'clock, Joseph Grayham stopt all night and slept with me.

An Account of my Journey to a Meeting at Barnsley in the 8th. Mo. 1806

I set out from home ye. 17th. of ye. 8th. Mo. 1806 and 1st. of the week about 7 o'clock in the morning, my beloved friend Joseph Grayham having been at my house all night accompanied me to Denby, after taking my leave of him, I went by Dakinbrook and Cawthorne to Barugh mill were I called at Richard Scorahs, and got some refreshment, stopt half an hour, and then proceeded to Burton were I got just in time to the meeting which was larger than usual several of other Societies attending. It was held throughout in silence. None of the committee appointed to attend here, attended; except John Bottomley and myself. At the close of the meeting for Worship was held their Preparative meeting Both meetings held upwards of 2 hours, After which I went with Thomas Walker Haigh of Barnsley to dine, and this afternoon drunk Tea at Penelope Dunns; then went to Isabella Bashforths my usual quarters in this Town: The meeting in her house began at 5 in the evening and held near 2 hours, we was 26 attended 6 of us being from other meetings who were come to attend our Monthly meeting to be held the next day at Burton, I had a pretty long testimony to bear therein from 1 Tim: C: 6. v: 6. Godliness with contentment is great gain. And afterwards another from Gal: C: 5. v: 1 Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.

On 18th. and 2nd. of week, This morning I went with George Brearey and Isabella Bashforth to Thomas Liddalls (who are married Isabellas Sister) to Breakfast The meeting at Burton was large altho' not so fully attended by friends as usual in this month. I had a pretty long testimony to bear therein from Judg: C: 5. v: 6 In the days of Shamgar the son of Anath, in the days of Joel, the highways were unoccupied, and the travellers walked through by ways. At the close of the meeting for Worship was held our Monthly meeting for discipline the business of which was agreeably conducted. Both meetings held near 4 hours. After which I dined at John Wilsons who was now removed from Barnsley and settled at his house in the village. From hence I return'd to Barnsley and this afternoon drunk Tea at Penelope Dunns and afterwards went and sat a little Thomas Dixon Waltons, my mind was heavily exercised this afternoon, but at my quarters this evening most of the convinced friends being present, I had a religious opportunity in which I had many remarks to communicate which tended much to the relief of my oppressed spirit, dear Thomas Dixon Walton stopt and slept with me

On 19th. and 3rd. day of the week, I spent most of the day with one or other of my beloved friends in Barnsley. The Archbishop of York being aged and infirm, so as not to be able to do his services, had got the Bishop of Chester to administer what is called the confirmation service in his diocess, and he being in this Town on that account to day, in the forenoon Thomas Dixon Walton and me went to the Steeplehouse were thro' a window at the

end thereof, we had as clear review of the manner of his going through this ceremony as if We had been within; and here I cannot but observe, how easy a matter it is to be confirmed by man, through be being confirmed by the spirit in the faith of Jesus Christ; and the danger there is of multitudes being deceived by resting at ease in the former without being concerned to experience the latter. The inhabitants of Barnsley having procured a new piece of ground for a burial ground and believing it not right to inter therein until it is what they call consecrated by the Bishop, in the afternoon we went to see that ceremony perform'd. He was attended by a great number of Priests in black gowns, and a vast concourse of People assembled in the ground, we stood very near the Bishop all the time, so as to hear and see all that was done, and he appeared to take no notice of our hats, he was a comely looking man spoke audibly and very deliberately, appearing to go through the ceremony with much gravity; but no life could I feel therein. I left Barnsley about 4 o'clock and came by Cawthorne to Dakinbrook where I stopt near an hour and drunk Tea at Joseph Ingrams, then came by Denby where I sat a little at Ralph Swindens, and got home about 8 o'clock in the evening.

An Account of my Journey to a Publick Meeting held at Denby in the 8th. Mo. 1806.

Having for sometime apprehended it to be my duty to pay a religious visit to the inhabitants of Denby and Gunthwaite, and our friend Joseph Priest being willing to give up his house for that purpose, which being very large was thought sufficient to contain the People a Meeting was appointed to be held there on the 24th. of ye. 8th. Mo. 1806 and 1st. day of the week at 7 o'clock in the evening, John Bottomley and John Pickford with the assistance of Joseph Priests family undertook the care of preparing the place and giving notice to the inhabitants. My beloved friend Joseph Grayham came with me as usual from our meeting at Highflatts and spent the afternoon at my house, we set out together a little past 6 o'clock and got to Joseph Priests of Denby just in time to the meeting a convenient Gallery was erected and a few seats placed but the people generally stood as more might be accommodated. The house was very much crowded, and many with outdoors, and tho' the state of the People as opened to me, appeared to be exceeding raw and ignorant, and many of them guilty of gross evils, yet it was a very open favoured meeting, and a time I believe of renewed visitation to many. I had a very long testimony to bear therein first from Isai: C: 58. v: 1. 2. Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and shew my people their transgressions, and house of Jacob their sins. Yet they seek me daily, and delight to know my ways, as a nation that did righteousness, and forsook not the ordinance of their God. John Bottomley was next concerning Prayer. I had a pretty long time in testimony next from Psalms 119. v: 115. Depart from me, ye evil doers; for I will keep the commandments of my God. At the close of the Meeting I acknowledged our obligation to the People for favouring us with their company, and our satisfaction with their behaviour, and after a pretty long exhortation, in that love which breeds Peace on earth and good will towards men bade them all Farewell. The meeting held about 2 hours and a half. We stopt a little at Joseph Priests and got some refreshment who manifested much kindness on the present occasion, doing all in his Power to accommodate the People, and then set out for home in company with John Bottomley and his Wife, John Pickford, and Joseph Haigh of Birdsedge, dear Joseph Grayham accompanied me part of the way and then return'd. I got to Newhouse a little past 10 in the evening.

An Account of my Journey to a Publick Meeting held at Shepley in 9th. Mo. 1806.

Feeling a concern upon my mind to have a religious Meeting with the inhabitants of Shepley, and consulting with friends upon it. It was concluded to appoint one to be held there on ye.

3rd. of ye. 9th. Mo. 1806, and 4th. day of the week at 7 o'clock in the evening, and Cousin Joseph Walker John Haigh, and John Brook undertook the care of preparing the place and giving notice to the inhabitants. My beloved friend Joseph Grayham came to my house the same afternoon to Tea and was my acceptable company in this Journey. We left my house about 6 o'clock, and got to John Haighs of Shepley in time to rest a little before Meeting which was held in John Brooks Barn, which was a very convenient place, and with the Mistel at one end and hay.loft over would contain abundance of People. A Gallery was erected, and the Barn conveniently seated, for indeed the friends who had the care had spared no pains to accommodate the People comfortably, and I hope they did not lose their reward, The inhabitants of the village generally attended, and many out of the country for a considerable distance, so that the meeting was very large and it proved a remarkable solemn open favoured time. I had a very long testimony to bear therein first from John C: 1. v: 45. We have found him of whom Moses in the law and the Prophets did write, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph. John Bottomley was next concerning Prayer. and afterwards I had to acknowledge our obligation to the People for favouring us with their company and our satisfaction with their commendable behaviour as far as I had observed and then after a few words in exhortation recommended them unto God and the word of his Grace, desiring they might be built up in the most holy faith which worketh by love to the purifying of the heart, and thus be prepared for an admittance into that kingdom into which nothing that is unclean or unholy must ever come; and in the love of the Gospel bade them all Farewell. The meeting held 2 hours and a half After which we rested a little at John Brooks and got some suitable refreshment and then came by John Haighs were we stopt supper; left Shepley a little before 11 o'clock in company with John Bottomley, John Pickford and Joseph Haigh of Birdsedge, and got to Newhouse betwixt 11 and 12. were Joseph Grayham stopt and slept with me.

An Account of my Journey to a Publick Meeting held at Skelmanthorp in the 9th. Mo. 1806.

A meeting being appointed at my request at Skelmanthorp, I set out from home to attend it on ye. 17th. of ye. 9th. Mo. 1806, and 4th. day of the week about 3 o'clock in the afternoon; having for my companion this Journey, my beloved friend William Taylor of Rochdale in Lancashire who happened to be at my house on a visit, for a week and whose company was truly acceptable to me. We went by Cumberworth to Skelmanthorp were we drunk Tea at Anthony Kinsleys and then went to Charles Blackburns were we tarried until the time of the meeting which began at 7 in the evening, and held upwards of 2 hours. The Schoolmaster John Drake having freely offered the School which is very large, it was held there, and John Bottomley and Charles Blackburn undertook the care of making the necessary preparations, and giving notice to the inhabitants. A convenient Gallery was erected, and a few seats placed but the people generally stood to accommodate the more; A very great concourse attended, so that the School was exceedingly crowded and a very great number were obliged to stand without doors. It was a time of eminent favour the Power of Truth being over all so that in this large mixed multitude I did not observe a light countenance, altho' there were many present who had scarcely been favoured with a civilised education, and seldom if ever attended any place of Publick worship. I had a very long testimony to bear therein from 1 Sam: C: 15. v. 22, 23. Hath the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to harken than the fat of Rams. For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness as iniquity and idolatry, because thou hast rejected the word of the Lord; he has also rejected thee. John Bottomley was next concerned in Prayer. Afterwards I informed the People the meeting was now over, and added, that their company and behaviour as far as I had observed had been truly acceptable to us, and desired that has an awful solemnity had mercifully covered many minds which we could not cure ourselves, they might endeavour to keep under it and retire to their respective habitations

in a solid becoming manner, and then saluted them in that love which continues to breathe peace on earth and goodwill to men and bade them all Farewel. John Drake took us into his house and gave us some Rum and Water were we sat a little, and then went to Charles Blackburns were we lodg'd.

On 18th. and 5th. of week, after breakfast we came to Anthony Kinsleys were we sat a little and then left Skelmanthorp betwixt 9 and 10 in the forenoon and came by Cumberworth to Newhouse were we got betwixt 10 and 11.

An Account of my Journey to a Publick Meeting held at Denby in the 9th. Mo. 1806.

Not feeling my mind fully clear of the inhabitants of Denby and also a concern towards some of the inhabitants of Lower Denby, another meeting was appointed to be held in the dwelling house of our friend Joseph Priest On ye. 21st. of ye. 9th. Mo. 1806 and 1st. day of the week at 6 o'clock in the evening and John Bottomley and John Pickford undertook the care of preparing the place and giving notice to the Inhabitants. I left home the same afternoon a little past 5 o'clock in company with my beloved friend Joseph Grayham who as usual came with me to my house from the meeting at Highflatts; We got to Joseph Priests at Denby just in time to the meeting which was not so large as the former altho' the house was well filled and some without doors. It was long in gathering which is always hurtful to a meeting nevertheless it was an open favoured time I was first concerned therein in supplication. and afterwards had a very long testimony to bear from 1 Sam: C: 12. v: 23, 24, 25. God forbid that I should sin against the Lord, is ceasing to pray for you; but I will teach you the good and the right way; only fear the Lord, and serve him in truth with all your hearts; for consider what great things he has done for you. But if ye shall still do wickedly, you shall be consumed. John Bottomley had a pretty long time next from John C: 11. v: 28. The master is come, and calleth for thee. At the close of the meeting I had to remark to the People the hurt it was to a meeting where the People came together in a scattering manner requested that in future they might be careful to observe the hour appointed, and then observ'd, that in other respects their conduct had been worthy of commendation, wishing them to return to their respective habitations in the same commendable manner concluding with my earnest desire that The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all, always, Amen. The meeting held 2 hours and a half, I sat a while in the house, and got some refreshment, and then set out towards home in company with John Bottomley, John Pickford, and James Birchall. Joseph Grayham accompanied us a little, and then return'd; I got home about half past 9 set James Birchall part of the way towards Birdsedge, whom I have begun to instruct in reading altho' only last first day I thought I would not engage with him. But quickly altered my mind from a desire for his good and he appearing to improve fast, was pleasant to me; and feeling an increase of love towards him; I hope our communion with each other may be profitable to him many ways.

An Account of my Journey to a Publick Meeting held at Thong in the 9th. Mo. 1806.

Feeling my mind drawn to pay a religious visit to the inhabitants of the Township of Thong and its vicinity a Meeting was appointed to be held in the Methodist Meetinghouse at Nether Thong on ye. 28th. of ye. 9th. Mo. 1806, and 1st. day of the week; The Trustees of the said Meetinghouse freely offering it for that service and no other place being to be procured likely to contain the People; friends accepted thereof, and Henry Swire undertook the care of informing the inhabitants. My beloved friend Joseph Grayham came to my house the evening before and slept with me, and was my very acceptable companion this journey. We set out a

little past 7 o'clock in the morning and went by Tottis to Henry Swires of Springhouse to Breakfast were we tarried about 1 hour and a half and then preceded by Wooldale to Thong Henry Swire accompanying us, got to Thong a little before time which from my house to go the direct road is about 5 miles. We rested us a little at Eli Parkins a Preacher among the Methodists who came to meet us and conducted us to his house, which is adjoining the Meetinghouse. The Meeting began at 11 o'clock and held near 3 hours, and very great was the concourse of People who attended so that, that large Meetinghouse was much crowded, and I believe there were a considerable number of well disposed minds who are not far from the kingdom of God. It was a glorious Meeting, the Truths of the Gospel were largely and livingly opened amongst them and Christ the substance exalted over all Types and Shadows I had a very long testimony to bear therein first 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. John Bottomley was next concerned in Prayer. and afterwards I had a short testimony principally addressed to the youth from John C: 17. v: 15. I prayed not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil. At the close of the meeting, I expressed our obligation to the People for favouring us with their company, and our satisfaction with their behaviour remarking that as it had been a time of favour too many minds, which was seasons that by all our exertion we could not procure to ourselves, I therefore desired that when separated they might endeavour to keep under the solemn covering informing them that many have suffered loss by entering hastily into conversation, even upon religious subjects; then recommending them unto God, and the teachings of his pure and spiritual Grace, that so they might experience a being built up in that most holy faith which works by love to the purifying of the heart; I concluded in that love which distance could not separate and bade to them all Farewel. The man who was to preach here this afternoon gave notice there would be no more service here to day, I understood afterwards his mind had been so deeply affected in the meeting, that he could not do it. We sat a while at Eli Parkins after meeting and got a little refreshment, several came in and kindly invited us to dine at their houses, but we being previously engaged at Henry Swire's returned with him, accompanied by John Bottomley, were we stopt until 4 o'clock, and then set out and came by Tottis to Newhouse were we got betwixt 5 and 6 o'clock. After Tea Joseph Grayham set out towards home and I accompanied him part of the way; after my return James Birchall came to my house to ask for lodgings for himself and another of the family, they being full of company at Birdsedge. I hearkened him his lessons, and we spent the evening comfortably, and slept together. Our esteemed friend Rebecca Robinson Wife of John Robinson of Fieldhouse near Wakefield was buried this day. I was invited to her burial and from our long and intimate acquaintance with each other should have liked to have attended but could not on account of this meeting being appointed before I received the invitation; she departed this life ye. 22nd of this Mo. in the 59th. year of her age. Thus the circle of our acquaintance is frequently broke into. May we also be ready.

An Account of my Journey to Publick Meeting held at Thurstonland in the 10th. Mo. 1806.

My mind being drawn to pay a religious visit to the inhabitants Thurstonland at its vicinity John Bottomley went to procure a place for a meeting which was appointed to be held there on ye. 12th. of ye. 10th. Mo. 1806 and 1st. day of the week at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, and he and John Issott had the care of informing the inhabitants I set out towards there the same day a little past 2 o'clock in the afternoon, having James Birchall for my companion this journey whose company was acceptable to me, and I believe the journey was not unprofitable, to him; he being a use of a sweet natural disposition, and appears to be more in the innocency of gross evils that many in the present day are: thus there is a better preparation to receive the seed of the kingdom whensoever the great sower may be please cast in his seed. We went by Carr and

Shepley to Stocksmoortop were we called and sat about half an hour at John Issotts and got some refreshment, and then he and his Wife went up with us to Thurstonland distant from my house about 4 miles. The meeting was held in Thomas Pomfrets house an old acquaintance of mine who when he heard of my concern, freely offered it of his own accord It being by far the largest room in the village and three of the rooms opening very conveniently into it, the Gallery being so placed as the People might see out of each room, a few seats were placed, but they were of little use, the concourse of People who attended were so very great, that the said room was were not only exceedingly crowded, but a considerable number were in the chamber and a great many without doors. It proved an open favoured meeting, I had a very long testimony to bear therein from John C: 14. v. 15, 16, 17. If ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another comforter that he may abide with you for ever; even the spirit of Truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him; but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. John Bottomley was next concerned in Prayer, and afterwards I had a pretty long time in testimony from Rom: C: 9. v: 21. Hath not the Potter power over the clay of the same lump to make one vessel to honour, and another to dishonour? Concluding with recommending them to God and the teachings of his pure and spiritual Grace in the secret of each heart expressing my desire in the Apostles language The Lord direct your hearts into the love of God, and into the patient waiting for christ. and then saluting them in Gospel love bade them all Farewel, requesting them to depart to their respective habitations, in a quiet and orderly manner, and if anything had at this time been delivered which they did not properly understand that they might follow the example of the Bereans in searching the Scriptures, and see if these things are not so; but not forget to come and unto him who alone can open the mysteries contained therein. The meeting held 2 hours and three quarters. After which we drunk Tea and got some other suitable refreshment at Luke Chambers's who kindly invited us to his house, were we tarried three quarters of an hour, and then set out towards home, John Bottomley came with us as far as Shepley, and then he went forward, but James Birchall and me called and sat a little at John Haighs and so got home about quarter past 9.

An Account of my Journey to a Public Meeting held at Oxspring in the 10th. Mo. 1806.

My mind being engaged I trust under the influence of Gospel love to pay a religious visit to the inhabitants of the Township of Oxspring and the village of Hoylandswain. George Chapman and Thomas Earnshaw Judfield undertook the care of procuring a place and giving notice to the inhabitants; and the most suitable place they could meet with was the dwellinghouse of Jonathan Hawksworth of Oxspring who freely offered it for friends service and indeed he and his Wife were exceeding kind on the occasion, and did every thing in their Power to accommodate us. He had formerly lived servant with us at my Father's, and I believe retained a value for the family. The meeting was appointed to be held ye. 26th. of ye. 10th. Mo. 1806 and 1st. day of the week at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, and I set out from home the same morning, about quarter past 9 o'clock having for my companion this journey my beloved friend Joseph Grayham who came to my house the night before and slept with me and James Birchall being going to his Father's, and desirous to stop the meeting, called upon us and accompanied us thither, we went by Ingbirchworth to Oxspring about 5 miles, and got to Jonathan Hawksworth just in time to the meeting. The forenoon was very wet which prevented many from attending. However the house which was large, (and in which a convenient Gallery was erected and many chairs suitably placed) was well filled; and a considerable number in the Kitchen, the door of which opened into the house. It proved a glorious meeting, so that I think it might be said Truth was over all. I had a very long testimony to bear therein 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 grace ye are saved. John Bottomley was next concerning Prayer. and at the close of the meeting I had to acknowledge our obligation to the People for favouring us with their company and satisfaction with their commendable behaviour and then expressed my desire that as it had been a time of favour we might be concerned to improve by it; that so, as I believed we should never all meet together in this world, we might be favoured to meet in the realms of bliss where the wicked cease from troubling and the weary are at rest; and then saluting them in Gospel love bade them all Farewell. The meeting held near 3 hours. After which I being much spent, we stopt about half an hour and got some suitable refreshment, and then came to Penistone in company with John Bottomley, and Thomas Earnshaw of Judfield where we din'd and drunk Tea at George Chapmans, and a little past 6 o'clock we set out for home in company with John Bottomley, a little on this side Ing Birchworth we parted with Joseph Grayham, and near Highflatts I parted with John Bottomley, and got home about half past 7 o'clock. Betwixt 8 and 9 James Birchall got to my house in his return from his fathers, we supp'd together and he stopp'd all night and slept with me.

An Account of my Journey to a Publick Meeting at Hoylandswain etc. in the 11th. Mo. 1806.

Apprehending it to be my duty to pay a religious visit to the inhabitants of Hoylandswain and its vicinity a Publick meeting was appointed to be held there on ye. 15th. of ye. 11th. Mo. 1806 and 7th. day of the week in the evening. George Chapman, and Thomas Earnshaw of Judfield, undertook the care of procuring and preparing the place, and giving notice to the inhabitants. I set out from home the same day betwixt 2 and 3 o'clock in the afternoon in company with Joseph Haigh of Birdsedge, we went by Ing. Birchworth and got to Hoylandswain betwixt 4 and 5 miles about 4 o'clock, and took up our quarters at the Rose and Crown, soon after we got there, George Chapman and Thomas Earnshaw came in, we got Tea together. The meeting began at 5 o'clock, and was held in the dwellinghouse of William Crowther which was supposed to be the largest room in the village and which he freely gave up for the service. A Gallery was erected and a few seats conveniently placed. The meeting was long in the gathering I believe upwards of an hour, which is a great hurt, the People too generally appeared raw and very ignorant of the nature of spiritual worship and many of them very unsettled. The room at length was very well filled. But I was exceedingly low and very much discouraged, such a restlessness appeared, but I almost begun to despair of the meeting being to any satisfaction either to us or the People, but the few friends that were there endeavouring to keep to their own proper exercise gracious condescension was pleased in mercy to look down upon us, and overshadowed the assembly with his presence in which there is life. The People became as still as ever I saw any, a solemn silence appeared to prevail throughout the whole and I am fully persuaded many pious well disposed people were amongst the number who are enquiring away to Zion with their faces thitherward. A glorious meeting it was, and I trust it will be to some as bread cast upon the waters, the effects of which may be seen after many days. I had a very long testimony to bear therein from Isai: C: 42. v. 16. I will bring the blind by a way that they knew not; I believed 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. After a short time in silence, I had a pretty long time, setting before them the hurt it was to themselves and others when any came in unseasonably to religious meetings as the preparation of the heart in man is of the Lord, shewing them from the Scriptures of Truth the nature of true spiritual worship which was many times performed without the aid of words. Informing them that in that love which drew me to pay them this religious visit I closed with recommending them unto God, and the word of his Grace in the heart, that so they might experience a being built up in the faith, and finally receive an inheritance amongst the sanctified. The meeting held upwards of 3 hours. We return'd to the Inn, and it being late and I much spent with the exercise of the meeting, I concluded to stop

all night there, and Joseph Haigh being unwilling to leave me alone tarried with me; the Landlord and Landlady were affectionately kind did all in their power to accommodate us comfortably, and was remarkable reasonable in their charges. We paid 6d a piece for Tea and Breakfast and 8d supper.

On 16th. and 1st. of week, intending for the meeting at Burton 7 miles I left Hoylandswain a little past 7 o'clock in the morning and went by Silkstone and Dodworth to Barnsley where I got in about 2 hours time, to Penelope Dunns where I drunk Tea, afterwards sat a little at Ellin Spenceleys, and then went in company of several friends to Burton where we had a pretty satisfactory meeting in which I had a pretty long testimony to bear from Eccle: C: 4. v: 13. Better is a poor and a wise child than an old foolish and who will no more be admonished. and after some time in silence, had the same passage again to revive with a few words more. At the close of the meeting for Worship was held their Preparative meeting, of the committee appointed to attend here, there was George Chapman, Thomas Earnshaw of Judfield and myself. Both meetings held near 2 hours. Our last monthly meeting having appointed 4 friends to pay a visit to Ellin Spenceley on her application to be admitted a member of our Society, we all met her here except Isabella Harris and sat with her at the close of this meeting. After the visit we drew up the following report to be laid before the Monthly meeting viz.

Agreeably to appointment we have visited Ellin Spenceley. (Thomas Earnshaw of Judfield uniting with us whose company was acceptable.) The opportunity was solid and satisfactory; We believed her application proceeded from a sense of duty; and not only from her own acknowledgment, but our united feelings, that she is clearly convinced of the Truth of our religious Principles; her conduct bearing a concurring testimony therewith

George Chapman
Joseph Wood
Isabella Brearey

Burton 11th. Mo. 16th. 1806

After which Thomas Earnshaw joined me as companion, we went to the Inn in the village and got 1 Quart of Ale mulled for which we paid 10d which with something that we had in our pockets afforded us a very comfortable refreshment. From thence we preceded by Cudworth to Shafton where we got to Timothy Sykes's betwixt 3 and 4 o'clock There being a particular intimacy betwixt him and me, we met with a very kind reception from the whole family, and tarried all night with them.

On 17th. and 2nd. of week, we set out for Wakefield 7 miles where our Monthly meeting was to hold this day. Betwixt 8 and 9 o'clock in the morning, dear Timothy Sykes set us on our way upwards of 1 mile and then return'd, we went by Felkirk, Cheviot and Sandal to Wakefield where we got a little before 11 o'clock stopped at John Robinsons junr. And got some refreshment and then went to the meeting which tho' Select of friends was large. We were favoured thereat with the company of our friend Martha Routh from Lancashire who unexpectedly came in just after the meeting was gathered, and whose company was truly acceptable; She had a long and acceptable encouraging testimony to bear therein from John C: 12. v: 26. Where I am, there shall also my servant be. After a time silent she appeared again and stood pretty long from 1 Cor: C: 14. v: 20. In malice be ye children, but in understanding be men. At the close of the meeting for Worship was our Monthly meeting for discipline. Our friend Isabella Harris laid before us a concern that was on her mind to pay a religious visit to the particular meetings within the compass of Knaresbro' Monthly meeting, and to have some Publick meetings within the compass of said Meeting and the neighbourhood thereof. They meeting after solidly weighing the said concern directed the Clerk to give her a copy of the Minute expressive of our concurrence and sympathy with her therein. Also the report of the friends appointed to visit Ellin Spenceley a young Woman who had attended to Burton meeting for several years and had applyed to be united with friends, was read; and after being duly weighed. She was admitted a member of our Society. A great deal more business was gone thro' and the whole was very unanimously conducted. Both meetings held near 4 hours.

After which we din'd at William Awmacks, and then went to the Swan with two necks to call upon the friends of Dewsbury were I got 6 pennyworth of Rum and Water. We left Wakefield betwixt 4 and 5 o'clock, and went by Ossett to Dewsbury in company with John Haigh and David Brearey got there about 6 o'clock what I took up my Quarters at George Breareys, but after Tea Thomas Earnshaw went to Morrith Matthews to lodge with John Bottomley they intending to set out early in the morning for Huddersfield.

On 18th. and 3rd. of week, After Breakfast I went and sat a little at Morrith Matthews's and from thence went to William Wass's were I din'd. Left Dewsbury betwixt 2 and 3 o'clock in the afternoon, William Wass set me on my way about 1 mile and then returned, I came by Thornhill, Mugmill, Flockton, and Emley to Skelmanthorp were I drink tea at Leah Kinsleys, stopt near an hour and then proceeded, had not come far before I very unexpectedly overtook my beloved friend William Taylor who had been at Christopher Walkers and was returning; I was glad of his company we came together by Cumberworth home well we got betwixt 7 and 8 in the evening.

An Account of my journey to a Publick meeting held at Dodworth in the 12th. Mo. 1806.

Having felt my mind strongly impressed with a concern to pay a religious visit to the inhabitants of Dodworth, I mentioned by concern to our Monthly meeting held at Wakefield in the 12th. mo: 1806, which met with the full unity and approbation of friends; My beloved friend Thomas Dixon Walton undertook the care of procuring the place and giving notice to the inhabitants. He applied for the school which was very large, and the Master very freely gave it up without being willing to receive any reward and the meeting was appointed to be held there the 1st. day following. I left home the 20th. of the 12th. Mo. 1806 and 7th. day of the week betwixt 9 and 10 o'clock in the forenoon and went by Denby, Gunthwaite and Cawthorne to Richard Scorahs of Barugh.mill were I stopt betwixt 2 and 3 hours and din'd, then proceeded by Old.Barnsley to Barnsley were I got betwixt 3 and 4 o'clock in the afternoon, drunk Tea and supp'd at Penelope Dunns and lodg'd at Thomas Dixon Waltons. I slept very little my mind being very much exercised, and ready to sink under the weight of discouragement with the prospect of the service of the ensuing day, understanding that the inhabitants of Dodworth were of various notions and professions of Religion such as Protestants, Papists, Independents, Methodists, and Joannites who were very numerous in those parts, and that many under different names were wise in the Letter and outward knowledge of things so that being very low in my mind; I was ready to fear lest the cause of Truth should in anywise suffer through me, but was at length favoured to experience resignation, and in the morning a peaceful calm.

On 21st. and 1st. of week. I breakfasted at Penelope Dunns, and betwixt 9 and 10 in the forenoon set out for Dodworth 2 miles. Thomas Dixon Walton being my companion. Samuel Coward and John Yeardeley went early in the morning to assist in preparing the place, we got there a little before time, rested us a little at an Inn were we got 6 pennyworth of Rum and Water, and then went to the Meeting which began at 11 o'clock and held 2 hours. It was very large the School being very much crowded and many stood without who could not get in not only the inhabitants of the village and places adjacent attending but some from the neighbourhood of Barugh and Higham, and a great many out of Worsbro'.dale. We sat in the place were the Schoolmaster sits, and there being a desk before the seat It made a very good Gallery for two Persons. It proved a very glorious meeting, suitable doctrine opened to the various states present and the whole were directed to Christ the true teacher of his People, the Shepherd and Bishop of souls; that they might experience him to be their teacher, and the alone way to God. I was first concerned therein in supplication, and afterwards had a very long testimony to bear from Matt: C: 9. v: 36. When he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having

no shepherd. After which I acknowledged my obligation to the people for favouring us with their company, and satisfaction with their commendable behaviour. And after branching out a little into sundry exhortations recommended them unto God and the word of his grace and saluting them in Gospel love bade them all Farewel. After meeting Thomas Burley took us, George Chapman and Thomas Earnshaw of Judfield with him to dine were we were kindly and generously entertained. My companion and me left with about half past 2 o'clock and in about 1 hours time reached Barnsley were I drunk Tea and Penelope Dunns. At 5 in the evening I attended friends meeting in this Town held at Ellin Spenceleys which was a favoured time, there was 15 Persons besides myself there, I had a long testimony to bear therein from Isai: C: 11. v: 10. There shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the People; to it shall the Gentiles seek; and his rest shall be glorious. The meeting held upwards of 1 hour and a half. And now I felt the weight of the exercise which I had before had an apprehension of, that it would be required of me to go to the dissenting Methodists meetinghouse commonly called the Kilhamites in this Town, this evening; and bear Testimony to the Truth amongst them at the close of their meeting, before the congregation separated. This was an unusual exercise to me, having never met with anything of the kind before; It came upon me in the evening before and I acquainted my friend Thomas Dixon Walton therewith who went to one of that People to enquire what time they meeting began on Thursday evenings, and was informed they began at 6 o'clock and concluded a little before 8. After the meeting at Dodworth I acquainted my worthy friend George Chapman with the concern which had so unexpectedly come upon me, desiring him to give me such advice therein as he thought right. After weighing it some time, he encouraged me to faithfulness, if the concern remained with me. About 7 o'clock Thomas Dixon Walton and me went out as if we were going a walking without saying anything to anybody. We went to their Meetinghouse and stood at the window for sometime, when hoping the will was accepted for the deed, we return'd and went to Penelope Dunns I had not sat there long before my concern return'd with greater weight than ever, and about half past 7 we went to their Meetinghouse again, Thomas Walker Haigh accompanying us, when we got there we found they was near concluding, we opened the door and sat us quietly down with our hats on which drew some eyes upon us; when they had done Thomas Dixon Walton went to some of the members and inform'd them that a friend of his had a concern upon his mind to pay them a religious visit, If they were free to stop a little and have no objections to it. They immediately complied, but the People not knowing what there was to do, was going out until they was inform'd, when they return'd to their seats again, and many of the Towns People seeing the Light continue longer than usual came and increased the number considerably. Thomas Dixon Walton sat by me in the Pulpit I had not sat long, before I felt a concern to open my mouth amongst them, and had two long testimonies to bear the first from Matt: C: 17. v: 5. This is my beloved son, in whom I am well pleased, hear ye him. and the next from 1 Thes: C: 5. v. 22, 23, 24. Abstain from all appearance of evil. And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is he that calleth you who also will do it. I had to acknowledge to the People my obligation to them, for so readily complying with my request, and favouring me with this opportunity in which I had been enabled fully to relieve my mind, informing them that I came not amongst them in mine own will, but very much in the cross thereto; that I had no view whatsoever of gathering them from one outward form of religion to another, but that the good in all might be encouraged, and that sinners might be strengthened to forsake the evil of their ways; and all might be brought to an acquaintance with the voice of christ and experience a being established under his teaching who is come to teach his People himself and to lead them in the way everlasting, and then saluting them in the love of the everlasting Gospel I bade them all Farewel. We was about 1 hour and a half with them The People work remarkably still and attentive and many much broken and tendered, and we parted I believe me mutually satisfied, my mind being covered in my return with thanksgiving and praise feeling that peaceful serenity of mind which is sure reward of unreserved obedience. We went

to Penelope Dunns were I got a little Rum and Water, and afterwards supp'd at Ellin Spenceleys, and lodg'd at Thomas Dixon Waltons, were I enjoyed a sweet calm, after one of the hardest days exercise, I ever remember to have passed through.

On 22nd. and 2nd. of week, I breakfasted at Penelope Dunns, betwixt 10 and 11 o'clock left Barnsley, dear John Yeardeley set me on my way a little out of Town, and then return'd, I came to Cawthorne were I stopt betwixt 2 and 3 hours at Thomas Wests and din'd; then came to Joseph Ingrams of Dakinbrook were I rested me about half an hour, and then came by Denby home were I got betwixt 4 and 5 o'clock in the afternoon. The wind was so strong this afternoon, that it was with difficulty I could get forward.

An Account of my Journey to a Meeting at Dewsbury in the 1st. Mo. 1807.

I set out from home ye. 18th. of ye. 1st. Mo. 1807 and 1st. day of the week about 10 o'clock in the forenoon and went by Cumberworth to Skelmanthorp were I met with Charles Hinchcliffe of Whinney by appointment who was my companion to Wakefield We stopt about 1 hour at Leah Kinsleys and got some refreshment and then proceeded by Emley, Flockton, Mugmill, and Thornhill to Dewsbury were we got a little past 2 o'clock in the afternoon, to Morrith Matthews's were we drunk Tea. And at 5 in the evening was at the meeting in their house, which held near 2 hours. It was smaller than usual, our friend Isabella Harris having a Publick meeting at Dircar this afternoon some of the friends were gone there, so that there was but 9 beside my companion and me at meeting here, I was fully satisfied I was in my proper place, and though it was a low time in the forepart, yet towards the close I had a pretty long testimony to bear from 1 Cor: C: 8. v: 2. If any man think that he knoweth anything, he knoweth nothing yet as he ought to know. After meeting we went to sup at George Breareys were we lodg'd.

On 19th. and 2nd. of week, After Breakfast we set out for Wakefield were our Monthly Meeting was this day held, betwixt 8 and 9 o'clock in the morning George Brearey and David Brearey accompanying us thither, we went by Ossett and got Wakefield in time to get a little refreshment at the Swan with two necks before meeting. The meeting was large, satisfactory, Joshua Kay of Leeds, dropt a few words therein first. Isabella Harris had a long time next from Gen: C: 27. v: 38. Hast thou but one blessing my father? Bless me, even me also, O my father? And Esau lift up his voice and wept. I 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. At the close of the meeting for Worship the business of the Monthly meeting was entered upon, and a great deal gone thro', which was very unanimously conducted. The friends appointed last Monthly meeting to visit Elizabeth Dunn a young Woman who had attended Burton meeting several years and requested to be admitted a member of our Society brought in the following report viz.

According to our appointment (being favoured with the company of William Wass) we have visited Elizabeth Dunn to a good degree of satisfaction believing she is in a good degree convinced of our religious principles; and think her sincere in her views in making application to be admitted a member of our Society. We refer the further consideration of her case to the Monthly meeting

Burton 4th. of 1st. Mo. 1807

John Robinson
Christopher Walker
Mary Cudworth
Elizabeth Dix

The meeting after solidly weighing the same, agreed to accept her a member in our Society. Also the friends appointed to visit Charles Hinchcliffe a young man who had attended Highflatts meetings many years, and had applied to be united with friends, brought in the following report viz.

According to appointment we have visited Charles Hinchcliffe, and have had a satisfactory opportunity with him; he appears to be convinced of friends Principles. We felt sympathy with him, and believe him worthy of the notice of friends

12th. Mo. 28th. 1806

William Taylor
Henry Swire
John Pickford

The meeting after solidly weighing the same, concluded to accept a member about Society. Both meetings held 4 hours. After which I din'd at John Robinsons junr. And after dinner came to Dircar were I got about 5 o'clock, and lodg'd at Christopher Walkers. After Tea I went and sat a little John Pickards.

On 20th. and 3rd. of week, after breakfast I went and sat a little and William Pickards, left, about 10 o'clock in the full who came by Crigglestone, Bretton, and Parkmill to Skelmanthorp were I called at Charles Blackburns and Leah Kinsleys sat a little at each place and got some refreshment then came by Cumberworth home were I got about 5 o'clock in the evening having been very poorly most part of this journey and got little sleep, it was with great difficulty I got along this day.

An Account of my Journey to Publick Meetings held at Flockton and Dewsbury in the 2nd.
Mo. 1807.

Our esteemed friend Isabella Harris of Ackworth having in the last 12th. Month laid before our Monthly meeting a concern that was on her mind to pay a religious visit to the inhabitants of several places within the compass thereof, and friends feeling near sympathy in unity with her therein left her at liberty to proceed as Truth might open her way; Accordingly she had had at different times Publick meetings at Ferrybridge, Knottingley and Dircar; and on the 15th. of ye. 2nd. Mo. 1807 and 1st. day of the week At her request, Publick meetings were appointed in the forenoon at Flockton and in the evening at Dewsbury, and the night before David Brearey of Dewsbury came to inform me thereof, stopt all night at my house, and in the morning we set out together about 8 o'clock, my beloved friend and servant Joseph Grayham accompanying us to Flockton, we went by Shelley and Roydhouse, and got there a little before time. It began at 10 o'clock and was held in the Indepent meetinghouse which is a beautiful place and very large and commodious. J: Kirby the Preacher freely offered it us, and was very kind in seating the People, it was as full as could be comfortably accommodated, and a blessed glorious meeting it was being eminently overshadowed with the Presence and Power of the most high to the tendering of the hearts of many in this very large and solemn Assembly. Isabella Harris was first concerned therein in supplication, and afterwards had a very long time in testimony from Acts C: 4. v: 12. Neither is there salvation in any other; for there is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved. I next from Numb: C: 10. v: 29. We are journeying to the place of which the Lord said, I will give it you; come thou with us, and we will do thee good; for the Lord have spoken good concerning Israel. Isabella Harris of a long time next principally to Mothers of children 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. The meeting held 2 hours and a half, At the close of which I expressed our obligation to the People for favouring us with their company, and our satisfaction with their very commendable behaviour desiring them to guard against hastily entering into conversation even upon religious subjects, and concluded with desiring that the most high might be pleased to keep them from falling and present them faultless before the throne of his glory. We din'd at the Star paid 1s 3d a piece eating. After which we parted with Joseph Graham and went by Denby, Bristfield and Thornhill to Dewsbury were we got a little past 3 o'clock. I drunk Tea at Morritt Matthews. The meeting began at 5 o'clock and was held in the dissenting

Methodists Meetinghouse, A very great concourse of People attended, so that the house altho' extremely large was crowded, and many without doors who could not get in, I thought it one of the largest meeting as I ever was at, It was a very laborious time yet the power of Truth was comfortably in dominion by which we were enabled to relieve our spirits fully to the varied states, I had a short testimony therein first from Psalms 46. v: 10. Be still, and know that I am God. Isabella Harris had a very long time next 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. After the short time in silence, she had a long testimony from Hab: C: 2. v: 20. The Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him. I next from Gen: C: 11. v: 4. Go to, let us build us a city, and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth. Isabella Harris next from Psalms 34. v: 19. Many are the afflictions of the righteous. The meeting held upwards of 2 hours and a half. After which I inform'd the People it was over and requested they would retire to their respective habitations in a quiet orderly manner. I return'd to Morrith Matthews's were I got some suitable refreshment and then went to George Breareys to supper were I lodg'd. Besides the 3 Publick meetings beforementioned Isabella Harris had one at Mapplewell the last 1st. day.

On 16th. and 2nd. of week I breakfasted with William Wass's, and about 9 o'clock set out for our Monthly meeting to be held this day at Wakefield went by Ossett thither were I got a little refreshment at cousin William Steads. The meeting was pretty large and measurably favoured Isabella Harris had a pretty long testimony therein first from Rom: C: 2. v: 28. He is not a Jew which is one outwardly. John Bottomley next principally address'd to the youth. I had a short but encouraging testimony next to one particular state from 1 Thes: C: 5. v: 19. Quench not the spirit. At the close of the meeting for Worship was held our Monthly meeting for discipline the business of which was agreeably conducted John Hoyl of Ackworth meeting laid before us his intentions of marriage with Ann Shiers of Brighouse Mo. meeting. Both meetings held 3 hours. After which I went to John Robinsons of Fieldhouse to dine; and betwixt 3 and 4 o'clock set out for Barnsley in company with Thomas Walker Haigh and Johnny Yeardeley we went by Sandal to Newmillerdam were we stopt about half an hour at the malt shovel and got some refreshment paid 1s and then proceeded to Barnsley were we got about 7 o'clock I drunk Tea at Penelope Dunns, supp'd at Ellin Spenceleys and lodg'd with John Yeardeley his master being from home.

On 17th. and 3rd. of week. I Breakfasted at Penelope Dunns and betwixt 9 and 10 o'clock in the forenoon left Barnsley and came to Richard Scorahs of Barugh.mill were I stopt upwards of an hour and got some refreshment, then Hoyland, were I called to see Mary Fisher a pious Woman, stopt most of an hour with her, and then came to Skelmanthorp were I sat a little at Charles Blackburns and drunk Tea at Leah Kinsleys, then came by Cumberworth home were I got about 6 o'clock in the evening.

An Account of my Journey to Publick Meetings held at Holmfirth, Highflatts, Thurlstone, Silkstone, Skelmanthorp, Kexb'rough, and Clayton in the 2nd. Mo. 1807.

Our esteemed friend Isabella Harris of Ackworth After our Monthly Meeting and resting a day at Christopher Walkers, proceeded on her visit to the inhabitants in these parts, and on the 18th. of ye. 2nd., Mo. 1807 and 4th. day of the week had a Publick Meeting in the evening in friends Meetinghouse at Wooldale

On 19th. an 5th. of week a meeting was appointed for her at Holmfirth, and feeling drawings in my mind to attend there, I went, and afterwards accompanied her to all the meeting she had at this time in these parts. I left home after dinner and went to Henry Swires of Springhouse, were I understood the friends were at Thomas Roberts's of Wooldale, Leonard West having given up to accompany her throughout this visit, and drive the carriage.

Accordingly I went to them at Wooldale and we drunk Tea together at Thomas Roberts's and then proceeded to Holmfirth where we took up our quarters at the Brown Cow. The meeting began at 6 o'clock and was held in the Methodists Meetinghouse which was exceedingly crowded, and many stood without who could not get in. It was a time of high favour, Isabella Harris had a long testimony to bear therein first from John C: 1. v: 46. Can any good thing come out of Nazareth? Philip saith unto him, Come and see. I next from Cant: C: 10. v: 6. Who is she that looketh forth as the morning, fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners. Isabella Harris next in supplication. I had a pretty long time in testimony next from Rom: C: 1. v: 21, 22. When they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful, but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools. The meeting held 2 hours and a half. At the close of which, I inform'd the People, The meeting was over requesting them to retire to their respective habitations in a quiet orderly manner, unlike the noble Bereans examine the Scriptures and see if the important Truths communicated to them were not consistent therewith; but withall to come unto him who alone can open, and when he openeth none can shut. After getting some suitable refreshment at the Inn, The friends return'd to Wooldale and I came with Henry Swires to his house where I lodg'd

On 20th. and 6th. of week, After Breakfast I set out towards home came by Tottis and Scholes to George Broadheads of Melthomhouse where I stopt about 1 hour and got some refreshment, and then proceeded and got home about 11 o'clock, found the friends at my house who were got in a little before me a Publick meeting being to be held this evening in our Meetinghouse at Highflatts. In the afternoon we went to Elihu Dickinsons of Highflatts to Tea. The meeting began at 6 in the evening and notice having been given to the inhabitants of Cumberworth, Dykeside, Denby, Ing. Birchworth, Shepley and places adjacent, It was large the Meetinghouse and chamber being well filled, friends being desired to give way for other People, very few attended. It was an open good Meeting, Isabella Harris had a long testimony to bear therein first from John C: 17. v: 3. This is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent. I next from 2 Cor: 9. v: 15. Thanks be to God for his unspeakable gift. Isabella Harris next from Matt: C: 23. v: 37. O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the Prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not. The Meeting held near 2 hours and a half. At the close of which I expressed our satisfaction with the company and very commendable behaviour of the People and after dropping a few exhortations to them saluted them in that love which continues to breathe Peace on earth and goodwill towards all men and bade them all Farewel. I got a little suitable refreshment at Elihu Dickinsons Tanner and then came home where the friends was just got in before me, being favoured with their company to lodge at my house.

On 21st. and 7th. of week, I accompanied to the friends to George Chapmans of Penistone to dine we left to Newhouse about 11 o'clock in the forenoon and went by Ing. Birchworth to Penistone. After dinner George Chapman accompanied us to Thurlstone where a meeting was appointed to be held this evening. James Eyre Wife hearing thereof went over to Penistone to request that friends who attended might take up their quarters at the house we accordingly went thither where we met with a very kind reception, drunk Tea there and tarried until the time of the meeting which began at 6 o'clock and was held in the Methodist Meetinghouse, the round Preacher being in the village attended and was very useful in directing the People to seats, I was in his company a little after meeting and thought him a very agreeable man his name is Wilton The Meetinghouse was well filled notwithstanding it was a wet night, and it proved a time of high favour Isabella Harris had a very long testimony to bear therein first from Psalms 8. v: 4. What is man that thou art mindful of him? or the son of man that thou visitest him. I next from John C: 11. v: 25, 26. I am the resurrection and the life, he that believeth on me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth, and believeth in me, shall never die. The meeting held upwards of 2 hours and a half. At the close of which I inform'd the People, The meeting was over and

requested they might return to their respective habitations in a quiet and orderly manner. The friends return'd with George Chapman to lodge. But I thought of coming home directly from the meeting, But Askham Eyre insisted on the me going to his house, and was very pressing on me to stay all night or otherwise he would send a man and horse with me home, I acknowledged his kindness, but could not accept thereof After getting some suitable refreshment at his house I came by Ing. Birchworth home were I got about half past 10 o'clock.

On 22nd. and 1st. of week, A meeting being appointed at Silkstone I set out towards there a little past 8 o'clock having dear Joseph Grayham for my companion, It was a very windy stormy day, we went by Denby, Gunthwaite, Elmhirst and Bankshall, got to the Sine of the Pack.horse in Silkstone about 10 o'clock, and the friends came in soon after, after getting a little refreshment and resting ourselves we went to the meeting which began at 11 o'clock and was held in the School which was well filled with People. It was a precious tendering time Isabella Harris had a long testimony therein first from Cant: C: 5. v: 3. I have put of my coat; how shall I put it on? I have washed my feet, how shall I defile them. I next from John C: 4. v: 42. Now we believe not because of thy saying; for we have heard him ourselves, and know that this is indeed the christ, the Saviour of the world. The meeting held 2 hours At the close thereof I inform'd the People it was over, and added, that as it had been a solemn time so I hoped it might be a profitable time to many if they duly considered that altho' Paul may plant and Apollos water yet the increase of all good, from God. We din'd at the Inn paid 1s a piece eating, here our friend felt a concern to have a meeting at Skelmanthorp the next day in the evening, and accordingly concluded to go to my house to night, We tarried here until about 3 o'clock and then the friends went the Turnpike road to my house and my companion and me came by Cawthorne and Camel.hall to cousin Joseph Steads of Toppett to get them to meet the friends at Skelmanthorp the night following. We stopt there about 1 hour and a half and drunk Tea, then came by Bagden to Dykeside were we called and rested as a little at Joshua Morleys stopt about half an hour and got a little refreshment and then came home were we got about 8 o'clock in the evening.

On 23rd. and 2nd. of the week, This morning I got Joseph Haigh of Birdsedge to go down to Skelmanthorp, and procure a place for the meeting this evening and be giving notice to the inhabitants, I stopt as long as I could with the friends, and then went down by Cumberworth to Skelmanthorp. We din'd at Charles Blackburns who appeared very kind and willing to assist us all he could. In the afternoon we went to Leah Kinsleys, dear William Taylor after dinner accompanied the friends from my house hither were we all drunk Tea together and I believe it was a great pleasure to that truly pious Woman to have so many friends in her little habitation The meeting began at 6 in the evening and was held in the School as we could not procure any larger place, It was extremely crowded, there being upwards of 400 grown People within, and above 100 about the doors and windows the children being kept at a distance from an apprehension that there would be a want of room. Isabella Harris appeared first and stood a pretty long time from 1 Thes: C: 4. v: 11. but whilst she was under the exercise of her gift, some rude People made some disturbance, and others being grieved at them reproved then which has no effect upon them, so that the Meeting was very much hurt and unsettled; and she sat down, the confusion continuing and increasing, I stood up, and in the Power and Authority of the Gospel rebuked them for their uncivil behaviour, which had the desired effect, all became quiet and still and continued so to the end, and a blessed heavenly meeting it was; may the Lord have the praise, for his mercy endureth for ever, he who saith unto the raging waves of the sea hitherto shalt thou go and no further, is able to calm the unruly spirits of men. Soon after I sat me down Isabella Harris got up again, resumed her former subject, stood long and was eminently favoured. I had a long time next from Isai: C: 28. v: 16. Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation, a stone, a tried stone, a precious cornerstone, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste. Isabella Harris had a pretty long time next from Matt: C: 11. v: 29. Learn of me for I am meek and lowly of heart. The Meeting held 2 hours; At the close thereof I had just to observe to the People, that

notwithstanding the hurt the meeting received in the early part thereof, an awful solemnity had covered many minds, and the Power and Presence of Almighty God had mercifully overshadowed us; and in order that they might profit thereby, I earnestly desired them to keep under the solemn covering, or endeavour for it; by retiring to their respective habitations in a quiet and orderly manner. The Schoolmaster was very kind, took the friends into his house and gave them some suitable refreshment. We sat at Charles Blackburns until William Taylor went to Leah Kinsleys for the carriage, during which time we dropped into a solemn silence, and Isabella Harris had a pretty long testimony to bear addressing herself particularly to Charles, and was very suitably opened to his state, I sincerely wish he may profit by it. The friends went home with cousin Joseph Stead and his Wife, and after getting a little refreshment here we went and sat a little at Leah Kinsleys, and then I set out in company with William Taylor, John Pickford and Joseph Haigh of Birdsedge, got home betwixt 10 and 11 o'clock at night.

On 24th. and 3rd. of week, I set out towards Kexbrough where a meeting was appointed to be held this evening, went by Dykeside and Bagden to cousin Joseph Steads of Toppett where I got just in time to the dinner, and met again with the friends who inform'd me that she had felt a concern upon her mind to have a meeting at Clayton next day, and as the independents had some time before made an offer to frds. of their Meetinghouse, and one of the Trustees living in Kexb'rough, I set out soon after dinner in company with cousin Eliu Stead went by Hoyland to Kexbrough where we got about 3 o'clock, The man being from home we had to wait his return, and then readily obtained leave, cousin Elihu then return'd to give notice of the Meeting next day to the inhabitants of Clayton. We took up our quarters in this village at the Three.cotton.hanks, The friends came to Tea and John Bottomley and Christopher Walker was there sooner to Prepare the place. We paid 10d a piece Tea and suppers The meeting was held in a large room at the Inn, were a convenient Gallery was erected and a few seats placed but most of the People stood in order to accommodate the more. This room with another adjoining was very full and it was an open favoured meeting. Isabella Harris had a long testimony therein first from Acts C: 10. v: 34. Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons. After a short time in silence she had another long time from Gen: C: 39. v: 9. How then can I do this great wickedness and sin against God. I 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. John Bottomley had a pretty long time next from Psalms 8. v: 4. What is man that thou art mindful of him, or the son of man that thou visitest him. Isabella Harris next from Gen: C: 28. v: 16. Surely the Lord is in this place, and I knew it not. The meeting held upwards of 2 hours. At the close thereof I briefly inform'd the People that the meeting was over desiring those who were next the door quietly to withdraw. Isabella Harris lodg'd at the farmers where she lodg'd when here before, and we four men friends lodged at the Widow Hudsons.

On 25th. and 4th. of week This morning Isabella Harris came to Breakfast with us at Widow Hudsons, who was exceeding kind and did all in her power to accommodate friends. We left Kexbrough about 9 o'clock in the morning, and came by Hoyland to Clayton where we took up our quarters at the New Inn. The meeting began at 11 o'clock and was held in the Independent Meetinghouse which is a large square building but without Lofts a great many People attend so that the Meetinghouse was well filled, many of them I believe had never been at a meeting before, It was a laborious time yet the Truth was largely declared amongst them, and we was well satisfied with our visit, best help being near. Isabella Harris had a very long testimony to bear therein from Matt: C: 11. v: 3. Art thou he that should come, or do we look for another? I next from Rev: C: 21. v: 7. He that cometh shall inherit all things: and I will be his God, and he shall be my son. John Bottomley a short time next having sundry pertinent exhortations to communicate. The Meeting held 2 hours and a half. At the close of which I inform'd the People that their company and behaviour in the general had been acceptable, desiring they might profit by the opportunity which must be by turning inward; for Altho' Paul may plant and Apollos water yet the increase of all good cometh from God,

and in that love which I believe was the moving cause of this visit; saluted them and affectionately bade them Farewel. We return'd to the Inn to dine Paid 1s a piece eating and after dinner Isabella Harris feeling her mind at liberty to return home at present, altho' she had a prospect of several other places at a future time; she and Leonard West set out with Christopher Walker for his house, and John Bottomley and me with cousin Joseph and Hannah Stead to their house were we stopped about 1 hour and a half and drunk Tea, then came by Bagden and Dykeside to Wood, were I rested about half an hour at John Bottomleys; and got home by 7 o'clock

An Account of my Journey to our Spring Quarterly Meeting held at Leeds in the 3rd. Mo. 1807.

I set out from home ye. 23rd. of ye. 3rd. Mo. 1807 and 2nd. day of the week about 8 o'clock in the morning, called and sat a little at John Pickfords of Park, and then proceeded by Cumberworth to Skelmanthorp were I rested me a little at Leah Kinsleys and got some refreshment, then proceeded by Emley to Flockton.mill were I called at my cousin Alexander Hampshire's, they was much pleased to see me, insisted on my tarrying dinner with them, which I complied with; stopped about 2 hours and then proceeded by Flockton, Mugmill and Thornhill to Dewsbury were I got betwixt 3 and 4 o'clock in the afternoon, and took up my quarters at George Breareys. After Tea I went to see Morrith Matthews's were I sat a little and then returnd to my quarters.

On 24th. and 3rd. of the week, I set out about 9 o'clock in the morning and went by Batley to Bruntcliffe were I called and rested me a little Joseph Atkinsons, and then proceeded to John Ellis's of Gildersome.School were I stopt about 3 hours and din'd, then proceeded to Holbeck near Leeds were I got about 3 o'clock in the afternoon, to Joseph Shackletons were I took up my quarters during the time of this Quarterly meeting. At 5 in the evening was our Quarterly meeting for Ministers and Elders; We were favoured thereat with the company of three Strangers viz. Thomas Shillito, William Foster, and Susanna Horne from Middlesex. The Queries were read and Answers thereto from all our Mo. meetings in which Select meetings are held; A General Answer was drawn up approv'd and Signed in order to be laid before the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders in London. The advices to Ministers and Elders were also read, and the Certificates of the three friends who were travelling in the work of the Ministry. Also the Friends appointed last Quarterly meeting to visit the members of the Select meeting in Pontefract Monthly meeting reported, That they had performed the visit, and that the Queries were repeated and Answered, and that the visit was to some satisfaction. and the following friends were appointed to Oversee the succeeding Meetings and advise as occasion may require. At the close of the business Susanna Horne was concerned in Prayer. And after a short time in silence, Thomas Shillito kneeled down, and I thought the business of the meeting was properly conducted, and it closed under a very solemn covering, having held upwards of 3 hours.

On 25th. and 4th. of week at 10 in the morning was a meeting for Worship, and tho' it was mostly Select of friends. It was very large the house and Lofts being nearly 4, Thomas Shillito had a pretty long time therein in testimony first Being lead in an encouraging manner to the faithful according to their various growths tenderly exhorting the youth to come forward to the help of the Lord against the mighty; often repeating a language similar to this "Be ye therefore helpers together with us in the Lord." After a short time in silence he stood up again and enlarged a little. William Foster next a pretty long time. Susanna Horne had a very long time next from Psalms 116. v: 12. What shall I render unto thee O Lord for all thy benefits? At the close of this Meeting was held a meeting for discipline, Joseph Birkbeck of Settle meeting and Caleb Fletcher of Kirkbymoorside were Clerks, being chosen in the last 9th. Mo. for the ensuing year. The 1st. 3 Queries were read, and Answers thereto from all our

Mo. meetings, and General Answers prepared. In Answers to the 2nd. Query it appeared there was some appearance of convincement in Balby, Pontefract, Brighouse, and Gisborough Mo. Meetings; and that 9 Persons had been accepted into membership thereby since last year viz. 3 in Balby, 5 in Pontefract and 1 in Brighouse Monthly meetings. Some other business was gone thro' and then the meeting adjourn'd until 5 o'clock in the evening. Both meetings held near 4 hours. After which I din'd at John Thorntons, and drunk Tea at Joshua Ingles. At 5 in the evening met pursuant to adjournment, The remaining 7 Queries usually answered this time of the year was read and Answers thereto and the General Answer drawn up, a Friend was appointed to Prepare a fair copy of the whole to be produced at the next sitting of this meeting. Some other business was gone thro' and then the meeting adjourn'd until 10 the next morning having held 3 hours.

On 26th. and 5th. day of week. At 10 in the morning pursuant to adjournment Before the opening of the business William Foster had a short testimony to bear. The General Answer to the Queries were then read and Signed in order to be transmitted by our Representatives to the Yearly Meeting in London, and 8 friends were appointed to attend the said meeting. The remaining part of the business of this Quarterly meeting was gone thro' in this sitting, The whole having been conducted in much harmony and concord. Amongst other things a proposition was received from Balby Mo. meeting requesting leave for the Quarterly meeting to be held at Sheffield either in the 6th. or 9th. Mo. After a few friends speaking their sentiments for and against it the consideration thereof was deferred until the next Quarterly meeting. This meeting held near 2 hours. After which I din'd and drunk Tea at Joshua Ingles. At 5 in the evening was a Meeting for Worship which held about 2 hours and a half. It was not much if any larger than the former, for altho' more of the Societies attended, a considerable number of friends had left the Town. William Foster had a pretty long and acceptable time in testimony first. John Hoyland next from Isai: C: 9. v: 6. Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given. Susanna Moore had a long time next from John C: 3. v: 3. Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. Thomas Shillito next from Prov: C: 27. v: 17. Iron sharpeneth iron; so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend. William Foster concluded the meeting in Prayer. At the close of which a friend gave notice that our friend Thomas Colley of Sheffield was desirous of having a Publick meeting at 6 o'clock tomorrow evening in this Meetinghouse requesting the friends of Leeds meeting to give proper notice thereof. He had a Publick meeting with the inhabitants of Wakefield in friends Meetinghouse in that town on 2nd. day evening before the Quarterly meeting at 6 o'clock which I understood was very large And proposed having one in his return home in friends Meetinghouse at Burton near Barnsley on 1st. day at their usual meeting time with the inhabitants of that part were of late years a considerable openness hath appeared and a pretty many have joined our religious Society by convincement and many others attend friends meeting constantly there

On 27th.and 6th. of the week, I set out towards home a little before 10 o'clock in the forenoon, and being alone I had to meditate upon the mercies of God towards man the noblest part of his creation; and how we as a Society of People notwithstanding our deep revolting, and many amongst us backsliding as with a perpetual backsliding; yet in what an eminent manner he was pleased to continue the visitations of his love unto us; a renewed instance of which had been eminently manifested this Quarterly meeting to the reviving of the poor in spirit; and strengthening of those who had no might or ability of their own; The several sittings thereof having been eminently overshadowed with the Power and Presence of him whose name is Jehovah. As my mind was thus exercised it made my journey in my solitary walking along not only pleasant but profitable so that I felt no desire that would company. I came by Churwell, Morley, Tingley.Bar, Woodkirk and Chichhill to Dewsbury, were I got about 1 o'clock to my kind friend George Breareys were I din'd and after dinner, concluding to stop all night, I went to Morrith Matthews's were I tarried and drunk Tea, and after Tea went to see William Wass, but he was not return'd home having called at Gildersome, were our friend William Foster from Middlesex a choice youth, and lively minister; those

preservation and growth, I feel whilst writing desirous for; had an appointed meeting in company with George Sanders of Whitby at 11 o'clock, and at the close of the said meeting held a Publick meeting appointed in the same place at 6 o'clock this evening. I sat a little with the family and then took a walk into the fields and return'd to my quarters.

On 28th. and 7th. of week, After Breakfast George Brearey and his Wife and David Brearey being set with me in the parlour, we closed into silence and was favoured with a comfortable opportunity together in which I had pretty long testimony to bear 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 arrayed like one of these. I left Dewsbury betwixt 11 and 12 o'clock, George Brearey set me on my way about 2 miles and then return'd I came by Thornhill, Mugmill, Flockton and Emley to Skelmanthorp were I called at Leah Kinsleys and drunk Tea, then proceeded by Cumberworth to John Pickfords of Park were I sat a little and got home about 7 o'clock in the evening. Being full as well at my return as when I set out having been for sometime poorly of a bad cold.

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An Account of my Journey to a Meeting at Barnsley in the 4th. Mo. 1807

Intending for our Monthly Meeting to be held at Burton and feeling a desire to sit with the friends of Barnsley in their meeting the evening before. I left home ye. 19th. of ye. 4th. Mo. 1807 and 1st. day of the week betwixt 11 and 12 o'clock in the forenoon, having my beloved friend William Taylor from near Rochdale in Lancashire who was at my house on a visit for my companion this Journey. We went by Denby to Dakinbrook were we rested us a little at Joseph Ingrams, and then proceeded by Cawthorne to Higham were we rested us a little at John Sellers's, and then he accompanied us to Barnsley were we got about 4 o'clock, to my beloved friend Thomas Dixon Waltons were we took up our quarters; he having set his apartment open for the entertainment of friends in which his Mother kindly united with him, in providing Beds for our accommodation. Here we met with our beloved friend Thomas Shillitoe from the county of Middlesex, and several other friends come to Tea. Thomas was on a religious visit to friends in these parts, but more especially to this Monthly Meeting, were he told me his Master inform'd him before he left home he was to tarry 2 months his principle residence was at Christopher Walkers of Dirtcar, were he wrought in the Garden and Fields,

and as the Lord opened his way attended our meetings, he had been at Burton to day and came from thence to attend the meeting at Barnsley this evening. The meeting began at 5 o'clock and was much larger than usual many frds. being there who was come to attend the meeting the next day. It was a comfortable refreshing opportunity Thomas Shillitoe had a long testimony to bear therein 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? out of the barn floor or out of the wine-press. John Bottomley next in Prayer. Thomas Shillitoe a long time next in testimony from Matt: C: 24. v: 20. Pray ye that your flight be not in the winter; neither on the sabbath day. The meeting held upwards of 2 hours. We stopt and supp'd with Ellin Spenceley, and then return'd to our quarters.

On 20th. and 2nd. of week, Thomas Shillitoe came to Breakfast with us, and after Breakfast He informed us of his visit to the King, George the third, some years ago. He said the exercise of his mind from the prospect of this religious duty was such as to deprive him very much of his rest for a long time before he inform'd friends thereof; and after there appeared great difficulty to come at a suitable opportunity with him, but the King going to his country.house at Windsor, it was thought best to follow him thither; accordingly George Stacey accompanied him and he having acquaintance with his Surgeon, they consulted with him, he told them the King proposed to go a hunting the next day and the most suitable time to meet with him would be in the Stable yard precisely at 8 o'clock in the morning, accordingly they made themselves ready, and met with him at the Stable door, they drew near to him in fear his mind being in an exceeding stripped state, when they got near to him, George Stacey inform'd him that a friend had something of his mind to say unto him if he pleased to hear. The King stood facing them with a Nobleman on each side of him; After a solemn pause for the space of about five minutes, Thomas mouth was opened with these words, "Hear O King", immediately all fear was removed, and he had a remarkable open time fully to relieve his mind; The King at first looked him full in the face but in a little time held down his head and wept much, after he had delivered his message a solemn silence ensued for some time, and then they withdrew. The King declined going a hunting, and return'd to the house, were with many tears he informed the Queen of what had passed, and the friend went home as one delivered from an heavy burden. The meeting at Burton began at 11 o'clock as usual, beside the beforementioned friend we were favoured thereat with the company of our friends William Sowerby of Richmond Mo. meeting; It was large of friends and several sober People of other societies attended The Meetinghouse being quite full and several sat in the chamber. It was a remarkable open favoured time Thomas Shillitoe had a very long testimony to bear therein first from Zech: C: 14. v: 21. Every pot in Jerusalem and in Judah shall be Holiness unto the Lord of hosts. Isabella Harris had a long time next from Cant: C: 2. v: 15. Take us the foxes, the little foxes, that spoil the vines. Thomas Shillitoe a short time next from Matt: C: 13. v: 28. An enemy hath done this. Isabella Harris had a long time next from the passage of Naaman the Assyrian. Thomas Shillitoe next from Deut: C: 30. v: 14. The word is very nigh unto thee, in thy mouth, and in thy heart that thou mayest do it. At the close of the meeting for Worship was held our Monthly meeting for discipline. The business of which was amicably conducted. Thomas Shillitoe had many weighty and instructive remarks to communicate to us, and said if he had any service in this visit it was principally in this Monthly meeting were he felt himself as one of us. I inform'd the meeting of a concern that was on my mind to pay a religious visit to the inhabitants of some places within the compass thereof, several friends expressed their unity therewith, and the meeting left me at liberty to proceed therein as way might open. Both meetings held 4 hours, After which we din'd at John Wilsons and about 4 o'clock left Burton and went by Cudworth to Shafton were we got about 5 and lodg'd at Timothy Sykes's who had informed me by Letter of his desire to see me.

On 21st. and 3rd. of week we left Shafton betwixt 9 and 10 o'clock in the morning, Timothy Sykes set us on our way about 1 mile and then return'd We came by Cudworth to Samuel Lavers of Woodnook were we stopt near 2 hours and got some refreshment then

proceeded by Burton.grange to Barnsley were we got about 1 o'clock, Din'd with Thomas Walker Haigh, and afterwards sat a little at Joseph Smiths and Samuel Cowards, and drunk Tea at Penelope Dunns in company with many friends. About 7 o'clock we left Barnsley, Thomas Dixon Walton and Thomas Yeardley setting us on our way about 1 mile and then returned, we got to Richard Scorahs of Barugh.mill about 8 o'clock in the evening were we tarried all night.

On 22nd. and 4th. of week, After Breakfast we had a comfortable opportunity with the family in which I had a long testimony to bear from John C: 16. v: 33. In the world ye shall have tribulation; but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world. We set out betwixt 10 and 11 o'clock and came by Kexbro' to Hoyland were we rested us a little with Mary Fisher, and then came to cousin Joseph Steads of Toppett were we din'd, stopt about 2 hours, and then came by Bagden and Dykeside to John Bottomleys of Wood were we drunk Tea, and stopt about 2 hours, here we met with Charles Blackburn of Skelmanthorp who accompanied us to my house were we got about 7 o'clock in the evening.

An Account of my Journey to a Publick Meeting held at Wortley-forge in the 4th. Mo. 1807.

My mind being engaged to pay a religious visit to the inhabitants of Hunchhill Township and places adjacent, John Bottomley, George Chapman and Thomas Earnshaw of Judfield went the day before to procure and prepare a place, and give notice to the inhabitants John Woodcock of Wortley.forge, kindly accommodated them with a very convenient Barn, and assisted them with preparing it, a convenient Gallery was erected and a few seats placed but not many as it might contain more people. I set out from home for Wortley-forge in the Township of Hunchhill about 8 miles ye. 26th. of ye. 4th. Mo. 1807 and 1st. day of the week betwixt 7 and 8 o'clock in the morning having my beloved friend and servant Joseph Grayham for my companion this journey. It was a remarkable fine day and being my birth.day I had many solemn reflections as I walked along; We went by Ing.Birchworth to Penistone were we stopt about half an hour at George Chapmans and got Tea, then he accompanied us from Thurgoland bridge we had a very pleasant walk down a curious valley by the Wiremills to Wortley-forge were we got about half an hour before meeting time; we rested us and got a little refreshment at John Woodcocks. The Meeting began at 11 o'clock and held upwards of 2 hours. It was very large, the Barn being well filled, and many without doors, and through divine condescension, it was an open favoured time. I had a very long testimony to bear therein first from John C: 17. v: 3. This is life eternal that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent. John Bottomley a long time next from Jon: C: 3. v: 2. Go unto Nineveh that great city, and preach unto it the preaching that I bid thee. And after a short time in silence he had a long time again from Matt: C: 25. v: 6. Behold the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him. After which I was concerned in Prayer, and at the close of the meeting, I acknowledged our obligation to the People for favouring us with their company; commended them for their good behaviour, and in that love which I believe was the moving cause of this visit, I closed and bade them all Farewell. After getting a little suitable refreshment at John Woodcocks, (who had manifested all the kindness in his power on the present occasion) we came about 1 mile to the Sine of the Brown.cow in Hunchill were we din'd paid 9 a piece eating and 6d Liquor, whilst we were at dinner, James Beardshall who had been at the Meeting came to see us. We stopt here about 1 hour and a half and then parting with Thomas Earnshaw of Judfield, we set out in company with John Bottomley. James Beardshall set us on our way about 2 miles and then returned. We called with George Chapman at his house were we stopt about 1 hour and drunk Tea, then came by Ing.Birchworth home were we got about 7 in the evening.

An Account of my Journey to a Publick Meeting held at Ardsley in the 4th. Mo. 1807.

I set out from home ye. 30th. of ye. 4th. Mo. 1807 and 5th. day of the week betwixt 6 and 7 o'clock in the morning, having felt a concern upon my mind to be at the week.day meeting at Burton I went by Denby to Joseph Ingrams of Dakinbrook were I rested me a little and then proceeded by Cawthorne to Richard Scorahs of Barugh.mill were I stopt about half an hour and got some refreshment got to Burton a little before the time of the meeting which began as usual at 11 o'clock and held near 1 hour and a half. Our friend Thomas Shillitoe came here from Dirtcar whom I rejoiced to see; It was a comfortable meeting. Thomas Shillitoe had two pretty long and encouraging testimonies to bear therein the first 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. and afterwards from 1 Cor: C: 7. v: 29 30. This I say, brethren, the time is short; it remaineth, that both they that have wives be as though they had none; And they that weep as though they wept not; and they that rejoice as though they rejoiced not; and they that buy as though they possessed not. Our last Monthly meeting having appointed 4 friends to consider about making some better accommodations viz. Christopher Walker, William Wass, James Harrison, and Godfrey Woodhead, for the friends of this meeting; The said friends met together here to day and at the close of this meeting had a conference upon the subject, and at their request Thomas Shillitoe and me sat with them, when it was agreed to propose to the Monthly meeting the putting out a Window over the Gallery, and laying the floor with boards, and some other alterations. We left the friends to draw up and Sign the report and we went to Barnsley were Thomas Shillitoe din'd with James Arthington Wilson and immediately after dinner set out for Dirtcar, James at his request accompanied him part of the way, he having something on his mind to impart to him. I dined at Ellin Spenceleys, and having had it on my mind to pay a religious visit to the inhabitants of Ardsley and its vicinity, whilst I was eating it appeared clear to me that this evening was the time to accomplish it, accordingly Thomas Dixon Walton and Thomas Walker Haigh set out immediately after being acquainted therewith to procure a place and give notice to the inhabitants. I spent the afternoon and drunk Tea at Penelope Dunns, and betwixt 5 and 6 o'clock set out for Ardsley 2 miles in company with dear John Yeardley; we met with a young man upon the road who told us at what house we should meet with our friends, we got to Ardsley about 6 o'clock and went directly to George Hannahs were we met with them they having been at Tea there, they appeared very kind people, we tarried with them until Meetingtime. The Meeting began at 7 o'clock and was held in the Dissenting Methodists Meetinghouse which was not quite finished. The Loft was completed, but the Plaisterers were at work when the friends got there; on considering about a place some of the members of that Society was very desirous it should be held there, and accordingly set to work with great cheerfulness, cleared the place of the rubbish, erected a temporary Gallery, and seated the bottom with planks, which was pretty well filled with People and some sat in the Loft. There was a number unto whom my spirit was very nearly united; but the generality appeared very raw and ignorant of the nature of spiritual worship, so that our exercise was heavy in the forepart of the meeting yet upon the whole it was a remarkable open favoured time, and I had a very long testimony to bear therein from 1 John C: 2. v: 27. The anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you; but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and no lye; and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him. At the close of the meeting I had to observe, That I was thankful to feel that an awful solemnity had more especially in the later part thereof covered the minds of many in this meeting, and as these were seasons we could not procure to ourselves, I much desired we might not get from under it when separated by entering hastily into unprofitable conversation; Then recommending them unto God and the word of his Grace which is able to build them up in that most holy faith which is the gift of God, and works by love to the purifying of the heart. I saluted them in that love which distance cannot separate nor many waters quench and bade them all Farewel. The meeting held about 2 hours and a half before I got out of the Meetinghouse a

man came to me and kindly invited me to his house which he said was very near, we went with him, and got some suitable refreshment, I looked at the man and thought his very countenance betrayed him that he had been with Jesus; he said his heart within him rejoiced when he first heard we were coming to pay them a visit; we stopt there about half an hour, and then set out for Barnsley were we got a little before 11 o'clock, and I supp'd and lodg'd with my beloved friend Thomas Dixon Walton. We understood afterwards the man who was so kind to us at Ardsley is a preacher to that congregation and his name is Joseph Hoyl.

On 1st. of 5th. Mo. and 6th. of week I breakfasted at Penelope Dunns and after breakfast Susanna Atkinson a young Woman who is under convincement came to see me, I was much pleased with her company, She has had a genteel education, and many great sacrifices to make, and I believe if she is preserved watchful and obedient will in due time be an useful and valuable member of our Society, when I was about to set off, she went home and returned with a Bottle of wine and some cake with which I refreshed myself, and left Barnsley betwixt 10 and 11 o'clock in the forenoon, Thomas Dixon Walton accompanied me about 1 mile, and then returned; I called at Thomas Wests of Cawthorne were I stopped betwixt 2 and 3 hours and din'd,, then came by Dakinbrook and Dykeside to John Bottomleys of Wood were I rested me about half an hour, and got home betwixt 5 and 6 in the evening. It had been extremely hot this journey, and in our return from Ardsley to Barnsley it Lightened much all the way, but appeared to be at a considerable distance; and after I got home this evening, there was much Thunder and Lightning with some little rain. It continued for about the space of 2 hours, and 1 hour of the time was a continued rumble. The next day we had one of the most awful afternoons I ever remember of Thunder and Lightning, accompanied with violent storms of Hail and rain. It began betwixt 11 and 12 o'clock, and continued with very little intermission until betwixt 7 and 8 in the evening, much damage was done thereby in many places. Abel Tinker of Hepworth and John Morton of Scholes had each of them a cow killed by the Lightning, and a Woman at Mount, and a Lad at Wooldale were much hurt thereby. The floods also occasioned by the heavy falls of Hail and rain did a great deal of damage. At Silkstone A Woman and two children were drowned in their own house, and two horses in the Stable the other two that was with them in the same Stable being almost miraculously preserved by getting with their fore feet into the manger, and putting their heads up the hole where the fodder is put down, much more damage was done in various places both by the fire and water; But O my mind is affected in the penning of these lines, Me and mine were preserved from harm, not from any deservings of mine, but of the Lords abundant mercies. May I be enabled to walk in humility before him all my days.

An Account of my Journey to a Publick Meeting held at Burton in the 5th. Mo. 1807.

My mind being impressed with an apprehension of duty to pay a religious visit to the inhabitants of Burton and its vicinity. I wrote to the friends of Barnsley to appoint one to be held there in frds. Meetinghouse, and Thomas Yeardley and Thomas Walker Haigh undertook the care of giving notice to the inhabitants. I left home ye. 16th. of ye. 5th. Mo. 1807 and 7th. day of ye. week about 1 o'clock in the afternoon and went by Denby to Joseph Ingrams of Dakinbrook were I rested me a little and then proceeded by Cawthorne to Barnsley were I got betwixt 4 and 5 o'clock and drunk Tea at Penelope Dunns, and supp'd, then went to Thomas Dixon Waltons were I lodg'd with John Yeardley, his Master being gone to the Yearly Meeting at London.

On 17th. and 1st. of week I breakfasted at Samuel Cowards. The Meeting at Burton began at 11 o'clock, and the inhabitants of the village and places adjacent being properly informed thereof they pretty generally attended, so that it was the longest Meeting I ever saw there, the Meetinghouse being quite full of People, and a considerable number in the chamber; It was a time of high favour many being very much broken and tendered and I had a very long

testimony to bear therein from 2 Cor: C: 13. v: 5. Examine yourselves whether ye be in the faith, prove your own selves, know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus christ is in you except ye be reprobates? John Bottomley was next concerned in Prayer. At the close of the meeting I informed the People that I had for some time apprehended it to be my duty to pay them a religious visit that I was much obliged to them for favouring us with their company, and that their solid behaviour had been very acceptable after a short communication more to them, I saluted them in Gospel Love sincerely desiring that Grace mercy and peace might be multiplied amongst them, and that they might so fight the good fight of faith as to lay hold of eternal life that if we never saw the faces of one another more in mutability we might be favoured to meet in the realms of bliss, where the wicked cease from troubling and the weary are at rest, and under the precious influence of this Love bade them all Farewel. After those of other Societies were withdrawn; friends went through the business of their Preparative meeting. Of the committee appointed to attend here, there was James Harrison, John Bottomley, John Pickford and myself. Both meetings held near 2 hours and a half. After which I set out towards Pontefract, our Monthly meeting being to be held there the next day, John Yeardley was my truly acceptable companion thither and my beloved friend William Taylor of Rochdale being removed to Shafton the week before in order to learn the art of Gardening with Timothy Sykes, we accompanied him thither; called at Henry Robshaws a farmers in the village of Burton who was exceeding kind he would gladly have had us to dine with him but we declined the invitation, and after getting some suitable refreshment we proceeded by Cudworth to Shafton were we got about 3 o'clock to Timothy Sykes to dinner, spent the afternoon very agreeably there and tarried all night.

On 18th. and 2nd. of week, we left Shafton about 6 o'clock in the morning and Timothy Sykes set us on our way about 2 miles and then returned, we went by South heenly and Havercroft to Ackworth were we breakfasted at the School stopt about 1 hour and a half and then proceeded to Pontefract were we got some refreshment at John Leathams, and then went to the meeting which began at 11 o'clock, it was pretty large, and tho' there was considerable openness in the line of ministry and a renewed visitation appeared to be extended to some, yet throughout it was attended with heavy labour. Our esteemed friend Thomas Shillitoe from Middlesex was there and had a pretty long testimony to bear therein first 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. John Bottomley 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. I next from Luke C: 11. v: 33. No man when he hath lighted a candle, putteth it in a secret place, neither under a bushel, but on a candlestick, that they which come in may see the light. Isabella Harris had a short time next from Matt: C: 26. v: 41. Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation. Thomas Shillitoe a pretty long time next from Job: C: 21. v: 17. How oft is the candle of the wicked put out. At the close of this meeting was our Monthly meeting, the business of which was amicably conducted. Thomas Yeardley of Burton Meeting laid before us his intentions of marriage with Elizabeth Hodgson a member of Marsden Mo. meeting in Lancashire. At the close of the business I had a pretty long testimony to bear from Isai: C: 3. v: 10. Say ye to the righteous that it shall be well with him. After which Thomas Shillitoe appeared twice, and the meeting closed under a very solemn covering. Both meetings held about 3 hours and a half. I din'd at John Leathams, and drunk Tea at Joseph Johnsons junr. a little past 7 o'clock I left Pontefract in company with my much esteemed friend Thomas Earnshaw of Judfield we came together to James Harrisons of Hardwick were we lodg'd.

On 19th. and 3rd. of week, I return'd to Pontefract, James Harrison accompanying me, we called by the way of Benjamin Jowetts of Carlton were we stopt about 2 hours, and got some cheesecake and Wine, then proceeded, and got into Pontefract a little before noon, were William Wilberforce our late Representative and noble advocate for the abolition of the Slave-trade was got in a little before us, He had represented this county 23 Years but on the dissolution of the Parliament two other viz. Henry Lascelles, and a young man names Lord Milton offering themselves as candidates, a contested election took place, which was to begin

the next day at York. William Wilberforce made a noble and heart felt speech from a chamber at the Red Lyon to a great number of People collected in the street which met with great applause; After he had done James Harrison and me went to pay him a visit at the Inn he received us very courteously, conversed freely with us a considerable time; and at parting kept hold of our hands for some time and said I love your People from the support I met with from them in a cause which lay the nearest unto my heart meaning the abolition of Slavery. After parting with this friend of humanity with earnest desires for his success at the ensuing election we went to Ann Harrisons were we din'd, and betwixt 2 and 3 o'clock in the afternoon I left Pontefract. James Harrison set me on my way about 2 miles and then return'd. I came by Purston, Crofton, Walton and Milthorp to Dircar were I got betwixt 6 and 7 o'clock and lodg'd at Christopher Walkers.

On 20th. and 4th. of week, having to go to the neighbourhood of Thornhill about some business I left Dircar betwixt 8 and 9 o'clock in the morning and had a pleasant walk by the river side through those beautiful meadows to Horbury bridge and from thence by Thornhill to the far end of the Lees were I stopt about an hour to do the business I went about, and then came to Briestfield were I rested me betwixt 2 and 3 hours at the Cross.pipes and din'd paid 8d a piece eating and 6d Liquor then came by Roydhouse and Shelley to John Pickfords of Park were I stopt near an hour and got home about 6 o'clock in the evening.

An Account of my Journey to a Meeting at Dewsbury in ye. 6th. Mo. 1807.

I set out from home ye. 2nd. of ye. 6th. Mo. 1807 and 3rd. day of the week about 6 o'clock in the morning, called and stopt a little at John Pickfords of Park, and then proceeded by Shelley to Kirkburton were I stopt a considerable time at Joseph Grayhams Mothers, and then went by Almondbury to Huddersfield, got my business I went thither about done before dinner; and then went to the Horse.Shoes were I din'd paid 1s eating and 6d Liquor. About 3 o'clock I set out for Lindley to see Jane Firth formerly Burrow, I informed her husband I was going to stop all night at his house requesting him to get home as soon as he could that I might have a little of his company in the evening, as I was going up street I met with cousin John Mallinson of Birdsedge he was pressing of me to go and drink Tea with him at his sister Sibylla Mallinsons cousin Abraham her husband being gone to the Yearly meeting at London, I complied therewith and she very kindly invited me to lodge at her house. I told her I was going to take a Bed with Thomas Firth of Lindley whose Wife had several times sent word she was desirous to see me, and after Tea set of thither were I got betwixt 6 and 7 o'clock. Jane Firth appeared exceeding glad to see me, said she had dreamed of me the two preceeding nights, and told her dreams, we enjoyed near an hours conversation very comfortably, when her husband came home very much intoxicated with Liquor, and behaved in such a manner as I never saw any friend before. I felt much for his poor Wife, who I believe has for some time been fully sensible of the loss she has sustained every way by disregarding the advice of her friends. O that it might be a warning to others. I sat for a considerable time beholding his behaviour under very heavy exercise of mind, when not feeling easy to stop any longer, I took my leave, and return'd to Huddersfield were I supp'd and tarried all night with cousin Sibylla Mallinson; She was much pleased with my company, there being a great Riot in the town this evening which continued most part of the night, It being the time of a contested election in this county, and one of the candidates being very much disliked by the Populace in this manufacturing part, a great number of them collected to burn his effigy; The Magistrates hearing of their intentions had previously sent to Leeds for a party of horse Soldiers, when the Soldiers came into the Town it increased the Mob. The Riot act was read but they would not disperse but some of them got upon the houses and Pelted the Soldiers with stones, and the Soldiers cut and wounded many as they were passing along the streets: The part of the town were we was was pretty quiet but we could hear the shouts of the Mob, who broke the

Windows in several places at the George Inn were the Magistrates was, and the constables secured several Persons and confined them for examination next day.

On 3rd. and 4th. of week I left Huddersfield about 10 o'clock in the forenoon, and went to Joshua Woods of Dalton were I dind and drunk Tea and in the evening went by Kirkheaton and Hopton to Dewsbury were I got about 7 o'clock, sat a little and got some Rum and Water at Morrith Matthews's and then went to George Breareys were I took up my quarters.

On 4th. and 5th. of week after Breakfast I went to William Cleggs of Thornhill. Lees, having some business with him, and return'd to Morrith Matthews's to dinner, were I tarried until their meeting began at 6 o'clock in the evening, which held upwards of 1 hour and a half. There was 13 persons attended 3 of whom were Strangers viz. myself, and John King of Brighthouse meeting who happened to drop in accidentally, and George Aspin of Hunslet who professes to be under convincement and who came early in the afternoon. It was upon the whole a satisfactory meeting. I had a pretty long testimony to bear therein 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. and afterwards had a short time from Isai: C: 43. v: 24. Thou hast not brought me the small cattle of thy burnt offerings. After meeting I return'd to my quarters to supper.

On 5th. and 6th. of week, After Breakfast I called and sat a little at Morrith Matthews's and took a glass of wine, Left Dewsbury about 10 o'clock in the forenoon, and came by Whitley and Whitley.hall to Lepton were I got some refreshment at the Inn paid 11d, than came to Kirkburton were I stopt upwards of an hour at Joseph Grayham Mothers, and then came by Shelley home were I got about 4 o'clock in the afternoon Betwixt 6 and 7 o'clock the same evening we had an uncommon long heavy Shower of rain, before the shower began we heard several rumbles of Thunder at a distance and when the heaviest of the rain was over, all of a sudden we had a most awful flash of Lightning accompanied by a tremendous clap of Thunder; The Lightning struck and entered the west end of the dwelling house of Uriah Brook of Cumberworth and did considerable damage therein a Riging and Tabling was removed the Parlour and chamber over it, Windows very much broken and shattered, the plaister in different parts of the parlour were taken of as well as the pavers removed and broken, and the Pots and Glasses in a corner cupboard were shattered all to pieces. It went through the wall into the house were Uriah Brook and his housekeeper were set and tore up several Pavers and broke them all to pieces, yet happily they recieved no more harm than the fright; how wonderful are the mercies of the Almighty in so miraculously preserving the lives of man I went over to see it the next morning and was an eye witness of the damage done which far exceeds what I have here related, may these awful warnings lead many to repentance whilst the Lords judgments are mixed with mercy. Uriah Brook appeared very much affected, he told me he run out of door, but could not tell much about it after the shock only it seemed to him as if it passed in at one of his ears and out at the other, and as if all around him was on fire.

An Account of my Journey to a Publick Meeting held at Annanden in the 7th. Mo. 1807.

My mind being drawn to pay a religious visit to the inhabitants of Cartworth and places adjacent and consulting with my friend Henry Swire about the most suitable place, he thought the village of Annanden in the said Township would accommodate the People best; as soon as he mentioned the place I felt the evidence it was right, and accordingly a meeting at my request was appointed to be held there. On ye. 5th. of ye. 7th. Mo. 1807 and 1st. day of the week and Henry Swire, John Adamson and John Wormall undertook the care of procuring and preparing the place, and giving notice to the inhabitants. I set out from home about 7 o'clock the same morning and went by Tottis to Henry Swires of Springhouse were I stopt near an hour and got Tea, then proceeded in company with Henry Swire and John Adamson we

went by Shaley and Choppards to Annanden, which from my house is about 6 miles, rested us a little at a house in the village and then went to the meeting which began at 10 o'clock and was held in a large Barn belonging to John Hinchcliffe who freely lent it friends for the occasion and assisted them all in his power in preparing the place; A very convenient Gallery was erected and a few seats placed but not many, in order that more people might be accommodated. The Barn was large, and a Mistel adjoining which opened into it with a large hay Loft over. But so great was the concourse of People who attended that all was well filled, and abundance stood without all around, there being four doors all set open. It was a remarkable open, and highly favoured Meeting. I had a very long testimony to bear therein from Heb: C: 9. v: 27, 28. As it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment: So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation. After which I was concerned in Prayer; and at the close of the meeting expressed my obligation to the People for favouring us with their company, commended them for their civil behaviour, and after dropping a few more remarks unto them, signified my humble thankfulness for that renewed manifestation of divine Love which had been felt mercifully to flow unto this large and solemn Assembly. In the fresh springings up of which I affectionately saluted them, and bade them adieu. The meeting held 2 hours and a half. After which John Hinchcliffe kindly invited us into his house where we stopt a little and got some suitable refreshment, then I return'd with Henry Swire to his house where I din'd, stopt about an hour, and then he accompanied me nearly home where I got betwixt 3 and 4 o'clock in the afternoon, where I found Phebe Bottomley come to inform me of the death of Penelope Dunn of Barnsley who departed this life early this morning, and to invite me to attend her burial the next day leave having been obtained either from her own desire or daughters request to inter the body in friends burial ground at Burton. From the time of her daughters convincement she had manifested much kindness to friends, and pretty frequently attended meetings, and I believe not only her house but her heart, was open as far as was in her power to receive and entertain them which made her daughters way much easier than many others. Soon after I got in my esteemed friend James Beardshall came to see me, he had been at my house in the morning but I being from home, he went after meeting to John Mallinsons to dine; and seeing me return he followed me home, I was much pleased to see him, being a young man for whom I had a particular value, he stopt near 2 hours and drunk Tea, then I set him on his way a little; after my return George Wassenage a young man servant in husbandry with our Neighbour Richard Hutchinson called at my house which was the first time he ever was there, he appears to be a social well behaved young man he sat with me near 2 hours and then went home.

An Account of my Journey to a Publick Meeting held at Lumbroyd near Penistone
in the 7th. Mo. 1807.

Our friends William Foster from the county of Middlesex a choice youth who hath a fine gift in the ministry being on a religious visit to friends in some parts of this county, was at our weekday Meeting at Highflatts ye. 31st. of ye. 7th. Mo. 1807, and 6th. day of the week. The friend who had the care of giving notice not attending so properly to it as he ought to have done, we many of us knew nothing of his being there until we saw him; and there was several families that none was there from, it being a very wet day, however, the meeting was as large as could be expected all things considered, and it proved a time of favour, to the encouragement of those whose spirits were at times ready to fail. William Foster had a long and encouraging testimony to bear therein 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. At the close of the meeting William inform'd me of a concern that was upon his mind to have a Publick meeting this evening at Lumbroyd. I accordingly got Joseph Firth of

Lanehead to go of as soon as he could and inform the friends of Thurlstone and Penistone to give notice as fully as they could to their neighbours, which was done; William din'd at Elihu Dickinsons, and I went home but found my mind strongly inclined to attend the said meeting; accordingly I set out betwixt 3 and 4 o'clock this afternoon, and tho' I had a wet Journey, I had no cause to repent going, I went by Ing. Birchworth to George Chapmans of Penistone were I met with William Foster, a choice plant with whom I had near unity, and whose preservation and growth I sincerely desire we drunk Tea together there and tarried until Meetingtime which began at 6 o'clock and held near two hours. The friends who were of ability generally attended, but there was but about 12 or 13 of other societies came in, owing as I believe to the wetness of the night, however it was a good meeting, and William Foster had a long and extraordinary time in testimony therein, from Heb: C: 4. v: 9. There remaineth therefore a rest to the People of God. After meeting we return'd to Penistone, were I got a little suitable refreshment and then taking leave of the family and dear William Foster, with earnest desires he may be so strengthened to discharge the duty of the day, as to be favoured to return in Peace. I set out in company with Joseph Firth, and got home betwixt 9 and 10 o'clock.

An Account of my Journey to a Publick Meeting held at Brierley in the 8th. Mo. 1807.

On ye. 16th. of ye. 8th. Mo. 1807 and 1st. day of the week, I arose early in the morning to assist my servant Joseph Grayham to get off. He being married at Penistone this day to the Widow Mary Barraclough of Denby. After he was gone I went to John Pickfords of Park to be shaved were I breakfasted, and then return'd home; and having had a concern for sometime on my mind to pay a religious visit to the inhabitants of Brierley; and our Monthly meeting being to be held at Burton the next day I proposed taking it in my way. Accordingly after getting a little refreshment, I set out soon after 11 o'clock, and went by Denby to Joseph Ingrams of Dakinbrook were I rested me a little and then proceeded by Cawthorne to John Sellers of Higham were I sat a little; got to Elizabeth Dunns of Barnsley about 3 o'clock were I drunk Tea. At 5 in the evening was at the meeting in town, held at Ellin Spenceleys; There was about 20 attended besides 8 of us who were Strangers. It was an open favoured Meeting and I had a long and encouraging testimony to bear therein from Matt: C: 9. v: 14, 15. Why do we and the Pharisees fast oft, but thy disciples fast not? And Jesus said unto them, Can the children of the bride chamber mourn as long as the bridegroom is with them? but the days will come when the bridegroom shall be taken from them, and then shall they fast. Leah Kinsley had a short time next from Rev: C: 3. v: 10. Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation. I next from Matt: C: 10.v: 38. He that taketh not his cross and followeth after me, is not worthy of me. The meeting held near 2 hours. After which I stopt a little and had the pleasure of William Baildons company a choice youth, who hath given up many things for Truths sake and I apprehend if faithful will have to pass through a great deal, his Relations being generally of the higher sort, one of his Uncles a Judge, and was at the last Assizes at York his company was very acceptable to me, he appears to dwell much inward, and his mind properly centered to the divine gift which affords an encouraging hope of his preservation and growth in the Truth, and that in due time he may become an useful member of the Society. From hence I went and sat a little at Thomas Dixon Waltons, and then William Taylor of Shafton and me went to sup at Thomas Yeardeleys were we lodg'd.

On 17th. and 2nd. of week we breakfasted at Elizabeth Dunns, and whilst there my William Taylor came with a Letter for me, informing me of the death of Joseph Midgley son of William Midgley of Buersell near Rochdale in Lancashire requesting me to attend his burial; he died the day before ye. 16th. and was to be buried in friends burial.ground near Oldham on 20th. and 5th. of week he was born while I was at their house, and for the respect

they had to me they called him Joseph I should have liked to have attended his burial but engagements of a superior nature, altho' more in the cross prevented me. The Meeting at Burton was very large of friends, and a few sober people of other societies came in, the house being quite full and a pretty many up in the chamber. I had a long testimony to bear therein 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. At the close of the meeting for worship was our Monthly Meeting for discipline, the business of which was satisfactorily conducted. Thomas Walker Haigh and Ellin Spenceley laid before us their intentions of taking each other in marriage, they are both members of Burton meeting. both meetings held near 4 hours. After which I din'd at John Wilsons, and after dinner return'd to Barnsley and drunk Tea at Susanna Atkinsons, sup'd at Ellin Spenceleys, and lodg'd with John Yeardley at his Brother Thomas Yeardleys.

On 18th. and 3rd. of week, I breakfasted at Elizabeth Dunns, and about 11 o'clock in the forenoon set out for Brierley 5 miles in company with James Arthington Wilson, Elizabeth Dunn and Ellin Spenceley, went by Burton.grange to Samuel Lavers of Woodnook near Cudworth were we din'd and then proceeded by Cudworth to Timothy Sykes of Shafton were we drunk Tea, after Tea our beloved friend Thomas Dixon Walton came to us; We set out betwixt 5 and 6 o'clock Timothy Sykes and his sister Mary accompanying us got to Brierley a little before the time, and rested us at Joseph Shaws. The meeting began at half past 6. It was held in a large barn belonging to the Widow Dimond a person of property in the village who manifested much kindness on the occasion not only in giving up her barn freely but in kindly entertaining friends, John Bottomley and William Taylor of Shafton had the care of preparing the place and giving notice and at my request notice was fully given to the inhabitants of Brierley, Shafton and South.Heendley, a convenient Gallery was erected, and the greatest part of the barn was comfortably seated. Timothy Sykes and many of the inhabitants of the village lent them what assistance was in their power. A very great concourse of People attended, and he who had compassion upon the multitude formerly was pleased to have compassion upon us, and in an eminent manner to bless us. The way to the kingdom was opened, the nature of true spiritual Worship was clearly shown and various states spoke to in the authority of the gospel and living praises ascended unto him for all his mercies both ancient and new. Thomas Dixon Walton dropt a few words therein first. I had a very long time next from Rev: C: 22. v: 9. See thou do it not; for I am thy fellow servant, and of thy brethren the prophets, and of them that keep the sayings of this book worship God. John Bottomley was next concerned in prayer. And afterwards I had to acknowledge my obligation unto the People for favouring us with their company, and considering that they were pretty much strangers to us and our way and manner of worship, their behaviour had been as far as I had observed very commendable and after sundry short exhortations, saluted them in that love which continues to breathe Peace on earth and goodwill to men and bade them all Farewel. The meeting held 2 hours, after which we went to the Widow Dimonds were we got every necessary refreshment, and then I return'd with Timothy Sykes and his Sister and dear William Taylor to Shafton were we got a little before 10 o'clock, and I lodg'd with Timothy at his house.

On 19th. and 4th. of week, I left Shafton about 9 o'clock in the morning, dear William Taylor accompanying me to Royston, were we met with my beloved friend and servant Joseph Grayham I did not stop much with him here, he being returning from Knottingley with lime; but taking my leave of William Taylor, came by Staincross and Mapplewell to Richard Schorahs of Barugh.mill were I rested me about 1 hour and got some refreshment, then came to Cawthorne were I stopt about 1 hour and a half at Thomas Wests and din'd. after dinner I went to Stanhopes.arms were I again met with Joseph Grayham I stop with him about half an hour and got 6 pennyworth of Rum and Water, and he was pressing on me to call and drink Tea with his Wife. I came to Dakinbrook were I rested me a little at Joseph Ingrams, and then came to William Gaunts were I stopt a little when I came away, I met with Joseph Grayham and called with him at his Wifes were I stopt about 2 hours and drunk Tea, and then came

home were I got about 8 o'clock in the evening, feeling very much overdone with the heat which had been very extreme throughout the whole of this journey.

An Account of my Journey to Publick Meetings held in Worsbro'dale and at Houghton in the
8 and 9 Mos. 1807.

My mind being drawn to pay a religious visit to the inhabitants of Worsborough, and Worsbro'-dale and places adjacent, and the 31st. of ye. 8th. Mo. 1807 appearing to me to be the right time to move therein, and John Bottomley attending the general conference of Overseers held at Burton the day before I desired him to take the care of appointing the Meeting on the beforementioned day in the evening, and left home about 7 o'clock the same morning, called at Denby to speak with Joseph Grayham whose Wife was poorly and the Doctor with her, I stopt sometime at Ralph Swindens until Joseph came to me, and informed me she was delivered of a Boy. I then proceeded to Dakinbrook where I rested me a little at Joseph Ingrams and then went by Cawthorne to Barnsley where I got about 12 o'clock to Elizabeth Dunns, met with John Bottomley there, who with Thomas Dixon Walton were just return'd from Worsbro'.dale where they had procured a Barn belonging to Thomas Wood of Marrow.house in the said dale, and had been giving notice of the meeting to the inhabitants in the dale, the village of Worsbro', and places adjacent; John expressed his belief that it was the right place, as it appeared pretty much in the centre of the inhabitants, and so we had reason afterwards to believe it was. Two friends went the day before to procure a place in Worsbro' but most of the village belonging to Francis Edmunds a Justice of Peace who lives there, they did not appear willing to let them have a place without his consent; they accordingly applyed to him, he recieved them very civilly and behaved courteously to them, but told them he would rather not give leave; application was afterwards made unto several persons in the dale the same evening without success, but applying this morning unto the beforementioned Thomas Wood he readily granted them their request altho' he was tenant to the said Justice Edmunds, and lent them every assistance in his Power. I din'd and drunk Tea with Elizabeth Dunn, and betwixt 5 and 6 o'clock left Barnsley in company with Thomas Dixon Walton, John Sellers, Elizabeth Dunn, Ellin Spenceley, and Susanna Atkinson; got to Thomas Woods of Marrow.house about 6 o'clock, about 1 mile and a half were we rested us, Both he and his Wife behaved remarkably kind to us, but my spirit was heavily exercised. The meeting began at half past 6 and held 2 hours and a half. The Barn was commodious, a convenient Gallery was erected, and it was mostly seated with forms which John Yeardley took in a cart from Barnsley, and lighted with Glass Lanthorns. The meeting was not very large altho' the seats was pretty well filled and a considerable number stood. But it was in a most eminent manner favoured. O the solemnity that covered our spirits it was better felt than expressed, surely we had abundant cause renewedly to acknowledge that in the Lords presence there is Life and in the fresh springings up of this life we can Worship him, and Praise his great and adorable name. I had a very long testimony to bear therein first from Isai: C: 2. v: 5. O house of Jacob, come ye, and let us walk in the light of the Lord. John Bottomley had a pretty long time next from Psalms 8. v: 4. What is man, that thou art mindful of him; and the son of man that thou visitest him. He was next concerned in Prayer. And afterwards I had a pretty long testimony from 2 Cor: C: 10. v: 4,5. The weapons of our war are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds: Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ. At the close of the meeting I acknowledged our satisfaction with the company, and the still solid and attentive behaviour of the People, and after a few words in exhortation, saluted them in Gospel love and bade them Farewel. I rested and got a little suitable refreshment at Thomas Woods, and then return'd to Barnsley in company with

Thomas Dixon Walton, and Samuel Coward were we got about 10 o'clock. I supp'd at Elizabeth Dunns and lodg'd at Thomas Yeardeleys with John Yeardley.

On 1st. of 9th. Mo. and 3rd. day of the week, having for sometime past apprehended I should have to visit the inhabitants of Houghton; It felt to me this morning as if the time was come to move therein and consulting with friends about it, John Bottomley and Thomas Dixon Walton concluded to go and try to procure and prepare a place, and give notice to the inhabitants of a meeting this evening. After Breakfast Robert Harrison a young man, a Grocer in this town who appears to be under convincement having attended our meetings for sometime; came to Thomas Yeardeleys and sat with me about 1 hour it was the first time I was in his company out of meetings, and I thought there appeared something valuable about him, we had little conversation but I felt strong desires for his growth and preservation From hence I went to Elizabeth Dunns were I din'd and about 2 o'clock set out for Great Houghton 6 miles in company with Thomas Walker Haigh and Thomas Yeardley, we rested us a little at Joseph Hoys of Ardsley who was so kind to us when the meeting was in that village, then proceeded to Little Houghton were we called at James Adams; his Mother in law who lives with him being a near Relation of mine she was much pleased to see me and the whole family was very kind. We drunk Tea there and I tarried until near meeting time, but after Tea my companions went to assist the other friends in preparing the place. The meeting began at 7 o'clock and was held in a very large Barn belonging to Thomas Newsome, a Gallery was made and the place mostly seated with planks and forms, the People appearing generally kind and willing to lend them every assistance in their Power. It was lighted with Lanthorns. The inhabitants of both Houghtons pretty generally attended, and tho' the people were very busy in their harvest yet there was some from other villages at a distance as Billingley, Thurnscoe, and Kirby so that the meeting was very large, and tho' not favoured in so extraordinary manner as the evening before, yet there was no cause to complain; A door of utterance being opened and I believe the witness in many minds reached unto. I had a very long testimony to bear therein (just after Thomas Dixon Walton had dropped a few words) 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. John Bottomley had a pretty long time next from 1 John C: 2. v: 14. I have written unto you young man because ye are strong, and the word of God abideth in you, and ye had overcome the wicked one. I next from 2 Kin: C: 5. v: 11. Behold, I thought the man will surely come out to me, and stand, and call on the name of the Lord his God, and strike his hand over the place and recover the leper. John Bottomley was next concerned in Prayer. At the close of the meeting which held 2 hours and a half I expressed our obligation to the People for favouring us with their company, and our satisfaction with their commendable behaviour, directing them unto God and the word of his Grace which was nigh unto them even in their heart, intreating them not to look for that without which is alone to be found within; concluding with the Apostles language. The grace of our Lord Jesus.christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy.ghost be with you all, always, Amen. After getting something suitable at the inn were the other friends lodg'd, Thomas Dixon Walton and me return'd with James Adams to Little Houghton to supper were we lodg'd.

On 2nd. and 4th. of week, After breakfast the other friends called upon us, and we left here a little before 9 o'clock and came by Eatherthorp to Ardsley were Thomas Walker Haigh having a little business, I stopt at Joseph Hoys until he had done, and then we came together to Barnsley were we got a little past 11 o'clock, stopt at Elizabeth Dunns were I got some refreshment; and whilst here Timothy Sykes and his sister Mary came to see me. It being market day, and they in the town heard of me. From hence I went to dine at Susanna Atkinsons, and as I was coming from there to Thomas Dixon Waltons, I met with Thomas Wilton a Preacher amongst the Methodists stationed in Barnsley circuit. I had seen him once before at a Publick meeting at Thurlstone were he manifested much kindness, and he appeared now exceeding glad to see me. I stopt sometime at Thomas Dixon Waltons and got some Rum and Water, left Barnsley about 4 o'clock. John Yeardley set me about 1 mile on

my way and then return'd. I came to Cawthorne were I drunk Tea at Thomas Wests stopt about 1 hour and a half and then proceeded by Dakinbrook to Denby were I stopt near an hour at Joseph Grayhams and got some Rum and Water, he being there at present a little; he set me part of the way home, were I got about 10 o'clock.

Account of my Journey to a Publick Meeting held at Fetherstone in the 9th. Mo. 1807.

I left home ye. 20th. of ye. 9th. Mo. 1807 and 1st. day of the week betwixt 6 and 7 o'clock in the morning intending to be at the meeting at Burton, and my beloved friend John Pickford of Park came to breakfast with me and accompanied me thither. I felt very poorly, my particular friend and servant Joseph Grayham having been very ill of the scarlet fever and I having paid very close attention to him, so that for sometime I had been pretty much confined in the parlour, and for six nights had got but little rest, but he had been better a few days, and when I left home I apprehended he was quite out of danger. We went by Dykeside to Dakinbrook were we rested us a little at Joseph Ingrams, and then went by Cawthorne to Richard Scorahs of Barugh.mill were we stopt upwards of half an hour and got some refreshment, then proceeded to Burton, got there just in time to the meeting, a few of other societies came in and upon the whole it was a satisfactory time. Thomas Dixon Walton had a short testimony to bear therein first from Psalms 4. v: 6. Who will shew us any good. I had a pretty long time next from John C: 1. v: 46. Can there any good thing come out of Nazareth? Philip saith unto him, Come and see. and afterwards, again from Phil: C: 4. v: 11. I have learned in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content. At the close of the meeting for Worship was held their Preparative meeting; of the Committee appointed to attend here there was only John Pickford and myself, amongst other business, The Queries were read and answered, and Answers thereto drawn up approv'd and Signed in order to be laid before our ensuing Monthly meeting. Both meetings held 3 hours. After which Elizabeth Dunn and myself went with William Taylor by Cudworth to Timothy Sykes's of Shafton, Susanna Atkinson being gone before with Mary Sykes who had been at the meeting at Burton; they were intending for our Monthly meeting to be held the next day at Ackworth. We spent the afternoon very agreeably together at Timothy Sykes's were we tarried all night.

On 21st. and 2nd. of week. I arose early and after getting some refreshment, left Shafton about 6 o'clock in the morning, and went by South.Heenley, and Hemsworth to Ackworth were I got a little before 8 o'clock and breakfasted at the School. At 9 the following committee appointed by our last Monthly meeting to nominate a number of suitable friends for Overseers, and the men friends to chuse two friends for Clerks for the Mo. meeting, all to be approv'd by the said meeting to day, met, viz Christopher Walker, William Wass, Joseph Donbavand, myself, Leah Kinsley, Ann Thorp, and Mary Cudworth. We was closely engaged in the business until the meeting for worship began which was at 11 o'clock the usual time. It was large, and we were favoured thereat with the company of our friend Martha Smith of Doncaster. She had a pretty long and encouraging testimony to bear therein first from 2 Tim: C: 2: v: 19th. The Lord knoweth them that are his. And afterwards John Bottomley had a pretty long time. At the close of the Meeting for Worship was held our Monthly meeting for discipline, in which a great deal of business was gone through to mutual satisfaction. Thomas Walker Haigh and Ellin Spenceley were cleared from all other engagements relating to Marriage, and left at liberty to accomplish theirs, when they and Burton friends see meet. The Queries were read and answered from all our Preparative meetings, viz. Pontefract, Burton, Highflatts, Ackworth, Wakefield, and Wooldale. Both Meetings held 4 hours, after which I din'd at the School, and then went to Joseph Johnsons were I drunk Tea. After which he accompanied me most of the way to Hardwick and then return'd. I got to James Harrison's betwixt 6 and 7 o'clock, spent the evening very agreeably

there in company with several friends who were on their way to our Quarterly meeting to be held at York, and the family; and slept with Thomas Dixon Walton.

On 22nd. and 3rd. of the week. Having felt for a long time past a concern upon my mind to pay a religious visit to the inhabitants of Fetherstone and the neighbourhood thereof, and this appearing to me to be the right time to accomplish it, John Bottomley and John Leatham set out this morning to procure and prepare a place and give notice thereof to the People. After breakfast I went and sat a little at John Hoys and then returned to James Harrisons where I stopt until after dinner and then went to Pontefract where I stopt a little at John Leathams and at Joseph Johnsons took a glass of wine at each place, and some cake at the latter; then set out for Fetherstone 2 miles, Thomas Firth junr. went with me a piece to put me into the way. I got to the Widow Sarah Leathams of Fetherstone betwixt 4 and 5 o'clock, where I met with the friends who were gone before. She had had her education in our Society, but marrying a first cousin they were both disowned, and though she has no appearance of a friend yet I suppose hath all along continued to attend meetings, and on the present occasion was particularly kind to us. After Tea we took a walk thro' her Gardens which are large and beautiful. The meeting began at half past 6 in the evening, and was held in a very large and unfurnished room in the dwelling-house of Joseph Hepworth a Farmer which was thought to be the most suitable place in the village when application was made to him for it, he appeared glad to accommodate friends, but was desirous they might obtain leave of his Landlord, who lived at Ackton hall about 1 mile distant, and was called Sr. Edmund Mark Wynne; accordingly the friends went thither and was introduced into his company, he received them in a very friendly manner, told them they had his full approbation for the place and that he was glad he had it in his power to serve them, and added he would set his family at liberty to attend and we understood afterwards that he sent his servant to give notice of the meeting to all the families in the village of Ackton. The friends return'd to Fetherstone, inform'd the People there, and with the assistance of Sarah Leathams Coachman and Footman erected a convenient gallery and compleatly seated the room with forms and chairs. The meeting was large, the inhabitants of Fetherstone and Ackton pretty generally attending, also a considerable number from Purston who had accompanied a corps to be interred in the Steeplehouse yard in this place; so that not only the aforesaid room but two others adjoining were filled. It was a time that I believe will not soon be forgot by many being eminently overshadowed with the wing of ancient goodness. I had a very long testimony to bear therein first from Mark C: 16. v: 16. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved. John Bottomley was next concerned in Prayer. After which I acknowledged our obligation to the People for favouring us with their company; and satisfaction with their commendable behaviour; and after a short exhortation, saluted them in that love which many waters cannot quench nor distance separate and bade them all Farewel. The meeting held about 2 hours and a half. We return'd from thence to Sarah Leathams where John Bottomley and me lodg'd.

On 23rd. and 4th. of week. Being invited to attend the marriage of our friends Thomas Walker Haigh and Ellin Spenceley of Barnsley, which was intended to be solemnized in friends Meetinghouse at Burton tomorrow, we took our leave of Sarah Leatham and her Niece Elizabeth Wordsworth who lives with her as a companion, and whose affectionate care and kindness to us at this time will I trust be oftens gratefully remembered; we left Fetherstone about 10 o'clock in the forenoon, and came by Purston to Ackworth where we stopt about 1 hour and got an early dinner at the School, then came to Hemsworth near which place I parted with John Bottomley he going for Barnsley, and I came by South Heenley to Shafton where I got betwixt 2 and 3 o'clock in the afternoon, and lodg'd at Timothy Sykes's

On 24th. and 5th. of week, I left Shafton about 10 o'clock in the morning, William Taylor and Mary and Anne Sykes accompanying me by Cudworth to Burton, where we got just in time to the meeting which began at 11 o'clock, and held 2 hours and a half. A considerable number of people of other Societies attended, and thro' gracious condescension we were favoured with a solid good meeting. John Bottomley had a pretty long time in testimony first. I had a very long time next from Acts C: 3. v: 19. Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that

your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord. I had a short time next from 1 Cor: C 10. v: 31. Whether therefore ye eat or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God. the friends then took each other in Marriage and afterwards John Bottomley was concerned in Prayer. The marriage certificate was next read and Signed, and the meeting closed under a solemn covering, the People departed in a solid weighty manner; and I went to Barnsley with the new married couple, and other friends to dine. Elizabeth Dunn took the whole company to Tea, and we return'd to supper. Samuel Coward, Thomas Yeardley, Susanna Lister and Elizabeth Dunn were appointed to see the orderly conducting thereof. I lodg'd with John Yeardley at Thomas Dixon Waltons.

On 25th. and 6th. of week, I breakfasted at Elizabeth Dunns, and afterwards went and sat a little at Thomas Yeardleys. Left Barnsley about 10 o'clock in the forenoon in company with John Bottomley we came by Cawthorne to Ellin Waltons where we rested us a little and got some refreshment then came by Dakinbrook and Dykeside home where I got betwixt 1 and 2 o'clock in the afternoon. I found my beloved servant Joseph Grayham had continued mending and was now got so well as to be able to do his work again, for which I felt thankfulness to cover my spirit.

An Account of my Journey to a Publick Meeting held at Hoyland in the 10th. Mo. 1807.

I set out from home ye 18th. of ye. 10th. Mo. 1807 and 1st. day of the week about 7 o'clock in the morning, in company with John Issott of Stockmoortop who called upon me and breakfasted at my house; we went to Denby where we stopt a little at Joseph Grayhams and got some Brandy and water then proceeded by Dakinbrook and Cawthorne to Richard Scorahs of Barugh.mill where we stopt about half an hour and got some refreshment, then went to Burton got there just in time to the meeting which continues to increase some others having lately begun to attend, and several of other societies came in to day. Thomas Dixon Walton dropt a few words therein first. I had a long time next from John C: 7. v: 17. If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine. At the close of the meeting for Worship the business of their Preparative meeting was gone thro'. Of the Committee appointed to attend here, there was only myself. Both meetings held upwards of 2 hours and a half. After which we went to Barnsley where we din'd at Thomas Walker Haighs, and drunk tea at Elizabeth Dunns. At 5 in the evening was at their meeting in Town, held at the usual place now Thomas Walker Haighs. There was 22 attended besides 9 from other societies. It was a time of renewed favour, I had a long testimony to bear therein from Gen: C: 49. V. 22, 23, 24. Joseph is a fruitful bough, even a fruitful bough by a well; whose branches run over the wall. The archers have sorely grieved him, and shot at him, and hated him. But his bow abode in strength, and the arms of his hands were made strong by the hands of the mighty God of Jacob. The meeting held upward of 2 hours. After which John Issott return'd home, and I supp'd at Elizabeth Dunns, and slept with John Yeardley at his brother Thomas Yeardleys, as I did during this visit.

On 19th. and 2nd. of week, I attended our Monthly meeting held at Burton which tho' mostly select of friends was large the Meetinghouse being quite full. It was a favoured satisfactory meeting. John Hoyland was concerned therein in supplication. At the close of the meeting for Worship was held the Meeting for discipline the business of which was agreeably conducted. Our Monthly in the last 3rd. Month having appointed Leonard West, George Chapman and John Robinson a Committee thereof to unite with a committee to be appointed by the Quarterly Meeting to consider of an addition of Elders and the Propriety of reestablishing the Select meeting in this Mo. meeting. the friends appointed by the Quarterly Meeting were Thomas Priestman of York, John Hoyland of Sheffield, Jeremiah Hustler of Rawden meeting, and Joseph Birkbeck of Settle. The joint Committee met the evening before at Ackworth, and all attended here to day, except George Chapman who was prevented

through his daughters indisposition. They proposed in addition to George Chapman and Leonard West who were already in the station of Elders, Robert Whitaker, Christopher Walker and Hannah Dumbleton, who were approved and appointed by this meeting, which also agreed to the proposition of reestablishing the Select Mg. Both meetings held about 3 hours. After which I din'd at John Wilsons, and after dinner return'd to Barnsley were I drunk Tea and supp'd at Elizabeth Dunns. William Baildon and several other friends came to spend the evening with me, and we were favoured with a precious cementing opportunity together, in which I had a pretty long testimony to bear. After which I went to lodge at my former Quarters.

On 20th. and 3rd. day of the week. Having felt my mind drawn in Gospel Love to pay a religious visit to the inhabitants of Hoyland in the Parish of Wentworth and the vicinity thereof. John Bottomley and Thomas Dixon Walton set out this morning to procure a place for a meeting this evening, and to give notice thereof to the inhabitants. After Breakfast I went and sat a little at Samuel Cowards and took a Glass of Brandy and water, and from thence went to Thomas Walker Haighs were I din'd. about 2 o'clock in the afternoon, I set out for Low.Hoyland 4 miles. I was in a poor state of health, and low and discouraged in mind, so that I was about 2 hours in walking thither, I met with the friends who were gone before, and we drunk Tea together at the Sine of the gate for which we were charged 8d a piece they called upon James Russel who had been Apprentice at Highflatts and now resides near Upper.Hoyland who was particularly kind and useful to them. We stopt at the Inn until Meetingtime which began at 6 in the evening, and was held in a large empty room at the Foundery a little out of the village 16 Yds. long and 8 or 9 wide belonging to Walkers of Rotherham who have large concerns in this neighbourhood, and on Captain Wheatley being Steward over his works the place was readily obtained he being kindly disposed towards friends and he attended the meeting himself in his regimentals. A convenient Gallery was erected and the place seated around with planks, and a row down the middle, the workmen appearing disposed to lend friends every assistance in their power. The concourse of People who attended was very great, the inhabitants of both Hoylands and Elsiker being mostly there; so that the place was quite crowded and as the far greatest number of them had to stand it would contain abundance. Soon after I was seated, I felt no more of my indisposition, and my mind was comfortably relieved of the deep exercise I had been under. It was a good meeting the glory of the Lord eminently overshadowing us, and I was raised up to bear a very long testimony to the Truth from Eph: C: 1. v: 4, 5. He hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus.christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will. John Bottomley next in prayer. After which I expressed my obligation to the people for favouring us with their company which had given me an opportunity to discharge a debt, I had for sometime believed to be due unto them. I then acknowledged our satisfaction with their very commendable behaviour, and after a few words more in exhortation saluted them in Gospel love and bade them Farewel. The meeting held near 3 hours. At the close of which Captain Wheatley invited John Bottomley and me to his house were he behaved remarkably civil to us, and tho' he said he differed in sentiment from us in some things, yet he had heard many things advanced which he fully approved of, and expressed his satisfaction with the Meeting, adding he should be glad to accommodate us in any future time. We got some suitable refreshment at his house, and then called upon the other friends at the Inn viz. Thomas Dixon Walton, Samuel Coward, Thomas Walker Haigh, and Thomas Yeardeley with whom we came to Barnsley, it being a fine evening, and my mind and body being comfortably relieved we had a very agreeable walk thither were we got a little past 10 o'clock, I supp'd at Thomas Walker Haighs, and went immediately to my quarters to lodge.

On 21st. and 4th. of week, Early this morning Robert Harrison came to see me, His Mother behaves very roughly to him; and he appears as if he must suffer much for the Truths sake but if he is faithful all things will work together for his good, we had a very free and

open time in conversation for about half an hour, and then I went to Susanna Atkinsons to Breakfast; from thence I went to Elizabeth Dunns were Timothy Sykes came to see me. I afterwards saw his sister Mary who hath lately attended friends meetings at Burton on first-days, and I believe is measurably convinced of the Truth. I got an early dinner here, and then went to Thomas Dixon Waltons were I stopt a considerable time and got some Rum and Water, Left Barnsley about 2 o'clock in the afternoon. John Yeardley set me a little on my way, and then return'd. I came to Cawthorne were I stopt about half an hour at Thomas Wests and got some refreshment, then came by Dakinbrook to Denby, were I stopt about an hour and a half at Joseph Grayhams and drunk Tea, and got home a little past 7 o'clock in the evening.

An Account of my Journey to a Publick Meeting held at Carlton in the 11th. Mo. 1807.

I set out from home ye. 14th. of ye. 11th. Mo. 1807 and 7th. day of the week about 1 o'clock in the afternoon and went to Denby were I stopt about half an hour with Joseph Grayham Wife and got some Brandy and Water, then proceeded to Joseph Ingrams of Dakinbrook were I rested me a little and then went by Cawthorne to Barnsley were I got betwixt 4 and 5 o'clock and took up my quarters at Thomas Yeardleys. After Tea I went and sat a little at Thomas Dixon Waltons, and from thence I went to Elizabeth Dunns were I supp'd, and afterwards return'd to my quarters.

On 15th. and 1st. of week was at the meeting in Burton in which I had a short testimony to bear from Matt: C: 20. v: 22. Are ye able to drink of the cup that I shall drink of, and to be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with. Charles Hinchcliffe of Whinney was at this meeting and was my companion afterwards until we got to Wakefield. At the close of the meeting for Worship the business of their adjourned Preparative Meeting was gone thro'; Of the committee appointed to attend here there was George Chapman and myself; Both meetings held near 2 hours. I was particularly glad when I saw my worthy friend George Chapman here, having a concern upon my mind to have a Publick meeting with the inhabitants of Carlton in the Parish of Royston this evening, and when I had imparted my concern to him; he gave up to accompany Samuel Coward and John Yeardley, to procure and prepare a place, and give notice to the inhabitants. We went to Barnsley were we din'd at Thomas Walker Haighs and drunk Tea at Elizabeth Dunns. After Tea we set out for Carlton about 3 miles, William Bayldon and Robert Harrison two choice young men accompanying us thither, of whose company I was glad and whose growth and establishment in the Truth I very much desire; the later suffers much abusive language from his Mother which he is enabled to bear with patience and Christian fortitude. We got to Carlton just in time to the meeting which began at 6 o'clock in the evening and was held in the dwellinghouse of James Hall, supposed to be the largest room in the village the inhabitants whereof and its vicinity generally attended. A convenient Gallery was erected, and some seats placed but most of the People stood, the room being very much crowded and some in an adjoining one. It was an open favoured meeting. I had a very long testimony to bear therein from Job: C: 11. v: 7. Canst thou by searching find out God? canst thou find out the Almighty unto perfection? I was next concerned in prayer; and afterwards acknowledged my obligation to the people for favouring us with their company informing them that as far as I had observed their behaviour in the general had been worthy of commendation, yet having seen some lightness in some of the youth, I remarked it unto them to whom I had much tender exhortation to communicate; then recommending all unto God and the word of his Grace I saluted them in Gospel Love and bade them Farewel. After which George Chapman inform'd them the meeting was over desiring them quietly to withdraw. We stopt a while in the house and got some suitable refreshment which dear John Yeardley had brought with him; and several of the People stopping; I had a short testimony to bear before we separated from Luke C: 5. v: 5. Master,

we have toiled all the night and have taken nothing. Then taking leave of our dear friends from Barnsley we went with William Taylor and Mary Sykes, and another Woman to Shafton near 2 miles were we got betwixt 9 and 10 o'clock and lodg'd at Timothy Sykes's

On 16th. and 2nd. of week, we left Shafton betwixt 7 and 8 o'clock in the morning for our Mo. meeting to be held this day at Wakefield, William Taylor accompanying us thither, went by Cheviot to Sandal were we stopt upwards of an hour at Widow Lindleys and got some refreshment paid 6 a piece, whilst we were here, Thomas Earnshaw of Judfield and cousin George Mallinson came in; we all walked together to Wakefield were we got about half past 10 and rested us at William Awmacks until the meeting began, which I thought was not very large; We were favoured thereat with the company of William Foster from Middlesex, Sarah Hustler of Bradford Mg. and Mary Ellis of Gildersome. It was a time of close and heavy labour but ended well Mary Ellis had a short testimony to bear therein first William Foster had a pretty long time next, and afterwards Sarah Hustler was concerned in Prayer. At the close of the Meeting for Worship was our Monthly meeting for discipline the business of which was satisfactorily conducted. Our friend Isabella Harris returned the Minute given her by this meeting in 7th. Mo. last, and inform'd us She had been enabled to go thro' the service before her to her own satisfaction through the Power of him whose strength had been manifested in her weakness. The meeting of Ministers and Elders being reestablished in this Monthly meeting; It was agreed in this meeting to be held as under viz. at Christopher Walkers of Dircar the evening preceeding the Monthly Meetings at Wakefield in the 3rd. and 12th. Mo. at 6 o'clock. At Highflatts in the 6th. Mo. at 9 in the morning on the Mo. Mg. day. At Ackworth at 6 in the evening preceeding the Mo. Mg. there in the 9th. Mo.. Both meetings held about 3 hours. After which I din'd at the Swan with two necks in Westgate, paid 1s 3d a piece eating and 3d Liquor. Left Wakefield, about 4 o'clock in company with Morrith Matthews, George Brearey, John Haigh and Elizabeth Dix, came by Ossett to Dewsbury were we got about 6 in the evening, and I took up my quarters at George Breareys.

On 17th. and 3rd. of week After Breakfast I came to Morrith Matthews's were I stopt a little, and from thence to William Wass's were I stopt a considerable time and got some refreshment; Left Dewsbury betwixt 12 and 1 o'clock and came by Thornhill, Mugmill and Flockton to my cousin Alexander Hampshires of Flockton.mill were I stopt about 1 hour and a half and got some refreshment, then came by Emley to Leah Kinsleys of Skelmanthorp were I stopt upwards of an hour and drunk Tea, here John Pickford called upon me in returning from Emley from the burial of a Relation, we came together by Cumberworth to Park and I got home betwixt 7 and 8 o'clock in the evening; were I was agreeably surprized to find our friend Henry Ecroyd a valuable elder from Marsden in Lancashire who had been a journey into the south and said he was desirous to stop a night with me in his return, we spent the evening comfortably together, and early next morning he set out towards home.

An Account of my Journey to a Publick Meeting held at Wombwell in ye. 12th. Mo. 1807.

I set out from home ye 18th. of ye. 12th. Mo. 1807 and 6th. day of the week a little before 10 o'clock in the morning and went to our week day meeting at Highflatts, 35 friends attended this day, Leah Kinsley had a short testimony to bear therein first from Psalms 125. v: 2. As the mountains are round about Jerusalem, so the Lord is round about his People. I had a pretty long time next from Eccle: C: 10. v: 10. Wisdom is profitable to direct. The meeting held near 2 hours. After which I proceeded to my esteemed friends Joseph Grayham of Denby were I stopt about 1 hour and a half and din'd. John Bottomley called upon me here, and we went together together to Joseph Ingrams of Dakinbrook were we rested us a little, and then proceeded by Cawthorne to Barnsley were we got betwixt 4 and 5 o'clock in the afternoon, called and got some Rum and Water at Thomas Dixon Waltons and then went to Susanna Atkinsons were we drunk Tea; and from thence went to Elizabeth Dunns were I

spent the evening several of the newly convinced friends coming to sit with me; after supper I went to lodge at Thomas Yeardeleys.

On 19th. and 7th. of week having had for sometime a concern on my mind to pay a religious visit to the inhabitants of Wombwell and its vicinity John Bottomley and Thomas Yeardley set out early this morning to procure and prepare a place for the meeting and give notice thereof to the inhabitants. After breakfast I went to Elizabeth Dunns where I spent most of the forenoon and din'd at Thomas Walker Haighs . at little past 2 o'clock in the afternoon I left Barnsley and went by Stairfoot to Wombwell betwixt 4 and 5 miles, got there a little before 4 o'clock; met with the friends at the Sign of the Horse. Shoes were we drunk Tea paid 9d a piece. The meeting began at 5 and was held in a large Schoolroom, the master freely giving it up, and refused to receive any reward, and also lent them all the assistance in his Power. It was well seated and the Masters seat was a good Gallery. The inhabitants of this village and its vicinity, and those of Himingfield mostly attended, so that the School was crowded and a considerable number stood out of doors; They appeared to me in the general to be a very raw ignorant People being little acquainted either with the power or form of godliness yet they behaved remarkably civilly, and amongst the multitude were some tender enquiring minds; The Power of truth mercifully overshadowing us before the conclusion of the meeting a serious gravity was visible in most countenances. I had a long testimony to bear therein first 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. John Bottomley was next concerned in Prayer. I had a pretty long time next 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; and whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely. John Bottomley 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. After a short time in silence I stood up and inform'd the People, that I had oftens thought it a favour considering the deeply degenerated state of mankind that wheresoever my lot had been cast they had generally given us a quiet hearing; I then acknowledged our obligation to them for favouring us with their company, and our satisfaction with their commendable behaviour, and feeling my mind covered with love towards them was drawn forth a long time in sundry weighty exhortations, concluding with recommending them unto God and the word of his grace and saluting them in Gospel love bade them all Farewel. After I sat me down the People not offering to depart, I stood up again and inform'd them the meeting was over and added, as their behaviour whilst collected had been worthy of commendation, so I desired they might retire to their respective habitations in a sober and orderly manner. The meeting held 2 hours and a half. We return'd to the Inn and got some suitable refreshment and about 8 o'clock I left Wombwell in company with John Bottomley, Thomas Yeardley, and Samuel Coward on foot Thomas Dixon Walton on horseback, we got to Barnsley about half past 9 o'clock, supp'd at Elizabeth Dunns, and after the supper I went and sat a little at Thomas Dixon Waltons took a Glass of Rum and Water and then went to Thomas Yeardeleys to lodge.

On 20th. and 1st. of week I breakfasted at Elizabeth Dunns and from thence went to their meeting at Burton, a pretty many sober People of other Societies came in, and it proved a time of extraordinary favour I had a long testimony to bear therein first from Gen: C: 2. v. 16,17. Of every tree of the garden thou mayest 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. John Bottomley had a pretty long time next from Matt: C: 6. v: 6. When thou prayest enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret, and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly. At the close of the meeting for Worship the business of their Preparative meeting was gone thro' amongst other things the Queries were read and answered and Answers thereto drawn up approv'd and Sign'd in order to be laid before our Monthly meeting. Of the committee appointed to attend there, there was

only John Bottomley and myself. Both meetings held upwards of 2 hours. After which we proceeded on our Journey and dear William Taylor of Shafton set us on our way several miles and then return'd; we stopt about 1 hour at Windsor castle and got some refreshment which Susanna Alletson wife of George Alletson of Barnsley had put in John Bottomleys pocket. She was disowned for marrying out of the Society and for many years went with her husband to the National worship; but being favoured with a renewed visitation and enabled to close in therewith; she has for a considerable time past duly attended friends meetings, and at present appears likely at sometime to become an useful member of our Society. We stopt about 1 hour and got some Ale to our victuals and then proceeded by Hallgreen and Chapelthorp to Dirtcar were we got betwixt 4 and 5 o'clock and drunk Tea at William Pickards. At 6 in the evening attended our Select meeting held at Christopher Walkers. The 2nd. and 4th. Queries were read and Answers thereto drawn up approv'd and Signed in order to be laid before our ensuing Select Quarterly Meeting. Also the advices of the Yearly Meeting were read. The Meeting held 2 hours, after which we all supp'd here, and after supper I went to Robert Walkers to lodge.

On 21st. and 2nd. of week After Breakfast I set out for Wakefield were our Mo. meeting was to be held this day, got there about half an hour before time, went and rested me at cousin William Steads and took a Glass of wine, then return'd to the meeting which was large and held throughout in silence except a few words dropt by Thomas Dixon Walton. At the close of the Meeting for worship was the Mg. for discipline the business of which was amicably conducted amongst other things the Queries were read and Answers received from all our Preparative Meetings viz. Pontefract, Burton, Highflatts, Ackworth, Wakefield, and Wooldale, and a General Answer was drawn up approv'd and Signed in order to be laid before our ensuing Quarterly Mg. also the Womens Preparative Meeting at Burton was reestablished which thro' the fewness of their members had been by order of the Monthly meeting discontinued for many years but some being added by convincement it was now thought it might be profitable for them to hold a Preparative meeting. Both meetings held 5 hours. After which I went to the Nags.head in George street and got 6 pennyworth of Rum and Water and then came to Christopher Walkers of Dirtcar to dine were I tarried all night.

On 22nd. and 3rd. of week, After breakfast came and sat a little at William Pickards and got some refreshment. Left Dirtcar betwixt 10 and 11 o'clock in the forenoon in company with my much beloved friend and Servant William Taylor came to Crigglestone were we stopp'd a little at my Uncle Joseph Houghs, and then proceeded by Bretton and Parkmill to Skelmanthorp were we called at Charles Blackburns about some business but he was from home, he had formerly been measurably convinced of the Truth, but being unfaithful to the manifestations he was favoured with, darkness gradually came over his understanding until at length he was entirely carried away with the wild and airy notions of the Joannites. We stopt a little dinner there, and then went to Leah Kinsleys were William Taylor left me, he having to go home another way; but John Pickford coming here about some business, we stopt Tea, and then set out together and came by Cumberworth home were I got about 5 o'clock.

An Account of my Journey to a Publick Meeting held at Notton in the 12th. Mo. 1807.

Impressed with an apprehension that it was my duty to pay a religious visit to the inhabitants of Notton and its vicinity, and it having always appeared safest for me in these very weighty concerns not only to see the place, but patiently to wait for clearness of the right time to move therein, and to obey that altho' it might appear contrary to mine own natural apprehension As this was my concern at this time, it was clearly pointed out to me that ye. 25th. of ye. 12th. Mo. 1807 and 6th. day of the week being what is commonly called Christmas.day was the right time, People being generally at liberty from their outward concerns; and having communicated this to some of my friends, George Chapman, John Yeardley, and William

Taylor of Shafton, gave up to go and procure a place, and prepare it and give notice to the inhabitants. I set out the same morning betwixt 8 and 9 o'clock called at John Bottomleys where I stopt a little he proposing to accompany me to Notton which from my house is about 10 or 11 miles we went by Dykeside, Clayton and Bretton dykeside to Woolley where we din'd at Wentworth. arms paid 1s a piece eating and 8d Liquor stopt 1 hour and a half and then proceeded to Notton where we got just in time to the Meeting which began at 2 o'clock in the afternoon and was held in the dwelling house of Joseph Hepworth which being a pretty large room accommodated the Meeting pretty well, a few seats were placed but the generality of the People stood, we sat upon a chest and had something to stand upon with a large coiled chair before us which answered very well for a Gallery. It was an open satisfactory Meeting, many were tendered and a good degree of solemnity appeared to cover the whole; a Methodist Preacher and several others with him from Royston was there he appeared very loving and kind after meeting. I had a long testimony to bear therein first from Mark C: 1 v: 15. The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent ye, and believe the gospel. 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. I next from Rom: C: 14. v: 5, 6. One man esteemeth one day above another; another esteemeth every day alike, let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind. He that regardeth the day, regardeth it unto the Lord; and he that regardeth not the day, to the Lord he doth not regard it. After a short time in silence I inform'd the People The meeting was over, expressed our satisfaction with their company and commendable behaviour, and recommending them to God and the word of his grace, by which they might experience a being built up in that most holy faith which works by love to the purifying of the heart under the precious influence of which love I saluted them and bade them all Farewel. The meeting held 2 hours. After which we went to the Inn in the village where we got some suitable refreshment. John Bottomley being on his way to our Quarterly Meeting at York stopt all night in the village; one William Shaw a considerable farmer who had been very kind and assisting to friends on the present occasion taking him to his house. But I inclined to go Barnsley which was betwixt 4 and 5 miles from this place; Left Notton in company with William Taylor, John Yeardley and Robert Harrison went to Royston where we parted with William Taylor his way laying with us no further, and then came by Carlton to Barnsley where we got about half past 6 in the evening. I drunk Tea at Thomas Walker Haighs, when I sat me down at first in the house I was very ill with the fatigue of this days journey, we having had a dry hard frost for some time past, which broke this morning, and tho' without rain, I never experienced the roads worse nor ever felt myself so weary. I supp'd at Elizabeth Dunns, and after supper several friends came in to see me, and amongst others Susanna Atkinson and with her Sister Mary a very gay young woman; we were very unexpectedly drawn into silence in which opportunity Thomas Dixon Walton had a short testimony address'd unto the aforesaid young woman. After which I had a short time from Prov: C: 9. v: 12. If thou be wise, thou shalt be wise for thyself but if thou scornest, thou alone shalt bear it. From thence I went to Thomas Yeardleys to lodge.

On 26th. and 7th. of week I breakfasted at Elizabeth Dunns and spent most of the forenoon there. Our last Monthly meeting having re established the Womens Preparative at Burton and she being thought the most suitable friend for the clerk, I endeavoured to put her a little in the way of doing the business; got an early dinner with her, and then came to Thomas Dixon Waltons where I sat a little and took a glass of Rum and Water left Barnsley a little after 1 o'clock and came by Cawthorne to Dakinbrook where I rested me a little at Joseph Ingrams and then came by Denby home, where I got a little past 5 in the evening.

An Account of my Journey to a Meeting at Dewsbury in 1st. Mo. 1808.

Having felt for some time a concern upon my mind to sit with the convinced friends in their Meeting at Dewsbury, and also to visit the meeting of Friends at Huddersfield, and way seeming to open for this service, in my way to our Monthly meeting to be held at Wakefield in its usual course, I gave up thereto, and left my habitation ye. 16th. of ye. 1st. Mo. 1808 and 7th. day of the week about 1 o'clock in the afternoon and went to John Pickfords of Park where I sat a little and then proceeded by Carr, and Shepley to John Issotts of Stocksmoortop where I had appointed to meet with Charles Hinchcliffe of Whinney who was my companion to Wakefield I waited 1 hour before he came, and then John Issott insisted on us stopping Tea which detained us another hour; we then proceeded John Issott setting us a little on our way, and then returned; by Farnley, Newsom and Lockwood, and got to our friend Robert Kays of Laneend betwixt 6 and 7 o'clock in the evening where we lodg'd being very kindly and agreeably entertained.

On 17th. and 1st. of week we attended Huddersfield meeting which began at 11 o'clock and held about 2 hours. There are a considerable number of friends belonging thereto, and some who I believe do love the Truth and according to the measure of Grace received are honestly labouring for the Prosperity thereof; But ah the far greater number appear to have turned aside on one hand or another from the good old path, so that instead of the inscription being upon them in legible characters, of follow us as we follow Christ; It is so defaced as scarcely to be read. My spirit was heavily exercised in this meeting, under which I sat the greatest part of the time, not expecting to open my mouth therein, yet felt a degree of resignation to do or to suffer as he who is perfect in Wisdom saw meet, and towards the close of the meeting, a little matter opening I stood up and was considerably enlarged in testimony to the full relief of my own mind from Judg: C: 5. v: 6. In the days of Shamgar the son of Anath, in the days of Jael, the highways were unoccupied, and the travellers walked through by-ways. After meeting we din'd at John Fishers of Longroidbridge, and soon after dinner proceeded on our journey went by Huddersfield, Dalton, Kirkheaton, and Hopton to Dewsbury where we got to our friend Morrith Matthews's just in time to the meeting which began at 5 o'clock and held upwards of 1 hour and a half. There was 21 Persons attended besides us and our friend Samuel Coward of Barnsley whom I was glad to meet with there. It was on the whole a satisfactory meeting, and towards the close thereof I had a pretty long testimony to bear from Job: C: 2. v: 9. Dost thou still retain thine integrity. The language of encouragement flowed freely unto some tryed state or states. After meeting we drunk Tea at Morrith Matthews's, and then went to George Breareys where we lodged. After supper John Fozzard a young man about 18 or 19 years of age who hath sometime ago begun to attend friends meetings came in to sit with us. We were very unexpectedly drawn into solemn silence and were favoured with a precious opportunity of the sheddings abroad of divine love, and I had a long testimony to bear therein from Rev: C: 22. v: 13. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last. The young man beforementioned was very much broken and tendered, and I am fully satisfied he is under a precious visitation of divine love may he dwell so near that divine principle unto which his mind is happily turned as to receive strength to follow christ in the way of his cross is the earnest fervent breathing of my spirit.

On 18th. and 2nd. of week, we left Dewsbury a little after 9 o'clock in the morning, in company with Samuel Coward and David Brearey, and went by Ossett to Wakefield where we got just in time to the meeting which was the largest of friends I had ever seen at this place before. Isabella Harris had a pretty long testimony to bear therein first from Am: C: 7. v. 13, 14. Prophecy not again any more at Bethel; for it is the king's chapel, and it is the king's court. Then answered Amos, and said to Amaziah, I was no Prophet neither was I prophets son; but I was an herdman, and a gatherer of sycamore fruit. Afterwards James Harrison and Thomas Dixon Walton, each of them dropt a few words. At the close of the meeting for Worship was held our Monthly meeting for discipline. There was not much business to day, but what there was, was agreeably conducted; towards the close thereof I inform'd the

meeting, that my mind had been exercised for some months past about paying a religious visit to the families of friends in the Burton and Wakefield meetings, and that it now appeared to me to be the right time to lay my concern before them. After a solid time of waiting, several friends expressed their Unity therewith which was encouraging to my poor mind, and the meeting left me at my full liberty to proceed therein as way might open. Both meetings held 2 hours and a half. After which I went and sat a little at Ann Thorps, and then went to John Robinsons of Fieldhouse to dine. Betwixt 3 and 4 o'clock I set out and came to Christopher Walkers of Dirtcar where I lodg'd. in the evening I went into the Kitchen and was pleased to find their servant man reading in the Scriptures, he expressing a desire to improve, I hearkened him a lesson, as I sat by him, I was led to believe there was some stirrings of good in him, and tho' I do not know that it may be the case, yet I should not be surprized to hear of his attending friends meetings. His name is James Mellor, he is about 19 years of age, and hath lived here about 2 months.

On 19th. and 3rd. of week, After breakfast I went and sat a little at William Pickards and betwixt 10 and 11 o'clock left Dirtcar and came to Crigglestone in company with Thomas Earnshaw of Judfield and Henry Marsden. I stopt at my Uncle Joseph Houghs about 1 hour having to assist in the execution of his Will which I had prepared ready, and then after getting some refreshment I came by Bretton and Park.mill to Skelmanthorp where I stop about 2 hours at Leah Kinsleys and drunk Tea, here I met with Henry Swire who was coming to John Pickfords, we came together by Cumberworth to near there, and I got home a little past 5 in the evening.

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At the close thereof I sat in the Meetinghouse with William Taylor of Shafton, which was an open time, I was led to speak a long time from Luke C: 22. v. 31, 32. Simon, Simon, behold, satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat; but I have prayed for thee that thy faith fail not. The language of encouragement flowed freely not to sink too low in the time of temptation, nor look upon it to lust after it, but look unto him with whom the temptation makes way for our escape, and strengthens our faith in him who gives the victory.

From thence I went to John Wilsons were I din'd and after dinner sat with the family which consisted of himself only a member but his two daughters, Hannah Heelis and Elizabeth Wilson who had been disowned, but the former had begun to attend friends meetings diligently of late, appeared disposed to sit with us and I felt no objections. It was a more satisfactory opportunity than I expected, being I believe a time of renewed visitation to all I had two pretty long times therein, the first from Deut: C: 6. v: 5. Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart. and afterwards from John C: 1. v: 12. As many as received him to them gave he power to become the sons of God. The necessity of attaining to the state of loving the Lord our God with our own heart, and serving him only, and the way and means by which it may be attained, even by receiving christ who giveth power to become the sons of God was largely set forth.

From thence I went to Joseph Listers of Bleachhouse. This setting consisted of him, his Wife and John, Hannah, Elizabeth, Isaac and William their children, their son James being at School, things appeared to me much out of order in this family both in respect to temporals and spirituals. I had a long testimony to bear therein from Luke C: 5. v: 5. We have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing. Having to point out the necessity there was to submit to best direction both in our spiritual and temporal concerns, and without we was thus concerned we might toil in our own strength and profit little. I was also led to set before them the great advantage of families sitting down together to read the Holy Scriptures and wait upon God, and the youth were exhorted to God and their Parents. From thence I went to Barnsley and drunk Tea at Thomas Walker Haighs.

From thence I went to Elizabeth Dunns and sat with her, The language of encouragement flowed freely, I having a long testimony to bear from 1 Cor: C: 15. v: 58. Be ye stedfast, unmovable; always abounding in the work of the Lord; forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

From thence I return'd to Thomas Walker Haighs, and sat with him, and his Wife, and William Harvey his Partner. I had two pretty long testimonies to bear in this opportunity, 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. and the other from Matt: C: 18. v: 9. Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. After which I had two short exhortations. The language of encouragement flowed freely and to those who at times were ready to faint in their minds, and the necessity of regeneration from a state of nature was pointed out, and the way and means by which alone it is attained, viz. By being stripped of all our own wisdom, and submitting to that seed unto which the promise is, by which the childs state may be experienced, and we know an entrance into the kingdom of God. From thence I return'd to Elizabeth Dunns to supper, and in my way to my quarters, called and sat a little at our friend Thomas Dixon Waltons were I took a glass of Rum and Water.

On 29th. and 6th. of week

Early this morning I sat with Thomas Yeardeleys which consisted of him and his Wife. It was a comfortable opportunity and I had a long and encouraging testimony to bear therein from Luke C: 1. v: 6. They were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless. After which I breakfasted there.

From thence I went to Thomas Dixon Walton and sat with him and his man John Yeardeleys. I had two pretty long testimonies to bear from Col. C: 4. v: 17. Say to Archippus, Take heed to the ministry which thou hast received in the Lord, that thou fulfil it. I had to shew the necessity there was for those who had received a gift in the ministry to be faithful and as Satan was as busy about these as any others to be careful to withstand his temptations,

that nothing might hinder our fulfilment of this gift, nor anything be suffered to prevail over us that might hinder its proper effect upon others. After Thomas was gone to Breakfast my mouth was unexpectedly opened in a pretty long and encouraging testimony to John from John C: 21. v 22. What is that to thee? Follow thou me. Having gently to caution him not to look at others to his hurt but faithfully follow his Master Jesus.christ in the way of his leadings.

From thence I went to Joseph Smiths and sat with him and his Wife and daughter Ann. I had a pretty long testimony to bear in this opportunity from Isai: C: 26. v: 3. Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on thee; because he trusteth in thee. The language of encouragement flowed freely unto the Master of this house, who appeared to have had much to pass through and in all probability might have much more, but if his mind kept properly staid upon him, and trusted in him not being drawn to lean to his own understanding no doubt but he would experience a being kept in Peace. The daughter was also encouraged to be faithful to manifest duty and diligent in the attendance of religious meetings. From thence I went to Elizabeth Dunns were I din'd who gave up her house this afternoon for me to sit with those who had not suitable accommodations of their own.

I sat with Samuel Coward first unto whom I had a long testimony to bear from Acts C: 20. v: 28. Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock over the which the Holy.ghost hath made you overseers. I had to point out the duty of his station unto him, and largely to encourage him to take heed to himself and to the flock and then I believed he would not only have to warn the unruly, but also to give an alarm at the approach of an enemy; and to encourage the weak, and comfort the feeble.minded.

I next sat with Joseph Wood my Nephew unto whom I had a pretty long testimony to bear from Eccle: 12. v: 13. Fear God, and keep his commandments; for this is the whole duty of man. He was exhorted to endeavour to keep this fear before his eyes, now when separated from under the watchful care of his Parents and endeavour to come up in faithful obedience to the Lords commands by which he would be favoured to experience an increase of strength to withstand the varied temptations the unwearied enemy. It was a time of renewed visitation unto him and he was much broken and tendered.

I next sat with James Arthington Wilson, and had a pretty long testimony to bear unto him from 1 Cor: C: 9. v: 24. They which run in a race run all but one receiveth the prize, so run as that ye may obtain. He was exhorted to faithfulness in following his heavenly guide and inform'd that it was not sufficient to be visited and revisited which had most assuredly been the case with him, nor to begin well and run well for a season but there must be a patient continuance in the way of well.doing both in the winter season and on the sabbath.day if we are favoured to obtain the prize even the salvation of our souls. He was tender, and I believe it was a renewed extension of favour unto him. Having now sat with the members of our society, I felt my mind drawn to sit with one this evening who had been disowned but had begun to attend friends meetings again diligently, she being all of that class in this meeting except another whom I sat with, with her father who was a member I went to Thomas Walker Haighs to Tea.

In the evening I sat with Susanna Alletson the person beforementioned who had forfeited her right to membership; at Elizabeth Dunns. It was a time of favour, I was opened and had a pretty long testimony to bear from Zech. C: 13. v: 9. I will turn mine hand upon the little ones. I had to express that I believed she had passed through much, and had much more to pass through if she was preserved faithful which I had to exhort her to. and as she had been so humbled as to experience the Lord in mercy to turn his hand upon her, she might endeavour to persevere in this path, and then he would continue to teach her of his ways, and in due time establish her in righteousness and Truth, and great would be her piece. I supp'd at Elizabeth Dunns, and in my way to my lodgings stopt a little at Thomas Dixon Waltons were I took a glass of Rum and Water.

On 30th. and 7th. of week

This morning I breakfasted at Elizabeth Dunns and afterwards went to a meeting appointed in frds. Meetinghouse at Burton, for such as appeared to be under convincement but were not accepted into membership; and the following were invited to meet me there at 10 o'clock this forenoon viz. George Wood William Bayldon, Robert Harrison and Susanna Atkinson of Barnsley, Samuel Laver of Woodnook near Cudworth, Hannah Swift of Oilmills, and Mary Sykes of Shafton, all of whom attended except William Bayldon who was prevented. It was a memorable time of divine favour; O how the current of life flowed, to the watering of his heritage, and enabling poor dust and ashes to sing for joy of heart. I had two long testimonies to bear therein, the first from Acts: 10. v. 34, 35. I perceive of a truth of God is no respecter of Persons; But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness is accepted with him. and afterwards from Jos: C: 18. v: 3. How long are ye slack to go to possess the land which the Lord God of your fathers have given you. The opportunity held about 2 hours. After which I went with Mary Sykes to Cudworth, and having been repeatedly invited by William Smith a Methodist Preacher who lives there, to call at his house, I embraced the present opportunity; he and his Wife received me very kindly, appearing glad to see me; I stopt with them about half an hour, and talk a glass of Geneva and Water; and then went to dine at Timothy Sykes's of Shafton were I spent the afternoon very agreeably and tarried all night.

On 31st. and 1st. of week, a little past 10 o'clock in the forenoon I set out for Burton in company with William Taylor and Mary Sykes, we went by Cudworth thither were we got just in time to the meeting which held near 2 hours, It being known that I was in these parts, several sober People of other Societies attended the meeting which was solid and satisfactory. I had a very long time in testimony therein from Mal: C: 1. v: 11. From the rising of the sun even unto the going down of the same my name shall be great among the Gentiles; and in every place incense shall be offered unto my name, and a pure offering: for my name shall be great among the heathen, saith the Lord of hosts. After meeting I proposed returning directly home but having been unwell all the day, I suppose from a cold I have taken, I concluded to go to Barnsley, were I din'd at Elizabeth Dunns, and after dinner accompanied by William Harvey went to Susanna Atkinsons were we drunk Tea. At 5 in the evening went to the meeting of Thomas Walker Haighs in this town which held upwards of 1 hour and a half. 25 persons attended besides myself. It was held in silence and to me was a satisfactory time being favoured to sit in a state of solemn quietude as under my own vine and fig tree, were none can make afraid. This evening William Harvey and me supp'd at Thomas Dixon Waltons, and lodg'd together as before at Thomas Yeardeleys.

On 1st. of 2nd. Mo. and 2nd. of week, I breakfasted at Elizabeth Dunns, and afterwards sat a little at Thomas Dixon Waltons, were I took a glass of Rum and Water. Left Barnsley about 10 o'clock in the forenoon, William Harvey who had paid much attention to me whilst here and manifested much kindness, accompanying me by Cawthorne to Joseph Ingrams of Dakinbrook, were we din'd and stopt between 2 and 3 hours then parting with William Harvey, I came to Denby were I drunk Tea at Joseph Grayhams, stopt there are about 3 hours, and then Joseph Grayham set me a little on my way, and I got home between 7 and 8 o'clock in the evening.

An Account of my Journey to Marsden Monthly Meeting in Lancashire held at
Crawshawbooth in the 2nd. Mo. 1808.

I set out from home ye. 15th. of ye. 2nd. Mo. 1808 and 2nd. day of the week between 6 and 7 o'clock in the morning, having for my companion this journey my beloved friend William Taylor of Shafton who came to my house the evening before. We went by Newmill and Thong to Meltham were we stopt upwards of an hour at the Shoulder of Mutton and got 1

Quart of mull'd ale which with some cake we had with us, afforded us a comfortable repast. Paid 10d and then proceeded by Halthead to the, Marsden, and over Standish to Delpth in Saddleworth, were we din'd at the White. Lyon paid 8d a piece eating and 9d betwixt us for Liquor, stopt about 1 hour and then proceeded by Shaw in Lancashire and High. Crompton you to Joseph Fish's of Netherhouse, who was my companions Uncle, stopt near an hour there and drunk Tea, then proceeded to Buersill were we got to our very kind friend William Midgley's betwixt 6 and 7 o'clock in the evening; and I may with thankfulness add much better than I expected, being very poorly when I left home of a cold, and the snow laying deepish upon the ground, and the day Stormy so that part of the way our clothes were froze stiff upon our backs yet thro' divine mercy I was preserved from increasing my disorder.

On 16th. and 3rd. of week, I rested most of the day here, only in the forenoon I took a walk with William Midgley to his Son James's who was lately married and settled in an house his Father had built for him a little away from his own and named it Springhill

On 17th. and 4th. of week, After Breakfast William Taylor set out to see some Relations in the neighbourhood of Manchester; and I went to Rochdale were I called and sat a little at John Robinsons, and afterwards with Ann Brook, and then went to James Midgley's were I din'd, after dinner I went and sat a little at Henry Ecroyds were my kind friend William Midgley proposed meeting me to convey me in his Chaise to their Monthly meeting to be held at Crawshawbooth in Rossendale which is distant from Rochdale about 12 miles. This proved peculiarly favourable to me, particularly in our return, from the state of my health, and the badness of the roads. We left Rochdale betwixt 2 and 3 o'clock in the afternoon and went to Whitworth were we called to see, Taylors the much famed Doctors they received us civilly, and was pressing of us to stop Tea, we excused ourselves, and after tarrying a while and after taking each of us a glass of cinnamon waters, we proceeded on our journey, and went by Shaford and Bacup to John Lords of Edgeside near Newchurch, a Bochen Merchant, and a particular acquaintance of William Midgley's. We got there about 5 o'clock to Tea; He and his Wife were very kind and pressing of us to stop all night, which we complied with, and was very agreeably entertained.

On 18th. and 5th. of week, we went about 1 mile on our way to Breakfast, by Boothfold and Newchurch to John and Thomas Dockrays of Heightside, stopt upwards of an hour, and then proceeded by Cloughfold and Rattonstall to Crawshawbooth in Rossendale were we got a little past 10 and put up at the Sine of the Dog. The meeting for Worship began at 11, a considerable number of friends attended, but not so many as usual especially Women. It was to me an exercising meeting yet upon the whole satisfactory James Haworth dropt a few words therein first and afterwards had a pretty long time from Lev: C: 2. v: 1. With all thine offerings thou shalt offer salt. At the close of the meeting for worship was held the Meeting for discipline which consists of 7 Preparative meetings viz. Marsden, Trawden, Sawley, Rossendale, Oldham, Edgworth and Bolton, and Todmorden. A great deal of business was gone through, the whole of which was amicably conducted; amongst other things Richard Shackleton of Settle Mo. meeting and Elizabeth Sager of Todmorden meeting were cleared from all other engagements relating to Marriage, and left at liberty to accomplish theirs, at their request at Marsden ye. 25th. Inst. Also the friends of Oldham meeting informed this, that the Meetinghouse in Rochdale was nearly compleated, and requested leave for the friends of that Town and neighbourhood who had for some time met together on week days in a friends house to have the liberty to meet therein on first days, and also to establish a Preparative meeting there; which after solid consideration was agreed to, and to begin the same as soon as they thought suitable. Both meetings held upwards of 3 hours. After which I din'd at Joseph Binns's; and between 3 and 4 o'clock we left Crawshawbooth and came by Rattonstall, Eddenfield and Spotlandbridge to Rochdale were we got betwixt 6 and 7 o'clock. I alighted from the Chaise in the street William Midgley going directly home, and I to his Brother James Midgley's were I lodg'd. William Taylor met me here again in the evening of which I was glad, having been very ill most part of the day of my frequent complaint the Cholic attended

with a violent looseness, and being worse thereof this evening his company appeared desirable to me in the night.

On 19th. and 6th. of week, Had a better night than expected, but remained poorly and the loosness continued all the day. After Breakfast went to look at the Meetinghouse, which is a large stone building beautifully situated, with a good graveyard to the front, from thence went and sat a little at Henry Ecroyds and John Robinsons, then came to William Midgley of Buersill to dine were we stopt until about 3 o'clock, and then John Earnshaw who also din'd here came with us to Miles Meadowcrofts of Royton were we drunk Tea, stopt about 1 hour and a half, and then my companion and me came to James Taylors of Heighside got there a little before 7 o'clock in the evening were we lodg'd.

On 20th. and 7th. of week, This morning my complaint appeared to be very much removed, but I felt weak and inwardly sore. Our current friend William Midgley unknown to me, had ordered my companion to provide a Chaise to convey us to Holthead, and put money into his hand more than sufficient to defray the expence. After Breakfast James Taylor accompanied us to Oldham in our way we looked in at Thomas Halls of Salmonfield. and whilst William Taylor went to order the Post.Chaise, James and me went to Robert Shepherds were we tarried until it came and took some Rum and Water, we left Oldham a little after 10 o'clock, had an agreeable driver being careful of his horses, and not whipping them, which made our ride more pleasant; we came by Austerlands in Yorkshire, Delpth and Marsden to Holthead 12 miles were we alighted, and the Chaise returned. We came to Meltham were we stopt near an hour at the Shoulder of mutton, got something to eat we had with us, and some Liquor for which we paid 9d. and then came by Upper.Thong and Holmfirth to Henry Swire's of Springhouse were we drunk Tea, stopt about 1 hour, and then came by Tottis to Newhouse were we got about 7 o'clock in the evening.

On 21st. and 1st. of week, William Taylor concluded to stop this day with me, and return home in the morning. We attended our meeting at Highflatts which was pretty large such as usually attend coming up pretty generally the day being fine. It was an open solid meeting I had a short testimony to bear in the early part thereof from Job: C: 6. v: 6. Can that which is unsavoury be eaten without salt. and after a long silence had a pretty long time from Luke C: 14. v: 34. Salt is good; but if the salt have lost its savour, wherewith shall it be seasoned. After meeting Joseph Grayham came with us to my house to dine, and after dinner we went with him to Denby and drunk Tea at his house, and from thence came to John Mallinsons of Birdsedge were we supp'd and spent the evening, and got home about 10 o'clock.

An Account of my Journey on a visit to the families of friends in Wakefield Meeting in the 2nd. and 3rd. Mos. 1808.

With the unity and approbation of friends of the Monthly meeting I proceeded to pay a religious visit to the families of friends in Wakefield Mg. Left home ye. 25th. of ye. 2nd. Mo. 1808 and 5th. day of the week about 8 o'clock in the morning and went by Cumberworth to Skelmanthorp were I stopt at Leah Kinsleys until after dinner, and a little past 1 o'clock in the afternoon proceeded on my journey, went by Emley to Flockton.mill were I rested me about half an hour at cousin Alexander Hampshires, and then preceded by Flockton, Mugmill and Thornhill to Dewsbury, were I got to Morritt Matthews's betwixt 4 and 5 o'clock were I drunk Tea and stopped the meeting which began at 6 and held 1 hour and a half. 12 persons attended besides myself, and It was to me a solid weighty meeting, towards the close I had a few words to drop. After meeting I went home with George Brearey and Wife were I lodged this and the following night.

On 26th. and 6th. of week I Breakfasted at William Wass's and afterwards sat with him his Wife Susanna, Ann and William their children, only he and his son are members of our

Society, the daughters attend meetings but not his Wife but being desirous to sit with us I felt no objections. I had two pretty long testimonies to bear to them the first from Heb: C: 10. v: 35. Cast not away therefore your confidence which hath great recompense of reward, and afterwards from Matt: C: 19. v: 14. Suffer little children, and forbid them not to come unto me; for of such is the kingdom of heaven. The head of this family was encouraged not to cast of his confidence in low seasons but endeavour to live by faith and then the reward would be sure, and much advice suitable to their tender years was communicated to the children.

From thence I went to Morrith Matthews's and sat with him and Elizabeth Dix a young Woman who boards there. I had a pretty long testimony first from Isai: C: 40. v: 29. He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength afterwards I had a short time. This was a precious refreshing, strengthening time unto myself, and the language of encouragement flowed freely unto them, and we were comforted together feeling that precious unity which is as ointment poured forth.

After dinner here, I proceeded to George Breareys and sat with their family which consisted of himself and Wife and David Brearey. I had a long testimony to bear in this opportunity from Prov: C: 4. v: 18. The path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day. Those who had been concerned steadily to persevere in this path were encouraged to hold on their way, and those who had been laging behind were intreated to come forward by doubling their diligence.

From thence I went to Mary Armitage's of Heaton.hill, and sat with her. She had applied to be accepted a member of our Society but was not yet admitted, but having been many years pretty much confined to her own house thro' indisposition I inclined to sit with her alone, which was a solid satisfactory time, I had two short testimonies to bear therein from Matt C: 5. v: 3. Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven, and from Prov: C: 27. 7. To the hungry soul every bitter thing is sweet. I was thankful for what I felt in this visit, and she was comforted, and encouraged under her afflictions.

From hence I returned to George Breareys to Tea and at 6 o clock in the evening, had a meeting in his parlour with such in this town and neighbourhood as attend meetings, but were not accepted into membership They were 8 in number viz. John Hall, George Barber, Thomas Abel, John Fozzard, Lydia Matthews and her Niece Mary Ann Parr, of Dewsbury, and John Hargraves and his Wife of Earls.heaton. It was upon the whole an open time, the way of life and salvation being clearly pointed out from two Pet: C: 1. v: 19. We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts. Afterwards I had another long time; being first led to speak in a very encouraging manner and to some sweetly visited but deeply tryed and exercised states and afterwards was closely led to others who had not known and entering in by the door, but were climbing up some other way. After which I had a short exhortation to them, Informing them that as their states were different and had been differently spoke to; I had felt desirous that each one might take their proper portion, and not say this or the other belongs to such or such a one but rather desire that the Lord by his spirit might apply to each individual what he intended for them and then I believed the present opportunity would be made profitable unto all. It held 2 hours.

On 27th. and 7th. of week

I spent the forenoon here in this kind family very agreeably some other friends coming in to sit a little with us. About 2 o clock in the afternoon I left Dewsbury John Fozzard a youth who is at present under a precious visitation accompanying me about 1 mile and then return'd. The afternoon being remarkable fine, I had a very beautiful walk down the pleasant valley through which the River Kalder runs by Horbury. bridge to Dircar were I got a little past 4 o clock and took up my quarters at Christopher Walkers

On 28th. and 1st. of week

I went to Wakefield meeting; The day being fine I had a pleasant walk thither. The meeting began at 11 and held about 2 hours. It was pretty fully attended by those who usually attend, and tho' I sat most part of the time in great poverty yet a little matter opening I stood up in

great weakness, feeling an increase of strength from obedience, had a pretty long testimony to bear from Jos: C: 33. v: 29. Happy art thou, O Israel: who in like unto thee, O People, saved by the Lord, the shield of thy help, and who is the sword of thy excellency! and thine enemies shall be found liars unto thee, and thou shalt tread upon their high places. and I believe the meeting ended to the satisfaction and comfort of many.

After meeting I din'd at William Awmacks, and after dinner sat with him, and his Wife, and her Father Samuel Gandy. I had a pretty long testimony to bear from 2 Cor: C: 1. v: 12. Our rejoicing is this, the testimony of our conscience, that in simplicity and godly sincerity, not with fleshly wisdom but by the grace of God, we have had our conversation in the world. From which I was led to observe that I believed this might be in a good degree applicable to the life of our ancient friend, and that if he was favoured to retain his integrity to the end, there was no doubt but he would receive the crown laid up for all those who love the appearance of our Lord and saviour Jesus christ. The others were reminded of the shortness and uncertainty of time, and the necessity of being ready for the solemn summons as none knew the hour when the son of man cometh.

From thence I went to Sarah Blands, her sister Ann being poorly at Sheffield her sister Rebecca was there in her room. I sat with these two and their Aunt Sarah Pemberton together, (She boarding in a family who were not friends) Not only the Power but the form of Truth seemed much departed from by most of them, nevertheless I had a pretty long testimony to bear amongst them 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. I had to set before them the necessity of entering in at this strait gate in order to obtain eternal life, and that we could only availingly strive for it, when the visitations of divine love were renewed to us, that tho' these might be frequently repeated, yet if not closed in with, his spirit would not always strive. But believing the present time to be a renewal of favour I had tenderly to advise them to close in therewith, and be willing to enter the strait gate, and walk in the narrow way, under the discipline of the cross of Christ without which we could not be his disciples.

From thence I went to Ann Thorps and sat with her and Joseph Armitage a young man who is Apprentice with one not a friend in the Town I had a pretty long time first to Ann from Matt: C: 25. v: 29. Unto every one that hath shall be given and he shall have abundance. She was encouraged to faithfulness in the little as it was not the magnitude of our gifts or offerings that made them acceptable, but our obedience and improvement, and these were to be made ruler over more and to have an abundance so as to be sufficient to answer every service required. Afterwards I had a pretty long time to the young man from Luke C: 18. v: 1. Men ought always to pray, and not to faint. I had to observe to him that this was the duty of all, and more particularly ought to be his continual concern being placed in a dangerous situation and at a dangerous time of life, and therefore had to encourage him to keep a constant Watch unto Prayer that he might be favoured to experience preservation from the evils of the world. After which I drunk Tea here.

From thence I went to James Boothes of Fieldhouse and sat with him and his Sister Ruth. Great darkness was painfully felt in our sitting down but in waiting light arose and shone over it, and I had a pretty long testimony to bear from Psalm 68. v: 1. Let God arise, let his enemies be scattered. I had tenderly to exhort them to be willing to have every thing removed that hindered the Lords arising, and the souls communion with God, and that fellowship which his children enjoy one with another; for if any root of bitterness remained so as to diminish our love to our brethren we could not be christs disciples, seeing this he declared to be the mark by which they should be known. From thence I went to John Robinsons to supper were I lodg'd.

On 29th. and 2nd. of week

This morning I sat with John Robinson and his daughter. In this opportunity I had a pretty long testimony to bear from Jos: C: 14. v: 11. I am as strong this day as I was in the day that Moses sent me; as my strength was then, even so is my strength now, for war, both to go out

and to come in. Remarking that my mind had been comforted with a belief that this was the situation of the head of this family unto whom the language of encouragement flowed, with desires he might be encouraged under all his tryals altho' they might be from some of the nearest ties in nature; so as to say with one formally, Although my house be not so with God, yet he hath made with me an everlasting covenant ordered in all things and sure. I had also a good deal of suitable counsel and advice to communicate to the daughter concluding with desires that she might so walk as to be a comfort to her aged Parent.

After breakfasting here, I proceeded to Dirtcar were I sat with Robert Walker and his Wife, had two pretty long testimonies to bear to them the first from 2 Kin: 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 to be upon me. And he said, thou hast asked a hard thing; nevertheless, if thou see me when I am taken away from thee, it shall be so unto thee. and afterwards from John C: 11. v: 28. The master is come, and calleth for thee. It was a time of favour and renewed visitation which they were tenderly advised duly to prize, that so a double portion of the Lords good spirit might rest upon them the sure reward of those who sincerely ask and wait in faith to receive the same.

I din'd at Christopher Walkers, and from thence went to John Pickards and sat with him and his Wife. I had a long laborious time here in silence but truth at length arose for my help and enabled me to bear a pretty long testimony to them from Rev: C: 21. v: 7. He that overcometh shall inherit all things. I was much concerned to recommend to them to labour after the attainment of this state, as the only way for them to inherit temporal and spiritual blessings; for the just only inherit the earth.

From thence I went to William Pickards and sat with him, his Wife, and William, Joseph, Samuel, Timothy, Hannah and Sarah their children. I had a very long testimony to bear unto them from 1 John C: 2. v: 14. I have written unto you fathers, because ye have known him that is from the beginning. I have written unto you young men, because ye are strong. and the word of God abideth in you, and ye have overcome the wicked one. Counsel, caution, advice and encouragement flowed freely to the various states in this family; and the youth in particular were much intreated and encouraged to know in their own experience an overcoming of the wicked one that so the word of God might abide in them. After which I had a short time of encouragement to one particular state to keep the covenants they had secretly made from Gen: C: 28. v. 20, 21. If God will be with me, and will keep me in this 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. After opportunity I drunk Tea here.

From thence I return'd to Christopher Walkers were I lodg'd and in the evening sat with him and his Wife I had a short testimony to bear to him first from 1 John C: 1. v: 7. If we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another. expressing that my mind had been comforted in feeling that fellowship which the living enjoy one with another who are concerned to walk in the light; encouraging him to perseverance therein that so he might experience it to shine brighter and brighter unto the perfect day. I had next a short time to her from Rom: C: 16. v: 2. She have been a succourer of many. expressing my belief that this was applicable to her, and that she would not lose her reward, seeing our saviour declares that no one shall who gives a cup of water to a disciple in the name of a disciple. yet I desired she might not rest here, but labour to know the gift of God in herself, that now in her declining years when she could not attend religious meetings she might be favoured to partake of that living water which christ gives, and know that worship which is neither confined to time nor place but acceptably performed in spirit and in Truth. I had afterwards twice to drop a few words to her.

On 1st. of 3rd. Mo. and 3rd. of week

After breakfast I proceeded to George Earnshaws of Crigglestone, and sat with him, his Wife, and William Pickard, and Ann and Hannah Earnshaw their children, their youngest daughter Mary being poorly could not bear up to sit with us. It was an exercising time, there appeared to be a want of diligence both in spiritual and temporal concerns, whereby things in both

respects of one got much out of order. I laboured honestly with them under a proper covering for their restoration having a long testimony to bear from Rom: C: 12. v: 11, 12. Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit, serving the Lord. Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in Prayer. Afterwards I had a short time particularly addressed to William Pickard from Jam: C: 1. v: 5. If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not. The necessity of being so emptied of our own sufficiency to direct our own steps aright in order that we might in all our undertakings ask wisdom of him who giveth liberally, was pointed out unto him; and that it was for want of this that many brought trouble and sorrow upon themselves, and their best friends.

From thence I went to Mary Cudworths of Painthorp and sat with her. I had a pretty long time in testimony to her from 1 Kin: C: 17. v: 14th. The barrel of meal shall not waste, neither shall the cruse of oil fail; until the day that the Lord sendeth rain upon the earth. I was led in an encouraging manner to her believing she either was or would have a trying time to pass through in which she might be ready to conclude her portion of food was so small that she was at the point of dying as to the best life, and yet in this poor state something might be required to give unto others, which must be a tryal of faith, yet if obedience was kept to, I believed the little would not fail until the Lord was pleased again to send rain and favour with abundance. After the opportunity I din'd here.

Having now finished my visit to the families in this meeting except one family and an individual who are not members but have attended meetings many years, but thro' mistake were omitted when the list was made out so that they could not be conveniently taken now, wherefore I proposed sitting with them in the Meetinghouse at Wakefield on our next Mo. Meeting day in the afternoon. I felt now at the conclusion my mind covered with sweet Peace the sure reward of unreserved obedience. My mind having experienced an increasing exercise ever since I last left Burton meeting about sitting with a few of the most early convinced friends in Barnsley, and the time appearing now to become for accomplishing of it. I left Painthorp a little before 2 o'clock in the afternoon, and the day being fine had a pleasant walk by Hallgreen, Woolley and Staincross to Barnsley where I got betwixt 3 and 4 o'clock, drunk Tea at Elizabeth Dunns, and after Tea I went and informed a friend of my concern, who undertook to get them together about 7 o'clock in the evening at Elizabeth Dunns, they were 5 in number unto whom my concern appeared to be viz. Thomas Dixon Walton, Samuel Coward, Thomas Walker Haigh and Wife, and Elizabeth Dunn They readily complied with my request, and after a solemn time in silence, I'd told them that by way of introduction I thought it right to inform them on the rise and progress of my concern, which I did in the following manner or nearly so viz. that after finishing the visit to the families in their meeting, I sat their evening meeting in Barnsley in a state of peaceful serenity of mind, until near the close when a prospect opened, that the enemy was exceeding busy in the minds of some, hiddenly and as it were secretly to draw them from that precious unity which ever ought to subsist amongst brethren, and into a breach of that love by which the disciples of christ are known. I did not believe that all present were implicated in it, but some was deeply exercised from a feeling of it, but could not see any way open to move into it. As I myself did not in that opportunity in which it first opened, But return'd home the next day with the Answer of peace in mine own bosom. Since which my mind had been weightily exercised about it, and it had gradually increased until I thought I durst not return home without endeavouring to procure an opportunity with them. I then informed them, They had been in an abundant manner favoured, and through their faithfulness some of them had received precious gifts, that much depended both on their account, and others on their endeavouring to keep their proper places, and carefully watching against the wiles of our unwearied enemy lest these blessings should prove a curse to them; I had then a long testimony to their 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. In the opening of which I had much weighty caution counsel, admonition and advice to communicate. and the opportunity

tended to the relief of my mind and I hope to the advantage of some. After supper I went to sleep with Thomas Dixon Walton.

On 2nd. and 4th. of week, I breakfasted at Samuel Cowards, in my way thither called and sat a little at Thomas Yeardeleys. After breakfast called at Thomas Walker Haighs, and afterwards at Elizabeth Dunns sat a little at each place; and about 11 o'clock left Barnsley William Harvey set me on my way about 2 miles and then return'd. I came to Richard Scoraks of Barugh mill were I stopt betwixt 2 and 3 hours, and din'd, then came by Cawthorne and Dakinbrook to Denby were I drunk Tea at Joseph Grayhams stopt betwixt 2 and 3 hours, then set out for home Joseph Grayham accompanying me part of the way, were I got a little before 8 o'clock in the evening.

3rd. Mo. 21st. and 2nd. of week

This day after our Monthly meeting held at Wakefield, at 5 in the evening a meeting was appointed in the Meetinghouse for those on this side of the meeting who attended friends meetings but were not accepted into membership which consisted of Matthew Lamb and his Wife and two young daughters Sophia and Harriett of Wakefield, and David Pickard of Ossett. But Matthew Lambs Wife being rather poorly requested if it was agreeable to me, it might be held at their house; which I complied with, and John Bottomley being in the town accompanied me thither. It proved a solemn satisfactory opportunity a renewed visitation being feelingly extended to all present, I had a pretty long testimony to bear first unto David being opened from Judg: C: 17. 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. I was opened in a very particular manner to his state having to observe that he had been eminently favoured in former times with a clear convincement of the Truth, and strength to come up in faithful obedience to the same, but by giving way to temptations he had lost his strength, and had been brought into such a state of insensibility as not to know that the Lord was departed from him; nevertheless the hair of his head began to grow again, through adorable mercy the Lord had made him sensible of his loss, and favoured with a renewal of his strength, and that I was convinced if he was concerned to bow before the Lord with all his might he would yet be avenged of all his enemies. I had a pretty long time next to the family from 1 Kin: C: 18. v: 21. How long halt ye between two opinions? if the Lord be God, follow him. They were exhorted not to halt betwixt two opinions, but follow on to know the Lord, that so they might be enabled to serve him with a perfect heart and a willing mind, and to train up their children in his fear; and the children were exhorted to live in his fear which would preserve from evil, and enable them rightly to obey their Parents. Afterwards John Bottomley had a long time from Luke C: 1. v: 6. They were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless. The different states were exhorted to come up in faithful obedience to the manifestations they were renewedly favoured with that they might all be enabled to attain the state of being righteous before God. This opportunity finished the visit to the families in this meeting

An Account of my Journey to our Spring Quarterly Meeting held at Leeds in the 3rd. Mo. 1808.

I left home ye. 28th. of ye 3rd. Mo. 1808 and 2nd. day of the week about 8 o'clock in the morning, and went by Cumberworth to Skelmanthorp were I stopt upwards of an hour at Leah Kinsleys, and got some refreshment, then proceeded to Emley to cousin Alexander Hampshires of Flockton.mill were I rested me in near an hour and then went by Flockton, Mug.mill, and Thornhill to Dewsbury were I got a little past 2 o'clock, Din'd and drunk Tea at Morritt Matthews's, and then went to George Breareys were I lodg'd.

On 29th. and 3rd. of week, I set out a little before 9 o'clock in the morning, George Brearey accompanying me betwixt 2 and 3 miles and then returned, went by Ricemill and

Howleymills to Bruntcliff were I rested me a little at Joseph Atkinsons, and then proceeded to John Ellis's of Gildersome. School were I met with my beloved friend Thomas Colley of Sheffield, who having the approbation of Balby Monthly meeting to have some Publick meetings in going and returning from Leeds, had had one on first day in the forenoon at Flockton in the Independent Meetinghouse, and in the evening in the Dissenting Methodist Meetinghouse at Dewsbury, and on the second day in the afternoon in the Independent Meetinghouse at Pudsey, all which I understood were very large and satisfactory. I once proposed in my mind accompanying him to those meetings but being desirous for William Taylor to go to Flockton I gave up the thoughts, concluding to accompany him to those in his return from Leeds. But ah how unforeseen things prevent, the day after he left home William Hargreaves his Partner was suddenly taken very ill, when he got Leeds he received information of which made it necessary for him to leave the Quarterly Meeting before it was over, and return directly home on the fifth day morning. I stopt here betwixt 3 and 4 hours and din'd, then proceeded to Holbeck near Leeds were I got betwixt 3 and 4 o'clock in the afternoon and lodg'd at Joseph Shackletons. At 5 in the evening began our Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders, In which the Advices to Ministers and Elders were read. Also the Queries, and Answers received from all the meetings in this County and a General Answer drawn up approv'd and Signed in order to be laid before the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders. Thomas Priestman, Isaac Taylor, Mary Fairbank and Sarah Parker were appointed to oversee the succeeding meetings and advise as occasion may require The meeting held near 2 hours and a half.

On 30th. and 4th. of week at 10 in the morning was a meeting for Worship which tho' mostly Select of friends was very large William Bleckley from Suffolk dropt a few words therein first. Thomas Dixon Walton next, Catharine Theaker next, Isabella Harris had a pretty long time next from Acts C: 2. v: 4. They were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the spirit gave them utterance. Charles Parker next from Luke C: 11. v: 34. The light of the body is the eye, therefore when thine eye is single thy whole body also is full of light; but when thine eye is evil, thy body also is full of darkness. Thomas Colley had a long time next from Psalms 144. v: 12. That our sons may be as plants grown up in their youth; that our daughters may be as corner stones polished after the similitude of a palace. At the close of this meeting was held a Meeting for discipline Besides some of the business, The 1st. and 2nd. Queries were read therein, and Answers thereto from all our Monthly meetings. and General Answers prepared to them. In Answer to the 2nd. Query it appeared that there was some convincement in Balby, Pontefract, Brighouse, Gisborough and Pickering Monthly Meetings and that 6 persons had been accepted into Membership thereby since last year viz. 2 in Balby, 1 in Gisbro' and 3 in Pickering Monthly meetings. Caleb Fletcher of Kirbymoorside Mg. and John Fisher of Huddersfield Mg. were clerks being chosen and appointed in the last 9th. Mo. for the ensuing year. Both meetings held 4 hours. After which I din'd and drunk tea at James Arthingtons. At 6 in the evening was another Meeting for discipline. The rest of the Queries were read and Answers thereto, and General Answers prepared to them Also the Quarterly Meeting Query was read and after being solidly considered an Answer thereto was prepared This Meeting held 3 hours and then adjourn'd until next day at 11 o'clock. A large committee having met this afternoon, and had to meet again in the morning on an Appeal from John Hutchinson against Thirsk Mo. Meetings proceedings against him.

On 31st. and 5th. of week, After Breakfast I went and sat a little at Joshua Ingles were I got a little refreshment before I went to the meeting. At 11 o'clock met pursuant to adjournment. The General Answer to the Queries was read and Signed in order to be laid before the Yearly Meeting. The remaining part of the business belonging to the Quarterly Meeting was gone through in this sitting which held upwards of an hour and a half, except receiving the report of the Committee on the Appeal; they not being prepared, therefore the Meeting adjourned until 4 o'clock in the afternoon After which I din'd at Joseph Walkers. At 4 o'clock met pursuant to adjournment. The report of the Committee on the Appeal was read

twice in the presence of the Appellant and the Respondents from Thirsk Mo. Meeting. But the Appellant objecting to the report of the Committee gave notice he would appeal to the Yearly Meeting. The Appellant and Respondents being withdrawn, after a long conference the meeting received the report, and appointed Respondents to meet him at the Yearly Meeting. This meeting held until half past 6 in the evening the time appointed for the Publick Meeting for Worship which was larger than the former more People of other Societies attending. It held long in silence. Isabella Harris had a long testimony therein first 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. Henry Tuke a pretty long time next from to Kin: C: 20. v: 3. O Lord, remember now how I have walked before thee in truth, and with a perfect heart, and have done that which is good in thy sight. John Hoyland next from Deut: C: 33. v: 8. Let thy Thummin and thy Urim be with thy Holy one, whom thou didst prove at Massah, and with whom thou didst strive at the waters of Meribah. Both meetings held about 5 hours and a half.

On 1st. and 4th. Mo. and 6th. of week, I left Holbeck about 9 o'clock in the morning, in company with James Taylor from Lancashire, James Less and his Wife of Brighouse, John Wommersley and Wife of Huddersfield, and Henry Swire of Wooldale Mg. we came together about 2 miles, and then I left them to call at John Ellis's of Gildersome. School were I met with their son and daughter Thomas and Mary Hartas from Kirbymoorside Mg. of whose company I was glad, I got there betwixt 10 and 11 o'clock in the forenoon, and stopt dinner and Tea, and about 5 o'clock left there in company with John Fothergill a young man from near Rochdale in Lancashire who came here before dinner and unto whom I thought I felt my spirit nearly united than I had ever done before when in his company, We came together into the village of Gildersome, and then parted in nearness of affection he going from Bradford, and I came by Bruntcliffe, Howley.mills and Ricemill to Dewsbury were I got about 7 o'clock and lodg'd at George Breareys.

On 2nd. and 7th. of week. It having been uncommon cold weather from the time of my leaving home but mostly fair and very frosty, and the meetings at Leeds being very large I felt the frost air seize me when I came out of doors, and was rather poorly before I left there, and after felt it gradually increasing upon me; and this morning when I awoke my whole frame felt much affected so that I thought It best for me to make the best of my way home. Accordingly after Breakfast at my friend William Wass's I left Dewsbury betwixt 9 and 10 o'clock in the morning, and came by Thornhill and Mugmill to Flockton were feeling very weary I called at the George and Dragon and got 6 pennyworth of Rum and Water rested me about half an hour, and then came by Emley to Skelmanthorp were I was much spent rested me near 2 hours at Leah Kingsleys who was affectionately kind, and refreshed me with the best her house afforded I could not have been more suitably entertained in the houses of the great. Charles Blackburn came in to see me and accompanied me on this side of Cumberworth, and then return'd I came over Carrbridge into my own ground, were I very unexpectedly met with my beloved friend Joseph Grayham going to my house, we went up together were we got about 4 o'clock in the afternoon, he stopt Tea with me and until betwixt 6 and 7 o'clock and then return'd. I kept growing worse and the next day was wholly confined to my Bed but thro' the Blessing of Providence, and using proper endeavours was considerably relieved the morning following.

An Account of my Journey to Publick Meetings held at Burton Barnsley, and Badsworth in the 4th. Mo. 1808.

I set out from home ye. 16th. of ye. 4th. Mo. 1808 and 7th. day of the week to attend our Monthly meeting to be held at Burton, a little before 1 o'clock in the afternoon; having been much indisposed most of the time since my return from Leeds but through mercy was enabled

to get thro' this journey far beyond my expectation, and to return home in a better state of health than when I left I called and sat a little John Bottomleys of Wood and then went by Dykeside to Dakinbrook were I rested me a little at Joseph Ingrams, and then proceeded by Cawthorne to Barnsley were I got to Thomas Dixon Waltons betwixt 4 and 5 o'clock here I heard that our friend Thomas Colley of Sheffield was to have a Publick meeting the next day in friends Meetinghouse at Burton at 11 o'clock, and that friends had been giving notice thereof to the inhabitants in this Town, Burton, and the neighbouring villages. I rested me a little here and took a glass of wine, and then went to Susanna Atkinsons to Tea, and from thence to Elizabeth Dunns were I took up my quarters for victuals during my stay in this part, and lodg'd with William Harvey at Thomas Yeardeleys.

On 17th. and 1st. of week. The meeting at Burton was the largest I ever saw there, for notwithstanding the late alterations in the Meetinghouse which had made considerably more room the house and chamber was very much crowded, and the behaviour of the People still solid and attentive; Thomas Colley had a long testimony to bear therein from 2 Cor: C: 12. v: 9. My grace is sufficient for thee. At the close of the meeting for Worship was held their Preparative meeting. Of the committee appointed to attend here there was only John Bottomley and myself. Both meetings held upwards of 2 hours Thomas Colley in his return home this evening had a Publick meeting in the Methodists Meetinghouse at Chapeltown. The meeting at Barnsley was larger than usual 29 attending beside several friends who were strangers. It began at 5 o'clock and held about 2 hours. I had a long testimony to bear therein from 2 Cor: C: 9. v: 15. Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift.

On 18th. and 2nd. of week, our Monthly Meeting at Burton was very large of friends and a few others came in, so that the house was quite full It was held in silence. At the close thereof. Our frd. Isabella Harris informed us of her concern to have a Publick meeting this evening with the inhabitants of Barnsley which friends uniting with notice thereof was ordered to be given. The business of our meeting for discipline was amicably conducted; towards the close thereof our friend John Bottomleys concern to visit the families of friends in Pontefract and Ackworth meetings, as signified to our last Mo. meeting, came under the solid consideration of this, and friends left him at his liberty to proceed therein as truth opened his way, and at the request of the meeting Christopher Walker gave up to accompany him in Ackworth meeting and Leonard West in Pontefract meeting. Both meetings held upwards of 3 hours. After which I din'd at John Wilsons, and after dinner return'd to Barnsley were I drink Tea at Thomas Walker Haighs. The meeting began at 5 o'clock and held 2 hours and a half. The dissenting Methodists lent us their Meetinghouse which is very large, and great was the concourse of People who attended so that it was pretty well filled but alas many appeared very unsettled and there was almost a continual coming in and going out throughout the whole of the meeting, yet there was a considerable number whose behaviour was becoming the solemnity of the occasion. Isabella Harris had a very long testimony to bear them in from Col: C: 3. v: 11. There is neither Greek, nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free; but Christ is all, and in all. After she sat down I had gently to reprove the People for their unsettledness, desiring them not to disturb those who would wish to enjoy the meeting quietly by keeping going out but endeavour to keep their seats until the meeting broke up of which they would be properly informed. Afterwards I had a pretty long testimony to bear 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. At the close of the meeting. I inform'd the People it was now over, and as some of their minds had been mercifully covered with an awful solemnity, I desired they might endeavour to keep under it when separated that so they might be benefitted by the present opportunity. The meeting held 2 hours and a half. I having a concern to have a meeting at Badsworth tomorrow evening and John Fozzard an innocent youth from Dewsbury being here inclined to accompany me thither. Accordingly we got a little refreshment at Thomas Walker Haighs, and then left Barnsley, and went by Burton and Cudworth to Shafton were we got to Timothy Sykes's a little before 10 o'clock, and lodg'd there.

On 19th. and 3rd. of week. This morning I felt myself more unwell than I had done since I left home and began to be afraid of a return of my disorder which had been a Rheumatic complaint in my head attended with pains in different parts of my body. Betwixt 1 and 2 o'clock in the afternoon we left Shafton Timothy Sykes accompanying us to Badsworth 5 miles we went by Hemsworth and got there between 3 and 4 o'clock, Timothy took us to his Sisters house the Widow Sarah Twibells who received us very kindly and entertained us generously. I felt very poorly after I got here and being extreme low in my mind was almost ready to sink under the discouragement I felt. John Bottomley and James Harrison had the care of providing a place and giving notice of the meeting which they did through this village and some of the small ones in the neighbourhood as Thorp, Upton, and Little.Emsall. The meeting began at half past 6 o'clock, and was held in the Methodist Meetinghouse which is but a smallish place, but was very much crowded. I had a very long testimony to bear therein from 1 Cor: C: 2. v. 3, 4, 5. 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: That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God. Afterwards John Bottomley was concerned in Prayer. It was a glorious meeting the power of Truth was in great dominion; a serious gravity appeared to cover the countenances of the People in general and many were much broken and tendered. At the close thereof, I acknowledged our obligation to the People for favouring us with their company; and our satisfaction with their commendable behaviour, and endeavouring in a few words to settle them under the teaching of the Grace God, I saluted them in Gospel love and bade them Farewel. The meeting held 2 hours. After which I thought of returning to Shafton to make my journey easier the next day but being poorly and much heated with the exercise of the meeting, and Sarah Twibell having prepared Beds for us, and seeming very unwilling for us to go, we concluded as it appeared most advisable to stop, and she took great care of me administering things suitable for my relief, and ordering a fire in my lodging room so that I was much better in the morning. My kind frd. James Harrison brought his carriage with a view to take me therein to his house to night but finding how I was he concluded to stop all night in the village and help me a little on my way in the morning. George Nicholson a young man of considerable property in this village and a Preacher amongst the Methodists came to see me after meeting and stopt until bedtime he express'd much satisfaction with the meeting acknowledged to the Truth and was very loving, he parted with me in much affection expressing he should be very glad to see me again at Badsworth Our friend Isabella Harris had a Publick meeting this evening with the inhabitants of Pontefract and on first day evening she had one at Horbury in the Methodists Meetinghouse.

On 20th. and 4th. of week. After breakfast John Fozzard set out towards home. And the betwixt 8 and 9 o'clock I left Badsworth, James Harrison conveying me in his carriage by Hemsworth and Brierley to Timothy Sykes's of Shafton were we found Timothy got home a little before us. Stopp'd here about 1 hour and then I set out towards home, William Taylor accompanied me about 2 miles and then return'd, I came by Carlton to Barugh mill were I rested me a little at Richard Scorahs, and then came to Thomas Wests of Cawthorne were I stopt upwards of 4 hours and din'd and drink Tea, then came by Dakinbrook to Denby were I stopt about 1 hour at Joseph Grayhams, and then he set me part of the way home were I got about 9 o'clock.

An Account of my Journey to a Publick Meeting held at Meltham in the 5th. Mo. 1808

Feeling a concern upon my mind to pay a religious visit to the inhabitants of Meltham and its vicinity, and they being very much strangers to friends and our Principles, and generally report to be a rough uncivilised People, having been very abusive to the Methodists when they first attempted to have meetings there accordingly our friend Henry Swire whose heart was

bound to the cause went over to Meltham on the 6th. day before the meeting was proposed to be held; but he found the inhabitants in general very much attach'd to their Priest, and determined as much as possible to keep all dissenters out of the Town however there was some who appeared different and very desirous for a meeting but these had it not in their Power to accommodate friends with a place, however he got the promise of a School, but thought it would by no means answer the end for want of the room, the same evening he came to consult with me. I inform'd him that as my concern felt very weighty towards the inhabitants there if no other place could be procured I thought it best to accept of that, and if the day should prove fine, and a great many more people attend than it would accommodate we might hold it out of doors. The next morning, Henry Swire, George Broadhead and John Brook went thither and with some difficulty procured a Barn belonging to Abraham Woodhead altho' he was a man much attached to the Priests and bitter against dissenters, he also told them he believed very few would attend. They erected a Gallery and placed a few seats, but not many in order that it might accommodate more People believing notwithstanding what Abraham Woodhead had said (who no doubt spoke as he could wish it to be) that many would attend; they then gave notice to the inhabitants in the country around; The same day about 2 o'clock in the afternoon, being ye. 30th. of ye. 4th. Mo. and 7th. day of the week I set out towards Meltham which from my house is about 8 miles went to John Pickfords of Park where I sat a little and then proceeded to John Haighs of Shepley where I stopt about half an hour, here I met by appointment with John Bottomley who was my companion this journey. From hence we went to Thomas Bottomleys of Height where we stopt near 2 hours and got Tea then went to Royd where we got about 7 o'clock in the evening and lodg'd at Joseph Bottomleys.

On 1st. of 5th. Mo. and 1st. of week we set out a little before 9 o'clock in the morning Joseph Bottomley accompanying us to Meltham went by Honley and Meltham mill, and got to the Sine of the Shoulder of mutton a little past 10 o'clock, where we got some refreshment. The meeting began at 11 and held near 2 hours and a half, the barn of itself was not very large there being only the floor and one large bay, but there was two Mistells adjoining and a hay loft over the one all open to it, and great was the concourse of People who attended so that these places were not only much crowded but I believe there were more People without doors than within; the barn doors being large, and a very open spacious place before them so that those without could both see and hear, and the day being fine they stood as far as I could see over them. The Power of Truth eminently overshadowed us, many were broken and tendered and an awful solemnity appeared to cover the whole, so that throughout this large assembly I did not see so much as a light countenance. As I took my seat in the meeting these words run through me "we seek not you nor yours" and I soon found a concern to stand up and mention them to the People adding that prejudice was the Parent of ignorance and entirely laid waste true judgement and therefore in order that it might be removed out of every mind I found it my place to inform them of our motives in seeking such opportunities as these, which were entirely disinterested; In the first place it was from an apprehension of duty, and our obedience therein was the way to be favoured with peace, and in the next place a concern for the real welfare of the People, not to gather them from one outward form of religion to another, but that the good in all and under every name might be encouraged, and that if haply sinners might be turned from the evil of their ways, that we covert no mans silver or gold, having freely received the gift we freely communicated the same as the Lord was pleased to open our way, but as we had nothing of our own we found it our duty to wait in silence until we received from him what he might be pleased to commission us to deliver to the People. I then requested the People to endeavour to get into stillness of body and of mind, and then I believed he who had compassion upon the multitude formally would at this time have compassion upon us. I stood pretty long upon these subjects, and then sat down, and I believe it had the desired effect upon the People. After some time in silence I had a very long testimony to bear from Acts C: 17. v. 30, 31. The times of this 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. John Bottomley had a long time next from Isai: C: 3. v. 10, 11. Say to the righteous it shall be well with him; for they shall eat the fruit of their doings. Wo unto the wicked, it shall be ill with him. I was next concerned in Prayer and Praises to that almighty powerful Being who hath the hearts of all men in his hand, and can turn them even as a man turneth a water course in his field, which had been this day eminently manifested to the surprize of many. At the close of the meeting I informed them, That their behaviour had been very much to the credit of the inhabitants of Meltham, that I was obliged to them for favouring us with their company, and tho' I came amongst them in the cross to mine own will yet I was thankful for the opportunity, and as their behaviour merited commendation, I wished them to retire from the meeting in the same commendable manner to their respective habitations, then recommending them unto God and the word of his Grace, that they might experience a being built up in the most holy faith which works by love to the purifying of the heart; I saluted them in that Love which many waters cannot quench nor distant separate and bade them all Farewel. We returned to our Inn to dine, John Garlick our landlord expressed much satisfaction with the meeting and was exceeding kind, paid 1s a piece eating and 3d Liquor. About 3 o'clock in the afternoon we left Meltham in company with Henry Swire, George Broadhead, John Brook of Wooldale, Charles Hinchcliffe, Joseph Grayham, Joseph Haigh of Birdsedge, Joseph Bottomley, and John Issott. The two last only came with us a little way and then went the Honley road, the rest of us came together by Upperthong and Holmfirth were John Brook took Charles Hinchcliffe with him to his house to Tea, and the rest of us came to Henry Swire's to Tea. After which the other two friends came to us again, we stopt about 1 hour and a half, and then, John Bottomley Charles Hinchcliffe, Joseph Grayham, Joseph Haigh and myself set out together, towards our respective habitations, came by Tottis home were I got betwixt 7 and 8 o'clock, Joseph Grayham called with me and stopt supper, and about 9 o'clock set out towards home.

An Account of my Journey to Publick Meetings held at Whitley Womersley, Darrington and Kirkby in the 5th. Mo. 1808.

My mind them being drawn to pay a religious visit to the inhabitants of several villages in the eastern part of our Monthly meeting, I left home ye. 13th. of ye. 5th. Mo. 1808, and 6th. day of the week about 3 o'clock in the afternoon, and went by Cumberworth to Skelmanthorp were I stopt about 2 hours at Leah Kinsleys and drunk Tea, then preceded by Parkmill, Bretton, and Crigglestone to Dircar were I got about 8 o'clock and lodged at our kind friend Christopher Walkers.

On 14th. and 7th. of week I set out betwixt 8 and 9 o'clock in the morning and went by Milthorp Walton, Crofton and Purston to Pontefract were I got a little before 12 o'clock, and din'd at Joseph Johnsons. After dinner I went to see several friends and about 3 o'clock in the afternoon left Pontefract and went to James Harrison of East.Hardwick were I took up my quarters during my stay in these parts, and the kindness of him and his Wife to me I trust will oftens be gratefully remembered. George Nicholson of Badsworth a Preacher amongst the Methodists who was very much reached at the meeting I had there, hearing I was there called on his return home from Pontefract market and drunk Tea with us stopping about 2 hours; after he was gone John Bottomley came here intending to accompany me the next day.

On 15th. and 1st. of week. A meeting being appointed at my request at Whitley a village about 8 miles from here, of which James Harrison had had the care; we set out between 7 and 8 o'clock in the morning James Harrison conveying me in his carriage and providing a horse for John Bottomley which was very acceptable as the day was remarkable hot, we went by Darrington, Stapleton and Womersley to Whitley were we got betwixt 9 and

10 o'clock and took about took up our quarters at Thomas Shearburns a Yeoman and Farmer of considerable property who meeting with me in Pontefract the day before kindly invited me to his house where we were generously and plentifully entertained. The meeting began at 11 o'clock, and was held in the Methodists Meetinghouse which was not large but very well filled, and the windows being open a great many stood without. It was a good meeting the People in general appearing solid and many much affected. John Bottomley had a short testimony 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 Matt: C: 17. v: 5. This is my beloved son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him. John Bottomley was next concerning Prayer. After which I inform'd the People the Meeting was now over, and that I felt liberty to appoint one this evening at Womersley if a suitable place could be procured, a Person answering there was one at friends service. The meeting was appointed to begin at 5 o'clock, and the company of such as were free to attend were inform'd would be acceptable, upon which the Methodists inform'd the People that their meeting at this place would be given up this evening in order that all who chose might have their liberty to attend at Womersley. This meeting held about 2 hours. After dinner we came about 2 miles to John Dobsons of Woodhall to Tea, who has been clearly convinced of the Truth, and in some measure come up in obedience to the discoveries he has been favoured with, but not so fully as he ought to have done; which I believe has prevented his establishment therein; He was very kind, procured the place for the meeting this evening and Thomas Hague and Robert Thompson undertook the care of preparing it. After Tea we went to Womersley about half a mile where we got just in time to the meeting which was held in a large Barn belonging to John Dawson. It was thought there was double the number of People attended, that did at Whitley they coming in every direction from a considerable distance, and their behaviour in the general was commendable, a Gallery was erected and a number of seats placed but the generality of the People stood. It was an open favoured meeting the different states of the People being spoke to in the Power and authority of the Gospel. I had a very long testimony to bear therein first from Isai: C: 55. v: 3, 4. Incline your ear, and come unto me; hear, and your soul shall live: and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David. Behold I have given him for a witness to the People, a leader and commander to the People. John Bottomley had a pretty long 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. I next from Matt: C: 10. V. 32, 33. Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, he will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven. At the close of the meeting I had to inform the People, I had now discharged a debt which I apprehended to be due to the inhabitants of this part, and was favoured with the reward of Peace; reminding them that altho' Paul may plant and Apollos water it is God that giveth the increase of all good, and therefore unto the teachings of his grace in the secret of their own hearts I earnestly recommended them with mine own soul and saluting them in that love which many waters cannot quench nor distance separate bade them Farewel. The meeting held upwards of 2 hours and a half. After resting a little John Dawsons and getting some refreshment there and at one John Robinsons, we left the village about 8 o'clock and came by Stapleton and Darrington to Hardwick where we got to our quarters about quarter past 9 in the evening where we met with many friends on their way to our Monthly meeting to be held at Pontefract the next day amongst others James Taylor of Oldham meeting in Lancashire who came here on purpose to accompany me the remaining part of this journey, and was very serviceable.

On 16th. and 2nd. of week, After breakfast James Harrison took me in his carriage to Pontefract, the meeting began at 11 o'clock, and the Meetinghouse was pretty well filled with friends and a considerable number sat up stairs, I had a pretty long testimony to bear therein from Isai: C: 60. v: 1. Arise, shine, for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. At the close of the meeting for Worship was held at our Monthly meeting for discipline, amongst other business Edward Bilton and Ann Haigh both of Ackworth meeting

laid before us their intentions of taking each other in marriage. Both meetings held upwards of 3 hours. After which I dined at John Leathams, and drunk Tea at Ann Harrisons, and in the evening James Harrison took James Taylor and me with him in his carriage back to his house were we got betwixt 7 and 8 o'clock.

On 17th and 3rd. of week, James Harrison and James Taylor set out immediately after breakfast to Darrington to procure and prepare a place for a Meeting this evening, and give notice to the inhabitants. After 11 o'clock I left here and went to Benjamin Jowetts of Carleton, were the friends when they had finished their business at Darrington came to dine we stopt Tea also and then went together to Darrington were we got a little before meetingtime. My mind was much exercised wherefore I left friends and walked into the fields, return'd through the Steeplehouse yard and looked at the grave of my old faithful servant John Proctor who died and was buried here as he was returning home from the Lime kilns. The meeting began at 6 o'clock and was held in a large barn belonging to Jonathan Harrison a Gallery was erected and the place was seated with Planks, There is few dissenters in this village besides a young Woman named Sarah Wright who appears to be under convincement; however the inhabitants generally attended and some from neighbouring villages so that we saw there was about 200 there who were well accommodated with seats. Our friend Isabella Harris, Joseph Birkbeck and Hannah Dumbleton came from Ackworth of whose company I was glad. The meeting continued long in silence and I sat in a very stripped state however Truth at length arose and we were favoured with a good meeting; the People behaved well and many minds I believe were deeply humbled under of that baptizing Power they had been too much strangers unto. I had a long testimony to bear therein first from 1 Cor: C: 15. v: 34. Awake to righteousness, and sin not, for some have not the knowledge of God. Isabella Harris next from Isai: C: 40. v: 6, 7, 8. All flesh is grass, and all the goodness thereof is as the flower of the field: the grass withereth and the flower fadeth, because the spirit of the Lord bloweth upon it: surely the People is grass. The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever. I informed the People at the close that the Meeting was over, and that I was obliged to them for favouring us with their company adding that I had oftens remembered the inhabitants of this village, since the time that one of my own family was suddenly summonsed from works to rewards amongst them at event which I thought conveyed an awakening call unto them. Yet never saw my way clear to pay them a visit until now, that I had been enabled to discharge by duty amongst them so as to feel the evidence of Peace in mine own mind; and I sincerely decide that the opportunity might prove a blessing to them, and under the influence of Gospel love bade them Farewel. The meeting held 3 hours. After which we rested us a little at Jonathan Harrison and got some refreshment we brought with us, and then return'd to Hardwick were we our quarters betwixt 9 and 10 o'clock. (..... areas burnt leaving a hole P.C.)

On 18 and 4th. of week, after breakfast James Harrison and James Taylor took carriage and set out for Kirkby to procure and prepare a place for a meeting this evening and give advice to the inhabitants About 11 o'clock I left Hardwick and went to Ackworth. School were I din'd and got an early dish of Tea and then set out for Kirkby 4 miles in company with Joseph Birkbeck who walked with me, and Isabella Harris Joseph Sams and Hannah Dumbleton went in the School carriage. We got there about half an hour before Meeting time and was conducted to Charles Gledhalls a man of a considerable Independent property who has a son and 3 daughters all grown, This family manifested much kindness on the occasion, lending friends every assistance in their Power, and kindly and generously entertaining us all, Coffee and Tea was provided for us when we came in which we partook of. The meeting was appointed to begin at 6 o'clock and was held in a very large Barn belonging to one James Emmerson, a Gallery was erected and nearly one half of the Barn seated with Planks The concourse of People who attended was very great supposed to be 6 or 700, and amongst this multitude many I believe truly enquiring minds It was a glorious meeting many states were opened and spoke to in the authority of the Gospel, and the behaviour of the People was as commendable as could be expected in such a mixed multitude. I had a long testimony to bear

therein first from Rev: C: 15. v. 2, 3, 4. I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire; and they that had gotten the victory over the beast and over the image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God. And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou King of Saints! Who shall not fear thee, O Lord; and glorify thy name; for thou only art holy; for all nations shall come and worship before thee, for thy judgements are made manifest. Isabella Harris next from Jer: C: 10. v: 23. I know that the way of man is not in himself; it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps. I had a pretty long time 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 shepperd. At the close of the meeting I informed the People it was now over, adding that it would tend much to our satisfaction, and their advantage for them to retire to their respective habitations in a quiet orderly manner desiring that those who had been favoured to feel the precious influence of divine love might retire to it, that so their countenances might manifest they had been with Jesus. The meeting held upwards of 2 hours and a half After getting every necessary refreshment at Charles Gledhalls, and having a solemn opportunity of the family before we separated, in which Isabella Harris had an affectionate address to the beloved youth who were much tendered we took our leave of each other, and James Taylor and myself set out for Shafton in company with William Taylor who came to guide us thither came by Brierley and got to Shafton about 11 o clock 4 miles were we lodg'd at Timothy Sykes's.

On 19th. and 5th. of week, about 10 o clock in the morning we left Shafton William Taylor accompanying us by Cudworth to their week day meeting at Burton which was pretty well attended by the numbers thereof and I was glad I was there. after a solid time of waiting I had a pretty long testimony to bear from 1 Thes: C: 4. v: 11. Study to be quiet, and do your own business. The meeting held 1 hour and a half. After which we went to Barnsley and din'd at Elizabeth Dunns, and after dinner sat for a little at Thomas Yeardeleys, and left Barnsley between 3 and 4 o clock, Thomas Walker Haigh, Thomas Yeardley and John Yeardley accompanying us about 1 mile and then return'd; we came to Cawthorne were we drunk Tea at Thomas Wests and stopt about 2 hours then came by Dakinbrook to Denby were we rested us a little at Joseph Grayhams and got to my house betwixt 9 and 10 o clock, having been favoured with remarkable fine weather throughout this journey.

At Account of my Journey to a Publick Meeting held at Bullhouse in the 5th. Mo. 1808.

My mind having been for a long time impressed with an apprehension of duty, to pay a religious visit to the inhabitants scattered upon the moors in the western parts of the Townships of Thurlstone and Langsett, and friends having obtained the promise of having the Presbyterian Meetinghouse at Bullhouse for that service, and it not only appearing a central situation for the people whom I felt drawn to visit, but on solidly weighing it, It appeared to me to be the right place. Accordingly a meeting was appointed to be held there ye. 29th. of ye. 5th. mo: 1808 and 1st. day of the week, and George Chapman, and Thomas Earnshaw of Judfield, undertook the charge of informing the inhabitants I set out for there the same morning betwixt 7 and 8 o'clock which from my house is about 4 miles, but Joseph Grayham of Denby inclining to accompany me thither, I went to by his house to call upon him when I got there they was at Breakfast whereupon I took a cup of Tea with them, and stopp'd about 1 hour and then we proceeded, The day being fair but cloudy and cool for the time of the year we had a very pleasant walk by Ing. Birchworth and Carrhouse to Bullhouse were we got a little before Meetingtime, rested us and got a small matter of refreshment at William Wades. The meeting began at 11 o clock and held upwards of 3 hours. The Meetinghouse was pretty large and well seated, and the seats well filled with People. It was supposed betwixt 2 and 300

attended; It was a solid satisfactory meeting, held a considerable time in silence, and I had a very long testimony to bear therein first from Rom: C: 5. v: 10. If when we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more being reconciled we shall be saved by his life. John Bottomley had a long time next from Heb: C: 1. v: 1, 2. God who at sundry times and in divers manners speak in the 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. I next from Luke C: 11. v: 1. Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples. Afterwards I inform'd the People the meeting was now over, adding that their still, solid, and commendable behaviour had been very acceptable to us, and in order that they might be fully benefitted by the present opportunity, I requested them to retire to their respective habitations in a quiet orderly manner; and when there; if any thing had been delivered which they had not rightly understood, like the noble Bereans formally search the scriptures, and see if these things are not so, but in their searching not to neglect coming unto him who is the Lion of the tribe of Judah, and who alone is found worthy to open the seals, and thereby favour man with a right understanding of the Truths contained therein; Then recommending them to the teachings of Gods pure and spiritual Grace in the secret of their own hearts, that so they might experience a being built up in that most holy faith which works by love to the purifying of the heart I concluded with desiring that if we never saw the faces of one another more in mutability we might be so enabled to answer the end of our creation, as to meet together in the realms of bliss, where the wicked will for ever cease troubling and the weary be at rest. After meeting George Chapman and me went with Thomas Earnshaw of Judfield to dine, but I being very weary with the exercise of the meeting we rested as a little at Joshua Billcliffes of Eclands, and then proceeded to Judfield were we got between 3 and 4 o'clock; spent the afternoon here and drunk Tea, and a little past 7 o'clock, George Chapman and me left here, our mutual friend Thomas Earnshaw accompanying us as far as Cubley and then return'd, we got to Penistone about 8 o'clock, and being very weary I stopped all night at George Chapmans.

On 30th. and 2nd. of week I left Penistone betwixt 9 and 10 o'clock in the forenoon, and Ing. Birchworth home, were I got betwixt 11 and 12.

An Account of my Journey to a Publick Meeting held in Emley-Park in the 6th. Mo. 1808.

In the course of my religious labours in visiting the inhabitants of divers places within the compass of our Monthly meeting, my mind was deeply impressed with a concern to have the meeting with the inhabitants of Emley Park and parts adjacent and having 2 Relations viz. Charles and Benjamin Stead living at a place called Siver. Ing in the said Park, it appeared to me to be the right place to hold the said meeting if either of their Barns were likely to contain the People, and they willing to give them up for that purpose. But this brot. a very heavy exercise upon my mind, for they being large families, and not the most consistent with our profession, I was ready to fear that the conduct of some of them might have a tendency to lay waste the service of such a meeting, however after much conflict of spirit it appeared clear to me that my own peace was concerned in studying to be quiet and doing my own business, not looking at these things but minding the divine opening. I then informed John Bottomley of my concern, desiring him to go thither, and see if there was a suitable place; when he got there he found them very willing to do every thing in their Power for the accommodation of the meeting and Benjamin Steads barn being the larger it was appointed to be held there the 1st. day following being ye. 5th. of ye. 6th. Mo. 1808, and Charles and Benjamin Stead undertook the charge of informing the inhabitants, and John Bottomley and Joshua Dyson went the day before to assist in preparing the place, a very convenient Gallery was erected, and a considerable number of seats conveniently placed and both Charles and Benjamin Steads set their houses open and provided plentifully for the entertainment of friends, and others who

came at a great distance, I set out towards there the same morning a little past 8 o'clock being distant from my house about 4 miles; went by Cumberworth to Skelmanthorp well I stopt near an hour at Leah Kinsleys and got some refreshment, here I met by appointment with Joseph Grayham, and we walked together to Siver. Ing were we got to cousin Benjamin Steads about half an hour before meeting time. The meeting began at 11 o'clock and held 2 hours and a half: a great concourse of People attended not only the inhabitants of Emley-Park, but many from Emley, Skelmanthorp, Roydhouse and adjacent places, and some from more distant parts, so that the barn, and a stable and large hay loft both open to it were very full, and they contained more, many of them having to stand besides a considerable number out of doors. It proved a glorious meeting, Truth was in a great dominion, the states of the People were remarkably opened, and spoke to, in the authority of the Gospel, and the way of life and salvation declared, by Christ the promised seed. I had a very long testimony to bear therein first from Luke C: 1. v: 38. Behold the handmaid of the Lord, be it unto me according to thy word. After which John Bottomley was concerned in Prayer. At the close of the meeting, I briefly observed to the People, that we had no view in seeking these religious opportunities amongst our fellow professors of the Christian name, of gathering People from one outward form or profession of religion unto another, but that they originated in an apprehension of duty, that my being here was much in the way of the cross, but I was thankful that I had been enabled so far to discharge my duty amongst them, as to be favoured to feel the reward of Peace. That their conduct had been as far as I had observ'd orderly, and I wished the like order might be observ'd in their return to their respective habitations, and when there is anything had been delivered which they have not rightly understood that they might examine the Scriptures for themselves and see if these things are not so, but not to neglect coming unto him who alone can open their understandings to comprehend the Truths contained therein; then recommended them unto God, and the word of his Grace, I concluded with the salutation of an Apostle of Jesus Christ. The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all always, Amen. After which we din'd at cousin Benjamin Steads and drunk Tea at cousin Charles Steads, spending the afternoon very agreeably betwixt the houses in company with many friends, until about 6 o'clock, when we set out and came to Skelmanthorp were we stopt about half an hour at Leah Kinsleys, and I took a cup of Rum and Water, then accompanied Joseph Grayham by Dykeside to near Denby will be parted, and I came to John Bottomleys of Wood were I stoppt about half an hour, and got home betwixt 8 and 9 in the evening.

An Account of my Journey to a meeting at Dewsbury in the 6th. Mo. 1808.

I set out from home ye. 8th. of ye. 6th. Mo. 1808, and 4th. day of the week a little past 8 o'clock in the morning, went to John Pickfords of Park were I stopt near an hour, and then went to Joseph Hinchcliffes of Whinney, stopt there about half an hour, and then proceeded, Charles Hinchcliffe set me a little on my way and then return'd, I got to Leah Kinsleys of Skelmanthorp about 11 o'clock were I din'd; after dinner Charles Blackburn hearing I was there, came in to see me, He had been favoured with a clear conviction of the Truth but being unfaithful never submitted to the cross of Christ so as to experience a being thereby crucified unto the world, and not being willing to lay aside his own Wisdom, and receive the kingdom of heaven as a little child, he could not enter therein: hence living upon speculative notions of religion, he grew more and more estranged from the enjoyment of that spiritual Worship which is alone acceptable to the Almighty, so that his company in religious meetings was not only burdensome to the living; but I believe Meetings instead of being pleasant to him as formally became tiresome. In this situation he embraced the visionary notions of Joanna Southcott which being calculated to settle mankind at ease in their sins by bringing them to a belief there was no possibility of experiencing deliverance therefrom in this world,

and that it is not necessary to the attaining of salvation. This appeared pleasing to him, who for want of keeping close unto that seed which is able to save unto the uttermost, all leaven into its own nature which is divine, had been seeking to obtain a victory in his own strength, and by the efforts of natural reason, but finding him so frequently foiled which must necessarily be the case with every one, he was ready to conclude there was no overcoming in this life, and so felt deeply in with her wild imaginations, and now he can again exercise himself upon religious subjects taking his full scope in the fallen wisdom of the creature. I had a great deal of conversation with him; But O the darkness that appeared to surround him, surely it was of the kind that was in Egypt for it was painfully to be felt, however I have the opportunity of relieving my mind to him in some measure, which had long been burdened on his account, tho' not so fully as I could have desired, because there appeared no room to receive it, so that on his account I left him with an aching heart. This opportunity detained me much longer than I had intended, so that we drunk Tea together here, and betwixt 5 and 6 o'clock I proceeded went by Park mill, Bretton and Crigglestone to Dircar were I got about 8 o'clock and lodg'd at Christopher Walkers. It having reigned without intermission all the way I was very wet, but changing my stockings and shoes I caught no cold.

On 9th. and 5th. of week, I walk'd with Robert Walker by Milthorp and Sandal to their week day meeting at Wakefield which held near 2 hours I was closed up in silence therein. At the close of the meeting Leonard West, Christopher Walker and myself, being under appointment of our Monthly meeting to visit Thomas Abel a young man under convincement at Dewsbury, on his application to be admitted a member of our Society, sat with him in the Meetinghouse and after the opportunity drew up the following report to be laid before our ensuing Monthly meeting viz.

We have visited Thomas Abel and report; That we believe he is measurably convinced of the Truth as professed by us; that we were enabled to communicate diverse remarks which we hope may be of advantage to him; yet we apprehend more depth in religious experience is necessary

	Christopher Walker
Wakefield	Leonard West
6 mo. 9 th . 1808	Joseph Wood

After which I went to the Swan with two necks in Westgate were I din'd paid 1s eating and liquor. Left Wakefield betwixt 2 and 3 o'clock, and came to Ossett were being overtaken with an heavy shower, I sheltered in an house about half an hour and then proceeded to Dewsbury were I got about 5 o'clock and drunk Tea at Morrith Matthews. The meeting began at 6 in the evening and held near 2 hours; There was 10 persons attended beside myself; I had no commission to move therein in the line of the ministry, yet was thankful in being favoured to sit in a quiet waiting state. After meeting I went to George Breareys to supper were Elizabeth Dix had been sometime confined through indisposition, her recovery appearing for some time doubtful, but at present she seems in a more hopeful way. From hence I went to William Wass's were I lodg'd

On 10th. and 6th. of week, I left Dewsbury about 11 o'clock in the forenoon, Thomas Abel set me a little on my way and then return'd, I having a little business with William Clegg of Thornhill. Lees, call'd at his house, were I stop'd near 2 hours and din'd, then came by Briestfield to Kirkburton were I called to see Joseph Grayham Mother stop'd about 1 hour, and then came by Shelley to Joseph Hinchcliffes of Whinney were I stop'd about 1 hour and drunk Tea, Charles Hinchcliffe came with me most of the way to Park and then returned, I call'd and sat about half an hour at John Pickfords, I got home betwixt 8 and 9 in the evening

An Account of my Journey to Publick Meeting held at Scholes in the 6th. Mo. 1808.

Feeling a concern upon my mind to have a Publick meeting at Scholes, and having consulted with some friends upon it; it was concluded to hold one there ye. 26th. of ye. 6th. Mo 1808 and 1st. day of the week, and Henry Swire, George Broadhead and John Adamson undertook the care of procuring and preparing the place and giving notice to the inhabitants I set out for there the same morning a little past 8 o'clock, which is distant from my house near 4 miles, Joseph Grayham of Denby called upon me and was my acceptable companion this journey we went to George Broadheads of Jackson. bridge were we stopt about half an hour and got Tea, and then proceeded to Scholes; The meeting began at 10 o'clock and was held in a very large Barn belonging to John Morton who freely gave it up for that service, and he and his family lent friends every assistance in their Power, a convenient Gallery was erected and a few seats placed but not many, for as it was apprehended the meeting would be large more People would be accommodated standing than sitting when it was compleated friends calculated that the Barn with a Mistal adjoining which was open to it would contain near 800 People, but so great was the concourse that attended that it was believed there was several hundreds out of doors which could not get in. It proved a remarkable open favoured meeting, the varied states were opened of the People, and spoke to, in the authority of the Gospel which is the Power of God and the crown and glory of our assemblies, and the way of life and salvation was largely declared by christ the promised seed. I had a very long testimony to bear therein first from Jer: C: 31. v. 18, 19. I have surely heard Ephraim bemoaning himself thus; thou hast chastised me, and I was chastised, as a bullock unaccustomed to the yoke; turn thou me, and I shall be turned; for thou art the Lord my God. Shortly after that I was turned, I repented; and after that I was instructed, I smote upon my thigh; I was ashamed, yea even confounded, because I did bear the reproach of my youth. John Bottomley had a long time next from Ez: C: 18. v: 4. All souls are mine. I next from Isai: C: 54. v. 11, 12, 13, 14. Oh thou afflicted, tossed with tempest, and not comforted, behold, I will lay thy stones with fair colours, and lay thy foundations with sapphires. And I will make my windows of agates, and thy gates of carbuncles, and all thy borders of pleasant stones. And all thy children shall be taught of the Lord; and great shall be the peace of thy children. In righteousness shalt thou be established; thou shalt be far from oppression for thou shalt not fear; and from terror; for it shall not come near thee. Afterwards I had a short time from Luke C: 19. v: 5. Zacchaeus, make haste, and come down; for to day I must abide at thy house. Towards the close I informed them that I had now discharged a debt which I apprehended to be due to the inhabitants of this part and then recommending them to God and the word of his Grace, that they might thereby experience a being built up in the most holy faith which works by love to the purifying of the heart I concluded with the Apostles language. The Grace of our Lord Jesus christ the love of God, and the communion of the Holy ghost be with you all always, Amen. The people not offering to depart, I stood up again and inform'd them the meeting was over requesting them to depart to their respective habitations in a quiet orderly manner, not being hasty to enter into conversation as loss might be sustained by conversation upon religious subjects, reminding them of the Parable of the little leaven which was hid in three measures of meal, and tho' hid it leavened the whole into its own nature. and then in that love which many waters cannot quench nor distance separate, bade them all Farewel. The meeting held about 3 hours and a half, and considering the vast crowd of People their behaviour throughout was worthy of commendation. After meeting John Morton kindly invited us to dine at his house, but been previously engaged after resting us a little there we went with Henry Swire were we din'd and stopt until 4 o'clock and then Henry Swire accompanied us to Tea to George Broadheads, were we met with many friends who had been at the meeting. Betwixt 6 and 7 o'clock we left there in company with my Brother Samuel Wood and came with him by Mount and Deershaw to his house at Haddenley were we stopt about half an hour my Sister having been a long time confined thro' indisposition and I having with me a testimony with the dying expressions of Job Thomas of Carmarthenshire in Wales a friend with whom I was intimately acquainted;

which was newly published, it was read her; He had been near 10 years that he could not use any of his limbs except his tongue yet he was never heard to murmur or complain His triumphant death happened at the time of the Half Yearly Meeting in Wales so that I understood no friend attended his burial, yet his corps was accompanied to the grave by 300 horse People. After which we proceeded and parting with Joseph Grayham, I called and stopped about half an hour at John Mallinsons of Birdsedge and so got home about 9 o clock in the evening.

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An Account of my Journey to a Publick Meeting held at Hemsworth in the 8th. Mo. 1808.

Feeling drawings in my mind to pay a religious visit to the inhabitants of Hemsworth, I set out towards there ye. 14th. of ye. 8th. Mo. 1808 and 1st. day of the week betwixt 5 and 6 o'clock in the morning, intending to take our Monthly meeting to be held at Burton in my way the thither; went by Denby Dakinbrook, Barnby forge and Higham to Barnsley were I got betwixt 8 and 9 o'clock to Elizabeth Dunns took Tea there and then accompanied the friends of this Town to their meeting at Burton which in the forepart thereof was very heavy and laborious but ended comfortably, the varied states of the People being opened and largely spoke to, so that I hope it was a profitable time to many. Thomas Dixon Walton had a short testimony to bear therein first from Matt: C: 10. v: 8. Freely ye have received, freely give. I had a long time next from 2 Kin: C: 20. v: 3. I beseech thee, O, remember now how I have walked before thee in truth, and with a perfect heart, and have done that which is good in thy sight. At the close of the meeting for Worship the business of their Preparative Meeting was gone through. Of the committee appointed to attend here, there was only myself. Both meetings held about 2 hours and a half. After meeting I return'd to Barnsley, and din'd at Thomas Walker Haighs and then went to Susanna Atkinsons were I drunk Tea. Return'd to Thomas Walker Haighs to the meeting which began at 5 o'clock and held about 2 hours, there was 26 persons attended, besides 4 of us from other meetings. I had a pretty long testimony to bear from Prov: C: 12. v:

13. Fear God, and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man. Afterwards Thomas Dixon Walton was concerned in Prayer. This evening I supp'd at Elisabeth Dunns, and then went to Thomas Dixon Waltons were I lodg'd with John Yeardley.

On 15th. and 2nd. of week, I breakfasted at Thomas Yeardeleys, and after getting a little refreshment with Elizabeth Dunn went to our Monthly meeting held at Burton which was large friends, and a few sober People of other Societies came in who were much broken and tendered, it being a time of extraordinary favour I had a long testimony therein first from Matt: C: 12. v: 27. Consider the Lilies how they grow; they toil not, they spin not; and yet I say unto you that Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. John Bottomley 2 Kin: C: 5. v: 10. Go and wash in Jordan seven times, and thy flesh shall come again unto thee, and thou shalt be clean. Afterwards I was concerned in Prayer. At the close of this meeting was held our Monthly meeting for discipline the business of which was amicably conducted. Joseph Sams was cleared from all other engagements relating to marriage except with Mary Brady a member of Balby Mo. meeting and the said meeting informed thereof by our certificate. Both meetings held 3 hours and a half. After which I din'd and drunk Tea at John Wilsons, and then return'd to Barnsley were I supp'd at Elisabeth Dunns and lodg'd as before at Thomas Dixon Waltons.

On 16th. and 3rd. of week, After breakfasting at Elizabeth Dunns, I went to John Wilsons of Burton were Timothy Manly came to see me, He is a Person of property hath been in the army, but being favoured with a religious turn of mind and having an Independency of fortune left it, and settled at Madeley in Shropshire from whence he and his Wife removed a little time ago into this village he is in profession with the Methodists but hath lately attended friends meetings several times on the weekdays here and was at the meeting both yesterday and the day before and I observ'd him much affected therein. I believe he is a serious man and hath a very great love for friends and the principles of Truth professed by us, but whether ever he may make publick profession thereof time must determine After sitting awhile together here he invited me to go with him to his house, which I complied with; where he appeared remarkable open and free, and related to me something of the religious exercise he had passed through which was very satisfactory. Timothy Sykes called of me here, and being to go to his house to dine, after getting a little refreshment here, we proceeded Thomas Manly set us on our way near 1 mile and then returned, at parting he kindly invited me to his house at any time and to take a bed with him when it suited. We called and sat a little at William Smiths of Cudworth, and then proceeded, got to Shafton just in time to dinner, were I spent the afternoon at Timothy Sykes's until after tea and about 5 o'clock set out for Hemsworth Mary Sykes accompanying me thither, we went by South heenley, and got there 3 miles, in time to the meeting which was appointed to begin at 6 o'clock and was held in the Methodists Meetinghouse. James Harrison had the care of the appointment and giving notice to the inhabitants; many of whom attended, yet the house was not full many labouring People being prevented by being busy at harvest work, yet some of these came and stood with outdoors. It was a time of extraordinary favour, that divine Power which mercifully overshadowed the Assembly operating to the tendering and contriting the spirits of many, and for the present constraining them to confess to the Truth. I had a very long testimony to bear therein first from 1 Thes: C: 5. v: 9. God hath not appointed us to wrath; but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus.christ. And afterwards had a short time being led to open unto them the nature of true spiritual and acceptable Worship, concluding with saluting them in Gospel Love and bidding them all Farewel. The Meeting held 2 hours and a half. After which Abraham Lockwood took us to his house and kindly and generously entertained us with a very needful refreshment. We return'd to Shafton in company with William Taylor who could not attend the meeting being engaged in preparing for the market but purposed meeting us by the way however he got to Hemsworth before the meeting broke up, and it being dark his company was very acceptable to us, we got to Shafton betwixt 10 and 11 o'clock were we found the family in bed except a young Woman who waited for us

On 17th.and 4th.of week, about 10 o'clock in the forenoon I left Shafton, William Taylor setting me on my way about 2 miles and then return'd, came by Carlton and Swowel to Richard Scorahs of Barugh.mill were I stopt about 2 hours and din'd, then came to Thomas Wests of Cawthorne, were I stopt about 1 hour and got some refreshment, then came by Dakinbrook to Denby were I drunk Tea Joseph Grayhams stopt upwards of 2 hours, and then he accompanied me part of the way home were I got betwixt 8 and 9 o'clock in the evening.

An Account of my Journey to a Publick Meeting held at Lumbroyd near Penistone in the 8th.
Mo. 1808.

Under an apprehension of duty I acquainted some of the friends of Lumbroyd meeting with my concern of having a Publick meeting in their Meetinghouse at Lumbroyd on the 21st. of ye, 8th. Mo. 1808 and 1st. day of the week, which being united with Thomas Earnshaw of Judfield and George Chapman of Penistone and his son Benjamin undertook the care of giving information to the inhabitants. In the mean time a sorrowful accident happened to a member of our meeting Joseph Stead a youth in the 18th. year of his age son of cousin Charles Stead of Siver.Ing of Emley-Park, going to meet the Lime fell from the top of the cart and the Wheel running over him he was killed near Crigglestone on the 17th. of this Mo. and was buried in our burial.ground at Highflatts ye. 20th. of the same and 7th. day of the week. I was so very much indisposed that I was not able to go to the house and appeared very unfit to attend the meeting, however I felt most easy to try and met the corps at the burial.ground. The meeting was very large and consisted mostly of those of other Societies, for besides those who were invited a great many others attended from different parts. The occasion was solemn, and an awful solemnity covered the Assembly. I was supported beyond my expectation not only to sit the meeting but to bear a long testimony to the Truth there in from 2: Cor: C: 5. v: 17, 18. If any man be in christ he is a new creature; old things are passed away; behold, all things become new And all things are of God Afterwards John Bottomley stood up and had a long time being opened from the call of the Lord to Samuel. The meeting held 2 hours and a half. After which I felt much spent and very poorly, Leah Kinsley came to my house to dine, and stopt Tea and Charles Hinchcliffe came to his Tea, and was my companion in my journey to Lumbroyd, but I was so very poorly that I was ready to sink under discouragements. We left my house betwixt 5 and 6 o'clock intending to lodge at Thomas Earnshaws of Judfield, he having previously engaged us; but after we had gone a little I felt myself so weak that I apprehended I could not reach there, so, conluded to go by Birchworth to Penistone were we got about 7 o'clock and took up our quarters at our worthy friend George Chapmans, were as usual we were kindly and affectionately entertained. I continued very poorly all the evening and the reasoner came in whether I had not missed the right time in appointing the meeting; thus is the faith of those who are desirous of being preserved in the right line of duty, oftens tryed as to a hairs breadth, but I could honestly appeal to the searcher of hearts that I had to the best of my knowledge attended to his direction therein, therefore endeavoured to rest satisfied and patiently wait the event.

On the 21st. and 1st. of week, Having been favoured with a remarkable good nights rest when I awoke to my humbling admiration I found my complaint entirely removed, only feeling something of the effects thereof, surely I have abundant cause to acknowledge that miracles are not ceased, and to trust in the Lord with all my heart, and not lean to my own understanding. After breakfast John Bottomley and Joseph Grayham came here intending for the meeting which began at 11 o'clock and held 2 hours and a half It was the largest Meeting I ever saw there on any occasion; many of the Societies, attending from Penistone, Rough.Birchworth, Middop, Langsett, and places adjacent, so that the Meetinghouse and chamber was very much crowded, and many without doors could not get in friends having placed forms in the graveyard for their accommodation. It proved a glorious meeting, being

eminently overshadowed with Power and Presence of God to the tendering of the hearts of many whose states were opened and spoke to in the authority of the Gospel. I soon found a concern to stand up and had a very long testimony to bear 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 on to me, and I unto the world. I was next concerned in Prayer, and afterwards had a short testimony from Acts C: 13. v: 43. Continue in the grace of God. After a short time in silence I inform'd the People the meeting was now over requesting those who were near the door quietly to withdraw. We return'd to George Chapmans to dine, were we stopt until after Tea, and betwixt 5 and 6 o'clock set out towards home in company with John Bottomley and Joseph Grayham; George and Benjamin Chapman setting us a little on our way and then return'd, we came together by Birchworth as far as our way may to our respective habitations and I got home about 7 o'clock in the evening.

On 22nd. and 2nd. of the week, as I was prevented through indisposition from going to cousin Charles Steads on 7th. day morning the day of burial and being now better, and feeling very much with and for the family I felt my mind drawn to pay them a visit, and accordingly left home about 1 o'clock in the afternoon and went by Cumberworth and Skelmanthorp when I got there, I found none of the family at home except cousin Julia the Mother of the deceased and her daughter Hannah; The Mother appeared to be in very great distress, was much pleased to see me, and we had a good deal of conversation together I felt much with and for the family in their present heavy affliction, and was well satisfied with giving up my time in this visit to the afflicted, and I think I left them seemingly much better, I stopt there near 3 hours and drunk Tea, then called and sat a little at cousin Benjamin Steads, and from thence came to Leah Kinsleys of Skelmanthorp were I stopt near an hour and got some refreshment, and then came by Cumberworth home were I got betwixt 8 and 9 o'clock, and found my friend William Evatt at my house who lives at Sheffield, and was going to the marriage of his Brother Benjamin Evatt of Castle.Dunnington in Leicestershire and Sarah Fielden daughter of Samuel Fielden of Todmorden who were to be married at Todmorden, on 4th. day ye 24th. Inst. He tarried all night, I was pleased with his company and the next morning after breakfast he proceeded on his journey.

An Account of my Journey to our Autumn Quarterly Meeting held at York
in ye. 9th. Mo. 1808.

I left home ye. 24th. of ye. 9th. Mo. 1808 and 7th. day of the week, betwixt 1 and 2 o'clock in the afternoon and went by Denby and Cawthorne to Barnsley were I got about 5 o'clock and took up my Quarters at Elizabeth Dunns, except lodging with John Yeardley at Thomas Dixon Waltons.

On 25th. and 1st. of week I attended their meeting at Burton were I met with John Haigh of Shepley by appointment who was to be my companion this journey. Several people of other societies came in, and upon the whole it was a satisfactory meeting. I had a long testimony to bear therein from Isai: C: 43. v: 23. Thou has not brought me the small cattle of thy burnt.offerings. The meeting held upwards of 2 hours. After which we went with Samuel Laver by Burton.grange to his house at Woodnook near Cudworth, were we din'd ; stopt upwards of an hour and then proceeded, Samuel Laver set us on our way upwards of 1 mile and then returned. We went by Cudworth, Brierley and Hemsworth to Ackworth were we stopt about 1 hour at Joseph Sams's and drunk Tea; Left there at 7 o'clock and in about half an hours time reached James Harrisons of East Hardwick were we lodg'd.

On 26th. and 2nd. of week, we left Hardwick about 9 o'clock in the morning, James Harrison accompanying us as far as Darrington and then return'd, we got to Robert Thompsons of Ferrybridge betwixt 10 and 11 o'clock were we stopt betwixt 3 and 4 hours,

and din'd; then proceeded by Milford to Sherburn were we got about 5 o'clock and lodg'd at Simeon Hunters.

On 27th. and 3rd. of week, we left Sherburn about 9 o'clock in the morning and went by Towton to Tadcaster were we stopt upwards of an hour at the Golden Lyon and got an early dinner paid 1s a piece eating and 6d Liquor, then proceeded to York were we got about 3 o'clock and took up our quarters at the Nags.head in Micklegate were we met with very agreeable entertainment, Paid 1s a piece Breakfasts 1s 6d Dinners and 1s 3d Suppers. At 5 in the evening began our Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders, which held upwards of 2 hours. We had the company of two Strangers viz. Margaret Binns from Lancashire, and Mary Bevan from London. Before the business was entered upon Rachel Rountree was concerned in supplication. The Queries were then read and Answers received and read, from all our Mo. meetings, except Pickering; in which no Select meeting is at present held. Edward West, Mordechai Casson, Hannah Broadhead, Grace West were appointed to Oversee the succeeding meetings and advise as occasion may require. The List of the Names of the Ministers and Elders in this county was read, and the alterations which had taken place since last year were made. Mary Thompson a Minister in Richmond Mo. Mg. was deceased. and Sarah Brady of Balby Mo. Mg. and Rachel Rountree of Pickering Mo. Mg. were added to the List of Ministers.

On 28th. and 4th. of week at 10 in the morning was a meeting for Worship which tho' mostly Select of friends was very large, the house and lofts being nearly full. John Hoyland had a short testimony therein first from 1 Cor: C: 5. v. 6, 7. Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump? Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump. Margaret Binns next from Isai: C: 6. v: 8. Whom shall I send, and who shall go for us? Then said I, here am I; send me. Jane Doncaster next a pretty long time 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. Catharine Tricket next from 2 Thes: C: 3. v: 5. The Lord direct your hearts into the love of God, and into the patient waiting for christ. Thomas Colley had a long time next from 1 Cor: C: 1. v. 26, 27, 28, 29. Ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble are called? But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound things that are mighty; and based things of the world and things which are despised hath God chosen, yea and things which are not to bring, to nought things that are; That no flesh should glory in his presence. At the close of this meeting was held a meeting for discipline. The Queries were read and Answers thereto from York, Balby, Pontefract, Brighouse, Knaresbro', and Settle Monthly meetings, and some little more business was gone thro' and then the meeting adjourn'd until 5 in the evening. Both meetings held near 4 hours. This afternoon I drunk Tea at John Lee's. At 5 in the evening met pursuant to adjournment. At the close of the last sitting, The representatives from all our Monthly meetings were requested to meet and consider of two suitable friends for Clerks for the ensuing year, and at the opening of the business of this sitting one of them reported that they had met and agreed to propose John Fisher of Huddersfield Mg. and Gervas Brady of Sheffield who were acceptable to the meeting, and appointed for that service accordingly. The Answers to the Queries were then read from Richmond, Thirsk, Gisbro', Pickering and Hull Monthly meetings, and after the conclusion divers weighty remarks were made upon the deficiencies which had appeared in the Answers, by sundry friends. A great deal more business was gone through which was agreeably conducted, and then the meeting adjourn'd until the close of the meeting for Worship next day having held about 3 hours and a half.

On 29th. and 5th. of week at 10 in the morning was a meeting for Worship, which I thought was larger than the former, altho' not many of other societies came in Esther Clark had a pretty long testimony to bear therein first 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. Charles Parker next from 1 John C: 5. v: 21. Little children keep yourselves from idols. George Sanders next a long time from Luke C: 16. v: 13. No servant 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. ye cannot serve God and mammon. Elizabeth Hoyland next from Cant: C: 4. v: 8. Come with me from Lebanon, my spouse, with me from Lebanon; look from the top of Amana, from the top of Shenir and Hermon, from the lions dens from the mountains of the leopards. Margaret Binns next from Prov: C: 23. v: 23. Buy the truth, and sell it not. She stood a short time, and afterwards Mary Galilee from 1 Chron: C: 12. v: 18. Peace be unto thee, and peace be to thine helpers; for thy God helpeth thee. At the close of this meeting was held a meeting for discipline in which the business of this quarter was finished. Both meetings held 3 hours. I may briefly add, the wing of ancient goodness eminently overshadowed the several sittings of this Quarterly meeting to the encouragement and consolation of the living in Israel. We left York betwixt 2 and 3 o'clock in the afternoon in company with Samuel Coward and my Nephew Joseph Wood of Barnsley, John Pickford of our Mg. and David Brearey of Dewsbury; came together to Tadcaster, were my companion went forward with David Brearey, and the remainder of us stopt at the Golden Lyon and drunk Tea, paid 1s a piece and then proceeded by Towton to Sherburn got there about 8 o'clock and lodg'd at Simeon Hunters.

On 30th. and 6th. of week, We had had very fine weather all this Journey until now, but this morning the rain was very heavy. In the forenoon when the rain abated a little the other friends proceeded on their journey, but I tarried dinner, and it clearing up I left Sherburn betwixt 2 and 3 o'clock in the afternoon, and had fine weather home but the roads were very dirty, came by Milford to Ferrybridge were I rested me about half an hour at Robert Thompsons and got some Brandy and water, then came to Pontefract were I drunk Tea at Joseph Johnsons, after which I felt myself better and continued mending until I got home, having had my usual complaint the Cholick attended with a Lax ever since 2nd. day in the forenoon and and altho' not so violent as at some other times yet it had weakened and reduced me much; I stopt here an hour, and then came to Ackworth were I got about 7 o'clock, Supped and spent the evening very agreeably at the School with the family; and lodg'd at Edward Biltons.

On 1st. of 10th. Mo. and 7th. of week, after getting a little refreshment I left Ackworth a little past 6 o'clock in the morning and came by Hemsworth and South.Heenley to Shafton were I breakfasted at Timothy Sykes's, stopt about 2 hours and then proceeded; William Taylor accompanied me near 2 miles and then returned, came by Carlton and Swowel to Richard Scorahs of Barugh.mill were I stopt about one hour and got some refreshment, and then came by Cawthorne and Denby were I drunk Tea at Joseph Grayhams stopt upwards of 2 hours and then Joseph set me part of the way towards home were I got betwixt 7 and 8 o'clock in the evening.

An Account of my Journey to Publick Meetings held at Beal Brotherton and Crofton
in ye. 10th. Mo. 1808.

Having felt my mind drawn for sometime past to pay a religious visit to the inhabitants of some villages in the eastern parts of our Monthly meeting, and having the unity and approbation of my friends therein; I set out from home to accomplish the said service ye. 16th. of ye. 10th. Mo. 1808 and 1st. day of the week betwixt 8 and 9 o'clock in the morning intending to take our Monthly meeting to be held at Burton in my way; went to Denby were I stopt an hour at Joseph Grayhams and got some refreshments then preceded by Dakinbrook and Cawthorne to Barnsley were I got betwixt 12 and 1 o'clock, Din'd at Thomas Walker Haighs, and drunk Tea at Elizabeth Dunns. Attended the meeting in the evening Thomas Walter Haighs which began as usual at 5 o'clock and held near 2 hours 23 persons were there besides 4 of us who were Strangers. I had a long testimony to bear therein from Eccle C: 10. v: 1. Dead flies cause the ointment of the Apothecary to send forth a stinking savour; so doeth

a little folly him that is in reputation for wisdom and honour. After meeting I supp'd at Elizabeth Dunns and then went to lodge with John Yeardeley at Thomas Dixon Waltons.

On the 17th. and 2nd. of week I breakfasted with my Nephew Joseph Wood at Thomas Yeardeleys, and afterwards went to the meeting at Burton, which tho' it was mostly Select of friends was very large for the season of the year, there house being well filled. After a long silence, Thomas Dixon Walton had a short testimony, I had a pretty long time next from John C: 4. v: 24. God is a spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth. John Bottomley next from Psalm 73. v: 1. Truly God is good to Israel, even to such as are of a clean heart. Afterwards Isabella Harris was concerned in Prayer. At the close of the meeting from Worship was our Monthly meeting for discipline in which a great deal of business was gone through and in the general, amicably conducted two cases excepted in which friends appeared of different sentiments, and one of them especially caused much unprofitable debate but was at length settled to the satisfaction of the rightly exercised. Both meetings held upwards of 5 hours After which I din'd at John Wilsons; and betwixt 5 and 6 o'clock left there, and proceeded on my Journey to accomplish the service before me, called upon Thomas Dixon Walton who din'd at the Inn in this village, and was my companion this Journey. We went with William Taylor of Shafton by Cudworth, to near were he lives, and parting with him, preceded by Brierley and Hemsworth to Ackworth were we got just at 8 o'clock; stopt at the School and drunk Tea, and then went and sat a little Joseph Johnsons, and from thence to James Harrison of East Hardwick, got there about 10 o'clock were we lodg'd.

On 18th and 3rd. of week, about 9 o'clock in the morning James Harrison and my companion set out together in the formers carriage to procure and prepare a place at Beal for a meeting this evening, and give notice to the inhabitants; and I went to Benjamin Jowetts of Carlton were I tarried nearly 4 hours and din'd; then proceeded his son Benjamin setting me on my way about 2 miles he is a kind youth, and his accompanying me afforded me an opportunity of conversation with him much to my satisfaction, I found him much ripening in Judgment and clearness of discerning, and I believe if he is but faithful and obedient he will grow in usefulness, I parted with him in much nearness of affection and proceeded to Robert Thompsons of Ferrybridge were I stopt a little and then his son William set out with me for Beal distance near 4 miles we went by Knottingley and down a very pleasant footway adjoining the banks of the River Air, and got to Beal about 4 o'clock were we met with the friends who were gone before at the Sign of the Kings.arms, the Landlord of which appeared very kind, we drunk Tea there, but it being the time of their feast and abundance of People in the Town, I was sunk very low, fearing lest the meeting should be hurt by some attending who had got too much Liquor, but this did not prove to be the case but on the contrary we had an abundant reason to believe that our being there was in the right time, for many People from distant parts being there on a visit to their Relations, enlarge the meeting considerably, and afforded them an opportunity who would not have had it, if it had been at another time. The meeting began at 6 in the evening and was held in a Barn belonging to John Moore a farmer in the village a convenient Gallery was erected and about one half of it seated with forms and Planks, and was lighted with the Lanthorns to prevent any damage to the straw which was under foot. It was large the barn being quite full and proved a time of very extraordinary favour Thomas Dixon Walton had a short testimony therein first from Gen: C: 2. v: 7. The Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of Life; and man became a living soul. I had a very long time next from Ezek: C: 18. v: 31. Castaway from you all 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. Afterwards I was concerned in Prayer and Praises to that Almighty powerful Being who have so eminently owned this Assembly to the tendering of the spirits of many and such a remarkable stillness there was amongst the People as I thought I ever knew before throughout the whole of a Publick meeting. At the close thereof I express'd my obligation to the People for favouring us with their company acknowledged our satisfaction with their very commendable behaviour, and after a few words more in exhortation, concluded with saluting them in that Love which

continues to breathe Peace on earth and goodwill to men and bade them all Farewel. The meeting held 2 hours and a half. After which George Pindar one of the People called Methodists kindly invited us to his house. I accepted the invitation and went were I stopt near an hour and got every needful refreshment. My companion return'd with William Thompson on foot and James Harrison took me back in his carriage, we came by Kellingley and Knottingley to Ferrybridge were we got betwixt 10 and 11 o'clock to a kind friend Robert Thompsons were we took up our quarters.

On 19th. and 4th. of week, After Breakfast, James Harrison and Thomas Dixon Walton set out for Brotherton distance about 1 mile to appoint a meeting there this evening; they return'd to Robert Thompsons to dine, and after dinner I went with them to Brotherton were we was kindly received and entertained by our friend Amelia Walker who was lately removed and settled in this village from Hull, John Feetham a young man Apprentice with Robert Thompson and a member of our Society came to assist the friends in preparing the place for the Meeting, and I spent the Afternoon with our ancient friend in conversation at whose house I had been many times been generously entertained when she lived in Pontefract. The meeting was held in a very large Granary belonging to one John Crowther formerly Steward to a Knight but having an Independency had declined business a Gallery was erected and the place fully seated with forms and Planks The meeting began at 6 in the evening and held 2 hours and a half and great was the concourse of People that attended so that notwithstanding the largeness of the place all could not get in, It was an open favoured time and I thought Truth was in great dominion Thomas Dixon Walton had a few words therein first from Gen: C: 1. v: 3. God said, let there be light: and there was light. I had a very long testimony to bear next 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. At the close of the meeting, I exprest our satisfaction with the commendable behaviour of the People, and our obligation to them for favouring us with their company, and then reminded them that tho' Paul may Plant and Apollos water yet the increase of all good comes from God; and to whom I earnestly desired every mind might be properly centered. After a few more remarks, I saluted them in Gospel Love and bade them Farewel, requesting them to retire to their respective habitations, and when there, search the Scriptures and examine if what they had heard communicated be not so. We return'd to Amelia Walkers and being very much spent with the exercise of the meeting, She made me a comfortable cordial which much revived me, and after getting some suitable refreshment we returned to our former quarters at Ferrybridge in company with Robert Thompson and his daughter Mary were we got a little before 10 in the evening.

On 20th. and 5th. of week, After Breakfast we set out to attend the week.day meeting at Pontefract my companion with some of the family on foot and I with James Harrison in his carriage got to Pontefract about half past 9 were we stopt at Ann Harrisons and got some refreshment. The meeting began at 10 and held upwards of 1 hour and a half, There was about 20 attended besides ourselves, friends having no knowledge of our being there our spirits were dipped into various states yet upon the whole it was a season of renewed favour many being much broken and tendered Thomas Dixon Walton had a short testimony therein first from 2 Cor: C: 5. v: 16. Henceforth know we no man after the flesh. Afterwards I had a longer time from Gen: C: 45. v: 28. Joseph my son is yet alive. After meeting we parted with our kind friend James Harrison, whose kindness and exertions under my present exercise will I trust be gratefully remembered by me, and went to dine at John Leathams, in our way I called and sat a little at Joseph Johnsons were I got some refreshment; We tarried at John Leathams until about 2 o'clock in the afternoon and then set out for Crofton 6 miles, were a meeting was appointed to be held this evening, went by Purston and Sharlston, and got to the Sine of the fire.engine at Crofton about 4 o'clock, were we drunk Tea, paid 1s a piece Christopher Walker, John Robinson, and William Awmack had the care of procuring and preparing a place for this meeting, and giving notice that of at my request to the inhabitants of

this village and Sharlstone which they did effectually. The meeting began at 5 o'clock and was held in a very large Malthouse supposed to contain a thousand People, belonging to William Nottingham a farmer of considerable property in the village who very freely gave it up for the service a Gallery was erected therein, and what Planks forms and chairs friends could procure were conveniently placed, but many had to stand. The villages were not Populous, but I suppose the inhabitants pretty generally attended; There were no Dissenters in either of them, and they appeared much Strangers to the work of religion, Nevertheless we were favoured with a good meeting believing it was a time of precious visitation to many, I had a very long testimony to bear therein first 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 that go in thereat. Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it. Thomas Dixon Walton had the few words next from Mal: C: 4. v: 1. Behold, the day cometh that shall burn as an oven. Afterwards I had a pretty long time, being opened from the call of the Lord to Samuel shewing therefrom how the Lord many times called unto children in very early Life before they were acquainted who it was that thus called them exhorting the children of which class there were many present to turn their minds inward, and be obedient to his call, then they would fear an oath and not dare to tell and untruth, they would also be taught to obey their parents in the Lord; with much more to the like effect. The meeting held 2 hours and a half. At the close thereof I exprest our satisfaction with the sober and orderly behaviour of the People, Recommended them to God, and the word of his Grace, that they might experience a being built up in the most holy faith and finally receive an inheritance amongst them that are sanctified, and after a few more remarks, inform'd them the meeting was now over, and requested they would return to their respective habitations in a quiet orderly manner retiring inward unto the Grace of God, that they might be favoured to experience for themselves the powerful virtue and efficacy thereof. When we came out, we set off immediately a kind man of the village offered to accompany as a little being a nearer way with which we were unacquainted at Parting I acknowledged his civility to us who were Strangers; we proceeded to Walton where we called at the Sine of the Cross.keys, and got some suitable refreshment paid 6d a piece, stopt about half an hour and then came by Milthorp to Dircar where we got a little past 9 o'clock being from Crofton I thought about 4 miles; and lodg'd at our kind friend Christopher Walkers.

On 21st. and 6th. of week, After breakfast we went and sat a little at William Pickards, and left Dircar betwixt 9 and 10 o'clock in the forenoon came together to Crigglestone where my companion and me separated for our respective habitations; I stopt an hour at my Uncle Joseph Houghs and got some refreshment and then came by Bretton, and Emley to Skelmanthorp where I called Charles Blackburns, stopt some time there and got some refreshment, then came to Leah Kinsleys where I drunk Tea tarried at both places betwixt 3 and 4 hours, then came by Cumberworth home where I got about 6 o'clock in the evening, with the sweet reward of Peace in my own mind, and may briefly add, that altho' the weather was very unsettled, we was never out in a Shower all the time we was away except a little the day we got home nor hindered at all by the rain, and tho' it was the dark of the moon and we under the necessity of being out late at nights yet the evening was proved remarkable light. The places visited was pretty much Strangers to friends, or the inhabitants thereof; then never having been a meeting of our friends in any of them before that any body could remember, yet in the general they appeared very kind and civil, willing to lend every assistance in their Power. So true is what I have often thought that the Lord never sends forth his poor servants but he has been before to prepare their way, altho' at times they may meet with great opposition from some.

An Account of my Journey to a Publick Meeting held at Honley in the 10th. Mo. 1808.

My mind being impressed with a concern to pay a religious visit to the inhabitants of Honley and places adjacent, John Bottomley of Wood and Joseph Haigh of Boghall set out early in the morning on the 31st. of the 10th. Mo. 1808 and 2nd. day of the week to procure a place for a meeting this evening and give notice to the inhabitants. About 8 o'clock the same morning I left home and went to John Pickfords of Park and from thence by Carr to Shepley called John Haigh and from thence went to John Issott of Stockmoortop tarried a little at each of the beforementioned mentioned places, and then proceeded to Thomas Bottomleys of Height were I tarried near 2 hours and din'd; then went to Joseph Bottomleys of Royd were I got a little before 2 o'clock, here I met with John Bottomley who Tarried here whilst his Brother Joseph went with Joseph Haigh to procure a place at Honley and to give notice of the meeting in the village and to the inhabitants around; in about half an hour after I got there, the friends return'd having with the assistance of a man whom they hired accomplished the business they went about. We spent the remainder of the afternoon together here and drunk Tea, tarried until about half past 5 and then set out for Honley were we got just in time to the meeting which began at 6 and was held in the Methodists Meetinghouse which they very freely gave up to friends, The concourse of People who attended was very great so that the house, altho' very large was pretty well filled but not crowded, it was supposed, there was betwixt 5 and 600 Persons there, and through merciful condescension it proved a very open satisfactory meeting, The varied states of the People were opened and spoke to, and the Truths of the Gospel largely declared in the Authority thereof which is the Power of God. I had a very long testimony to bear therein first from Eze: C: 36. v: 25, 26. Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you and ye shall be clean; from all your filthiness, and from all your idols will I cleanse you. A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you, and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. John Bottomley was next concerned in Prayer, and afterwards I had a pretty long testimony from Gen: C: 2. v. 16, 17. Of every tree of the garden thou mayest 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. At the close of the meeting I expressed our satisfaction with the behaviour of the People as far as I had observ'd acknowledged our obligation to them for favouring us with their company, informed them the meeting was now over, and desired they might return to their respective habitations in a quiet orderly manner, endeavouring to center in their minds to the manifestation of that divine spirit given to every man to profit withall, remembering that altho' the Lord may at times condescend to make use of instruments as he did formerly of Paul to plant and Apollos to water, yet the increase of all good comes from God, unto whom I earnestly wished to leave them with mine own soul, and saluting them in Gospel love bade them all Farewel. The meeting held upwards of 3 hours. After which a man of the Methodist Society kindly invited as to his house but I being much spent with the exercise of the meeting declined going, thinking it might perhaps be best for us to go to an Inn, accordingly we went to the George were we stopt near an hour and got every necessary refreshment, then John Bottomley and Joseph Haigh return'd with Joseph Bottomley of Royd to his house to lodge and I came with Henry Swire by Hag, and Wooldale to his house were I lodg'd, we got there betwixt 11 and 12 o'clock, he had buried an Apprentice the day before who died of a short sickness his complaint being an inflammation in his bowels, this made me desirous before I left my habitation to call at his house knowing from my own experience how acceptable the company of a friend is at such a time.

On 1st. of 11th. Mo. and 3rd. of the week, I set out about 10 o'clock in the forenoon, Henry Swire accompanied the by Tottis to Scholes and then return'd, and I came to Jackson Bridge were I called to see Lydia the wife of George Broadhead who had been very poorly for several weeks past, I found her much better of which I was glad; Stopt dinner with her and spent betwixt 2 and 3 hours very agreeably, and then came by Mount and Deershaw to my Brother Samuel Woods of Haddenley were my Sister was very pressing on me to stop Tea she

having been very long confined thro' indisposition so as to have very little help of herself so that a little company is very acceptable to her, I complied with her request and stopt about 2 hours, then came to John Mallinsons of Birdsedge while I sat a little and got home betwixt 5 and 6 in the evening.

An Account of my Journey to a Publick Meeting held at Alverthorp in the 11th. Mo. 1808.

My mind having been for a long time impressed with a concern to pay a religious visit to the inhabitants of Alverthorp and the neighbourhood thereof, and having consulted with the friends of Wakefield meeting upon it, they united in a belief that a firs day evening would be the most suitable time, and the evening before our Monthly meeting at Wakefield being pointed out to me, in the 11th. Mo. I felt a little discouraged knowing that our friends John Robinson and Christopher Walker would be from home at that time, but it appearing to fix upon my mind to be the right time I acquainted a friend of our meeting with the circumstances withal desiring him to go down to Wakefield the night before in order to make way for the said meeting, but he making some little objection I fell again under some discouragement and told him before we parted that if he did not feel no concern upon his mind he might omit it yet at the same time I thought he would be there, but had a secret intimation, that if not, if I was faithful the Almighty would make way for me. But how oftens is our faith tryed even to an hairs breadth. Accordingly I left home ye. 19th. of ye. 11th. Mo. 1808 and 7th. day of the week about 9 o'clock in the morning and called John Pickfords of Park to be shaved, were I stopt near an hour and then went to Joseph Hinchcliffes of Whinney, his son Charles proposing to be my companion this journey. Stopt here about 2 hours and a half and din'd. We then set out and went by Shelley, Thorncliffe, Bristfield, and Thornhill to Dewsbury were we got about 5 o'clock drunk Tea at William Wass's, and then went to George Breareys were we lodg'd.

On 20th. and 1st. of week we set out for their meeting at Wakefield, Left Dewsbury about 9 o'clock in the morning in company with George Brearey and William Haythorn a young man who is lately married, hath long appeared to have a great love for friends, and for some time past hath attended our meetings. We went by Ossett to Wakefield were I expected to have met with the friend before mentioned from our meeting, but they had heard nothing of him at William Awmacks, nor did he come, whereupon I was both exceedingly low and began to fear a meeting could not be got to satisfaction Thomas Hould and Mark Brearer two young men, but both married from Alverthorp who appeared to be under convincement were set in the house when I went in I had never been in their company before except in meetings, but now felt a particular nearness to them believing them to be under a precious visitation. But it being meeting time I desired them to come in here after meeting and let me speak with them. The meeting held about 2 hours was a low time with me throughout, and I was so unwell that I could not bear to sit the Preparative meeting which was held at the close of the meeting for Worship, but going into William Awmacks with the two young men beforementioned I informed them of my concern to have a meeting in their village this evening if a place could be procured they appeared to make no doubt of that, and when the Preparative meeting was over George Brearey and Charles Hinchcliffe came in, who set of with them to lend them what assistance they could. I din'd at William Awmacks and about 3 o'clock in the afternoon, he and I set out for Alverthorp which from his house I think is about 1 mile and a half we got there little before 4 were the friends generally drunk Tea at Thomas Houlds were we sat until Meetingtime, his Wife being affectionately kind altho' she had never been at one of our meetings being in profession with the Joannites, but seeing the great change in her husband since he attended meetings it had given her a very favourable opinion of friends, and I believe this evening her sandy foundation was shaken for I observed her at our meeting the next day at Wakefield. The Meeting began at 5 o'clock and was held in a large School Thomas Lombe of Wakefield and acquaintance of mine and a person of

considerable property who having a large estate in this neighbourhood had been the principal man in building of this School which friends understanding applied to him before they left Wakefield and he not only gave it up freely to friends he wrote to the Master to prepare it, which with the assistance of friends he did, erecting a Gallery and conveniently seating the School throughout which I thought was by far the largest I was ever in. The concourse of People who attended was very great, so that not only the School was exceedingly crowded but many were in the dwelling house, there being a communication by a door, and great numbers stood without all the time the evening being favourable and three large sash windows on each side of the School, so that the People without could both hear and see. It was a time of extraordinary favour a precious visitation being extended unto many and I thought I never felt the Power of Truth arise so high in any meeting before, that I believe the most distant minds were for the present bowed in some measure under the precious overshadowing thereof. I had a very long testimony to bear therein from 1 Thes: C: 1. v: 5, 6. Our gospel came not unto you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy.ghost, and in much assurance; as you know what manner of men we are among you for your sake. And ye become followers of us and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction with joy of the Holy.Ghost. Afterwards I had a pretty long time principally to the youth of both sexes 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. At the close of the meeting I informed the People, that it was from an apprehension of duty that I was engaged to pay them this religious visit, that I had been enabled to discharge what I believed to be required of me amongst them; was pleased with their company and becoming behaviour on the occasion, and would now recommend them unto God and the teachings of his pure and spiritual Grace, and after enlarging a little thereupon I affectionately saluted them in Gospel love and bade them all Farewel. The meeting held 2 hours and a half. After which I felt better both in body and in mind, but much spent with the exercise thereof having sweat very much therein; We return'd to Thomas Houlds were a friend bringing some Rum from the Inn, I got some Rum and Water and stopt upwards of half an hour, and then set out in company with Charles Hinchcliffe, William Awmack, Joseph Armitage and Thomas Robinson, and the evening being dark Mark Braer accompanied us to Wakefield and was very useful to me by having a hold of his arm I felt as we came along nearly united in secret sympathy with him and strong desires for his preservation and we parted in much nearness of affection; as I came thro' Wakefield I felt very faint whereupon we called at Ann Thorps and got a little refreshment, and then my companion and me went with Thomas Robinson to his Fathers to supper, got there betwixt 9 and 10 o'clock were we lodg'd.

On 21st. and 2nd. of week, After breakfast we return'd to Wakefield and sat a little at Ann Thorps, and from thence I went to Sarah Blands were I got some Bread and butter and a glass of Wine before I went to the meeting which was large and I thought favoured, I had a pretty long testimony to bear therein first from Isai: C: 28. v. 5, 6. In that day shall the Lord of hosts be for a Crown of glory and for a diadem of beauty; unto the residue of his People. And for a spirit of judgement to him that sitteth in judgement, and for strength to them that turn of the battle to the gate. Isabella Harris was next concerned in Prayer and afterwards had a pretty long time in testimony from Mark C: 8. v. 24, 25. I see men as trees walking. After that he put his hand again upon his eyes, and made him look up; and he was restored and saw every man clearly. At the close of the meeting for Worship was held our Monthly meeting for discipline, The business of which was amicably conducted, the cementing love of Truth being sweetly felt amongst us. Our friend Isabella Harris spread before us a concern that was in mind to pay a religious visit to the meetings of friends within the compass of Brighouse, Pickering and Knaresbro' Mo. Mgs. and also to hold some Publick meetings within the compass thereof and places adjacent, The meeting having unity with her therein, expressed the same by minute and appointed a friend to give her a copy of said minute. Both meetings held 3 hours and a half.

After which I parted with my companion he intending for home that night and I went to John Robinsons of Fieldhouse to dine; After dinner I set out and William Taylor of Shafton and me came together to Sandal were we parted, and I came to Tea at Christopher Walkers of Dircar were I lodg'd, met with Isabella Harris here with whom and the family I spent the very agreeably.

On 22nd. and 3rd. of week, after breakfast I came and sat a little at William Pickards were I had a Glass of Brandy and water, and then proceeded, Benjamin Chapman being there he accompanied me to Crigglestone and then return'd intending to stop until afternoon, I called at my uncle Joseph Houghs were I tarried about an hour and got some refreshment; left Crigglestone about 11 o'clock and came by Bretton and Clayton to cousin Joseph Steads of Toppett were I stopt about 1 hour and a half and din'd, then came to Joseph Grayhams of Denby were I drunk Tea, and tarried about 3 hours, then he set me part of the way home, were I got a little before 8 o'clock in the evening.

An Account of my Journey to a Publick Meeting held at Burton in the 12th. Mo. 1808.

Having felt a concern upon my mind to have a Publick meeting in friends Meetinghouse at Burton near Barnsley, I waited patiently feeling after best direction for the right time to move therein, when ways seemed to open to inform my friends, Thomas Dixon Walton and John Yeardley of my intention of being there on ye. 4th. of ye. 12th. Mo. 1808 and 1st. day of the week, requesting them to give general notice to the inhabitants of the village of Burton and its vicinity and that some information might also be given into the adjacent villages of Carlton and Cudworth or to any other sober enquiring persons in other places that they might suppose would be desirous to attend. On ye. 3rd. of ye. 12th. Mo. 1808 and 7th. day of the week, I proposed proceeding on my journey, It was a very high wind attended with heavy showers of rain and had been remarkable stormy for several days before, and I had been for sometime unwell of a cold, beside I was ready to let in discouragement that if the weather continued thus tempestuous the People would not attend the meeting; however I prepared myself for the journey and got an early dinner and whilst I was eating there was an uncommon heavy tempest of wind and rain, which when it was over the wind rather abated and it was fair, I then set out and went to Denby were I called at Joseph Grayhams and stopt about half an hour, and then proceeded, and tho' I had some light showers of rain I got pretty well on, the wind being on my back, went by Dakinbrook and Cawthorne, and got to Barnsley about 3 o'clock, called Thomas Dixon Waltons were I lodg'd during my stay, in this part with my beloved friend John Yeardley. After resting near little there, I went to Susana Atkinsons to Tea, and from thence to Elizabeth Dunns to supper.

On 4th. and 1st. of week, It was a remarkable fine morning for the season of the year and continued so throughout the day; what abundant cause have we to trust in the Lord with all our hearts and not lean to our own understandings who maketh way to answer his own designs if we are but perfectly resigned to his divine will, and not giving way to the reasonings of flesh and blood; Surely both the winds and the sea yet continue to obey him when he is pleased to say Peace be still. Are not these his wonders still known in the experience of Zions travellers both inwardly and outwardly. I Breakfasted at Elizabeth Dunns and afterwards went to the Meeting at Burton which began at the usual time 11 o'clock and held about 2 hours and a half, It was very large the house being well filled, and a considerable number sat upstairs, and I thought it was one of the most open solid meetings of the sort; that I was ever at in that place many were much broken and tendered therein and a good degree of solemnity appeared to cover the whole. I had a very long testimony to bear therein from Psalms 51 v. 15, 16, 17. O Lord, open thou my lips; and my mouth shall shew forth thy praise. For thou desirest not sacrifice; else would I give it; thou delightest not in burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken heart: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou

wilt not despise. Afterwards I had a pretty long time from Jam: C: 1. v: 19. My beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak. After which I expressed my satisfaction with the solid behaviour of the People requesting that as an awful solemnity had been the covering of many spirits during the time of the meeting, they might endeavour to keep under it in their return to their respective habitations and not suffer loss by entering hastily into conversation even upon religious subjects; but if any thing had been delivered which they did not clearly understand, retired deeply to that measure and manifestation of the holy spirit they were individually favoured with and thus examine the Scriptures for themselves and see if these things are not so. Then saluting them in that love which yet continues to breathe Peace on earth and goodwill unto all men I bade them Farewel. After meeting I got a little suitable refreshment at John Wilsons, and then return'd to Barnsley, were I din'd at Thomas Walker Haighs and drunk Tea at Elizabeth Dunns. At 5 o'clock I return'd to Thomas Walker Haighs to the meeting which held about 2 hours, there was 35 persons attended beside myself, It was a good meeting, several of those who were there being of other Societies, I had a long testimony to bear therein from Gal: C: 4. v: 19. My little children, of whom I travail in birth again until christ be formed in you. Afterwards I was concerned in Prayer. After meeting feeling much spent with the exercise of the day, I rested here a while and got some suitable refreshment and afterwards went to Elisabeth Dunns to supper.

On 5th. and 2nd of week, I breakfasted at Thomas Yeardeleys, and there being a dispute which had occasioned considerable uneasiness, and some dark reflections, betwixt our friend John Wilson and an inhabitant of this town respecting the settling of an account betwixt them many years ago; John Wilson's daughter Hannah Heelis came to me the evening before requesting that I would assist in settling the said dispute in order that the reflections cast upon her Father might be removed, After weighing her request I consented and it was agreed for us to meet at Elizabeth Dunns at 9 o'clock this morning; accordingly I attended at the time and soon after John Wilson and his daughter came, the other was sent for, and our friends Samuel Coward and Thomas Walker Haigh who had been before concerned in the business; we had a free open conference and heard fully what both had to say, but John Wilson not having his accounts with him, and the other man being no Scholar, had no accounts; so that we could not fully go through the business; wherefore I proposed unto them each of them to chuse a man to investigate the said accounts and fully settle the matter which they complied with and ordered to meet the sixth day following, so that we left matters I hope in a fair way of being amicably settled. Afterwards I came to Thomas Dixon Waltons were I got some refreshment and left Barnsley betwixt 12 and 1 o'clock, It being a fine day I had an agreeable walk home, John Yeardley set me on my way about 1 mile and then return'd I came to Cawthorne were I din'd at Thomas Wests stopt about 1 hour and a half and then went to Mary Beatsons a pious Woman in profession with the Church of England who having an handsome fortune does much good therewith in relieving the distresses of the Poor and in preparing and giving medicine in some cases particularly worms, and an acquaintance child of mine being afflicted there with I applied to her for it and she gave it to me with seeming pleasure, and also another for myself for the heart worms. I spend upwards of half an hour in agreeable conversation with her and took a Glass of Rum and Water, then came by Dakinbrook to Denby were I stopt 2 hours at Joseph Grayhams and drunk Tea, afterwards I called and stopt about half an hour at William Cockells of Moorroidnook, and got home about 9 o'clock in the evening.

An Account of my Journey to a Publick Meeting held at Midgley in the 12th. Mo. 1808.

Having felt for some time of late the revival of a concern to pay a religious visit to the inhabitants of Bretton, having been disappointed of the meeting there some years before, and understanding, that those who are of the Methodist society there, generally meet on first days

at Midgley a small village about a mile distant, and feeling a similar concern to the inhabitants of that place way seem to open to have a meeting there the 18th. of ye. 12th. Mo. 1808 and John Bottomley and Morritt Matthews undertook the care of procuring a place and giving notice to the inhabitants of both villages of the meeting; and John Bayldon of Hollinghirst a Farmer of considerable property and Father of William Bayldon of Barnsley a visited youth who is convinced of our religious Principles and attends our Meetings, and who if his obedience keep pace with the knowledge he is and may be favoured with, will I doubt not in time become a valuable member of our Society; having repeatedly sent for me to go and see him at his house, and I being at Barnsley about two weeks before inform'd William Bayldon of the intended meeting at Midgley and he was very desirous for me to go to his Fathers the day before, and afterwards I received a Letter from him that he would meet me there. Accordingly I left home ye. 17th. of ye. 12th. Mo. and 7th. day of the week about 1 o'clock in the afternoon, It being very Stormy a sharp frost and high wind accompanied with showers of hail and snow, went by Cumberworth to Skelmanthorp were I stopt about 1 hour at Charles Blackburns there being a violent tempest almost to a hurricane. After it abated, I proceeded and went by Emley and Midgley to Netherton were I called at John Matthews door to enquire the way to Hollinghirst his Wife came to the door and invited me in, which was very acceptable, for the weather having been for sometime past very warm for the time of the year, and the frost and cold setting in so severe to day it seemed as if it was as much almost as I could tell how to bear; we afterwards understood that this evening a poor Woman returning from Wakefield to her own habitation about 1 mile distance was starved to death. I went in, she had a good fire and gave me some Rum and Water which refreshed me much, After warming me well, I proceeded to John Bayldons of Hollinghirst were I got a little after 5 o'clock in the evening but was much disappointed in not finding his son William there, however he and his daughter received me very appearing pleased with my company, as I was with theirs; The Father had been a long time under affliction of body, which I thought had probably been profitable to his mind, he appearing humble and tender, and viewing the world and the glory thereof in its proper light, I spent the evening in agreeable and I hope I may say profitable conversation with them until 8 o'clock when his son William came in almost perished with cold, we was mutually glad to see each other and sleeping together this night, afforded us an opportunity of conversing together agreeable to us both.

On 18th. and 1st. of the week, The morning was fine and clear but cold which I was glad of as it would afford all who were disposed to attend the meeting an opportunity; A little after 10 o'clock I set out for Midgley in company with William Bayldon and his sister Frances, we got there just in time to the meeting which began at 11 o'clock and was held in the dwellinghouse of Joseph Stringer a Farmer who very freely gave it up for the service, and made every accommodation in his Power; the inhabitants of this village and Bretton pretty generally attended and some from adjacent places, so that the meeting was much larger than I expected the People filling three rooms, the house being the largest was seated, and a place raised for those to stand up upon who might be concerned in the Ministry, in the other rooms the People generally stood, It was I thought a good meeting, there being many tender People present, I had a very long testimony to bear therein first from Jam: C: 1. v: 21. Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls. John Bottomley was next concerned in Prayer, and afterwards I had a pretty long testimony from Luke C: 19. v: 15. Zaacheus, make haste and come down: for to day I must abide at thy house. and before I sat me down I informed the People I now felt my mind at liberty, told them I was obliged to them for favouring us with their company and that considering the crowd their behaviour had been very commendable, then recommending them unto God from whom the increase of all good comes, I saluted them in that love which many waters cannot quench nor distance separate and bade them all Farewel. From thence we went to the Inn in the village the Sine of the Black Bull were a dinner was provided for friends, Paid 1s a piece eating and 4d Liquor. The meeting held about 2 hours and a half and we stopt about 1 hour at the Inn and then John Bottomley and me went

by Netherton to John Bayldons of Hollinghurst were we stopt about 1 hour and got some Rum and Water, whilst there it began to snow and not offering to abate we set out for Dircar a little past 4 o'clock, dear William Baildon accompanied us about half of the way and then returned it continued Snowing and was very rough all the way, we got to Christopher Walkers a little before 5 o'clock to Tea were I lodg'd. At 6 in the evening our Select meeting began, there was but 4 of us attending viz. Leonard West, Christopher Walker, John Bottomley and myself Isabella Harris being on a religious visit, and the rest of our members indisposed, I was very low when I saw how few came and quite discouraged. But after we sat down in the meeting I sensibly felt we were not below the promise, a living exercise spread and prevailed amongst us and I believe it was a profitable time to us all. The Queries were read and Answers to the 2nd. and 4th. drawn up approv'd and Signed in order to be laid before our ensuing Select Quarterly Meeting. The Advices to Ministers and Elders was next to read, and after the business of the meeting was gone through, John Bottomley and me had each of us a pretty long testimony to bear, The meeting held about 1 hour and a half.

On 19th. and 2nd. of week, After breakfast, I went to Wakefield, and sat a little before meeting at Ann Thorps and William Awmacs. The meeting was much larger than I expected of men friends especially considering the severity of the weather; I had a pretty long testimony to bear therein from Eccle: C: 9. v: 4. A living dog is better than a dead lion. At the close of the meeting for worship was held our Monthly meeting for discipline, We had less businesses this day than we oftens have, and it was very amicably conducted. The Queries were read and answers received from all our Preparative Meetings viz. Pontefract, Burton, Highflatts, Ackworth, Wakefield, and Wooldale, and read, and a General Answer drawn up therefrom, approv'd, and Signed, in order to be laid before our ensuing Quarterly Meeting. Also the account of the Sufferings of friends in our Mo. meeting was read which took up considerable time Both meetings held upwards of 3 hours and a half. After which I din'd at William Awmacs, and after dinner went and sat a little at William Steads a Relation of mine who lives in this town, and having had a desire ever since I had the Publick meeting at Alverthorp to pay a visit to the two Men there who appear to be under convincement and my way seeming to open to go there this evening I informed Mark Braer thereof betwixt the meetings who appeared with much pleased therewith, accordingly I left Wakefield a little past 4 o'clock and got to Alverthorp before 5 met with Mark Braer in the way looking for my coming who took me to his house to Tea, and after Tea he went with me to Thomas Houlds were we spent the evening very much to my satisfaction and I believe to our mutual comfort, they appearing to me to have their minds deeply centered unto the root of life, and earnestly desirous to experience a growth in the Truth, and there is no doubt will be the case if they are mercifully preserved in this state of mind, They each of them gave me some little account of their lives, Thomas Hould is in the 34th. year of his age and says that he was visited when very young, and had several remarkable dreams two of which he related; he joined the Methodists society when he was about 15 years of age and continued therein several years and became an active member amongst them; but being dissatisfied he left them, and not being obedient to the discoveries he was favoured with, he turned into the paths of folly and dissipation associating himself with vain and unprofitable company, and got into the frequent habit of drinking to excess yet the Lord was pleased to follow him by his convictions, and begining to attend friends meeting he met with that which not only enabled him to forsake his former course of life, but in due time to center his mind in sweet Peace. Mark Braer is in the 23rd. year of his age, and said that he had been in his youth very much addicted to the follies incident to that time of Life as well as to the habit of excess in drinking but happening to marry very young it broke him of from the company of his former companions, yet he remained a stranger to the work of religion until he was seized with a sickness which seemed nigh unto death and at the same time was favoured with a discovery of his deplorable state which mercifully continuing with him after his recovery he began to attend the Methodists meetings, but not finding that satisfaction there which he expected, after attending some time, he went to friends meetings, were in his silent waiting the Lord was pleased to break in upon

him in an eminent manner to the tendering of his heart and contriting of his spirit. The visible change wrought in them since they began to attend friends meetings appears to have had a good effect upon their wives who I believe are desirous to seek after the same principle in themselves which have affected this great change in them; one of them told me who appears to be a pious Woman and has been a professor many years that her husband was now got a long way before her. Thomas Houlds daughters went to sleep with Mark Breasers Wife, and Mark stopt here and slept with me, which afforded us an opportunity of more private conversation, and indeed I may say I felt very near unity with him, accompanied with strong desires that he may be preserved in the line a faithful obedience unto the end.

On 20th. and 3rd. of week, This morning I went to Mark Breasers the Breakfast, and betwixt 9 and 10 o'clock left Alverthorp in company with Mark Breaser and went to near Flanshaw were a few years ago a Woman that lived alone was very barbarously and inhumanely murdered in her own house in the night season, Mark shewed me the house and informed me of the circumstance, Two young lads the older not 21 years of age frequently went at night to sit with this woman being neighbours their names were John Tirrey and Joseph Heald, and knowing this Woman had a little money by her, they entered her house at a chamber window when she was in bed and cut and mangled the poor creature in a most shocking manner, but did not find her money, It was supposed that after they had committed the horrid act they dare not stop long to search for it, They was taken up the next day when John Tirrey confessed the whole and they were both committed to York castle, I saw them there when under confinement, before their tryal and execution, and could not but lament that two such youths should be guilty of so dreadful a crime, by which they were to be brought to so untimely an end; But mankind by giving way to the temptations of the wicked one are hurried from one vice to another, until their hearts become so hardened as to do those things which their very nature would once have abhorred. This was the case with Hazael who when the Prophet in the Lord's name informed him of the great evil he would be guilty of replied "Is thy servant a dog that he should do this great thing, but being gradually hardened in iniquity he fulfilled the prediction. Mark Breaser accompanied me about 1 mile and then we parted in much nearness of affection, he returning home, and I preceded by Ossett to Dewsbury were I got about 11 o'clock to George Breareys stopt there several hours and din'd, then went to Morrith Matthews's to Tea and from thence to William Wass's were I spent the evening and supp'd, afterwards return'd to George Breareys were I lodged and slept with John Fozzard.

On 21st. and 4th. of week I left Dewsbury about 9 o'clock in the morning and came by Thornhill and Mugmill and Flockton, to my cousin Alexander Hampshires of Flockton.mill, were I rested me about half an hour, and then came by Emley to Leah Kinsleys of Skelmanthorp were I stopt about 1 hour and a half and din'd; then came by Cumberworth home were I got betwixt 3 and 4 o'clock in the afternoon, having been favoured with mild weather the latter part of the journey, but frosty.

An Account of my Journey to a Meeting at Barnsley in ye. 1st. Mo. 1809.

Feeling my mind particularly drawn to attend the Preparative Meeting at Burton, and the meeting at Barnsley in my way to our Monthly meeting held at Wakefield, I set out for that purpose ye. 14th. of ye. 1st. Mo. and 7th. day of the week about 12 o'clock after getting an early dinner, and went to Denby were I called to see Joseph Grayhams Wife who was delivered of a daughter this week which was dead when it was born, and he applying, obtained leave to bury it in friends burial ground the day before at Highflatts; I stopt about 1 hour and got a Glass of Brandy and Water then proceeded by Dakinbrook to Cawthorne were I stopt about 1 hour at Thomas Wests and took a Glass of Rum and Water then proceeded to Barnsley were I rested

me a little at Thomas Dixon Waltons, and then went to Susanna Atkinsons to Tea, supp'd at Elizabeth Dunns and lodg'd with John Yeardley at Thomas Dixon Waltons.

On 15th. and 1st. of week, This morning I Breakfasted at Elizabeth Dunns, and then went with the friends here to their meeting at Burton which to me was a very distressing exercising time in silence there seeming no way to open to relieve my oppressed spirit; At the close thereof the business of their Preparative Meeting was gone through, before it was entered upon I had a short testimony to bear. Both meetings held 2 hours. After which I din'd at John Wilsons and tarried until about 4 o'clock and then return'd to Barnsley and drunk Tea at Elizabeth Dunns; attended the meeting this evening at Thomas Walker Haighs which began at 5 o'clock and held upwards of 2 hours, There was upwards of 22 Persons there besides myself and Isabella Brearey of Dewsbury, I sat for a considerable time therein under a heavy load of exercise but at length found strength to get up on my feet, and had a pretty long testimony to bear from Luke C: 12. v: 15. Take heed and beware of covetousness: for a mans life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth. After a short time in silence I had another pretty long testimony from Matt: C: 21. v: 44. Whosoever shall fall on this stone shall be broken; but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder. Afterwards I had a short time again Truth gradually arose until it got into great dominion, so as I believe to reign over all. and I believe it was a time that will not soon be forgot caution counsel, admonition, and encouragement flowed freely to the varied states, and many were much broken and tendered. This evening I supp'd at Elizabeth Dunns William Bayldon spent the evening with me, and after supper several other friends came in, and we had a satisfactory opportunity together in which I had an encouraging testimony to bear 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 before us. Afterwards I went to Thomas Dixon Waltons were I lodg'd as before.

On 16th. and 2nd. of week, I left Barnsley about 7 o'clock in the morning. But before I proceed I think it right to rectify an omission I made in the account of the meeting at Barnsley, before my mouth was opened therein Thomas Dixon Walton bore a short testimony from the passage of the walls of Jericho falling down at the sound of the Rams horn. Samuel Coward accompanied me to Wakefield we went by Staincross, Woolley, and Hallgreen to Mary Cudworths of Painthorp were we stopt near an hour and Breakfasted, then proceeded by Milthorp and Sandal to Wakefield. The meeting was larger than I expected It having been mostly stormy since our last Mo. meeting, and the snow being blown very deep in most places in the lanes which were generally cut thro' by the inhabitants of the Townships, but difficult getting on horseback from houses situated at some distance from the Publick roads and very cold the frost being severe. It was to be a low time but not very painful, it was held throughout in silence At the close of the meeting for Worship was held our Monthly meeting for discipline. We have not much business before us to day, and that we had was very amicably conducted. John Yeardley and Elizabeth Dunn both of Burton meeting laid before us their intentions of taking each other in Marriage. and towards the conclusion of the business, I informed frds. that agreeable to the liberty given me, in the course of last year I had had many Publick meetings as way opened to my own satisfaction, and that I believed a door was left open in all places if the Lord was pleased to engage any of his servants to visit them in future; but not feeling my mind fully relieved of the concern, I had to request a little more time if the Meeting on weighing it felt unity therewith some friends expressed their concurrence, and the meeting left me at liberty to proceed as in the Truth I might see my way. Both meetings held near 3 hours After which I din'd with Isabella Harris and several other friends at John Robinsons of Fieldhouse; and after they was gone stopt Tea there, then came by Sandal and Milthorp to Christopher Walkers of Dircar got there a little past 5 o'clock, were I found my William Taylor, with whom I slept there that night.

On 17th. and 3rd. of week, I breakfasted at William Pickards, and left Dircar betwixt 9 and 10 o'clock in the forenoon, I came to my Uncle Joseph Houghs of Crigglestone were I

stopt about 1 hour and a half and got some refreshment, then came by Bretton and Park.mill to Skelmanthorp were I stopt near 2 hours at Leah Kinsleys and drunk Tea, then came by Cumberworth home were I got about 5 o'clock.

An Account of my Journey to a Publick Meeting held at Stanley in the 2nd. Mo. 1809

On the 19th. of ye. 2nd. Mo. 1809 and 1st. day of the week I attended our Meeting at Highflatts, and it being a fine day the friends of our own meeting came up pretty fully, and I had a pretty long testimony to bear therein from 1 Thes: C: 5. v: 19, Quench not the spirit. At the close of the meeting of the Yearly Meeting Epistle was read. Return'd to my own house to dine, and about 3 o'clock set out towards our Monthly Meeting to be held the next day at Wakefield, went by, Cumberworth to Skelmanthorp were I stopt about 1 hour at Leah Kinsleys and drunk Tea, then proceeded by Parkmill, Bretton and Crigglestone to Dircar were I got a little past 7.o'clock, and lodg'd at Christopher Walkers.

On 20th. and 2nd. of week, in the morning I went and sat a little at John Pickards, and return'd to Christopher Walkers to Breakfast; After which I went to Wakefield got there a little past 10, The meeting began at 11 and was very large, and held throughout in silence, At the close of the meeting for Worship was held at our Monthly meeting for discipline We had but little business, and what we had was amicably conducted. John Yeardeley and Elizabeth Dunn were cleared from all other engagements relating to Marriage and left at liberty to accomplish theirs when they and Burton friends saw meet. A burial note for Richard Cash of Barford in Warwickshire a young man who died at Wakefield after a short illness ye. 29th. of ye. 1st. Mo. and was buried in friends burial ground near there ye. 30th. of the same, being on a journey of business. After it was read I had a short testimony to remind friends of the uncertainty of our stay here, and the danger of having our mind so taken up with the many things as to neglect the one thing needful. Both meetings held near 3 hours After which I din'd at William Awmacs, and after dinner went to see the friends from Dewsbury at their Inn were I got 6. pennyworth of Rum and Water and about 4 o'clock left Wakefield and went to Alverthorp were I drunk Tea at Mark Breasers and then went to Thomas Houlds were I lodg'd, Mark Breaser and William Blackburn a man of this village who hath lately begun to attend friends meetings came and spent the evening with me, and Mark Breaser stopt and slept with me.

On 21st. and 3rd. of week I breakfasted at Mark Breasers, and betwixt 9 and 10 o'clock returned to William Awmacs of Wakefield, he and Thomas Robinson having been the day before at Stanley to procure a place for the meeting this evening and to give notice thereof to the inhabitants, and William Wass, George Brearey, and James Harrison went this afternoon to assist in preparing it. After stoping here until near noon I went to cousin William Steads to dine, he having given me an invitation the day before, and after dinner return'd to William Awmacs to Tea, and a little past 5 o'clock, set out for Stanley about 2 miles in company with William Awmack The meeting began at 6 in the evening, and was held in Joshua Bollands house, a Farmer who upon application gave it up very freely, and did all in his Power for the accommodation thereof, The house and parlour were both compleately seated and well filled with People and a considerable number stood without doors. It was a solid meeting, the People behaving in a remarkable becoming manner. I had a very long testimony to bear therein from Rev: C: 3. v. 21, 22. To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the spirit saith unto the churches. After a very solemn time in silence, I was concerned to stand up again and inform the People of man's utter inability to do anything of ourselves that would be acceptable to God or profitable to the People, but our duty is to wait in solemn silence until he who is the head of the church is pleased to put us forth and renewedly engage us in our respective publick services in the church that so if we

pray it may be with the spirit and if we sing it may be with the spirit and with the right understanding shewing the inconsistency of the practice of the generality of the professors of the Christian name in their formal way of Praying and Singing with the nature of that Worship which Christ himself declares to be the only acceptable perform'd in spirit and in Truth. At the close of the meeting William Wass inform'd the People it was now over, that their behaviour had been very commendable, and after a few seasonable exhortations concluded: with requesting that as he believed the minds of many had mercifully experienced a solemn covering, so they might endeavour to keep under it when separated, and not hurt themselves by entering hastily into conversation. The meeting held near 3 hours, after which we return'd to Wakefield in company with Joseph Pickard of Dircar were we got before 10 o'clock and I lodg'd at William Awmacks.

On 22nd. and 4th. of week, I left Wakefield intending for Barnsley this evening to attend the marriage of John Yeardley and Elizabeth Dunn which was to be accomplished the next day at Burton, went to John Robinsons of Fieldhouse were I Breakfasted and betwixt 9 and 10 o'clock left there, John Robson setting me on my way about 1 mile and then return'd; I preceded by Sandal, Cheviot.hall and Felkirk to Shafton were I stopt upwards of 4 hours, and din'd and drunk Tea at Timothy Sykes's, then proceeded by Cudworth and Burton to Barnsley were I got about 6 o'clock in the evening sat a little at Elizabeth Dunns, and then went to John Yeardleys were I supp'd and lodged with him at Thomas Dixon Waltons.

On 23rd. and 5th. of week, I breakfasted with other friends who were come to attend the marriage at Elizabeth Dunns, and then set out for Burton the meeting began at 10 and held near 3 hours It it was large the house being quite full a great number of the Quality both in Barnsley and the country attending but as the motives of these would principally curiosity they promised little to the comfort of a meeting, It held long in silence, and was a very painful exercising meeting throughout, the Publick labour therein being very plain close and searching, suitable I apprehended to the various states of many in the assembly, I did not expect for a long time to have had my mouth opened therein at all, but humbly waiting in perfect resignation a little matter arose in great weakness accompanied with a concern to deliver it, From 1 Sam: C: 13. v. 11, 12, 13. Because I saw that the People were scattered from me, and that thou camest not within the days appointed, and the Philistines gathered themselves together to Michmash. Therefore said I, the Philistines will come down now upon me to Gilgal, and I have not made supplication to the Lord: I forced myself therefore, and offered a burnt offering. And Samuel said unto Saul thou hast done foolishly. Inferring that notwithstanding the men might engage in what is called religious duties in their own time, and with a good intention, yet if they moved before christ came and put them forth, they could not profit the People, nor bring Peace to their own minds, but instead thereof reproof, and be in danger of losing their favour with the Almighty. I was then led in very close doctrine to different states, and tho' I did not think when I stood up I should have had many words to deliver yet I was enlarged beyond my expectation. After I sat me down, The friends took each other in Marriage, the Certificate was read, and Signed by great numbers; and after a short time in silence I had a long testimony to bear 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 the flesh, shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the spirit, shall of the spirit reap life everlasting. The meeting held about 3 hours, and the behaviour of the People was much better than I expected being most of them of the gay and fashionable sort, appearing to be more lovers of pleasure than of God. yet they departed in a very sober and becoming manner The company invited which was a considerable number of friends and others went from the Meeting to John Yeardleys house to dine, and generally stopt Tea and supper, I had been under great heaviness of spirit ever since I came to Barnsley which continued with me all this afternoon. At night when we was set at Table, I was largely drawn forth in solemn supplication and after supper felt my mind comfortably relieved, and reassumed my wonted cheerfulness, so as to enjoy the company of my friends in innocent simplicity. Henry Rimmington and his Wife was here, Shopkeepers of note in this Town who kindly invited me

to take a Bed at their house which I accepted of the friends having their Beds full, and dear William Bayldon accompanied me thither and slept with me, whose company was truly acceptable.

On 24th. and 6th. of week, I rose early and after parting with William Bayldon went and sat a little at Samuel Cowards, and then went to John Yeardeleys to Breakfast were I spent some of the forenoon with them and their Relations except going to sit a little at Thomas Walker Haighs, and then return'd, Several of the friends in the Town came to dine with us, and after dinner I went with Thomas Yeardley to his house were I sat a little, and then left Barnsley a little past 3 o'clock in the afternoon. Thomas Yeardley kindly accompanied me about 3 miles and then return'd I came by Cawthorne and Dakinbrook to Denby were I drunk Tea but Joseph Grayhams and stopt near 2 hours then he set me on my way a little, and I came to John Bottomleys of Wood were I stopt about half an hour, and got home betwixt 9 and 10 in the evening.

An Account of my Journey to a Meeting at Barnsley in the 3rd. Mo. 1809.

My mind being strongly impressed with an apprehension of duty for most part of the week before to be at Burton meeting the 5th. of ye. 3rd. Mo. 1809 and 1st. day of the week, and at the meeting at Barnsley the same day in the evening, after much reasoning and conflict of spirit finding my peace concerned in my obedience I gave up thereunto, and waking early the same morning, I rose and got me ready for the journey and after resting a while and getting some refreshment I left home about half past 5 o'clock, and the morning being fine, I had a very pleasant walk by Dykeside and Bagden to Hoyland were I called to see Mary Fisher, stopt a little with her and then proceeded by Kexbro', and Darton to Mapplewell were I breakfasted at the Kings.head paid 10d stopt about 1 hour and a half and then proceeded to Burton were I got a little before the meeting began which to my satisfaction was pretty fully attended, by those who usually attend. I was much exercised therein under a sense that some were in danger of suffering loss and towards the close of the Meeting had a pretty long testimony to bear from Rev: C: 2. v: 17. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the spirit saith unto the churches; 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 he that receiveth it. The meeting held upwards of 2 hours; after which I went in company with dear William Taylor of Shafton to Barnsley were we din'd and drunk Tea at John Yeardeleys. At 5 in the evening we attended the meeting at Thomas Walker Haighs which held upwards of 2 hours, there was 28 attended beside myself. After a considerable time in silence I had a long testimony to bear 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. After a short time in silence I had a few more sentences to drop. My mind then felt comfortably relieved having been opened in a very particular manner to various states desiring that all might experience a being brought into the oneness that the primitive believers were, by the renewed Baptisms of the spirit of christ. After meeting I supp'd here, and then do William Bayldon accompanied me to Thomas Dixon Waltons were we spent the remainder of the evening comfortably and William Bayldon stopt all night and slept with me there. He is a choice youth, and if his obedience keep pace with the knowledge he is, and will be favoured with, I believe he will be a valuable member of our religious Society; We enjoyed at this time sweet communion together whereby we were renewedly brought near and dear to each other in that love which thinketh no evil.

On 6th. and 2nd. of week, I breakfasted at John Yeardeleys, and Afterwards called at Susanna Atkinsons were I took a Glass of Wine and a cake, then went to Thomas Yeardeleys were I sat a little, and left Barnsley about 11 o'clock Thomas Dixon Walton accompanying me betwixt 3 and 4 miles and then return'd I came by Cawthorne to John Beatsons of

Synderhill were I got just in time to dinner and met with an uncommon kind reception, I stopt about 5 hours spending the afternoon very agreeably in company with him, his Sister Mary from Cawthorne and John Turton a Methodist Preacher from Horbury; After Tea I set out about 6 o'clock, John Beatson kindly accompanying me about 1 mile and then return'd, I came to Joseph Grayhams of Denby were I stopt about 1 hour and a half and supp'd, then came home I got betwixt 9 and 10 at night.

An Account of my Journey to our Spring Quarterly Meeting held at Leeds in the 3rd. Mo. 1809.

I left home at ye. 27th. of ye. 3rd. Mo. 1809, and 2nd. day of the week betwixt 8 and 9 o'clock in the morning and went by Cumberworth to Skelmanthorp were I stopt betwixt 2 and 3 hours at Leah Kinsleys and got an early dinner then proceeded by Emley to Flockton mill were I rested me about half an hour at cousin Alexander Hampshires, then went by Flockton, Mugmill and Thornhill to Dewsbury were I got betwixt 3 and 4 o'clock in the afternoon and took up my Quarters at William Wass's, After Tea I went and sat a little Morritt Matthews's, and from thence to George Breareys what I supp'd and after supper return'd to my quarters.

On 28th. and 3rd. of week, After Breakfast I went and sat a little George Breareys were I took a Glass of Wine and cake, Left Dewsbury betwixt 9 and 10 o'clock in the forenoon and went by Ricemill, and Howley.mills and Bruntcliffe to Gildersome were I stopt betwixt 2 and 3 hours at John Elliss's and din'd, then proceeded to Joseph Shackletons of Holbeck near Leeds, and got there betwixt 3 and 4 o'clock this afternoon were I took up my quarters, this Quarterly meeting. At 5 this evening began our Quarterly Meeting for Ministers and Elders, which I thought was smaller than usual several of our Ministering friends being engaged in religious services in different parts of the nation. Before the business was entered upon Elizabeth Hoyland was concerned in Testimony. The Queries were then read and answers received and read from all our meetings, from which a General Answer was prepared read approved and Signed in order to be laid before our Select Yearly Meeting. The Advices to Ministers and Elders was read, and Jeremiah Hustler, John Hipsley, Sarah Parker and Grace West were appointed to oversee the succeeding Meetings, and to advise as they see occasion. The meeting held upwards of 3 hours.

On 29th. and 4th. of week, was a meeting for Worship which tho' mostly Select of friends was very large Elizabeth Hoyland had pretty long time in testimony therein first from Matt: C: 8. v. 25. Lord, save us: we perish. Ellen Cocken a short time 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 congregations, 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, that the heathen should rule over them. Jane Doncaster next from Eze: C: 37. v: 3. Son of man, can these bones live? and I answered, O Lord, thou knowest. Catharine Tricket a long time next from Isai: C: 65. v: 2. I have spread out my hands all the day unto a rebellious people. John Hoyland a short time next from Isai: C: 65. v: 18. Be ye glad and rejoice for ever in that which I create; for behold I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her People a joy. At the close of this meeting was a meeting for discipline, The first 3 Queries were read and Answers thereto from all our Monthly meetings, and a General Answer prepared to them. In answer to the 2nd. Query it appeared that there was some appearance of convincement since last year in Balby, Pontefract, and Brighouse Monthly meetings, and that 9 persons in our county had been admitted into membership thereby within the year viz. 2 in Balby, 3 in Pontefract, 1 in Brighouse, 1 in Settle, and 2 in Pickering Monthly meetings. Some other business was gone through and then the meeting adjourn'd until 6 o'clock in the evening. Both meetings held near 4 hours. After

which I din'd and drunk Tea at Joshua Ingles. At 6 in the evening met pursuant to adjournment. The rest of the Queries were read and answers thereto, and a General Answer prepared to them. A friend was then appointed to take a fair copy of them and produce it at the next sitting. Some of the business was then gone thro' after which the meeting adjourn'd until next day at 10 in the forenoon, having held 2 hours and a half.

On 30th. and 5th. of week, at 10 in the forenoon met pursuant to adjournment. A fair copy of the Answers to the Queries was produced, read and Signed in order to be laid before the Yearly Meeting, Also an account of two Publick friends deceased since last Year viz. Benjamin North of Brighthouse Monthly Meeting and Mary Thompson at Richmond Monthly Meeting. A Short account by way of Testimony concerning the former was given from Brighthouse Monthly meeting, briefly setting forth the circumspection of his life, the simplicity of his Ministry, some of his dying expressions, and peaceful conclusion. Both these accounts were transmitted with the Answers to the Yearly Meeting. The remaining part of the business of this meeting was gone through in this sitting, the whole having been very agreeably conducted in much Brotherly love and condescension, and I believe to the general satisfaction of friends. The meeting held about 3 hours. After which I din'd at Pym Nevins's and drunk Tea at Robert Arthingtons. At 5 in the evening was a Publick and the Parting meeting for Worship which held near 2 hours and a half. A few of other Societies came in, but not so many as formerly at this place and time other quarters It held a considerable time in silence except a few words dropt in the early part thereof by Thomas Dixon Walton. Charles Parker had afterwards a pretty long time from Luke C: 16. v: 5. How much I owest thou unto my Lord. Ellin Cocken a short time next from Mic: C: 7. v: 14. Feed thy People with thy rod, the flock of thine heritage, which dwell solitary in the wood, in the midst of Carmel; let them feed in Bashan and Gilead, as in the days of old. Catharine Tricket a long time next from Heb: C: 13. v: 14. Here have we no continuing city. After meeting in my return to my quarters I called and sat a little at Richard Gardiners my neighbour Susanna Mallinson lodging there, my intention was to have seen her, but she happened not to return from the meeting. The meetings being now over I may briefly add that in my coming to Leeds as well as sometime before I left home I was in a very low discourage state of mind, but during my attendance of these meetings my faith was strengthened, and my hope renewed that tho' the Lord may see meet to try yet he will never forsake those who put their trust in him and dare not lean to their own understanding. The meetings tho' deprived of the company at this time of many valuable friends of our own country, and no Strangers attending, as has usually been the case when held here, rarely being without some; yet the wing of ancient goodness eminently overshadowed our meetings for Worship and discipline; A remnant who waiteth not for man nor tarrieth not for the sons of men but whose dependence is upon the Lord alone uniting in a diligent travail and exercise of spirit the Lord was graciously pleased to arise for the help of these, opening his Treasury and renewedly enabling them to bring forth the thereof things new and old to the watering of his heritage and causing a good degree of solemnity to cover the whole of the Assemblys.

On 31st. and 6th. of week, betwixt 8 and 9 o'clock in the forenoon I set out for home Joseph Shackleton and Richard Foster accompanied me as far as Hunslet and then returned, Richard Foster was my bedfellow he quartering this time at Joseph Shackleton's, and was a very acceptable companion to me, His Parents lived in Buckinghamshire and he and two of his Brothers were convinced nearly about the same time, some years ago he removed to Scarborough where he settled, and married, he appears to be a solid exercised young man and I understand has at times a few words in meetings, we parted I trust under the pressures feeling of that love which I think had measurably brought as near to each other whilst together, and I came by Hunslet.carr, Thorp and Lingwood.gate to Alverthorp were I called and stopt about half an hour and got a little refreshment, then came by Flanshaw.lane to Horbury Mark Brearer at whose house I had stopt accompanied me hither and then returned, I was pleased with his company and conversation believing him to be desirous after an advancement in the Truth. After parting with him I came to Horbury.bridge were I din'd at the

Sine of the Ship paid 1s eating and 9d Liquor stopt about 1 hour and then came by Nettleton, Midgley and Emley to Skelmanthorp where I drunk Tea at Leah Kinsleys, stopt upwards of an hour and then came by Cumberworth home where I got betwixt 6 and 7 o'clock at night, having had an agreeable walk, the mind being serene and calm, and the day fine, and the roads good.

An Account of my Journey to a Publick Meeting held at Thornhill in the 4th. Mo. 1809.

A concern being upon my mind to visit the meeting at Dewsbury and to have a Publick meeting with the inhabitants of Thornhill, I set out to accomplish the said visit on the 9th. of ye. 4th. Mo. 1809 and 1st. day of the week about 9 o'clock in the morning and went to John Pickfords of Park where I stopt near an hour, and then proceeded to Joseph Hinchcliffes of Whinney where I stopt near 2 hours and got an early dinner, then set forward his Son Charles accompanying me; we went by Thorncliffe and Bristfield to Dewsbury, where we got to Morritt Matthews's a little past 3 o'clock in the afternoon, drunk Tea there, and rested us until the time of the Meeting which began at 5 and held near 2 hours: there was 24 Persons attended besides my companion and me, and Thomas Hould, Mark Brearer and William Blackburn of Alverthorp who was come to attend this meeting having never been here before. My mind was singularly exercised therein and after a considerable time in silence I had a long testimony to bear from Gen: C: 19. v: 17. Escape for thy life; look not behind thee, neither tarry thou in all the plain; escape to the mountain, lest thou be consumed. Many were much broken and tendered, and I was glad I was there, believing it was a time that will be long profitably remembered by some. After meeting we went to George Brearey's where we took up our quarters during our stay at this time in Dewsbury.

On 10th. and 2nd. of week, After Breakfast Charles Hinchcliffe, David Brearey and Thomas Abel set out for Thornhill to procure a place for a meeting this evening and give notice thereof to the inhabitants, they accomplished their service and return'd to Dewsbury to dinner. I spent the day very agreeably here until a little past 5 o'clock in the afternoon, and then we set out for Thornhill in company with George Brearey, and got there just in time to the meeting which began at 6 o'clock and held 2 hours and a half. It was in the dwellinghouse of Richard Crosley a Farmer there. We sat in the house and had something placed before us to stand upon, four rooms communicated with this which were all laid open, but so great was the concourse of People that attended, that notwithstanding there was no seats placed and they generally stood, all could not get in but abundance stood without, the window and door being opened so that all could hear, the behaviour of the People was as well as could be expected, the restlessness which at times appeared arising more from being so exceedingly crowded than from any other cause. In the early part of the meeting I had a few words requesting the People to endeavour to get into stillness of body and quietude of mind that so we might be favoured to feel the operation of that Power which can alone prepare the heart to worship the Father of spirits in spirit and in Truth. Afterwards I had a very long testimony to bear from Eph: C: 4. v. 4, 5, 6, 7. There is one body, and one spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; One Lord, one faith, one baptism. One God and Father of us all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all. But unto everyone of us is given Grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ. William Wass inform'd the People the meeting was over desiring them quietly to withdraw, expressing his wish that the solemn Truths communicated to them might have their due weight, and that like the noble Bereans they might examine the Scriptures and see if these things are not so; immediately I felt an engagement to add, my desire that they might retire to their respective habitation in an orderly manner avoiding all unnecessary conversation, and then very unexpectedly felt a concern to drop sundry short but weighty exhortations to them concluding with recommending them unto God, and the teachings of his pure and spiritual grace, and in that love which changes not saluted them and

bade them Farewel. After meeting we stopt some time in the house and got every needful refreshment, the family being exceeding kind; after which Charles Hinchcliffe set out towards home, that I return'dwith George Brearey and William Wass to Dewsbury were we got about 10 o'clock.

On 11th. and 3rd. of week, After breakfast I went to William Wass's were I stopt about 1 hour and a half and got some refreshment before I left, which was betwixt 10 and 11 o'clock in the forenoon, came by Briestfield, Demby, Grange.hall and Flockton, to Skelmanthorp, were I stopt about 1 hour and a half at Leah Kinsleys and drunk Tea, then came by Cumberworth to John Pickfords of Park were I sat about half an hour and got home a little after 5 o'clock in the evening.

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An Account of my Journey to a Publick Meeting held at Ryall in the 4th. Mo. 1809.

Being under a concern of mind to pay a religious visit to the inhabitants of Ryall, Havercroft Coldheenley and Winterset, four smallish villages which are situated near each other, so that I thot. the inhabitants might be conveniently taken together at a meeting in Ryall which is the center village, accordingly I wrote to our friend William Taylor of Shafton requesting him to procure a place there and appoint a meeting, and give notice thereof to the inhabitants of the beforementioned villages, which he did, with the assistance of Timothy Sykes who offered himself willingly for that service. I left home to attend the said meeting ye. 15th. of ye. 4th. Mo. and 7th. day of the week betwixt 11 and 12 o clock having previously got an early dinner I had taken a bad cold in the forepart of this week which brought on my usual complaint the Cholick attended with a violent lax, this had reduced me very low, and I was under very great discouragement respecting this journey, but the meeting being appointed, and the day being very fine, I concluded to make an attempt to get there, by taking much time in walking; went by Dykeside and Bagden to cousin Joseph Steads of Toppett were I rested me near an hour and took some Rum and Water, then proceeded by Hoyland, Kexbro', and Darton to Mapplewell were I stopt better than an hour at the Kings.head and drunk Tea paid 10d and

then went by Carlton to Shafton where I got betwixt 6 and 7 o'clock in the evening and lodg'd at Timothy Sykes's. After I got there I felt very poorly and much fatigued with my journey and was concerned in secret supplication to the Almighty that he would be graciously pleased to strengthen me to be able to go thro' the service before me.

On 16th. and 1st. of the week, This morning I found to my great satisfaction that my lax was abated, and I felt better of myself, but the morning being very cold and wet and the rain continuing without intermission throughout the day accompanied with a pretty high wind; I was afraid of taking fresh cold, and it causing a return of my complaint; but this kind family supplying me with some additional accommodations, I received no harm from the weather. A little past 9 o'clock I set out for Ryall 2 miles in company with William Taylor, we went by Felkirk and Havercroft thither, where we got just in time to the meeting which began at 10 o'clock and was held in the dwellinghouse of Adam Waring which having a communication with other two pretty large rooms, the whole would contain a great number of People. A little Gallery was made, and a few seats placed but the generality of the People stood. The meeting was pretty large open, and satisfactory, and held near 2 hours and a half. There was a considerable number of the inhabitants attended from all the beforementioned villages but I apprehend many was prevented by the heavy and continued rain which fell this day. I was first concerned therein in supplication, and afterwards had a very long time in testimony from Rev: C: 14. v. 6,7. 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; and worship him that made heaven and earth and the sea and the fountains of waters. After a very solemn time in silence, I inform'd the People I apprehended the meeting was now over and added I was pleased with their company and commendable behaviour as far as I had observed; except one young man, in whom I had seen some lightness, but hoped he might afterwards have cause to reflect upon it, then unexpectedly feeling a flow of love in my heart towards the youth, I was led affectionately to address them, cautioning them against Swearing, Lying, and Drunkenness shewing from repeated testimonies of scripture the sorrowful consequences that will most assuredly overtake those who continue in these evils, then recommending all unto God and the teachings of his pure and spiritual Grace in the secret of their own hearts, I saluted them in that love which continues to breathe peace on earth of goodwill to men and bade them all Farewel. After the People were departed we stopt about half an hour and got some suitable refreshment and then leaving Ryall with a peaceful mind and thankful heart, I return'd with William Taylor and Samuel Coward to Timothy Sykes's of Shafton to dinner, where we spent the afternoon very comfortably. After Tea Samuel Coward set out for home but I thought it most prudent for me to tarry here another night which appeared quite agreeable to the family.

On 17th. and 2nd. of week, I set out for our Monthly meeting held this day at Burton in company with William Taylor, about 9 o'clock in the morning, we went by Cudworth thither where we got about 10 rested at John Wilsons, and then went to the meeting, the unfavourableness of the day prevented many Women friends from attending, but the men came up as fully as usual so that the house was nearly full; We were favoured with the company of our ancient valuable friend William Sowerby now about 77 Years of age, who being on a visit at Ackworth had walked from there yesterday morning, and attended the meeting at this place and at Barnsley in the evening, having I understood very acceptable service in both meetings. In this meeting I had a pretty long testimony to bear, principally addressed to the youth from 1 Cor: C: 12. v: 7. The manifestation of the spirit is given to every man to profit withal. At the close of the meeting for worship was held our Monthly meeting for discipline John Adamson of Wooldale meeting laid before us his intention of marriage with Mary Beaumont a member of Balby Monthly meeting. Also Henry Swire of Wooldale meeting laid before us his intention of marriage with Elizabeth Grimshaw a member of Newcastle upon Tyne Monthly meeting. We had but little business besides to day,

and that did not take up much time, so that both meetings held only about 2 hours and a quarter. After which I din'd at John Wilsons and tarried until betwixt 3 and 4 o'clock, and then came to Barnsley where I drunk Tea at Thomas Walker Haighs and afterwards went to John Yeardleys where I lodg'd; several friends came to spend the evening with me and William Bayldon stopt all night and slept with me.

On 18th. and 3rd. of week, After breakfast I went to see Susanna Atkinson, Thomas Yeardleys and Thomas Dixon Walton sat a little at each place and then return'd to dine at John Yeardleys; betwixt 1 and 2 o'clock in the afternoon I left Barnsley and came by Cawthorne and Dakinbrook to Denby where I stopt near 1 hour and a half at Joseph Grayhams and drunk Tea, got home betwixt 6 and 7 o'clock at night much better in my health then when I left it.

An Account of my Journey to a Publick Meeting held at Wooldale in the 4th. Mo. 1809.

On 30th. of 4th. Mo. 1809 and 1st. day of the week, my mind being drawn to attend the meeting at Wooldale this day, Joseph Grayham intending to accompany me called upon me this morning, and about 9 o'clock we left my house and went by Newmill to Wooldale where we got about half past 10 to John Adamsons, stopt there until the time of the meeting and got a little refreshment. The meeting began at the usual time and held 2 hours, it was pretty fully attended by friends and a few others came in, Esther Lees from Lancashire who had been a few weeks on a visit to her Relations in these parts was here, and had two short but very acceptable testimonies to bear to the Truth therein, the first from Luke C: 10. v: 39. She had a sister called Mary, which also sat at Jesus feet, and heard his word, and afterwards from Heb: C: 13. v: 5. I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. At the close of the meeting I stood up and briefly observed That I had oftens admired the wisdom of kind providence in gradually opening their services to his poor depending children lest by the prospect of overmuch at once they should be overwhelmed with discouragement, I had felt my mind drawn to attend this meeting, and had endeavoured therein to get to the true place of waiting, and had felt an exercise with the exercised, and united with the publick communications we had been favoured with, but my principal business in being here appeared to be agreeable to the liberty given me by the Monthly meeting, to request that a Publick meeting may be held in this place either 5 or 6 o'clock this evening whether our friends thought more suitable, and that friends in their respective situations would inform their neighbours thereof, and that the company of such as are disposed to attend will be acceptable. After meeting we went to dine with Henry Swire of Springhouse, and after dinner, Esther Lees came and spent the afternoon with us whose company was very acceptable. After Tea we all went to the beforementioned meeting, which began at 5 o'clock and held about 3 hours, The concourse of People who attended was very great so that not only the seats both below and above stairs were crowded, but every vacancy where any could stand were filled and many stood without that could not get within doors. It was a solemn good meeting, and notwithstanding the excessive crowd the behaviour of the People was worthy of commendation, I do not remember seeing in all the multitude a light countenance. I had a very long testimony to bear therein from 2 Cor: C: 6. v. 12. We then, as workers together with him, beseech you also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain. For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee; behold now is the accepted time; behold now is the day of salvation. At the close of the meeting, I requested the People to retire to their respective habitations in a quiet and orderly manner avoiding as much as possible entering into conversation, for as through the arisings of the heavenly seed an awful solemnity had mercifully covered the minds of many, so I much desired they might endeavour to keep under this solemn covering, for this was the way for them to profit by the present renewed visitation graciously extended to many; then acknowledging my obligation to them for favouring us with their company, I saluted

them in that love which I believed was the moving cause of this religious visit and bade them all Farewel. The multitude then departed as far as I observed in a very becoming manner, and I heard several ancient friends afterwards remark, it was the largest meeting by far that they ever saw there on any occasion, and one thing that believe increased the company was one Newton a celebrated and much followed Preacher amongst the Methodists hearing of this meeting, gave Publick notice thereof to his congregation at Jackson. bridge this afternoon. We went from the meeting to Thomas Roberts where we got every needful refreshment for the body, stopt near an hour and then set out for home Henry Swire kindly accompanied us upwards of 2 miles and then return'd, at Birdsedge I parted with Joseph Grayham he going directly home, and I got to my house about 10 o'clock in the evening.

An Account of my Journey to a Publick Meeting held at Castleford in the 5th. Mo. 1809.

I set out from home ye. 14th. of ye. 5th. Mo. 1809 and 1st. day of the week having for my companion my beloved friend and servant William Taylor, the weather being extremely hot we arose early and got of about 4 o'clock in the morning went by Denby, Gunthwaite, Banks hall and Higham to Barnsley where we got about 7 o'clock and Breakfasted at John Yeardeleys, afterwards we went and sat a little at Thomas Walker Haighs and then went with several friends of this Town to their meeting at Burton which was larger than usual to day many friends calling here in their way to our Monthly meeting, and some was here who had been the day before at Barnsley, fair, also several People of other Societies came in, I had a pretty long testimony to bear from Prov: C: 26. v: 12. Seest thou a man wise in his own conceit? there is more hope of a fool than of him. Afterwards I had a short time from 1 Sam: C:17. v: 45. Thou comest to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a shield; but I come to thee in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom thou hast defied. I had close doctrine to some states, and the language of encouragement flowed freely to an exercised remnant who from a sense of their own poverty and the opposition they felt were at times ready to sink under the weight of discouragements. At the close of the meeting for worship, the business of their Preparative meeting was gone thro', and at the close thereof I had a consolatory testimony to bear unto a little tryed remnant. Both meetings held upwards of 2 hours. After which some friends having put up their horses at Henry Robshaws a farmer in the village, I went with them thither, he was very kind, would gladly have had me din'd with them, but I excused myself being pre-engaged; I stopt about half an hour and got some Rum and Water, and then we went with William Taylor of Shafton thither, where we got about 3 o'clock and din'd at Timothy Sykes's, spent the afternoon there and tarried all night.

On 15th. and 2nd. of week, after getting some refreshment we set out about 6 o'clock for our Monthly meeting to be held at Pontefract, William Taylor of this place accompanying us thither, we went by South. heenley and Hemsworth to Ackworth where we breakfasted at the School, stopt near 2 hours and then proceeded to Pontefract got there to John Leathams about half past 10 where we got some refreshment. The meeting was pretty large, and I think I may add satisfactory John Bottomley had a pretty long testimony to bear therein from Isai: C: 5. v: 4. What could have been done more to my vineyard that I have not done in it. Afterwards I had two short testimonies to bear the first from Jer: C: 17. V: 11. As the partridge sitteth on eggs, and hatcheth them not; so he that getteth riches and not by right, shall leave them in the midst of his days, and at his end shall be a fool. and the other from Gen: C:25. v: 32. Behold I am at the point to die; and what profit shall this birthright do to me. At the close of the meeting for Worship was held our Monthly meeting for discipline in which John Adamson of Wooldale meeting was cleared from all engagements relating to Marriage except with Mary Beaumont of Balby Mo. meeting, of which the friends of that Meeting was informed by our certificate; and the further care therein and of the accomplishment thereof left to them. Also Henry Swire of Wooldale Meeting was cleared from all engagements relating to marriage

except with Elizabeth Grimshaw of Newcastle upon Tyne Mo. Mg. a notification thereof was ordered to be sent to the said meeting, unto whom the further care therein and of the accomplishment thereof was referred. We had little more business to day so that both meetings held only about 2 hours and a quarter. After which I din'd at John Leathams; and after dinner went to Benjamin Jowetts of Carlton were my companion went to dine, we stopt Tea here, and then went to James Harrisons of East.Hardwick, got there about 7 o clock in the evening were we lodg'd.

On 16th. and 3rd. of week, this morning William Taylor set out immediately after breakfast towards home of James Harrison and George Chapman set out towards Castleford were I found a concern to have a Publick meeting this evening, calling at Carlton upon James Arthington Wilson who accompanied them in order to assist them in procuring a place for the meeting, and giving notice to the inhabitants. I stopt here until half past 10 , and then went by Carlton to Pontefract were I got about half past 11 to Ann Harrisons were I din'd stopt 2 hours and a half and then set out for Castleford 3 miles, got there about 3 o clock were I met with the friends opposite the Inn were they put up which was the Sine of the Heel, a good house and very kind Landlady we stopt here until Meetingtime and got Tea paid 1s a piece. The meeting began at 5 o clock and was held in a very good Barn belonging to Thomas Teall the family freely giving it up for the service without taking any reward, there was a convenient Gallery erected and about one half of the barn seated with forms, planks and chairs, it was well filled with People and some stood without and by a part not being seated it accommodated more I had a very long testimony to bear therein from Ez: C: 18. v: 30. I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, saith the Lord God; Repent, and turn your selves from all your transgressions; so iniquity shall not be your ruin. After a time of silence I was concerned to stand up again, and was a little opened respecting our views of Gospel ministry, publick prayer and Singing and the consistency thereof with what is laid down in the scriptures of truth; then recommending them unto God and the teachings of his pure and spiritual grace reminding them that altho' Paul may plant and Apollos water; that tho' he may continue at times to engage his servants to plant and water, yet the increase of all good cometh from God, then saluting them in that love which changeth not, and acknowledging our obligation to them for favouring us with their company and our satisfaction with their behaviour, except a few in whom I had observ'd some lightness for which I was sorry for their own sake, I bade them all Farewel. The meeting held about 2 hours and a half. We return'd to the Inn were we got some necessary refreshment and tarried until 8 o clock, George Chapman then set out for Dirtcar, James Harrison and his cousin John Lupton from Derbyshire who was on a visit to his house set out for there on horseback, and James Arthington Wilson and me return'd together the foot way, Arthur Feetham a young man who lives in this village, and had been brought up in the attendance of meetings altho' never in membership, yet had been favoured with many precious visitations, which had been too much slighted or neglected. and John Watson a young man about 21 years of age, who had been divinely favoured in the meeting set us on our way about 2 miles which afforded me an opportunity of a little conversation with him to my satisfaction. We came by Glass.Houghton and Pontefract near which place we parted James Arthington Wilson went to his cousin Benjamin Jowett's of Carlton to lodge, and I to my kind friend James Harrisons of Hardwick were I got about half past 9 o clock, ten minutes before them that came on horseback; having had a very agreeable walk from Castleford my mind being covered with thankfulness unto that Almighty helper of those who put their trust in him so as measurably to experience the truth of what we have left upon record, "Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord". Before I left home I had taken a very bad cold which increasing upon me in my Journey caused me to have many severe fits of coughing, which brought a great soreness into my breast and throat so that speaking much hurt me, and it was worse to day than ever I had felt it before so that before meeting I was much discouraged; but to my great surprize throughout the meeting and in my return I felt as if it was entirely removed. And the company of that kind young man

whose heart the Lord had mercifully touched by his Power in the meeting viz. John Watson beforementioned added to my satisfaction he is the son of the Landlord were we took up our quarters but apprentice at another house in the village, I did not see him until we return'd from the meeting when he was set quietly in our room, and when we set out he was ready to accompany us, I felt a great nearness unto him and was led secretly to supplicate his preservation from the evils of the world.

On 17th. and 4th. of week I left Hardwick about 9 o'clock in the morning James Harrison and John Lupton set me on my way about half a mile and then returned, I came by Ackworth and Hemsworth to Shafton were I stopt 2 hours and a half at Timothy Sykes's and din'd then proceeded, William Taylor set me on my way upwards of 1 mile and then return'd came by Carlton and Swowel to Richard Scorahs of Barugh. mill were I stopt about 1 hour and took a glass of Rum and Water then came to Cawthorne were I drunk Tea at Thomas Wests stopt 1 hour and a half, and then came by Dakinbrook to Joseph Grayhams of Denby were I rested me about half an hour, and then Joseph set me part of the way home were I got betwixt 9 and 10 in the evening. It was extremely hot all the time I was away, and dry were I was, but in some places there was heavy Thunder hail and rain.

An Account of my Journey to a Publick Meeting held at Lepton in the 6th. Mo. 1809.

Our esteemed friend Isabella Harris of Ackworth laid before our Monthly Meeting in the 11th. Mo. 1808 a concern that had been for some time on her mind to pay a religious visit to the meetings of friends within the compass of Brighouse, Knaresborough, and Pickering Monthly Meetings and to have Publick meetings with the inhabitants in many parts thereof. After solid consideration, having good Unity with her as a Minister and with her present concern; The meeting gave her a Minute expressive thereof, and leaving her at her liberty to proceed therein as Truth might open her way. Accordingly she set out soon after and went to Leeds, had many Publick meetings in that neighbourhood, but being taken poorly was obliged to return home. After our Monthly meeting in the 3rd. Mo. 1809, She set out again and perform'd the visit within the compass of Knaresbro' Mo. Mg. visited Bradford, Halifax, and Brighouse particular meetings and had Publick meetings in those places and with the inhabitants of most villages in the neighbourhood thereof. On ye. 24th. of 5th. Mo. and 4th. day of the week she came to Huddersfield, and the same evening had a Publick meeting in friends Meetinghouse for the inhabitants of Parrack and Longroidbridge. On 25th. and 5th. of week had one in the Dissenting Meetinghouse at Lindley, that is those who have dissented from the Methodists. On 26th. and 6th. of week; She had one in the Methodists Meetinghouse in Huddersfield. On 28th. and 1st. of week in Thomas Wilson's Barn of Greenhouse for the inhabitants of Firtown and the neighbourhood thereof. On 29th. and 2nd. of week in a barn at Almondbury, On 30th. and 3rd. of week in the Methodists Meetinghouse at Ripponden. On 31st. and 4th. of week in a Barn at Kirkheaton. On 1st. of 6th. Mo. and 5th. of week in the Dissenting Methodists Meetinghouse at Huddersfield for the inhabitants of Lockwood and that neighbourhood.

On 2nd. and 6th. of week, Understanding she took up her quarters at John Fishers of Longroidbridge and having a desire to see her, I left home the same morning after breakfast and called at John Pickfords of Park to be Shaved; Left there betwixt 8 and 9 o'clock in the morning and went by Shepley to John Issotts of Stockmoortop were I rested me a little, and then proceeded John Issott accompanying me about 1 mile and then returned; I went by Farnley, Newsome and Lockwood, got to John Fishers of Longroidbridge betwixt 11 and 12 o'clock were I met with Isabella Harris who appeared glad to see me, and the family was affectionately kind. I din'd and drunk Tea there, and spent the time in very agreeable conversation, Isabella relating to us many particulars of her present visit, and she having a meeting appointed this evening at Lepton I concluded to accompany her thither. Accordingly we set out betwixt 4 and 5 o'clock, The day being remarkably windy accompanied with

Showers of rain, I went in the Chaise with John Fisher and his Wife and Isabella Harris; we went by Huddersfield, Almondbury and Fenney to Lepton were we got a little before meeting time, which began at half past 6 and was held in a large Barn belonging to Widow Jessop were a good Gallery was erected and the Barn conveniently seated with Planks. The meeting was large the Barn with an adjoining Mistel being very well filled with People. Isabella Harris had a very long testimony to bear therein first from Ex: C: 20. vs. 8, 9, 10, 11. Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work. But the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God; in it thou shalt not do any work, thou nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gate. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day; wherefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day, and hallowed it. I had a pretty long time afterwards from Matt: C: 20. v: 6. About the eleventh hour he went out, and found others standing idle, and saith unto the, Why stand ye here all the day idle? The meeting held near 2 hours and a half, at the close thereof, Thomas Cooper informed them it was now over, and desired them quietly to withdraw. We went and stopt a little in the Widow Jessops, The friends would gladly have had me to have return'd with the but I felt my mind drawn homewards, and the evening being fine I had an agreeable walk alone meditating on the great love of God to mankind in sending his servants to direct them to that infallible teacher in themselves which can never be removed into a corner. I left Lepton a little after 9 o'clock and came to Kirkburton were I stopt a little at the Shoulder of mutton and got 6 pennyworth of Rum and Water then came by Shelley and Lower Carr, home were I got about half past 11 o'clock, had to call our folks up they not expecting me tonight.

An Account of my Journey to a Publick Meeting held in Linthwaite in the 6th. Mo. 1809.

On ye. 4th. of ye. 7th. Mo. 1809 and 1st. day of the week our friend Isabella Harris in the course of her religious labours in that part had a Publick meeting in friends Meeting house near Huddersfield in the evening for the inhabitants of Milnsbridge and Longwood, and on ye. 5th. and 2nd. of week a meeting was appointed for her in Linthwaite for the inhabitants of that Township the villages of Golcar and Slaighthwaite and the inhabitants in the neighbourhood thereof, and I having frequently looked towards the inhabitants of that part, felt my mind particularly drawn to attend there being of distant from my house about 10 miles. Accordingly I set out the same morning after breakfast and called of Joseph Haigh of Birdsedge who accompanied me this Journey. We left there about 8 o'clock in the morning and went to Henry Marsdens of Dobroyd were we sat a little. And then proceeded to Samuel Woodheads of Fulstone, were we stopt upwards of half an hour and got some refreshment, then went by Brockholes and it beginning to rain and having received an invitation from Frances Gartside of Smithy place one of the People called Methodists if I went that way to call and see her, we called thinking to Shelter a little but the rain continued for upwards of 3 hours without intermission and most of the time uncommon heavy, so that it was well for us that we were under cover, She was very kind and invited us to dine with her which we accepted of; as soon as it was fair we proceeded on our journey, went by Honley to Netherton were we called to see Sarah Hallawell stopt about half an hour there, and then went by South Crosland to Blackmoorfoot were we drunk Tea at the Inn paid 9d a piece stopt about 1 hour and a quarter, and then went about half a mile further to the place where the meeting was to be held which was in a large Meetinghouse which the Methodists kindly accommodated friends with for the occasion; we got there about half an hour before the time and the evening being fine stopt out of doors until the other friends came, The meeting began at half past 6 and held 2 hours and a half; Great was the concourse of People that attended, so that the place was exceedingly crowded it was supposed there was upwards of 1000 People there whose behaviour was very commendable; and I believe among the multitude a considerable number

of such as were enquiring the way to Zion with their faces thitherwards. It was a remarkable favoured meeting the Truths of the Gospel were opened and largely declared amongst them in the authority thereof which is the Power of God. Isabella Harris had a very long testimony therein first from 1 John C: 3. v: 14. We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. I had a long time next from John C: 8. v: 24. If ye believe not that I am he ye shall die in your sins. Isabella Harris had afterwards a short time from John C: 20. vs.27,28. Thomas Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side; and be not faithless, but believing. And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God. At the close of the meeting I informed the people it was over, desiring them quietly to withdraw, and added it would be profitable for them to guard against entering into conversation in their return to their respective habitations but rather endeavour to center their minds upon that inward principle, unto which their attention had this evening been repeatedly directed, and then I believed it would be a favour to some, that they had been there at this time. We purposed when we left home, returning this evening; but the heavy rains which had fallen to day had made the roads so dirty that we concluded to go to Robert Kays of Laneend 2 miles and a half with his housekeeper Elizabeth Fawcett, got there about 10 o'clock were we lodged.

On 6th. and 3rd. of week, I breakfasted this morning at John Fishers of Longroidbridge, and immediately after Breakfast the governess brought the children into the room, when after a short time in silence, John Fisher read a chapter in the Testament a practice I thought commendable and worthy of imitation. I then went to cousin Joseph Mallinsons were I again met with Joseph Haigh, we sat a while there I got some brandy and water, left about 11 o'clock and came on the banks of canal to Huddersfield. bridge, and by Almondbury Woodsom.hall and Shepley home were we got about 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

An Account of my Journey to a Publick Meeting held at Wrenthorp in the 6th. Mo. 1809.

I set out from home ye. 7th. of ye. 6th. Mo. 1809 and 4th. day of the week in the morning after breakfast, and went to John Pickfords of Park were I stopt a considerable time, left there betwixt 9 and 10 o'clock and went by Cumberworth to Charles Blackburns of Skelmanthorp sometime after I got there Henry Swire came in we both stopt dinner there and I about 4 hours and then proceeded on my Journey, Henry Swire accompanied me about 1 mile and then returned; I went by Parkmill and Bretton to Crigglestone were I drunk Tea at my Uncle Joseph Houghs, stopt upwards of an hour and then went to Dircar were I got about 7 o'clock in the evening, called at William Pickards were I sat a little; and then went to Christopher Walkers were I lodged.

On 8th. and 5th. of week, After breakfast I set out for Wakefield in order to attend their Week day meeting, got there about 9 o'clock to William Awmacks were I sat until the time of the meeting which began at 10 and held 2 hours; my mind was singularly exercised in this meeting, feeling near sympathy with some, unto whom the language of encouragement flowed who were deeply tryed on their own account and on the account of their families, the Prodigals were also invited to return to their fathers house, and the tender youth were intreated not to look at others to their hurt, but study to be quiet and do their own business being faithful to every manifestation of duty not forsaking the assembling of themselves together on week days as well as on first days; then I believed some now present would become useful members of the Society in their day. I thought it was upon the whole a satisfactory meeting and I felt thankful that my lot was cast there. After a considerable time in silence I had two pretty long testimonies to bear therein the first from 2 Sam: v: 5. C: 23. Although my house be not so with God, yet he hath made with me an everlasting covenant, ordered in all things and sure. and Afterwards from Eze: C: 14. v: 20. Though Noah, Daniel, and Job, were in it, as I live, saith the Lord God, they shall deliver neither son nor daughter;

they shall but deliver their own souls by their righteousness. After meeting Jonathan Barber invited me and Christopher Walker to go dine with him which we accepted of, He and his family removed sometime ago from London to Pickering, but not having their health well there they had lately taken a house and settled in this Town, I knew him when he was a young man and lived with his Father at Eckington in Derbyshire the time when he was under convincement; he attending the meeting at Handsworth Woodhouse, and was there admitted a member of our Society; and not having seen him since, I was glad to see him now in his declining years. I being under a concern of mind to have a Publick meeting this evening at Wrenthorp with the inhabitants of that village and the neighbourhood thereof; Christopher Walker set out immediately after dinner and George Brearey accompanied him to procure and prepare a place, and give notice of the meeting to the inhabitants; I stopt here until about 3 o'clock and then went to William Awmacs were I tarried until John the son of Jonathan Barber came to accompany me to Wrenthorp; he is an agreeable youth about 15 years of age, we left William Awmacs about half past 4 o'clock and got to Wrenthorp at 5, which I think is about 2 miles from Williams house; we met with the friends who went before at the end of the village, who conducted us to the Royal.oak an agreeable Inn were we drunk Tea, paid 1s a piece. The meeting began at 6 and held 2 hours and a half. It was in the dwellinghouse of Thomas Ledger who freely gave it up for that service as no other place could be procured that appeared likely to answer so well; there was two large rooms to the front which had a communication with each other and a spacious court before them. In one room a Gallery was erected and it was conveniently seated with chairs and forms, in the other the People mostly stood, they were both well filled with People and a great many stood in the court who could not get in, the windows and door being set open, so that those without could both hear and see, and the evening being fine the whole appeared to be comfortably accommodated, and their behaviour throughout was very commendable. It was an open favoured Meeting, altho' attended with close and heavy labour many of the People appearing to me to live in gross wickedness of divers kinds, yet there were a number I believe of sincere seeking souls, I had a very long testimony to bear therein from Psalms 9. v. 17. The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God. After a short time in silence, I appeared again in a pretty long testimony informing the People with our practice in our religious meetings, which was to wait upon God for the renewal of strength, and as he was pleased to move upon any by the influence of his holy spirit to open their mouths by way of testimony, or in supplication, Prayer or singing Praises to the Almighty we believed this to be acceptable unto him and edifying to the body, and this we apprehended to be consistant with the Worship which the Lord requires in the present gospel day; Shewing the inconsistency of those whose time is always ready, with that dependent state in which we ought to be placed upon Christ the head of the church; as well as the absurdity of numbers uniting in one song whose cases may be at the same time widely different. Then saluting them in that love which continues to breathe peace on earth and goodwill unto all men, I bade them Farewel. After meeting we return'd to our Inn, and Thomas Hould having brought a little Rum in his Pocket, I got very suitably refreshed, stopt upwards of half an hour and then came to Wakefield in company with William Awmack and John Barber and after parting with them came to Dircar, got there to Christopher Walkers about 11 o'clock.

On 9th. and 6th. of week, After breakfast I went and sat at William Pickards, and about 10 o'clock left Dircar having a desire to see some friends at Barnsley. It had been wet all the morning and continued for sometime after I set out, afterwards it abated and I had an agreeable walk went by Chapelthorp, Hallgreen and Woolley to Barnsley were I got about 1 o'clock just in time to dinner at John Yeardeleys were I rested me this afternoon being very weary with my late exercises and want of sleep, several friends hearing of my being there came to see me, of whose company I was glad.

On 10th. and 7th. of week, This morning I breakfasted at Thomas Walker Haighs, then went and sat a little at Thomas Yeardeleys, and from thence to Thomas Dixon Waltons were I stopt a considerable time and took a Glass of Wine and Water, left Barnsley about half past 11

o clock, Thomas Dixon Walton accompanied me about 1 mile and then return'd, I came to Cawthorne were I din'd at Stanhopes. arms paid 1s eating and 3d Liquor, stopt about 1 hour and a half and then proceeded. It coming on heavy rain, I took shelter at Ellin Waltons stopt there a considerable time until the rain abated and then I came by Dakinbrook to Denby were I stopt about 1 hour and a half at Joseph Grayhams and drunk Tea then set out Joseph accompanying me part of the way home were I got a little before 7 o clock in the evening.

An Account of a Publick Meeting held at Highflatts in the 7th. Mo. 1809.

On 30th. of ye. 7th. Mo. 1809 and 1. Day of the week, our meeting at Highflatts was pretty large several of the other societies attending; It was held throughout in silence. At the close thereof, after great conflict and exercise of spirit, I stood up and informed friends, That I had been for some time past under an apprehension of duty, to have a Publick meeting in this place with those of other Societies, and towards the close of this meeting way seemed open; to request that one may be appointed for that purpose to begin at half past 5 o clock this evening, and that friends would be so kind as to exert themselves in giving notice to the inhabitants who are conveniently situated for attending that their company will be acceptable. After meeting Joseph Grayham and Hannah Outram George Chapmans servant, came with us to dine, and stopt the afternoon and drunk Tea. I went to the meeting this evening in company with John Pickford and Joseph Grayham, we got to Highflatts at the time appointed; friends generally stopt at home to give room for other People, and those who came mostly kept without doors; many of different Sociteies attended from Shepley, Upper and Lower Cumberworth, Dykeside, Upper and Lower Denby, Ing. Birchworth, our own neighbourhood, and other adjacent parts; so that there was the largest collection of People of other Societies that ever I saw there on any occasion the meetinghouse and chamber being exceeding crowded, great numbers being obliged to stand throughout the time. It proved a blessed heavenly meeting, Truth reigning over all, and tendering the hearts of many. I had a very long testimony to bear therein from Ez: C: 18. v: 4. Behold, all souls are mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine; the soul that sinneth it shall die. Afterwards John Bottomley was concerned in Prayer. At the close of the meeting I stood up, and briefly observed to the People That I had with thankfulness to acknowledge that the wing of the Almighty had mercifully overshadowed this large Assembly; whereby an awful solemnity had covered the minds of many; that their company as well as their commendable behaviour had been very acceptable, and that if they endeavoured to keep under the solemn covering some of them had experienced, when separated one from another, I believed they would be bless'd with that blessing which makes truly rich and wherewithal no sorrow is added. I then informed them the meeting was now over, and they at liberty quietly to withdraw. It held about 2 hours and a half. After which Elihu Dickinson Tanner called me into his house, were I rested me a little and got some suitable refreshment being very much heated with the crowd who attended the meeting, and spent with the exercise thereof, I returned home with a peaceful mind, and thankful heart in having been enabled to pay this tribute of love to my neighbours, were I got a little before 9 o clock.

An Account of my Journey to a Publick Meeting held at Thurnsco in the 8th. Mo. 1809.

I set out from my home ye. 5th. of ye. 8th. Mo. 1809 and 7th. day of ye. week about 9 o clock in the morning and went to Dykeside were I met with Joshua Morley who invited me to call at his house; I complied therewith, and stopt there about half an hour; then proceeded by Bagden to Toppett were I called to see my cousin Hannah Stead who I understood was

dangerously ill, I found her very poorly, yet there appeared more hopes of her recovery; I stopt there about 2 hours and a half and din'd, then went by Cawthorne to Barnsley were I got about quarter past 3 o'clock, went to Thomas Dixon Waltons were I sat a little and took glass of Rum and Water, then went to Susanna Atkinsons were I drunk Tea, afterwards I went and sat a little at Thomas Walker Haighs, and from thence went to John Yeardleys were I lodg'd.

On 6th. and 1st. of the week, The day before soon after I got to Barnsley it begun to rain and I found this morning that it had continued raining all the night, and appeared likely to be a day of very heavy rain, and a pain had seized me in the night betwixt my shoulders, which at time brot. violent stiches into my breast, so that I became very low and discouraged in my mind. I thought I had seen the right time before I left home, but now I began to doubt whether I should be able to get there and If I did, whether the rain would not prevent the People from attending, so that for sometime I was so tryed I knew not what to do, however I did not seem easy to give it up; and a little before 10 o'clock Samuel Coward Thomas Yeardley, and James Arthington Wilson set out for Thurnsco, to procure and prepare a place for the intended meeting, and give notice to the inhabitants thereof; and after they was gone I felt still and calm in mind; and went along with the friends to their meeting at Burton, we got pretty dry thither, but as we went up the bank it began to Thunder and looked awfully black, the reasoner came in upon me again as a flood; Thunder generally affected me very much, and I was always more timorous of it than most People, so that I began to think if it proved like some afternoons, notwithstanding the meeting was appointed I could not attend; however I endeavoured to stay my mind upon the Lord. The storm increased, and soon after we got into the meeting the rain came on exceeding heavy attended with Thunder and Lightning which continued throughout the time. It proved a solid meeting, and towards the close thereof, I had a short testimony to bear from Matt: C: 5. v: 3. Blessed are the poor in spirit; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. The meeting held near 2 hours. After which I return'd to John Yeardleys of Barnsley to dine, in our way thither my beloved friend Thomas Dixon Walton, understanding I was unwell called at the Inn at Oldmill and got a very comfortable cordial prepared for me, he was indeed exceeding kind which I hope will ever be gratefully remembered by me; he told me he had provided a single horse chaise to convey me to Thurnsco this afternoon. Accordingly after dinner he called upon me with the chaise at John Yeardleys and about quarter before 3 o'clock we set out for Thurnsco 8 miles, kept the Doncaster road by Ardsley to Darfield. bridge near which place we left it and turn'd to the left hand got to Thurnsco about quarter past 4 were we met with our friends who conducted us to the Boot and Shoes were Tea was provided, for which they charged us 6d a piece. The meeting began at 5 o'clock, the same hour that the Priests worship began at the Steeplehouse, but it so happened that he came not this afternoon, so that the people were quite at liberty and generally attended our meeting, which was held in William Moorhouse dwellinghouse, a farmer there who freely gave it up for that purpose; he and his Wife being particularly kind, in preparing seats and making every convenience in their power. There was three rooms pretty comfortably filled with People and several stood without doors, There was no dissenters of any kind in the place and they appeared very raw and ignorant of any real work of religion; nevertheless it was an open satisfactory meeting. Soon after the People were collected I found a concern to stand up expecting only to inform the People of our motives in seeking such opportunities as these, and to endeavour to settle them into a quiet waiting frame, but matter gradually opening, I had a long testimony to bear amongst them from 2 Cor: C: 6. v. 1,2. We then, as workers together with him, beseech you also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain. For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee; behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation. After which I had a pretty long time from 1 Sam: C:3. v:9. Speak Lord; for they servant heareth. Having affectionately to address the children of which class there were a considerable number present informing them that the call of the Lord was extended in early life, and if they was concerned to hear and obey they would be taught their duty unto God and their Parents, and be preserved out of the evils of the world, with much more to the like

import. At the close of the meeting which held about 2 hours, I stood up and inform'd the People, That I had with thankfulness to acknowledge that I had been enabled to discharge a debt which I apprehended was due unto them, that I was obliged to them for favouring us with their company, and that their behaviour had been very commendable; after a few more remarks, under the precious influence of Gospel love I bade them Farewel; adding my desire that as many had experienced an awful solemnity to cover their minds, they might endeavour to keep under it when separated, and wait for the renewings thereof upon their minds, and then I humbly hoped, if we should never see the faces of one another more in mutability, we should be favoured to meet together in the realms of bliss. The People departed in a very becoming manner, with countenances expressive of their satisfaction; and one man taking me by the hand audibly said The Lord bless you, and prosper the work in which you are engaged. We return'd to our Inn were we stopt about a quarter of an hour, and then set out, went out at the other end of the village in order to take the Doncaster road sooner, it was around but the road was better for a carriage, we got to Barnsley just quarter before 9. When I got set down in John Yeardeleys all within me was bowed before the Almighty helper of his People, for this days peculiar favour both inwardly and outwardly communicated. Before we left Barnsley the Thunder entirely ceased, and we had a fine journey both thither and back altho' heavy showers of rain continued throughout the day in different places around us; a carriage was unexpectedly prepared for me, the motion of which was instrumental in removing my pain which had seized me in the night; the evening was fine at the time of the gathering of the Meeting; and the Priest came not to his Worship house as usual; the presence of him who is the quencher of fears and the resolver of doubts was near for our help; so that notwithstanding I had been so exceeding closely tryed, as to be almost ready to sink under the complicated discouragements, and faint in my mind; yet in the end all things appeared to confirm our belief, that not only the opening was right, but the time of moving therein was right also. What shall I render unto thee O my God for all thy mercies unto me; surely they are more in number than the hair of my head. The friends on foot got to Barnsley about twenty minutes after us, coming a foot way to Darfield. bridge which was much shorter.

On 7th. and 2nd. of week. I breakfasted at Thomas Walker Haighs, and afterwards sat a little at Thomas Yeardeleys and Thomas Dixon Waltons took a glass of Rum and Water at the latter place; left Barnsley a little before 11 o'clock and came to Thomas Wests of Cawthorne were I stopt upwards of 3 hours and din'd; then came by Dakinbrook to Denby were I stopt near 1 hour and a half at Joseph Grayhams and drunk Tea, and got home about 7 o'clock in the evening.

An Account of my Journey to a Publick Meeting held at Darfield in the 8th. Mo 1809.

I set out from my home ye. 20th. of ye. 8th. Mo. 1809 and 1st. day of the week a little past 8 o'clock in the morning, and went to Denby were I stopt about 1 hour and a half at Joseph Grayhams and got some refreshment, then proceeded by Dakinbrook and Cawthorne to Barnsley were I got about 1 o'clock; din'd at Thomas Walker Haighs, then went to John Yeardeleys were as usual of late I took up my quarters. After Tea I return'd to Thomas Walker Haighs to the meeting which began at 5 o'clock and held about 2 hours, there was 22 attended besides 4 of us who were strangers; Leah Kinsley had a short testimony to bear therein from Matt: C:5. v:3. Blessed are the poor in spirit.

On 21st. and 2nd. of week, was at our Monthly meeting at Burton which was large the house being well filled, and several up stairs, we were favoured thereat with the company of two strangers in the ministry viz. Catharine Tricket and Jane Doncaster both of Sheffield meeting. It proved a solid good meeting, Jane Doncaster was first concerned therein in supplication, Catharine Tricket next a pretty long time in testimony from Matt: C: 9. v:50. Salt is good; but if the salt have lost his saltness, wherewith shall ye season it? have salt in

yourselves and have peace on with another. Jane Doncaster next from Psalms 49. v:7. None of them by any means redeem his brother; nor give to God a ransom for him. At the close of the meeting I had a remark to make which was seconded by Catharine Tricket. In the meeting for discipline we had a great deal of business before us which was agreeably conducted, amongst other things Elihu Dickinson of Highflatts meeting was cleared from all engagements relating to marriage, except with his friend Elizabeth Rothwell a member of Hardshaw Monthly meeting in Lancashire, information thereof was sent to the friends of the said meeting, unto whom the further care therein, and of the accomplishment thereof was referred. Also William Harvey and Susanna Atkinson both of Burton meeting laid before us their intention of taking each other in marriage. Both meetings held 3 hours and a half. After which I din'd at John Wilsons, and afterwards return'd to Barnsley were I drunk Tea at Susanna Atkinsons, and then return'd to my quarters were I spent the evening very agreeably with the friends from Sheffield meeting who tarried all night there, on which account, I went after supper to William Harveys and slept with him.

On 22nd. and 3rd. of week, having a concern upon my mind to have a publick meeting this evening with the inhabitants of Darfield and the neighbourhood thereof, Samuel Coward and James Arthington Wilson set out this morning to procure and prepare a place, and give notice thereof to the inhabitants. At 3 o'clock in the afternoon, I set out for Darfield 5 miles in company with John Bottomley, Thomas Dixon Walton, and John Yeardley we went by Ardsley thither were we got about half past 4 o'clock and met with our friends at the Inn the sine of the cross-keys, I was very low, and much exercised in mind all the day respecting the meeting believing it to be a place where they were very much strangers to friends and understanding there were few if any dissenters there and the People much attached to the Priests and the national worship, the day was fine and the inhabitants generally busy in their harvest which was just beginning, and when the friends got there in the morning they told them they did not suppose that many if any would attend, but before we got there; there came on unexpectedly a shower of rain, which broke them off entirely from their labour in the fields, so that none was hindered on that account. We stopt at the Inn until meeting time and got Tea paid 10d a piece. The meeting began at 6 and held 2 hours and quarter. It was in a barn belonging to William Robinson which he very freely gave up for the service, a Gallery was erected and a number of forms procured and conveniently placed, with some chairs; The People were long in gathering, and appeared very strange standing at distance, as if they was afraid to come near for a time but when collected there was a considerable number for the place, the country around not being very populous, and amongst the number a Priest of the Church of England who behaved well and seemed very attentive. It proved a good meeting, the minds of many were affected and some much tendered, Thomas Dixon Walton had a few words to drop therein first I had a long testimony to bear next from 2 Kin: C: 20. v. 1,2,3. Set thine house in order: for thou shalt die and not live. Then he turned his face to the wall, and prayed unto the Lord, saying. I beseech thee, O Lord, remember now how I have walked before thee in truth, and with a perfect heart, and have done that which is good in thy sight, and Hezekiah wept sore. John Bottomley next from Psalms 8.v: 4. What is man that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest. Afterwards I was opened concerning the nature of spiritual worship, and informed the People that we not only acknowledged christ with our mouths to be head of the church; but also in our practice believing it to be our duty to meet together in silence to wait upon him for the renewal of our spiritual strength, and when thus gathered he was sometimes pleased by the influences of his holy spirit to raise us up to bear testimony to his Truth, or to engage us publickly to call upon God in Prayer, or open our mouths in songs of praise as he saw meet, and after enlarging considerably upon these subjects I had to acknowledge that the civility of their behaviour had been very acceptable to us, and that if they endeavoured to keep under that solemnity which had been mercifully experienced when separated and wait for the renewings thereof, I humbly hoped that the end of the present visitation would be answered; then informing them the meeting was now over, I bade them Farewel. The People departed in a very solid manner, and one young man whom

I had particularly remarked in the meeting followed us to the Inn and sat with us whilst we tarried without speaking a word; his countenance evidently manifested the heavenly impressions he had met with, and some of us felt much with and for him, but believing he was under the good hand, we carefully avoided entering into conversation with him, at parting he shook hands very affectionately with us. After getting suitably refresh'd we left Darfield about 9 o'clock; it was a very fine moonlight night, and we had a pleasant walk to Barnsley where we got about half past 10 o'clock, and I lodg'd at John Yeardeleys.

On 23rd. and 4th. of week, After breakfast I called to see several friends and sat a considerable time at Thomas Dixon Waltons where I took a glass of Rum and Water, left Barnsley a little before 11 o'clock in the forenoon, called at John Beatsons of Synderhill but he was from home, so I went to my cousin Joseph Steads of Toppett to see his Wife she had been dangerously ill, and is yet very weak but there appears at present more hopes of her recovery, I stopt there near 2 hours and din'd, then came to Joseph Grayhams of Denby where I stopt near 2 hours and drunk Tea, then Joseph set me part of my way home where I got about 7 o'clock in the evening.

An Account of my Journey to a Publick Meeting held at Hogley in the 8th. Mo. 1809.

Having acquainted my beloved friend Henry Swire a few weeks ago that I felt drawings in my mind to pay a religious visit to the inhabitants scattered upon the side of the hill on the right hand side of the road leading from Holmfirth to Holm about 1 or 2 miles above Holmfirth, but being altogether a stranger unto that part of the country, I was not able to point out any particular place for the meeting to be held at but must leave that to friends where they could procure one, accordingly about a week ago I informed Henry Swire that if he heard nothing more from me betwixt and seventh day friends might proceed and appoint a meeting to be held ye. 27th. of ye. 8th. Mo. 1809 and 1st. day of the week and he and John Brook and Timothy Broadhead undertook the care thereof and to give notice to the inhabitants. I left home about 7 o'clock the same morning in company with John Bottomley and Joseph Grayham, and Thomas Dixon Walton who had a desire to attend the said meeting came to my house the night before, and set out at the same time on horseback, We went by Newmill to Henry Swire's of Wooldale when I got there I enquired of Henry if they had met with a place he informed me they had at Hogley a fold of houses about the center of the inhabitants where I had informed him my concern lay, and added it had appeared remarkable unto him, as he had been concerned in giving notice to the inhabitants of all the Publick Meetings that had been held in that part, and he believed all had been invited before except a district of about 1 mile in length and the same in breadth which was very populous, and which he believed had never at any time before the present been invited to a friends meeting and that this place which they had procured and prepared was in the very center of them; As soon as I heard it named, I felt a clear evidence in myself that it was the right place. We stopt better than half an hour, and then set out for Hogley distance from here about 2 miles and a half, Henry Swire, John Brook, George Broadhead and his Wife, and a young Woman not a friend accompanied us thither, also Thomas Dixon Walton left his horse here and walked with us; we went by Holmfirth and Burnlee to Hogley where we got a little before meeting time, and rested us at John Wimpenny's who had kindly freely lent friends his Barn; The meeting began at 10 o'clock and held near 3 hours, the Barn was about 15 Yards long and betwixt 6 and 7 wide with a Mistel adjoining quite open to it, a convenient Gallery was erected, and some seats placed just around the Barn, no more being to be procured; Great was the concourse of People that attended, so that notwithstanding they mostly stood, the Barn and Mistel was exceedingly crowded, and we understood several hundreds stood without doors; The Lord was graciously pleased to have compassion upon the multitude,

and to favour us with a very open satisfactory meeting. I had a very long testimony to bear therein first from 2 Tim: C: 4. v. 2,3,4,5,6,7,8. Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with all long suffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry. For I am ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. 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. John Bottomley a long time next from 1 John C: 2. v: 14. I have written unto you, young men, because ye are strong, and the word of God abideth in you. Afterwards he was concerned in Prayer. I had a pretty long testimony next from Rom: C: 8. v:14. As many as are led by the spirit of God, they are the sons of God. At the conclusion I informed the People the meeting was now over, acknowledged our satisfaction with the commendable behaviour of the People, desiring it might continue in their return to their respective habitations, and that they might gather unto God, and to the teachings of his pure and spiritual grace, whereby alone they could experience a growth in real righteousness. We went and sat a little in John Wimpennys after meeting were some of the company got a little refreshment, he and his Wife being very kind; but Lydia Broadhead having brought a small bottle of Rum in her Pocket gave John Bottomley and me each of us a little before we came out of the Gallery which was very seasonable relief to us and Elizabeth Swire having also sent me a little we took it in our return; We got back to Henry Swires about 2 o'clock were we din'd; After dinner before we arose from the Table I was concerned in Prayer, and afterwards John Bottomley had a pretty long time in testimony from Isai: Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee; because he trusteth in thee. After the opportunity John Bottomley set out immediately having to call to see some friends in his way home; but we stopt Tea and then set out a little past 5 o'clock and got to my house about half past 6, Joseph Grayham stopt a little and then set out towards home, but Thomas Dixon Walton tarried all night, and John Pickford came and spent the evening and supp'd with us. I now felt my mind comfortably relieved from the service in which I had been for several years engaged at times, in having Meetings with those of other Societies, except I should at some future time have in our own Meetinghouses where I have not yet been, I mean within the compass of our own Monthly Meeting where this concern hath been. There is also one village viz. Woolley unto the inhabitants of which I seem indebted, but friends have done their utmost to procure a meeting for me there, but could not obtain it, Godfrey Wentworth Wentworth, a Justice of Peace who lives there and unto whom most of the village belongs not being willing to give us leave being I apprehend influenced by Jeremiah Dixon the Priest who is also a Justice; and I thought without his leave it would hardly answer the end, as the people however desirous dare not attend, therefore friends as well as myself thought it best to wait to see if way might open: and if not I have a comfortable hope that the resignation of my own will to it will be accepted for the deed.

An Account of my Journey to our Autumn Quarterly Meeting held at York in the 9th. Mo.
1809.

I set out from home ye. 24th. of ye. 9th. Mo. 1809, and on 1st day of the week, betwixt 8 and 9 o'clock in the morning, went to Denby where I stopt near an hour at Joseph Grayhams and got some refreshment then proceeded by Dakinbrook and Cawthorne to Barnsley where I got a little before 1 o'clock; Din'd and drunk Tea at William Harveys; attended their meeting in the

evening held as usual at Thomas Walker Haighs which began at 5 o'clock and held 2 hours. After a long time in silence I had a pretty long testimony to bear therein from Psalms 127. v: 1. Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it. And afterwards had a few words more to drop. There was 23 Persons there besides myself. After meeting I went with John Yeardley to his house to supper where I lodg'd.

On 25th. and 2nd. of week, After breakfast I went and sat a little at Thomas Dixon Waltons and left Barnsley about half past 10 o'clock dear John Yeardley accompanying me to Burton, and then return'd, and I proceeded by Cudworth to Shafton where I stopt upwards of an hour at Timothy Sykes's and din'd, then set forward William Taylor accompanying me about 1 mile, and then returned. I went by Hemsworth and Badsworth to East.Hardwick where I got about half past 4 o'clock and lodg'd at James Harrison's.

On 26th. and 3rd. of week, The weather having been remarkable wet for several weeks before and consequently the roads very dirty, my kid friend James Harrison had previously proposed, that if I would call upon him, he would convey me to York in his carriage which I accepted of, and which I found to be a great relief to me. We left his house betwixt 7 and 8 o'clock this morning. I went by Pontefract, Ferrybridge, and Milford, to Sherburn, where we stopt 2 hours and a half at Simeon Hunters and din'd; having the acceptable company of Benjamin White the American friend here. We proceeded by Towton and Tadcaster to York where we got a little past 4 o'clock and I took up my quarters at the Sign of the Sun without Micklegate bar, paid 10d a piece Breakfasts 14d Dinners, and 1s Suppers. The Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders began at 5 this evening and held near 2 hours; we had the company of three Strangers viz. Benjamin White from Pennsylvania in America, Mary Watson from Ireland, and Solomon Chapman from the County of Durham. The Queries were read, and Answers received and read, from all our Monthly meetings in which Select meetings are held. Also the record of the names of Ministers and Elders were read, and the alterations which had taken place since last year noted: and John Hipsley, William Tuke, Mary Fairbank and Sarah Parker were appointed to oversee the succeeding Meetings and advise as occasion may require.

On 27th. and 4th. of week, at 10 in the morning was a meeting for Worship, and tho' it was mostly Select of friends it was large, the house being full and many had to sit in the lofts. It was to me a dull heavy meeting, but a little more lively towards the close. After a long silence, Catharine Tricket had a pretty long testimony, being led to point out those things in many which wanted removing before the language could be heard, Speak comfortably to my People and encourage them to come forward. Thomas Colley was next concerned in Prayer, and afterwards Solomon Chapman had a few words in testimony from Psalms 137. v: 6. If I do not remember thee, let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth; if I prefer not Jerusalem above my chief joy. At the close of this meeting was held one for discipline in which the Queries were read, and Answers received and read from all our Monthly meetings, some other business was gone thro' and then the meeting adjourn'd until 5 o'clock in the evening. Both meetings held 3 hours and a half. After dinner I went to see the Prisoners in the Castle, and from thence to John Lees's where I drunk Tea. At 5 in the evening met pursuant to adjournment. The committee appointed last sitting to consider of two suitable friends for Clerk and Assistant to this meeting, proposed Gervas Brady of Sheffield for clerk, and Joseph Birkbeck of Settle Assistant, who were approved by the meeting and appointed accordingly. The remaining part of the business of this quarter was finished in this sitting, the whole having been agreeably conducted. This meeting held 3 hours and a quarter.

On 28th. and 5th. of week, The parting meeting Meeting for worship began at 10 in the morning and held 2 hours and a half; It was larger than the former a few of other Societies attending; We sat pretty long in silence, during which time a solemn covering mercifully overshadowed us, which increased as the spring of Gospel ministry opened, and towards the close of the meeting the Life and Power of Truth was in great dominion the cementing virtue thereof flowing as from vessel to vessel, to the refreshment I believe of the whole heritage. Rachel Rountree had a short testimony to bear therein first from Prov: C: 18. v: 10. The name

of the Lord is a strong tower. George Sanders 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 reproved. Mary Watson next in Prayer. Benjamin White next a long time in testimony from Job: C: 7. v: 10,11. And the Lord said unto Joshua, Get thee up; wherefore liest thou thus upon thy face? Israel hath sinned. Mary Watson had a short time next from the dying expression of a valuable friend viz. Let the aged be strong, let the middle aged be animated, and the youth encouraged; for the Lord is still with Sion; the Lord will bless Sion. She was encouragingly opened therefrom to the various classes in life, and at the close of the meeting Benjamin White cautioned all, but more especially the youth to guard against entering into light conversation, lest the seed mercifully sown should be picked up as by the fowls of the air. I left York a little past 2 o'clock in the afternoon. The day being fine and not hot and the roads pretty dry, it was pleasant walking, when I had got a little on my way I was overtaken by John Hardacre a friend of Rawden meeting who accompanied me to Tadcaster, where I drunk Tea at the Golden Lyon paid 1s, stopt about half an hour and then came by Towton to Sherburn where I got about quarter before 7 in the evening and took up my quarters at Simeon Hunters, but they having some other company I lodg'd at Hannah Ridsdales.

On 29th. and 6th. of week, early this morning I was awaked, by a violent fit of the Cholick, accompanied with a severe Lax, which left me very weak and sore, nevertheless I left Sherburn a little before 11 o'clock and the day being fine and walking slow, I got on my way better than I expected, came by Ledsham to Castleford where I din'd at the Sine of the Keel paid 1s 2d for eating and 1s Liquor. Here I met with their son John Watson the youth who was so reached in the Publick meeting I had in this place, the last 5th. Month, he is now loose from his Apprenticeship and come to live with his Parents, I was pleased to see him but could not have much of his company, being busily engaged in getting corn. I also found Arthur Feetham in the house, who kept me company all the time I tarried which was about 2 hours, and when I left he set me on my way about 1 mile; There was once some tenderness in him and a hope that he might have come forward to have been a useful member of the Society; but looking outward with an eye to fine faults in others, instead of studying to be quiet and mind his own business he hath lost his condition, and hath too much got into a way of judging and censuring friends whilst he himself is a stranger to the spirit of true judgment. I had a good deal of conversation with him which tended to the relief of mine own mind; but I am ready to fear had not much place with him. and I wish he may not prove hurtful to the beforementioned young man. After we parted I came by Normanton Woodhouse, Warmfield, Cathorp, Heath, and Agbridge to Sandal where I called at the Sine of Cock and Bottle got 6 pennyworth of Red wine and Water which I found to be useful to my complaint, and relieved me very much; stopt about half an hour and then came to Dircar and lodgd at my kind friend Christopher Walkers.

On 30th. and 7th. of week, Having been favoured with a good nights rest, I felt bravely this morning,, went to William Pickards to Breakfast, and left Dircar about 10 o'clock in the forenoon, came by Crigglestone, Bretton and Clayton to my cousin Joseph Steads of Toppett where I stopt about 2 hours and din'd then came to Joseph Grayhams of Denby where I drunk Tea, stopt near an hour and a half, then came home, where I got about 5 in the evening. The next day being 1st. day our meeting at Highflatts was larger than usual several of other Societies coming in; and signally favoured I had a long testimony therein first from 2 Tim: C: 2. v: 19. The foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, the Lord knoweth them that are his. John Bottomley had a pretty long time next from Matt: C: 6. v:6. When thou prayest enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret. Afterwards I was concerned in Prayer.

An Account of my Journey to a Meeting at Barnsley in ye. 10th. Mo. 1809.

I set out from home ye. 15th. of ye. 10th. Mo. 1809 and 1st. day of ye week intending for our Monthly Meeting to be held at Burton the next day and feeling my mind particularly drawn to attend their meeting there this day and the meeting at Barnsley in the evening. I arose very early this morning and after sitting a considerable time and getting some refreshment, left home betwixt 5 and 6 o'clock in the morning and went by Denby, Gunthwaite and Cawthorne to Barnsley where I got about half past 8 and breakfasted at Thomas Yeardeleys stopt in Barnsley until it was time to proceed to their Meeting at Burton which was pretty fully attended by friends and a few others came in. It was a laborious meeting, I had a very long testimony to bear therein from Matt: C: 2. v: 18. In Rama was there a voice heard, lamentation, and weeping, and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children, and would not be comforted because they are not. Afterwards I had a few words more. At the close of this meeting was held their Preparative meeting, and at the close of the business I had a short testimony to bear. Both meetings held about 2 hours and a half. After which I return'd to Barnsley and din'd at Thomas Walker Haighs and after dinner went to Frances Yeardeleys where I drunk Tea, and then return'd to Thomas Walker Haighs to the meeting which began at 5 o'clock and held near 2 hours. There was 22 Persons attended besides several friends who were come to attend the Monthly meeting the next day, I had a pretty long testimony to bear therein from Jos: C: 15. v: 19. Thou hast given me a south land; give me also springs of water, and he gave her the upper springs, and the nether springs. Afterwards I had another chiefly addressed unto the Overseers, there having lately been a fresh appointment in the Monthly meeting and several in this meeting changed from Acts: C: 20. v: 28. Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and unto all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you Overseers. At the close thereof, Friends stopt about 1 hour to confer about removing the meeting from this place as their family was increasing, and having no other low room but the place in which it was held, it did not seem suitable here. There appeared diversities of sentiments upon it, which took up considerable time but at length it was agreed to be held at John Yeardeleys, which I believed was rightly fixed, and the alteration to take place the next first day. After the conference I went with Thomas Dixon Walton to his room where I sat about 1 hour and took a glass of Rum and Water, and then went to John Yeardeleys to supper where as usual of late I took up my quarters, and lodg'd there with William Taylor of Shafton whose company and judicious remarks had been very acceptable in the beforementioned conference.

On 16th. and 2nd. of week, There was a large appearance of friends at our Monthly meeting at Burton altho' the house was not quite full. John Bottomley had a pretty long testimony to bear therein 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. At the close of the meeting for Worship was held the meeting for discipline. Thomas Dixon Walton of Burton Mg. laid before us his intentions of Marriage with Mary Shillitoe a member of Tottenham Monthly Mg. of Middlesex. Also Robert Wood of Highflatts Mg. laid before us his intentions of Marriage with Sarah Earnshaw a member of Marsden Monthly Mg. in Lancashire. Our esteemed friend Isabella Harris return'd the Minute of this Mg. given her in the 11th. Mo. 1808 expressive of our Unity with her in her concern of visiting the meetings of friends within the compass of Brighouse, Knaresborough and Pickering Monthly Meetings, and having Publick Meetings with the inhabitants in those parts, She gave a satisfactory account of her visit the kind sympathy she met with from friends, and the remarkable openness she found amongst those of other Societies in the numerous Publick meetings she had and that she was now favoured in her return with Peace. The meeting being in a solid frame, I took the opportunity to spread before it a concern which had been for sometime upon my mind, to pay a religious visit to the Meetings of friends in some parts of Marsden and Hardshaw Monthly Meetings in Lancashire, and to have a few meetings with those of other professions within the compass of said meetings; After a solemn time of silence many friends

expressed their Unity in an encouraging manner with my concern which had a tendency to strengthen my weak and doubting mind; and the meeting gave me the following Minute. “Our esteemed friend Joseph Wood has spread before this Meeting a concern which has for a considerable time rested on his mind, to pay a religious visit to some of the meetings of Friends within Marsden and Hardshaw Monthly meetings in Lancashire and to have a few meetings with those not of our profession within the compass of said meetings. And this meeting after solidly considering the subject; feeling unity with the said friend in his concern hereby expresses its concurrence; and leaves him at liberty to pursue his prospect as he may find the way open. John Yeardley is appointed to give him a copy of the minute” also Elihu Dickinson, John Bottomley and Leonard West were appointed to call upon our respective members for an account of their Sufferings, and to enquire into their faithfulness in our testimony against ecclesiastical demands and the Militia, and to advise friends to an annual inspection into the state of their affairs; a great deal more business was gone through, and the whole was harmoniously and solemnly conducted. Both meetings held near 4 hours. After which I din’d at John Wilsons, and stoping there about 1 hour after dinner I returned to Barnsley drunk Tea at Samuel Cowards, afterwards sat a little at William Harveys, and then went to John Yeardeleys were I lodg’d.

On 17th. and 3rd. of week, After breakfast I went and sat a little at Joseph Smiths, and afterwards with William Bayldon in his Warehouse, from thence I went to William Harveys were I din’d. betwixt 1 and 2 o clock in the afternoon I left Barnsley in Company with John Bottomley, we came by Cawthorne and Dakinbrook to Denby were I drunk Tea at Joseph Grayhams stopt about 2 hours and then Joseph came with me a piece after parting with him, I called and sat a little at William Cockells, and got home about 8 o clock.

An Account of my Journey to some of the Meetings of Friends in Lancashire and to Publick Meetings held at Shawford and Royton in the said County in ye. 10th. and 11th. Mos. 1809

Having the full unity and approbation of the frds. of our Monthly meeting on the said visit as expressed by their minute of the 10th. Mo. 1809 I proceeded to make preparation for my journey but being rather in a poor state of health, and feeling low and discouraged in mind under a sense of my own unfitness for so weighty a service as it appeared to me, yet under an humble trust in the sufficiency of that arm of divine Power for guidance and protection which I believed drew forth, I left home ye. 25th. of the said Mo. and 4th. day of the week in the afternoon taking leave of my family in a bowed down state of mind, and went to John Pickfords of Park, were I stopt Tea, and after Tea the evening being remarkably fine, had an agreeable walk by Newmill to Wooldale were I got a little before 6 o clock and lodged at Henry Swire’s.

On 26th. and 5th. of week, I arose early intending to set out soon; but to my surprize the morning was very wet, and continued heavy rain until about 10 o clock, when it clearing up I proceeded and had no more rain that day, went by Holmfirth and Upper Thong to Meltham were I got some refreshment at the Shoulder of mutton paid 6d, and then proceeded to Holthead and Marsden to Delph in Saddleworth were I got some refreshment at the Slubbers.arms paid 7d, and then went by Shover in Lancashire to Heighside were I got about 5 o clock, and took up my quarters at James Taylors.

On 27th. and 6th. of week’ I had a Publick meeting appointed for friends and others in their Meetinghouse near Oldham which began at 3 o clock and held near 2 hours and a half. It was large the house being well filled, and several upstairs, also open and satisfactory. I had a long testimony to bear therein from 1 Cor: C: 6. v. 9,10,11. Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? be not deceived; neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind. Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners shall inherit the kingdom

of God. 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. Afterwards I was concerned in Prayer,, and at the close of the meeting had a short exhortation. After meeting, I return'd to James Taylors were I drunk Tea and rested me a while, and then he took a Lanthorn it being dark and accompanied me to William Midgleys of Buersell, got there about 8 o'clock were we lodg'd.

On 28th. and 7th. of week, After breakfast, William Midgley accompanied me to Henry Ecroyds of Rochdale who assisted in laying out meetings for me, for the ensuing week, and in preparing and forwarding Letters to give notice thereof. William Midgley return'd after this was done, but I stopt most of the day here, being favoured with a very peaceful mind in this house, believing the son of peace to be there, dear Henry Ecroyd was very kind; and favoured me with the sight of a manuscript giving an account of the religious experience of his Mother Lucy Ecroyd formerly Bradley, and her travels in the work of the Ministry. I read it through, and was much comforted with the reading of the many profitable remarks it contained; It took me most of the day. I return'd to my quarters at William Midgleys to Tea were I got a little past 5 o'clock.

On 29th. and 1st. of the week, attended both their meetings in Rochdale to day, that in the forenoon began at 10 and was large many friends having lately come from different parts to settle in this town and neighbourhood, and several persons having joined the society by convincement, also a pretty many of other Societies came in, so that the larger end of the Meetinghouse was well filled, and several sat in the Loft. It was an exercising time to me, being deeply dipt into the varied states of the members of our Society, unto whom I was led to speak in a long close testimony from Rev: C: 3. v. 2, 4. Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain that are ready to die; for I have not found thy works perfect before God. Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with me in white for they are worthy which tended much to the relief of my mind, being favoured with peace in a faithful discharge of apprehended duty. The meeting held upwards of 2 hours; after which I din'd at James Midgleys. The afternoon meeting began at 3 and held near 2 hours. It was larger than the former a great many of other Societies attending so that the great end of the Meetinghouse was not only crowded but the Loft was pretty well filled. I had a long testimony to bear therein from Isai: C: 49. v: 6. It is a light thing that thou should'st be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the preserved of Israel; I will also give thee for a light to the Gentiles; that thou mayest be my salvation unto the end of the earth. This was an highly favoured meeting' and at the close thereof, I had a short exhortation to the People. After meeting I return'd to James Midgleys were I lodg'd; and Henry Ecroyd and his Wife came to drink Tea with me; on my mentioning to Henry that I should like to see John Marsden a young man who lives in the Town and hath been lately accepted into membership with friends, Henry went for him and after Tea I had a precious tendering opportunity with him having some suitable advice to communicate from Prov: C: 4. v: 18. The path of the just is as the shining light that shineth more and more unto the perfect day.

On 30th. and 2nd. of week my kind friend William Midgley proposing to accompany me and convey me in his carriage through the remaining part of this visit, called upon me this morning after Breakfast, and we set out for Todmorden upwards of 8 miles, got there a little past 10 and put up at Samuel Fieldens were we got Tea and then went to the meeting which began at 11 and held near 2 hours and a half The meeting being removed from the Shoebroad into this village were they have lately built a large good Meetinghouse which is more convenient for friends. Our friend James Haworth of Marsden being on business in this neighbourhood was at meeting whose company was truly acceptable to me. It was not large but more than I expected especially of young friends, and a few of other Societies came in, I felt very poor and stripped for a considerable time but waiting in the patience was favoured in due time to experience best help near and was thereby strengthened to bear two pretty long testimonies the first from 2 Kin: 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; but if not, it shall not be so. And the other from Matt: C: 25. v: 8. Give us of your Oyl, for our Lamps are gone out. Afterward James Haworth had a pretty long time enlarging much upon the Parable of the wise and foolish virgins. After meeting we din'd at Samuel Fieldens, and after dinner went in to see Susanna Sutcliffe an ancient friend who has been for sometime confined to her Bed and appears drawing fast towards her close. After our return we set out immediately and went to Samuel Greenwoods of Stones about 1 mile were we lodg'd. After Tea James Haworth and Samuel Fielden came and spent the evening with us, and before supper we had a religious opportunity together in which James Haworth had a short testimony to bear first from Isai: C: 1. v: 2. Hear, O heavens; and give ear, O earth, and afterwards myself from Luke C: 10. v: 42. One thing is needful, and Mary hath chosen the good part, which shall not be taken away from her.

On 31st. and 3rd. of week, We set out after breakfast for Crawshawbooth in Rossendale 10 miles got there about half past 10 and went to John Binns's were we unexpectedly met with dear James Haworth, we got a little refreshment there and then went to the meeting which began at 11 and held about 2 hours, It was a very distressing time however I was enabled to clear myself amongst them in a long plain and close testimony, yet truly the prospect of things was very discouraging, for I believe there are a few of the Lords poor amongst them yet I was ready to fear too many was poor thro' their own negligence whereby wrong things had sprung up, and if I was not mistaken wrong Principles, as well as practices in some, The subject which I was led to speak from was from Prov: C: 24. v. 30, 31, 32, 33, 34. I went by the field of the slothful; and the vineyard 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. Yet a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep. So shall thy poverty come as one that travelleth, and thy want as an armed man. After meeting James Haworth told me I had been favoured with a right sense of the state of the meeting, and that what had been delivered had much relieved him, and he was thankful I was helped through so well, this was encouraging to me. We din'd at Joseph Binns, and after dinner taking leave of dear James Haworth and other friends, we set out for Bolton, and came that night to John Ashworths of Birkenshaw in Turton 13 miles got there betwixt 5 and 6 were we lodg'd.

On 1st. of 11th. Mo. and 4th. of week, we set out for Bolton upwards of 2 miles John Ashworths wife accompanied us thither, were we got about half past 9 and took up our quarters at Margaret Woods. The meeting began at 11 and held 2 hours. But O the distress I felt in the early part thereof; at length I found a concern to stand up, Truth gradually arose into dominion and I had a long testimony to bear from Hos: C: 7. v: 8. Ephraim is a cake not turned, and I believe it was a time of favour to many minds, altho' others might too much resemble the heath in the desert that knows not when good comes. Afterwards I was concentered in Prayer. Before we arose from the Table at dinner, there being several young friends present, I had a short testimony to bear to them, which tended to my relief, feeling thankful for the language of encouragement which flowed unto them. In the afternoon we went to see Thomas Mulliners and from thence to Robert Croslands were we drunk Tea, and in the evening return'd to our quarters.

On 2nd. and 5th. of week, we set out after breakfast for the meeting at West Houghton 6 miles and a half a number of People in that neighbourhood being convinced of friends principles met together in silence, and our friend Thomas Shillitoe from Middlesex being in this part of hearing of them, was drawn to pay them a visit which was to good satisfaction, since that they have been visited by many other friends, they are now 14 in number who appear clearly convinced and 3 of them are accepted into membership. They have taken a central place in a very retired situation in a valley which was formerly a Workshop and fitted it up for a Meetingplace in which they regularly assemble twice in the week, and several

others at times meet with them. We got to West Houghton betwixt 10 and 11 o'clock and put up at the Sign of the Red Lyon, which is a mile on this side the Meeting set out immediately to see two of the Women friends who live near the Inn together in one house. We met them upon the road going to meeting and walkt with them thither. It began at 11 o'clock and held about 1 hour and a half, many of their neighbours came in so that the place was well filled. It was a blessed heavenly meeting, we were much broken and tendered together, The pure Life flowed as from vessel to vessel to our great joy and refreshment, worshiping him who is a spirit in spirit and in Truth. I had a long testimony to bear therein from Psalms 45.v: 13. The kings daughter is all glorious within; her clothing is of wrought gold, and afterwards another pretty long time from Prov: C: 30.v: 8. Feed me with food convenient for me. After meeting we sat a little at Richard Highams who lives near and then went to the house of Alice Rider and Ann Hope the two Women friends beforementioned were we din'd. They gave us some account of the convincement of the friends here, and that it was now betwixt 2 and 3 years since they began to meet together in silence many of them having been before in profession with the Methodists, they are all of them in low circumstances in the world, but I believe rich in faith, and exemplary in good works, I could not but earnestly beg for their preservation. They also gave me a List of the Names of those who had long duly met together viz. Thomas Leigh Alice Rider, Ann Hope, Robert Brown, Richard Higham and Ellin his Wife, Isaac Hirst and Ann his Wife, Thomas Chadwick, Mary Chadwick, James Isharwood, James Morris, Samuel Hope, William Eaton, The 3 first mentioned are admitted members of our Society and several others have made application for admission there are also divers others attend occasionally. We felt very comfortable with these friends in their small clean cottage, and before we left there, had a precious opportunity in which our spirits were mutually refreshed. We then set out for Wigan 4 miles and a half got there about 5 o'clock were we took up our quarters at James Nevills, and I felt very comfortable in their habitation, he and his Wife being very kind friends, and having been abundantly blessed in their outward affairs, they are concerned to do good therewith, their hearts and house being open to friends of all ranks but especially the lower class; and he being a man favoured with considerable abilities, united with religious experience, hath been particularly useful to many seeking minds under convincement in several meetings in this part.

On 3rd. and 6th. of week, James Nevill and his Wife accompanied us in their carriage to Ashton 4 miles and a half. The meeting began at 11 and held 2 hours, It was upon the whole a good meeting, There are a few convinced frds. here, and I thought I felt unity with an exercised remnant unto whom the language of encouragement flowed; and a renewed visitation appeared to be extended to some of the youth; but there was some of the elder rank whose states appeared deplorable with whom I had very close and hard labour but was enabled to relieve my mind so as to leave in Peace. I had a long testimony first from Isai: C: 14. v: 1. The Lord will have mercy on Jacob, and will yet choose Israel, and set them in their own land; and the strangers shall be joined with them, and they shall cleave to the house of Jacob. Afterwards I had a pretty long time from Matt: C: 20. v: 6. Why stand ye here all the day idle. I was next concerned in Prayer, and afterwards had some close remarks to some unto whom it appeared as if it was the eleventh hour of the day with them and they unwilling to close in with the offers of Gods love. After meeting we got some refreshments in the Meetinghouse which our kind friends had brought with them (no friends living near) and then return'd with them to Wigan to dine were we got betwixt 2 and 3 o'clock. It being Wigan fair which holds a week, after dinner we took a walk to see the Cloth.hall a large building were I was surprized to see the quantity of Linen and Woollen goods which are exposed to sale there also cottons and Manchester wares with Hosierys from Nottingham, and Sheffield and Birmingham wares, I met with several Clothiers from Yorkshire who knew me, and appeared glad to see me. A Watch is stationed there in the night to defend the property.

On 4th. and 7th. of week, In the forenoon I wrote to my dearly beloved friend, and faithful servant William Taylor. In the afternoon we left this kind family in Wigan and went

to Standish the meeting they belong to 3 miles and a half got there about 4 o'clock were we took up our quarters at John Kirshaws.

On 5th. and 1st. of week, Friends having removed the Meeting from Langtree into this village were they have lately built a large and good Meetinghouse, in which I had a Publick meeting appointed this day for friends and others, of which previous notice was given the day before to the inhabitants, It began at 11 o'clock and held near 2 hours and a half. The meeting of itself is not large altho' there are several attend it scattered up and down in the country around who are lately convinced, many of those from West.Houghton attended to day; and some out of Ashton meeting also a great many of other Societies considering that there are abundance of Papists in these parts, so that the meeting was large and eminently favoured many both friends and others, being much broken and tendered I had a very long testimony to bear therein from Isai: 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. Towards the conclusion of meeting I briefly inform'd them, that I had for a long time felt my mind impressed with a concern to pay the friends and some of the inhabitants of these parts a religious visit, and as I apprehended this was the last meeting I should have hereaway; I felt a liberty to observe to them, that I was favoured with the evidence of peace in giving up to apprehended duty, and had been thankful in believing, that there was amongst friends in all meetings, an exercised remnant the hands of whose arms, I had earnestly desired might be made strong by the Power of the mighty God of Jacob, that there was also a considerable number who were convinced of the fundamental principle of our profession, the various testimonies arising therefrom; which we are called to bear and I sincerely desired that these both present and absent might keep their eye single unto him who had been their morning light, and then I was persuaded they would grow in the Truth. Then recommending all present unto God, and to the teachings of his pure and spiritual grace I tenderly saluted them and bade them Farewel, desiring that Grace mercy and peace from God the Father through Jesus.christ might be multiplyed amongst them. This meetinghouse is very beautifully situated, and the village one of the prettiest I know. After dinner we took an affectionate farewell of our Wigan friends, and some others particularly James M'Leland a convinced friend from Macclesfield in Cheshire, whose company we had had the two evenings we were at Wigan, he being on business there at the fair, and came to the meeting here to day, and set out for John Ashworths 14 miles, John Kirshaw took his horse and accompanied us many miles and then return'd we came into the Wigan road about 3 miles from Bolton, when we got to Bolton it was quite dark but meeting with our friend George Binks he kindly accompanied us thro' the Town, and to the sime of the Three Pigeons, were we got some Rum and Water and Lighted our lights on each side the carriage, by which means we got well to John Ashworths betwixt 6 and 7 o'clock were we lodg'd. James Brandwood hearing of our intention of being here to night came to meet us, I was very glad to see him, and we spent the evening comfortably together.

On 6th. and 2nd. of week, After breakfast we set out for Rochdale 12 miles, called at one Hutchinsons of Bury a great Merchant were we got some Bread and Butter and a glass of Wine; got to Rochdale a little past 12 o'clock. After parting with my kind companion I went and sat a little at John Marsdens and then went to dine at James Midgleys were I spent the afternoon and tarried all night.

On 7th. and 3rd. of week, Having had a prospect for the most part of 2 years, that I should sometime have to have a meeting at Shawford a village in a remote rocky and very mountainous situation, and since that time several friends having removed and settled in that neighbourhood, my way appeared to open clearly to have a Publick meeting there to day with the inhabitants of the village and the vicinity thereof; and Henry Ecroyd and James Taylor went there the evening before to assist the friends in preparing a place and giving notice to the People scattered in the deep vallies. After Breakfast I set out on foot, and John Marsden accompanied me to Shawford 5 miles, it was a remarkable fine day, and we had a very agreeable walk together thither, got to James Kings about 10 o'clock were we got Tea, and

from thence went to see Esther Lees were we sat a little, and then went to the Meeting which was held in a large upper room at the Bulls.head about 11 yards long and 6 wide which was well seated and a convenient Gallery erected, it began at 11 o'clock, and was well attended by the inhabitants many coming a considerable distance, so that the room was well filled and a few had to stand in an adjoining room. It was a much favoured meeting there appearing considerable openness amongst the People to hear the testimony of Truth declared, this is the case in many places, but the cross remains as formerly to be a stone of stumbling and rock of offence, to many. My labour in this meeting was not altogether without hope, I felt much sympathy with them in their lonely situations scattered up and down in the deep and narrow valleys in these parts, into some of whose houses I think the outward sun seldom shines in the depth of winter, but the glorious light of the Son of righteousness hath reached unto these in their solitary situations, and if but received and believed in will in their hearts the Gospel preach; unto which divine light I was earnestly concerned to labour to turn their attention that so they might experience a being born again not of corruptible but incorruptible seed and word of God which lives and abides for ever. Having a very long testimony to bear amongst them from Jn: C: 3. v: 19. This is the condemnation that light is come into the world and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. Afterwards I stood up and acknowledged my obligation to them for favouring us with their company; and our satisfaction with their still solid and attentive behaviour; then having divers short exhortations to drop, I concluded with the salutation of Gospel love and bade them Farewel. The People sitting quietly without offering to depart, after waiting a while, I informed them the meeting was over and they at liberty to depart, requesting them to guard against entering hastily into conversation even upon religious subjects. The meeting held near 2 hours and a half After which I return'd to James Kings with other friends to dine, and after dinner Esther Lees came to see us, and we went and sat a little at her son John Lees's, and then set out and return'd to Rochdale in company with Henry Ecroyd and James Taylor when we got there James Taylor and me called at John and William Holmes's were we drunk Tea, here William Midgley met me and took me with him to his house at Buersell were we got betwixt 5 and 6 in the evening in his carriage and James Taylor and me slept there together this night.

On 8th. and 4th.of week, having a concern to have a Publick meeting at Royton, James Taylor set out early this morning to procure a place and give notice thereof to the inhabitants of the village and country adjoining. After dinner William Midgley conveyed me in his carriage thither near 3 miles, were we got about half past 1 o'clock, when I entered the village and saw the inhabitants loitering in the street. I felt no little discouragement they appearing to me to be the roughest and most uncultivated I ever before saw, we went to Miles Meadowcrofts a valuable friend who had lately joined our Society by convincement, and the only one in the village; his situation made me think of the testimony recorded concerning Lot viz. "For that righteous man, dwelling among them in seeing and hearing vexed his righteous soul from day to day with their unlawful deeds. The meeting began at 2 o'clock, it was held in the Methodists Meetinghouse, which would contain a great number of People, and many more came then I expected from the appearance of the inhabitants, altho' I think the house was not much above half full. It was a very laborious, yet satisfactory meeting I had a very long testimony to bear therein from Eph: C: 4. v. 4, 5, 6, 7. There is one body, and one spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling, One Lord, one faith, and one baptism, One God and father of us all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all. But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ. The meeting held near 2 hours and a half At the close thereof I just inform'd the People, It was over, withall desiring them to withdraw in an orderly manner, as their behaviour had been throughout the meeting as far as I had observed. We return'd to Miles Meadowcrofts were we stopt Tea and soon after set out, and got to Buersell about 6 o'clock in the evening.

On 9th. and 5th. of week, After Breakfast being about to set out towards home, we had a precious cementing opportunity together in which I had a few words to communicate both to the Parents and children. About 10 o'clock I took an affectionate farewell of this family

who had manifested abundance of kindness to me on this present occasion, except dear William Midgley who set me above 12 miles in his carriage, we came the new road lately opened from this part over the Moors to Huddersfield called in our way at the Junction Inn in Yorkshire where we got some refreshment and then proceeded over the moors by the Pole chapel, when we had got a little on this side my kind companion and me parted, he returning and I betook myself to my usual way of travelling on foot came by Outlanes to Lindley where I called to see Jane Firth formerly Burrow. She appeared much aged and very infirm but glad to see me; But I was sorry to see her in her present neglected state. O that her harms may make others beware, and in that important affair of Marriage stand open to the advice of their friends. I stopt about half an hour, and then came by Quarmby and Milnsbridge to Robert Kays of Lane end where I got about 4 o'clock and tarried all night. I found Robert very poorly, so ill that his change had been expected in the forepart of the week, I spent the evening very comfortably with his houskeeper and John Cooper his Nephew.

On 10th. and 6th. of week, I left here about 8 o'clock in the morning and came by Lockwood, Newsome and Farnley to John Issotts of Stocksmoortop where I sat a little then came by Shepley home where I got about 11 o'clock in the forenoon, in a better state of health, than when I left having gradually recovered in my Journey.

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An Account of my Journey to a Meeting at Dewsbury in the 11th. Mo. 1809.

I left home ye 12th. of ye. 11th. Mo. 1809 and 1st. day of the week, After breakfast, having had a severe fit of the Cholick the day before, yet could not feel easy without endeavouring to attend our Monthly meeting to be held at Wakefield, and my mind seemed particularly impressed with a concern to be at the meeting at Dewsbury in my way thither. Went to John Pickfords of Park were I sat a little, left there about 9 o clock, and went to Joseph Hinchcliffes of Whinney, to see if his son Charles was going, he concluded to accompany me and got himself ready, I stopt there upwards of 2 hours and got an early dinner, then we set forward and went by Shelley and Thorncliffe to Briestfield were we rested us a little at the Cropsipes and got 1 Quart of Ale warm'd and sweetened Paid 18, and then proceeded by Thornhill to Dewsbury were we got about 4 o clock, drunk Tea at Morritt Matthews, and tarried until the meeting which began at 5 o clock and held near 2 hours. There was 31 there, 3 of us being strangers on our way to the Monthly meeting and 4 I understood were of other societies who had never been there before. The name of one I heard afterwards is Joseph Hirst who lives at Chickenley and had been this day at the meeting at Wakefield, and his Wife and another person came with him this evening, he is a person of some note amongst the Methodists, but I am apt to believe from my feelings is in a dissatisfied state of mind may he never leave seeking until he be favoured with an establishment upon that foundation against which the gates of hell will never be able to prevail. I heard that after meeting he expressed to a friend his satisfaction with being there. I may also acknowledge the same altho' thro' indisposition, I found it hard work to get there, yet had no cause to repent, being favoured with a good meeting in which I had a long testimony to bear from 1 Cor: C: 5. v: 7. Purge out therefore

the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened, for even Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. We sat a little after meeting and I took some Rum and Water and then my companion and me went to George Breareys were we lodg'd.

On 13th. and 2nd. of week we left Dewsbury about 9 o'clock in the morning and went by Ossett to Wakefield, where we got about half past 10, called at cousin William Steads where we got some refreshment and then went to the meeting which was pretty large but I thought a very exercising and laborious one, many close matters opened in my silent waiting which our friend Isabella Harris had publicly to mention she having a long testimony to bear therein from Jno. C: 8. v: 33. We be Abrahams seed, and were never in bondage to any man. Towards the close of her testimony the language of encouragement flowed freely to an exercised remnant. At the close of this meeting was held our Monthly meeting for discipline, which I thought was a pretty solemn time a great deal of business being before the meeting to day which was very agreeably conducted. Thomas Dixon Walton of Burton meeting was cleared from all other engagements relating to marriage except with his friend Mary Shillitoe a member of Tottenham Monthly Mg. in the county of Middlesex, the friends of that Monthly Mg. was informed thereof by our certificate, unto whom the further therein was refer'd. Also Robert Wood of Highflatts Mg. was cleared from all other engagements relating to marriage except with his friend Sarah Earnshaw of Marsden Monthly meeting in Lancashire; we inform'd the friends of said Meeting thereof, unto whom the further care therein was refer'd. I also return'd the minute of last Mo. expressive of friends unity with me in my concern to visit some Meetings in Lancashire, and informed the meeting that through divine assistance I had been enabled to go through the service before me, so as to be favoured with the evidence of peace in my return. Both meetings held near 4 hours. After which I din'd at William Awmaks, and afterwards called at Ann Thorps of John Bottomley where I sat a little and then we came together by Sandal, and Milthorp to Standbridge where we parted, and I came up to Dircar where I got a little past 5 o'clock, and tarried all night at my kind friend Christopher Walkers.

On 14th. abd 3rd. of week, I breakfasted this morning at William Pickards, and felt myself much better in health than I had done for several days past, left Dircar about 10 o'clock in the forenoon, and came to my Uncle Joseph Houghs of Crigglestone where I stopt about 1 hour and a half and before I left got some refreshment, then came by Bretton and Parkmill to Skelmanthorp where I drunk Tea at Charles Blackburns, stopt about 1 hour and a half and then came by Cumberworth home where I got betwixt 5 and 6 in the evening.

An Account of my Journey to a Public Meeting held at Woolley in the 12th. Mo. 1809

In the course of my religious visit to the inhabitants within the compass of our Monthly meeting as way appeared to open, I found my mind drawn to visit the inhabitants of Woolley, but Godfrey Wentworth a Justice of Peace who lives in the village, and is owner of the whole, being twice applied to by friends to permit a meeting to be held there, could not be prevailed upon to give leave and without it, none durst give up a place for that purpose however desirous they might be, so we concluded to give it up for the present and after I had finished the business as far as opened before me, I felt easy for a time respecting this place; but after my return from Lancashire my concern towards the inhabitants there revived and increased and whilst I was under this exercise George Brearey of Dewsbury came to my house, unto whom I opened the concern I was under, and added that I thought if a place could be met with a little out of the village, and the inhabitants have general notice, if but few attended I should feel easy believing such would be there for whom the meeting was intended. George gave me great encouragement, and offered himself to go and try to procure a place and give notice of a meeting to the inhabitants, to be held the first day following, he accordingly went, and met with one Benjamin Moody who lived on his own estate, a little out

of the village, but within the Township, who was willing to give up his house for the purpose, and he accordingly took considerable pains in giving notice to the inhabitants of the village, and the vicinity thereof. On the 16th. of ye. 12th. Mo. 1809 and 7th. day of the week, after dinner I prepared myself, and leaving home went to John Pickfords of Park were I stopt a little, and then proceeded to my Nephews Robert Woods of Moorbottom were I stopt a considerable time and drunk Tea, then went to Joshua Dysons of Woodhouse, got there a little past 6 o'clock were I lodg'd.

On 17th. and 1st. of week, About 8 o'clock in the morning, I set out for Woolley, and Joshua Dyson accompanied me thither, whose company was very acceptable: We went by Skelmanthorp, Clayton, and Bretton dykeside to Benjamin Moodys in the Township of Woolley where the meeting was to be held, got there about half past 10, where we met with George Brearey he advised us to go to into a Neighbours house until they made some little preparation for the meeting, which we did; I felt extremely low and discouraged, and the Woman of the house added thereto by expressing her desire that our meeting might not be disturbed, saying that the People had behaved very rudely of late amongst the Methodists when assembled by throwing squibs and crackers amongst them and making other tumultuous work. The meeting began at 11 o'clock and held about 2 hours, the inhabitants of the village, and neighbours mostly attended, so that the house was crowded, and many in two adjoining rooms; We had not sat long, before the Power of Truth eminently overshadowed us, all fear of man was removed; and it proved an extraordinary season of divine favour. I had a very long testimony to bear the Truth from John C: 9. v: 11. A man that is called Jesus made clay, and anointed mine eyes; and said unto me; Go to the pool of Siloam; and I went and washed, and received sight. I was next concerned in Prayer, and afterwards stood up and expressed that I did not wish to detain the People unnecessarily, that I felt much for them as they had to stand mostly all the time, but I thought it right to acknowledge my obligation to them for favouring us with their company, and our satisfaction with their very commendable behaviour, and added that as I believe it had been a time of favour to many so I had desired that when we separated, they might endeavour to keep retired in their minds, and not enter hastily into conversation, lest the fowls of the air should pick up the seed mercifully sown, and after a few words more in exhortation, I recommended them unto God, and to the teachings of his pure and spiritual grace; and saluting them in the love of the Gospel, bade them all farewell. They departed in a very becoming manner, and many who appeared tenderly affected shook hands with us in a very friendly manner. Being very hot with the crowd and exercise of the meeting after the People were gone, I sat me down with the other friends by the fire, and George Brearey having brought a little Rum in his Pocket I took some of it mixt with water which I found very serviceable to me. Whilst we were thus set Mary Milner a pious young Woman of the Methodists Society who frequently appears in Public amongst them return'd, requesting us to go dine with them at her Fathers house in the village; we accepted the invitation; and George Brearey, John Fozzard and myself went with her where we met with a very kind reception from the whole family; We din'd, and tarried until a little past 3 o'clock, and then left there and went by Hollingthorp, to Crigglestone where I parted with the friends they going home, and I proceeded to Christopher Walkers of Dircar, got there a little past 4 o'clock where I lodg'd. Our Select meeting was held there this evening, only six attended, Dinah Woodhead having been many years prevented through infirmities which render her unable to attend any meetings Robert Whitaker stopt on account of the Committee having ordered the members of this meeting not all to leave the family at one time. John Bottomley we had no account what prevented his attendance. Sarah Barber who with her husband and children had been settled some time in Wakefield, and for whom we received a certificate the last Monthly Meeting from Westminster Monthly meeting with an indorsement thereon from Pickering Monthly Meeting, in which she was recommended as an acknowledged Minister, but Jonathan Barber her husband departing this life after a short sickness the last first day and being buried on sixth day, prevented her attendance, soon after we sat down we were baptized together in spirit before the Lord who was graciously pleased to arise for our help and favour us with a

satisfactory meeting. Before the business was entered upon Isabella Harris had a pretty long and encouraging testimony to bear, and in the course of answering the Queries I had another. The Queries were read and Answers to the 2nd. and 4th. considered, drawn up approved and Signed in order to be laid before our ensuing Select Quarterly meeting. Also the advices to Ministers and Elders were read. The meeting held near 2 hours.

On the 18th. and 2nd. of week, our Monthly Meeting being held at Wakefield to day, After breakfast I set out towards there went by Milthorp and Sandal and got to Wakefield just in time to the meeting. It was large of friends and a few of other Societies came in Isabella Harris had a pretty long testimony to bear therein first 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. I next from Matt: C: 13. v: 16. Blessed are your eyes; for they see. At the close of the meeting for Worship was held a meeting for discipline in which the business of our Monthly meeting was gone through; amongst other things, William Woodhead and Esther Roberts both of Wooldale Mg. laid before us their intentions of taking each other in Marriage. The Queries were also read and Answers thereto from all our Preparative Meetings viz. Pontefract, Burton, Highflatts, Ackworth, Wakefield and Wooldale, and a General Answer prepared, approved and Signed in order to be laid before our ensuing Quarterly Meeting. the business was very unanimously conducted; yet so much came before the meeting today, that we were obliged to make use of candles before it was concluded. Both meetings held 5 hours and a half. After which I din'd at William Leathams, and about 6 o clock left Wakefield and went to Mark Braers of Alverthorp were I lodg'd. after Tea Mark and me went and sat a little at Thomas Houlds and then returned to supper.

On 19th. and 3rd. of week, about 9 o clock in the morning, I left Alverthorp and came by Flanshaw, Horbury and Netherton, dear Mark Braer accompanying me a little on this side were we parted in much nearness of affection, he returning and I came by Midgley and Emley to Skelmanthorp were I din'd at Charles Blackburns and stopt upwards of 2 hours then came by Cumberworth home were I got about 4 o clock.

An Account of my Journey to a Meeting at Barnsley in the 1st. Mo. 1810.

I left home ye.13th. of ye. 1st. Mo. 1810 and 7th. day of the week about 1 o clock in the afternoon, and went to Denby were I stopt about half an hour at Ralph Swindens, and then proceeded by Dakinbrook and Cawthorne to Barnsley were I got betwixt 4 and 5 o clock drunk Tea at Thomas Dixon Waltons who is now got comfortably settled with an agreeable Wife, but at present in a poor state of health, and I fear rather dangerous; I stopt about 2 hours there and then went to John Yeardeleys were I lodg'd. In my way thither I met with my friend James Neville from Wigan in Lancashire who was on a journey of business we was very glad in so unexpectedly meeting with each other and notwithstanding he was leaving the town this evening in the Mail, he came and spent half an hour with me at my quarters to our mutual satisfaction.

On 14th. and 1st. of the week, I was at the meeting at Burton were I met with Charles Hinchcliffe who came there on purpose to accompany me to Wakefield were our Monthly meeting was to be held the next day. In this meeting I had two pretty long testimonies to bear the first from Luke C: 19. v: 21. I feared thee because thou art an austere man: thou takest up that thou layedst not down, and reapest that thou didst not sow. And afterwards from Eccle: C: 11. v: 6. In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand; for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good. At the close of the Meeting for Worship the business of their Preparative meeting was gone thro', Both meetings held 2 hours and a quarter; John Wilson being prevented from attending the meeting thro' indisposition, I went into his house to see him, found him poorly but better than he had been, I stopt a little and took a glass of Rum and Water and then came

with William Harvey of Barnsley to his house were I din'd. afterwards I return'd to John Yeardeleys to Tea and was at their meeting which is now removed from Thomas Walker Haighs to a very convenient room in his house; It began at 5 o'clock and held upwards of 2 hours I had felt for some time in exercise upon my mind to be at this meeting and was favoured with strength fully to relieve myself therein, having a long testimony to bear from Num: C: 23. v: 9. From the top of the rocks I see him, and from the hills I behold him; lo the people shall dwell alone and shall not be reckoned among the nations. Afterwards I had a pretty long time from Jam: C: 4. v: 4. The friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God. There was 26 attended besides my companion and me. After meeting several stopt and spent the evening with us.

On 15th. and 2nd. of week, We left Barnsley betwixt 7 and 8 o'clock in the morning in company with William Taylor and Thomas Yeardley, the former having lately removed from Shafton to Barnsley went by Newmillerdam and Milthorp to Sandal were we stopt near half an hour at an Inn and got some refreshment, paid 3d a piece, and then proceeded to Wakefield were we got just in time to the meeting which was larger than I expected, being a sharp frost with heavy showers of snow. In the forepart thereof it was to me a very low and discouraging time, feeling as if the strength of the bearers of burdens were ready to fail, but strength arising out of great weakness it proved upon the whole a satisfactory meeting. I had a few words therein in testimony first from Isai: C: 40. v: 29. He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength. Isabella Harris had a pretty long time next from Luke C: 13. v: 7. Cut it down; why cumbereth it the ground. and afterwards John Bottomley from Isai: C: 5. v: 4. What could have been done more to my vineyard that I have not done in it. At the close of the meeting for worship was held our Monthly meeting for discipline, in which meeting, William Woodhead and Esther Roberts both of Wooldale meeting were cleared from all other engagements relating to marriage and left at liberty to accomplish theirs when they and Wooldale friends saw meet. Also Thomas Firth of Pontefract meeting laid before us his intentions of Marriage with Hannah Priestman of Pickering Mo. meeting. We had a great deal more business before the meeting to day but it was carried on very agreeably without interruption except from Thomas Firth of Lindley a man who had once know a better state, he happening to be here to day, and a son of his who resides in Wooldale meeting being under dealing, he broke in upon the business of the meeting in a very abrupt and rough manner, but being soon silenced, the business went on sweetly to the conclusion. Both meetings held 4 hours. After which I intending for Ackworth and Joseph Birkbeck of Settle having been assisting them there some time and was at the meeting to day, being desirous we should walk together, we went with John Robinson of Fieldhouse to dine, and after dinner proceeded, by Crofton Fowlby, Wragby and Hazle to Ackworth, it Snowing most of the way, but having such agreeable company it neither appeared long nor tiresome, got to the School about 6 o'clock to Tea were I tarried all night; here I met with our worthy ancient friend William Sowerby from Richmond Mo. meeting, who was here on a visit but being rather indisposed in the morning, felt easy to omit going to Wakefield; we was truly glad to see each other, remembering our united labours and exercises when he was a member of our Monthly meeting.

On 16th. and 3rd. of week. I left Ackworth about 11 o'clock, and went to James Harrisons of East.Hardwick were I got before 12, having been sometime engaged to go and tarry a while at his house; I found him extremely low; but much better and cheerful after I had been a while in his company.

On 17th. and 4th. of week. After dinner I left Hardwick, James Harrison accompanied me about 4 miles and then return'd; came by Ackworth Hemsworth and South heenley to Shafton were I got about 4 o'clock and lodg'd at Timothy Sykes's.

On 18th. and 5th. of week, I left Shafton a little before 9 o'clock in the morning and came by Cudworth and Burton to Barnsley were I sat a little at Frances Yeardeleys, and then went to Thomas Dixon Waltons who was very poorly I thought no better than when I saw him

before; He appeared much pleased to see me, and I stopt a considerable time with him and got some refreshment, tarried in Barnsley upwards of 2 hours, and then came to Cawthorne were I din'd at Thomas Wests, stopt about 2 hours, and then came by Dakinbrook to Denby were I drunk Tea at Joseph Grayhams stopt about 2 hours and then came to William Cockells of Moorroidnook were I sat about half an hour and got home about 8 o'clock.

An Account of my Journey to Brighouse Monthly Meeting held at Brighouse
in the 2nd. Mo. 1810.

I left home on the 15th. of ye. 2nd. Mo. 1810 and 5th. day of the week, after breakfast, and went to John Pickfords of Park to be shaved, were I stopt near an hour, leaving there a little before 10 o'clock, I proceeded to Shepley were I called upon John Haigh who accompanied me in this Journey as far as Dewsbury and then returned home from thence. I stopt at his house about an hour and got some refreshment, and then we set out and went by Woodsom.mill and Almondbury to Huddersfield were we stopt about 1 hour with George Mallinson in his Warehouse, and took a Glass of Rum and Water then proceeded by Rastrick to Brighouse were we got about 4 o'clock in the afternoon, and drunk Tea at James Houghtons; after Tea we went to James Lees's, were we met with my beloved friend William Midgley who had previously inform'd me of his intentions of being at the Monthly Meeting at this place and from thence to see his friends at Gildersome, and Leeds, and so to our Monthly meeting at Wakefield and from to my house to stop a few days, we was truly glad to see each other, and stopt there together until betwixt 7 and 8 o'clock in the evening, and then went 1 mile to John Kings of Sleadyke, were we lodg'd. William Midgley and James Lees accompanied us thither, stopt supper with us and then return'd.

On 16th. and 6th. of week, was at the Monthly Meeting at Brighouse which was large the Meetinghouse being well filled. It was to me a low and exercising time and held throughout in silence; At the close of the meeting for worship was held their Monthly meeting for discipline which is now constituted of 5 Preparative meetings, viz. Leeds, Bradford, Brighouse, Huddersfield, and Gildersome. A great deal of business was before the meeting to day and some in which diversity of sentiments, I though rather unprofitably appeared which caused the settling of some cases to be long and tedious, yet upon the whole the business was pretty well conducted, towards the conclusion, I was enabled to relieve my mind in a pretty long testimony. Both meetings held near 4 hours after which we din'd at James Lees's, and after dinner went and sat a little at Thomas Dearnallys who is under convincement, and his Wife accepted a member of our Society. From thence we went to Thomas Coopers, were John King met us, and after Tea we went with him to his house were we lodg'd.

On 17th. and 7th. of week, betwixt 9 and 10 o'clock in the forenoon we left here John King setting us on our way about 3 miles and then return'd we went by Brighouse to Clifton were we called to see John Broughton a person under convincement and had a comfortable opportunity with him and his Wife and children, in which the language of encouragement flowed freely, I having a pretty long testimony to bear from Rev: C: 2. v: 10. Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life. We got a little refreshment here; stopt about 1 hour and a half, and then went by Kirklees.hall, and went a little out of our way into the Park to see the Grave of Robinhood which is inclosed with Iron pales, and a stone at one end with his name cut upon it, and time of his death with some other things. From thence we went by Mirfield to Dewsbury were we got about 2 o'clock, and din'd at William Wass's. After dinner I parted with my companion and went to Tea to George Breareys were I lodg'd; after Tea I went to Morrith Matthews's were I sat a little then returned to my quarters to supper.

On 18th. and 1st. of week, I awoke this morning about 3 o'clock extremely ill of my usual complaint the Cholick which was succeeded by a violent Lax so that I thought I should

not be able to get to Wakefield, but remembering that the being at that meeting was much impressed upon my mind before I left home, I was encouraged to try, and setting out early in company with George Brearey, and walking slowly I was enabled to get there better than I expected. The meeting was large considering the day was stormy. I had a pretty long testimony to bear therein from Numb: C: 23. v. 23. Surely, there is no enchantment against Jacob, neither is there any divination against Israel. At the close of the meeting the business of their Preparative meeting was gone thro'. Both meetings held little more than 2 hours. I felt very poorly when the meetings were over, and went immediately to the Sine of the White.horse in Westgate were I got 6 pennyworth of Red wine Negus which was of use to me, whilst I was set there our friend Sarah Barber sent her son to invite me to her house to dine, I accepted the invitation and went with him; After dinner he being an Apothecary ordered me a glass of red wine and water with plenty of Ginger in it which relieved me very much. From hence I went to Alverthorp were I lodg'd at my kind friend Mark Breasers, got there about 4 o'clock. After Tea Thomas Hould and William Blackburn came in to see me soon after which we closed into silence, which proved an open satisfactory opportunity. I had a long testimony to bear therein from Eph: C: 2. v: 8, 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. Afterwards I had a short time from 1 Thes: C: 4. v: 11. Study to be quiet and to do your own business.

On 19th. and 2nd. of week, After breakfast I return'd to Wakefield, were I called to bespeak a hat of George Oates a person who appeared to be under convincement having for sometime past attended our religious Meetings, from thence I went to cousin William Steads were I sat a little, and then went to our Monthly meeting held this day at Wakefield which was large especially of men friends, and being measurably owned with the divine presence, was satisfactory. John Bottomley was first concerned therein in supplication and afterwards I had a long testimony to bear 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 were his own. At the close of the meeting for Worship was the meeting for discipline. Thomas Firth of Pontefract meeting was cleared from all other engagement relating to marriage except with his friend Hannah Priestman a member of Pickering Monthly meeting of which we certified the friends of said meeting leaving the further care therein unto them. Also the friends appointed last month but one to pay a third visit to Mary Armitage near Dewsbury on her application to be received a member of our Society, brought in the following report viz.

Agreeably to appointment we have visited Mary Armitage; and we acknowledge the opportunity was satisfactory. As she appears to be convinced of friends Principals, and is of consistant conduct, we do not now feel any objection to her being received into membership; but leave the matter to the Monthly meeting.

Dewsbury 11th.
of 2nd. Mo. 1810

Christopher Walker
Robert Whitaker
Ann Thorp
Isabella Brearey

The meeting on solidly considering the said report, and her case; agreed to accept her a member of our Society. A great deal more business was before the meeting to day and some very painful cases in which there appeared diversity of sentiments, but Truth through much painful labour I believe gained the ascendancy. Both meetings held 4 hours and a quarter. After which I din'd at William Awmacks, and afterwards went and sat a little at Ann Thorps, then leaving Wakefield, I came to Dircar were I got a little before 6 o'clock and lodg'd at Christopher Walkers.

On 20th. and 3rd. of week, In the morning I went to Breakfast at John Pickards with my beloved friend William Midgley who came there the evening before from Wakefield. After Breakfast we came to William Pickards were we tarried some time and before we set out took

each of us a glass of wine and water. We left Dirtcar a little before 11 o'clock and came to Crigglestone where we called at John Barkers who keeps the Sine of the Lime kilns, William Midgley being acquainted with them, they having a daughter convinced and joined with our Society who is housekeeper to a friend in Rochdale. They appeared exceeding kind we stopt nearly 3 hours and din'd there, and though we offered to pay them for our entertainment they would not be prevailed upon to take anything. John Barker being coming to Bretton about business, we came together thither, and then William having a horse came to my house by the way of Emley, and I came the footway up the valley by Parkmill to Dykeside where I stop half an hour at Joshua Morleys, and got home a little before 6 in the evening. William Midgley having got there upwards of 1 hour before me. He stopt with us until the 7th. day following, and then set out towards home.

An Account of my Journey to our Spring Quarterly Meeting held at Leeds in 3rd. Mo. 1810.

I left home ye. 26th. of ye. 3rd. Mo. 1810, and 2nd. day of the week about 9 o'clock in the morning, and went by Cumberworth to Skelmanthorp where I stopt upwards of 2 hours and a half at Charles Blackburns and din'd, then proceeded by Emley and Midgley to Netherton where I rested above half an hour at cousin John Woods, then proceeded, by Horbury bridge, Horbury, and Flanshaw to Alverthorp where I got about 5 o'clock to my kind friend Mark Braers where I tarried all night. After Tea I went to Thomas Houlds, and Mark Braer, and William Blackburn following me thither, and I having a Pamphlet in my Pocket, The forepart of the life of Elizabeth Ashbridge, I read it them which I thought proved a profitable time. After which I return'd with Mark Braer to his house to supper.

On 27th. and 3rd. of week, After Breakfast I went to Wakefield being under appointment of our Monthly Meeting along with some other friends to visit Mary Barber a young Woman who had improperly given way in keeping company with a young man not a member of our Society, and persisted in it contrary to the advice of the Overseers. The time fixt to meet her Mother Sarah Barbers was 10 o'clock this forenoon, I got there a little before the time and Christopher Walker a little after, but it was past 11 o'clock before the Women friends came. The opportunity held pretty long and was a very painful distressing time, there appearing no room in her to receive the advice of her frds. and her behaviour was very far from being civil. After it was over we went to the White horse and drew up the following report to lay before our next Monthly meeting viz.

We have visited Mary Barber, but cannot say to any satisfaction; she desiring us to avoid saying anything upon the subject; as she was determined not to drop the connection. Nevertheless we was enabled to communicate some advice, yet not without considerable interruption from her.

Wakefield 3rd. mo: 27th. 1810.

Christopher Walker
Joseph Wood
Hannah Dumbleton
Ann Hoyle

After we had finished our business, three of us stopt to dine here, paid 1s 3d a piece eating and 3d Liquor. About half past 1 o'clock I left Wakefield having the company of my beloved friend Christopher Walker to Leeds. We had a wet journey, went by Newton, Lofthouse and Hunslet got to Leeds about half past 4 o'clock, took a cup of Tea at Samuel Grimshaws shop and then went to our Quarterly Meeting for Ministers and elders which began at 5 o'clock and held upwards of 2 hours and a half. The Queries were read and Answers received from all our Monthly meetings except Pickering, were a Select meeting had been lately reestablished but had not been held. A General Answer was prepared therefrom to lay before the Yearly meeting of Ministers and Elders. Also the advices to Ministers and elders were read, and

William Coning, Isaac Taylor, Elizabeth Fletcher and Hannah Broadhead were appointed to oversee the succeeding meetings and advise as occasion may require. Our friend Martha Smith who had been for a very long time so exceeding poorly that her dissolution had been almost daily expected, was so far recovered as to get to this meeting, and at the close of the business, she bore as she sat upon her seat, not being able to stand upon her feet a living testimony expressing her thankfulness, that after being long prevented from attending these meetings she was favoured to feel the Masters presence near both in the time of silence, and in the conducting of the affairs of the meeting, and then branched forth into much encouragement especially unto a deeply tryed remnant. After the meeting I went to Joseph Shackletons of Holbeck where I took up my quarters.

On 28th. and 4th. of week at 10 in the morning was a meeting for Worship, which tho' mostly select of friends, was very large, yet I thought I had seen it more fully attended by friends, Ellin Cocken had a short testimony therein first from Isai: C: 63. v: 16. Doubtless thou art our father, though Abraham be ignorant of us, and Israel acknowledge us not. Jane Doncaster a little longer next from Isai: C: 9. v. 6, 7. Unto us is a child born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulders, and his name shall be called, Wonderful, Counsellor; The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end. Catherine Tricket had a long time next from Heb: C: 13. v: 14. Here have we no continuing city, but we seek one to come. Thomas Colley had a very long time next from Isai: C: 48. v: 7. I am the Lord thy God, which teacheth thee to profit; which leadeth thee by the way that thou shouldest go. Ellin Cocken had a short time next from Isai: C: 1. v. 2, 3. Hear, O heavens; and give ear, O earth; for the Lord hath spoken; I have nourished and brought up children, and they have rebelled against me. The ox knoweth his owner, and the ass his masters crib; but Israel doth not know, my People doth not consider. At the close of this meeting was a meeting for discipline; in which the 1st. 3 Queries were read and Answers thereto from all our Monthly meetings; and a General Answer prepared for the Yearly Meeting. In Answer to the 2nd. Query accounts were given of some appearance of convincement in Pontefract, Brighouse, Gisbro' Pickering and Hull Mo. Meetings, and that 4 persons had been admitted into membership thereby since last year viz 1 in Pontefract and 3 in Brighouse Mo. Meetings; a little more necessary business was gone thro' and then the meeting adjourn'd until 5 in the evening. Both meetings held upwards of 3 hours and a half. After which I din'd and drunk Tea at William Rathmells. At 5 in the evening met pursuant to adjournment. The rest of the Queries were read, and the Answers thereto, and General Answers prepared for the Yearly Meeting. In answer to the 11th. Query it appeared, that two meetings which had been some years discontinued were again reestablished, viz. Salterforth in Settle Mo. Meeting and Bridlington in Hull Mo. Meeting. In Answer to the 12th. Query, It appeared that 2 young men in Pontefract Mo. meeting had suffered each one month imprisonment in the house of correction in Wakefield for refusing to serve in the local Militia. Some other business was gone thro', and then the meeting adjourn'd until the next day at 10 in the forenoon having held upward of 3 hours.

On 29th. and 5th. of week, at 10 in the morning met pursuant to adjournment. Before the business of the meeting was opened George Sanders had a pretty long testimony to bear, principally addressed to the youth, The General Answer to the Queries were read and Signed in order to be laid before the Yearly meeting. The business of this quarter was finished in this sitting, the whole having been conducted in much harmony, and there being not much upon the Books, not little more being brought on, this meeting only held about 2 hours. After which I din'd at Joseph Walkers, and drunk Tea at Joshua Ingles. At 5 in the evening was a Publick meeting for worship, which was large not only the house but the Lofts being well filled many of other societies attending, George Sanders had a long testimony to bear therein first from Matt: C: 7. v: 9, 10, 11. What man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone? Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent? If ye then being evil know how to give good Gifts unto your children; how much more shall you Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him. Ann Alexander next from 2 Thess: C: 2. v:

1,2. We beseech you brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him, That ye be not soon shaken in mind. The meeting held about 2 hours. Our friend Ann Alexander being desirous that the Ministers and Elders should sit a little together before we separated, and having communicated her concern to some friends, who approving thereof, information was given at the close of this meeting to the friends in these stations to stop a little. We sat upwards of half an hour together in which time suitable advice and admonition were communicated by Charles Parker, Ann Alexander, and Martha Smith and Ann Alexander concluded the opportunity in Prayer. The Meetings being now over and having been eminently favoured throughout the several sittings; I feel desirous that we might each one be stirred up to vigilance in keeping our own vineyards clean, then shall we be strengthened availingly to labour in our different gifts, in our respective meetings, for the advancement of Truth and the spreading thereof; and for the removing of those things that marr or dim the beauty of our Zion.

On 30th. and 6th. of week, I set out about 6 o'clock in the morning in company with John Wommersley of Huddersfield, came together to John Elliss's of Gildersome where we breakfasted. Thomas Hartas and his Wife from Gisbro' Mo. meeting was there, and were very desirous of me spending the day with them, my own inclination would have prompted me to it, they being friends for whom I have a particular value; but the day being fine, I thought it might be best for me to endeavour to get home and so it proved for the next day turn'd out very wet. After spending about 3 hours very agreeably with my friends here, I set out and came by Bruntcliffe, Batley, and Staincliffe to Mirfield where I din'd at the Black Bull paid 1s eating and 9d Liquor stopt 1 and a quarter and then crossing the Caldar at Ledgerbridge, came by Hopton, Houses and Lepton to Kirkburton where I rested me about half an hour at Joseph Grayham Mothers, then came by Shelley to Joseph Hinchcliffes of Whinney where I drunk Tea stopt about 1 hour and a half, and then set out again Joseph Hinchcliffe junr. set me on my way about 1 mile and then returned, and I got home a little before 8 o'clock in the evening.

An Account of my Journey to a Meeting at Barnsley in the 4th. Mo. 1810.

Feeling drawings in my mind to sit with the frds. of Barnsley in their meeting the evening before our Monthly meeting at Burton and also to attend their Meeting at Burton the same day, I proposed in my mind leaving home ye. 15th. of ye. 4th. Mo. 1810 and 1st. day of the week early in the morning, but having been for near two weeks afflicted with a distemper very prevalent amongst the inhabitants in our part something like a bad cold; the day before I purposed setting out, it brought on my old complaint the Cholick which in the afternoon swelled me very much, this was succeeded by a violent Lax and vomiting so that I could get very little rest in the night, my appetite also seemed so far gone, that I could not take any solid food, in this situation it appeared to me almost improbable to get through the journey before me or any part thereof, yet I could not easily give up the thoughts of attempting to get to Barnsley, so that after much reasoning I gave up to try, and left home a little after 12 o'clock, went by Denby, Dakinbrook and Cawthorne, was favoured to reach Barnsley a little after 4 o'clock, very poorly and weary, got Tea at William Harveys, and went with them to the meeting which began at 5 o'clock and held 2 hours, there was 37 persons there several friends being at it who were come to attend the Monthly meeting the next day at Burton,, and a few of other Societies came in; I felt so very poorly when I went in that I did not at all expect to stop the time it proved a good meeting, an holy solemnity covered many minds; I was enabled to bear a long testimony therein from 1 Thes: C: 4. v: 11. Study to be quiet and to do your own business. Leah Kinsley had a few words next, and afterwards I had a short 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. I lodg'd at John Yeardeleys my usual quarters in this town of late. After

meeting my Lax gradually stopped, I felt an increase of strength, and was favoured to return home in a much better state of health than when I left it, and renewedly saw, That it is better to trust in the Lord, than to lean to our own understanding.

On 16th. and 2nd. of week, I went to Burton, got there just in time to the meeting, There was a large appearance of friends, yet I thought the meeting was not so large as usual, the house not being quite full. A remnant were feelingly baptized in spirit together, the dead in due time was raised and I thought it was a satisfactory meeting towards the close thereof Isabella Harris had a pretty long testimony to bear from 1 Cor: C: 15. v. 29, 30. What shall they do which are baptized for the dead, if the dead rise not at all? why are they then baptized for the dead? And why stand we in jeopardy every hour. At the close of the meeting for Worship was our Monthly meeting for discipline, the business of which was agreeably conducted. Both meeting held about three hours. After which I din'd at John Wilsons, and after dinner return'd to Barnsley, wanting to see Isabella Harris I met with her and several other friends at George Alletsons were we drunk Tea, after Tea I went to Samuel Cowards and Thomas Walker Haighs sat a little at each place and then went to my quarters were William Taylor formerly of Shafton, but now of this Town, and William Bayldon came and spent the evening with me.

On 17th. and 3rd. of week, I purposed to spend most of the forenoon with Thomas Dixon Walton who had been long in a weakly debilitated state. I called in my way thither upon several friends to take my leave of them, and stopt a little at Frances Yeardeleys, and Thomas Yeardeleys; when I got to Thomas Dixon Waltons I found them free from company but soon after I got in Leah Kinsley called to see him in her way home, we closed into silence and had a comfortable opportunity together in which myself and Leah Kinsley were both concerned in testimony. Soon after Leah Kinsley was gone, John Bottomley came in and we stopt dinner, and a little before 2 o'clock in the afternoon, we left Barnsley together and came to Cawthorne were we called at Thomas Wests, John Bottomley having some business with him we stopt there betwixt 3 and 4 hours, and got Tea, then came by Dakinbrook to Denby were I called and stopt about half an hour at Joseph Grayhams, and then came to William Cockells of Moorroid.nook were I stopt about half an hour, and then he accompanied me part of my way home, which gave me an opportunity of some conversation with him, which may be profitable unto him if he pays proper attention to it. I got home about half past 9 o'clock.

An Account of my Journey to a Meeting at Barnsley in 8th. Mo. 1810.

I left home ye. 19th. of ye. 8th. Mo. 1810, and 1st. day of the week a little before 5 o'clock in the morning and went to John Bottomleys of Wood to Breakfast who accompanied me to Burton we went by Dykeside, Dakinbrook and Cawthorne to Richard Scorahs of Barugh mill, were we stopt 1 hour and a half and got Tea, then proceeded to Burton were we got to John Wilsons about quarter past 10, stopt there until meeting time, and took a little refreshment. It was a laborious but I believe a profitable Meeting to many, I was first concerned therein in supplication, and afterwards had a short testimony from Psalms 37. v: 25. I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken. John Bottomley next from Luke C: 6. v: 34. When thine eye is single, thy whole body also is full of light. I next from Prov: C: 3. v: 5. Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. After a short time in silence, I appeared again from Prov: C: 14. v: 12. There is a way which seemeth right unto a man; but the end thereof are the ways of death. At the close of this meeting was held their Preparative meeting. Both meetings held 2 hours and a half. After which a committee of the Monthly meeting, of which I was one, sat with Mary Sykes on her application to be admitted a member of our Society. After this opportunity I went to dine at John Yeardeleys of Barnsley were I took up my quarters. At 5 in the evening began their meeting which held about 1 hour and a half. There was 23 attended besides several friends

from other meetings who were come to attend the Monthly meeting the next day at Burton. It was upon the whole a pretty satisfactory meeting, and John Bottomley had a pretty long testimony to bear therein from Psalms 8, v: 4. What is man that thou are mindful of him? or the son of man that thou visitest him?

On 20th. and 2nd. of week, After breakfast I went and sat a little at William Harveys, and before I left there got some refreshment, and then went to Samuel Cowards, stopt a little there, and then we walked together to Burton were we got just in time to the meeting which was very large of friends and others so that the house was full and several sat in the chamber; and I thought it was eminently favoured. Thomas Shillitoe from Middlesex was there and had a long testimony to bear therein; from Psalms 116. v: 12. What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits towards me? And afterwards Isabella Harris was highly favoured in Prayer. At the close of the Meeting for Worship was held our Monthly meeting for discipline in which a great deal of business was gone through in much harmony and concord, and several short, and encouraging testimonies were borne therein. The Committee appointed last Month to visit Mary Sykes of Shafton within the compass of Burton Meeting on her application to be admitted a member of our Society, brought in the following report viz.

“We have visited Mary Sykes, who upon enquiry told us; she had attended friends meetings about three years; that she had no motive whatsoever of applying for admission into membership, but an apprehension of duty; and having done what she apprehended to be her duty, she was quite easy as to the event. The opportunity was satisfactory; believing she was not only convinced of our religious principles, but that her conduct corresponded therewith. We felt so much unity with her, as removed every objection in our minds, to her being admitted a member of our Society, if the meeting concur in judgment therewith

Burton 8th. Mo. 19th. 1810

John Bottomley
Joseph Wood
Elizabeth Swire
Lydia Broadhead

The Meeting after solidly considering the report, and her case; agreed to accept her a member of our Society. Both meetings held 4 hours. After which I din'd at John Wilsons, and from thence return'd to Barnsley were I drunk Tea at Thomas Walker Haighs, and supp'd and spent the evening at Thomas Dixon Waltons in company with Thomas Shillitoe who gave me an account of some of his services in his late visit to Ireland particularly when under a concern of paying a religious visit, to the Inns and Publick houses, in Waterford, Clonmell, Kilkenny, and some other towns in which service he was in part joined by Elizabeth Ridgway a friend of that Nation who had been under a similar exercise of mind for some years, and some men friends gave up to accompany them. A few in some places would not receive them whom upon being denied they felt easy to pass by, but in the general they met with a very kind reception, many acknowledging their thankfulness for the visit, and some offering them money, which they could not receive, but informed them their motive was purely Love and all the reward they sought for was Peace thro' a faithful discharge of apprehended duty.

On 21st. and 3rd. of week, After breakfast, I went to see Frances Yeardeleys, and Thomas Yeardeleys sat a little at each place, and about 11 o'clock left Barnsley and came to Cawthorne were I din'd at Thomas Wests, stopt about 4 hours, and then proceeded intending just to call at Broad.oak to see Nathaniel Priest but a singular circumstance happening prevented me. I had got very little sleep the two nights I had been from home, the weather being hot, and as I came along for want of rest, and the heat I felt unusually weary, when I got into the foot way leading to Gunthwaite-mill, I sat upon a Style to rest me, but the air feeling cooler, I left the Style and sat by the side of the path, where I was unexpectedly overpowered with sleep, and dropt on, and slept until a man came by and waked me. I then arose, not knowing how long I had slept, and came by Gunthwaite and Denby home, were I got betwixt 8 and 9 o'clock.

An Account of my Journey on a religious visit to the Meetings of friends in Cheshire and Staffordshire, the Meeting of Dudley in Worcestershire, and a few adjacent meetings; also to Publick Meetings held at Lichfield and Stone in Staffordshire. in the 9th. and 10th. Mos. 1810.

Having the full unity and approbation of the friends of our Monthly Meeting in the prospect before me as appears by their Certificate a copy of which follows viz.

To Friends within the Counties of Cheshire and Staffordshire etc.

Our esteemed friend Joseph Wood, hath this day spread before our Meeting a concern, which, for a long time hath rested upon his mind to pay a religious visit to the Meetings of Friends in Cheshire and Staffordshire, the Meeting of Dudley in Worcestershire, and a few other adjacent Meetings; And this Meeting, after solid consideration, feels unity with him in his prospect and hereby certifies that he is a Minister in good esteem among us, his conduct and conversation being also consistant with his station. We recommend him to the friendly regard and sympathy of those where his lot may be cast, desiring that he may be favoured faithfully to labour for the edification of the visited, and that he may return to us with the evidence of Peace.

Signed in and on behalf of Pontefract Monthly Meeting held at Ackworth,
The 17th. of the 9th. Mo. 1810.

Robert Whitaker	Joseph Donbavand
Joseph Firth	John Yeardley
George Chapman	Joseph Johnson
John Bottomley	Thos. Walker Haigh
Leonard West	William Pickard junr.
Christopher Walker	Thomas Yeardley
John Leatham	Samuel Coward
James Harrison	Edward Dickinson
Benjamin Jowitt	Joseph Smith
John Adamson	John Lister
John Brook	

And having mentioned my concern to my friend James Harrison, he proposed if agreeable to me, and the friends of the Monthly Meeting; he would accompany me and convey me throughout the journey in his carriage, which being mentioned to the meeting after my Certificate was Signed he had the approbation thereof. Thus was I comfortably provided with assistance, and a kind and sympathizing companion, whose company I found of considerable advantage to me in many respects. He came to my house the evening before we proposed setting out; and we proceeded on our Journey leaving Newhouse ye. 28th. of ye. 9th. Mo. 1810 and 6th. day of the week betwixt 7 and 8 o clock in the morning, and went to Henry Swires of Wooldale were I stopt betwixt 2 and 3 hours whilst my companion went to see a person in the neighbourhood with whom he had some business, at his return we got Tea, then calling at cousin John Adamsons, and John Brooks, just to see them and take our leaves of them we proceeded to Holmfirth, Henry Swire accompanying us thither, and then return'd. we went by Holm and over the Moss to Woodhead in Cheshire, were we din'd at the George and Dragon paid 1s a piece eating and 6d Liquor stopt about 1 hour and a half there, just before we sat down to dinner John Pickford who had been on a journey of business to Manchester came by, we was truly glad to see each other, he came in and stopt whilst we did when taking leave one of another, we went by Tinsel, Mottram and Gee cross, to Stockport were we got about 7 o clock having travelled this day about 27 miles, and took up our quarters at George Jones, he and his Wife were both from home, yet we were kindly received and entertained by John Sase, and the other servants who are all friends.

On 29th. and 7th. of week, we spent most of the day at Ollive Sims's, until evening when we return'd to our quarters, in the forenoon I went to see Joseph Bents, and cousin Sarah Chapmans sat a little at each place, and then return'd to Ollive Sims's to dine.

On 30th. and 1st. of week, We attended both their Meetings in Stockport, that in the forenoon began at 10 o'clock, There was a considerable number of friends there, and we were favoured with a pretty open good meeting; I had a long testimony to bear therein from 2 Cor: C: 9. v: 15. Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift. Afterwards I was concerned in Prayer, and towards the close of the meeting had an affectionate exhortation to the youth. We din'd at Ollive Sims's. The afternoon meeting began at 3 o'clock, several of other Societies came in; I sat therein in a calm serene state of mind, as under the shadow of the Lords heavenly wing, but had nothing given me to communicate to others. After meeting we went to Tea to John Sase's, several friends came in to see us, with whom we had a comfortable opportunity, the language of encouragement flowing freely unto some deeply tried, but rightly exercised minds. After which we return'd to our quarters.

On 1st. of 10th. Mo. and 2nd. of week, we set out for Morley betwixt 7 and 8 o'clock in the morning 9 miles, William Nortcliffe being our guide, and Sarah Sims and two of her daughters accompanied us in the Carriage, and Joseph Bent on foot, we got to Hannah Cash's Widow of that valuable friend and Minister Thomas Cash, just in time to get Tea, and then went to the Meeting which began at 11 o'clock, There were a considerable number of friends, and a few of other Societies came in. It was a deeply exercising laborious meeting yet I was enabled to relieve my mind in a very long plain and close testimony, in which also the language of encouragement flowed unto the rightly exercised; from Jer: C: 8. v: 22. Is there no balm in Gilead? is there no physician there? why then is not the health of the daughter of my people recovered. From hence we went to Macclesfield which is about 10 miles. I sat a little at John Thompsons a choice friend who lives not far from the Meetinghouse until my companion went to Hannah Cash's for the carriage, and then in company with our friends from Stockport we went to dine at John Goodiers of Wilmslow. After dinner John Goodier sent his man with us to John Barlows of Chorley, we just stopt at the door, and took a glass of wine and then proceeded John Barlow being our guide to Macclesfield where we got about 5 o'clock, and took up our quarters at William Paxtons; but my companion slept at James Frosts.

On 2nd. and 3rd. of week, we was at their Meeting at Macclesfield which began at 11 o'clock. It was considerably enlarged since I was there before a pretty many having joined the society by conviction, and several others constantly attend friends meetings a few of other Societies also came in to day. It proved a memorable time of divine favour, many being very much broken and tendered, and I had a long and encouraging testimony to bear therein from Psalms 2. v: 11. Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling. At the close of the meeting I informed friend that I felt a liberty to propose to them to have a Publick meeting with the inhabitants this evening if upon solidly weighing it they thought it right, which was readily complied with. We then went to James Frosts to dine, he was formerly a Class.leader amongst the Methodists, but now he and his Wife and Son and Daughter are all united with frds. Many friends accompanied us here to dinner, and before we arose from the Table we had a precious opportunity, in which I had to address the friends son and daughter in two short testimonies. After which I took a walk into the friends yard he being a Timber.Merchant were I particularly noticed a young man at work with whom I had some conversation, and a few words of exhortation, he was very tender, and afterwards came to the meeting in the evening; his name is Joseph Newton, and he is about 19 years of age. Afterwards I went and sat a little at Samuel Stonehewers, and the return'd to James Frosts to Tea. The Public meeting began at 6 in the evening and held 2 hours and a half. Both ends of the Meetinghouse was well filled and some sat in the Lofts, and many stood out of doors who did not chuse to come in the evening being very fine and warm. It was an open satisfactory meeting, I had a very long testimony to bear therein from 1 Chron: C: 16. v: 29. Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his Name: bring an offering and come before him; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. Afterwards I was concerned in Prayer; and at the close of the meeting had a few remarks to make concluding with the salutation of Gospel love unto them and bade them all Farewel.

On 3rd. and 4th. of week, In the forenoon I went and sat a little at James Frosts. In the afternoon a little before 3 o'clock we set out for Leek in Staffordshire 13 miles, James Frost junr. being our guide, we got to Leek about half past 5 and took up our quarters at Toft Chorleys.

On 4th. and 5th. of week, After Breakfast Toft Chorley took us into a Garden of his a little out of Town which was very large and beautifully laid out in pleasant walks, but the greatest curiosity was a Summer-house built rather in a romantic style, but within, the top and sides were wholly lined with the most curious and beautifully variegated shells, minerals and fossils. After our return we went to the meeting in Leek, where the monthly meeting of Staffordshire was this day held, which began at 11 o'clock. It was but small, but I was glad in believing that there was an improvement amongst them since I was here before, and that a right exercise was increasing in some minds, I had a pretty long testimony to bear amongst them from John C: 1. v. 11, 12. He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name. Afterwards I had a short time from Psalms 105. v: 4. Seek the Lord and his strength. At the close of this meeting was held their Monthly Meeting for discipline which is constituted of 3 Preparative meetings viz. Stafford, Uttoxeter, and Leek, they had not much business before them to day, but the little was agreeably conducted, my Certificate was read and minuted in this meeting. both meetings held 2 hours. After meeting dear Francis West a friend for whom I have long had a very particular regard, and who is now removed near the Town, and his Wife went with us to dine at our quarters on purpose to have a little of our company. About quarter before 3 o'clock we set out to Uttoxeter 20 miles, Samuel Botham and his Wife from there being returning this evening in their Gig undertook to be our guide. We went to Cheadle where we stopt little more than half an hour at the Royal oak and got Tea, then proceeded to Uttoxeter where we got a little before 8 o'clock and took up our quarters at Samuel Bothams.

On 5th. and 6th. of week at half past 4 in the afternoon, we had a meeting in Uttoxeter the friends thinking it would answer better than more early in the day. It was I suppose fully attended, and tho' there are but a small number, yet it appeared to me there were different states, unto whom after a long low wading time in silence, I was led particularly to speak had a long testimony first from Prov: C: 23. v: 23. Buy the truth, and sell it not. And afterwards had two short times the first from Job C: 17. v: 9. The righteous shall hold on their way. And the other from Isai: C: 33. v: 13. Hear, ye that are far off, what I have done; and ye that are near, acknowledge my might. After meeting we called at the Widow Sarah Summerlands where we sat a little and took some refreshment, and then returned to our quarters.

On 6th. and 7th. of week about 10 o'clock we set out for Derby 18 miles, Samuel Botham was our guide, and he taking his carriage his Wife accompanied him, when we had got about half way, we turned about 1 mile out of our road to Tutbury to see Ann Moore who told us she had lived 3 years and a half without taking any solid food, and 2 years without taking anything at all, or getting any sleep except dosing a little at times, yet never so as to forget herself, her Legs and thighs are much contracted and she sits upon a bed, pretty much in one posture day and night as she cannot bear to lie down. She is very clean, and a comely looking Woman about 49 years of age, converses well, and has the use of her hands. She says she is not sensible of hunger or thirst nor of the want of sleep; and appears content and resigned in her situation; She has the Scriptures constantly before her, in which she mostly reads when without company. We stopt with her above half an hour, and had a good deal of conversation, at parting she shook hands with us. We put up at the Dog and Partridge where we din'd, stopt 2 hours in Tutbury, and then return'd to the road again the way we came, which made our journey to Derby 20 miles, which place we reached about 4 o'clock in the afternoon, and took up our quarters at Robert Longdens, but my companion slept at John Steers. After Tea we went to see John Steers and Christopher Wrays, sat a little at each place, and then return'd to our quarters.

On 7th. and 1st. of week we attended both their Meetings in Derby that in the forenoon began at half past 10 o'clock. They have got a Meetinghouse built 17 Yds. long and 10 Yds. wide, and have a burial-ground adjoining. many are become members of our society since I was here before, and a considerable number duly attend meetings who appear to be under conviction, and several of other societies came in. We were favoured with an open satisfactory meeting amongst them in which I had a long testimony to bear from John C: 14. v: 1, 2. Ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my fathers house are many mansions. And afterwards a short one from 1 Thes: C: 4. v: 11. Study to be quiet, and to do your own business. Near the close of the meeting James Harrison dropt a short and very acceptable exhortation. Their afternoon Meeting began at half past 2, and I having informed friends at the close of the forenoon meeting that if they was free they might inform their neighbours that their company would be acceptable, a great number attended, so that this meeting was very large and much favoured. I had a very long testimony to bear therein from John C: 3. v: 5. Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. Afterwards I was concerned in Prayer. The Meeting held upwards of 2 hours. After Meeting we went in company with several friends to the Widow Elizabeth Youngs to Tea. and my mind having been much attracted towards a young man in the forenoon meeting, as we sat together after Tea, I felt an exercise upon my mind concerning him, accompanied with a concern to go to his house, and speak with him; but knew not where he lived, whilst I was thus exercised, he came in, and after we had sat a while I beckoned him out, and we took a walk together into the fields; where I got an opportunity to relieve my mind to him to our mutual satisfaction; and we parted in much nearness of affection. His name is Joseph Brookhouse, he is about 25 years of age, is married and hath two children, and has attended friends meetings nearly 3 years.

On 8th. and 2nd. of week we set out for Lichfield 24 miles about quarter past 7 o'clock in the morning, John Steer being our guide, got to Burton upon Trent in Staffordshire where we stopt 1 hour and a half at the Crown Inn and got some refreshment, then proceeded to Lichfield where we got about half past 2 o'clock and took up our quarters at Thomas Langleys, a choice young man who hath joined the Society by conviction; his sister keeps his house and is very kind and friendly, he has also a Brother called John who lives in this city and hath married a friend since he joined the society and I believe these are the only friends that ever lived in Lichfield. I had thought of having a meeting with them this evening in one of their houses, but John Langley and his Wife being from home, I was prevented. After dinner we took a walk to the Cathedral and viewed it over both without, and within, which is a most magnificent building; and then went thro' several parts of the city. I felt a love to the inhabitants as I passed through the streets; but no way seemed to open for a meeting with them at present.

On 9th. and 3rd. of week we set out for Tamworth in Warwickshire, 7 miles about half past 8 o'clock in the morning. It being the meeting the frds. of Lichfield belong to, Thomas Langley and John Steer accompanied us thither. We got to Alder mills 6 miles about 10 o'clock where we put up at William Fowlers; It is a most beautiful village, principally inhabited by the Fowlers family there being 5 Brothers and Sisters living in it who have as many houses, like palaces surrounded with large and beautiful gardens, and the three Brothers have large families of children. After getting Tea we walked to Tamworth 1 mile. The meeting began at 11 o'clock. It principally consisted of the friends of Alder mills, and Litchfield with a few who appear to be under conviction in the Town. I sat therein for a considerable time in a very low discouraged state of mind but at length light broke forth as out of obscure darkness, and it proved a memorable season of divine favour many being much broken and tendered, both of the elder rank, and the dear youth. I had a long testimony to bear amongst them from Acts C: 2. v: 39. The promise is unto you, and to your children; and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call. After meeting we return'd to William Fowlers of Alder mills to dine, and after dinner went and sat a little at his Brother Joseph Fowlers. We set out for Birmingham betwixt 3 and 4 o'clock, dear Thomas Langley being

our guide, which from this place is 15 miles, went by Tamworth to Sutton colefield a very neat small Town were we drunk Tea at the sine of the 3 Tuns, stopt upwards of half an hour, and then proceeded to Birmingham were we got betwixt 7 and 8 o'clock in the evening, and took up our quarters at George Boone's.

On 10th. and 4th. of week, we Breakfasted at James Bakers, and from thence went to the Meeting in Town, were the Monthly Meeting of Warwickshire North was this day held. It began at 10 o'clock. They have a large Meetinghouse, and it was a large meeting, most of them belonging this particular meeting, and I believe there are some amongst them who are rightly exercised, but the greater number appeared to me robbed and spoiled, having rejected the offers of Gods Love, unto whom I believe a renewed call was this day mercifully extended. I was enabled to relieve my mind to the varied states amongst them, in a long testimony from Jer: C: 8: v: 5. Why then is this people of Jerusalem slidden back by a perpetual back sliding? they hold fast deceit, they refuse to return. At the close of this meeting was held their Monthly Meeting for discipline, which consists of two Preparative meetings viz. Birmingham, and Badgley, and the latter of Tamworth and some other small meetings which unite in one Preparative Meeting. They had a good deal of business before them to day which appeared to be agreeably conducted. John Rogers and Elizabeth Lyons both of Birmingham Mg. laid before this their intentions of taking each other in marriage. Also my Certificate was read and minuted. Both meetings held 3 hours and a half. Several friends din'd with us at our quarters, and several who live in the Town came to see us after dinner and appeared loving and kind. Betwixt 3 and 4 o'clock we set out for Stourbridge in Worcestershire, William Lloyd being our guide, which from here is 12 miles, went by Hales.owen in Shropshire, a town inclosed by Worcestershire and got to Stourbridge a little before 7 o'clock in the evening were we took up our quarters at Sarah Lowes.

On 11th. and 5th. of week, we had a meeting in Stourbridge which began at 11 o'clock. It was not large but pretty open and satisfactory. I had two pretty long testimonies to bear therein the first from Psalms 16. v: 11. In thy presence is fulness of joy, at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore. and the other from Gen: C: 28. v. 20, 21. If God will be with me, and will keep me in this 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. After dinner I took a walk a little out of Town, to Old.Swinford were T: Foley who is the Rector of that place lives; he has been a great promoter of the visionary nations of Joanna Southcott, and accompanied her on her visit to Yorkshire, but hath not as was reported given up his great Benefice, but hold fast the loaves not being willing to part with them for the sake of the miracle. I had a desire to have seen him, but not finding him out of doors, I did not like to go in to his house. After my return we went to William Bevingtons to Tea, were we had the company of many friends. After Tea we had a religious opportunity together in which I had a few words to communicate. We had the company of Elizabeth Hudson of this Town, an acknowledged Minister both to dine and drink Tea with us. We set out for Dudley 5 miles, about 5 o'clock; Thomas Taylor was our guide, we got there about half past 6 and took up our quarters at Thomas Martins, he and his Wife and her Sister who lives with them, all joined the society by convincement, and Elizabeth Nock the Sister is an acknowledged Minister.

On 12th. and 6th of week we went to Edward Bridgwaters, a friend who lives in the house where the worthy friend and able Minister Catharine Payton was born and lived until she was married, we sat a considerable time there and took a glass of wine and then returned to our quarters. The meeting in Dudley began at 11 o'clock. It was not large but painfully distressing in the forepart thereof, yet I was enabled to relieve my mind to the various states as they opened being led to speak closely to some who had lost the dew of former years, and encouragingly to a deeply tryed, and rightly exercised remnant, and tenderly to intreat the youth to close in with the present visitation so that it proved in the end a time of extraordinary favour. I had two pretty long testimonies to bear therein the first from Gal: C: 5. v: 7. Ye did run well, who did hinder you. and the other from 2 John : v: 4. I rejoiced greatly that I found of thy children walking in the truth. After meeting a friend who lives in the country was very

desirous for us to go to their house to Tea this afternoon which we at length complied with and Joseph Cowdry a friend of the town agreed to accompany us; he called of us after dinner, and we took Dudley Castle in our way, which is situated upon a very high hill from the top of the tower, we had a beautiful prospect over the Town, and a very populous country for many miles around. From thence we went about 2 miles and a half from the town to Thomas Mildreds of Tivydale house, where we stopt Tea, and afterwards return'd to the town, where we looked in at our kind friends Joseph Cowdry's, who accompanied us to Thomas Boughays and then returned, Thomas hath joined our Society by conviction a few years ago, We supp'd and spent the evening here: After supper Job Pitt a youth about 19 years of age who is Apprentice in the Town and hath newly been admitted a member of our society came to see us; As soon as he came in I felt love in mine heart towards him. And the Masters language on a certain occasion run through me, Somebody hath touched me. We closed into silence, and had a precious opportunity together, in which I was opened in the language of encouragement. From hence dear Job Pitt accompanied us to our quarters.

On 13th. and 7th. of week about 9 o'clock in the morning we set out for Stafford 22 miles, Job Pitt being our guide went by Wolverhampton in Staffordshire to Penkrige where we din'd at Lyttletons. Arms stopt about 2 hours, and then proceeded to Stafford, where we stopt about half an hour, called at James Nixons and took a glass of wine with them, he sent a servant with us to William Masters's of Doxey about 2 miles where we got about half past 5 o'clock, and where we took up our quarters. William was the son of the Landlord of the Crown Inn the head Inn in Rugeley at the time of his conviction, he is a very sincere friend with whom I felt near unity. His housekeeper Joyce Richard was also convinced in the same Town, and both were admitted members of our Society some years ago. I felt sweet peace in this house, for the son of peace was there. Dear Job Pitt and me slept together to night which gave him an opportunity of opening his mind to me; our love to each other increased; and the next day after meeting we parted in much nearness of affection.

On 14th. and 1st. of week, was at their Meeting at Stafford which began at 11 o'clock. It was formerly a very small meeting, and is not large now, but considerably increased by conviction, and several friends from other meetings was here to day, so that William Masters observ'd to us that he never saw so many friends collected there on any occasion before, and a few of other Societies came in. It was a solid good meeting; the spring of Life being early opened without that heavy labour we meet with in most places; and I had two testimonies to bear therein the first from 1 John C: 1. v: 7. If ye 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. And the other from Jer: C: 1. v: 6,7. Ah, Lord God, behold, I cannot speak, for I am a child. But the Lord said unto me, Say not, I am a child; for thou shalt go to all that I shall send thee, and whatsoever I command thee thou shalt speak. After meeting several friends came to dine with us he being a very hospitable kind friend, and his house felt like home to me. I now found that if I was favoured with Peace, I must return to Lichfield and have a Publick meeting with the inhabitants and dear Thomas Langley met us here and returning home this evening he undertook to procure a place and give notice to the inhabitants of a meeting tomorrow evening.

On 15th. and 2nd. of week, we set out for Lichfield 18 miles, dear William Masters being our guide thither. After Breakfast I walked to Stafford where I stopt at James Nixons until the friends called upon me. We left Stafford about 9 o'clock and in our way to Rugeley passed over a corner of Cankwood a piece of waste ground of very large extent, we left the Turnpike and went over a bye road which crossed an high hill from the top of which we had an extensive prospect in some directions to the distance of 50 miles. We got to Rugeley where we stopt about 1 hour at the Crown Inn our guide's Mothers, and got some refreshment, and then proceeded to Lichfield where we got about 2 o'clock and took up our quarters at John Langleys, but my companion lodg'd at Thomas Langleys. The friends here had got notices of the meeting printed and distributed to the inhabitants. The meeting was held in the Town-hall a very large room in which the Assizes for the city and its liberties are held, and in which

there are a considerable number of seats, and the friends added many temporary ones of planks. The meeting began at 6 in the evening and held 2 hours. A great many of the fashionable inhabitants of the city and others attended, and there being a considerable number of French prisoners in the city on parole, many of them came to the meeting so that it was very large, and it proved an open favoured opportunity. I had a very long testimony to bear therein 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. Afterwards I had a pretty long exhortation to drop withall commending the People for their good behaviour, and concluding with the salutation of Love to them bade them all Farewel. In my return from the meeting I called and got some suitable refreshment at Thomas Langleys, and then went to my quarters.

On 16th. and 3rd. of week, we breakfasted at Thomas Langleys, and about 9 o'clock left the city for Rugeley 7 miles, I set out on foot and dear Thomas Langley accompanied me 2 miles before my companions came up with me; we got to Rugeley were as before we put up at the Crown Inn; there are a few convinced friends in this Town, who belong to Stafford Meeting, but being at so great a distance hold a Meeting amongst themselves on week days. I had an appointed meeting with them to day to begin at 11 o'clock. It was held in their usual place the dwelling-house of James Widdam, there are 5 person who usually meet together, who all attended, and 2 others came in. it was to me a lowish time, but not painful, and I was glad I called upon them towards the close of the meeting. I had a short testimony to bear amongst them from Matt: C: 18. v: 20. Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them. After meeting I sat a little with James Widdam he being at present in a poor state of health, and took a glass of wine and water, and then returned to the Crown Inn were we din'd. Here I had a sense given me of the deep tryals and exercises my beloved friend William Masters had to pass through in this house, during the time of his convincement; not only from his Relations but the genteel company who resorted thither; but thro' his faithfulness, in time he experienced his enemies to be at peace with them, being now held in great esteem amongst them. We left Rugeley about 3 o'clock, and got to Stafford about 5 were I called at James Nixons and drunk Tea, but my companions went forward; I stopt about an hour and then walked to my old quarters at William Masters's of Doxey.

On 17th. and 4th. of week, feeling a concern upon my mind to have a Publick Meeting at Stone, we left Doxey about 9 o'clock this morning for Stone 9 miles William Masters and me set out on foot, leaving my companion and his servant to follow us; as we walked thro' the fields William queried of me, If I had any apprehension to whom my latter testimony in their meeting belonged to I told him I had not; but believed those to whom it did belong knew, he said many Strangers who had visited their meeting of late had been led in a similar manner and afterwards he told me that he had sometimes had a few words to drop in meetings which I knew nothing of before; but I found he was under great discouragement, but things opening in such a very particular manner in that meeting, I hope will prove a blessing unto him. When we had walk'd about 2 miles the friends came up with us, and I got into the carriage and William mounted his horse and we proceeded to Shallowford which is about half way to Stone we stopt here several hours at John Kents and din'd. Immediately after dinner William Masters and John Kent junr. set out for Stone to procure and prepare a place for the Meeting and to give notice thereof to the inhabitants. We tarried here until near 3 o'clock and then followed them thither, got to Stone about quarter before 4 o'clock, and there being only our friend James Dix's family in the Town who belong to Stafford Mg. we took up our quarters at the Crown Inn, James Dix being from home and his Wife indisposed, It began to rain just when we got to town, which was the first we had had of any consequence since we left home, and continued to be a wet night. The meeting began at 6 o'clock, it was held in a large Malthouse seated with planks, and a convenient Gallery erected There was a Meeting about the towns business, and a Stranger at the Independent meeting at the same time, which made ours smaller than otherwise it would have been; yet it was large, many genteel People and

others attending; and I thought it was highly favoured. I had a very long testimony to bear therein from Gal: C: 5 v: 6. In Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth anything, nor uncircumcision; but faith which worketh by love. Afterwards I had a pretty long exhortation. and was next concerned in prayer. At the close of the meeting I acknowledged our satisfaction with the company and commendable behaviour of the People, and after a short exhortation, saluted them in Gospel love and bade them Farewel. The Meeting held 2 hours.

On 18th. and 5th. of week we left Stone for Nantwich in Cheshire 21 miles, our dear friend William Masters continuing with us as guide. It was a very wet morning which prevented our seting out until half past 9 o clock, after which we had no rain to hurt. We dined by the way at the sine of the Swan in Woore, stopt about 1 hour and a half, and then proceeded got to Nantwich in Cheshire a little before 4 o clock, were we took up our quarters at Croudson Tunstalls.

On 19th. and 6th. of week, we was at the Meeting in Nantwich which began at 11 o clock. It was not large, but upon the whole was a satisfactory Meeting, I had a long testimony to bear therein from Mark C: 10. v: 17. Good master, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life? After I sat me down I perceived my beloved friend William Masters under great exercise of mind, and after a sore conflict, he gave up and bore a short testimony to the Truth, in great tenderness of spirit from Prov: C: 23. v: 23. Buy the Truth, Which was very acceptable to me, and strong were my cries, that he might be preserved in the innocency and simplicity of the pure Truth; and strengthened to persevere in the line of apprehended duty. I was next concerned in prayer. At the close of the meeting I informed friends that I felt a concern on my mind to have a Publick meeting this evening in this place if it felt agreeable to them, which was readily complied with. From hence we went to Edward Bellis's were we din'd and drunk Tea. At 6 in the evening the Publick meeting began which held 2 hours and a half. It was not so large as expected the evening being wet and dark, yet a very considerable number of sober looking People attended, and amongst the number a Presbyterian Priest, so that both ends of the Meetinghouse were well filled. It was an highly favoured meeting, and I had a very long testimony to bear therein from Psalms 4. v: 6. There be many that say, Who will shew us any good? Lord lift thou up the light of thy countenance upon us. At this town we parted with our dearly beloved friend William Masters. He had given up much time to accompany us; and we had been so nearly united in many humbling baptisms; and at times favoured to rejoice together; that the separation was severely felt by us all. He left here early the next morning.

On 20th. of 7th. of week, The morning was very wet which prevented our leaving here so early as we intended, we waited until 11 o clock, but it not offering to clear up, we set out for Chester 20 miles and had a very wet journey all the way except the last 5 miles. Croudson Tunstall was our guide. We din'd at the Swan in Tarporley, stopt there about 2 hours and then proceeded, got to Chester a little before 6 o clock were we took up our quarters at Thomas Lunts. Soon after we got in Thomas enquired if we was to have a Meeting at Newton in forest, I told him I understood the Meetinghouse was shut up and no meeting held there, he replied that was the case and had been for a few years past, but there was a friend there who had joined the Society by convincement, and had since married a friend, and another young Woman who was convinced and had applyed to be admitted into membership and that there was considerable openness amongst the Neighbours to attend friends meetings. On hearing this I was brought under an exercise of mind. and found I should not be easy without paying them a visit, Accordingly Thomas Lunt exerted himself and got a Letter of and almost immediately to the friend there requesting him to appoint a Publick meeting in the Meetinghouse at Newton on the forest to begin at 5 o clock tomorrow evening and give notice to the inhabitants thereof.

On 21st. and 1st. of week, was at their meeting at Chester which began at 10 o clock. There are but about 6 members who are able to attend meetings and these have mostly joined the Society by convincement since I was here before, several friends from other meetings were there to day who was about business at the fair; It being the time of their great fair

which continues several weeks, and 4 other Societies came in. But tho their number was few, there was different states which were opened and spoke to, in the authority of the Gospel James Harrison dropt a few words therein first from Matt: C: 7. v: 7. Seek, and ye shall find. I had a long testimony next from John C: 15. v: 14. Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you. After some time in silence I had to appear again having sundry exhortations to communicate to them. We left Chester betwixt 1 and 2 o'clock in the afternoon for Newton 10 miles Thomas Lunt being our guide; we had an exceeding wet Journey thither it raining very fast all the way, we got there a little past 4 o'clock. The Meetinghouse is in a very lonely situation; there being no house near it. We met with Alice Bentley there, the young Woman who is under conviction; who had been kindling a fire; She was very desirous for us all to go with her about half a mile to her Fathers to Tea, but my companions were not willing to go themselves, but would have me which I did, her Father was very kind, I just stopt until I got Tea, and then return'd with her to the meeting. It continued exceeding stormy, I expected none meeting us but just the friends, but to my surprize betwixt 30 and 40 sober people met us there; with whom we had a precious meeting, not soon I hope to be forgot by some; I was thankful I was there altho' we had to sit in our wet cloathes, and hope the time is hastening when that meeting will be re-established again. I had a long and encouraging testimony to bear amongst them from Luke C: 15. v: 8, 9. 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? And when she hath found it, she calleth her friends and her neighbours together, saying, Rejoice with me for I have found the piece which I had lost. Afterwards I was concerned in Prayer. The Meeting held 2 hours. When it broke up, it was fair, and very dark and all the People had come without Lanthorns except the friend with whom we had to lodge, and this was wanted to assist my companion about the carriage. I dare not stand in the cold, and so the friends Wife took hold of my arm, and we set forward in the dark, but was glad to borrow a Lanthorn at the first house we came to, and with difficulty we got to John Frodshams of Kingsley one mile about 8 o'clock were we lodg'd. we got dry clothes on were necessary, and being good care taken of by the friends here, we took no cold; but spent the remainder of the evening very comfortably. John Frodsham gave us some account of his conviction which was about 4 or 5 years ago, before that time he was in profession with the Methodists having been a member of their Society 16 years during which time he entertained their preachers at his house.

On 22nd. and 2nd. of week, about 9 o'clock in the morning we set out for Frandley 8 miles, John Frodsham being our guide. The day was pretty favourable tho' not without Showers, but we escaped them pretty much, which we esteemed a favour, having been so exceedingly wet the day before. We got to Frandley a little before 11 o'clock which was the time the meeting began, I sat a little at Benjamin Donbavands, and then went into the meeting which was larger than I expected, there being a considerable number of friends collected; and tho' some of them appeared very raw, yet I believe there were a rightly exercised remnant amongst them. It was a good meeting, various states being opened and spoke to, but chiefly the language of encouragement flowed to the wrestling seed. I was first concerned therein in supplication; and afterwards had a long testimony to bear from Rev: C: 3. v: 4. Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with me in white, for they are worthy. After meeting we return'd about 1 mile to John Walmsleys of Upper Whitley to dine; and after dinner came with Ralph Neild and his Wife 8 miles, to their house in Tabley, were we got about half past 4 o'clock, and tarried all night. In the evening we had a precious opportunity in this family in which I was led in a very encouraging manner to their son Henry a hopeful youth, who I believe is under the preparing hand, and if he abides under it, will I believe be a vessel of honour in the Lords house. I had particularly noticed this dear youth in the meeting to day and felt my spirit nearly united to him but did not then know that I should have the opportunity of seeing him again But was glad it was so, as this opportunity tended much to the relief of my mind, as well as the satisfaction I had in having his company.

On 23rd. and 3rd. of week, about quarter past 8 in the morning we set out for Stockport, which the way we came is about 21 miles, Henry Neild being our guide we called at the Cross.keys in Knutsford our Mare wanted Shoeing and the harness mending, after stoping there about 1 hour and getting some refreshment, I set out on foot, and walked upwards of 6 miles before my companion and the guide came up with me, we then went thro' Alderley to John Barlows of Chorley were we din'd stopt there about 1 hour and a half, and then proceeded, called at John Goodiers door of Wilmslow and just asked him how he did and then came forward to Stockport were we got about 5 o clock. I alighted at the end of the town and walked to Joseph Bents were I drunk Tea; Thomas Heald came thither and was very pressing on me to go to his house which I at length complied with, and sat a little there, and took a glass of Wine, then came to George Jones's were we quartered as before.

On 24th. and 4th. of week, This morning being very weary and fatigued with our journey we concluded at the pressing invitation of our friends here to stop a day with them, After breakfast I went and spent most of the forenoon at my cousin Sarah Chapmans. When I return'd, George Jones and his Wife accompanied us to Ollive Sims's to dine; After dinner, I went and sat a little at William Wotton Newbys, and took a glass of wine, and then return'd to the other friends at Ollive Sims's were we drunk Tea, and after Tea return'd to our quarters.

On 25th. and 5th. of week, was at their weekday meeting at Stockport which began at 10 o clock. It appears to be pretty well attended by friends, towards the close thereof, I had a short testimony to bear from Psalms 119, v: 165. Great peace have they which love thy law; and nothing shall offend them. We left Stockport for Low.Leighton in Derbyshire betwixt 2 and 3 o clock in the afternoon, Joseph Bent being our guide. It was 9 miles thither. I set out on foot and George Jones and Ollive Sims walked with me several miles before my companion and the guide came up with us; they then returned, and we proceeded to Low.Leighton, were we got about 5 o clock, and took up our quarters at Samuel Taylors. He and his wife being all the members belonging to this meeting they had been previously requested to invite their Neighbours, and a large concourse attended, so that the Meetinghouse and Loft were exceedingly crowded, and many had to stand without doors; It began at 6 in the evening and held 2 hours and a half. Was a remarkable solid open meeting, I had a very long testimony to bear therein 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. And afterwards had a short time from Psalms 95. v: 8 and 9. To day, if ye will hear his voice, Harden not your heart. concluding with saluting them in Gospel Love and bidding them Farewel.

On 26th. and 6th. of week, we set out betwixt 8 and 9 o clock in the morning for my house 24 miles. The friends of Stockport had ordered Joseph Bent to accompany us thither, but tho' it was their kindness we could not be easy to admit of it, as I knew the road, and therefore could not bear the thought of giving friends unnecessary trouble. Samuel Taylor set us about 2 miles on our way and then return'd, we came by Thornset, Hayfield, Glossop and Torset to Woodhead in Cheshire were we din'd at the Angel, stopt upwards of 1 hour and a half then proceeded over the Moors by Salterbrook in Yorkshire, Bordhill, Royd and Spicerhouse to Newhouse were we got a little before 7 o clock in the evening, having had a very fine day to come thro' this mountainous country, and when I got home found all well there, so that when I consider the Lords goodness to me, in providing so suitable a companion to assist me through this Journey now in my declining years when my usual mode of travelling is more wearisome and who in other respect was to me a kind and sympathizing friend, and how remarkably he opened the hearts of friends to receive us where our lots were cast, and to do every thing in their power to assist us, and supported me under the many deep and humbling Baptisms I had to pass through; and enabled me to discharge my duty so as to favour me with the reward of sweet peace at my return. I am made to adapt the language What shall I render unto thee, O God, for all thy benefits and mercies; may the remainder of my days be wholly devoted to thy service, for thou art a rich rewarder of all those who serve thee.

An Account of my Journey to a Meeting at Dewsbury in ye. 11th. Mo. 1810.

I set out from home ye. 18th. of ye. 11th. Mo. 1810 and 1st. day of the week, about half past 8 o'clock in the morning, the night before abundance of rain had fallen so that the ground was exceeding wet, and the waters very much out, and this morning it continued raining very heavily; I went by Cumberworth to Skelmanthorp when I got there the rain abated, and there was no more of any consequence throughout the day. I called and stopt about half an hour at Charles Blackburns, and then proceeded by Emley to Flockton.mill, were I called at my cousin Alexander Hampshires, stopt about 2 hours there, and din'd; then went by Flockton Mugmill and Thornhill to Dewsbury, when I got to the bridge, the waters was so out, that there was no geting at all the usual road for foot People so was obliged to keep the Publick road by Dawgreen, got to William Wass's of Dewsbury a little past 3 o'clock, were I stopt until the time of the meeting and drunk Tea there. The meeting began at 5 o'clock and held near 2 hours; there was 24 attended besides me and another friend, who were on our way to our Monthly meeting to be held the next day at Wakefield. I was glad I was here this evening altho' it was a low exercising time, owing I thought to some having unhappily for themselves, joined in with the accuser of the brethren to their own unspeakable loss, and the grief of all those who are travailing in spirit for the prosperity of Zion. Yet I thought these were in some measure favoured to see their error; and I sincerely wish they may be so favoured to see as through unfeigned repentance to experience a being restored unto soundness of mind. The meeting was held in silence, after which I sat a little at Morritt Matthews's, and then went to sup at George Breareys were I lodg'd.

On 19th. and 2nd. of week, I left Dewsbury about 9 o'clock in the morning, and went by Ossett to Wakefield, in company with John Fozzard in our way we came up with Thomas Bromley and Joseph Brearey of Hanging.heaton, two youths who frequently attend friends meetings, and were going to the meeting at Wakefield to day;; we got to Wakefield about half past 10 o'clock. I called at William Leathams and got some refreshment, and then went to the meeting which was pretty large of men friends, but the Women appeared slack in their attendance, their side of the Meeting being but thin; I had a pretty long testimony to bear therein from Isai: C: 41. v: 14. Fear not, thou worm Jacob, and ye men of Israel. I will help thee, saith the Lord. At the close of the Meeting for Worship was held our Monthly meeting for discipline in which I delivered in the Certificate given me from this Meeting in the last 9th. Mo. and gave an account to the friends of my journey, and that I was favoured in my return to feel the evidence of peace, and the clerk minuted the meetings satisfaction therewith. After which I informed the meeting that since my return my mind had been impressed with a concern to pay a religious visit to the inhabitants of 2 or 3 villages not many miles distant from my own habitation, several friends expressed their concurrence therewith and the meeting left me at liberty to perform the visit as Truth might open my way. The other business of the meeting was amicably conducted, I trust under the influence of that wisdom which remains to be profitable to direct. Both meetings held 3 hours and a quarter. After which I went to dine at William Leathams, and about 4 o'clock I left Wakefield and went to Tea to Mark Breasers of Alverthorp were I spent the evening comfortably and tarried all night.

On 20th. and 3rd. of week, I left Alverthorp about half past 9 o'clock in the morning, Mark Breaser set me a little on my way and then returned. I stopt a little at Ann Thorps of Wakefield, and then came by Sandal to Robert Walkers of Milthorp, were I din'd, and tarried until 2 o'clock in the afternoon, and then went by Cheviot.hall and Felkirk to Shafton were I got about 4 o'clock to Timothy Sykes to Tea, and tarried all night.

On 21st. and 4th. of week, I left Shafton betwixt 9 and 10 o'clock in the morning, and came by Cudworth and Burton grange to Barnsley were I got about quarter before 11 o'clock and took up my quarters at John Yeardeleys. After resting me a little, I having some business in the town, I went and got it done, and return'd to dinner. In the afternoon John Yeardley accompanied me to my beloved friend Thomas Dixon Waltons to Tea. I found him rather better in health, but very much tryed in mind respecting his outward affairs, by a turn of the

times which had brought him and many other into great difficulties. I had long since seen that the most high would bring a blast upon that spirit which was so anxious after the pursuit of gain, at the great risque of other Peoples Property as well as their own, and had faithfully warn'd him against it, without the desired effect, believing that his growth in the Truth was greatly retarded thereby, and that in time he would pierce himself thro' with many sorrows. He now finds this to be the case, being very much embarrassed and perplexed both in body and mind. I felt very much for him, and much desire he may be favoured to get through his present difficulties honourably, and that it may prove a warning to him in future, to take heed to the advice of his friends and not launch out into trade and business beyond what he hath a capital of his own to manage. In our return we called and sat a little at William Harveys, and in the evening Samuel Coward and Robert Harrison came to see me at my lodgings.

On 22nd. and 5th. of week, After breakfast I called and sat a little at George Alletsons, and before I set out took a glass of Rum and Water with them. Left Barnsley about 10 o'clock and came by Cawthorne to Richard Priests of Broad.oak, were I stopt 2 hours and din'd, then proceeded, dear Nathaniel Priest set me a little on my way, and then return'd; I came by Gunthwaite to Denby, stopt a little there at Joseph Grayhams, but not long, for Joseph was not in the house, and I felt my sorrow renewed by the remembrance of dear little Robert which has been the case whenever I have been there since his death. I therefore set out pretty directly, and got home about 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

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