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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
- Volume 4 - Small Notebooks 26 - 47 (Notebook 31 is missing)
- 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, Meltonhouse / 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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An Account of my Journey to Publick Meetings held at South Crosland, Berry Brow, Stainland and Skircoat in 3rd. Mo. 1817.

An Account of my Journey to our Spring Quarterly Meeting held at Leeds; and to Publick Meetings held at Ovenden, and Elland in the 3rd.mo: 1817

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An Account of my Journey to Public Meetings held at Ossett and Dewsbury, and to Brighouse Monthly Meeting held there in the 2nd. mo: 1818.

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An Account of my Journey on a Religious visit to Derbyshire, some parts of Balby
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An Account of my Journey to a Publick Meeting held at Pontefract; and to
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An Account of my Journey to a Publick Meeting held at Thornhill edge; and to
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An Account of my Journey on a religious visit to the Meetings of Friends
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Meetings held at Sinnington, Danbyend, Hornsea, Patrington, and Welwick,
and to our Autumn Quarterly Meeting held at York in the 10th. Mo. 1819.

An Account of my Journey to a Publick Meeting held at Ing Birchworth
in 2nd. Mo: 1820.

An Account of my Journey to Brighouse Monthly Meeting etc held at
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An Account of my Journey to the Welsh Half Year meeting held at Coalbrookdale
in Shropshire in the 4th. mo 1820. And to the Meetings of
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some other Counties; and to Publick Meetings held in Wolverhampton,
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An Account of my Journey to a Publick Meeting held at Wath in
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An Account of my Journey on a religious visit to the Meetings of Friends in
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in Lancashire; and to Public Meetings at Sherborn, Hornby, Burrowby,
Ripon, Boroughbridge, Settle, Slaidburn, Gildersome, and Batley in
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At Account of my Journey to a Publick Meeting held at Thurstonland in the 12th. Mo. 1810.

Feeling a concern upon my mind to pay a religious visit to the inhabitants of several villages and their vicinity, and having spread my concern before our Monthly Meeting and had the full unity and approbation of friends therein, my way seem to open first towards Thurstonland were a Chapel hath been lately erected by subscription of the inhabitants of that part, in which people of any religious denomination are to have the liberty of holding a meeting by obtaining leave of the Trustees, who when application was made for it, for this purpose, none of them made the least objection, but on the contrary ordered notice to be publicly given thereof the first day before, by which means general information was spread through the country for many miles around; and I having felt a concern to be at Wooldale meeting, was desirous to accomplish the said visits on one day; accordingly I left home on the 1st. day of the 12th. Mo. 1810, and 7th. day of the week betwixt 12 and 1 o'clock in the afternoon, and went to John Pickfords of Park to be shaved, and then proceeded to Henry Marsdens of Dobroyd were I called and sat a little, and then went to Foulstone were I stopt about 1 hour and a half at Samuel Woodheads and drunk Tea, then preceded by Newmill to Wooldale, were I got about

5 o clock, and took up my quarters at Henry Swires. In the evening Charles Hinchcliffe of Whinney came on purpose to accompany me the next day to Thurstonland.

On 2nd. and 1st. of week, we attended the Meeting at Wooldale, which was larger than I expected I had a pretty long testimony to bear therein from Jos: C: 1. v: 8. This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou may observe to do according to all that is written therein; for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success. The meeting held 2 hours. After dinner John Brooks Wife came up to Henry Swires, and invited us all to Tea which we complyed with, and after Tea, we left Wooldale about 4 o clock, Henry Swire and John Brook accompanying us to Thurstonland, were we got a little before the time of the meeting to Luke Chambers's who is our Taylor and had sent to invite me to Tea this afternoon. The meeting began at 5 o clock and held near 3 hours, It was exceedingly large, the large chapel being very much crowded. The Lords Power was mercifully manifested, whereby I was enabled to bear a very long testimony to be unchangeable Truth amongst them, and the behaviour of the People was throughout as well as could be expected from the very great crowd; The power of Truth being over the light and airy, and bringing an awful solemnity over the minds of all this mixed multitude; may the Lord have the Praise thereof for he alone is worthy. The subject given me to speak from was 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 the flower of the field. The grass withereth; the flower fadeth; but the spirit of the Lord below with upon it; surely the people is grass; The grass withereth, the flower fadeth; because the word of our God shall stand for ever. John Bottomley was next concerned in Prayer, and afterwards in the time of silence my mind was strongly impressed with an apprehension that some present was nearer their final close, than they was aware of, and after informing the People that the Meeting was over, and desired them to take time and quietly withdraw, the impression remained with so much weight upon my mind, that I found I could not be easy without mentioning it withal desiring that they might be concerned to seek after a right preparation for so solemn a change from Am: C: 4. v: 12. Prepare to meet thy God O Israel. I return'd to Luke Chambers's after meeting were I sat a little and got some suitable refreshment, and then set out for Foulstone in company with Jane Woodhead and several other friends, many of us called there at Samuel Woodheads, and stopt near 2 hours and supp'd I left there in company with William Bottomley of Dobroyd, my Nephew Joseph Wood of Haddenley: Joseph Firth of Shepley Lanehead, and Edward Dickinson of Highflatts, we came together as far as our roads lay to our respective habitations, and I got home a little after 11 o clock.

An Account of my Journey to a Publick Meeting held at Skelmanthorp in the 12th. Mo. 1810.

A publick meeting being appointed at my request to be held at Skelmanthorp on the 7th. of the 12th. Mo. 1810 and 6th. day of the week in the evening. Joshua Dyson undertook to procure and prepared the place, and to give notice thereof to the inhabitants of the village, and its neighbourhood. After I had as I thought clearly seen the time to move in this weighty affair, and communicated my prospect to friends with liberty to proceed in making preparations for the accommodation of the People; I was brought into a very low stripped and discouraged state of mind in which state I continued until the day the Meeting was to be held, when attending our week.day meeting at Highflatts in the forenoon, It proved a profitable time to me being favoured to see that the trying dispensation I had had to pass through was a necessary preparation for service; that his servants must be thoroughly emptied, before they can be renewedly filled with the new wine of the kingdom. It was a good meeting, my faith was renewedly strengthened to believe that tho' the Lord may try for a season, yet in the needful time he will appear for the help of those whom he at times engages to advocate his cause. Leah Kinsley had a short but encouraging testimony to bear therein from Psalms 37. v:

3. Trust in the Lord. Afterwards I had a pretty long time from Luke C: 12. v. 37. Blessed are those servants whom the Lord when he cometh shall find watching; verily I say unto you that he shall gird himself, and make them to sit down to meat, and will come forth and serve them. After meeting I return'd home and din'd; and about 2 o'clock in the afternoon set out towards Skelmanthorp went to my Nephew Robert Woods of Moorbottom were I sat a little and then proceeded to Joshua Dysons of Shelley. Woodhouse were I got about half past 3 o'clock I drunk Tea there, and stopt until it was time to set out to meeting, and then went to Skelmanthorp were I got just as the People were gathering; The meeting began at 6 o'clock and was very large, It was held in the School which hath been lately enlarged so that it will now contain double the number of People it would formally, yet it was very much crowded, It proved an highly favoured time, the behaviour of the People were remarkably still solid and attentive throughout, and in the time of silence it was evident that an awful solemnity covered the minds of many I had a very long testimony to bear therein first from Mal: C: 1. v: 6. A son honoureth his father, and a servant his master; if then I be a father, where is mine honour? and if I be a master where is my fear? Saith the Lord of hosts. John Bottomley had a pretty long time next from Prov: C: 23. v: 26. My son give me thy heart. I was next concerned in Prayer. After which John Bottomley informed the People, that the meeting was now about to conclude; expressing our satisfaction with their company and behaviour, and then exhorted them to keep their eye single unto the Lord, that their whole body might be full of light; expressing his belief if this was the case, the labour of this highly favoured meeting would not be lost, but would prove unto some as bread cast upon the waters the effects of which would be found after many days. After meeting John Drake the Schoolmaster invited us, that is John Bottomley and me into his house which was very acceptable being very hot with the crowd and exercise of the meeting, we sat a little there and took each of us some Rum, which Joshua Dyson had brought with him; and then came with him to his house at Woodhouse were we supp'd stopt upwards of an hour, and then came together by Cumberworth, into my ground, and I got home a little before 12 o'clock.

An Account of my Journey to a Publick Meeting held at Denby-dykeside in the 2nd. Mo.
1811.

This being one of the Places I had a prospect of when I laid my concern before our Monthly Meeting which met with the full unity and approbation of friends, and I waiting to feel after a proper time to move therein, and being desirous to see the inhabitants of that part is generally as I could, and there being no place likely to contain them except the Methodists Meetinghouse, when my way seemed clearly to open I got a friend to apply for it, and they readily gave leave and as I did not wish it to interfere with the usual time of holding their Meetings, they proposed it being held on ye. 3rd. of the 2nd. Mo. 1811 and 1st. day of the week at 6 o'clock in the evening, which when the friend informed me of, it was the very time which had fixt upon my own mind as the right time, and notice thereof was circulated above a week before. After which my faith was in a remarkable manner tryed; the fifth day of the week before the meeting it was a very Snowy day accompanied with an high wind which drifted the Snow very much, so that I was exceeding low, and doubts came over my mind, fearing that it was not the right time; the next day appeared more favourable, but on seventh day it sometimes rained and sometimes froze and Snowed, that I was ready to conclude that notwithstanding the roads had got opened the day before, yet now it would be impossible for the People generally to attend; and that I should have to go again; thus was my poor mind harassed, at length I concluded that I had at the time when the meeting was appointed no doubt of its being right, and therefore concluded to leave it to him who have the weather at his command, and thus setled down pretty quietly that night. On 1st. day morning the weather appeared unfavourable, and I was again sunk very low in my mind. I went to our Meeting at

Highflatts which was smaller than usual, but larger than I expected, from the day and the badness of the roads; It proved a good meeting, which tended to my encouragement I was first concerned therein in supplication; and afterwards had a pretty long testimony to bear from John C: 13. v: 8. If I washed thee not, thou hast no part with me. After meeting Joseph Grayham and Nathaniel Priest came to dine at my house. The day grew more and more unfavourable, and I was again plunged into the deeps, William Taylor who had been sometime very poorly, but for a week past appeared to be recovering, had a relapse yesterday, and was very ill to day. However a little past 3 o clock I set out for Denby.dykeside about 1 mile, Nathaniel Priest being my companion, who return'd with me home and tarried all night. The wind was very high accompanied with the rain, the Snow in many places deep and the water stood amongst it so that the roads were very difficult. Joseph Grayham went with us as far as Wood, and then went home to look after his cattle that he might get to the meeting, we called at John Bottomleys and sat a while, and then proceeded to Joshua Morleys who had previously engaged us to go there to Tea, and where we were kindly and generously entertained. At the hour appointed we went to the meeting which to my great surprize and many others was very large the inhabitants around pretty generally attended and many from a considerable distance so that the Meetinghouse was very much crowded, many saying it was the largest meeting they ever saw there; It was supposed there was 14 or 1500 People attended. I sat down therein in a very poor low discouraged state of mind but after waiting in deep humility the Lord was pleased to manifest his Power amongst us, the minds of the People appeared generally solemnized thereby, a remarkable stillness prevailed, and it proved a very extraordinary meeting; I was strengthened to bear a very long testimony therein 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, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus.christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation. John Bottomley was next concerned in Prayer. Afterwards I had a short testimony from 2 Kin: C: 6. v. 26, 27. Help, my lord O king. And the king said unto her, if the Lord do not help thee, whence shall I help thee? out of the barn floor, or out of the wine press? After a short time in silence, I inform'd the People, that the meeting was now over, express'd my obligation to them for favouring us with their company, whereby I had been able to discharge of debt which had been sometime preparing in my mind towards the inhabitants of this place and the neighbourhood thereof; then recommending them unto God, and the teachings of his pure and spiritual grace in the secret of their own hearts; that they might experience a being built up in that most holy faith which works by love to the purifying the heart, under the precious influence of which love, I saluted them all, and bade them Farewel. The Meeting held 2 hours and a half. The evening was now fine, the sky clear, and being moonlight, I hoped the People would get well to their respective habitations. We return'd to Joshua Morleys were we supp'd, and tarried about 2 hours, and then set out and got to Newhouse about quarter past 11 o clock, as with sheaves of joy in my bosom, the sure reward of unreserved obedience; and found William Taylor much better than when I left him. In reviewing the exercise attending this visit, I have abundant cause to remember the wise mans exhortation. Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not to thine own understanding. I have found it necessary for me on this visit is not only to see the place, but also to attend carefully to the pointings of Truth in regard to the time of moving therein the necessity of this was particularly verified, in my late visit to Thurstonland, a week later was thought by many friends would be better, as the moon would be nearer full; but on weighing it, I could not feel easy but to go at the time proposed. It proved a solemn meeting mortality sounded loudly in mine ears, and I was largely drawn forth to set before the people the uncertainty of time, and at the close of the meeting I dare not leave without observing, That it had appeared to me, that they were some present who were nearer their final close than they were aware of, and had tenderly to exhort them to Prepare to meet their God. The next day a man was taken ill and was buried the first day following, the same day another was taken ill and died in a few days, and very soon after another died; all these were at the meeting, but if it had been a week later it would not have been the case, and

if the solemn warning they that time heard was but duly attended to; it might be a means of their preparation to receive the penny altho' the call might be as at the eleventh hour of the day: However it clearly manifesteth the truth of the Prophets testimony in the Lords name. "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."

An Account of my Journey to a Meeting at Barnsley in the 2nd. Mo. 1811.

Having a desire to see my beloved friend Thomas Dixon Walton who had been a long indisposed, and to attend their meeting at Barnsley, in my way to our Monthly Meeting held at Wakefield. Accordingly I left home ye. 17th. of ye. 2nd. Mo. 1811 and 1st. day of the week, after getting an early dinner, about quarter past 11 o clock, The snow was deep, but in the Publick roads there was got a trod, I went by Denby, Dakinbrook and Cawthorn, got to Barnsley about 3 o clock, went first to Thomas Yeardleys were I sat a little and then went to Thomas Dixon Waltons whom I found very weak, but better than I expected, I drunk Tea there, and from thence went to John Yeardleys got there just in time to the meeting, which began at 5 o clock and held 2 hours, there was 19 attended besides Thomas Earnshaw of Judfield and myself It was a good meeting, and I had a long testimony to bear therein from Luke C: 17. v: 32. Remember Lots wife. Caution, counsel and encouragement flowed freely to varyed states, and I thought it was the best meeting I ever had amongst them. I also thought I saw some good effects of my deep labour of the last month in dear William Bayldon he having now taken up the cross, both in language, dress and demeanour which I believe had long been as a stumbling stone unto him, and his disobedience therein, had greatly retarded his spiritual progress; I being led at that time in their meeting at Burton, to speak in a very particular manner to such a state. I supp'd here, but their servant being ill of a fever, and a nurse to attend of her; they had not convenience of lodgings, Thomas Earnshaw and me went to sleep at William Harveys.

On 18th. and 2nd. of week, After breakfast I left Barnsley about half past 7 o'clock, stopt nearly half an hour at Joseph Listers of Bleachhouse, and by Newmillerdam to Robert Walkers of Milthorp were I rested me and took a glass of wine then proceeded by Sandal to Wakefield, got there just in time to the meeting, which was smaller than usual owing to the difficulty of getting through the Snow from some places, and the indisposition in friends families in divers meetings, it having been of late a very sickly time. The Meeting for Worship was held in silence but I hope not unprofitably. At the close thereof was our Monthly meeting for discipline, we had a great deal of business before us but best help being near, it was readily and comfortably conducted. Both meetings held near 3 hours and a half. After which I dind at William Awmacks, and afterwards went to the Swan with two necks to see the other friends from Dewsbury stopt with them sometime and got 6 pennyworth of Rum and Water, then went to Mark Breaers of Alverthorp to Tea were I lodg'd. Charles Hinchcliffe met me here, and we return'd together the next day.

On 19th. and 3rd. of week, we left Alverthorp about half past 7 in the morning, Mark Breaer set us on our way upwards of 1 mile and then return'd, we came by Flanshaw, Horbury, Middlestown, Overton, Flockton, Roydhouse and Shelley to Joseph Hinchcliffes of Whinney, were I din'd and afterwards got my Shoes mended, stopt about 1 hour and a half and then came by Shepley to John Firths of Lanehead were I stopt about 1 hour and took a glass of Rum and Water, then came to Birdsedge were I called at John Mallinsons to see David Blacker a young man his servant in husbandry about 23 years of age. He had lived with them upwards of 3 years, and had been dangerously ill for betwixt 3 and 4 weeks. I had had very little acquaintance with him, being a very wild youth, and of an uncommon light and vain conversation. But one dark evening this winter as I was going to Martha Langleys, I heard a person cough upon the road at a distance, I immediately knew it was him, and a

concern came weightily upon my mind, to exhort him when we met to prepare for his final change, and informed him that it appeared to me he had not long to live. But I let in reasoning, thinking he would only make light of it, and in a scornful manner tell it unto others and so neglected my duty, but O the distress I afterwards felt, then was I willing if I could come at an opportunity to do it, and passing by him one day when he was working alone in a field. I thought before I came at him I should now relieve my mind, but when I got to him, It was taken from me that I could not, and so passed by. About 3 weeks after my neglect of apprehended duty, he was taken very ill; when I heard thereof my trouble increased so that my sorrow was inexpressible. I was afraid lest thro' my neglect of warning him he should be taken of in an unprepared state, and oftens did I petition the most high in secret that he would be graciously pleased to lengthen his days or prepare him for his change. I visited him very oftens, and several private opportunities with him and found his love to me increase much, I was thankful to find him properly sensible of his situation, he lamented the past errors of his life, saw the exceeding sinfulness of sin, and was many times engaged to petition the Almighty for mercy, but could not find any hope. When I came in to day he appeared exceedingly pleased to see me, took hold of my hand and told me he felt a little better in his health, and added I have had a sore struggle in mind since I saw you, the particulars of which I will relate to you, the first opportunity we have by ourselves; but may say the Lord is good and hath been merciful to me by favouring me with a clear evidence that he hath forgiven me all my sins, and now said he I am not afraid to die. The burden was now removed from my spirit, and I was enabled to beg that I might be more faithful in future and that if the Lord was pleased to raise him up again he might be preserved under an humbling sense of the Lords mercies, and sin no more less a worse thing come upon him. I stopt 1 hour with him, and then came home were I got a little before 5 o'clock.

An Account of my Journey to a Publick Meeting held at Shelley in the 2nd. Mo. 1811.

I having only mentioned to the Monthly meeting my Prospect of visiting 3 Places, which were all I had then in view, but after I had gone through them, a concern came weightily upon my mind to have a Meeting in Shelley for the inhabitants of that village, Shepley and adjacent places, I mentioned my concern to my beloved friend George Chapman the only friend in the station of an Elder in our Meeting; he thought it unnecessary to mention it to the Monthly Meeting, expressed his Unity therewith, and encouraged me to proceed therein. The dissenting Methodists having a large Meetinghouse in Shelley, a little out of the village towards Shepley, I thought if it could be procured it would answer best not only to accommodate the People, but for the inhabitants of both the before mentioned villages, unto whom my concerned principally was. Accordingly application was made for it and leave very cheerfully and freely obtained. The Meeting was appointed to be held there ye. 24th. of the 2nd. Mo. 1811 and 1st. day of the week at 3 o clock in the afternoon, the same day I attended our meeting at Highflatts, which was pretty large several of other Societies coming in, and I thought a satisfactory meeting. I had a pretty long testimony to bear therein from Jude v: 21. Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life. Afterwards John Bottomley had a pretty long time from Luke C: 16. v: 24. None of those men that were bidden shall taste of my supper. After the meeting John Bottomley and Joseph Grayham came home with me to dine and about quarter past 2 o clock, John Bottomley and me set out towards the meeting at Shelley which is distant from my house about 2 miles and a half. We got there a little before 3 o clock, this place being situated about the centre of the meetings I had had before, it was by far the largest of any of them, the house was extremely crowded and many hundreds without, but the day being pretty fine and warm for the time of the year, I hope none would suffer by it. He who had compassion upon the multitude formerly was graciously pleased to have compassion upon this large Assembly, and

commission us to Blow the gospel trumpet amongst them whereby the states of many was spoke to in the Power and authority of Truth to the reaching of the witness for God in their hearts, causing many I believe for the present to assent to the Truth. I had a very long testimony to bear therein first from 1 Pet: C: 2. v: 9. Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. John Bottomley had a long time next from Isai: C: 3. v: 10. 11. Say ye to the righteous that it shall go well with him; for they shall eat the fruit of their doings. Wo unto the wicked; it shall be ill with him. After which I inform'd the People, The meeting was now about to conclude, express'd my thankfulness in being favoured with the present opportunity with them, and more so in feeling the extendings of a divine regard towards them; then recommending them 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. I then requested the People to withdraw in a quiet and orderly manner, and as the minds of many had experienced a being covered with an awful solemnity in the present opportunity, I exhorted them to endeavour to keep under it, for this was the way to profit by it, and none of us knew that we might be favoured with another. The Meeting held 2 hours and a half. After which I went to George Haighs of Heighmoorhouse were I got some suitable refreshment being very hot and much spent with the great crowd and exercise of the Meeting. I stopt there about 1 hour and a half and drunk Tea, Charles Hinchcliffe stopt with me, and set me most of the way home, It being dark we came the Turnpike road by Shepley to Birdsdedge were Charles Hinchcliffe return'd, and I called at John Mallinsons, stopt there about 1 hour and a half conversing with them about David Blacker who had had an unfavourable turn in his disorder so that there appeared very little hopes of his recovery, they had fetched him home to his Fathers at Emley the day before. Mary Mallinson observ'd concerning him that she never saw such a change in any person before, and added he is now as innocent as a little child. When I came to set of, it rained very fast, and was extremely dark, they kindly lent me a lanthorn home were I got about 10 o clock.

An Account of my Journey to a Publick Meeting held at Skelmanthorp in the 3rd. Mo. 1811.

Not feeling clear of the inhabitants of Skelmanthorp and the neighbourhood thereof; altho' I left the meeting I had last there perfectly easy, but very soon found that if I was faithful I must give up to it again; which appeared to be a very great cross and to me, but I found the only way to Peace was to give up my will to the divine will, and having made it known to some of my friends they encouraged me to faithfulness. Accordingly a meeting was agreed upon to be held there the 17th. of ye. 3rd. Mo. 1811, and 1st. day of the week at 9 o'clock in the morning; Joshua Dyson undertaking to procure and prepare the place, and give notice to the inhabitants; The School was applyed for and readily obtained, and fully and conveniently seated. I left home same morning about 7 o clock, and went to John Bottomleys of Wood to Breakfast, he intended to accompany me to Skelmanthorp, and from thence to our monthly meeting to be held the day following at Wakefield. We left Wood about quarter past 8 o clock, and went by Denby.dykeside to Skelmanthorp were we got just in time to the meeting; the day was remarkably fine and the meeting exceeding large, The School being very much crowded, and it was though there was upwards of one hundred without doors who could not get in, The behaviour of the whole being very still, solid and attentive. It proved a very solemn favoured time, the Power of Truth being in very great dominion, more especially towards the close thereof: I was first concerned is supplication, therein, and afterwards had a very long testimony to bear from. 1 Cor: C: 2. v: 14. The natural man receiveth not the things of the spirit of God; for they foolishness unto him; neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. After some time in silence, I was again concerned a pretty long time in

testimony 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. At the close of this testimony, I inform'd the People, That I apprehended the meeting was now over, that by coming amongst them at this time had been greatly in the cross, but felt the woe was in it if I disobeyed, and now felt thankful that I had been enabled to give up to apprehend duty, concluding with the salutation of the Apostle, The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the Love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all always. Amen. The meeting held near 3 hours. After which we sat a little John Drakes the Schoolmasters who was affectionately kind, treating us with some Brandy and Water which was very acceptable after the heat with the exercise of so crowded a meeting. Having previously received an invitation to dine at John Mac.Gowens, a young man an Apothecary who upwards of 1 year ago, had removed and settled in this village; we went to his house in company with Joshua Dyson, were we were very kindly received and agreeably entertained. Left Skelmanthorpe about 2 o clock, Joshua Dyson accompanied us a little and then return'd, we went to Emley where we called to see David Blacker who left Birdsedge about three weeks ago, I had been to visit him twice since he left, and found him gradually declining, but now he appeared considerably worse, having taken his Bed the third day before, and not been up since only while it was made. We found John Pickford there who was on his way to Dewsbury, we closed into silence and had a precious opportunity with David, in which I had an encouraging testimony to bear from Isai: C: 12. v. 1, 2 O Lord, I will praise thee; though thou wast angry with me, thine anger is turned away, and thou comfortedst me. Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid; for the Lord Jehovah is my strength and my song; he also is become my salvation. We stopt about 1 hour, and then proceeded by Bretton, and Crigglestone to Christopher Walkers of Dirtcar where we got in time to get Tea, before our Select meeting which was held here this evening, and is appointed to begin at 6 o clock. All our members attended except Hannah Dumbleton and we had the company of Joseph Birkbeck of Settle an Elder in good esteem. It was a good meeting, the Queries were read, and Answers drawn up approv'd and Signed in order to be laid before our ensuing Select Quarterly Meeting. The meeting held about 1 hour and a half towards the close thereof myself and John Bottomley had each of us a short testimony to bear. Friends all supp'd here, but after supper John Bottomley and me went to lodge at Robert Walkers of Milthorpe.

On 18th. and 2nd. of week, After breakfast I went by Sandal to Wakefield, got there about 10 o'clock sat at William Awmacks until Meeting time; The meeting was this day the largest I ever saw there, especially of Women friends, the weather being remarkably fine, and I thought upon the whole it was a satisfactory meeting, altho' the forepart thereof was to me very exercising, towards the close Isabella Harris had a pretty long testimony to bear, being led very affectionately to address the youth, and to encourage to faithfulness, the diffident of every class; and afterwards myself from Gen: C: 22. v: 8. God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering. At the close of the meeting for Worship was held our Monthly meeting for discipline, in which a great deal of business was very amicably gone thro' amongst other things which came before us, Richard Cooper of Brighouse Monthly meeting, and Louisa Thomas of Highflatts Meeting laid before us their intentions of taking each other in marriage. The Queries were also read and Answers received and read from all our Preparative Meetings viz. Pontefract, Burton, Highflatts, Ackworth, Wakefield and Wooldale, A General Answer was prepared therefrom, approv'd and Signed in order to be laid before our Quarterly Meeting. In Answer to the 2nd. Query it appeared, That there was not much appearance of convincement since last year but that several sober People continued to attend some of our Meetings, and 3 had been admitted into membership, viz .1 in Burton Mg. and 2 in Wakefield Mg.. In answer to the 12th. Query it appeared; That 4 friends had suffered each one month imprisonment in the house of correction at Wakefield, for refusing to serve in the local Militia, viz. 2 in Pontefract Mg. and 2 in Ackworth Mg.. Also it appeared that one Publick friend was deceased since last year viz. Dinah Woodhead of Wooldale Mg. Both meetings

held 5 hours. After which I din'd at William Leathams, and afterwards sat a little at Ann Thorps, and then came up to Christopher Walkers of Dirtcar were I lodg'd.

On 19th. and 3rd. of week I breakfasted at William Pickards, and a little before 9 o'clock left Dirtcar and came by Crigglestone and Bretton to Emley were I called to spend a little time with David Blacker who now lives in a very weak state at his Fathers house in this village. We have been remarkably near and dear to each other from the time of his becoming seriously thoughtful, and since the Lord hath been pleased to give him an assurance of his acceptance with him through his beloved son, he hath been favoured to hold fast his confidence without wavering or doubt. He would have me to dine with his Father which I did, and whilst we were at dinner Mary Mallinson, Mary Walker and Hannah the daughter of Elihu Dickinson Tanr. of Highflatts came in. After dinner we closed into silence and was favoured with a blessed opportunity together in which I was concerned to kneel down by the bedside of the sick and was largely drawn forth in Prayer and Praise to the Almighty. After the Women friends were gone, I stopt and had some agreeable conversation with him to our mutual edification, spent in the whole about 5 hours there and then came to Joshua Dysons of Shelley.Woodhouse were I drunk Tea, and tarried 2 hours; then came to John Pickfords of Park, and afterwards to John Mallinsons of Birdsedge, sat a little at each place, and got home betwixt 8 and 9 o clock in the evening.

An Account of my Journey to our Spring Quarterly Meeting held at Leeds in the 3rd. Mo.
1811.

I left home ye. 25th. of ye. 3rd. Mo. 1811 and 2nd. day of the week about half past 8 o clock in the morning, and went by Cumberworth to Skelmanthorp were I stopt half an hour at Charles Blackburn's and took a little Rum and Water, then proceeded to Elias Armitages's of Park.lane were I stopt half an hour, after which he set me on my way as far as Emley and then return'd. I called at Emley to see David Blacker and din'd there, and found very little alteration in him since I was last there in respect to his health; and was glad to find he retained his integrity in the best sense; I stopt upwards of 2 hours with him, and then proceeded by Middlestown, Horbury.bridge, Horbury and Flanshaw to Alverthorp, got there a little past 4 o clock and took up my quarters this night at my kind frd. Mark Breaers.

On 26th. and 3rd. of week, I left Alverthorp about 9 o clock in the morning, Mark Brear set me on my way about 3 miles and then returned, went by Lingwoodgate, Thorp and Hunslet to Leeds, were I got about 12 o clock, Dined, spent the afternoon, and drunk Tea at Joshua Ingles. At 5 in the evening began our Quarterly meeting for Ministers and Elders, which I thought was smaller than usual when held here. The Queries were read and Answers received from all our Mo. meetings, and a General Answer was prepared therefrom to be laid before the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders. The advices of the Yearly Meeting to Ministers and Elders was read; and Jeremiah Hustler, William Tuke, Sarah Hird and Sarah Wright were appointed to Oversee the succeeding meetings and advise as occasion may require. Some of the business was gone thro' and at the close Ann Alexander bore an acceptable testimony. The Meeting held near 2 hours and a half. After which I went to my quarters at Joseph Shackletons of Holbeck.

On 27th. and 4th. of week, at 10 in the morning was a meeting for Worship which tho' mostly select of friends was very large. Barbara Hoyland had a short testimony therein first 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. Jane Doncaster next from Psalms 130. v: 7. With the Lord there is mercy, and with him there is plenteous redemption. Elizabeth Hoyland had a long time next from Isai: C: 26. v: 4 In the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength. Henry Tuke next from Ex: C: 15. v: 2. He is my God, and I will prepare him an habitation; my Fathers God, and I will exalt him.

Sarah Hustler 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. Isabella Harris a short time next from Joe: C: 2. v: 17. Spare thy people, O Lord, and give not thine heritage to reproach, that the heathen should rule over them. At the close of this meeting was held a meeting for discipline, Joseph Birkbeck of Settle and Joseph Tatham of Leeds were chosen Clerks for the ensuing year, last Quarterly meeting but one. In this meeting the 1st. 3 Queries were read and Answers thereto from all our Monthly meetings and General answers prepared therefrom. In answer to the 2nd. Query it appeared there was some appearance of conviction in Gisbro' and Hull Monthly meetings since last year, and that 7 Persons had been admitted into membership thereby since last year viz. 1 in York, 2 in Balby, 3 in Pontefract and 1 in Gisbro' Monthly meetings. A little more business was gone thro' and then the meeting adjourned until 5 o clock in the evening. Both meetings held upwards of 3 hours. This day I din'd at James Arthington's, and drunk Tea, there. At 5 in the evening met pursuant to adjournment. The remainder of the Queries were read and Answers thereto, and General Answers prepared therefrom. In Answer to the 11th. Query it appeared that one meeting had been settled since last year viz. at Winteringham within the compass of Pickering Monthly meeting. In Answer to the 12th. Query It appeared that 4 friends in Pontefract Monthly meeting since last year had suffered each of them one months imprisonment in the house of correction at Wakefield for refusing to serve in the Local Militia. It also appeared that one Publick friend was deceased since last year viz. Dinah Woodhead of Pontefract Monthly Meeting some other business was gone thro' and then the meeting adjourn'd until 10 o'clock next morning This meeting held upwards of 3 hours and a half.

On 28th. and 5th. of week, At10 in the morning met pursuant to adjournment. Before the business of the Meeting was entered upon George Saunders had a pretty long testimony to bear. A fair copy of the General Answers to the Queries was read and Signed in order to be laid before the Yearly meeting. The remaining part of the business of this meeting was gone thro' in this sitting, the whole having been conducted with great harmony to mutual satisfaction. The meeting held about 1 hour and a half. At the close of which friends sat near an hour together, having received some Papers from a committee of friends in London stating the distressed state of the English prisoners in France and recommending a liberal subscription for their relief, a great deal of time was taken up in considering of the best mode of collecting it, at length it was agreed to read the Papers at the close of a Meeting for Worship on a first day, and then nominated two or more friends to apply to their respective members, and such as usually attend our religious meetings, for their subscriptions to be forwarded to London as soon as possible. This day I din'd and drunk Tea at Pym Nevins's. At 5 in the evening was a Publick, and the parting Meeting for Worship, which was large and crowded many of other Societies coming in. Isabella Harris had a long time therein in testimony first from Isai: C: 49. v: 15. Can a woman forget her sucking child, that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb? yea, they may forget, yet will I not forget thee. Charles Parker 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. George Saunders next from Mic: C: 6. v. 6, 7, 8. Wherewith shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before the high God? shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves of a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, or with ten thousands of rivers of oil? shall I give my firstborn 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 does the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God. Henry Tuke was next concerning Prayer. The Meeting held near 2 hours and a half. And I may briefly observe that the several sittings of this Quarterly Meeting were eminently favoured, so that a remnant were made joyful together in the house of Prayer, and as with the voice of one man, had in the conclusion to offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and Praise.

On 29th. and 6th. of week, I left Holbeck a little before 9 o'clock in the morning, and came to John Ellis's of Gildersome.School, were I spent about 5 hours very agreeably and din'd there. From thence I came by Bruntcliffe, Howley.mills, and Rice.mill to Dewsbury were I got betwixt 5 and 6 o'clock, and took up my quarters this night at George Breareys.

On 30th. and 7th. of week, I breakfasted at William Wass's, and the left Dewsbury a little after 9 o'clock came by Thornhill, Mugmill and Flockton to cousin Alexander Hampshires of Flockton.mill, were I stopt about 1 hour and a half and din'd; then came to Emley were I called to see David Blacker, found him a little better at the present, he having been able to sit up a little each day for several days past, and this afternoon when just outside of the door a little into the air; I stopt with him about 2 hours, and then came by Skelmanthorpe and Cumberworth home were I got a little past 4 o'clock in the afternoon. It having been remarkably fine weather all the time I was away which was particularly favourable to me, being very poorly of a cold.

An Account of my Journey to a Meeting at Barnsley in the 4th. Mo. 1811.

I left home ye. 14th. of ye. 4th. Mo. and 1st. day of the week about half past 8 o clock in the morning called and sat about half an hour at our neighbour William Cockells, then preceded by Denby and Gunthwaite, to Richard Priests of Broad.oak, what I stopt upwards of 3 hours and din'd; then went by Elmhirst, Banks, and Higham to Barnsley, were I got betwixt 3 and 4 o clock, and drunk Tea at William Harveys. From thence I went to my quarters at John Yeardleys were the meeting this evening was held as usual, and began at 5 o clock. There was 26 attended, besides 6 friends who was here on their way to the Monthly meeting to be held next day at Burton. This meeting held long in silence, and was a very low time in the forepart thereof, but ended better. Isabella Harris had two pretty long testimonies to bear therein from John C: 20. v: 25. Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe. Afterwards I had a pretty long time from Acts C: 26. v: 14. Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks. The Meeting held upwards of 2 hours.

On 15th. and 2nd. of week, After Breakfast I went to see William Harvey, Samuel Cowards and Thomas Walker Haighs, stopt a little each place and took some refreshment at the last, and then went to the meeting at Burton, which was large and pretty open. John Bottomley had a pretty long testimony to bear therein first 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 faint in their journey. I next from 1 Kin: C: 17. v: 12. As the Lord thy God liveth, I have not a cake, but an handful of meal in a barrel, and a little oil in a cruse, and behold I am gathering two sticks, that I may go in and dress it for me and my son, that we may eat it, and die. James Harrison dropt a few words next. At the close of this meeting was held our Monthly meeting for discipline the business of which was very agreeably conducted I laid before this meeting a concern which had been for some time upon my mind to pay a religious visit to the meetings within the compass of Preston Monthly Meeting in Lancashire, and to have some Publick meetings in some adjacent parts with the inhabitants more particularly towards the Sea.shore. Many frds. expressed much sympathy with me under my present, concern accompanied with the language of encouragement and the meeting gave me a Certificate expressive of their Unity and concurrence. Both meetings held near 4 hours. After which I din'd and drunk Tea at John Wilsons and then return'd to Barnsley were I went to see Thomas Dixon Walton whom I found in a very weak state much reduced since I last saw him. From hence in my return to my Quarters I called and sat a little at Thomas Yeardleys.

On 16th. and 3rd. of week, In the forenoon I went and sat a little at Thomas Walker Haighs, and took a glass of wine. After dinner I left Barnsley and set out for home betwixt 1

and 2 o'clock in company with John Bottomley, we came together as far as Denby William Bayldon set us on our way about 1 mile, and then returned. We came by Cawthorne and Dakinbrook to Netherdenby were we called at Abraham Coopers, stopt about 1 hour and a half there and drunk Tea, then came by Denby were I called Joseph Priests and Joseph Grayhams, stopt at both places about 1 hour and then Joseph Grayham set me about halfway home were I got about 8 o clock in the evening.

An Account of my Journey on a religious visit to the Meetings of friends within the compass of Preston Monthly Meeting: and a few adjacent meetings in Lancashire; and to Publick Meetings held at Haslingden, Poulton, Rossall, Blackpool, Lytham, Freckleton, Moonsmill, Wigan, and Littleborough in the said County.

Having spread my concern before the friends of our Monthly meeting held at Burton in the 4th. Mo. 1811 of paying a religious visit to the meetings of friends within the compass of Preston Monthly meeting in Lancashire, and a few adjacent meetings, and to have some Publick meetings with those of other societies, more particularly towards the Sea.shore, and the meeting having Unity therewith, left me at liberty to proceed therein as my way might open, and gave me their Certificate; of which the following is a copy viz.

To the friends of Preston Monthly Meeting in Lancashire and parts adjacent.

Dear friends

Our Esteemed Friend, Joseph Wood, has this day spread before our meeting a concern which has for sometime attended his mind, to pay a religious visit to the Meetings of Friends within Preston Monthly Meeting, and parts adjacent; and to have some Publick meetings with persons not of our Society, in those parts, particularly towards the Sea shore. And the concern having had the solid consideration of this Meeting, much sympathy and unity was express'd with the Friend under his prospect And the Meeting hereby certifies that he is a Minister in good esteem among us his conduct and conversation being consistent with the station he holds in the Church. And he apprehending that the time for his setting out on the service is nearly at hand; this Meeting leaves him at liberty to move therein as way may open, and recommends him to the sympathy and kind assistance of friends, sincerely desiring that he may be enabled by the Head of the Church, to minister to the edification of those where his lot may be cast; and that when the work whereunto he is sent is accomplished; he may return to us with the answer of Peace.

Signed in and on behalf of Pontefract Monthly Meeting held at Burton the 15th. of the 4th. Month 1811

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| Robert Whitaker | Joseph Firth |
| William Bottomley | Christopher Walker |
| Thomas Hague | George Chapman |
| James Wigham | John Bottomley |
| William Harvey | John Robinson |
| William Taylor | Benjamin Jowett |
| Samuel Woodhead | Elihu Dickinson |
| Joseph Haigh | James Harrison |
| Robert Wood | John Mallinson |
| Samuel Pickard | Samuel Coward |
| William Adamson | John Yeardley |
| Thomas Walker Haigh | William Taylor |
| Edward Bilton | George Brearey |
| George Broadhead | Henry Swire |
| Joseph Smith | |

I left home the 25th. of the 4th. month 1811, and 5th. day of the week after Breakfast, and went to John Pickfords of Park were I stopt some time, and before I set out took a little refreshment, left there about a quarter before 9 o clock and called at John Haighs of Shepley who accompanied me near unto John Issotts were I called and stopt about half an hour, and then proceeded, John Issott bearing the company about 3 miles, went by Farnley, Newsome and Lockwood to John Fishers of Springdale, were my kind friend William Midgley of Buersill near Rochdale in Lancashire had ordered to meet me and conveyed me in his Chaise to his house, but he being unexpectedly engaged, had sent his man with the carriage. I got there a little before 12 o clock, the man had got there before me, We dined and stopt until half past 3 o clock and then set out for Buerhill 17 miles, went by Quarmby and Outlanes, had a very agreeable ride over the high Moors, the afternoon being fine, to the Junction Inn in Saddleworth, were we called to bait our horse and I got 6 pennyworth of Rum and Water, then preceded by Butterworth to William Midgleys of Buerhill in Lancashire well we got about half past 8 o clock, and were as usual I met with a very kind reception from the whole family.

On 26th. and 6th. of week, This day I spent mostly here, William Midgley being preparing to leave home, he having previously acquainted me with his intentions of being my companion, and conveying me in his carriage throughout this journey, both of which were very acceptable to me, and the latter a kindness I hope I shall ever gratefully remember, travelling on foot growing more wearisome to me, as I advance in years; In the forenoon we went and sat a little at his Son James Midgleys of Springhill, and before we returned got a little refreshment. In the evening before we arose from the Table at supper, I was concerned a pretty long time in testimony.

On 27th. and 7th. of week, We left Buerhill betwixt 9 and 10 o'clock in the forenoon, and went by Rochdale to Haslingden 12 miles were we got a little after 12 o clock; and took up our Quarters at the Widow Susanna Dasons. Finding a concern upon my mind to have a Publick meeting with the inhabitants of this Town this evening, my companion and some others exerted themselves much in giving notice thereof. It began at 7 o clock and held near 3 hours; It was in the Methodists Meetinghouse a very large building and I thought about 400 persons attended; It was long in gathering which was a hurt to the forepart thereof, but upon the whole it was an open favoured meeting. I had a very long testimony to bear therein from John C: 4. v: 22. Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship; for salvation is the Jews. When I sat down the People arose to depart; but I requested them to stop, informing them the meeting was not over; This opened a way for me more fully to inform them of our belief of the nature of true and acceptable worship. At the close of the Meeting I stood up and requested the People, that if any of our friends in future were drawn to visit them, that they would endeavour to observe the hour appointed, as coming late was a hurt to themselves and the meeting in general. and after a few words more in exhortation, concluded with saluting them in Gospel love, and bade them all Farewel. After we got to our quarters Jonas Hinchcliffe who when a youth lived at Lidget and frequently attended our meetings, and was I believe measurably convinced of our religious principles, but stumbled at the cross; came to see me, he is now a Preacher amongst the Independants in this Town, but appears to retain a great love for friends. He tarried with us most of 2 hours, appearing much pleased with our company.

On 28th. and 1st. of week, we set out a little past 8 o clock in the morning, and got to Blackburn about half past 9, 8 miles, were we took up our quarters at Thomas Swithenbanks. Friends have no Meetinghouse in this Town, but a few families of friends have settled here some years ago, they have taken an upper room and fitted it up for that purpose, there are also a few who appear to be under convincement. The forenoon meeting began at half past 10. Several friends was there from other meetings, and a few of other Societies came in so that about 30 persons attended: I had a pretty long testimony to bear therein from 1 Cor: C: 10. v: 17. We being many are one bread, and one body. The afternoon Meeting began at 3 and was rather larger than the former a few more of other Societies coming in. I had a long testimony

to bear 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. After a little time in silence, I had a short testimony, enlarging upon the same subject. After meeting We drunk Tea at George Haworths a descendant of friends but rarely if ever attends meetings. Michael Satterthwaite a choice young man from Preston came here to meet us, in order to conduct us thither this evening, but I was taken in the forenoon very ill of the Cholick which continued all day; Benjamin Abbot a friend of this Town and an Apothecary, thought it better for me to stop all night, and ordered me a medicine to take in the evening which proved useful to me.

On 29th. and 2nd of week we left Blackburn about 8 o clock in the morning for Preston 11 miles, got there about 10, and took up our quarters at Ralph Aldersons who married the Widow Satterthwaite who had many children, several of whom are with them and appear very hopeful particularly her son Michael who was very near and dear to me, Indeed they are throughout an agreeable family living in much love and unity one with another, and are a remarkable kind to friends. The meeting began at 11 o'clock, and was larger than I expected about 50 friends attending, it being of late considerably increased, and several appear to be under convincement. I was first concerned therein in supplication, next had long testimony from Deut: C: 6. v. 5. Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart. and afterwards had a short time from Acts C: 24. v: 25. Go thy way for this time; when I have a convenient season, I will call for thee. It was upon the whole a satisfactory meeting. After Tea Ralph Alderson took a walk with us thro' the Country around the Town, and return'd to Supper. In our return we called and sat a little at John Dansons who came from amongst the Papists and joined friends some time ago.

On 30th.and 3rd.of week we left Preston a little before 8 o clock in the morning for Filde meeting held at Eccleston 12 miles, Michael Satterthwaite and William Malley were our guides, We got to Eccleston about 10 o.clock and put up at an Inn the Sine of the Bowling green, were we got some refreshment and then went to the meeting which began at 11 o clock, There are but 3 members of our Society belonging thereto, but several who have been disowned continue to attend, and one family from Poulton who is under convincement regularly attend here; and a few of other societies came in to day. I felt exceedingly stripped and low in the forepart of the meeting, but Truth gradually arose, and before the close thereof was in great dominion. I had a long testimony to bear therein first from John C: 10. v: 10. The thief cometh not but for to steel and to kill and to destroy. I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly. Afterwards I had two pretty long testimonies the first from Cant: C: 8. v: 8, 9. We have a little sister, and she has no breasts; What shall we do for our sister in the day when she shall be spoken for? If she be a wall, we will build upon her palace of silver; and if she be a door, we will inclose her with boards of cedar. The other from Rom: C: 1. v: 16. I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ: for it is the Power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth. Afterwards I was concerned in Prayer. In my return from this meeting to the Inn, I was much broken and tendered under a sense of the extendings of the Love of God towards those who had missed their way in order that they might be again gathered as within the inclosed garden. We dined at the Inn and stopped until betwixt 4 and 5 o.clock, and then set out for Poulton 6 miles; For having gone through the meetings of friends within Preston Monthly meeting; I now found my mind drawn to visit the inhabitants of this part, as Lord might be pleased to open my way; and Michael Satterthwaite and William Malley gave up to accompany us until we return'd to Preston; and they were singularly useful, for knowing in their own experience the value of the Truth, they were desirous that others might be favoured with an acquaintance therewith, and spared no pains in inviting the People to Meetings, and doing all in their Power for us. William Malley was brought up among the Papists, but being convinced of friends Principles, has joined our Society. We got to Poulton about 6 in the evening and took up our quarters at the Black.Bull. Poulton is a small but neat market Town. After Tea we went to see William Smith and his Wife the friends beforementioned who are under convincement in this Town; and after we

return'd to our Inn an Independant Preacher who lives in this Town came and spent the evening with us and tarried supper, he very freely lent us his Meetinghouse which was the best place in the Town for accommodating the People

On 1st. of 5th. Mo. and 4th. of week, our friends gave notice to the inhabitants of the Town and country around of the meeting to be held this evening, which began at 6 o clock, The Meetinghouse is a neat, but small one; yet it was large enough for the occasion; we thought about 120 People attended. It proved a good meeting, I had a long testimony to bear therein from Matt: C: 1. v: 21. Thou shalt call his name Jesus; for he shall save his people from their sins. At the close of the meeting I expressed my obligation to the People for favouring us with their company; and our satisfaction with their commendable behaviour, which I observed was much to their credit. Then recommending them unto God and to the teachings of his pure and spiritual Grace, I saluted them in Gospel Love and bade them Farewel. The meeting held upwards of 2 hours.

On 2nd. and 5th. of week, we left Poulton about half past 8 in the morning for Rossall 4 miles went slowly and got there about half past 9, put up at an Inn kept by William Miller of Cleavless, who very freely accommodated us with a room for to have a meeting in this evening. Rossall is not a Town nor a village but a narrow district of land a few miles over, situated betwixt the river Wire and the Sea terminating in a narrow point into the sea called Rossall-point were a Landmark is erected which is very useful to Mariners The houses in this district are scattered up and down, there being scarcely two together; and unto this part I had felt my mind particularly drawn. William Smith of Poulton accompanied us to day and was very useful being acquainted with the situation of the inhabitants. After getting some refreshment, the friends went different ways in giving information of the meeting to the People; and my companion me took a walk upon the banks of the Sea (he giving information as we went along) as far as Rossall point were the River wire and the mighty ocean unite. from the hill upon which the Landmark stands we had an extensive prospect, could very clearly discern the Isle of Walney. In our way hither we had passed by Rossall hall the seat of Bold Fleetwood Hesketh Esqr. a noble house with a Sham.castle and fortifications towards the Sea. The day was very fine, the sea smooth, and pleasant which made the walk very delightful. We all return'd to our Inn to dine, and after dinner the friends pursued their plan in giving information to the people whilst my companion with the Landlord who cheerfully lent him every assistant in his Power were preparing the room by fixing a Gallery and seating it, the room fronted the Sea and was little more than the breadth of the road from it. The meeting began at 6 and held 2 hours, The inhabitants of this part pretty generally attended, and it was supposed that none had ever been at a Meeting before; yet they came in and sat down in a very solid and becoming manner, the room was crowded, and many in an adjoining one. An awful solemnity soon spread over the Meeting, and I was raised up to bear a very long testimony amongst them from Psalms 8. v. 3, 4, 5. When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers; the moon and the stars which thou hast ordained; What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him? For thou hast made him a little lower than the Angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour. It was a highly favoured meeting, and at the close thereof I expressed our satisfaction with their company and commendable behaviour; and then recommended them unto him who is able to keep them from falling; To the only wise God, our Saviour, unto whom be glory and Majesty dominion and Power; both now and ever. Amen. The Priest of Bispham was here but I did not know until after the meeting, he was quiet altho' a very wicked man, and his craft was very much exposed. We got some refreshment here and then set out for Blackpool 5 miles, got there about half past 9 in the evening, and took up our quarters at John Bonnys a victualling house, having previously sent them word of our intention of being here this evening, whereby they were prepared to receive us.

On 3rd. and 6th. of the week, Friends procured a large room of our Landlord 11 Yds. long and 8 wide for a meeting this evening, and whilst they were giving notice thereof to the inhabitants; I took a walk thro' the village. It is a place where much company resort in the

summer season for Sea bathing; and many very large Inns and victualling houses are built upon the shore fronting the Sea for the accommodation of the company who resort there in abundance. There is also a beautiful gravel walk kept up at the publick expence, and railed from the carriage road, close upon the sea bank, for the company to walk upon, and enjoy the benefit of the Sea air. Seats are placed in different parts thereof fronting the sea and at the North end of the walk is a beautiful harbour in the form of an half moon covered over, and open to the walk with seats around the half circle behind. In the afternoon with the assistance of the Landlord and his family who appeared anxious to do all in their power; they seated the room and made a Gallery. The next morning they sent the Landlord as usual pay for the room; but he return'd the money and would not be prevailed upon to take anything. The meeting began at 6 this evening and held upwards of 2 hours; about 50 persons attended several of them appearing to be of the higher rank. It was accompanied with heavy labour, yet I believe was a profitable opportunity unto many; their behaviour was remarkably still solid and attentive, and some of them appeared to be much affected. I had a long testimony to bear therein from Numb: C: 22. v: 10. Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his. I was afterwards concerned in Prayer. Afterwards William Midgley informed the People that the meeting was now over, and they at liberty to withdraw, which they did in a very solid manner; many hearts being I believe touched with the power and virtue of Truth.

On 4th. and 7th. of week, we left Blackpool a little past 8 o clock in the morning for Lytham 8 miles and a half got there about half past 9, were we took up our quarters at the Sine of the Ship, the Landlord letting us have a room for a meeting this evening 10 Yds. long and nearly 6 wide. Lytham is a beautiful village finally sheltered with Groves of trees, and pleasantly situated at the mouth of the river Ribble were it empties itself into the sea, much company also resort here for Sea bathing; But its beauty is much eclipsed by the darkness which appears to cover the inhabitants; many of them being Papists of the most bigoted kind. Whilst the other friends were engaged in giving notice of the meeting I took a walk by the side of the Ribble which is here at high water 6 miles over had a fine prospect of the opposite shore and the village of North.Meals, I continued my walk a considerable way upon the Sea shore and return'd thro' the country to our Inn. After dinner Friends prepared the room for the meeting, by seating it and making a Gallery. The country about here is more populous than any other we had been in, in these parts, and the friends took great pains in giving information to the People, but the Papists received the invitation with very apparent marks of disgust. The meeting began at 6 o clock, and held about 2 hours and a half. It was a very painful exercising meeting, about 50 Persons attended, the most of whom appeared to have very little sense of good about them; their want of religious concern being manifested by their indifference in coming together; the meeting being I believe an hour and a half in gathering, and then was much disturbed by some going out, whose appearance one would have thought might have made them better acquainted with good manners, but after being closely reproved for their incivility, it had the desired effect; yet there was a few truly well disposed minds, unto whom the language of encouragement freely flowed. I had a short testimony to bear therein first from Cant: C: 2. v: 14. Oh my dove, that art in the clefts of the rock, in the secret places of the stairs, let me see thy countenance, let me hear thy voice; for sweet is thy voice, and thy countenance is comely. And afterwards had a pretty long time 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. At the close of the meeting I inform'd the People it was now over; expressed my sorrow at the disturbance the well disposed had met with, from those whose appearance bespoke, that if they were not possessed of religious thoughtfulness; they might have been of civility and good manners: yet notwithstanding this I believe the honest minded had been favoured to feel a good degree of an awful solemnity to cover their minds and I sincerely desired they might be favoured to keep under it when separated, and then I believed the present opportunity would be of benefit to them.

On 5th. and 1st. of week we left Lytham for Freckleton 5 miles betwixt 8 and 9 o clock in the morning had a pleasant ride near the banks of the river Ribble it being the time of high

water and the vessels coming up it with the Tide; got to Freckleton about quarter past 9, and put up out an Inn kept by one Clifton. Friends have a pretty large Meetinghouse in this village, altho' the meeting hath been discontinued many years, no friends being left in this part; but Michael Satterthwaite had wrote a few days before to an acquaintance of his in the village requesting him to give notice to the inhabitants of the Publick Meeting to be held here to day to begin at 11 o clock. Christopher Russel and William Soulman two convinced friends from Preston met us here, the former is joined the Society; but the other not. I think they both came from amongst the Methodists. Also William Smith of Poulton, of whose company we were glad he being I believe a sincere man. Before the hour appointed the Meetinghouse was filled with People a great concourse attending, so that both ends of the Meetinghouse, chamber etc were very much crowded, and the Lord was pleased to favour us together in a very extraordinary manner. I had a very long testimony to bear therein from 2 Kin: C: 5. v: 12. Are not Abana and Pharpar, rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? may I not wash in them and be clean? And after some time in silence, I found a concern to stand up again and had a pretty long testimony to bear from Isai: C. 3. v: 12. As for my people, children are their oppressors, and Women rule over them. O my people, they which lead thee cause thee to ere, and destroy the way of thy paths. The People were very still solid and attentive, and some of them much tendered. The meeting held 2 hours and a half. After which we din'd at the Inn, were we tarried until past 3 o.clock, and then set out for Kirkham 3 miles were we got about 4 and put up at the Black Bull were we got Tea, We purposed having a Meeting with the inhabitants of this Town, the next day in the forenoon; and William Foster and George Sanders having been here under a similar concern about 3 months before, and friends could not meet with any place likely to contain the inhabitants except the Independent Meetinghouse, which they had refused them, but thro' the interference of a great man in the Town was at length procured, but now when friends applyed for it, it was absolutely refused. They looked about in the Town for some other place, but could not meet with any that was likely to answer the purpose, and whilst they were thus engage I sat retired in the Inn, when I thought I felt the present visitation pass by them, and my mind at liberty to leave them, being satisfied that I had given up to make them the offer, which they refusing I felt clear, for indeed there seemed at the present very little openness amongst the People in this place. When the friends return'd I inform'd them how it was with me, one of them remark'd he thought it might be long or they were favoured with another offer of the kind. We got ourselves ready, and left Kirkham a little past 7 o clock for Preston 9 miles, in our way we passed through Clifton a singular village, principally inhabited by Farmers, the houses being on one side of the road, and the Barns betwixt 20 and 30 in number on the other, all of a Row. We got to Ralph Aldersons of Preston about a quarter before 9 o.clock, where tho' unexpected we met with a very kind reception from the whole family; and in this house I met with much comfort and solid satisfaction they being solid friends, and having some hopeful children.

On 6th. and 2nd. of week, This morning our dearly beloved friends, William Malley and Michael Satterthwaite set out to procure and prepare a place for a meeting this evening at Moons.mill, and give notice thereof to the inhabitants of the village and the country around. They completed their business and return'd in the afternoon. After dinner we went and sat a little at William Malleys and return'd to our quarters to Tea. A little before 5 o clock we set out for Moonsmill 3 miles, dear Michael Satterthwaite accompanying us, we got there about half an hour before the time of the meeting, and put up at the Bunch of grapes, when we got a little Rum and Water. The meeting began at 6 o.clock and was held in a Popish Chapel, which had been for some time given up by them, and used for a Protestant school. It had a pulpit in it and was conveniently seated with forms, and it was supposed that it would contain about 250 People; It was well filled but not crowded, several friends from Preston attended. It proved a blessed heavenly meeting, I had a very long testimony to bear therein from Matt: C: 4. v: 17. Repent; for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. and afterwards had a short time from Psalms 46. v: 10. Be still, and know that I am God. At the close of the meeting, which held upwards

of 2 hours I inform'd the People it was now about to conclude, that their company, and still solid attentive behaviour had been very acceptable. I then expressed my desire 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. After getting a little refreshment at the Inn, we return'd to Preston, were we got to our quarters a little past 9 o clock.

On 7th. and 3rd. of the week, We attended the Monthly meeting held in this Town which began at 11 o.clock for Worship, a few besides friends came in, I had a long testimony to bear therein from 1 Kin: C: 3. v: 9. Give therefore thy servant an understanding heart. Afterwards I had a short time from Eccle: C: 10. v: 10. Wisdom is profitable to direct. It was a good Meeting. The various states of this Assembly were opened and spoke to; and the language of encouragement flowed freely to an exercised remnant. At the close of the meeting for Worship was held their meeting to discipline which consists of three Meetings viz. Filde, Preston, and Blackburn. There are no Preparative meetings held, but Preston friends nominate one of their members as being present, and such friends as attend from the other meetings are put down as appearing there. There being but one man friend at present in Filde meeting who is a member of our Society and he aged and infirm, That meeting is under the care of a committee of the Monthly meeting to attend there as their way opens, and report to the Mo. meeting, and give account of the attendance of meetings, or any other matter that may be necessary to bring before this meeting. The business of this meeting was conducted to satisfaction; My Certificate was read therein and minuted; expressing that my company, and labours amongst them had been very acceptable. Both meetings held near 3 hours. After which we din'd at John Harrisons, and after dinner return'd to our quarters, were we tarried until 4 o.clock then taking leave of our dear friends of this place, and to some of whom are we were nearly united in the love and precious fellowship of the Gospel of christ; we set out for Standish 13 miles and a half Thomas Harrison being our guide, got there about half past 6 o.clock, and took up our quarters at John Kirshaws.

On 8th. and 4th. of week was at an appointed Meeting at Standish which began at 11 o.clock; there was about 40 persons attended, a few of them being of other Societies, and some who are under convincement. There are in this meeting an exercised remnant unto whom the language of encouragement flowed; and much counsel and advice were communicated to the youth. I had two pretty long testimonies to bear therein, the first from Rev: C: 14. v: 13. Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord, from henceforth: Yea, saith the spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them. and the other 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. After meeting James Nevill and his Wife went with us to dine at John Kirshaws, and in the afternoon we went with them to their house at Wigan 3 miles and a half were we got about 5 o.clock

On 9th. and 5th. of week, betwixt 9 and 10 o.clock in the morning we set out to an appointed meeting at West.Houghton 4 miles and a half William Nevill a promising youth the son of our kind friend James Nevill being our guide, we got there about half past 10 o clock and alighted at Isaac Hirsts, were we stopt until meeting time which began at 11 o.clock. There was upwards of 40 persons attended, a few of them being of other Societies; There are now 10 who are become members of our Society and several have begun to attend meetings since I was there before who appear hopeful, they gave me the addition of 8 names viz. John Corless, Richard Corless, Ralph Unsworth, William Hilton, Hugh Taylor, Margaret Taylor, Betty Hurst, William Heaton. This was a glorious meeting, I had a very long testimony to bear therein from Luke C: 12. v. 35, 36, 37. Let your loins be girded about and your lights burning; and ye yourselves like unto men that wait for their Lord, when he will return from the wedding; that when he cometh and knocketh, they may open unto him immediately. Blessed are those servants whom the Lord when he cometh shall find watching; verily I say unto you that he shall gird himself, and make them to sit down to meat, and will come forth to serve them. The glory of the Lord so eminently overshadowed this Assembly, and such an almost universal tenderness run through the meeting, and I was so overcome

therewith, that towards the close of my testimony, I was scarcely able to proceed, but thought for some time, I should be obliged to sit down, to give vent to my tears; I do not remember ever being at such an highly favoured meeting before; I believe it may be said, that Truth reigned over all, the floor being wet with Tears. After meeting I got a little suitable refreshment and Richard Highams, and then he accompanied me to Isaac Hirsts were we took our carriage and return'd to our kind friend James Nevills of Wigan to dine. I had concluded this morning to have a Publick Meeting with the inhabitants of Wigan this evening and James Nevill was pretty closely engaged most of the day in giving notice thereof: it began at 6 in the evening, and was held in the Methodists Meetinghouse, which is a very large building; A Justice of Peace, and many of the principal inhabitants of the town, with others; to the number of about 500 attended. It proved an open satisfactory Meeting, I had a very long testimony to bear therein 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 the meeting I expressed our satisfaction with the company and very commendable behaviour of the People, and after a few words in exhortation, concluded with saluting them in Gospel love and bade them Farewel. The meeting held 2 hours and a half.

On 10th. and 6th. of week we left Wigan for Rochdale 22 miles, a little past 8 o clock in the morning. It was very wet in the forenoon, but our carriage having a cover we did pretty well, stopt a few minutes at Thomas Leighs of West.Houghton, and then proceeded to Bolton were we stopt upwards of 1 hour at Margaret Woods, and got some refreshment. The roads from here to Rochdale were exceeding bad, owing in part to the heavy rains which have lately fallen about here, so that we got heavily forward, called at the door of one Hutchinson Merchant in Bury, he would gladly have had us alight and stop dinner with them but we declined accepting the invitation, and taking each of us a glass of wine proceeded, when we got within a mile of Rochdale, I alighted from the carriage, and my companion went directly to his own house. I went a foot way into Rochdale, and through the Town to James Midgleys of Wardleworth, got there about quarter before 3 o'clock, were I took up my quarters. After Tea I went and sat a little at Henry Ecroys and return'd to supper.

On 11th. and 7th. of week, This morning James Taylor of Oldham meeting came to see me, and he with William Midgley, Henry Ecroyd, George Conway, and John Fothergill friends of this meeting went to procure and prepare a place for a Meeting this evening at Littleborough, which they did and gave notice to the inhabitants of the village thereof, and for a considerable distance around. In the afternoon it came on very wet and I was much discouraged having been very unwell ever since I got to Rochdale, but my kind friend William Midgley ever intent of doing me all the kindness in his Power, went and hired a Post.chaise, and his Son James and me went thither and back therein. We left at my quarters about half past 5 o clock, and alighted at the Falcon in Littleborough about 6, 3 miles, we did not go into the house the People being collecting to the meeting but went immediately thither, It was held in the Methodist Meetinghouse, which is supposed to contain about 6 or 700 People, and notwithstanding the very wet afternoon, it was very full, and proved a very open favoured meeting. I had a very long testimony to bear therein from Luke C: 13. v. 4, 5. Those eighteen upon whom the Tower in Siloam fell, and slew them, think ye that they were sinners above all men that dwelt in Jerusalem? I tell you, Nay; but except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish. Afterwards I was concerned in Prayer. At the close of the meeting I inform'd the People it was over, expressed our satisfaction with their commendable behaviour, desiring that it might continue in their return to their respective habitations, and as many minds had been favoured to experience a solemn covering, I desired they might endeavour to keep under it, and not hurt themselves by entering hastily into conversation; then saluting them in the fresh springings up of that love which continues to breathe peace on earth and goodwill to men, I bade them all Farewell. The meeting held near 2 ours and a half. After meeting we return'd to the Falcon were we stopt half an hour and got some suitable refreshment; and then getting into the Chaise we return'd, having some agreeable conversation with James Midgley whose company was truly acceptable, he being I hope improving in the best sense. The

evening proved fine, and I return'd in much better health, and got to my quarters about half past 9 o clock.

On 12th. and 1st. of week, I attended the Meeting in Rochdale, Fore and afternoon; After breakfast I went and sat a little at Henry Ecroyds and went from thence to the forenoon meeting which began at 10 o'clock It was a large meeting, several attend to appear to be under convincement, and several of other societies came in. It was held in silence. The afternoon meeting began at 3 o clock. It was larger than the former more of other societies attending, so that the great end of the Meetinghouse was well filled; towards the close thereof I had a short testimony to bear, things opening a little to my own encouragement, and the encouragement of others from Zech: C: 4. v. 11, 12, 13, 14. 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. At the close of the forenoon meeting, the business of their Preparative meeting was gone through, in which meeting my Certificate was read. After this meeting James Taylor and me went to George Conways were we drunk Tea in company with many friends, and from thence came to William Midgleys of Buersill were we lodg'd. After supper we went to James Midgleys of Springhill his Wifes Mother Elizabeth Howarth of Shittleworth.hall being there and having expressed a desire to have a little of my company. She hath recently lost her sight, and is an example of cheerful resignation and acquiescence with the divine will. I thought her company very agreeable. We stopt about 1 hour and then return'd.

On 13th. and 2nd. of week, I set out towards home a little before 9 o'clock in the morning, came a considerable way on foot with James Taylor, when we parted, I got into the carriage, my kind friend William Midgley having sent his man and a carriage to assist me a little on my way. We came by Junction Inn in Yorkshire to the Sine of the Mail.coach on the moors near Pole.Chapel were we stopt near 1 hour and a half and din'd, paid 9d the piece eating and 10 Liquor, then he returned, and I came by Slaithwaite, Blackmoorfoot and South.Croslan to Netherton were I called to see an acquaintance, stopt a little, and then came to Honley, and being very thirsty, I called and got a Pint of Porter at the George paid 3d and a half stopt half an hour, and then proceeded by Brockholes, as I went up the hill to Thurstonland it was very hot, and I was much overset with the heat in walking up the hill; William Pomfret the man who hath attended our meetings a considerable time was standing at the top, and saw me at a distance, and knew me; he waited until I got to him, and then kindly invited me to his house in the village; I accepted his invitation, and stopt there about1 hour and drunk Tea, and then came to John Brooks of Shepley were I stopt about half an hour and took a glass of wine and water, then came home were I got betwixt 9 and 10 o.clock.

An Account of my Journey to a Publick Meeting held at Emley in the 6th. Mo. 1811.

A concern having been upon my mind for a considerable time to pay a religious visit to the inhabitants of Emley and the vicinity thereof, and feeling the time draw near for me to accomplish the same, I laid it before the members of our Select meeting at the close of our Monthly Meeting in the 5th. Mo. 1811, and had their unity and approbation to proceed therein as my way opened, and the 2nd. of ye. 6th. Mo. and 1st day of the week appearing to fix upon my mind as the right time to perform it accordingly I acquainted some friends of our Meeting therewith, and Joshua Dyson and Charles Stead undertook to procure and prepare a place for the meeting and give notice to the inhabitants thereof; they went over to Emley about a week before the time, and got a large barn belonging to the Widow Hannah Cudworth who gave it up very freely for the service, and refused to take anything for the lent thereof. She also

appeared very anxious to assist friends in every thing she could, and manifested much kindness in every respect, The barn with a Mistal adjoining contained 4 Bay and the Mistal was open to the Barn, They erected a convenient Gallery, and seated the whole with forms and Planks. On the 6th. day before I received a Letter from Barnsley informing me of the death of my beloved friend Thomas Dixon Walton who departed this Life the 29th. of ye. 5th. Mo. 1811 and was to be buried at Burton ye. 2nd. of ye 6th. Mo. aged about 28 years, with an invitation to his burial. This at first brought me into a strait, there having been from our first acquaintance a particular intimacy betwixt us, and it appeared a trial to me not to pay my last tokens of respect to my dear deceased friend by accompanying his corps to the Grave, But on considering that in the appointment of the meeting, I have endeavoured to attend to best direction, and John Bottomley who had intended being at Emley, but giving it up to attend the burial I felt pretty easy and quiet. Thomas Dixon Walton was convinced of the Truth when very young, and suffered a great deal at the time from his Mother, soon after he was admitted a member of our Society, he appeared acceptably in the work of the ministry, and promised fair for a dignified member in the Church, but entering largely into business, and for a season proving very successful therein, his heart became too much in Love with the world, and pursuing the concerns thereof with too much eagerness, contrary to the repeated advice of his friends, and the convictions of Truth which at times he was favoured to feel in his own mind, he very much retarded his spiritual progress thereby, and hurt his service in the Church, and also very much injured his health; But he who had wonderfully blest, in mercy was pleased to blast, a change of times taking place, that which had been so hastily accumulated was swept away in much less time, and he being favoured with a long and lingering illness, saw the vanity of Riches and the loss he had sustained by too eagerly pursuing business to accumulate them, which he much lamented, and was favoured with a peaceful close, expressing his redeemer was standing ready to receive him. I set out for Emley on the morning of the meeting.day, about 6 o.clock, and went by Cumberworth to my Nephew Robert Woods of Moorbottom to Breakfast were I tarried 1 hour and a half, here my beloved friend Joseph Firth of Shepley.Lanehead met me and accompanied me to Emley, he is a promising young man whom I desire he may be favoured to experience, not only a putting on of christ, but being preserved in him unto the end. We went to Joshua Dysons were we sat a little and then he accompanied us to Emley were we got just in time to the meeting which began at 10 o clock, and held upwards of 2 hours and a half. Great was the concourse of People that attended so that many could not get in but were obliged to stand all the time in the yard It was a good meeting the Truths of the Gospel were largely opened, and declared amongst them, to the reaching of the pure witness for God in the hearts of many. I having a very long testimony to bear therein from Isai: C: 60. v. 2, 3. Darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people; but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee. And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising. Afterwards I was concerned in Prayer, and at the close of the meeting I expressed my satisfaction with the very commendable behaviour of the People, notwithstanding the disadvantage they had laboured under in so many having to stand throughout the time; adding that it was very much to their credit, and desiring they might return to their respective habitations in the like commendable manner, and after a short time in exhortation, I recommended them unto God, and the teachings of his pure and spiritual Grace, and saluting them in Gospel Love bade them all Farewel. After meeting I went to the Widow Hannah Cudworths were I got some necessary refreshment stopt about half an hour and then came with cousin Charles Stead, at Joshua Dyson to Siver.Ing were I din'd at cousin Benjamin Steads, and after dinner went and sat a little cousin Charles Steads, then came to Woodhouse in company with my Brother Samuel Wood and Henry Marsden, were I called and drunk Tea and Joshua Dysons, The afternoon turned out wet and continued so until after I got home, I stopt here, until about 7 o.clock, and then set out Joshua Dyson set me a little on my way and then return'd, I came by Low.Cumberworth and Dykeside to John Bottomleys of Wood, were I just met him return'd from the burial of dear Thomas Dixon Walton, he gave me a further account of his peaceful

close, and that the meeting at his burial was very large, and eminently favoured. I stopt about half an hour, and got home a little before 9 o'clock.

An Account of my Journey to a Meeting held at Barnsley in ye. 8th. Mo. 1811.

8th. Mo. 17th. 1811, and 7th. day of the week; my kind friend Joshua Dyson of Shelley.Woodhouse, having invited me to dine at his house to day, I accepted his invitation, and left home early this morning, and went to John Pickfords of Park to be Shaved were I stopt sometime, left there at about half past 9 o clock, and went to my Nephew Robert Woods of Moorbottom were I stopt a little and took some refreshment and then proceeded to Joshua Dysons of Shelley Woodhouse were I got about 11 o clock; stopt here about 3 hours and din'd, then proceeded, Joshua Dyson accompanying me to Skelmanthorp were I called and sat a little at Charles Blackburns, and then went by Clayton to Hoyland, were I called to see Mary Fisher, sat a little with her, and then preceded by Kexbro'to Richard Scorahs of Barugh.mill were I stopt upwards of 2 hours and drunk Tea, then went to Barnsley were I got a little before 9 o clock, rested me a while at Samuel Cowards and then went to my dear friend John Yeardleys were as usual I took up my quarters.

On 18th. and 1st. of the week, I called after Breakfast to see Thomas Walker Haigh, who is very ill so that his recovery appears doubtful, and he seems to be sensible thereof. From thence I went to their meeting at Burton which was pretty open and satisfactory I had two pretty long testimonies to bear therein the first from Phil: C: 2. v. 12, 13. Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure. and the other from Matt: C: 7. v: 14. Strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it. At the close of this Meeting the business of their Preparative meeting was gone thro'. Both meetings held 2 hours and a half. I return'd from hence to Barnsley, and din'd at Mary Waltons, and after dinner went and sat a little at Thomas Yeardleys, and return'd to Mary Waltons to Tea; from hence I went to the meeting in this Town, where my mind had felt particularly drawn to be; It was held as usual at John Yeardleys and began at 5 o clock, 40 friends and others attended, 15 of whom was from other meetings, being come to attend the Monthly meeting to be held the next day at Burton, It was a good meeting. I had a pretty long testimony to bear therein, principally directed to a state not in profession with us from 1 Sam: C: 15. v: 22. Behold to obey is better than sacrifice; and to harken than the fat of rams. The meeting held 2 hours. About half past 7 o.clock, John Robinson, William Wass and myself being appointed to visit William Bayldon a young man of this Town on his application to be admitted a member of our Society, met with him here, It was a precious cementing opportunity, counsel and caution was plentifully administred, and after he was withdrawn we drew up the following report to be laid before our Monthly meeting next day viz.

"We have had a solid satisfactory opportunity with William Bayldon, and find nothing on our minds to obstruct his admission into membership with friends, if the meeting unite in judgement therewith."

Barnsley 8th. Mo.
18th. 1811.

John Robinson
William Wass
Joseph Wood

On 19th. and 2nd. of the week, I attended our Mo. meeting held at Burton, which was very large of friends and a considerable number of other Societies attended the meeting for Worship, so that the house was crowded and many sat upstairs. Thro' divine favour it proved a solemn meeting. Isabella Harris had a pretty long testimony to bear therein first; she was led to set forth the insufficiency of that noble faculty of reason to direct us in the way of peace shewing that some by admitting it to be their guide had reasoned truth out of doors to their

own unspeakable loss. She then directed our attention to the leadings of the light or spirit of christ in man, as unto an infallible teacher and guide in the way of life and salvation. I next from Matt: C: 20. v: 28. The son of man came not to be ministred unto, but to minister. Isabella Harris was next concerned in Prayer. The meeting for Worship being over, People of other Societies were requested to withdraw, and the members of our Society both men and Women were desired to keep their seats. The Yearly Meeting having directed that when any friends were concerned to travel in the work of the ministry with a Certificate, that the men and women should sit together until the friend laid his concern before the meeting and it was properly deliberated; and I having had an increasing exercise upon my mind for sometime to pay a religious visit to the meetings of friends in Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire, Lincolnshire, Cambridgeshire and Huntingdonshire, Leicestershire and Rutlandshire After the meeting was opened, I spread my concern before friends, and many testimonies of encouragement and Unity were dropt both by men and Women friends and I was left at liberty to proceed as way might open Our friend James Harrison then mentioned his concern to accompany me on the said visit if the meeting had unity therewith. Immediately John Hoyl stood up and expressed in a very angry tone, that James was not a suitable companion for me, for a difference had subsisted betwixt them for many years. This way much hurt that solemn covering which was over the meeting, but many friends of both sexes, bore their testimony against that dark spirit in which he spoke, and were finally strengthened to give him plain close and suitable advice to the stopping of the mouth of this gainsayer, and he had the full approbation of the meeting to accompany me. The Women friends then withdrew, and each meeting preceded upon their own proper business, A nomination of friends were made to withdraw and prepare a Certificate which was read, approv'd and Signed both by the friends of the men and womens meetings. A great deal more business was gone thro' and amongst other things, Our report of the visit to William Bayldon was read, and his case of it, weightily considered, and the meeting concluded to accept him a member of our Society. The meetings held 5 hours and a half. After which I return'd to Barnsley and din'd at William Harveys, and after dinner William went with me to see our ancient friend John Wilson who was lately removed from Burton into this Town. He is quite confined to the house, but appeared cheerful and much pleased to see us, we sat awhile and took a glass of Rum and Water, at parting he held my hand and wept much. I return'd with William Harvey to his house to Tea and after Tea went to my quarters.

On 20th. and 3rd. of week, This morning John Charlesworth of this town a young man in the 21st. year of his age, came to Breakfast with me, having had a desire for some time to have a little conversation with me; after breakfast the friends left us alone, when he inform'd me, that he was early favoured with divine visitation, and about 15 years of age joined the Methodists Society, and soon became very active therein, many admiring his gift in Prayer and exhortation but after sometime he became very uneasy with these outward performances, and the way of Worship practised by them and looking towards friends he was led to believe their Principles and Practices to be more consistent with the Truth yet appeared very unwilling to leave the Methodists, but his uneasiness increased and one day being in great exercise the language of ran thro' him to go and see me, but being disobedient his sorrow greatly increased, and attending the meeting here on first.day evening he said his state was clearly spoke to therein, that he was obliged secretly to confess to the Truth, I was well satisfied with the opportunity, and do believe the Lord hath a precious work upon the wheel in him and I earnestly desire it may not be marr'd. I left largely about 2 o clock in the afternoon, William Bayldon accompanied me about 3 miles and then return'd. He appears to me to be deepening in religious experience, and O that he may be blessed with the blessing of preservation, and become an useful member in the body. Came by Higham, Banks.hall, and Elmhirst to Richard Priests of Broad.oak were I stopt betwixt 2 and 3 hours and drunk Tea, His son Nathaniel was not at home so that I was deprived of the opportunity of seeing him which I was desirous to do, being afraid the precious visitation he was under is passing away too much unimproved, as the morning cloud or early dew. From hence I came to Dykeside

were I called and sat a little Joshua Morleys, and afterwards at John Bottomleys of Wood, got home about 10 o clock, were I found my friend Samuel Hall from Nottinghamshire whom I was very glad to see. He was on a journey of business, and left us the next morning.

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At our Monthly Meeting in the 8th Mo. 1811, at the close of the meeting for worship, agreeable to the alteration lately made, I requested the men and women friends to stop a little together, when I spread before them a concern which had been for sometime on my mind to pay a religious visit to the meetings of friends in Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire, Lincolnshire, Cambridgeshire and Huntingdonshire, Leicestershire and Rutlandshire; and to have meetings in some places in those parts with People of other Societies; after solid and weighty consideration thereof, and many testimonies from different friends of their unity therewith. I was left at liberty to proceed therein as we might open: and my esteemed friend James Harrison expressing his concern to bear me company and assist me in the said visit, he had the meetings approbation therein; who gave us the following Certificate.

To Friends in Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire, Lincolnshire, Cambridgeshire and Huntingdonshire, Leicestershire and Rutland.

Dear Friends

Our esteemed friend Joseph Wood a member of this meeting, hath this day spread before our Meeting a concern which hath for a considerable time attended his mind, and particularly of late with increased weight, to pay a religious visit to the Meetings of friends in the Counties abovementioned, and to have meetings in some of those parts with persons not of our Society. And the subject having obtained the solid and weighty consideration of the meeting, we feel unity with him in his prospect, and leave him at liberty to proceed on the service as way may open; And hereby certify that he is a minister in good

esteem amongst us, his life and conversation being consistent with the station he holds in the Church. Recommending him to the sympathy and kind assistance of Friends where his lot may be cast, we sincerely desire that by close attention to the pointings of the great Master the head of the Church, he may be enabled to labour for the benefit of the visited; and that when the work is finished he may be favoured to return to us with the answer of Peace.

And our friend James Harrison, also a member of this Meeting, having now expressed a concern to give his assistance in conveying our said Friend, and to bear him company in the journey, we certify that he goes with the consent and approbation of the meeting.

Signed in and on behalf of Pontefract Monthly Meeting held at Burton ye. 19th. of the 8th. Mo. 1811. By Robert Whitaker

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| Samuel Woodhead | Isabella Brearey |
| John Brook | Mary Walker |
| Joseph Pickard | Ann Thorp |
| John Fozard | Isabella Harris |
| William Wass | Sarah Bottomley |
| John Brook Wooldale | Sarah Hunter |
| Hannah Dumbleton | Hannah Pickford |
| Ann Johnson senr. | Mary Mallinson |
| Mary Cudworth | Rachael Snowden |
| Elizabeth Swire | Susanna Lister |
| Hannah Wigham | |

I left home the 30th. of the 8th. Mo. 1811 and 6th. day of the week about 10 o'clock in the forenoon in company with my esteemed friend James Harrison of Pontefract Meeting; who came to my house the night before, intending to convey me in his carriage, and to be my companion this journey. We went by Ing.Birchworth to Penistone were we stopt about 3 hours and din'd at our worthy friend George Chapmans; then preceded by Thurgoland, Wortley, Wadsleybridge, and Owlerton to Sheffield, which from my house is about 17 miles, got there about 5 o clock, were we took up our quarters at my Brother Daniel Doncasters. After Tea we went to see, the devoted servant of the Lord Thomas Colley, who had been long indisposed and appeared to be drawing towards the close of a well spent life, much dedicated to the promotion of Truth and righteousness in the earth. We found him prettily, but laid down upon the Bed, when he know who it was, he arose and appeared much pleased to see us; we stopt a considerable time with him and then returned to our quarters.

On 31st. and 7th. of week, In the forenoon I went and sat a little at William Wrights. In the afternoon we proceeded on our journey, and understanding there was a number of People who appeared to be under convincement in the parish of Dronfield who met together at one of their houses on first days, except once a month when friends hold a meeting in their Meetinghouse at Dronfield, at which time they unite with them. I felt inclined to attend their meeting and calling to see Thomas Colley before we left the Town, we found him worse than

the day before, so that he could but speak brokenly, yet gave as much encouragement, expressing his belief we should be helped on our way by best help, which was reviving to my poor mind, having been very low in leaving home, and his testimony we were favoured to experience in the course of our journey to our humbling admiration. He took leave of us in a very solemn and affecting manner. We left Sheffield betwixt 3 and 4 o'clock in the afternoon and went to John Luptons of Greenhill in Derbyshire 4 miles, he married out of the Society, but both he and his Wife attend meetings, and are very kind to friends; Sister Jane Doncaster and her son William accompanied us hither, and tarried with us until 7 o'clock and then returned. After they were gone I felt inclined to lodge at John Hills of Birchitt were the meeting is held, and John Lupton accompanied me thither 2 miles and then returned. They received me very kindly, and appeared much pleased with my company; John Hill is a Farmer, and his house stands alone about 1 mile from Dronfield, and those who meet there which he said were generally about 20 live scattered around, none of them being yet accepted members of our Society.

On 1st. of 9th. Mo. and 1st. day of the week, The meeting began as usual about half past 10 in the forenoon, and was held in the friends parlour a pretty large room. There was about 30 persons attended to day a few coming in who do not usually meet with them. It was a good meeting, and I had a long testimony to bear therein from John C: 6. v: 68. Lord, to whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of life eternal. William Hargreaves of Sheffield came to this meeting, and was our guide to Chesterfield, we was much pleased with his company. About 2 o'clock we set out for Chesterfield 7 miles, went by Dronfield and we got there about 4 o'clock took up our quarters of Joseph Storrs's. The afternoon Meeting at our request was put off until 5 o'clock. It is a small meeting, and I sat therein under a feeling sense of weakness, in which state I stood up and had a pretty long testimony to bear from Matt: C. 5. v: 3. Blessed are the poor in spirit; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Afterwards I had a few words more.

On 2nd. and 2nd. of week, After Breakfast we set out for Furnace 9 miles Zacchaeus Dyson a choice young man who hath joined our Society by convincement being our guide; we got there in time to get a little refreshment at the cottage adjoining the Meetinghouse before the meeting which began at 11 o'clock. There was about 24 persons attended, a few of them being People of other Societies, and we were favoured with an open satisfactory meeting together; I had a 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. Afterwards I was concerned in Prayer. After meeting we got a little refreshment at the cottage, and then set out for Mansfield in Nottinghamshire 11 miles. The friends here being busy in their harvest Zacchaeus Dyson concluded to continue our guide thither of which we was glad. He took us to the George and Dragon in Alfreton were we din'd, and then proceeded to Mansfield got there a little past 6 o'clock, and took up our quarters at George Ellis's.

On 3rd. and 3rd. of week, we set out in company with several friends of this Town for Worksop 12 miles were Mansfield Monthly meeting was this day held. In our way on an eminence there is a very extensive prospect from which hill they say may be seen the Seats of 5 Dukes viz. The Duke of Norfolk, Portland, Newcastle, Kingston, and Leeds, the like of which is not to be met with in any other part of England. We got to Worksop about half past 10 o'clock, and put up at the Bull.Inn, were Mansfield Month. meeting is held for convenience 4 times in the year, there being no friend in the Town. The meeting for Worship began at 11 and was held as usual in a large upper room at the Inn. It is a small Monthly meeting but pretty well attended by the members, there was 11 Men and 8 Women to day besides ourselves. It was a solid satisfactory meeting, and I had a pretty long testimony to bear therein from Gen: C: 17. v: 1. Walk before me, and be thou perfect. At the close of this meeting was held the meeting to discipline, the business of which was agreeably conducted. Our certificate was read therein and minuted and the meetings satisfaction expressed with our company. The Queries were also read, and Answers then to, from their 2 Preparative

Meetings viz. Mansfield and Blyth. Both meetings held 2 hours and a half. We din'd at the Inn, and on account of the heavy sands, return'd two Mansfield another way through the Parks of the Duke of Norfolk, and the Duke of Portland, passing by their noble mansions the former at Worksop.manor, and the other at Welbeck It was a very pleasant road but about 2 miles further than the other. We got to our former quarters at Mansfield a little before 7 o'clock.

On 4th. and 4th. of week, at 10 in the forenoon we had a meeting at Mansfield, there was 32 friends attended, after a long load time in silence, Truth arose for our help, and we were favoured with a good meeting I had a long testimony to bear therein from 2 Cor: C: 13. v: 5. Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves, no you not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates. Afterwards I had a short time more. The varied states of many were opened, and spoke to; and divers were much broken and tendered. After meeting we din'd and drunk Tea at Richard Leavers, and soon after set out for Blidworth 5 miles, having felt a concern to have a meeting with the inhabitants of that village, no friend ever remembering a meeting there before. Dickinson Ellis went the day before to procure a place and give notice to the inhabitants, George Ellis and his Wife, and their Niece Rebecca Wright accompanied us thither in their Chaise; we had a pleasant ride over the Forest, and went by the Grave of Charles Thompson a Gentleman of Mansfield, and a member of the Church of England, but seeing beyond the ceremonies thereof, had by his Will ordered his body to be buried in this place upon the Forest. The grave is enclosed with a wall, and within the wall it is planted with trees. We got to the White.Lyon in Blidworth just in time to the meeting, which began at 6 o clock and held upwards of 2 hours. It was held in a Club room, which was well seated, and a convenient Gallery erected; 130 Persons attended which compleatly filled the room. I had a very long testimony to bear therein from 1 Cor: C: 15. v: 14. If Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain. The nature of true, and acceptable worship was largely opened, and the necessity of regeneration largely set forth; many were much affected, and I thought it was a glorious meeting. At the close thereof I express'd our obligation to the People for favouring us with their company, and our satisfaction with their solid and commendable behaviour; and after a short time in exhortation; Saluted them in Gospel love and bade them Farewel. After getting a little suitable refreshment at the Inn, in company with the friends who came with us, and Richard Leaver David Johnson and his Niece, in Richards Chaise, and Richard Hallam, Dickinson Ellis, and William Neill, Richard Leavers footman on horseback, we return'd The road being not good for carriages, and within the evening we came slowly, but being moonlight, and very agreeable company it was pleasant and we got well to our quarters in Mansfield a little past 10 o clock.

On 5th. and 5th. Of week, we breakfasted at David Johnsons, and din'd at George Elliss; and after dinner set out for Blyth 19 miles, Richard Leaver and David Johnson being our guides, we went by Worksop to William Dents of Broomhouse were we lodg'd.

On 6th. and 6th. of week, accompanied by Ann Dent and her son William we went to their meeting at Blyth put up our horses at the White.horse, and then went immediately to the meeting, which began at 10 o clock there was 15 persons attended, one of which do not usually meet with them, The state of things appeared low amongst them, yet I was enabled to labour for their help and the encouragement of some; having a long testimony to bear amongst them 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. Afterwards I was concerned in Prayer. After meeting we dined at Joseph Woolleys, and after dinner set out for Retford 7 miles, a Publick meeting being appointed to be held there at my request this evening. William Dent a valuable young man was our guide, and the frds. of Mansfield continued with us thither whose company was very acceptable. We got to Retford a little past 4 o.clock, and took up our quarters at the White.hart. The Meeting began at 6 o.clock, and was held in the Methodists Meetinghouse; It was a large very solemn and satisfactory meeting; and I had a very long testimony to bear therein 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 believe shall not make haste. At the close of the meeting I expressed my obligation to the People for favouring us with their company, and our satisfaction with their very orderly behaviour, and after a short time in exhortation, Saluted them in that love which many waters cannot quench nor distant separate and bade them Farewel. The meeting held 2 hours and a quarter. After our return to the Inn, Joseph Rushton a young man, and the only member of our Society in this Town, came to invite us to his house to Breakfast next morning, which gave me an opportunity of imparting some advice to him which I hope will be profitable.

On 7th. and 7th. of week, we all of us Breakfasted together at Joseph Rushtons, and in the forenoon my companion and me set out for Gainsborough in Lincolnshire 10 miles William Dent continuing our guide thither. The country around Retford is noted for the growth of hops, and when we had got a little out of the Town, we passed by a large plantation, and they being in their full perfection, ready for plucking, appeared to us very beautiful. We got to Gainsborough about half past 12 o clock, and took up our quarters at Simon Maw Bowens.

On 8th. and 1st. of the week, we attended their forenoon Meeting which began at 10 o.clock, There was 36 persons there. In mentioning the numbers that attend meetings I do not include ourselves nor guides. I had a long testimony to bear in this meeting 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. And afterwards had a short time from Prov: C: 25: v: 11. A word fitly spoken is as Apples of gold in pictures of silver. At the close of this meeting the business of their Preparative meeting was gone thro'. Our Certificate was read and the meeting satisfaction expressed with our company by minute. The Queries were read and Answers thereto prepared, to lay before their next Monthly meeting. Both meetings held near 3 hours. The afternoon meeting began at 3 o.clock, it was larger than the former, several of other Societies coming in. I had a pretty long testimony to bear therein from Lev: C: 2. v: 13. With all thine offerings thou shalt offer salt. My Nephew John Wood at present resides in this Town, he spent a good deal of time with us at our quarters; they being very kind exemplary friends, and I believe are much concerned for the welfare of the youth. They have a large well ordered family of their own; At 7 o clock this evening they were called together as usual on first.day evenings, and after most of them had read a chapter in the Scriptures, a solemn silence ensued in which James Harrison was opened in some suitable advice.

On 9th. and 2nd. of weekwe set out for Brigg 22 miles, Thomas Langley being our guide we called at the Spittal.Inn and got some refreshment then proceeded to Brigg, were we got a little past 1 o clock and took up our quarters at David Nainbys. At 5 in the evening we had a meeting in this Town, 16 friends attended. I felt exceeding low, but a little matter opening I stood up and had a short testimony to bear from Isai: C: 59. v: 1, 2. The Lord's hand is not shortned, that it cannot save; neither is ear heavy, that it cannot hear; But your iniquities have separated you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you. After I sat me down several of the Towns people came in, and I had a long testimony to bear from Isaiah: C: 2. v: 5. O house of Jacob, come ye, and let us walk in the light of the Lord. Several both friends and others appeared to be tenderly affected and the meeting closed under a very solemn covering.

On 10th. and 3rd of week, we set out for Waddington 28 miles, William Nainby being our guide, called at Redbourn a village about 5 miles from Brigg to see Alexander Hansons, he and his Wife having given us an invitation the evening before after the meeting. He was not brought up in the Society, but was convinced of the Truth, but not being faithful was never admitted a member, and going to live with a friend in Yorkshire he gained the affections of her daughter and married her by a Priest. They have now 6 children, we had a religious opportunity in the family, a renewed visitation appeared to be extended to them, and they were earnestly intreated to improve thereby, that they might be enabled to bring up the tender Lambs intrusted to their care in the nurture, fear and admonition of the Lord. After the

opportunity we got some refreshment, they were kind tender and loving to us, and wept much when we parted with them. We stopt here near 2 hours, and then proceeded to Spittal.Inn well we din'd, and then from thence to Lincoln were we drank Tea at an Inn; and then went to Waddington were we got betwixt 7 and 8 in the evening and took up our quarters at the Widow Mary Smiths.

On 11th. and 4th. of week, After Breakfast we went to Joseph Hunts, his Wife Jane and two daughters having lately joined our Society by convincement we sat a little there. From thence we went to Joseph Chantrys were we got some refreshment, and then went to the meeting which began at 11 o clock, 13 persons attended 5 of whom were People of other Societies, and Alexander Hanson from Redbourn was there he having come 23 miles this morning to the meeting. It was a good meeting, there being a few elderly friends here who dwell near the Truth, and some among the youth I believe are under the preparing hand for service. I had a pretty long testimony to bear therein from John C: 1. v: 47. Jesus saw Nathaniel coming to him, and saith of him, Behold an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile. Afterwards I was concerned in Prayer. This afternoon after Tea, we set out for Broughton 12 miles Joseph Chantry being our guide went that evening by Navenby to Welbourn were we got about a quarter before 7 o clock and took up our quarters at John Burts.

On 12th. and 5th. of week, we went to Broughton, the meeting to which the friends of this village belong; got there just in time to the meeting which began at 11 o.clock; There was 46 attended, 20 of them being children at a friends boarding.school in this village. It was a favoured meeting, my mind was very low when I first sat down therein, but truth arose for our help, and I was strengthened to bear a long testimony from Luke C: 10. v: 42. One thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her. Various states were opened and spoke to in Gospel authority; and the language of encouragement flowed freely to the true mourners. Afterwards I had a short testimony to the children 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. After meeting we got a little refreshment at Ann Gaunteleys the Mistress of the boarding School, who had joined our Society by convincement, and who I believe it is a truly pious Person. We return'd from here to John Burts of Welbourn to dine, and from thence with Joseph Chantry to Waddington got there a little after 6 o.clock, and lodg'd as before at the Widow Smiths.

On 13th. and 6th. of week, we got an early Breakfast and then set out for Horncastle, about 3 miles from which Town three young persons have lately settled on a farm one Brother and the Sister are members of our Society the other hath been disowned, but attends meetings and they being 20 miles from the nearest meeting, had been previously informed to meet us at Horncastle this afternoon to give us an opportunity of sitting with them; Joseph Burtt of Broughton meeting came here the evening before and was our guide to Horncastle 25 miles, we went by Lincoln to Wragby, were we stopt and got some refreshment at an Inn, and then proceeded to Horncastle were we got about 1 o.clock and took up our quarters at the Bull.Inn; we found John Pearson of Leak here who hearing of us had come on purpose to meet us and was our guide to Wainfleet. At the time appointed in the afternoon, John Proud and his Sister, the two members of our Society met us here, but before they came I found I could not be clear without having a Publick meeting this evening with the inhabitants, and Joseph Burtt and John Pearson were engaged in giving notice thereof. Which when these friends were inform'd of they concluded to stop it. The meeting began at 7 o.clock, and was held in the Methodist Meetinghouse, which was a large Building yet it was exceedingly crowded. It was supposed 8 or 900 People attended, so that it was extremely hot. I had a very long testimony to bear therein from Luke C: 12. v. 35, 36, 37. Let your loins be girded about, and your lights burning; and ye yourselves like unto men that wait for their Lord, when he will return from the wedding; that when he cometh and knocketh, they may open unto him immediately. Blessed are those servants whom the Lord when he cometh shall find watching; verily I say unto you that he shall gird himself, and make them to sit down to meat, and will come forth and serve them. I was next concerned in Prayer. and afterwards acknowledged our obligation

to the People for favouring us with their company, and our satisfaction with their commendable behaviour in general, and after a short time in exhortation bade them Farewel. The meeting held upwards of 2 hours

On 14th. and 7th. of week, John Proud and his Sister being very desirous for us to call upon them to day. After Breakfast we set out for their house at Scrivelsby-grange 3 miles, were we also met with their Brother Robert at home; we stopt several hours here and din'd then set out for Wainfleet 20 miles, John Proud took his horse and accompanied us many miles, and then returned; we passed by Bolinbroke were we saw part of the old Castle yet standing in which King Henry the 4th. was born. Stopt at the White.horse in Spilsby and got Tea, then proceeded to Wainfleet, and from thence 2 miles further, to Thomas Reckitts of Pepperthorp got there about 8 o'clock in the evening were we lodged. He lives in the same house, were his worthy Grandfather William Reckitt lived, who was an eminent minister in his day, a short account of his life and travels is in print.

On the 15th and 1st. of week, in company with John Reckitt we went the footway to Wainfleet, 1 mile and half which is a very pleasant walk, sat a little at Thomas Recketts Senr. and then went to the meeting in Town which began at 11 o clock; There are 7 families of friends belonging thereto, but the inhabitants observing some Strangers in the town, flocked to the meeting, so that the Meetinghouse both below and above stairs was exceedingly crowded, and many stood without doors who could not get in. It proved a time of extraordinary favour. 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 faint in the way. After meeting we din'd at Thomas Recketts and one David Wright of this Town, formerly a member of our Society but have lately been disowned, being deceased, was interred this afternoon in friends burial.ground which is about 1 mile and a half from the town. We received an invitation from his Widow to attend the burial but did not go to the house, but sat at Thomas Reckitts until the corps came by and then accompanied it to the grave, There was 10 carriages followed the corps many People on horseback, and a multitude on foot, and many others from different parts met at the Graveyard so that the concourse of People were exceeding great, Before the corps were interred, after solemn time in silence, I had a long testimony to bear, standing upon an high Grave, and laying my hand upon my companion's Shoulder 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. The People were remarkably still solid and attentive, and I was well satisfied with the opportunity. After the internment we returned to our former quarters 1 mile and a half with John Reckitt.

On 16th. and 2nd. of week, in the forenoon I wrote to my beloved friend and servant William Taylor. In the afternoon we set out for Leak 7 miles, Thomas Reckitt junr. being our guide, got there betwixt 5 and 6 o clock, and took up our Quarters at John Pearsons. After Tea we took a walk about 1 mile to the Sea, above half of the way we went over ground which had been gained out of it at different times by embankments. The Sea on this coast is on a level with the land, and when the banks break, it causes great inundations, and loss to the inhabitants; which was the case in the course of last winter.

On 17th. and 3rd. of week, we were at the meeting at Leak, which began at 11 o clock, There was only 1 member of our Society and 2 who usually meet with him there to day, but several sober neighbours came in, so that there was 19 in the whole attended. It was an open good meeting, many of them being much broken and tendered. I had a long testimony to bear therein from John: C: 14. v: 18. I will not leave your comfortless. Afterwards I was concerned in Prayer. After dinner we set out for Boston 8 miles John Pearson being our guide, got there about half past 4 o clock, and took up our quarters at William Perkins At 6 in the evening a Publick the meeting was appointed and held in The town.hall which the Mayor upon application readily granted it for the purpose, Printed notices thereof having been distributed to the inhabitants, a great concourse of all religious denominations attended and many of the

higher rank so that the hall was extremely crowded. In the forepart of the meeting, some appeared very unsettled and talkative, so that I greatly feared having any satisfaction. I sat under great exercise of mind, and at times some little matter opened before me, at length I felt a concern to stand up, not expected to express many words, but just to inform them, I felt a little upon my mind to communicate unto them, but they appeared in such an unsettled state that they could not hear to profit, for if the Power of christ did not arise, so as to still the mind Preaching unto them would be in vain. Upon which they became remarkably still and continued so to the end of the meeting, and matter opening, I had a very long testimony to bear 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. Truth gradually arose into great dominion, and the minds of many were bowed under it, so that it proved an extraordinary meeting. At the close of the meeting, I informed the People I was pleased with their company, and after a short exhortation; Saluted them in Gospel Love, and bade them all Farewel. desiring they might take time and quietly withdraw, which they did in a very becoming manner, great numbers of the People appeared anxious to shake hands with us, and expressed their satisfaction with the opportunity; 5 Lawyers were there and one of them offered us to lodge at his house. The meeting held near 2 hours, and it was supposed there was upwards of 1200 People attended. There are 3 or 4 members of our Society lately come to reside in this Town, and 2 or 3 who appeared to be under convincement, they attend Leak meeting, but was busy in preparing and seating the place for the meeting this evening, prevented their attendance there to day.

On 18th. and 4th. of week, In the morning William Perkins took us to look at a great curiosity in this Town viz. the place where the vessels go in and out betwixt the Salt water and the fresh. William Perkins joined our Society by convincement, having been in profession with the Methodists 10 years before. After geting some refreshment we left Boston betwixt 11 and 12 o clock for Spalding 16 miles, William Massey of that place, having been sometime on a visit amongst his Relations at Wainfleet, came from there this morning hither to call upon us and be our guide. We got to his house in Spalding a little past 2 o clock were we took up our quarters.

On 19th. and 5th. of week, was at their Meeting at Spalding which began at 10 o clock, There was 48 persons attended 7 of which were of other Societies. It was attended with heavy labour, and I had some close matter to communicate to various states, but the language of encouragement flowed freely unto others. I had two long testimonies to bear therein, the first from Isai: C: 43. v. 21, 22, 23. This people have I formed for myself; they shall shew forth my praise. But thou hast not called upon me, O Jacob; but thou hast been weary of me, O Israel. Thou hast not brought me the small cattle of thy burnt offerings, neither hast thou honoured me with thy sacrifices. and the other from Luke C: 12. v: 50. I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how am I straitened till it be accomplished. After meeting we went to see Deborah Jones a friend who had had a Paralytick stroke, and thereby been prevented from getting to meeting this many years; my companion and me had each of us a little matter to communicate to her, and I believe the visit was to mutual satisfaction. From this place are kind friend William Massey accompanied us to Chatteris in Cambridgeshire, continuing our guide thither, he took his Chaise and conveyed me therein all the way, which much relieved our horse. About quarter past 4 this afternoon we set out for Gedney 12 miles, went by Holbeach thither, were we got about 7 o clock in the evening and took up our Quarters at Jonathan Hutchinsons.

On 20th. and 6th. of week we was at their meeting at Gedney which began at 10 o clock, There was 10 friends attended, I was extremely low before this meeting, but things opened therein to my own encouragement, and the encouragement of the rightly exercised ; I having a pretty long testimony to bear from 2 Cor: C: 12. v: 9. My grace is sufficient for thee; for my strength is made perfect in weakness. and afterwards had a few words more, reminding the dear youth of the privileges they were favoured with, and exhorting them to make a right use of them. Having felt a concern upon my mind to have a Publick meeting this

evening at Holbeach, Thomas Christmas a valuable young man who is tutor to Jonathan Hutchinson children, went over thither the early this morning to procure a place and give notice to the inhabitants. In the afternoon we set out for Holbeach 4 miles, Jonathan Hutchinson, his son John and Thomas Christmas accompanying us; we got there to the Chequer Inn, where we put up; just in time to get Tea before the meeting, which began at 5 o'clock, and was held in the Methodists Meetinghouse a neat small place which would contain betwixt 2 and 300 People. It was very full, but I thought the meeting was hurt in being so long in gathering, Truth not feeling to me to arise so high as in some Publick meetings, yet upon the whole it was satisfactory; I had a long testimony to bear therein from Eph: C: 2. v: 8. By Grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God. and afterwards had a short time from John C: 5. v: 39, 40. Search the Scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life; and they are they which testify of me. And ye will not come to me, that ye might have life. Concluding with expressing my satisfaction with the company and behaviour of the People, and biding them Farewel. A meeting held 2 hours and account of this meeting was afterwards published in the Stamford Newspaper. After meeting Thomas Holiday one of the principal inhabitants of the Town took us to his house where he treated us with every necessary refreshment. From thence we returned to be Inn, and set out immediately for Gedney. It was very dark and William Massey was timorous of driving in the night but we all got well there about quarter before 9 o'clock.

On 21st. and 7th. of week, In the forenoon Thomas Christmas and me took a walk about half a mile to see Joseph Pidds a family belonging to this meeting; but they were not in the house. After we returned I went to see the School which Jonathan Hutchinson hath built a little from his house to instruct his children in. In the afternoon we set out for Wisbech in Cambridgeshire 11 miles, went by Longsutton thither, where we got about 6 o'clock in the evening, and took up our quarters at Jonathan Peckovers.

On 22nd. and 1st, of week, we attended both their Meetings at Wisbech, that in the forenoon began at 10 o'clock, There was 14 persons there, 1 of which do not usually attend, Various states were opened, and spoke to; I having a long testimony to bear therein, from Matt: C: 5. v: 6. Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness; for they shall be filled. and afterwards I had another short testimony to bear, and upon the whole I thought it was a favoured meeting. The afternoon meeting began at half past 2, there was only 11 persons attended, It was dull and heavy in the forepart thereof, but ended comfortably; it was held in silence. After meeting we looked into the burial ground adjoining the Meetinghouse; and took notice of a grave with Box growing around it in the shape of a Coffin lid about four inches high; and within the surrounding Box, was J: S. Aged 88, 1742 all in growing Box, and very plain to be read. We understood it was the grave of Jane Stewart a natural daughter of King James the 2nd. and half Sister to Queen Mary and Queen Ann; who was born up in the splendour of the English court, and had lived in many of the courts in Europe, but being convinced of friends Principles she retired to this town, and lived quite private, having only one room which was a cellar, She sometimes wrought at harvest work, and at other times spun worsted upon a wheel, and declared to some friends who visited her that she enjoyed more satisfaction in this humble way of life, than ever she did in the splendour of a court. She continued a valuable member of the Society until her death which was in the year 1742. After Tea we went to see Thomas Rawlin a friend who hath joined the Society by convincement, sat a little at his house and took a glass of wine, we then took a walk through different parts of the Town and was in one street which is in the County of Norfolk.

On 23rd. and 2nd of week, After breakfast we set out for March 11 miles, had a wet journey thither which was the first rain we had since we left home; we went for 6 miles on an high cast up road, the Fens on one side, and the beautiful river Nen on the other which is navigable to Peterborough in Northamptonshire; The North road goes up the opposite side of the river, so that People travelling this way may go 12 miles and be no further on their journey than the breadth of the river. We got to March about half past 10 and took up our quarters at the Sine of the Griffin. There are 12 Persons in this Town who appear to be

convinced of friends Principles, and two of the number are accepted members of our Society; They have taken a Room and seated it to meet in, and keep meetings there on first and week.days are regularly. We had sent word to have a Publick meeting here at 11 o clock, but they had misunderstood the word, and not precured a place to accommodate the People, but when they understood my intentions, it was agreed to put the meeting off until 4 o clock and procuring a large Granary of one Owen Gray with the assistance of a Carpenter, they erected a Gallery and got it conveniently seated, and several friends from Chatteris having come to meet us here, they assisted in giving notice to the inhabitants. William Golding one of those who is lately united with friends came to see us at the Inn, as soon as I saw him I thought his countenance bewrayed in what School he was taught. After matters were settled I went with him to his house, were I din'd, and tarried until Meetingtime, for truly I thought the son of Peace was there. I called of my companions at the Inn, and we went together to the Meeting, we supposed about 300 People attended, It was a very open good Meeting; I had a very long testimony to bear therein from Psalms 46. v: 10. Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth. Afterwards I had a short exhortation, concluding with Saluting them in pure and unfeigned love, and bidding them Farewel. The meeting held about 2 hours. After which we got a little refreshment at the Inn, and then set out for Chatteris 8 miles, It lightened several times as we were going, and we had a very heavy Shower, but putting up the head of our Chaise, we got but a little wet; got to Chatteris about 8 o'clock in the evening where we took up our quarters at John Batemans an ancient ministering friend, in the 79th. year of his age.

On 24th. and 3rd. of week, This morning we breakfasted at William Batemans, and at 10 in the forenoon was at the meeting at Chatteris, which is much increased of late, many attending it who appear to be under convincement, and several are united with friends. There was 44 at meeting to day 2 of the number came from March, but I understood they are generally more on first.days; It was a precious solid meeting, I had a long 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. John Bateman had a short time next from Matt: C: 5. v: 6. Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness; for they shall be filled. Afterwards Mary Bleckley was concerned in Prayer. In the afternoon we set out for Sutton 6 miles, Robert Ruston was our guide, and William Massey and his father in law John Bateman went along with us thither, in our way we had a fine view of the Minster in the city of Ely, we got to Sutton about quarter before 4 o'clock and took up our quarters at William Wrights. The meeting began at 5 o clock, There was 12 attended of their own meeting, 6 walked hither from Chatteris, and one from March. I had a pretty long testimony to bear therein from Gal: C: 6. v: 9. Let us not be weary in well.doing; for in due season, we shall reap, if we faint not. Afterwards I had a pretty long exhortation to the youth, but before these, John Bateman had a short testimony from Isai: C: 43. v: 2. When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and when through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee; when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee. I thought it was a good meeting.

On 25th. and 4th. of week, After breakfast we set out for Earith in Huntingdonshire five miles, William Wright being our guide, a good deal of rain having fallen in the night, and it continuing rainy, we found the road heavy in passing the Fenn near the banks of the Ouse which is navigable up to Bedford. We got to John Browns of Earith, just in time to get a little refreshment before meeting which began at 10 o clock. There were 36 persons attended 5 of which were people of other Societies; It was an open good meeting, Anna Wright had a short testimony to bear therein first from John; 14. v: 27. My peace I give unto you; not as the world giveth, give I unto you. James Harrison next 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 Psalms 73. v: 1. Truly God is good to Israel, even to such as are of a clean heart. After Meeting we din'd at John Browns, and after dinner set out for Ives 6 miles, John Brown junr. a hopeful youth, being our guide, who accompanied us until we returned to Earith; we got

Ives about 3 o'clock, and put up at Thomas Seekings were we drunk Tea. The meeting began at 5 o'clock, and 25 friends attended. It was a low time in the forepart thereof, but ended comfortably, the language of encouragement flowing freely to the youth; and to some exercised minds who were further advanced in years. I had a long testimony to bear therein from 1 Chron: C: 4. v: 10. Oh that I wouldest bless me indeed, and enlarge my coast, and that thine hand might be with me, and that thou wouldest keep me from evil, that it may not grieve me. and God granted him that which he requested. After meeting I got a little refreshment at the Crown Inn, and then went with William Brown to his house at Houghton 3 miles, and the evening being wet I rode with his family in their Sociable which will hold 8 persons undercover. We reached his house about 8 o clock in the evening were we took up our quarters.

On 26th. and 5th. of week, we set out for Huntingdon 3 miles, William Brown and his son Potto, being our guides, and William Wright of this place accompanying us thither. We got to Huntingdon and put up our horses at the Three.tons Inn, and then went immediately to the meeting which began at 10 o'clock, There was 25 persons there, It was attended with hard labour, but upon the whole was a satisfactory meeting. I had a long testimony to bear therein from 1 John C: 5. v: 12. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. After meeting we went about 1 mile to Samuel Bleckleys of Godmanchester were we din'd, and after dinner set out for Earith 11 miles William Brown and his son Potto, being our guides thither; we went by Ives and got to Earith about 4 o clock in the afternoon, and took up our quarters at John Browns. At 6 this evening was the Quarterly Meeting for Ministers and Elders, for Cambridgeshire and Huntingdonshire, held here at the house of Ellington Wright. The Queries were read, and Answers thereto, from the Select meetings in the two Monthly Meetings in these Counties viz. Chatteris and Huntingdon. Also our friend John Kirkham from Essex, and me, being present, and travelling with Certificates, It was minuted, and the meetings satisfaction with our company. The meeting held about 1 hour and a half.

On 27th. and 6th. of week, In the morning we breakfasted at John Browns our Landlords father a valuable friend, and now in the 85th. year of his age. After breakfast we set out for Ives were the Quarterly Meeting at large was this day held; had a wet ride thither, were we got about half past 9 o clock, and put up at the Crown Inn, got a little refreshment there and then went to the meeting which began at 10 o'clock. It was larger we understood than most friends had ever seen it before, notwithstanding the morning was very wet, and it proved a time of extraordinary favour. Several strangers were there besides myself as John Kirkham from Essex, Sarah Bleckley from Norfolk, and Phebe Allen from Hertfordshire besides several others who were not engaged in the work of the Ministry, but very useful in the discipline William Brown dropt a few words in this meeting first from Eph: C: 2. v: 17. Peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh. John Bateman had a short time testimony next labouring to gather each individual to their own gift. Phebe Allen next from 1 Cor: C: 12. v. 4, 5. There are diversities of gifts, but the same spirit. And there are diversities of operations but it is the same God which worketh all in all. John Kirkham had a long time next from Heb: C: 4. v: 9. There remaineth therefore a rest to the People of God. I had a short testimony next from 1 Chron: C: 12. v: 18. Peace, peace, be unto thee, and peace be to thine helpers; for thy God helpeth thee. Sarah Bleckley had a long time next from 1 Cor: C: 4. v: 7. Who maketh thee to differ from one another? And what hast thou that thou didst not receive. At the close of this meeting was held their Quarterly meeting for discipline. The Queries were read and answers thereto from their two Monthly meetings viz. Chatteris and Huntingdon. Also John Kirkhams Certificate and mine were read and minuted and the Meetings satisfaction with our company, the other business appeared to be well conducted, and I was thankful in believing that there is an increasing concern for the advancement of Truth and the spreading thereof in this part. Both meetings held 4 hours and a half. After which we din'd at Thomas Seekings, and after dinner we came with William Brown and his family to their house at Houghton were we lodg'd. I came with them in their Sociable, the evening being fine

it was open and very pleasant, it certainly is a very agreeable conveyance for a large family; In the evening Robert Searls came to sit a little with us, he had formerly been a zealous member of the Independant Society, but being convinced of the Truth, had joined friends a year ago, I was much pleased with this company.

. On 28th. and 7th. of week, After Breakfast we set out for Oakham in Rutlandshire 40 miles William Wright of this village being our guide, came by Huntingdon, and a few miles on this side we came through a deep valley with a wood on each side about the breadth of a close from the road; our guide told us that this was the place were Robert Barclay the Apologist, his Wife, her Brother and a Dutchman were attacked by an highwayman. When the robber presented his pistol Robert asked him how he came to be so rude, and took him by the arm; on which the robber let the pistol drop, and offered him no further violence; but his brother in law was rifled; and the Dutchman received a mortal wound in the thigh, of which he died in a few days after. Before they set out in the morning Robert Barclays Wife observed him to be more pensive than usual, and he told her that he believed some uncommon trial would that day befall the company. A little further on the road we passed the field, in which James Naylor was found ill, as he was returning from London into the North; he was conveyed to Holm a village adjoining the field, where he died at a friends house, and was buried in friends burying ground at Kings.Rippon. We got the Sine of the Bell in Stilton, were our kind friend William Brown had sent a man with our carriage and horse the evening before, in order to ease our horse, and we came in his Chaise this morning, the man tarrying to take it back. We got some refreshment here, and then proceeded on our journey, came by Yaxley Barracks were there are a great number of French prisoners who have been confined there many years. Oh the horror and distress which war brings, when will mankind in a more universal manner be brought under the government of the Prince of Peace. We had also a view as we came along of Whittlesea Meer, which is one of the largest in this part of the Kingdom. We came by Wandsford in Northamptonshire to Stamford in Lincolnshire were we din'd, at the Sine of the Crown, and then proceeded to Oakham in Rutlandshire, were we got about half past 7 o'clock in the evening and took up our quarters at Robert Hawleys.

On 29th. and 1st. of week, we was at the meeting in Oakham 18 persons attended. It was a good meeting, some friends here I believe living near that which is good, It began at 11 o clock, I had two pretty long testimonies to bear therein, The first from Psalms 37. v: 37. Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright; for the end of that man is peace. and the other from Deut: C: 5. v: 16. Honour thy father and thy Mother, as the Lord thy God hath commanded thee; that thy days may be prolonged, and that it may go well with thee, in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee. After dinner we took a walk into the Castle yard, and then from an eminence therein had a beautiful view through a glass, of Burley house the seat of the Earl of Winchelsea situated on an hill about 2 miles distance. There is a singular custom in this Town, that every peer of the realm entering it forfeits a Shoe from his horse, except he redeem it with money, which is generally the case, then one is made larger or less according to the sum the nobleman gives, and his Title is engraved thereon. They are all preserved and nailed up, upon the doors or walls of this Castle, where we saw great numbers of them. Tradition says that Queen Elizabeth had a favourite who had formerly been a Blacksmith in this Town, and he being envied by the nobility on account of the meanness of his birth. She said she would cause them all to do homage to him by granting this, to the Town where he was born. After our return from the Castle, we went to William Clarks to Tea.

On 30th. and 2nd. of week I wrote to dear William Taylor in the morning, and afterwards went and sat a little at Francis Robinsons. We got an early dinner and then set out immediately for Leicester 26 miles Francis Robinson being our guide, we went by Melton.mowbray in Leicestershire to Frizby were we drunk Tea at the Black.horse; then proceeded to Leicester got there about 8 o clock in the evening and took up our quarters at John Priestmans. It had rained most of the way from Oakham, but came on very heavy after Tea, so that we were thoroughly wet when we got here; but although John Priestman and his Wife were both from home, being gone to the Quarterly meeting at Liverpool in Lancashire

and the servants not members of our Society; yet they were exceeding kind, and we were great care taken of, and our cloathes well dried; and our guide was uncommon kind.

On 1st. of 10 mo. and 3rd. of week, We felt this morning exceeding weary with the wet and fatigue of the day before, and it being likely for another rainy day, it appeared discouraging; but our kind friends of this place provided for us, by hiring a Post.Chaise to take us to Hinkley 13 miles, and John Basford being our guide we went together therein. We left at Leicester a little past 11 o clock and got to Hinkley about half past 1, but about the Bulls head we din'd. In our way the thither I felt a concern upon my mind towards the inhabitants, and understanding there was but 6 or 7 members of our Society in the Town, I concluded to have a meeting with them and the inhabitants together, and our guide with the friends of this Town exerted themselves in giving notice to the People. After dinner we went to the Widow Martha Coopers were we drunk Tea. About 7 miles from this Town is Drayton in the Clay the place of George Fox's birth; and the friends daughter informed us, she had lately been in the house where he was born which is now standing; that it is but a small house like a cottage but hath a little land belonging it, which George Father occupied; We went from here to the meeting which began at half past 4. It was held in friends Meetinghouse, which is a pretty large building, and well filled below stairs, many of the principal inhabitants of the Town with others attending, and amongst the number and an eminent Baptist Preacher. It was a good meeting, and I had a long testimony to bear therein from Eph: C: 4. v: 5. One Lord, one faith, one baptism. At the close of the meeting I informed the People, I had been pleased with their company, and behaviour in the general: and after a few words more in exhortation, observed, That as the Masters presence had been experienced to be near, by which an awful solemnity had covered many minds. I desired when separated we might endeavour to keep under it; and wait in silence, that we might be favoured to experience the renewings thereof. The meeting held 2 hours, After which we returned to Martha Coopers, where we got some suitable refreshment, and then came back to Leicester in the same Chaise. The day proved better than we expected, and the evening was very fine, and moonlight; so that we were favoured every way; got to John Priestmans of Leicester about quarter before 9 o clock where we was kindly received and entertained as before by their Servants.

On 2nd. and 4th. of week, early in the morning Ann Burgess hearing of our being here, came and Breakfasted with us, and kept us company whilst we tarried in the Town, of which we was glad. She is a valuable Minister, and is setting off in a short time on a religious visit to the nation of Ireland. After Breakfast we went to see Sarah and Ann Herfard two Sisters who live together; the later an acceptable Minister took a little refreshment there before we went to the meeting which began at 11 o clock, 38 persons attended, It was held in silence, but to me was a good and profitable meeting, there being I believe many valuable friends there. After meeting we din'd at our very kind friend John Basfords; his Sister Hannah who lives with him, hath lately appeared acceptably in the work of the ministry. From hence we returned to our quarters where taking leave of many kind friends, we set out about 4 o clock for Loughborough 11 miles, John Burgess of Wigston being our guide, we got there about 6 in the evening, where we took up our quarters at James Hasholds.

On 3rd. and 5th. of week, It being market day here we could not have a meeting until evening. In the forenoon I visited William Hutchinson, whom I knew when I was at this Town many years ago. The meeting began at 6 o'clock; friends have lately purchased the Assembly room, a large place, and got it well seated and a convenient Gallery erected. There was about 20 attended of such as make some profession of Truth, several of whom appearing to be under convincement; but the night being very wet, prevented several who live in the country from being there. But the Towns people perceiving the lights a pretty many of them came in, and we were favoured with a good meeting together, in which I had a long testimony to bear from Gen: C: 19. v: 17. Escape for thy life; look not behind thee, neither stay thou in all the plain; escape to the mountain, lest thou be consumed. Afterwards I was concerned in Prayer. After meeting Robert Hawksworth who is under convincement and lives at a village 3 miles out of Town, came and spent the remainder of the evening with us of whose company I was glad.

On 4th. and 6th. of week, After Breakfast we set out for Castle.donington 9 miles, James Hashold being our guide, went by Kegworth thither, were we got about 10 o clock and took up our quarters at Joseph Evatts. The meeting began at 11, There was 34 Persons attended, 9 of which were friends children at a Boarding.School in this village, and 3 were persons of other Societies. It was a comfortable meeting. I thought the labours of that valuable Minister Ruth Fallows of this place were yet discernible amongst them. I had two pretty long testimonies to bear therein the first from Gen: C: 22. v: 5. Abide ye here with the ass; and I and the lad will go yonder and worship. and the other from Psalms 111. v. 10. The fear of the Lord is the begining of wisdom; a good understanding have they that do his commandments. After dinner we went to see Ann Browns, and from thence to Benjamin Evatts were we drunk Tea; and afterwards went to Joseph Hudsons and Thomas Ellis's sat a little at each place and then returned to our quarters. In the evening I went and sat a little at Samuel Evatts.

On 5th. and 7th. of week, Yesterday in passing through Kegworth, I felt my mind drawn in Gospel love towards the inhabitants of that Town accompanied with a concern to have a meeting with them; but said nothing until after meeting, when I acquainted friends therewith, and Joseph Evatt went over thither to procure a place, and there being a few in the Town who attend this meeting they undertook the care of informing the inhabitants thereof: and this morning after Breakfast we set out for Kegworth 3 miles, Joseph Evatt being our guide thither, and from thence to Nottingham; we got to Kegworth about half past 9, and put up at the Flying.horse. The meeting began at 10 and was held in the Methodist Meetinghouse. It was supposed that upwards of 200 People attended, and amongst the number, a Baptist and a Methodist Preacher, the behaviour of the whole was remarkably solid, and it was a precious meeting, I had a very long testimony to bear therein from John C: 1. v: 29. Behold the Lamb of God which taken away the sin of the world. James Harrison had a short time next from Jam: C: 1. v: 21. Receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save the soul. At the close of the meeting I had a short exhortation, concluding with Saluting them in pure and unfeigned love, and bade them Farewel. The meeting held upwards of 2 hours. After which I din'd at John Stensons, he and his Wife attending friends meetings from convincement. After dinner we set out for Nottingham 13 miles, went by Sawley a large village in Derbyshire, and thro' a part of Nottinghamshire to Nottingham were we got a little before 5 o clock, and took up our quarters at Joseph Whitlarks.

On 6th. and 1st. of week, we was at the forenoon meeting in Nottingham which began at 10 o.clock It was large of friends and a few of other Societies attended. I had a very long testimony to bear therein, being led to speak to various states, and in a very encouraging manner to a tried remnant from Isai: C: 1. v: 8, 9. The daughter of Zion is left as a cottage in a vineyard, as a lodge in a garden of cucumbers, as a besieged city. Except the Lord of hosts had left unto us a very small remnant, we should have been as Sodom, and we should have been like to Gomorrah. I thought altho' I had close labour therein, it was an highly favoured meeting. After which we dined at John Bakewells, and after dinner went and sat a little at William Harveys. The afternoon meeting began at 3 o.clock, It was larger than the former, many of other Societies coming in, so that the Meetinghouse below stairs was well filled; The forepart of the meeting was dull and heavy, and I thought was hurt by the Publick appearance of a young man, with whom I afterwards understood friends had not unity. But towards the close of the meeting it was more favoured, and I thought ended comfortably. I was strengthened to bear a long testimony therein from Luke C: 12. v: 37. Blessed are those servants whom the Lord when he cometh shall find watching. After meeting we drunk Tea at Hannah Storers Widow of that eminent Minister John Storer. In the evening several friends came to see us at our quarters, and among the number William Darker and Charles Watson, they had both been members of the Methodist Society, and the latter a Preacher amongst them.

On 7th. and 2nd. of week, After Breakfast we set out for Breach in Derbyshire 13 miles, Joseph Whitlark was our guide, we called at Thomas Dunns of Langley.mills were we got some refreshment and then proceeded to Heanor, were we stopt at Thomas Howits door and

took a glass of wine, and then went accompanied by several of their family to Breach; got there just in time to the meeting which began at 11 o clock. There was 39 persons attended; about 12 of which were People of other Societies. I had a 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. Various states were opened and spoke to with considerable authority, and tho' the forepart of the meeting was dull and heavy; I thought it ended comfortably, and upon the whole was a good meeting. We went from hence to Derby 9 miles; called at Thomas Peaks of Kidsley.Park were we din'd. Emanuel Howit an agreeable youth came here after dinner, and was our guide to Derby, were we got a little before 6 in the evening and took up our quarters at Robert Longdons.

On 8th. and 3rd. of week, In the morning I Breakfasted at Joseph Brookhouse's. The meeting in this Town began at half past 10. 58 persons attended about 12 of the number appearing to be People of other Societies; It was an open favoured meeting, I had two pretty long testimonies to bear therein, the first from Isai: C: 12. v: 2. I would trust, and not be afraid; for the Lord Jehovah is my strength, and my song; he also is become my salvation. and the other 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. Afterwards James Harrison dropt a few words. In the afternoon we drunk Tea at Elizabeth Youngs, and supp'd at Christopher Wrays.

On 9th. and 4th. of week, In the forenoon we set out for Wirksworth 13 miles, John Stears and Joseph Brookhouse being gone before to procure and prepare a place, for a Publick meeting to be held in this evening, and give notice thereof to the inhabitants. We left Derby betwixt 9 and 10 o'clock, Robert Longdon junr. being our guide, and Joseph Evatt of Castle.donnington, and Christopher Wray, accompanying us. I rode with the former in his carriage, and the latter rode with my companion, to Cowhouselane near Turnditch 8 miles, where we called to see two young men who are under convincement, and attend Derby meeting; viz. Gisbert Blanchon a Prussian whose Father removed from that country and settled in England, and John Osbiston. The former was not at home but I saw and had some conversation with him at Derby the day before, he appeared to me not only convinced of the Truth but well grounded therein. My companion and me, and our guide, stopt at John Osbistons 3 hours and a half and din'd, and he being a Wheelwright, repaired our carriage. But the other friends went forward immediately to Wirksworth to assist the friends who went early in the morning. We got to Wirksworth a little past 4 o clock, and took up our quarters at the Red.Lyon. The inhabitants appeared to receive the invitation to the meeting with gladness, and said it was 20 years since there was one, and that was the only one that any of them could remember being held in this Town. The meeting began at half past 6 this evening, and was held in the Methodist Meetinghouse; it was exceedingly crowded, there being as was supposed upwards of 700 People there, and I understood several Preachers amongst the Methodists; It was a solid good meeting, and I had a very long testimony to bear therein from Rev: C: 18. v: 4. Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues. Afterwards I was concerned in Prayer. James Harrison informed the People when the meeting was over, acknowledging our satisfaction with their company and behaviour, and concluded with a suitable exhortation to them. The meeting held 2 hours. John Osbiston called at the Inn to take leave of us, at parting I thought I felt as if he was in some danger of being drawn from the simplicity of the pure Truth, by the cunning craftiness of man, and whilst I had hold of his hand apprehended it to be my place tenderly to drop the following caution unto him from Col: C: 2. V. 21, 22. Touch not; taste not; handle not; Which all are to perish with the using.

On 10th. and 5th. of week, we parted after Breakfast, with our kind friends Joseph Evatt, and those from Derby they returning home except Robert Longdon junr. who continued our guide; and we set out for Bakewell 14 miles, went by Cromford and Matlock.Bath the day

being very fine we had a very pleasant ride through beautiful valleys in a very rocky mountainous country to Bakewell where we got about 12 o'clock and took up our quarters at William Gauntleys. The friends in this Town are all of them lately convinced of the Truth as professed by us, and several of them are accepted members of our Society, and there are a few who are not, they attend Monyash meeting. I felt concerned to have a Publick meeting this evening in this Town, but felt in a very low and discourage state of mind, yet dare not omit the present opportunity So after dinner I acquainted the friends therewith, and they readily procured a place, and with the assistance of our guide gave notice to the inhabitants of the Town and country around. The meeting began at half past 6 and was held in the Methodists Meetinghouse which we understood would contain betwixt 4 and 500 People, It was very full and amongst the number were several Methodist Preachers, and 1 Independent Preacher. I was exceedingly stripped when I sat me down therein but Truth gradually arose into dominion, and it proved a favoured meeting; and I was strengthened to bear a very long testimony amongst them 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. John Gauntley had a few words next from John C: 1. v: 46. Can there any good thing come out of Nazareth. At the close of the meeting, I remarked, that from the solid behaviour of the People in general, and from the solemnity which had covered the minds of many; I hoped that the Labour this evening bestowed might prove unto some as bread cast waters the effects of which might be seen after many days; then saluting them in pure and unfeigned love I bade them Farewel. The meeting held 2 hours. and I think I may add I was well satisfied with our visit both to the friends and the inhabitants this Town and its neighbourhood.

On 11th. and 6th. of week, This morning William Gauntley went with us to his Brother John Gauntleys to Breakfast where they gave us some account of their convincement and the deep exercises and tryals they had to pass through; no friends having ever lived in this Town before, so that they coming amongst friends at the first appeared strange to the People, but several others were afterwards convinced. After Breakfast we set out for Monyash 5 miles, The Gauntleys have got a Caravan, in which the Women mostly rode and several men friends went on foot so that a considerable number accompanied us, as John Gauntley and his Wife, and Niece. Ann Seaman their servant, and another young Woman their Servant who is not a friend. William Gauntley and his Wife and Servant Henry Wall, and Thomas Cundy; the two last not joined in Society with friends but have attended meetings a considerable time. I walked most of the way and the remainder rode in their Caravan. John Gauntleys Wife riding with my companion in his carriage. We got to Monyash just in time to the meeting which began at 11 o'clock, There was 23 Persons attended, one of which do not usually attend. I sat in a state of weakness in the forepart thereof, but Truth arose for our help, caution and encouragement flowed freely to the rightly exercised; and the dear youth were entreated to seek the Lord early, that they might be favoured to find him; and I thought it a satisfactory Meeting, I had two pretty long testimonies to bear therein, The first from Luke C: 17. v: 32. Remember Lot's wife. and the other from Prov: C: 8. v: 17. Those that seek me early shall find me. After meeting we took leave of our dear friends of Bakewell in much affection, and went with Ebenezar Bowman and family to their house at Oneash, to dine where we tarried all night.

On 12th. and 7th. of week, After Breakfast we set out for Macclesfield in Cheshire, 18 miles, Henry Bowman and innocent youth in the 18th. Year of his age being our guide. Before breakfast I had some conversation with Mary Yates a friend who is come to be Tutoress to the children in this family; She gave me some account of her convincment to friends Principles, having formerly been in profession with the Methodists which was very satisfactory; at that time she lived near Frandley in Cheshire, where she was convinced, but removing to Manchester, she was accepted a member of our Society there. We left Oneash about 8 o'clock in the morning, and had an agreeable ride over the very high moorish and Mountainous country to Macclesfield, called by the way at Newriver.head or Mosshouse, a lonely place on the Moors, the Sine of the Devonshire.arms; where we got some refreshment and then

proceeded to Macclesfield, got there about 2 o'clock in the afternoon, and took up our quarters at William Paxtons, were Henry Bowman and me slept together but my companion slept as before at James Frosts. After dinner we all went together to James Frost to Tea, and after Tea Henry Bowman me returned to our quarters.

On 13th. and 1st. of week, Henry Bowman me went to James Frosts to Breakfast were we tarried and went with the family to their forenoon meeting which began at 11 o'clock. It was pretty large the great end of the Meetinghouse, being nearly full, a few of other Societies attending. I felt very low in the forepart thereof; but a little matter opening, I stood up therewith, and life increasing I had a pretty long testimony to bear therein 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. and I thought upon the whole it was a satisfactory meeting. After dinner dear Henry Bowman took leave of me, he returning home; and we having been brought very near to each other, were a little affected that parting. The afternoon meeting began at 3 o'clock. It was not so large as the former, several friends living at a distance in the country, could not well attend, but a few of the Societies came in. It was held in silence but I believe was not unprofitable. After meeting we drunk Tea at Thomas Thorps and afterwards called and sat little at Samuel Stoneweters, and at James Frosts.

On 14th. and 2nd. of week, we intended proceeding on our Journey early this morning; but it coming on very heavy rain stayed us; this gave me an opportunity of returning to James Frosts, and getting a private opportunity with Joseph Newton a young man who works there and is now in the 21st. year of his age for whom I had felt a particular regard when I was there last year, and similar feelings were renewed, and I thought strengthened in the present opportunity. We din'd James Frosts, and it clearing up, we went and got ready as quickly as we could, and set out for Low Leighton in Derbyshire 11 miles, Joseph Broaster junr. a youth in the 16th. year of his age was our guide, we called at his Fathers at Rainow about 2 miles from Macclesfield were we sat a little and took a glass of wine, soon after we left there, the rain came on again; and the road being very hilly and bad for a carriage, we got very slowly on so that it was about 6 o'clock in the evening when we got to Samuel Taylors of Low Leighton, very wet and weary we were, but met with a very kind reception, and great care was taken of us, notwithstanding I felt the effects of this days travel afterwards, by a complaint in my Bowels, accompanied with a violent Lax.

On 15th. and 3rd. of week, this morning Samuel Taylor his son in law, and others, bestirred themselves in informing their Neighbours of a meeting to be held in friends Meetinghouse here, to begin at 12 o clock. The said meeting was large, many People of other Societies attending and amongst the number a Methodist Preacher who is stationed this year in this neighbourhood. It was an open good meeting, and the People behaved with remarkable solidity, I had a very long 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. James Harrison had a short time next from 1 Pet: C: 4. v: 12. Think it most strange concerning the fiery tryal, which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you. I was next concerned in Prayer. And at the close of the meeting, I express'd my desire that as we had had at this time been favoured together with the fresh manifestations of Life; when separated we might be concerned to wait for the renewings thereof, that as we advance in years, we might grow in grace; and finally be favoured to meet together in the realms of bliss, were the morning stars to sing together, and the sons of God to shout for joy. The People then separated in a very solid and becoming manner.

On 16th. and 4th. of the week, having long felt a concern upon my mind, to pay a religious visit to the inhabitants of Glossop and its facility, it now appeared to me the right time to accomplish it, and tho' I was much indisposed, yet I could not feel easy to omit the present opportunity. Accordingly after Breakfast we set out for Glossop 7 miles, and Samuel Taylor being unwell he sent his Son in law Thomas Dale with us to be our guide thither, and tho' he was not a member of our Society, yet he attends meetings, and was very kind

cheerfully lending us all the assistance in his Power. We got to Glossop about 11 o clock, and took up our quarters at the Bullshead. Thomas Dale and my companion, immediately set out to procure a place to hold a meeting in this evening; they readily met with one at Jonathan Wadsworths, who had prepared a large upper Room, for the Methodists to meet in, and conveniently seated with forms. It went over his whole house which consisted of four rooms on a floor, and the entrance into it was up a pair of stone stairs in the yard. They then went and gave notice to the inhabitants, and returned to dinner. After dinner Thomas Dale returned home; and we having received an invitation from Jonathan Wadsworth to drink Tea at his house, we accepted thereof, and went thither; were we met with Mark Day a young man from Yorkshire, and a Preacher among the Methodists, stationed this year in this circuit, he appeared pleased to see us and attended the meeting this evening, which began at 5 o clock, and held about 2 hours; Great was the multitude of People which attended, so that this large room, with the yard behind it was extremely crowded and many were obliged to go away who could not get in within the yard; the day being very warm and the room lowish, without any convenience of letting in air, but at the door; the heat in the place was almost insupportable, I think I never experienced the like before, this was rather a hurt to the meeting, Nevertheless it was a time favour, and tho' I was very poorly of my Bowel complaint and a Lax, yet I was strengthened to bear a long testimony amongst them from Acts C: 16. v: 30, 31. What must I do to be saved? And they said, believe on the Lord Jesus.Christ, and thou shalt be saved. After I sat down some of the People attempting to go out James Harrison stood up and requested them to be as still as they could a little longer, apprehending the meeting would shortly break up, as the heat of the place was almost past bearing; He then branched forth a considerable time into sundry pertinent exhortations. After which I informed the People, that I did not apprehend, much advantage would ariseby detaining them much longer, and after droping a little seasonable advice to them, concluded with saluting them in that love which many waters cannot quench more distant separate, and bade them all Farewel. When the meeting was over, I found the cloathes on my back was sweat thorough, and with my illness, and the extreme heat; I was ready to faint. But Jonathan Wadsworth and his family were exceeding kind and got me every thing that was needful for my present situation. We stopt there most of an hour, and then returne'd to our Inn.

On 17th.and 5th. of week, This morning I was very ill, having a little rest all night, and the lax being much increased with the heat and exercise the meeting the evening before, so that I seemed in a very unfit situation to proceed on our Journey. Mark Day the Methodist Preacher came to see me, and tarried a considerable time appearing affectionately kind. The day being very fine, we ventured to set out for home, which the way we came is about 18 miles, and we had a pleasant ride over the moors and I do not know that I was any worse for it; we got by Torsett, Woodhead in Cheshire, and Salterbrook in Yorkshire to Bordhill were we din'd at the Sine of the Dog; then came by Royd and Spicerhouse home were we got about 6 in the evening; having travelled in this Journey betwixt 6 and 700 miles. After we parted with Thomas Dale, my kind companion, paid our expenses, and would not suffer me to pay any part thereof. James Harrison stopt at my house until the first day following we being weary and in want of a little rest. On 6th. day we attended our week.day meeting at Highflatts, which was a good meeting. I was first concerned therein a long time in supplication and afterwards had a short but encouraging testimony to bear. On 1st. day after meeting we went together to Barnsley our Monthly Meeting being held at Burton the day following.

An Account of my Journey to a Meeting at Dewsbury in the 11th. Mo. 1811.

I set out from home ye. 17th. of the 11th. Mo. 1811 and 1st. day of the week, in the morning, and went to John Pickfords of Park, were I such a considerable time, and left there between 10 and 11 o clock, went by Cumberworth and Skelmanthorp to Elias Armitage's of Park.lane,

were I rested me a little, and then proceeded, by Emley to Flockton.mill were I dined at my cousin Alexander Hampshires, stopt about 1 hour and a half, and then proceeded, by Flockton, Mugmill and Thornhill to Dewsbury, were I got about 4 o clock and drunk Tea at Morritt Matthews's. The meeting held at his house began out 5 o clock. There was 20 Persons attended, and I thought it was a pretty satisfactory meeting; I had a pretty long testimony to bear therein 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 of the King, the Lord of hosts. The meeting held near 2 hours. From hence I went to George Breareys to lodge. After supper, Joseph Whitlark of Nottingham who got to Town after meeting came to see me at my quarters, and spend the remainder of the evening with us; I was much pleased with his company.

On 18th. and 2nd. of week about 9 o clock in the morning, I set out for our Monthly meeting to be held at Wakefield, in company with John Fozard, we went by Ossett and got to Wakefield, about half past 10 o clock I called at William Leathams and got a little refreshment and then went to the meeting which was large, and we were favoured thereat with the company of our friend Thomas Shillitoe from Middlesex, who had a short testimony to bear therein from Rev: C: 21. v: 8. The fearful, and unbelieving, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone. Afterwards he had a pretty long time 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 will not be able. John Bottomley next from Rev: C: 2. v: 7. To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life; which is in the midst of the paradise of God. At the close of the meeting for Worship was held at the meeting for discipline, a great deal of business was before the meeting to day which was pretty agreeably conducted. In the 9th. Mo. Joseph Firth of Highflatts Mg. was appointed Clerk to our Monthly meeting and John Donbavand of Ackworth Mg. Assistant. Joseph Firth being from home the last month, this was the first time they acted together; and I thought they offered to fill up their respective places with propriety. Both meetings held 4 hours and a half. After meeting I dined at William Leathams, and afterwards called and sat a little at Ann Thorps, and then came by Sandal and Milnþorp to Dirtcar were I got about 6 o.clock, and took up my quarters at my worthy friends Christopher Walkers.

On 19th. and 3rd. of week, I breakfasted at William Pickards, and left Dirtcar about 9 o'clock in the morning, came to Crigglestone were I called to see Hannah Earnshaw who is lately removed from Lancashire to live here with her Brother George Earnshaw, I stopt about 1 hour and then proceeded after getting a little refreshment by Bretton, Parkmill and Skelmanthorpe to Shelley.Woodhouse, were I din'd at Joshua Dysons , stopt about 1 hour and a half, and then came by Cumberworth to John Pickfords of Park were I drunk Tea, and got home about 6 o clock in the evening.

An Account of my Journey to a Publick Meeting held at Burton in the 12th. Mo. 1811.

Having previously wrote to John Yeardley, informing him of my concern, and the unity of friends therewith; of having a Publick meeting in friends Meetinghouse at Burton, and requesting friends care in informing the inhabitants thereof in that village Carlton and Royston, he and Samuel Coward and William Taylor took the charge thereof, and effectually performed the service. I left home in order to attend it, ye. 28th. of ye. 12th. Mo. 1811, and 7th. day of the week about 9 o clock in the morning, and went by Denby and Gunthwaite to Richard Priests of Broad.oak were I tarried dinner and until a little past 2 o clock in the afternoon, and then proceeded by Cawthorne to Barnsley it Snowing fast all the way, yet the wind of being down I got pretty well there about half past 4 o clock and took up my quarters as usual at my beloved friends John Yeardleys.

On 29th. and 1st. of week. After Breakfast I set out for Burton, and in my way thither called and sat a little at Joseph Listers of Bleachhouse, got to Burton in time to the meeting which began as usual at 11 o clock and held 2 hours and a half. It was large the Meetinghouse being well filled, and a considerable number in the chamber. The behaviour of the People in general was remarkably solid, the Power of Truth eminently overshadowed us, so that in the time of silence, many I believe felt that worship which needeth not the aid of words. I thought it was the best Publick meeting I ever was at in that place, many were much broken and tendered therein, and I trust to some it will prove as bread cast upon the waters the good effects of which may be seen after many days. I had a very long testimony to their therein from Matt: C: 7. v. 21, 22, 23. 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. Many will say unto me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? and then will I profess unto them I never knew you, depart from me, ye that work iniquity. After meeting I return'd to my quarters in Barnsley. And at 5 o clock in the evening attended the meeting in that Town, which was acknowledged to be a settled meeting by our last Monthly meeting. A few of other Societies came in, and it proved a satisfactory meeting. I had a long testimony to bear therein from. Dan: C: 12. v: 4. Shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end. The meeting held near 2 hours.

On 30th. and 2nd. of week, The forenoon was very stormy and friends being desirous of my tarrying another night, I consented thereto, and after breakfast went to William Taylors, Thomas Walker Haighs, Hannah Heelis's and Mary Waltons ; sat a little at each place, and then went to William Harveys were I din'd. After dinner I went and sat a little at Thomas Yeardleys, and then went to Frances Yeardleys were I drunk Tea; and from thence return to my quarters, were Samuel Coward came to see me, and we being alone, it afforded me an opportunity of having some conversation with him, believing him to be a worthy man but having sometimes apprehended there was a danger of him moving in our meetings for discipline in a zeal not duly tempered, and fearing he should suffer loss thereby, I had wished to have a private opportunity with him which now fell out and I opened my mind freely unto him, he appeared to receive it in love, my mind was much relieved thereby and I had a comfortable hope the remarks made would be profitable unto him. Afterwards William Bayldon, Robert Harrison and William Taylor came to sit a little with me, and in the latter part of the evening John Charlesworth came in to see me he stopt all night and slept with me.

On 31st. and 3rd. of week, I left Barnsley about 10 o'clock in the forenoon, as I was walking on the road it came into my mind to come by Kexbro' to see David Blacker were he went to live after he got better of his illness, and I have not seen him since, but understood he had forgot the covenants he had made in the day of his distress, and slighted the mercies of him who heard him in the needful time, like the sow returning to her wallowing in the mire; when I got to Kexbro' I enquired for him but found he was removed from thence, so I came to John Beatsons of Synderhills were I stopt about 4 hours and din'd, John came with me to Cawthorne, and took me to see a Meetinghouse he hath lately made for the Methodists out of a dwellinghouse which is a very neat place. After parting with him here, I came by Dakinbrook and Denby to William Cockells of Moorroyd were I sat a little, and then came to Highflatts were I stopt about 1 hour and a half at Elihu Dickinsons Tanners and drunk Tea, then set out for home Charles Unsworth accompanying me about half way 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 Shelley in the 2nd. Mo. 1812.

A meeting being appointed at my request to be held in the dissenting Methodist Meetinghouse in Shelley on the 23rd. day of the 2nd Mo. 1812, and 1st. day of the week at 6 o'clock in the

evening, my Nephew Robert Wood came with me from our meeting at Highflatts the same day and din'd at my house, and after dinner, I went with him to his house at Moorbottom were I stopt 2 hours and a half and drunk Tea About half past 5 o clock my nephew Robert Wood his Wife and me, set out together towards the meeting when I had just got out of the doors, I met with dear Charles Unsworth who had come over to accompany me We got to the Meetinghouse just in time to the meeting which was very large and extremely crowded, but the People generally got in. It proved a remarkable favoured time, the glory of the Lord eminently overshadowing us to the tendering of the hearts of many and bringing an awful solemnity over all, so that among the young and faultless, a light countenance was not observed. I had a very long testimony to bear therein from Luke C: 13. v. 24, 25, 26, 27. 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 being 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: Then shall ye begin to say, We have eaten and drunk in my presence, and thou hast taught us in our streets. But he shall say, I tell you, I know you not whence ye are; depart from me all you workers of iniquity. John Bottomley was next concerning Prayer. and afterwards I had a pretty long testimony to bear from Heb: C: 12. v. 26, 27. Yet once more I shake not the Earth only, but also heaven: and this word, yet once more, signifies the removing of those things that are shaken, as things that are made, that those things which cannot be shaken may remain. After which John Bottomley informed People the meeting was about to conclude and after reviving the language of the Apostle Finally, brethren, Farewell, be perfect, be of good come, be of one mind, live in peace; and the love of God peace shall be with you. he desired them quietly to withdraw. The Meeting held near 3 hours. After which Charles Unsworth and me with several other friends came to George Haighs of Heighmoorhouse were we stopt upwards of an hour and got every needful refreshment Charles Unsworth and Charles Hinchcliff and me left a little after 10 o clock, and came together about half a mile and then parting with my beloved friend Charles Unsworth in much nearness of affection, Charles Hinchcliff came with me to Park, and then return'd but home, I called and sat a little at John Pickfords, and then came home, were I got about half past 11 o clock.

An Account of my Journey to a Public Meeting held at Shelley in the 3rd. Mo. 1812.

At the last Publick meeting held in the dissenting Methodist Meetinghouse in Shelley my mind felt so comfortable and easy that I was ready to conclude I was fully clear of the inhabitants of that part; but the next morning before I arose out of bed a weekly exercise came upon my mind about having another meeting in the same place this prospect was very trying to me, I considered the meeting was left well, and the door opened and perhaps another meeting might have a tendency to shut it. But considering the declaration of the Prophet Habbakuk viz . “the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie; though it tarry, wait for it?” I was ready to conclude it might be yet at a considerable distance, and endeavoured to get into as calm state of mind as I could, but my exercise continued to increase upon me, until at length the time to move under this concern was clearly opened to be, and after some deeper conflicts of spirit, I was favoured to experience resignation and unable to say, not my will but by no Lord be done; if I go before, I will endeavour to follow. Then I acquainted John Bottomley therewith, who went and procured the same place, which was very freely given up for the service, and Publick notice was given to the inhabitants, that some friends would have a meeting there on the 15th. of ye 3rd 1812 and 1st. day of the week at 10 o clock in the forenoon. Accordingly I left home to attend it the same morning about 8 o clock, and went to my nephew Robert Woods of Moorbottom were I stopt some time and took a cup of Tea. About half past 9 I left there in company with John

Bottomley, George Earnshaw from Lancashire who came there the evening before, and Robert Wood, when we had got a little on our way, we met Charles Unsworth coming to meet us from Shelley.Woodhouse where he at present resides, we all went together to the meeting were we got in due time. Great was the concourse of People which attended, but I believe they all got in. My mind was awfully bowed when I sat me down in the meeting, and beheld the multitude, but feeling the Golden sceptre of divine love held forth, all fear of man was removed, and I was first concerned therein in supplication, John Bottomley had a pretty long time in testimony next from Job: C: 17. v: 9. The righteous shall hold on his way, and he that hath clean hands shall be stronger and stronger. I had a very long time next from 2 Kin: C: 5. v: 12. Are not Abana and Pharpar, rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? may I not wash in them and be clean? John Bottomley had a pretty long time next from 1 John: C: 2. v: 13. I write unto you young men, because ye have overcome the wicked one. Afterwards I inform'd the People, The meeting was about to close, and droping sundry exhortations to them, concluded with the Apostles salutation, 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 2 hours and a half. It was a remarkable favourite time, Truth being in great dominion, and the behaviour of the People were very still solid and attentive. I went to John Bottomley to George Haighs of Heighmoorhouse were we din'd, and about 2 o clock set out for our Monthly meeting to be held next day at Wakefield. George Haigh accompanied us to Shelley, and then we preceded by Roydhouse, Emley, Bretton and Crigglestone, to Dircar were we got Christopher Walkers about half past 5 o clock, At 6 in the evening our Select meeting was held here all our members attended except Hannah Dumbleton. We had also the company of Joseph Birkbeck of Settle and Thomas Shillitoe late of Nottingham in Middlesex but now of Barnsley he and his family being lately removed thither, and their Certificates received and accepted by our Mo. meeting the next day. The Queries were read, and answered, and answers thereto prepared, approved and Signed, in order to be laid before our Select Quarterly Meeting. At the close of the business Thomas Shillitoe had an acceptable testimony to bear. It was a satisfactory meeting and held about 1 hour and a half. When it broke up John Hoyland and his Wife of Sheffield came in, they had intended being here to the meeting but was prevented by the badness of the roads, however we got their company the remainder of the evening and all the Monthly meeting the next day.

On 16th. and 2nd. of week, After breakfast I went to Wakefield, rested me little at Ann Thorps and then went to the meeting which was large and we were favoured thereat with the company of several strangers for besides those who were at Dircar the evening before we had also Henry Tuke of York. In this meeting Elizabeth Hoyland had a long testimony to bear from Phil: C: 3. v: 12. Not as though I had already obtained, either were already perfect; but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which I also am apprehended of Christ.Jesus. Afterwards John Hoyland had a pretty long time from Numb: C: 24. v. 5, 6. How goodly are thy tents, O Jacob, and thy tabernacles, O Israel? As the valleys are they spread forth, as gardens by the Riverside, as the trees of lign.aloes which the Lord hath planted, and as cedars beside the waters. At the close of the meeting for Worship was held at our Monthly meeting for discipline, The business of which was agreeably conducted, amongst other things, Robert Whitaker and Hannah Dumbleton both of Ackworth Mg. were cleared from all other engagements relating to marriage and left at liberty to accomplish theirs when Ackworth friends and they saw meet. The Queries were also read and Answers there to receive from all our Preparative meetings viz. Pontefract, Burton, Highflatts, across, Wakefield, and Wooldale. A General Answer was prepared therefrom approved and Signed in order to be laid before our Quarterly Mg. in answer to the 2nd. Query it appeared that there was some little appearance of convincement in Burton meeting since last year, and that 4 persons had been admitted into membership thereby since last year viz. 2 in Burton Mg. and 2 in Highflatts Mg. It also appeared in Answer to the 11th. Query That a Mg. for Worship on 1st. and 5th. days had been settled in Dewsbury except the 1st day before the Monthly meetings when the friends of Dewsbury united with the friends of Wakefield Mg. and formed one Preparative meeting

since last year. Towards the close of the business Henry bore an excellent testimony to the Truth. Both meetings held 4 hours and a half. After which I din'd at Joseph Wetheralds, and after dinner came by Sandal to Robert Walkers of Milnthorp were I drunk Tea, and tarried all night.

On 17th. and 3rd. of week, I left Milnthorp about 6 o'clock in the morning and came by Chapelthorp to Painthorp were I breakfasted at Mary Cudworths, stopt about 2 hours and then set out in company with John Bottomley we came by Bretton and Emley to Parklane were I called at Elias Armitages's rested me there near an hour, and then came to my cousin Charles Steads of Siver.Ing; Elias Armitage accompanying me most of the way thither, I din'd here and sat a considerable time with Charles Stead junr. who continues poorly, but is very loving and glad of the company of his friends. I went and sat a little at cousin Benjamin Steads, tarried at both places about 3 hours, and then came to Joshua Dysons of Shelley Woodhouse were I stopt about half an hour, and then my beloved friend Charles Unsworth came with me nearly home, we came by Cumberworth to Lanehead were we parted in nearness of affection he returning to his home, and I got home about 5 o clock.

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1812.

Previous to my account of this journey, I feel inclined to make a few remarks by way of introduction. The sixth day before I set out, was a very stormy day the wind was high, and the snow fell very deep and in some places was so drifted as to lay in the road two yards deep or upwards. On seventh day the weather was mild and pretty warm and the Snow decreased a little, and the roads in most places were opened by People passing to and again. About 5 o clock this evening there was an awful storm of Thunder and Lightning which continued for upwards of 2 hours, this was a very unusual thing in so deep a snow, the Thunder in some places was very loud and the Lightning hurt several persons slightly but have not heard of any considerable damage being done but many People were very much alarmed. The storm passed eastward of us going from the South Northward. This evening my dearly beloved friend Charles Unsworth came to my house to stop all night. The next morning he wrote a letter for me to take to a relation of his at Leeds about some business; after meeting he din'd at my house, and after dinner we took a solemn leave of each other not expecting to see one another again of a week. But how short sighted we poor mortals are, and how unexpectedly Providence brings things about. It snowed fast most of this afternoon, and the night so that the trods were filled up entirely.

On 23rd. and 2nd. of week I arose in the morning but when I saw the depth of snow I felt no little discouragement being not very well, and knowing of no company; however had prepared myself and about quarter past 9 on the day before mentioned of the 3rd. Mo. 1812 I set out for our Quarterly Meeting to be held at Leeds, and the snow being deep and no trod from my house, Enoch Gouldthorp my servant in husbandry accompanied me to Cumberworth were we parted, and I preceded when I got to the road leading to Skelmanthorp, there appeared little if any trod, and being open towards Shelley Woodhouse I went that way, were I called to see my dear friend Charles Unsworth at Joshua Dysons with whom he now

lives as his servant in husbandry. Here I stopt and din'd, and when we were at dinner his Master said as they had done their work within doors, and it was not likely that anything could be done without this week, Charles might as well go with me to Leeds, and see his relations and look after his business himself, I was surprized at the hearing thereof, and immediately asked him whether he spoken in jest or in earnest, he answered he was in earnest; and accordingly Charles began to get himself ready. Nothing could have happened more unexpectedly to me, nor nothing more pleasing to us both, there subsisting the most intimate friendship betwixt us, my heart was filled with gratitude to the Almighty in thus providing so agreeable a companion for me this Journey, and in so very an unexpected manner. About 1 o'clock we left Woodhouse, Joshua Dyson accompanied us to Skelmanthorp were we parted with him, and proceeded on our way rejoicing in being thus favoured with each others company. As we travelled along we found the snow kept diminishing and when we got within 4 miles of Wakefield the roads the remainder of the way were quite clear, we went by Emley and Bretton to Crigglestone, were we called at my Uncle Joseph Houghs and rested us about half an hour, and then went to Robert Walkers of Milthorp were we stopt an hour and drunk Tea, then went by Sandal to Wakefield were we stopt about half an hour at Ann Thorps, and from thence went to Alverthorp were we got betwixt 7 and 8 o'clock and lodg'd at Mark Brears.

On 24th. and 3rd. of week, It having Snow'n all the night it lay pretty deep here this morning. We left Alverthorp about quarter past 9 o'clock, Mark Breaer set us a little on our way, and then returned; We went by Wrenthorpe, Lofthouse, and Hunslet to Leeds were we got about quarter past 12 and went to John Thorntons to enquire after my beloved companions Relations who lived in that part of the Town he kindly invited us to take up our quarters there during our stay in town, which was agreeable unto us, as by that means we should be together at least in the evenings, and nights. After dinner I went with dear Charles to see two of his Relations at their own houses, at first they did not know him, he leaving this the place of his nativity when he was about 8 or 9 years of age, and was then taken under the care of a Relation at Stockport in Cheshire where he remained until he went to place. We returned to John Thorntons were I left him and went to Joshua Ingles to Tea. At 5 in the evening began our Quarterley Meeting for Ministers and Elders which held 2 hours and a half, Before the business of the meeting was entered upon, Ellen Cocken had a short testimony to bear, and after the conclusion thereof Thomas Shillitoe had another. The Queries belonging to the Ministers and Elders were read and Answers thereto from all our Meetings: A General Answer was prepared therefrom approved and Sign'd and directed to be taken by our Representatives to the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders. Also the Advices of the Yearly Mg. to Ministers and Elders were read, and Joseph Birkbeck Isaac Taylor, Mary Fairbank and Elizabeth Fletcher were appointed to oversee the succeeding meetings and advise as occasion may require.

On 25th. and 4th. of week, At 10 in the morning was a meeting for Worship in which Elizabeth Hoyland had a pretty long testimony to bear first from Numb: C: 24. v: 5. How goodly are thy tents, O Jacob, and thy Tabernacles, O Israel. Ellen Cocken next from Jer: C: 17. v: 12. A glorious high throne from the beginning is the place of our sanctuary. George Sanders next in supplication. Hannah Broadhead and John Hoyland had each a short testimony next. Charles Parker had a pretty long time next from 1 Tim: C: 6: v: 17. Charge them that are rich in this world that they be not high minded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy. George Sanders a long time next from John C: 10. v: 27. My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. Isabella Harris next from Cant: C: 5. v: 3. I have put off my coat; how shall I put it on? I have washed my feet: how shall I defile them? Henry Tuke a pretty long time next from 2 Cor: C: 11. v. 2, 3, I am jealous over you with godly jealousy; for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to christ. But I fear lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty; so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. Sarah Hustler next in Prayer. At the close of this meeting was held

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 to them. In answer to the 2nd. Query account was given of some appearance of convincement since last year, and that 9 Persons had been admitted into membership thereby since last year in the following Monthly Meetings viz. in Balby 1, in Pontefract 4, Brighouse 1, Pickering 1, Hull 2. Both meetings held 3 hours and a quarter. After which I din'd and drunk Tea at Joshua Walkers. At 5 in the evening met pursuant to adjournment, the remainder of the Queries were read and answered and General Answers prepared therefrom in answer to the 11th. Query it appeared from Pontefract Monthly Meeting that a Meeting for Worship had been setled at Dewsbury since last year, on 1st. and 5th. days, except the 1st. day preceding the Monthly meeting when the friends there attend at Wakefield and form one Preparative meeting. It appeared from Balby Mo. meeting that one friend had suffered 7 days imprisonment for refusing to serve in the Local Militia. From Brighouse Monthly meeting we had an account of one Publick friend being deceased since last year viz. Christiana Hustler concerning whom a Testimony was produced and read from the said Monthly Meeting. Some other business was gone thro' and then the meeting adjourned until the next day at 10 in the morning, having held upwards of 3 hours. This day Charles Unsworth procured from the Parish Register of this Town in which he was born, a copy of his Register by which it appeared ye was born the 5th. of the 5th. Mo. called May 1793 and is now in the 19th. year of his age.

On 26th. and 5rd. of week at 10 in the forenoon met pursuant to adjournment, before the business of the meeting was opened, John Thistlethwaite was concerned in Testimony and Thomas Shillitoe in Prayer. A fair copy of the Answers to the Queries were then read approved and Signed and directed to be laid before the Yearly Meeting, a great deal more business was gone through, and the whole of the business throughout the several sittings of this meeting was conducted in much harmony, Joseph Tatham of Leeds was the writing Clerk, and Mordecai Casson junr. of Thorne the Assistant being chosen in the last 9th. Mo. for one year. This sitting which held 3 hours concluded the business of this quarter. After which I din'd and drunk Tea at Jonathan Shackletons of Holbeck. At 5 in the evening was the Parting meeting for Worship, which was larger than the former more of other Societies attending; Henry Tuke had a long testimony to bear therein first from 2 Sam: C: 6. v: 19. He dealt among all the people, even among the whole multitude of Israel, as well to the women as the men, to every one a cake of bread, and a good piece of flesh, and a flagon of wine, so all the people departed every one to his own house. Isabella Richardson and Esther Clark had each a short time next. Ellen Cocken had a pretty long time next from Zech: 2 C: and 13 v. Be silent, O all Flesh, before the Lord; for he is raised up out of his holy habitation. Charles Parker next being led to speak encouragingly to the People, that they go forward. George Sanders had a long time next from Isai: C: 2. v: 3. 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. Isabella Harris next from Heb: C: 3. v: 12. Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God. Henry Tuke was next concerned in Prayer. The Meeting held 2 hours and a quarter. and now at the close thereof I may make this general remark that although I think this Quarterly Meeting was the smallest I ever attended at Leeds, owing to the great fall of Snow in some parts of this county, yet it was much larger than might have been expected; and the Meetings throughout were I thought the most eminently favoured, that ever I remembered.

On 27th. and 6th. of week, on 4th. day in the night I was taken very ill of my old complaint of the Cholick accompanied with a violent Lax which continued all the day following and the night very severe, yet I was enabled to sit the meeting for which I felt thankful; and when I arose this morning I felt much better, and accompanied my beloved companion to his relations the Widow Mary Fridge's to Breakfast were we was very kindly entertained. After breakfast we called and sat a little at Joshua Ingles, and then came to Jonathan Shackletons of Holbeck were we tarried dinner then left there about 1 o clock; Jonathan Shackleton accompanied us near 3 miles and then return'd; we came by Belleisle,

Thorp and Newton to Wakefield were we drunk Tea at Joseph Wetheralds, and afterwards called and sat a little at Ann Thorps. We stopt at both places near 3 hours and then came by Sandal to Milthorp were we got betwixt 7 and 8 o clock and lodg'd at Robert Walkers.

On 28th. and 7th. of week we set out betwixt 9 and 10 o'clock in the forenoon and came to Crigglestone were we called and sat a little at my Uncle Houghs, and then came to George Earnshaws were we got an early dinner, stopt at both places upwards of 2 hours, and then came to Bretton were an heavy Shower came on, we sheltered upwards of half an hour at an house, and then proceeded; The roads were exceeding bad the remainder of the way and the brooks high A thaw having begun the day before, and the snow being deep West of Bretton made it very dirty and difficult travelling; we came by Emley to Elias Armitages of Parklane were we rested us about half an hour, and then came by Skelmanthorp to Shelley Woodhouse were we drunk Tea at Joshua Dysons, stopt upwards of an hour, and then with reluctance took leave of my dearly beloved companion Charles Unsworth, we having been in nearly united together in our travelling along in this journey, and I trust there is an increasing concern on his mind to be what the Lord would have him to be. I came by Cumberworth, and when I got to the brook near Lanehead the waters were so high I could not get over at the usual place but was obliged to go through the Snow until I got opposite the park were with difficulty I got over, called at John Pickfords, were I took a Glass of Rum and Water which was of considerable service to me being wet of my feet; I stopt here upwards of half an hour and then as I could not get over the water the usual way home I came by Birdsedge and got home betwixt 7 and 8 o clock in the evening.

An Account of my Journey to a Publick Meeting held at Thurlstone in the 4th. Mo. 1812

I left home ye. 19th. day of ye. 4th. Month 1812, and 1st. day of the week about 10 o clock in the forenoon in company with Charles Unsworth, we went by Ing Birchworth to Thurlstone were we met with John Bottomley at William Dickinsons with whom we went immediately to the meeting which began at 11 o clock and was held in the Methodists Meetinghouse which they freely offered us the use of, and gave notice of the meeting to some People at a considerable distance The meeting was large the place being well filled, but not uncomfortably crowded, it was an open favoured opportunity, and I had a very long testimony to bear therein from Tit: C: 3. v. 3, 4, 5. We ourselves 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 works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost. Afterwards John Bottomley was concerned in Prayer. At the close of the meeting I remarked to the People That I had felt thankful for the opportunity having thereby been enabled to discharge a debt which I apprehended due from me to the inhabitants of these parts, and then acknowledge my obligation to them for favouring us with their company; and as satisfaction with their commendable behaviour; and after saluting them under the precious influence of that love which is stronger than death, breaking the bonds thereof asunder, I bade them all Farewel. The meeting held near 2 hours and a half. After which we were invited to Askham Eyres to dine, were we was very kindly and hospitably entertained. The meeting began at 11 o clock and we stopt here until a little past 3 and then went to Penistone were we drunk Tea at Benjamin Chapmans. Left Penistone a little before 5 o clock; here I parted in nearness of affection with my be loved friend Charles Unsworth he returning home, and I went with John Bottomley to our Monthly Meeting to be held at Burton and next day; we went by Hoylandswain and Silkstone to Barnsley were we got a little past 7 o'clock and I took up my quarters at my beloved friend John Yeardleys.

On 20th. and 2nd. of week, I attended our Monthly meeting held at Burton, The meeting for Worship was large altho' the house was not quite full; it was a low time throughout, Thomas Shillitoe had a short testimony to bear there in from Psalms 42. v: 2. My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God: when shall I come and appear before God? And afterwards myself from Psalms 68. v: 1. led God arise, let his enemies be scattered; let them also that hate him flee before him. At the close of the meeting I requested the members of our Society, Men and Women to keep their seats a little; after others were withdrawn I then informed friends, that it was under considerable discouragement of mind, and a feeling sense of a state of weakness, that I informed them of a concern that had been for some time one my mind to pay a religious visit to the Meetings of friends in the counties of Durham and Northumberland and some parts of the the north of Yorkshire, and to have some meetings in some of those parts with People of other Societies. After a long time of silence many friends of both Sexes had to express their unity with the prospect and to communicate the language of encouragement to me. The Women friends being withdrawn, a Minute was issued expressive of friends unity therewith, and two friends appointed to prepare a Certificate for the approbation of our next meeting. John Haigh of Highflatts meeting laid before this his intentions of Marriage with Mary Yates a member of Chesterfield Monthly meeting in Derbyshire. A great deal more business was before the meeting to day which was amicably conducted. Both meetings held upwards of 4 hours. After which I din'd at Thomas Shillitoes of Barnsley, and drunk Tea at William Harveys afterwards called and sat a little at Ellin Haighs, and at William Taylors, and from thence went to my quarters, were Thomas Hayes a young man of this Town, formerly a member of the Methodist Society, but being convinced of friends principles had left them and for a considerable time past attended our meetings, came to spend the evening with us. I was much pleased with his company, he appearing very solid and hopeful.

On 21st. and 3rd. of the the week, After breakfast I went to Thomas Yeardleys, and before I left there, John Bottomley called upon me, we then got some refreshment together and left Barnsley betwixt 10 and 11 o clock, came to Thomas Wests of Cawthorne were we din'd and stopt upwards of 3 hours then came by Dakinbrook to Denby; were I parted with John Bottomley and came directly home, were I got betwixt 5 and 6 in the evening.

An Account of my Journey on a religious visit to the Meetings of Friends in the Counties of Durham and Northumberland and some parts of the North of Yorkshire, and to Publick Meetings held at Fatfield, Felling, Chapel in Weardale, Middleton and Barnard Castle in the County of Durham, Hexham and Blanchland in Northumberland and Alston and Nenthead in Cumberland, and Swaledale in Yorkshire.

Having for sometime past felt my mind drawn in Gospel love to pay a religious visit to friends in those parts, and the inhabitants in some places, I spread my concern before our Monthly Meeting held at Burton in the 4th. Mo. 1812, and after solidly weighing the same and the Meeting feeling unity therewith a minute was made expressive thereof, and some Friends appointed to Prepare a Certificate against our next Monthly Meeting. At our Monthly Meeting in the 5th. Month the frds. appointed produced the following Certificate which was read therein approved and Signed and delivered unto me viz.

To Friends within the Counties of Durham and Northumberland, and some parts of the North of Yorkshire

Dear Friends

Our Esteemed Friend Joseph Wood having spread before our last Monthly Meeting, the Women Friends also being present a concern which had for a considerable time rested upon his mind to pay a religious visit to Friends in the Counties of Durham and

Northumberland, also to some in the North parts of Yorkshire; as well as to have a few Meetings with Persons who are not of our Religious Persuasion in those parts; these are to Certify concerning him, that he is a Minister approved by us; and we feeling Unity with him in his prospect, are encouraged to hope, that his Labours may tend to the edification of those who are visited; and that he may on his Return experience the rich Reward of Peace.

We remain with Love your Friends.

Signed in and on behalf of Pontefract Monthly Meeting, held at Pontefract in the 18th. of ye.
5th. Month 1812

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| Joseph Firth Clerk | John Donbavand | Robert Harrison |
| Christopher Walker | Richard Dickinson | Robert Whitaker |
| Joseph Pickard | Leonard West | Edward Dickinson |
| John Bottomley | Samuel Pickard | Thomas Shillitoe |
| Benjamin Jowitt junr. | Joseph Johnson | Benjamin Jowitt |
| Thomas Hague | Joseph Donbavand | Samuel Woodhead |
| Samuel Coward | James Booth | Henry Swire |
| Benjamin Chapman | Thomas Earnshaw | Thomas Abell |
| James Harrison | William Taylor | Joseph Johnson |
| John Lister | John Yeardley | John Latham |
| John Brook | William Adamson | |
| Hannah Whitaker | Ann Johnson Senr. | Frances Thompson |
| Hannah Johnson | Hannah Wigham | Ann Thorp |
| Ann Harrison | Mary Taylor | Isabella Brearey |

I left home ye. 16th. of ye. 5th. Mo. 1812 and 7th. day of the week about 2 o'clock in the afternoon, and went by Cumberworth, Skelmanthorp, Parkmill and Bretton to Mary Cudworths of Painthorp were I stopt a considerable time and drunk Tea, then proceeded by Chapelthorp to Robert Walkers of Milthorp, got there betwixt 8 and 9 in the evening were I lodg'd.

On 17th. and 1st. of week, I left here about 9 o clock in the morning, and went by Walton, Crofton, Foulby, Wragbye and Hazle to Ackworth, were I got to the School about 12 o'clock and took up my quarters there, having rested me by the way at the Spread.Eagle in Wragbye, and got 6 pennyworth of Rum and Water. I attended Ackworth afternoon meeting which began at 3 o clock and was held in silence. In the evening I sat with the family and Scholars in their opportunity for reading, and during the time of Silence after reading, I felt my mind covered with love to the dear Children, and to whom I had a pretty long testimony to bear from 3 John C:1st. v: 4. I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in the Truth. Afterwards I went and sat a little at Edward Biltons and then return'd to my quarters.

On 18th. and 2nd. of week, I went to James Harrisons of East Hardwick to Breakfast, were I met with my beloved friend Thomas Earnshaw of Judfield, on his way to our Monthly Meeting to be held at Pontefract to day, we went together from hence thither were we got just in time to the meeting, which was large, and attended with heavy labour, yet I hope was a profitable time to some, I had two pretty long testimonies to bear therein, the first from Luke C: 14. v: 27. Whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple. and the other from Isai: C: 41. v: 14. Fear not, thou worm Jacob; and ye men of Israel; I will help thee. At the close of the Meeting for Worship was the meeting for discipline in which a great deal of business was unanimously gone thro', amongst other things, The friends appointed last month produced my Certificate which was read approved and Signed. Also James Harrison inform'd the meeting that he felt liberty in his mind to accompany me and assist me in my Journey, if the meeting felt no objections, which being solidly weighed met with the meetings approbation. Also John Haigh of Highflatts Meeting was cleared from all other engagements relating to marriage except with his friend Mary Yates a member of

Chesterfield Monthly Meeting in Derbyshire. The friends of Chesterfield Monthly Meeting was informed thereof by our Certificate unto whom the further care therein and of the accomplishment thereof was referr'd. Both Meetings held 3 hours and a half. After which we din'd at John Leathams, drunk Tea at Joseph Johnsons, and afterwards called and sat a little at Mary and Elizabeth Johnsons, and at Ann Johnsons, and then left Pontefract and came to Benjamin Jowitt of Carlton stopt a little there, and then came to James Harrisons of Hardwick got there about 9 o.clock were we lodg'd.

On 19th. and 3rd. of week, I rested here, James Harrisons carriage being at Doncaster repairing for the journey he went thither for it to day. After Breakfast Thomas Earnshaw set out towards home, and I went and sat a little at John Hoyls. In the afternoon Benjamin Jowitt junr. came and sat about 1 hour with me, his company was very agreeable, and in the evening James Harrison return'd from Doncaster with the carriage.

On 20th. and 4th. of week, we set out for York 26 miles, the morning being wet, it was about 10 o.clock before it cleared up, and then we went to Sherborn were we stopped dinner and Tea at Simeon Hunters, and then proceeded by Tadcaster to York, got there betwixt 8 and 9 o.clock and lodg'd at the Falcon in Micklegate.

On 21st. and 5th. of week, about 9 o.clock in the morning we set out for Kirbymoorside 25 miles, went by Sheriff Hutton, were there is part of an ancient large Castle standing, to Hovingham were we din'd at the Talbot, then proceeded to Kirbymoorside, got there betwixt 7 and 8 o.clock, and took up our quarters at Caleb Fletchers. Both he and his Wife are in the station of Elders, and very kind friends.

On 22nd. and 6th. of week, at 10 in the forenoon we had a meeting at Kirbymoorside, there was 42 persons attended in mentioning the number of persons that attend meetings I reckon all that are there besides my companion and me. I have a longer at testimony to bear in this meeting from 1 John C: 1. v: 2. The life was manifested, and we have seen it. and afterwards had another pretty long time. After dinner we set out for Hutton ith hole three miles, walked thither, John Scarr a valuable young man being our guide thither and back near the village we called and sat a little at Thomas Taylors, who lives in the same house that eminent Minister John Richardson did, from thence we went into the village and drunk Tea at Leonard Johnsons. The Meeting at Hutton ith hole began at 5 o.clock, 52 persons attended it 4 of which appeared to be people of other Societies. I had a long testimony to bear there in from Mark C: 16. v: 16. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved. Both the meetings this day were pretty satisfactory various states being opened and spok unto in the authority of the Gospel. After meeting we got a little refreshment at Leonard Johnsons, and then set out for our former quarters at Kirbymoorside. Major Shout of Stokesley a youth about 18 years of age who is under convincement came to Caleb Fletchers to day and intending to tarry all night there, he followed us to this meeting, and return'd with us, he appears to be an innocent youth, and I had some conversation with him to my satisfaction. We had a very agreeable walk back, thro' a curious romantic country, and for near a mile by the side of the river which for that space is lost underground running in a subterraneous passage, and then appears above ground again; we called by appointment at Caleb Fletchers junr.holme were we supp'd; and got to our quarters a little before 10 o.clock.

On 23rd. and 7th. of week, about 2 o clock in the afternoon we set out for Danby dale 15 miles Caleb Fletcher being our guide, and taking his Wife along with him in their carriage, after we had gone about 3 miles we entered upon the Moors, and went over high black moor ground and bad roads most of the way, passed near the house where that extraordinary servant and minister of Jesus.christ Luke Cock lived which our guide shewed us; about 3 miles before we reached Castleton in Danby dale, were we got a little before 6 o.clock, and took up our quarters at John Halls.

On 24th. and 1st. of week, we breakfasted at William Bakers, and after breakfast in a religious opportunity, I had in a short testimony to recommend obedience in preference to sacrifice. At 10 o.clock we attended Danby meeting held at Castleton; there were 37 persons there one of which appeared to be of some other society. It was a laborious meeting but I was

enabled to relieve my mind therein to various states as they opened before me, having a pretty long testimony to bear from Hab: C. 2. v: 1. I will stand upon my watch, and set me up on the tower, and will watch to see what he will say unto me, and what I shall answer when I am reproved. Afterwards I was concerned in Prayer. At the close of this meeting, the business of their Preparative meeting was gone thro' In this meeting feeling a concern to have a Publick meeting this evening in this place with friends and others, I spread it before the meeting when divers friends express'd their unity therewith in such an encouraging manner as a much affected me. Accordingly a Meeting was appointed to begin at 6 o'clock, and friends requested to inform their neighbours thereof. My Certificate was read in this meeting and minuted and the meetings satisfaction expressed with my visit and labours amongst them. At 6 in the evening the said meeting began and was very large and eminently favoured the Meetinghouse being crowded, and many stood without who could not get in, the windows being set open. I was early concerned therein in supplication, and afterwards had a very long testimony to bear from Hos: C: 12. v: 1. Ephraim feedeth on wind and followeth after the east wind: he daily increaseth lyes and desolation. The meeting held upwards of 2 hours and at the close there of I had a short exhortation to the People concluding with acknowledging our satisfaction with their company and commendable behaviour and saluting them in Gospel Love bade them all Farewel.

On 25th. and 2nd. of week, about 7 o clock in the morning we set out for Ayton 10 miles, dear William Baker a friend unto whom I had felt very nearly united being our guide, and who I afterwards understood had lately appeared in the work of the Ministry, we got to Ayton about half past 9 o'clock and took up our quarters at Phillip Hesletons, Ayton is a very beautiful village situated at the foot of an highly round hill which may be seen at a great distance called Roseberry Topping, on the top of which is found curious Sea shells. Gisborough Monthly meeting was held here to day and began at 10 o'clock, It was pretty large and I had a long testimony to bear therein 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 to your souls. and afterwards had a pretty long time principally addressed to the members of this particular meeting from Heb: C: 6. v. 7, 8. The earth which drinketh in the rain that cometh oft upon it, and bringeth forth herbs meet for them by whom it is dressed, receiveth blessing from God: But that which beareth thorns and briars is rejected, and is nigh unto cursing; whose end is to be burned. At the close of this Meeting was the meeting for discipline, business of which was agreeably conducted; amongst other things John Scarr and Hannah Fletcher both of Kirby Mg. were clear from all other engagements relating to marriage and left at liberty to accomplished theirs. My Certificate was also read and minuted expressing the meeting satisfaction with my labours of love amongst them. There are 3 Preparative Mgs. in this Monthly meeting viz. Gisborough and Ayton, Danby, and Kirby. Both Meetings held 3 hours and half. After dinner I had some private conversation with dear William Baker when he informed me of the exercise he was under and how particularly I was led to speak to the state of their meeting, and to his state. I have now to speak encouragingly to him, and we parted in that love which had nearly united us together. After Tea we went to see the Widow of Thomas White who lives a little out of the village, he having been lately killed by a Thrashing machine. We felt much sympathy with her, and her children, being 8 in number all have grown up to men and women, with whom we had a satisfactory opportunity in which the mouths of several friends were opened in consolatory language unto them. After which we took a glass of wine and then return'd to our quarters.

On 26th. and 3rd. of week, we set out to about 7 o clock in the morning for Gisborough 6 miles, Philip Hesleton accompanied us to William Richardsons of Langbrough were we breakfasted, and then proceeded, John Richardson being out guide; and his Father and Mother and James Backhouse an innocent youth who was on a visit there from Darlington accompanying us in their Chaise. We got to Gisborough about half past 10, and took up our quarters at William Conings. The meeting began at 11, 24 persons attended, It was a good meeting several rightly exercised friends belong thereto. I had a long testimony to bear therein

first 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 had a pretty long time next from Rev: C: 2. v: 10. Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of Life. Afterwards I had a few words more. After which James Harrison dropt a few words. In the afternoon we drunk Tea at John Smiths, and supp'd at David Bakers.

On 27th. and 4th. of week, we breakfasted at Thomas Dixons, and then returned to our quarters. Between 10 and 11 o'clock in the forenoon we set out for Norton in the County of Durham 15 miles David Baker being our guide, called at Stockton at the Widow Elizabeth Lumleys were we din'd, got to Norton about 4 o'clock in the afternoon, and took up our quarters at George Coates's. At 6 in the evening we had a meeting at Norton, 34 persons attended. It was a very laborious time, yet I was favoured with strength to relieve my mind in two close testimonies the first from Col: C: 2. v: 6. As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him. Stood a pretty long time; and afterwards had a long testimony from Matt: C: 25. v: 8. Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out.

On 28th. and 5th. of week we return to Stockton 2 miles David Baker continuing our guide, left Norton about 9 o'clock in the morning and got to Stockton about half past were we alighted at Elizabeth Lumleys. The meeting at Stockton began at 10 o'clock, This is a pretty large meeting a considerable number of friends belonging thereto, and tho' I had close labour there into some states, it was upon the whole a satisfactory Meeting. I had a long testimony to bear from Jer: C: 48. v: 11. Moab hath been at ease from his youth, and he hath setled on his lees, and hath not been emptied from vessel to vessel, neither hath he gone into captivity; therefore his taste remained in him, and his scent is not changed. Afterwards I was concerned in Prayer. After meeting we din'd at Elizabeth Lumleys, and after dinner went to see James Mastermans, and from thence went about 1 mile out of town to Isaacs Stephensons, were we got Tea and tarried all night there. In the evening Isaac Stevenson and his Sister Elizabeth Robson got here from their late arduous service of visiting the families of friends in Birmingham, Liverpool, and Manchester Meetings.

On 29th. and 6th. of week, we set out for Yarm 5 miles about 7 o clock in the morning, George Gaundry being our guide, went by Stockton, to Hugh and Mary Brantingham of Preston to breakfast and after breakfast proceeded to Yarm in Yorkshire, got there about half past 10, and took up our quarters at Cuthbert Wighams, The meeting began at 11, and we were favoured thereat with the company of dear Mary Brantingham 41 persons attended. It was a very low suffering time in the forepart thereof but ended comfortably. I had a pretty long testimony to bear therein first 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? Mary Brantingham next from Isai: C: 4. v: 1. And in that day seven Women shall take hold of one man, saying, We will eat our own bread, and wear our own apparel; only let us be called by thy name, to take a way our reproach. I next from Hos: C: 13. v: 14. O death, I will be thy plagues, In the afternoon we drunk Tea at Jane the Widow of Joseph Proctor and after Tea and we went to Thomas of Binks's to see his Wife, she had been confined thro' weakness for several years; we had an opportunity there, in which we felt much sympathy with her, and each of us had a little matter to communicate unto her. Whilst here there came on a very heavy storm of Thunder and Lightning accompanied with hail and rain which continued long; we understood afterwards 2 Beasts were killed by the Lightning a little out of Town, and much damage was done in a Mill near Stockton, belonging the friend who came guide with us hither. In returning to our quarters we called at John Flounders and Joseph Flounders, they with their Wives being very ancient friends.

On 30th. and 7th. of week about 10 in the forenoon we set about for Darlington 10 miles, John Spence being our guide, we crossed the River Tees again at the end of the Town into the County of Durham and got to Darlington about 12 o'clock were we took up our quarters at Edward Robsons. After dinner I wrote a letter to William Taylor and Charles Unsworth.

On 31st. and 1st. of week, we attended both their meetings in Darlington there are a large number of friends belonging thereto whose outward appearance in general is plain, yet I was afraid too many of them were inexperienced in the work of regeneration. The forenoon meeting began at 10 o clock I had two pretty long testimonies to bear therein from Hos: C: 11. v: 12. Ephraim compasseth me about with lyes and the house of Israel with deceit; but Judah yet ruleth with God, and is faithful with her Saints. and the other 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. After meeting we went and sat a little at Joseph Pease's and took a glass of wine, and then went to Joseph Sams's to dine. The afternoon meeting began at 3 and was held in silence. We had the company at these meetings of Sarah Brady a ministering friend from Doncaster in Yorkshire. After this meeting we went to Mary Backhous's to Tea, in our way thither we called and sat a little at Mary Pease's, and after Tea we went to see the Widow Ann Church an elderly friend who thro' indisposition can seldom get to meetings, with her we had an opportunity in which I had a few words to drop. This evening we had a Thunderstorm but it did not last long, nor was not very near.

On the 1st. of the 6th. Mo. and 2nd. day of the week we set out at 8 o'clock in the morning for Staindrop 12 miles, John Ianson being our guide, we had a rather wettish ride through a very pleasant country most of the way near the River Tees, after leaving the river we went through some Parks, and got to Staindrop a little before 11 o'clock and took up our quarters at the Widow Elizabeth Bradys. The meeting began at 11, 47 persons attended 7 of whom were People of other Societies. I had very close labour there into some states, and the language of encouragement flowed freely unto a tryed remnant, who felt to me much discouraged. I was first concerned in supplication, next had a long testimony to bear from Luke C: 14. v. 34, 35. Salt is good: but if the Salt have lost its savour, wherewith shall it be seasoned? It is neither fit for the land, nor yet for the dunghill; but men cast it out. Afterwards I had a short time from Neh: C: 4. v: 3. Even that which they build if a fox go up, he shall even break down their stone wall. Betwixt 2 and 3 o clock in the afternoon, we set out for Cotherstone 10 miles, John Iansen continuing our guide, we went by Barnard Castle a Town very curiously situated, and got to Cotherstone in Yorkshire about half past 5 in the evening, and took up our quarters at Caleb Wilsons. But his family being much out of health, after Tea we removed our quarters to his Brother George Wilsons.

On 2nd. and 3rd. of week, After Breakfast we went and sat a little at John Bowrons a descendant of a friend of the same name, who was early convinced by George Fox in his passing thro' these parts, and himself became an able Minister, travelling thro' many parts of South America were no other friend ever visited. and in whose little thatched house which is yet standing William Penn lodg'd when travelling through these parts. By his Mothers side he is descended from that eminent Man John Audland. But what does this avail without a daily exercise is maintained to walk in their footsteps. At his house I read in a Bible supposed to be the first edition of the Scriptures printed in England in the year 1562, before they were divided into verses. The meeting at Cotherstone began at 11 o clock, 28 persons attended, 6 of whom were people of other Societies and one of them a Methodist Preacher. It was a good open meeting, I had a long testimony to bear therein first from Rev: C: 2. v: 17. To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone and in the stone a new name which no man knoweth saving him that receive it. James Harrison dropt a few words next, I had a short testimony next from Luke: C: 12. v: 9. Whosoever shall confess me before men, him shall the Son of man also confess before the Angels of God. Afterwards I had a few words more. After dinner we set out for Raby Park near Staindrop 9 miles. William Coning a friend of Staindrop meeting met us here on purpose to be our guide thither, and John Ianson continued to accompany us. We went by Barnardcastle in the County of Durham to George Halls of Raby Park, got there a little past 5 o'clock were we lodg'd.

On 3rd. and 4th. of week we set at about 8 o'clock in the morning for Bishop Auckland 10 miles George Hall being our guide, we had a very pleasant ride through the Park and by

the house of the Earl of Darlington called Raby Castle. got to Bishop Auckland about half past 10 alighted at Joseph Browns were we got Tea, and then went to the meeting in Town which began at 11 o'clock, 44 persons attended the larger number being People of other Societies, who appeared solidly thoughtful, It was a very open favoured meeting, and I had a very long testimony to bear therein from John C: 14. v: 15 If ye love me, keep my commandments. Afterwards I was concerned in Prayer. After meeting we din'd at Thomas Dixons and drunk Tea at Joseph Browns, and about 6 o'clock set out for Durham 10 miles, George Hall continuing our guide, We went by the Bishop of Durhams Palace adjoining this neat and delightfully situated Town. The Palace is a very curious building, and in a curious and beautiful situation; had a most agreeable ride through the Park, the eye continually beholding diversity of charming objects; got to the city of Durham about half past 8 in the evening, and took up our quarters at the old Hat and Feather.

On 4th. and 5th. of week, we were at Durham meeting which began at 11 o'clock, 22 persons attended. Religion appeared to me at a low ebb in this place, yet I thought they are not yet forsaken, for tho' I had close labour amongst them, I believe it was a time of renewed visitation to some especially of the youth. I had two pretty long testimonies to bear there in the first from Jon: C: 2. v: 8. They that observe lying vanities forsake their own mercy. and the other from John C: 11. v: 28. The master is come, and calleth for thee. After meeting we din'd at Hannah Appleby's John Grimshaw and his Wife from near Sunderland met us here, and was our guide to Sunderland 13 miles. We left Durham about 3 o'clock in the afternoon, and got to Sunderland about quarter before 6 were we took up our quarters at my Nephew William Grimshaws. He and his Wife and their little son John had been sometime on a visit to their Relations in Yorkshire but to our mutual satisfaction they return'd home betwixt 9 and 10 o'clock this evening.

On 5th. and 6th. of week, In the forenoon we took a walk thro' several parts of the Town, and went upon the Pier which formeth the harbour, being built about quarter of a mile into the Sea, we walked to the end thereof where there is a Light.house. Stopt upon it a considerable time it being very pleasant, and saw several Ships go out of the harbour to Sea, it being the time of high water. In the afternoon we drunk Tea at Thomas and Elizabeth Robsons.

On 6th. of 7th. of week, We Breakfasted at Ralph Hills, and din'd at John Grimshaws about 1 mile and a half from the Town, After dinner we went to see the Rope works and viewed the different processes that article passes through in the making. After Tea we return'd to Sunderland.

On 7th. and 1st. of week, we attended both their meetings in Sunderland, the forenoon meeting began at 10 o'clock, There are a pretty large body of friends here and many valuable ones, yet I had close labour therein to a different class, as well as a word of encouragement to the faithful labourers, and to proclaim a renewed visitation to the youth, having a long testimony to bear amongst them 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 the business of their Preparative meeting was gone thro'. The afternoon meeting began at 3 o'clock, and was held in silence. After meeting we drunk Tea at my Nephew Joseph Woods, and afterwards went to Thomas Robsons were we supp'd.

On 8th. and 2nd of week, we breakfasted at John Mounseys. And there being a Publick meeting appointed at my request this evening at Fatfield a village about 7 miles from here, my companion took the carriage, and went with John Grimshaw and his Wife (who have a farm, and a large house there) this forenoon; Betwixt 1 and 2 o'clock in the afternoon, I set out on foot in Company with my Nephews William Grimshaw and Joseph Wood, Thomas Robson and Benjamin Grimshaw, we had an agreeable walk, crossed the river Wear in a Boat, and got to John Grimshaw's farm house about 4 o'clock, were my companion and me quartered this night. After resting us here a little, we all went to Thomas Hudsons to Tea, He is a person of great property and in profession with the Methodists, and had previously to our getting there, engaged John Grimshaw to take us to his house were we were very kindly received and

generously entertained. and after meeting he came and supp'd and spent the evening with us at John Grimshaw. The meeting began at 6 o'clock and was held in the Methodist Meetinghouse which was exceedingly crowded, and the behaviour of the People was very commendable. It was an highly favoured meeting and I had a very long testimony to bear therein in from Eph: C: 2. v: 10. We are his workmanship, created in Christ.Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them. Afterwards dear Elizabeth Robson had a long time in Prayer. The meeting held 2 hours, at the close thereof James Harrison informed the people it was over and dropt a few words of exhortation to them.

On 9th. and 3rd. of week, we set out about quarter past 7 in the morning for Benfieldside 15 miles John Grimshaw being our guide, and taking his Chaise and me therein. We got to Amos Davisons of Brumhill about half past 10, were the meeting was held to accommodate his ancient Mother. After getting Tea, we sat down with 7 Persons, I had a pretty long testimony to bear in this meeting from Cant: C: 8. v. 8, 9. We have a little sister, but she hath no breasts; what shall we do for our Sister in the day when 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. afterwards James Harrison dropt a few words. We left here about quarter past 3 o'clock for Newcastle 12 miles William Rountree of that place met us here and was our guide thither, and John Grimshaw continued with us throughout the week, when we had got about 5 miles on our way we had a fine view of Gibside the seat of the Earl of Strathmore we got to Newcastle in Northumberland about 6 in the evening, and took up our quarters at William Rountrees.

On 10th. and 4th. of week, we set out for North Shields 8 miles betwixt 7 and 8 o'clock in the morning. William Rountree being our guide, and taking his Sister with him in his Chaise; we got to Shields about 9 o'clock and took up our quarters at Joseph Taylors whose wife is the daughter of our valuable friend Isabella Harris. Newcastle Monthly Meeting was held in this Town to day, and began to 10 o'clock. It was large of friends, and I believe there was a considerable number of rightly exercised minds unto whom I had the language of encouragement to communicate; but had close labour with a different class. I had a short testimony to bear therein first from Luke C: 12. v: 37. Blessed are those servants whom the Lord when he cometh shall find watching. Sarah Richardson next from Mark C: 13: v. 37. What I say unto you, I say unto all watch. I had a pretty long time next from Jer: C: 45. v: 5. Seekest thou great things for thyself? seek them not; for behold, I will bring evil upon all flesh, saith the Lord: but thy life will I give unto thee for a Prey in all places wther thou goest. At the close of the meeting for Worship was held their Meeting for discipline; in which the business of the 3 Preparative meetings constituting this Monthly Meeting were amicably gone thro' viz. Newcastle and Benfieldside, Shields, and Sunderland and Durham, Elizabeth Robson return'd the Certificate she had from this meeting to visit the Quarterley Meeting at Birmingham and the families of friends in that Town and Mg. and in the meetings of Manchester and Liverpool in Lancashire, and gave a satisfactory account of her visit and the peace she had experienced since her return. My Certificate was also read and minuted. Both meetings held 4 hours.

On 11th. and 5th. of week, we breakfasted at Joseph Proctors, and after breakfast went to see the Lancastrian School were 1 Master teaches upwards of 200 children we tarried above an hour there, and observed them go through their various exercises; the order of the school, and the surprizing improvement of the children; far exceeded anything I could have supposed. We left Shields for Newcastle about half past 10 o'clock, Joseph Taylor being out guide went about 3 miles and a half to Willington.quay to see my old acquaintance Joseph Unthank were we din'd and drunk Tea, after dinner I wrote to a letter to William Taylor, and after Tea we came to Newcastle 5 miles were we got to our quarters at William Rountrees about 7 o'clock in the evening. After resting a while we went to see George Richardsons were we sat a little and then return'd.

On 12th. and 6th. of week, at 10 in the forenoon we had a meeting in Newcastle, there is a large number friends belonging this meeting and I believe many valuable ones, unto

whom the language of encouragement freely flowed, as well as in a loving invitation to the careless and unconcerned. It was a good meeting and I had a long testimony to bear therein 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. and afterwards 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. After meeting we din'd at Anthony Claphams, and afterwards went and sat a little at Hadwin Braggs, and drunk Tea at Daniel Olivers. About 5 o'clock we set out for Felling a village about 2 miles from Newcastle, were a Publick meeting was appointed at my request to be held this evening, my companion in company with many friends of this Town walker thither; but I went with John Grimshaw in his Chaise, we put up at Collingwoods.head, the meeting began at 6 o'clock, and was held in an empty Blacksmiths shop 120 yards long and 9 wide which was fully and conveniently seated with planks and a good Gallery erected. A great concourse of People assembled the place being crowded and many stood without the Shuts and doors being set open. A very awful event had lately happened at this place, by the Firedamp breaking forth in the coal pits, at the time when 120 workmen were in the pits, 27 of whom were got out alive, but some of them I saw much burnt; 93 loss their lives, 88 of them being at this time under ground, The coal having caught fire they could not be got out, they being obliged to make up the Pits. By this awful event betwixt 40 and 50 Women are left Widows, and there are betwixt 90 and 100 fatherless children. It seemed to bring a gloom not only over those who shared in the Suffering, but over the inhabitants in general; for I thought as I looked over the Assembly sorrow appeared to be stamped upon almost every countenance, and a serious thoughtfulness seemed to be the covering of many minds. We felt much sympathy with the afflicted, and it proved a remarkable favoured meeting. I had a very long testimony to bear therein from Joh: C: 16. v: 33. In the world ye shall have tribulation; but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world. Afterwards I was concerned in Prayer. and at the close of the meeting commended the people for their remarkable good behaviour; and after a short exhortation, saluted them in Gospel Love and bade them all Farewel. The meeting held 2 hours and a quarter. After which we stopt and got some suitable refreshment at the Inn and then return'd to Newcastle were we got a little past 9 o'clock

On 13th. and 7th. of week, After breakfast we went to Hadwin Braggs country house at Summerhill a little out of the Town, his Wife Margaret Bragg was from home being engaged on a religious visit with Sarah Hustler to Norfolk etc. We spent the forenoon here and got an early dinner, and about half past 1 set out for Hexham 20 miles, having a concern to have a Publick meeting in the Town the next day. Daniel Oliver a valuable Ministering friend and Jonathan Priestman being our guides, but having John Grimshaw with us we thought it best for them to set out in the morning to prepare a place for the meeting and gave notice thereof to the inhabitants, which they did. We had a pleasant ride thither thro' a beautiful and hilly but not mountainous country the last 5 miles being upon the banks of the River Tyne. We called at the Crown and Anchor in Horsley, were we refreshed ourselves and horses; and got to Hexham about half past 6 in the evening were we took up our quarters at the White.Hart. It is a large Town and pleasantly situated. Colonel Bowman of Bretton.hall hath a large good house therein, the back of the house is to one of the streets, and the front opens into large gardens, with a beautiful prospect into the adjoining fields.

On 14th. and 1st. of week, The meeting began at 10 in the forenoon, and was held in the Methodist Meetinghouse It was very large the house being crowded, and many had to stand without; it proved a glorious Meeting, 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 under 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 baptizing of repentance, saying unto the People, That they should believe on him which should come after him, that is on Christ.Jesus. Daniel Oliver had a short testimony next from Isai: C: 59. v: 1. The Lords hand is not shortened that it cannot save. Afterwards I

had a short exhortation to the People concluding with informing them the meeting was over, and desiring them quietly to withdraw, which they did in an orderly manner, and their behaviour throughout was worthy of commendation. The meeting held upwards of 2 hours. About 2 o clock we took leave of John Grimshaw and Jonathan Priestman they returning home, the former having kindly accompanied us all the way from his house at Falfield to this place and conveyed me in his Chaise. Daniel Oliver continued with us. We set out for Blanchland 10 miles, The road mostly rough steep and bad travelling with a carriage we crossed some hills and pleasant vales and over an high black moor and into Derwent in which valley stands Blanchland a neat little village surrounded with beautiful plantations. We got there about half past 5 o'clock and took up our quarters at Joshua Watson's, but I lodg'd at Rebecca Blenks an approved Minister; and altho' neither her husband nor any of her children attend meetings they were very kind and civil to me. Soon after I reached Blanchland my mind was arrested with a concern to have a Publick meeting here the following evening and acquainting friends therewith they set about immediately and procured a place for the purpose and circulated notice thereof amongst the People.

On 15th. and 2nd. of week, After Breakfast we set out to attend Derwent Meeting held in friends Meetinghouse at Winneshill, the meeting the friends here belong to which is 3 miles distant we walked thither, were we got about quarter past 10, and rested us at an house the family not being friends, but were kind unto us and gave us a little refreshment. The meeting began at 11 o'clock, 20 persons attended most of them People of other Societies It was a poor low exercising meeting, yet we were enabled to relieve our minds in close labour amongst them. I had a short testimony to bear first from Matt. C: 5. v: 6. Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness; for they shall be filled. Daniel Oliver next from Am: C: 2. v: 13. Behold I am pressed under you as a cart is pressed that is full of sheaves. I had a pretty long time next from Phil: C: 3. v: 3. We are the circumcision, which worship God in the spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh. After meeting we return'd with Joshua Watson of Blanchland to dine; and in the evening attended the Publick meeting there, which began at 6 o'clock; and was held in a large upper room at Wheat-Sheaf Inn, 11 yds. long and 6 and a half wide; which the friends had got well seated, and a convenient Gallery erected. The concourse of People which attended was very great, so that the room was crowded, and many stood in the stairs and in two adjoining rooms. It was a precious heavenly meeting, the Presence and Power of God being eminently felt to the tendering of many minds, I had a very long testimony to bear therein first from Psalms 8. v. 4, 5. What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him? For thou has made him a little lower than the Angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour. James Harrison had a short time next. Daniel Oliver next from Luke C: 14. v: 27. Whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple. I next from 1 Cor: C: 14. v: 15. I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also: I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also. James Harrison at the close of the Meeting had a short exhortation to the People withal expressing our satisfaction with their company and commendable behaviour. The meeting held 2 hours and a half. After we got to Joshua Watsons several who attend meetings came in to see us, some of whom had forfeited their unity with friends, an unexpected opportunity ensued with these, and a renewed visitation appeared to be extended unto them, myself, James Harrison and Daniel Oliver had all to bear testimony thereunto, and tenderly to intreat them to close in therewith.

On 16th. and 3rd. of week, we all of us Breakfasted with Rebecca Blenk, and about 10 o clock set out for Allendale 13 miles, Joshua Watson being our guide, and dear Daniel Oliver continuing with us, when we had got to the top of the hill out of this deep valley we crossed an high black moor the road over it being very bad into a pleasant fruitful valley called Hexhamshire, in descending into this valley we broke our carriage, but having a rope in the carriage box, we tyed it so as we got on safely to day. We went several miles up this valley the road being good, when we got to the top, we crossed another very high black moor, into Allendale, the road being but very indifferent over it but much worse in descending from it

down the hill into the valley, we went thro' Allendale Town to Joseph Watsons of Ridings nearly adjoining were we took up our quarters, but I lodg'd at his son William Watsons under the same roof. We got there about half past 1 o'clock, and they being carpenters we got our carriage well repaired. At 6 in the evening we attended Allendale Monthly meeting for Ministers and Elders held here which was very small there being only 4 friends there besides Daniel Oliver and myself. The Queries were read and Answers prepared to lay before their Select Quarterly Meeting. The Advices of the Yearly Meeting to Ministers and Elders were also read, and at the conclusion of the business Daniel Oliver and myself had each of us a short but encouraging testimony to bear. The meeting held near 2 hours.

On 17th. and 4th. of week, we attended Allendale Monthly Meeting held at Allendale which began at 11 o'clock, It was pretty large of Friends and a few of other Societies came in, and was a satisfactory meeting various states being opened, and spoke to, and it appeared to be a time of renewed visitation unto many more especially to the beloved youth. I had two pretty long testimonies to bear therein, the first from Isai: C: 5. v: 4. What could have been done more for my vineyards that I have not done in it? wherefore, when I looked that it should bring forth grapes, brought it forth wild grapes, and the other from 2 Tim: C: 2. v: 19. The foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are is. Daniel Oliver 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. Jane Wighams next from Luke C: 17. v: 27. They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark; and the flood came, and destroyed them all. At the close of the meeting for Worship was held their meeting for discipline, the business of which was agreeably conducted, My certificate was read therein and minuted. and at the close thereof I had an encouraging Testimony to bear to the youth. This meeting consists of 3 Preparative meetings viz. Allendale and Derwent, Alston, and Cornwood. Both meetings held near 3 hours. After dinner, dear Daniel Oliver set out towards home, It was a solemn parting, we having been nearly united in Gospel labours during the time of being together, which made our separation trying to me.

On 18th. and 5th. of week, we breakfasted with William Watson, and about 7 o'clock in the morning set out for Cornwood 10 miles, Thomas Wigham of that place a young man about 23 years of age tarried here all night to be our guide thither, my companion rode his horse, and he went in the carriage with me, of which I was glad, it affording us an opportunity of conversation, having believed he was much reached in the meeting yesterday, we soon got quite free with out reserve, and I believe felt very much near and dear to each other. We went thro' an inclosed but hilly country and crossed one very deeper and beautiful valley called Whitfield, when we had gone about 6 miles a we entered upon the high black moors which continued Cornwood, the road was very rough but more level, dear Thomas Wigham took us to his home at Hargelhouse in Cornwood were we got a little past 10 o'clock, and took up our quarters there his Mother Jane Wigham being an approved Minister, and sweet peace my mind was favoured with under their hospitable roof. Cornwood is a very high bleak country, the houses scattered here and there, and stone walls for fences, very little wood growing therein, and is in great measure surrounded with moors. After getting Tea we went to their meeting which began at 11 o'clock, It is about half a mile from Hargelhouse and a very pleasant walk thro' the fields. 25 persons attended the meeting, several of whom appeared to be people of other Societies. It was a good meeting a renewed call being extended to some who had missed their way; and the language of encouragement flowed freely and to some of the preciously visited youth. I had two long testimonies to bear therein, the first from Hos: C: 13. v: 9. O Israel, thou hast destroyed thyself; but in me is thine help. and the other from Judg: C: 1. v: 15. Thou hast given me a south land; give me also springs of water, and Caleb gave her the upper springs, and the nether springs. This Meetinghouse was built by Cuthbert Wigham of Burnhouse near his own dwelling, which is the Manor.house, he being the Lord of the manor at the time of his convincement. After meeting Thomas Wigham and me went to see the house were many brave meetings had been held at the time of the great convincement

in this part, where many able Ministers were raised up so that this place was termed a School of Prophets. dear Thomas Wigham and me return'd to his house together feeling an increasing nearness to each other, he was in a tender frame of spirit, and I do believe if the present visitation is rightly kept to, he will be favoured to fill up some of the places of his worthy predecessors. In the afternoon we took a walk together, and then went to his brother William Wighams to Tea.

On 19th. and 6th. of week, about 7 o clock in the morning dear Thomas Wigham and me took leave of each other in much nearness of affection, and we set out for Alston in Cumberland 11 miles, his cousin Thomas Wigham of Cold.shields being our guide, we went thro' an inclosed country most of the way, when we had got about 2 miles we descended a very steep hill into a deep and narrow valley thro' which the River Tyne runs, when nearly 8 miles up this pleasant valley the skirts of the hill being beautifully clothed with wood, to Alston were we got about half past 10 and took up our quarters at Thomas Pattinsons. After getting Tea we went to the meeting in Alston which began at 11 o.clock, 29 Persons attended 10 of whom appeared to be people of other Societies; It held long in silence, and was a very low time, altho' there are several here who I believe hath joined the Society are rightly by convincement. But Truth arose for I help and I was favoured with strength to relieve my mind amongst them in two pretty long testimonies, The first from Isai: C: 40. v: 29. He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength. and the other from Joh: C: 9. v: 4. I must work the works of him that sent me while it is day. After Tea I went and sat a little at Ann Hewitson an ancient valuable friend.

On 20th. and 7th. of week, It being market day here to be out of the hurry we spent it mostly at Joseph Halls a person who had been many years a member of the Methodist Society, but being convinced of the Truth had some years ago joined friends. In the forenoon I wrote to dear William Taylor. We din'd and drunk Tea here, and then I went to see John Hutchinson, Ann Hewitson and John Litells, the last had been lately accepted a member of our Society by convincement and appears to be a valuable man; I sat a little at each place and then return'd to my quarters. In the evening several friends came to see us and amongst the number, one John Maddison who had been a Serjeant in the army, were he was measurably convinced of the Truth before he had any knowledge of Friends, and seeing the inconsistency of war with the Gospel dispensation, he purchased his liberty, and came and settled in this Town, and feeling unity with friends he hath for some time past, duly attended their meetings. We had a satisfactory opportunity with these friends, in which I was twice concerned in testimony. Just when we were going to Bed came in dear George Richardson from Newcastle a valuable Minister feeling a concern on his mind to accompany us to a few meetings in these parts, and whose company was truly acceptable.

On 21st. and 1st. of the week, having felt a concern upon my mind to have a Publick meeting with the inhabitants of this Town, It was held in the Methodist Meetinghouse and began at 10 o clock this forenoon, and notice thereof having been fully given the day before; It was very large the house being very full, and it proved an open satisfactory meeting. I had a very long testimony to bear there in from Luke C: 2. v. 10, 11. Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all People for unto you, For unto you is born this day in the City of David, a Saviour which Christ the Lord. At the close of the Meeting which held 2 hours James Harrison informed the People it was over, concluding with a short exhortation to them. Their behaviour having been remarkable still solid and attentive throughout. A Publick meeting having been appointed the day before to be held this evening at Nenthead. We set about for the place a little past 3 o clock this afternoon, Thomas Pattinson being out guide and intending to go forward with us to a few meetings as we were going into a part where no friends reside, and several other friends accompanied us to Nenthead 5 miles. We went up an inclosed valley thro' which the little river Nent runs, and got to Nenthead about half past 5 o clock; and having this morning received a kind invitation from Thomas Dodds, a man of considerable property in this place, and a member of the Methodist Society, we took up our quarters at his house were we were kindly received and generously entertained by the whole

family. The meeting began at 6 o'clock, and was held in the Methodist Meetinghouse. A great concourse of People attended, The house being extremely crowded, a vast number had to stand without the behaviour of the whole being very commendable. It was a very good Meeting, many being much broken and tendered therein. I had a pretty long testimony to bear first from Rev: C: 14. v: 13. Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord, from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them. James Harrison dropt a few words next. George Richardson had a long time next from Matt: C: 19. v: 26. With God all things are possible. I next from Cant: C: 2. v: 16. My beloved is mine, and I am his; he feedeth among the lillies. This meeting held 2 hours, at the close George Richardson desired the people quietly to withdraw.

On 22nd. and 2nd. of week, a little before 10 o'clock in the forenoon, we took a leave of this kind family, whose affectionate kindness unto us, will not easily be forgot by some of us; and set out for Chapel in Weardale, in the County of Durham 9 miles. Thomas Dodd having sent a Servant with Letters to prepare our way for two more Meetings. After ascending the hill a little, we crossed an high black moor into the head of the valley near the rise of the River Wear, the course of which river the road followed down the valley, It was generally moorish at first and without hedges or Trees, but as we got lower down the inhabitants increased and before we reach the Town the valley was much wider very populous and fruitful; The roads this day were pretty good, but steep by places, and required care being narrow. We got to Chapel in Weardale a little before 1 o'clock, and took up our quarters at the Kings arms. The Methodist Meetinghouse was readily precured to hold a Publick meeting in this evening, and after dinner the friends took great pains in circulating the notice thereof amongst the inhabitants. The Meeting was appointed to begin at 6 o'clock, and held 2 hours. The Meetinghouse about half a mile from the Town, and is a very large one, they told us it would hold a 1000 people to sit. It was well filled but not crowded, the Priest of the Chapel, and several Methodist Preachers attending and the behaviour of the whole was worthy of commendation. It was an open satisfactory meeting. I had a long testimony to bear therein first from Isai: C: 30. v: 15. In returning and rest shall ye be saved, in quietness and in confidence shall be your strength. George Richardson had a pretty long time next from Eccle: C: 12. v: 1. Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years drawn nigh when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them. I next from 1 Tim: C: 5. v: 6. She that liveth in pleasure is dead while she liveth. At the close of the Meeting James Harrison informed the People it was over desiring them quietly to withdraw, immediately George Richardson stood up and had a few words of excellent advice to them.

On 23rd. and 3rd. of week about half past 9 in the morning we set out for Middleton in Teesdale 10 miles; The road there being very difficult our kind friend Thomas Dodd had unknown to us written to Michael Percival Walton a young man about 20 years of age who lives at Weeds near this place, and is one of his workmen to guide us thither, and assist us in getting over the Moor. He came to the Inn prepared to set out with us, which when we understood, George Richardson and Thomas Pattinson concluded to hasten forward to procure a place for a meeting this evening, and give notice thereof to the inhabitants, and my companion rode Michael Percival Waltons horse, and he rode with me in the carriage when the road was level and at other times he walked. I found him a very kind, intelligent and sensible young man, so that we got very much attached to each other. We went better than a mile down this pleasant and very populous valley, and then crossed the Wear again and ascended an hill, and so over a very high black mountain, the road being pretty good until we got over the summit of the mountain except being exceeding steep in places; but then we had both of us to get out and walk for nearly 3 miles, and it was with difficulty we got the empty carriage on but Michael kept hold of the horse head and led him of all the way paying great attention, so that with care we got over this difficulty without any harm, and when we got to the foot of the hill we were in Teesdale, and had a pleasant ride for near 3 miles, down this beautiful valley, and on the banks of the Tees to Middleton were we got a little before 1 o'clock, and took up our quarters at an Inn kept by Mark Sherlock. Notwithstanding the

afternoon proved very wet friends took great pains in giving notice to the inhabitants of the meeting and before the time of it gathering, it cleared up and was a very fine evening. About 4 o'clock, Michael Percival Walton took leave of me he being obliged to return home this evening: I parted with him reluctantly, for tho' he was not a member of our Society he was a young man of good character; and from the conversation I had with him I found he had been mercifully preserved from the gross evils of the world, and he manifested much kindness unto us, in assisting us thro' the difficulties attending our journey to this place. The meeting began at half past 6 o'clock this evening, and was held in the Methodists Meetinghouse. It was very large the house being extremely crowded, and great numbers stood without that could not get in; No one remembering a meeting of our Society in this village before. The behaviour of the People was very commendable; and tho' the meeting was attended with hard labour, yet I believe it may be said it was a satisfactory one; I had a very long testimony to bear therein from Joh: C: 9. v: 31. God heareth not sinners: but if any man of be a worshipper of God, and doeth his will, him God heareth. George Richardson had a short time next from Psalms 33. v: 18. The eye of the Lord is upon them that fear him; upon them that hope in his mercy. The meeting held about 2 hours and a half, at the close thereof George Richardson inform'd the People it was over, requesting them quietly to withdraw. We went and sat a little at Reuben Binks's a man who is under convincement having attended Cotherstone meetings several years, Whilst there my old complaint the Cholick came on, but returning to our Inn and getting something suitable I was presently better.

On 24th. and 4th. of week, this morning Thomas Pattinson return'd home, having been very useful to us in assisting the other friends in giving information to the People of the Meetings, and George Richardson undertook to be our guide to Cotherstone, my Companion rode his horse, and he went in the carriage with me, which afforded us an opportunity of conversation to our mutual satisfaction, before we parted from each other. We left Middleton for Cotherstone about 9 o'clock, 7 miles, had a pleasant ride down this beautiful valley thro' which the Tees runs, At Eccleston we crossed the Tees into Yorkshire, and went down the other side of the river to Cotherstone, were we got about half past 10 o'clock and took up our quarters at Caleb Wilsons, one of the friends who was ill when we was here before was removed by death the day after we left: and the other was got considerably better. Soon after we got in dear George Richardson took leave of us, and pursued his journey towards home, his company and united labours, both in and out of Meetings, had been truly acceptable, and I believe we were nearly united to each other. He read me a Letter as we came along this morning which he had lately received from John Wigham a valuable ministering friend belonging to the Aberdeen meeting in Scotland, with whom he had travelled in Truths service, which was a truly Pathetick and instructive one. This afternoon after Tea, we went to see Joseph Allisons sat a little there and took a glass of wine and then return'd, having drunk Tea and George Wilsons.

On 25th. and 5th. of week we attended Cotherstone Week.day meeting which began at 11 o'clock, There was 26 persons there 9 of which appeared to be people of other Societies, It was a good meeting, and I had two pretty long testimonies to bear therein, the first from Psalms 46. v: 10. Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth. and the other from Mark C: 10. v: 17. What shall I do that I may inherit eternal life. When we got back from the meeting we had an heavy Shower of hail and rain with 2 claps of Thunder, and it continued raining until near the time of our setting out for Barnard.castle where a Publick meeting was appointed to be held this evening, and then it cleared up, and was very fine. We left Cotherstone about 5 o clock and to Barnardcastle in the County of Durham 4 miles about quarter before 6 and took up our quarters at the Rose and Crown. Jacob Allison was our guide hither, and Hannah Applegarth of Sledwick a member of Staindrop Meeting who met us at Cotherstone meeting came along with us, and manifested much kindness to us. The meeting this evening began at half past 6 o'clock and was held in the Methodists Meetinghouse a very large building; a very great concourse of People attended, altho' the house was not quite full, and several Preachers of different

denominations, one or more of the Church of England was there, and all behaved in a very becoming manner. It was a satisfactory meeting, and I had a very long testimony to bear therein from Joh: C: 14. v: 6. I am the way, and the Truth, and the life. no man cometh unto the Father but by me. The meeting held upwards of 2 hours. At the close thereof James Harrison inform'd the People it was over and added a few words of exhortation to them. After I return'd to the Inn, I was taken very ill of the Cholick but got relief before I went to Bed. Henry Benning a young man, and an Apothecary in this Town who had been at both the meetings to day, and who I believe had been reached unto therein, came to see me, and manifested much kindness to me, he prepared me some medicine for my complaint to take with me, for which he would not receive any recompense, Hannah Applegarth was also very kind, and tarried until I was better, altho' she had 3 miles to go home alone.

On 26th. and 6th. of week, John Applegarths man of Sledwick was here when I got up, with a letter desiring us to take Post.Chaise and come stop a little at his house until I got better I acknowledged his kindness, but informed him I was so much better as I hoped I should not suffer by proceeding forward. I then took a walk into the Castle yard in this Town, a very large place situated upon an high and inaccessible Pock from the river; from the yard I had a beautiful prospect of the country for many miles distant. Part of the walls and some of the Towers are standing; in one of them the People were at work in making Copper Tea kettles. We left Barnard.castle about 10 o.clock in the forenoon for Reeth in Yorkshire 15 miles, Caleb Wilson a friend in the Ministry being our guide, who had stopt with us at the Inn all night. Coming out of the town we crossed the Tees into Yorkshire my companion rode our guides horse, and he rode with me in the carriage, the roads were very hilly but otherwise pretty good. We came for several miles through a fine inclosed country, and then crossed an high black mountain called Stang, long and steep on each side into Arkingarthdale, a deep rocky narrow valley, at the bottom of which are large works for Smelting.Lead the chimney for the works, being carried up the hill underground for quarter of a mile; near here we called at an Inn and got some refreshment; stopt about three quarters of an hour, and then proceeded down this deep and narrow valley to Reeth in Swaledale were we got about half past 3 o.clock and took up our quarters at George Rawes. It was market day here, but inclining to have a meeting with friends it was readily obtained, and appointed to begin at 7 o.clock this evening, and all who usually attend were informed thereof. It was held as it usually hath been of late years in a School.house near the Town which George Raw hath built agreeable to the direction of his brother Leonards Will, who hath also left a Salary for the maintenance of a Master to instruct 30 poor children. 35 persons attended the meeting 20 of whom appeared to be people of other Societies, and one of them a Preacher among the Methodists. It was a satisfactory meeting, Caleb Wilson bore a short testimony therein first from Joh. C: 11. v: 26. Whosoever liveth, and believeth in me, shall never die. Afterwards I had a long time 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.

On 27th. and 7th. of week, understanding there were numbers of seeking People about 4 miles up the valley were friends have a Meetinghouse which hath been for a considerable time past unoccupied except occasionally. I found my mind drawn to pay them a visit, accordingly 2 friends set out early this morning to give notice thereof to the inhabitants. After dinner we set out to attend the said Meeting, George Swithenbank being our guide thither and back. Cable Wilson and me walked 1 mile to John Wetheralds of Helaugh, were we with many other friends who were going to the meeting stopt and drunk Tea. and then proceeded up this beautiful and fruitful valley on or near the banks of the river Swale to Swaledale Meetinghouse got there just in time to the meeting which began at 5 o.clock, and put up our horses at John Gelders a person of property who lives near, and had kindly afforded friends the use of his stable. The meeting was large the house being pretty well filled, and the behaviour of the people was solid and commendable. It was a solemn good meeting, Truth being in great dominion therein, and I had a very long testimony to bear from Isai: C: 63. v. 1, 2, 3. Who is this that cometh from Edom, with dyed garments from Bozrah? this that is

glorious in his Apparel, travelling in the greatness of his strength? I that speak in righteousness, mighty to save, Wherefore art thou red in thine Apparel, and thy garments like him that treadeth the wine fat? I have trodden the wine press alone, and of the people there was none with me. Caleb Wilson had afterwards a short time from Acts C: 4. v: 12. There is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved. The meeting held upwards of 2 hours, at the close thereof James Harrison inform'd the People it was over. When we got out, it rained very heavy which caused us to stop a considerable time at the aforesaid John Gelders, who were very kind and gave me some suitable refreshment; It clearing up we took leave of this kind family, and had a favourable journey down the valley to Reeth, were we got to our quarters about quarter before 9 o'clock.

On 28th. and 1st. of week, we took leave of Caleb Wilson, and set out for Aysgarth 10 miles betwixt 7 and 8 o'clock in the morning John Wetherald being our guide. After we got out of Swaledale we came over an high mountain, the road being mostly steep and very indifferent to Redmire in Wensleydale, a wide long and very fruitful valley, from this place to Aysgarth the road was very good, on the side of an hill on our right hand is the village of Burton in which are considerable remains of a strong Castle. We got to Aysgarth about half past 10 and took up our quarters at Christopher Thompsons. The meeting began at 11, it was pretty large to day; there being a Committee of Friends appointed by the Monthly Meeting to meet here upon business relating to the Society, and of this committee there was two Ministers viz. Williams Sowerby and Thomas Cutforth both from Hawes meeting. I had plain close labour with the members of this meeting, having to address myself particularly to them, in a pretty long testimony from Jer: C: 2. v: 11. Hath a nation changed their Gods? which are yet no Gods; but my People hath changed their glory for that which doth not profit. About half past 2 o'clock we set out for Hawes 9 miles, John Wetherald continuing our guide thither. We went all the way up this beautiful and variegated valley, having the river Ure which runs thro' it on our right hand, and Askriigg a small market town being just on the North side thereof. the road being mostly level, and good; we got to Hawes about half past 4 o'clock, and took up our quarters at John Thompsons.

On 29th. and 2nd. of week, we breakfasted at Thomas Cutforths, and this day attended their meeting at Hawes which began at 11 o'clock, 49 persons were there 8 of whom appeared to be people of other Societies. It was a pretty open good meeting, and I had a long testimony to bear therein 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. James Harrison had afterwards a short testimony to bear. This afternoon we drunk Tea at William Thompsons; and after Tea, William and John Thompson took a walk with us to Hardrow. Scar a very great natural curiosity about 1 mile and a half up the valley: We crossed the river and went up the North side thereof to the village of Hardrow, situated at the foot of a very high mountain, passing thro' the village we entered a narrow valley, with high and inaccessible rocks on each side, cloathed with Ivy, and small Trees growing by places out of the seams of the rock, a strong brook of water runs down the valley, and a footpath goes up by the side of the water, made by the great number of People who resort hither to us visit this place. After passing a considerable way up this narrow winding chasm, which keeps growing narrower as we advance, until at the top the rocks on each side united together, and hang over our heads, here the water falls down the precipice perpendicularly 36 yards; and the spray thereof may be seen at a great distance, as well as the noise heard particularly in a flood. Leaving this great curiosity which far exceeded anything I could have supposed we returned and crossing the river went down the opposite side thereof called at Simeon Hunters of Appersett were we stopt about half an hour and then return'd to our quarters.

On 30th. and 3rd. of week, We had a meeting this day at Counterside, appointed to begin at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, on account of it being Hawes market to day, and several of the friends of that meeting obliged to attend it in the forenoon. This morning our valuable friend William Sowerby came to spend the time with us we stopt here which was truly acceptable, he now lives at Buttersett a village about 1 mile distant from this place. He

express'd his satisfaction with our visit and labours amongst them and his belief that it was in the right time. This coming from so ancient experienced and faithful a friend now in the 81st. year of his age very much affected me, and was a great confirmation of my poor doubting mind, of the rectitude of our proceedings. About 2 o clock in the afternoon, we sent out for Counterside 4 miles, William Middlebrook a friend of that place who had been here at market being our guide and John Thistlethwaite a friend of that said meeting accompanying us. We went over an high green mountain called the Cragg, upon the end of this mountain friends in the beginning in the time of hot persecution held their meetings From hence we descended into another valley a branch of Wensleydale. In this valley is a fine lake called Simmerwater, which when the water is at the lowest covers upwards of an 100 Acres of ground, and sometimes more than 200. We had a wet ride to Counterside, and it continued a wet evening. William Middlebrook took us to his house were we got in time to get Tea before meeting. The meeting was large open and favoured; there being a considerable number of friends belonging thereto, who generally attend notwithstanding the wetness of the night, and a pretty many People of other Societies came in. I had a very long testimony to bear therein from John: 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. and afterwards had a short time from Rom: C: 6. v: 23. The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus-christ our Lord. James Harrison dropt a few words next from Prov: C: 23. v: 23. By the Truth, and sell it not. After resting, and getting a little suitable refreshment at William Middlebrooks so we went with William Fothergill near a mile to his house were we took up our quarters at Carrend. But they having John Chorley and his Wife from London there on a visit; I slept at Richard Thistlethwaite who also lives at Carrend and are I think a valuable family of friends.

On 1st. and 7th. Mo. and 4th. day of the week, It having been a very wet night, and continuing to rain this morning; It made us rather later than we intended in setting out, and the roads being considerably worse with the rain John Thistlethwaite took a couple of horses, and accompanied us 4 or 5 miles and then returned, my companion rode one of the horses and I went alone in the carriage. We left Carrend have betwixt 8 and 9 o'clock in the morning for Skipton 27 miles, William Middlebrook being our guide thither, We went down the valley on the North side of Simmerwater, and crossed the vale on the bottom thereof, then ascending the hill we went over a very high green mountain called the Stake the road being mostly moderately good, but in some places steep, after descending from this mountain we crossed the top of Bishopdale, and went to Buckden in Langstrathdale thro' which the river Wharfe runs, It is a pleasant valley betwixt two high and rocky hills, beautifully cloathed with wood. The road from here to Skipton is good and mostly pretty level, passing down this dale we entered Craven and went by Kettlewell to Kilnso, were we din'd at the bunch of grapes. There is a very high and curious rock of a great length, by which the road comes to this place, and which appears to hang over in a very curious manner. We stopped near 3 hours here and then proceeded, continuing our course near the banks of the Wharfe to Threshfield, where leaving it we went across the country to Skipton, got there about half past 6 o.clock, having had a wet day throughout, and took up our quarters at John Hodgsons who lives in Skipton Castle the seat of the Earl of Thanet, he being Steward unto that Nobleman.

On 2nd. and 5th. of week, After breakfast, John Hodgson took us to view the Castle which is a surprizing strong place both by nature and a great many rooms are altogether unoccupied, and some of those that are, are hung with curious tapestry; and adorned with Pictures of the Family. In an open court in the midst of the building groweth one of the finest Yew trees I ever saw. From the top of the Castle which is leaded nearly around so as to walk thereon, we had a beautiful prospect of the Town and country around for many miles distant, and could clearly see Pendle Hill in Lancashire. At 11 o.clock we had a meeting in Skipton 49 Persons attended 15 of whom appeared to be people of other Societies; and notwithstanding most of those who attend meetings appeared to be a people robbed and spoiled, yet I believe it was a time of renewed visitation to many of them, and a good open meeting we were favoured with many being much broken and tendered therein. I had a very long testimony to bear from

Matt: C: 11. v: 28. Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. and afterwards was concerned in Prayer. We stopt at John Hodgsons until after Tea. After dinner as I was taking a walk, A Soldier seemed to notice me, and at length joining himself in company with me, we walked together and had some friendly conversation, he told me his name was Richard Kilvington, that he was a native of the neighbourhood of York, and was newly come from Ashford in Kent to this Town on the recruiting service, and was only in the 20th. year of his age, he appeared a civil young man and I felt a nearness unto him, having some papers on religious subjects in my Pocket, I felt uneasy after I had parted with him that I have not given him one; but was relieved from this, for just when we were about getting into the carriage to set off, he came by, when I took him aside, and gave him one, and we parted very affectionately. We left Skipton for Highley 9 and a half miles about 5 o'clock John Brown being our guide, after he had gone with us about 5 miles we dismiss'd him, as I knew the road; It was a very fine evening, and we had a pleasant ride to Highley were we got about quarter past 7 in the evening and took up our quarters at the Devonshire.arms.

On 3rd. and 6th. of week, we set out for my habitation at Newhouse a little before 8 o'clock in the morning 29 miles, came by Illingworth, Booths.Town Halifax and Saltbereble to Elland were we din'd at the Savilles arms, stopt 2 hours and then proceeded, by Huddersfield, Almondbury, and Shepley to Johns Firths of Lanehead were we stopt about 1 hour and drunk Tea, and then got to Newhouse about 7 o'clock in the evening. My mind being mercifully favoured with the sweet reward of Peace, and I found my family and friends loving and glad of my safe return.

An Account of my Journey to a Publick Meeting held at Fulstone in the 8th. Mo. 1812.

Having felt a concern upon my mind for sometime to pay a religious visit to the inhabitants of some places within the compass of our Monthly Meeting and having spread my concern before our last Monthly meeting, and friends having unity of therewith left me at liberty to proceed therein as way may open, within the present year, and feeling my mind drawn first towards the inhabitants of Fulstone and the neighbourhood thereof; A meeting was appointed to be held there at my request on the 30th. of the 8th. Mo. 1812 and 1st. day of the week: betwixt 2 and 3 o clock in the afternoon of the same day I set out for Fulstone 3 miles Charles Unsworth being my companion, who came to my house the night before, and stopt this night also; and James Taylor and Miles Meadowcroft both of Oldham Meeting in Lancashire who had been two nights at my house accompanied us to William Bottomleys of Dobroyd were they called to take Tea, but we proceeded to Fulstone were we got about half past 3 o'clock and drunk Tea at Samuel Woodheads. The meeting began at 5 and was held in a barn belonging to Samuel Woodhead, a Gallery was erected and a few seats, as many as friends could procure were placed therein. The barn was but small, but the best place friends could meet with, and as most of the People had to stand therein it accommodated many; The concourse of People who attended were very great many more standing without doors than could get within and the behaviour of the whole was remarkably commendable. It was a solid weighty meeting, and I hope a profitable time to many I had a very long testimony to bear therein from Psalms 39. v. 3, 4. While I was musing the fire burned; then spake I with my tongue, Lord, make me to know mine end, and the measure of my days, what it is; that I may know how frail I am. I was next concerned in Prayer; and afterwards informed the People that I felt unwilling to detain them much longer considering the inconvenience most of them laboured under in having to stand all the time, acknowledged our satisfaction with their company and very commendable behaviour and after a short exhortation to them saluted all in gospel love and bade them Farewel, requesting that as a their behaviour had been sober and orderly whilst collected they might retire to their respective habitations in the light commendable manner, and concluded with expressing my earnest desire that all might be

benefited by the present opportunity. After which we return'd to Samuel Woodheads were we stopt supper; Left Fulstone about 8 o clock, and came to Henry Marsdens of Dobroyd were we sat a little and then it being darkish Henry set us to the Turnpike road and then returned; we called and sat a little at John Pickfords of Parkhead, and got to Newhouse about half past 9 o clock. The meeting held upwards of 2 hours.

An account the Publick Meeting held at Highflatts in the 9th. Mo. 1812.

9th. Mo. 6th. 1812 and 1st. day of the week, Having felt my mind drawn for a few days past to have a Publick Meeting with our own neighbouring inhabitants, but I thought not with sufficient clearness to appoint one, and having sat for many weeks past in our religious meetings in a state of suffering silence; This day a little light broke forth in my humble waiting upon the Lord therein, and my way clearly opened to appoint a Publick meeting in our Meetinghouse this evening; and at the close of the meeting I informed friends thereof requesting them to exert themselves in giving notice to their respective neighbours, and particularly desired that friends who had servants not members of our Society would set them at liberty to attend. After this meeting Charles Unsworth came to dine at my house, tarried the afternoon, and went with me to the Publick meeting in the evening, and return'd with me from thence, and tarried all night, The meeting began at half past 5 and held about 2 hours and a half. We got there just in time; It was long in gathering, but I believe not intentionally, but from the shortness of the notice, and many having a considerable way to come. The Meetinghouse was well filled, and some sat in the chamber; The People behaved remarkably well, and I thought it was a very good meeting, the Presence and Power of God being eminently manifested amongst us. I was first concerned therein in supplication, and next had a very long testimony to bear from Zech: C: 13. v. 1, 2. There shall be fountain opened to the house of David, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, for sin and for uncleanness: And it shall come to pass in that day, saith the Lord of hosts, that I will cut of the names of the idols out of the land, and they shall no more be remembered. John Bottomley was next concerned in Prayer. At the close of the meeting I had to remark, that it had been a time of favour, and earnestly desired we might all of us be concerned to improve thereby, and not to be hasty in entering into conversation but endeavour to keep under the solemn covering as we could not procure these seasons ourselves by all our exertions, but they were freely dispensed to us by the Almighty, and his unbounded mercy for our Profit; and after a few words more, affectionately saluted the People in that love which many waters cannot quench nor distance separate and bade them all Farewel, expressing an hope that they would all get safe to their respective habitations. It being near dark and there being no moon. We stopt a little at Richard Dickinsons and got some suitable refreshment, and got to Newhouse about half past 8 o'clock.

An Account of my Journey to a Publick Meeting held at Knottingley in the 9th. Mo. 1812.

I left home ye. 18th. of ye. 9th. Mo. 1812, about 7 o clock in the morning having Abraham Mallinson of Birdsgate for my companion this Journey, We went by Cumberworth to Emley Park were we call to see my cousin Charles Stead of Siver. Ing a youth who had been for some time indisposed, and in this time had been favoured to come under a religious concern of mind so as to produce a very visible alteration in his outward appearance, and to make the company of those whom he had formerly shunned desirable unto him. We stopt with him about 1 hour and got some refreshment and then proceeded by Emley, and Bretton to Crigglestone were we called to see my Uncle Joseph Houghs, stopt about half an hour, and then proceeded to Robert Walkers of Milnethorpe, were we din'd, stopt 1 hour and a half, and

then went by Walton, Crofton, Foulby, and Wragby, to Ackworth. moortop were we called at the Sine of the Boot and Shoe to see my Servant in husbandry Enoch Gouldthorp who was returning from Knottingley with Lime, we rested us here about half an hour and I got 6 pennyworth of Rum and Water and gave my man a quart of ale and then we proceeded to Ackworth School were we drunk Tea, and tarried about 2 hours, and then set out for James Harrisons of East Hardwick, Robert Whitaker kindly accompanying us out of the village and then return'd; we got there about 8 o clock were we lodg'd.

On 19th. and 7th. of week, After breakfast my companion Abraham Mallinson and James Harrison set out for Knottingly to procure a place for to hold a Publick meeting in the next day and give notice thereof to the inhabitants. In the afternoon, I went over to Pontefract, were I sat a little at Mary and Elizabeth Johnsons and took a glass of wine, and then went to John Leathams, were the friends returning from Knottingley met me, we drunk Tea there together, and then came on with James Harrison to his house to lodge were we got about 7 o clock.

On 20th. and 1st. of week, a little past 9 o clock in the morning we set out for Knottingley 5 miles, Abraham Mallinson on foot and James Harrison took me thither and back in his carriage, we went by Pontefract to Ferrybridge were we called at Frances Thompsons and walked with her, her Son and daughter to Knottingley got there just in time to the meeting which began at 11 o clock, and was held in the Methodists Meetinghouse The house is not large but was very full many having to stand throughout the time, and the behaviour of the People were very solid and attentive. It was a good meeting, many being much broken and tendered therein. I had a very long testimony to bear 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 then day star arise in your hearts. Afterwards I was concerned in Prayer. The meeting held about 2 hours and a half. After meeting, John Drake, and John Bailey two members of the Methodist Society and who sometimes spoke in their meetings desired to have a little conversation with me They expressed their satisfaction with the meeting and their approbation with the Truths they had heard delivered therein, and further informed me, they had been for a long time dissatisfied in their minds with the formal lifeless manner of Preaching Praying and other outward performances in their Society. I believe they were effectually reached, and clearly saw the necessity of waiting upon the Lord, until they was endued with power from on high to engage in his cause, I did not say much unto them being afraid of them running out into words to their own hurt which hath been a great loss to that People, and rather desiring that they might centre down deeply to the divine gift in the secret of their own hearts and then I believed they would be favoured clearly to see what they ought to do, and what to leave undone. I was pleased with the opportunity with them, and we parted in nearness of affection; Returned to Frances Thompsons of Ferrybridge to dine, and after dinner came by Darrington to East Hardwick were we drunk Tea at James Harrisons, and then came to Ackworth were we got just in time to our Meeting of Ministers and Elders, which was held here this evening and began at 6 o'clock. All our members attended except John Bottomley who was from home, and we had also the company of our friend Joseph Storrs a valuable Elder from Chesterfield in Derbyshire. The Queries were read and considered and Answers thereto drawn up approved and Signed, and ordered to be sent to our Select Quarterly meeting by our Representatives. At the close of the business, myself and Thomas Shillitoe had each a short testimony to bear. The meeting held 1 hour and a half. After which we took up our quarters at the School during our stay were we had the company this evening of many friends from different parts of our Monthly Meeting who were come to attend the monthly meeting to be held here the next day.

On 21st. and 2nd. of week The meeting for Worship began at 11.clock it was pretty large and I thought in a good degree favoured. Thomas Shillitoe had two pretty long testimonies to bear there in the first from 2 Cor: C: 5. v: 1. We know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens, and the other from Matt: C: 4. v: 19. Follow thee, and I will make you

fishers of men. At the close of the meeting for Worship the Men and Women who were members of our Society were requested to keep their seats, when Thomas Shillitoe spread before us a concern to unite with Ann Fry of Frenchhay Monthly meeting in Gloucestershire on a religious visit to the families of the Colliers and Miners in the neighbourhood of Bristol. The meeting after solid consideration, and many friends expressing their unity and tender sympathy with the friend, appointed a Committee of 4 friends to prepare a Certificate expressing thereof addressed to the Monthly meetings of Frenchhay in Gloucestershire and Bristol. Leaving him also at liberty to visit any other families in that part not of our Society as way might open, which certificate was Signed by the men and women friends in their respective meetings. Also Isabella Harris mentioned a concern that was upon her mind to pay a religious visit to the inhabitants of some places within the compass of our own Monthly meeting with which the meeting united and left her at liberty to proceed therein as Truth opened her way. The Women friends being withdrawn, the men entered upon the further business of the meeting, and a great deal was before us to day which was unanimously conducted, amongst other things Joseph Holmes a member of Brighouse Monthly meeting and Elizabeth Snowden of Ackworth meeting laid before us their intentions of taking each other in marriage. Also the Queries were read and Answers thereto received from all our Preparative meetings viz. Pontefract, Burton, Highflatts, Ackworth, Wakefield, and Wooldale. A General Answer was prepared therefrom, approved and Signed to be laid before the Quarterly meeting. Both meetings held betwixt 6 and 7 hours. I had intended to set out towards home this evening, but I felt so much spent from sitting these long meetings that I concluded to tarry here another night; which was also the case with Joseph Storrs, with whom and the family I spent a very agreeable evening.

On 22nd. and 3rd. of week, We arose pretty early, but it proved a very wet morning, however we got some refreshment and left Ackworth about 6 o clock, came by Hemsworth and Brierley to Timothy Sykes's of Shafton where we Breakfasted stopt about 2 hours, and then proceeded, Timothy Sykes set us on our way about 1 mile and then returned; we came by Carlton, Mapplewell, Darton and Kexbro' to John Beatson of Cynderhill where we din'd, spent betwixt 2 and 3 hours with him very agreeably, and then came by Cawthorne to the bottom of Gunthwaite lane, here I parted with my companion Abraham Mallinson, he going directly home, and I went by Ing.Birchworth to Joshua Dysons of Annatroyd to see my esteemed friend Charles Unsworth, stopt about 1 an hour and a half here and drunk Tea, then Charles Unsworth accompanied me nearly home, where I got about 8 o clock in the evening.

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On 27th. of the 9th. Mo. 1812, I purposed setting out early this morning for our Quarterly meeting to be held at York; but felt a stop in my mind accompanied with a concern to tarry our meeting at Highflatts, but knew about the cause. The said meeting was large and mostly Select of such as usually attend it. When I entered the Meetinghouse, a very weighty exercise came over my mind, and soon after I sat me down therein; the word was as a fire in my bones, and I was early constrained to stand up on my feet, and had a very long plain and close testimony to bear unto various states, also the language of encouragement to the deeply exercised and to the preciously visited youth from Matt: C: 8. v. 11, 12. I say unto you, that many shall come from the east and west, and shall sit down with Abraham and Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven. But the children of the kingdom shall be cast out into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Afterwards I had a short testimony from Psalms 23. v: 1. The Lord is My Shepherd, I shall not want. My beloved friend Charles

Unsworth came to my house the evening before, and kept me company until I set out my journey which was very acceptable to me; and my cousin Charles Stead junr. came with us from meeting to dine at my house. I left home a little before 3 o'clock Charles Unsworth set me on my way about 4 miles and then returned; I observed with satisfaction his improvement in the best sense and believe if he is but willing and obedient in this the day of the Lords power, he will be favoured to eat the good of the land. Went by Cumberworth, Skelmanthorpe Park mill and Bretton to Crigglestone were I stopt a little at my Uncle Joseph Houghs, then went to Robert Walkers of Milnethorpe, got there betwixt 6 and 7 o'clock, and were I lodg'd.

On 28th. and 2nd. of week, I left here betwixt 8 and 9 o'clock in the morning, and went by Walton, Crofton and Purston to Pontefract; where I stopt about half an hour at Ann Johnsons, and got some refreshment, and then went to Ferrybridge where I din'd at Frances Thompsons stopt 2 hours, and then proceeded by Milford to Sherburn, where I got a little before 6 o'clock; and lodg'd at Simeon Hunters. The morning was very wet, and continued to rain heavily all the way to Ferrybridge, after which it was pretty fair, but the roads were extremely dirty. In about 1 hour after I got here Thomas Shillitoe of Barnsley came in wet and weary: we spent the evening comfortably together and he being on foot, we was agreeable company to York next morning.

On 29th. of 3rd. of week, we left Sherburn, betwixt 8 and 9 o'clock in the morning, and went by Towton and Tadcaster to York, called and got a little refreshment at the New Inn, paid 9d and a half got to York betwixt 12 and 1 o'clock, and I took up my quarters at the Sine of the Sun in Micklegate paid 1s a piece Breakfasts, 1s and 3d Dinners and Suppers. After dinner I went to see Stephen Listers, and the Prisoners in the Castle, and in my return drunk Tea at John Lee's. The Quarterly Meeting for Ministers and Elders began at 6 o'clock this evening we were favoured therewith the company of several Strangers viz. Stephen Grellette native, and of a noble family in France being educated in the Roman Catholic religion, and during the time of the revolution there, he was imprisoned along with his Father, and both of them very narrowly escaped suffering at the Guillotine, however by some means or other he got into America where he was convinced of the Truth as professed by the People called Quakers, joined the Society and became an able Minister and is now on a religious visit to Friends and others in Great Britain Ireland and other parts of the European continent. His residence when at home is at present in the State of New York. and Richard Phillips from London, and Joseph Gurney from Norfolk. Before the business of the meeting was entered upon, Thomas Shillitoe and Joseph Gurney had each of them a short testimony to bear. The Queries were then read, and Answers thereto received and read from all our Monthly Meetings. After which several testimonies were borne by sundry friends and John Hipsley, Isaac Taylor, Mary Fairbank and Susanna Clark were appointed to Oversee the succeeding meetings, and advise as occasion may require. This meeting held near 3 hours.

On 30th. and 4th. of week at 10 in the morning was a meeting for Worship mostly select of friends and I thought it the largest I ever saw here at this time of the year Joseph Gurney, Elizabeth Hoyland, Hannah Broadhead and John Hoyland had each a short testimony to bear therein, Richard Phillips next a longer time, Joseph Gurney short time next. Jane Doncaster next a pretty long time from 1 Cor: C: 16. v: 11. Seek the Lord and his strength. Afterwards Richard Phillips had a few words more. At the close of this meeting was a Meeting for discipline. The Queries were read and answers thereto from all our Monthly Meetings as far as Richmond inclusive, and many profitable remarks were made by sundry friends, 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 which I din'd at John Lee's in Coppergate, and they having a spare bed and being very desirous for me to take up my quarters there, and our Inn being uncomfortably crowded I accepted their kind invitation, and after dinner went and settled with them at the Inn, and fetched my things from thence, and came here where I was very kindly and comfortably accommodated. In my return from the Inn I called and drunk Tea at Stephen Listers. At 5 in the evening met pursuant to adjournment. The Representatives from the several Monthly meetings having met at the close of the last

sitting to consider of two suitable friends for Clerks for the ensuing year, proposed to this Mordecai Casson of Thorne and John Hustler of Bradford for that service who were acceptable to the meeting and appointed accordingly. The Answers to the Queries from the other 4 Monthly meetings were read, and divers remarks were made thereon. The business of the meeting was finished in this sitting, in the course of which divers testimonies were borne, and much suitable advice communicated, and I thought Truth appeared to gain some ground in the sittings of the the meetings this quarter. This meeting held near 4 hours.

On 1st. of 10th. Mo. and 5th. of week, at 10 in the forenoon was the parting meeting for Worship which I thought was larger than the former, Ellin Cockin had a short testimony therein first from Numb: C: 24. v. 5, 6. How goodly are thy tents, O Jacob; and by tabernacle Said, O Israel! As the valleys are they spread forth, as gardens by the riverside, as the trees of lignaloes which the Lord hath planted, and as cedar trees beside waters. Isabel Richardson next in supplication. Stephen Grellette had a very long testimony next from Kin: C: 19. v: 10. The children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy Prophets with the edge of the sword; and I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away. Joseph Gurney had a short time next. Isabella Harris a little longer next from Hos: C: 4. v: 19. Ephraim is joined to Idols, let him alone. and afterwards William Smith, Thomas Shillitoe and Richard Phillips had each of them a few words to drop. The meeting held near 3 hours. I purposed setting out towards home immediately after dinner but the day was so exceeding wet I concluded to tarry another night; and in the afternoon went to see Joseph Awmacks, he and his Wife at present having the oversight of the Appendage to the Retreat, and reside there, this afforded me an opportunity of seeing the Patients, and the rooms in the house, a the Gardens all which are very neat and convenient. I drunk Tea here and then return'd to my quarters.

On 2nd. and 6th. of week, I left York about 5 o.clock in the morning in company with John Robinson of Fieldhouse near Wakefield. We came to Tadcaster were we breakfasted at the Golden.Lyon paid 1s a piece, stopt 1 hour and then came by Hazlewood, Aberford, Parlington.hall, and Garforth to the Old.George at Garforthbridge were we din'd paid 1s and 3d a piece eating and 4d Liquor, stopt 1 hour and a half, and then came by Swillington.bridge, Oulton, and Stanley to Wakefield were I parted with my companion, stopt about 1 hour and a half in Wakefield and drunk Tea at Ann Thorps then came to Dirtcar were I got about 7 o.clock and lodg'd at Christopher Walkers, having travelled 32 miles to day which was more than I had done for many years before in one day. The road was very bad to Tadcaster but better afterwards, and the day being very fine, and having agreeable company I got on very comfortably.

On 3rd. and 7th. of week, After Breakfast I came to Willian Pickards were I tarried awhile, and before I set out took a little Rum and water. Left Dirtcar betwixt 9 and 10 o.clock and came to Crigglestone were I stopt about half an hour at my Uncle Joseph Houghs then came by Bretton and Emley to my cousin Charles Steads of Siver.Ing in Emley.park were I stopt about 1 hour and a half and din'd. I found his son Charles weakly but very glad see me, he came with me about 1 mile, we walked slowly, and his company and conversation were very agreeable to me, and we parted in much nearness of affection. I came by Cumberworth home were I got a little before 4 o.clock in the afternoon, having had my health very well this journey until I got to Dirtcar were I was seized in the evening with the Cholick which was carried off by the violent Lax in the night, so that I was a better today than I could have expected.

An Account of my visit in company with Thomas Shillitoe of Barnsley to the families and the connections of those who suffered death at York for murder robbery riotting; on the 8th. and 6th. days of the 1st. Mo. 1813.

In the spring of the year 1812 a number of People in the Town and neighbourhood of Huddersfield and places adjacent manifested a riotous disposition frequently collecting in large numbers, and entering in the night season into Peoples houses and workshops, destroying machinery, Stealing arms, and other property; and in the 4th. Mo. murdering William Horsfall of Marsden in his return from Huddersfield market. They continued for a long time undiscovered, committing great depredations in these parts, very much terrifying and alarming the inhabitants; but at length thro' the vigilance of the Magistrates, particularly Joseph Radcliffe of Milnsbridge, a discovery was made and great numbers were committed to the Castle of York, so that a special Assize was held there my commission in the 1st. Mo. 1830 to try them, some were acquitted, many discharged upon Bail, some ordered for transportation for administering unlawful oaths, and 17 suffered death. After their execution a concern came upon my mind to pay a religious visit to the families and near connections of the Sufferers, but I thinking it so unusual a thing to engage in, endeavoured to reason it away, but the more I reasoned, the more my concern increased, so that in the 2nd. month of our Monthly meeting; having previously acquainted Thomas Shillitoe therewith whom I found under a similar concern, I spread our united concern before friends which being solidly weighed, and many testimonies borne of friends unity therewith, The meeting gave us the following minute.

Pontefract Monthly Meeting, held at Wakefield, the 15th. and 2nd. Mo. 1813.

Our estimated friends, Joseph Wood and Thomas Shillitoe have laid before this meeting a concern they have felt to pay a visit to the Families or near connections of those persons who had lately suffered at York, and who reside in Huddersfield and its neighbourhood. And this meeting after solidly considering their proposal, feels unity with the friends in their prospect, and leaves them at liberty to proceed as way may open.

Robert Whitaker is designed to give the friends a copy of this minute

A true Copy Robert Whitaker Clerk at this time

On the 27th. of 2nd. Mo. 1813, and 7th. day of the week, I set out from home betwixt 1 and 2 o'clock in the afternoon in order to meet my friend and proceed on the said visit. The forenoon had been remarkably stormy, but the afternoon was better yet the wind was very high and boisterous which made travelling very fatiguing. I stopt about half an hour at Birdsedge, and then proceeded, Before I got Shepley a soldier overtook me, who had got a Furlong, and was going to see his Wife and two children, who lived near Farnley, he told me his name was - Oldham; and wished me to accompany him that way; which I did; I found he was under a religious concern of mind we had some agreeable conversation together, he seemed very loving, and at parting I gave him a book. Then went by Farnley and Almondbury to Huddersfield were I stopt a little, and then proceeded, to cousin Joseph Mallinsons of Longroidbridge got there is little before 5 o'clock were I took up my quarters.

On 28th. and 1st. of week, attended Huddersfield meeting, my companion Thomas Shillitoe came from home this morning and informed me that Isabella Harris who had obtained leave of the Elders to accompany us on this visit, if her way opened clear, had felt her mind liberated from that service. The meeting was measurably favoured, and I had a pretty long testimony to bear therein from 1 Cor: C: 12. v: 7. The manifestation of the spirit is given to all to profit withal. and afterwards Thomas Shillitoe from Psalms 160 v: 12. What shall I render and to the Lord for all his benefits. After meeting we din'd at John Fishers my companions quarters, and after dinner visited this afternoon 3 families who live at Longroidbridge, being accompanied by John Fisher and cousin Abraham Mallinson. We went first to Jonathon Dean Widows, he suffered for rioting, and has left 5 children. In this

opportunity Thomas Shillitoe his first. I next, Thomas Shillitoe next. From thence we went to John Walker Widows he suffered for one and rioting, and has left 3 children. In this opportunity Thomas Shillitoe appeared twice first, I next Thomas Shillitoe next, I next. From hence we returned to John Fishers to Tea.

After Tea we went to George Mellors Parents, he was a single man and suffered for murder. We sat with his Mother and Father in law John Wood. It was a open comfortable opportunity, I appeared first therein. Thomas Shillitoe 3 times next, I next, Thomas Shillitoe twice next, I next, Thomas Shillitoe next. From hence we returned to John Fishers, and after Supper I went to my quarters.

On 1st. and 3rd. Mo. and 2nd. day of the week, I went to John Fishers to Breakfast, and after breakfast we proceeded on our visit John Fisher and Joseph Mallinson accompanying us to the 3 first families we visited to day. We went first to Lockwood to Thomas Brooks Widows, he suffered for riotting and has left 3 children: his Father and Mother and two young men his Brothers James and George who had also been imprisoned in York Castle under charges of the same offence, at our request, came in and sat with us. This was an extraordinary opportunity of divine favour I hope not easily to be forgot particularly by the two young men, Thomas Shillitoe appeared therein first, I next, and Thomas Shillitoe twice next, I next, and Thomas Shillitoe 3 times next. From hence we went to Huddersfield were we sat with James Haigh Widow of Dalton Fold she being assisting Edward Waltons at present who kindly accommodated us with a room for the purpose. He suffered for Rioting and left no children we had a comfortable time with his Widow. Thomas appeared twice therein first, I next, Thomas Shillitoe next. From thence we went to Robert Firths and got some refreshment. We next went to William Thorpes Parents, he was a Single man and suffered for murder. We sat with them and two of his sisters together. In this opportunity I appeared first, and afterwards Thomas Shillitoe 5 times. From hence we went to Abraham Mallinsons to dine. After dinner Abraham and Joseph Mallinson accompanied us to Thomas Wilsons of Greenhouse were we drunk Tea, and after Tea went to John Ogdon Widows of Cowcliff, accompanied by Joseph Mallinson and Thomas Wilson, he suffered for Rioting and left 2 children. We sat with them at his parents, two of his sisters being also present. I believe the opportunity was mercifully blessed and them, I appeared therein first, Thomas Shillitoe 3 times next, I next. After this opportunity a Sister of the Sufferer having been married to day, and the entertainment being at the Widows house, we went to pay them a visit, but found the Men gone out, but my companion had an extraordinary time with the bride and many of the Female guests. From hence our friends accompanied us to Joseph Firths of Toothill were we lodg'd, but they returned immediately. We got here betwixt 6 and 7 o'clock.

On 2nd. and 3rd. of week, it been the practice of the family to read a chapter in the Scriptures after breakfast before they arose from the table, it was done this morning, a solemn silence ensued, and afterwards Thomas Shillitoe had an acceptable testimony to bear. We then set out to James Lees's of Brighouse were we sat a little, and then went to John Kings were we got some refreshment. Joseph Firth accompanied us hither and then return'd; and John King and James Lees continued with us until we got back to Longroidbridge. We proceeded from hence to Thomas Smiths Parents of Sutcliffe. Woodbottom in Hipperholme were we sat with them his Sister and husband, in this opportunity I appeared first, Thomas Shillitoe next. I next, Thomas Shillitoe next twice, I next, Thomas Shillitoe next. It was a time of remarkable favour, and a remarkable circumstance took place therein, a young man and neighbour when my companion was appearing came in, as soon as we saw him we were both of us struck with his appearance; when he saw us set he turned back and the Son in law followed him, my companion then enquired who he was, and was informed, he was one of the prisoners who was discharged on Bail, he then desired he might be called in, he came and sat down, the power of Truth eminently overshadowed him, my companion went on with what was before him to the family, and when he had done, my mouth was opened from, It is not in man that walketh to direct his steps aright but a good mans steps are all ordered of the Lord, observing that our steps were sometimes ordered by Providence, when we knew it not and this appeared

to me to be the case with the young man who had dropt in amongst us at this time. I then proceeded as matter opened before me unto him, he was much broken and tendered, and a remarkable time of visitation it was to him. After the opportunity he went a little with me, told me his name was Joshua Scholefield, and that he was in the 22nd. year of his age, and that he knew not of our being there until he came into the house, nor knew not why he came there at the time. We parted in very near affection and not with each other, and I hope it towards a time to him at that will be lasting ye remembered by him. We went from hence to Halifax were we din'd at John Pools and his Wife are members of the Methodist Society but frequently attend friends meetings and I believe they are fully convinced of the Truth. They were very loving and kind to us. From hence we went to Skirtcoat green were the Widows of two of the Sufferers lived, Thomas Dearden a friend under convincement in this Town accompanied us on our visit to them. We went first to Nathan Hoyle Widows, he suffered from Robbery, and has left 7 children, she lives with her Father and Sister who sat with us. In this opportunity I appeared first. Thomas Shillitoe next, I next, Thomas Shillitoe next. From hence we went to James Hey Widows, he suffered for Robbery, and left 2 children, his Father Joseph Hey and his Wife living under the same roof came in and sat with us this was a comfortable time. Thomas Shillitoe appeared first I next. Thomas Shillitoe next. I next. After the opportunity Joseph Hey took us to his house were we met with two of his sons, young men, with whom we had a satisfactory opportunity in which Thomas Shillitoe appeared first, and I next. From hence we set out for Joshua Stansfields of Handgreen 2 miles, and Joseph Hey expressing a desire to speak with me accompanied me nearly thither, and then returned; his company was very agreeable to me, he being I believe a truly pious man, and a Local Preacher in the Methodist Society; and having had to express my belief in the opportunity that he had discharged his duty to his son and therefore was clear. I was confirmed in the Truth thereof, in our conversation together, and we parted under a near sympathy, and tender regard for reached others welfare. We got to Joshua Stansfield about 7 o'clock were we all of us lodg'd, except Thomas Shillitoe who after Tea went to his Mothers who lives near and lodg'd there.

On 3rd. and 4th. of week, this morning I went to Breakfast at Elizabeth Stansfields, and after breakfast our other companions called upon us. From hence we went to Sowerbybridge were two of the Sufferers families lives; went first to Joseph Crowther Widows who since his decease is removed hither and lives with her Mother; he suffered for Robbery, and left 3 children, and she likely to have another very soon, she came from Luddington foot to this place. We had an agreeable opportunity with them. Thomas Shillitoe appeared twice therein first, I next, Thomas Shillitoe next.

From hence we went to William Hartleys children, he suffered for robbery, and left 8 children who are with his Father and Mother, his Wife dying about 36 weeks before, the neighbours observing us go in, several followed, and sat down quietly with us, It was a time remarkably owned by the Masters presence, I appeared first therein, and afterwards Thomas Shillitoe appeared 4 times.

From hence we returned to Joshua Stansfield to dine, and after dinner sat out for North dean in the Township of Elland were two of the Sufferers families live, went first to John Hill Widows, he suffered for Robbery, and left 1 child. We sat with her his Mother, Aunt, and Brothers Wife together at his Mothers house. It was a solid good opportunity. I appeared twice therein first, and afterwards Thomas Shillitoe twice.

From thence we went to Job Hey Widows, he suffered for Robbery and left 7 children. She appear'd in a very tryed state both inwardly and outwardly, and our labour with her was that she might endeavour to get into that state of stilness in which God is known, and his Power felt, to stay comfort and console the mind, and bear it up in the depths of affliction. In this opportunity Thomas Shillitoe appeared first, and afterwards myself. From hence John King went home, and met us again the next morning, and we set out for Halifax near 3 miles got there about 7 o'clock, and drunk Tea together at my cousin Joshua Smiths were we took up our quarters. But after Tea the other friends went to John Pools.

On 4th. and 5th. of week, having felt a concern on our minds to have a meeting at Halifax with the few friends as such as usually attend a meeting there, and there being no Week day meeting held there of late, we appointed one to begin at 10 o'clock this forenoon. About 25 persons attended 7 or 8 of which were People of other Societies, and amongst the number Joshua Scholefield the young man beforementioned, For as John King was coming from home this morning, he came by where he was at work, and informing him of the meeting he laid down his tools, went home and cleaned himself, and came with him. The power of Truth eminently overshadowed this meeting to the tendering of the hearts of many. Joshua Schofield eminently felt the effect thereof which caused him to tremble exceedingly, that altho' he endeavoured to hide it he could not conceal it from the meeting. I had a long testimony to bear therein first from 1 Cor: C: 40. v: 20. In malice of ye children, but in understanding be men. Thomas Shillitoe had two pretty long times next, the first from Eccle: C: 9. v: 11. For the race is not to the swift nor the battle to the strong. and the other time from Psalms 110. v: 3. Thy People shall be willing in the day of thy Power. I was next concerned in Prayer. Afterwards Thomas Shillitoe had a long time being opened in sundry exhortations to different states. The meeting held upwards of 2 hours and a half. I took Joshua Scholefield after meeting to dine at cousin Smiths, and after sitting with him a while, I went to cousin Elihu Steads, were all our company din'd. After dinner I returned to Joshua Scholefield with whom I had some agreeable conversation, and for whose welfare I felt deeply interested. We left Halifax a little after 3 o'clock in the afternoon intending to visit Benjamin Walker a single man living with his Parents, who were newly removed from Longroidbridge to the top of Longwood he was an accomplice with the other 3 young men in the murder of William Horsfall and saved his Life by turning informer. Thomas Dearden and Cousin Joshua Smith went along with us, we went by Salterhebble, Elland, and on to Lindley moor, were we saw a man at work, and being all of us Strangers, went to him to enquire the way to the place were Benjamin Walker lived; It proved to be his Father were told us he was not at home, but expected him that night, we then desired him to inform him that we should be oblige to him to meet us at Joseph Mallinsons at 8 o clock in the morning which he promised he would have. The friends of Halifax then returned home, and we went to Thomas Firth of Lindley were we stopt about 1 hour and drunk Tea, then proceeded to Longroidbridge, were my companion and me went to our separate quarters, and John King and James Lees went home after Supper, we got to this place a little past 7 o'clock.

On 5th. and 6th. of week, This morning my companion came here to Breakfast, and after breakfast, we sat with Benjamin Walker who came here according to appointment; he appeared exceeding raw and ignorant, But a door of utterance was mercifully opened, whereby we were enabled to relieve our minds, and the advice communicated appeared at present to have some place in his, and if he is favoured to continued to take heed and thereunto, it made tend to his future peace. In this opportunity we were accompanied by John Fisher, and Abraham and Joseph Mallinson. I appeared first therein, Thomas Shillitoe twice next, I twice next, Thomas Shillitoe twice next, I next Thomas Shillitoe next

The friends here when they heard of our intended visit thought it best to inform Joseph Radcliffe Justice of the Peace in this neighbourhood thereof, and also the nature of it lest any unfavourable construction should be put upon it; accordingly John Fisher and Robert Firth waited upon him and gave him the necessary information, he appeared pleased with our engagement, desired the friends to give his respects to us, and inform us, that he wished us good success. and having felt drawings in our mind to see him, and acknowledge this kindness, and give him some account of what we had met with in the course of our visit; we waited here until John Fisher went to inform him of our concern, who brought us word that he should be glad to see us the next morning at half past 9 o clock. Whilst he was gone my companion being rather poorly laid himself down upon the Sofa, and I went to see George Mellors Mother and give her 3 Pamphlets, I met with his Sister at home by John Wood whom we did not see when there before, and at parting I had something to communicate to her. We din'd at Joseph Mallinsons. After dinner we set out to see Joseph Fishers Family who we

understood was removed from Briestfield to the Workhouse in Mirfield. Abraham Mallinson took my companion thither in his Chaise and Joseph Mallinson walked with me; when we got to the Workhouse we found she was returned into her neighbourhood. Thomas Shillitoe walked back with Joshua Mallinson and I went with Abraham Mallinson to the Black Bull were they had put up the horse, and were we got some refreshment, and then returned to Huddersfield with him in the Chaise were we got to his house about 7 o'clock, and drunk Tea there, and after Tea returned to our respective quarters.

On 6th. and 7th. of week, I went to Breakfast at John Fishers, and after breakfast, John Fisher accompanied us to Joseph Radcliffes of Milnsbridge, were we got at the time appointed, the Justice and his Wife received us very courteously taking us by the hand, and appearing much pleased to see us; We had a very open free conversation with them for the space of near an hour and a half, and then parting he took us by the hand in a very friendly manner and bade us Farewel. We returned to John Fishers were we got a Luncheon, and then went to Abraham Mallinsons.

From thence we set out for Briestfield, Joseph Mallinson walked with Thomas Shillitoe, and Abraham Mallinson took me in his Chaise, we went by Dalton, Kirkheaton and near Whitley.hall thither, put up the horse at an Inn were we got a little refreshment, and made some enquiry of the Sufferers families, and found Joseph Fisher who suffered for Robbery and lived at Briestfield left a Widow and 3 children John Batley of Thornhilledge who suffered from Robbery has left a Widow and 1 child. John Lumb of Thornhilledge who was convicted of Robbery but afterwards reprieved for transportation has left a Wife and 5 children, and understanding these had some of them no settled habitation at present we got them collected with Mary Tyan the Widow Fishers Mother at her house in this village, and Nathan Fisher a young man and Brother to the Sufferer coming in, with these thus collected we had a remarkable favoured opportunity in which I appeared first, Thomas Shillitoe next, I next, Thomas Shillitoe next, I next, Thomas Shillitoe next. After this opportunity the friends who accompanied us from Huddersfield at our request, the day being far spent returned home.

From hence we went by ourselves to Emley.moortop to visit John Swallow family they being removed to Emley from this place, and at present resides with her Mother he suffered Robbery, and has left a Widow and 6 children, we sat with her, her Mother, Brother, and the Sufferers Sister together. In this opportunity Thomas Shillitoe appeared first, I next, Thomas Shillitoe next. This concluded our visit to the sufferers and families, and from Emily Moor top we came to my cousin Charles Steads of Siver.ing in Emley.park were we got about half past 7 o'clock, and were Thomas Shillitoe lodg'd. But after Tea I went to cousin Benjamin Steads were I slept.

On 7th. and 1st. of week, This morning my dear companion came and Breakfasted with me at my quarters, and after breakfast we parted in near affection having been closely united in our late Gospel labours; he intending to get to their meeting at Burton, and George Stead accompanied him. I stopt until about half past nine and then set out in company with cousin Charles Stead for our meeting at Highflatts, went by Cumberworth, were we got in time to the meeting, which was large The friends of Lumbroyd meeting uniting with us to day, and several of other Societies coming in. I had a long testimony to bear therein from Acts C: 3. v: 6. Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have I give thee; In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk. At the close of the meeting for Worship was held their Preparative meeting, in which amongst other things the Queries usually answered this quarter, were read and answered, and Answers thereto drawn up approv'd and Signed, to be laid before the Monthly meeting. Many weighty remarks were made by sundry friends upon the deficiencies which appeared; and I thought it was a satisfactory meeting. Both meetings held 3 hours. From thence I return'd directly home were I got a little past 2 o clock.

And now again quietly set down in my own habitation, reaping the fruits of obedience even the rich reward of Peace and I may add. That altho' the exercise attending the service to which we had been engaged was great and the sufferings we had to bear heavy in a feeling sympathy with the suffering families, yet it was eminently manifested that he who put forth,

went before, and in a remarkable manner prepared our way. It was admirable to us in every family we entered how readily and how quietly they sat down with us, as much so as if they were members of our Society. as I believe their peculiar Sufferings had measurably prepare their hearts to receive the Gospel message, so I may acknowledge every opportunity was wonderfully favoured but some more eminently so than others. Friends were exceedingly kind and lent us all the assistance in their power, and the company of all those who went with us from place to place was very acceptable, nearly and feelingly uniting with us in the service, In different places were they appeared plunged into great outward difficulties, at parting with them we left them a little money. May he who are plentifully administered seed to the sower be graciously pleased to preserve them in a humble teachable frame of mind, looking unto him from whom all blessings flow; that so the seed sown may prosper, and in due season bring forth fruit to the praise of the great husbandman; and then at the end of our labour will be fully answered.

An Account at of my Journey to our Quarterly Meeting held at Leeds in the 3rd. Mo. 1813

I left home ye 22nd. of the 3rd. Mo. 1813, and 2nd. day of the week about 8 o.clock in the morning; and having been for some time past very unwel of a severe cold, which much affected my lungs and breathing, and altho' I felt a little better this morning, yet I found it necessary to take great time and care this journey, my beloved Charles Unsworth set me a little on my way, and then return'd; I went by Cumberworth and Skelmanthorp to Parkgate were I rested me a little at Elias Armitages, and then proceeded to Emley, were I called to see Joseph Gill; After stopping some time with him, I went to cousin Alexander Hampshires of Flockton.mill, were I stopt 2 hours and din'd then proceeded by Flockton, Mugmill and Thornhill to Dewsbury, were I got a little past 3 o.clock, and took up my quarters at George Breareys.

On 23rd. and 3rd. of week, I set out about 10 o.clock in the forenoon, and went to Chichhill, Woodkirk, Morley and Beeston to Holbeck near Leeds, were I got about 1 o.clock and took up my quarters this Quarterly Meeting at Jonathan Shackletons. After dinner I went to Leeds, called upon Mary Fridge, Charles Unsworth cousin, were I sat a little, and then went to Joshua Ingles were I drunk Tea. At 5 this evening began our Quarterley Meeting for Ministers and Elders, in which meeting the Queries were read and Answers received, and read from all our Monthly Meetings; a General Answer was also prepared, approved, and Signed and ordered to be taken to the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders by our representatives. The Advices of the Yearly Meeting to Ministers and Elders were also read. and Edward West, Robert Whitaker, Phebe Fisher, and Elizabeth Fletcher were appointed to oversee the succeeding Meetings and advise as occasion may require. At the conclusion of the business, John Thistlethwaites was concerned in Testimony. The Meeting held 3 hours.

On 24th. and 4th. of week, at 10 in the forenoon was a Meeting for Worship, and tho' it was mostly Select of friends, yet it was large. Elizabeth Clark was first concerned therein in supplication. Isabella Harris had a pretty long testimony to bear next from Heb: C: 7. v: 25. He is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him. A Woman friend who sat at the bottom of the meeting dropt a few words next. Elizabeth Hoyland had a pretty long time next from Prov: C: 30. v: 30. Favour is deceitful. and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised. Henry Tuke a long time next from Mark C: 8. v: 36. What shall it profit a man if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul. Thomas Shillitoe a pretty long time next from Isai: C: 54. v: 13. All thy children shall be taught of the Lord; and great shall be the peace of thy children. At close of this meeting was held a meeting for discipline. The 1st. three Queries were read, and Answers thereto from all our Monthly meetings, and General Answers prepared. In answer to the 2nd.Query it appeared, there had been some little appearance of convincement in Balby, Pontefract, Gisborough, Pickering and

Hull Monthly Meetings since last year; but only 4 persons had been accepted into membership thereby viz. 2 in Balby and 2 in Hull Monthly meetings. Both meetings held 3 hours. After which I din'd and drunk Tea at Richard Shackletons. At 5 in the evening was a meeting for discipline which held 3 hours in this meeting, the rest of the Queries were read and Answers thereto, and General Answer prepared. Accounts were received that 2 ministering friends were deceased since last year viz. Thomas Colley of Balby Monthly Meeting and Sarah Priestman of Hull Monthly Mg. a long testimony was produced concerning the former and read, and a short account was annexed to the answers to the Queries, which was also read and was a very agreeable testimony. A friend was appointed prepare a fair copy of the Answers to the Queries and produce them at the next sitting of this Mg. Some other business was gone through, and then to the meeting adjourn'd until next day at 10 in the forenoon.

On 25th. and 5th. of the week, at 10 in the morning met pursuant to adjournment. The General Answer to the Queries was read, approved and Signed; and directed to be taken to the Yearly Meeting by our Representatives. Also the testimony from Balby Monthly Mg. on behalf of Thomas Colley, with a short one from this meeting was read approv'd and Signed by the Clerk, on behalf of this meeting. also the account from Hull Monthly Mg. was read on behalf of Sarah Priestman. The business of this meeting was finished in this sitting, and after the conclusion thereof Thomas Shillitoe bore an acceptable testimony. The Mg held 2 hours and a half. I din'd today at Pym Nevins's, and drunk Tea at Richard Shackletons. At 5 in the evening was a Publick and parting meeting for Worship which was much larger than the former, altho' but few of other Societies attended, Rachel Rountree had a short testimony to bear therein first from Matt: C: 50. v: 32. I have compassion on the multitude. William Smith next from Psalms 116. v: 12. But what shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits towards me. Isabella Harris had a long time next from 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. Charles Parker a pretty long time next enlarging upon the first communication in this meeting. Anne Broadhead dropt a few words next. Henry Tuke had a short testimony next from Luke C: 12. v: 37. Blessed are those servants whom the Lord when he cometh shall find watching. This meeting held 2 hours. I had been much better of my cold since I came to Leeds, but being very hot in the meeting, I felt the cold seize me as soon as I came out which brought on a return of my complaint and made me very ill. The Meetings throughout were eminently favoured this Quarter, both as those for Worship and discipline, under the influence of which, the business was conducted in much harmony, to the edification of the youth, and one another, and friends separated under the cementing virtue of Truth.

On 26th. and 6th. of week, I Breakfasted this morning at Joseph Shackletons of Holbeck.mill, and after breakfast went to Leeds were I called upon Joshua Ingles, Mary Fridges and John Thorntons, sat a little at each place, and then went to John Broadheads were I stopt a considerable time and Din'd; from thence I came to Richard Shackletons were I drunk Tea. Left Leeds betwixt 4 and 5 o.clock, and came by Beeston, Morley, Woodkirk and Chichhill to Dewsbury were I got betwixt 7 and 8 o.clock and lodg'd at George Breareys.

On 27th. and 7th. of week after breakfast, I called upon Morritt Matthews and from thence went to William Wass's were I stopt a considerable time and before I set out, got a Luncheon. Left Dewsbury a little after 11 o.clock and came to Briestfield were I called see Mary Tyan and rested me the little there, and then came by Kirkburton to Shepley were I stopt about 1 hour and a half and drunk Tea at John Haighs, then came to John Firths of Lanehead were I stopt about 1 hour and a glass of Rum and Water, my beloved friend Joseph Firth accompanied me from here to Parkhead and then return'd. I called at John Pickfords, but stop little, and got home betwixt 7 and 8 o.clock. The weather was very fine both going and returning which was a great favour to me. But both 4th. and 5th. days were mostly very wet at Leeds.

An Account of my Journey to Brighouse Monthly Meeting held at Halifax etc in the 4th, Mo.
1813

Having had for sometime a concern upon my mind to attend Brighouse Monthly meeting held at Halifax and my kind friend William Midgley being very desirous for me to go and spend a little time at his house; and I having had this spring a very bad cold which swelled my lungs so much as to cause considerable difficulty breathing, and after this was pretty much removed, a pain remained in my breast, and thinking an easy journey with a change of air might be of use to me I wrote to William Midgley that if he would be so kind as to meet me with his carriage at Marsden, I felt disposed to spend a little time at his house; and I received his answer, that he would bring his carriage to my house for me. Accordingly John Bottomley having been at the Quarterly Meeting at Manchester, William Midgley brought him home and they got to my house to Tea, on the 10th. of ye 4th. Mo. 1813, and 7th. day of the week.

On 11th. and 1st. of the week we attended our meeting at Highflatts, and it being the Preparative meeting when the friends of Lumbroyd Meeting unite with us, it was large of friends, and a few People of other Societies came in; It proved an open favoured meeting John Bottomley had a long time therein first, exhorting us to be humble, and then the Lord would teach us his ways and lead us in the middle path. I next from 2 Kin: C: 6. v. 26, 27. Help, my lord O King. And he said, if the Lord do not help thee, whence shall I help thee? Out of the barn floor, or out of the wine press. John Bottomley was next concerned in Prayer. At the close of this meeting the business of our Preparative meeting was gone through. Both meetings held near 3 hours.

On 12th. and 2nd. of week about 8 o clock in the morning we set out, and went by Shepley, and Almondbury to Huddersfield were we stopt upwards of an hour at cousin Abraham Mallinsons and got a Luncheon, then proceeded, and the day being remarkably fine we had a very pleasant ride over the Moors, and by Denshaw to the Junction Inn were we stopt near an hour and got some refreshment and then went by Shaw in Lancashire and High Crompton and got to my kind friend William Midgleys house at Buersill about half past 5 o'clock.

On 13th. and 3rd. of week, After dinner I went to Rochdale and spent the afternoon at Henry Ecroys. After Tea William Midgley came for me, and we returned to his house together.

On 14th. and 4th. of week, James Taylor of Oldham meeting came to see me, and kept me company until next day after dinner and then return'd home. This afternoon we went to Tea to James Midgleys of Springhill.

On 15th. and 5th. of week, we attended Rochdale Weekday meeting, which began at 10 and held 2 hours and a quarter. It was more fully attended by friends than usual as several people of other Societies came in. I had a very long time to bear amongst them from Gen: C: 35. v: 3. Let us arise, and go up to Bethel; and I will make thee an altar unto God, who answered me in the day of my distress, and was with me in the way which I went. It was a good meeting many being much broken and tendered therein. After meeting we din'd at James Midgleys of Wardleworth adjoining the Town. After dinner William Midgley intending to convey me in his carriage to Halifax, his man came with it, and about half past 3 o clock, we set out and went by a Smallbridge and Gauxholm to Samuel Greenwoods of Stones, were we got a little past 5 o clock and were we took up our quarters this night.

On 16th. and 6th. of week, we left Stones a little past 7 o clock in the morning and came by a very curious winding road down a steep hill to Todmorden, of a mile in length, down which my companion rode in the Chaise but I walked, and getting into the carriage, we passed through Todmorden into Yorkshire and down a curious narrow valley which the river Kalder runs, there being little more room for it, a navigable canal, and a turnpike road which passes through it in the bottom; and the hill on each side being very high and steep, yet populous, the houses being scattered up to the top of them. We went by Heptonbridge to Halifax, were we got about half past 9 o clock, my companion put up at an Inn, but I took up

my quarters at my cousin Joshua Smiths. The meeting began at 11 o'clock, and here I unexpectedly met with Thomas Shillitoe of Barnsley come on purpose to attend it. It was large of friends and several of other Societies came in, and I believe I may add. The Masters presence mercifully overshadowed the meeting. Barbara Hoyland had a short testimony to bear therein first. Thomas Shillitoe had a long time next from Acts C: 10. v. 34, 35. I perceive that God is no respecter of persons; But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness is accepted with him. I next from 1 Cor: C: 9. v: 24. They which run in a race, run all, but one receiveth the prize? so ran that ye may obtain. At the close of the meeting for Worship was held their Monthly meeting for discipline which consisted of 5 Preparative Meetings viz. Leeds, Bradford, Brighouse, Huddersfield and Gildersom. There was a deal of business before the meeting which was amicably conducted amongst other things for Barbara Hoyland returned the minute of this meeting given her in the last 2nd. Mo. expressive of friends unity with her concern to visit the families of friends in Sheffield and Woodhouse meetings, and gave a satisfactory account of her visit, and that in the accomplishment thereof she was favoured to feel the reward of peace. The meeting also appointed a Committee to confer with the friends of Halifax meeting about re-establishing a Week day Mg. there. Both meetings held about 4 hours. After meeting John King came to my cousins, and I went with him to John Pools to Tea, and after Tea returned to my quarters.

On 17th. and 7th. of week, After Breakfast I set out to go to see Joshua Scholefield of Sutcliffe.Woodbottom in Hipperholme, went the Hipperholme road until I came into the valley where his Parents live, and then went down the valley to the place, called first at Thomas Smiths Parents, but found only his sorrowful Mother at home, I sat and had a little conversation with her I then went to Nathaniel Scholefields, Joshuas Fathers, his Mother was in the house, but she told me he had been working at Huddersfield for several weeks passed, but expected him at home at night and that if he came, he would either come of immediately to Halifax when he knew I was there, or early the next morning, as he had frequently expressed a desire to see me, and had talked of coming to my house. I tarried upwards of half an hour with her, and then returned to Halifax the foot way; from the top of Halifax bank I had a charming prospect over the Town and the adjacent country. I got to my cousin Joshua Smiths in time to dinner; and after Tea he accompanied me to John Pools were we spent the evening and supped.

On 18th. of 1st. of week I attended their meeting at Halifax which began at 11 o'clock It is but very small of itself. There being but few members, and a few who have been disowned, and some who are under convincement, generally attend, but it was considerably enlarged to day, by the committee attending here which was appointed on 6th. day, and several other friends from different meetings were here, and a pretty many sober people of other Societies came in, and I thought the meeting was eminently favoured I had two pretty long testimonies to bear therein the first and from Isai: C: 20. v: 6. (The Lord shall be) For a spirit of judgment to him that sitteth in judgement, and for strength to them that turn the battle to the gate. And the other from Psalms 46. v: 10. I will be exalted among the heathen, and I will be exalted in the earth. Recommending them unto that state of stillness in which God is known, that this great work may be more universally experienced. At the close the meeting, the committee sat with the few friends of this meeting, and I being requested to stop with them complyed therewith; they had a very amicable conference upon the subject, and it was agreed to make tryal of holding a week day meeting in this place, which I believe will prove a blessing to them. After dinner I took leave of my cousin Smiths, and went to John Pools to call upon John King, being going with him to stop a night at his house. We stopt Tea at John Pools, and left there a little past 6 o.clock, and Joshua Scholefield not having been at Halifax, and I having brought him some Books, inclined to go by his Fathers, and Thomas Dearden and cousin Elihu Stead accompanied us thither, when we got near the place I desired Thomas Dearden to go a little before and see if Joshua was at home, he met with him in house, and he came out to meet us, told me he only got home at noon and had got an eye hurt which caused him a deal of pain, he would have me to call at his Fathers, which I did, but tarried not long

John King waited for me. Joshua Scholefield accompanied me about 1 mile and then returned, this afforded us an opportunity of conversing a little together to and mutual satisfaction.

I believe he hath not lost the impression made upon his mind by the extraordinary visitation he was favoured with, yet I thought had obedience kept pace with knowledge he might have experienced more of the renewings thereof. However I believe we was both glad of the present opportunity, and parted with each other in much nearness of affection. Got to John Kings of Brighouse about 8 o'clock were I lodg'd.

On 19th. and 2nd. of week and. I spent the forenoon very agreeably here, and then went to Thomas Coopers to dinner, and after dinner, went and sat a little at John Coopers, and took a glass of Rum and Water, here John King called upon me, and we went together to James Lees were we drunk Tea, and afterwards went and sat a little at Thomas Darnally, and then left Brighouse, John King and James Lees accompanying me by Rastrick and Netherrooidhill to Thomas Wilsons of Greenhouse, were we got about 7 o'clock, and were I lodged, but after supper the other friends returned.

On 20th. and 3rd. of week, I left here betwixt 10 and 11 o'clock in the forenoon, and came by Huddersfield to Lockwood, were I call'd to see Thomas Brook Widow stopt about half an hour, and then came by Newsom to John Issotts of Ladyhouse were I stopt betwixt 3 and 4 hours and din'd and drunk Tea, then set out John Issott accompanying me about 3 miles, and then returned, came by Farnley and Shepley home, were I got about 7 o'clock. The weather having been remarkably fine throughout this Journey, I thought I felt better at my return than when I set out.

An Account of my Journey to a Publick Meeting held at Shelley in the 5th. Mo. 1813

Our friend Isabella Harris being on a religious visit to the inhabitants of divers places accompanied by Thomas Shillitoe of Barnsley, and James Harrison. They had a meeting at Horbury on 28th. of 4th. Mo and 4th. day of the week in the Methodist Meetinghouse. On 29th. and 5th. of week at Ossett in the Independent Meetinghouse. On 30th. and 6th. of week at Holmfirth in the Methodist Meetinghouse. On 1st. of 5th. Mo and 7th. of week they went to Halifax. On 2nd. and 1st. of week, they attended the meeting at Halifax, and in the evening came to an appointed meeting at Kirkburton to be held in a large room at the inn there. When they got there the concourse of People was very great that there was no possibility of a meeting being held to satisfaction within doors, and it being a very wet night they could not bear to stand without, and the Dissenting Methodists at Shelley offering them the use of their Meetinghouse; it was concluded to hold one there the next evening. Isabella Harris address the People through the chamber window at the Inn for about quarter of an hour, concluding with informing them of the meeting to be held the evening following, and that friends would be glad of the company of such as were disposed to attend. The people then dispersed very peaceably; and the friends came to John Firths of Shepley Lanehead to lodge.

On 3rd. and 2nd. of week, John Firth sent a servant with a letter to my house requesting me to go and dine with the friends there: Accordingly I left home betwixt 10 and 11 o'clock and went to John Firths of Shepley Lanehead, were I also met with John Broadhead of Leeds, I spent the day very agreeably with friends here, Lydia Broadhead of Jacksonbridge came to Tea, and after Tea, we all went to Shelley together. The meeting began at 6 o'clock and held 3 hours and a half, It was very large and I thought eminently favoured. The People all got in but the house was very full not only the seats, but the People stood and filled the alleys also. Isabella Harris had a long time first in testimony 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. James Harrison had short time next. I had a pretty long time next from Eccle: C: 12. v: 1. Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy

youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years drawn nigh when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them. Thomas Shillitoe a long time next from John C: 4. v: 29. Come and see a man which told me all things that ever I did and, is not this but Christ. Isabella Harris a pretty long time next from Matt: C: 5. v. 34, 35, 36, 37. I say unto you, swear not at all; neither by heaven; for it his Gods throne: nor by the earth, for it is his footstool; neither by Jerusalem for it is the city of the great King. Neither shall thou swear by thy head, because thou canst not make one hair white or black. But let your communication be Yea, Yea; Nay, nay; for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil. At after a short time in silence she desired me to inform the people that the meeting was over; accordingly I stood up and said, I supposed the meeting was about to close and as I believe the minds many have been favoured to feel an awful solemnity, I desired they might go out in a quiet orderly manner, and in their return to their respective habitations, might endeavour to avoid entering into unprofitable conversation, and then added, that although Paul may Plant and Apollos Water; altho' the Lord may continue to make use of Instruments at times and seasons yet the increase of all good cometh from him; Therefore unto God I wished to leave them, and unto the teachings of his pure and spiritual Grace in the secret of their own hearts to recommend them, that they might experience a being built up in the most holy faith, and finally received an inheritance amongst the sanctified, to unite with Angels and Archangels, and spirits of just men made perfect in sounding forth the redeemers praise throughout the endless ages of eternity. Immediately after I took my seat, Thomas Shillitoe kneeled down and Prayed. The People then separated in a very becoming manner, and as I came down from the Meeting house I met with Charles Kaye of Shepley, a youth who appears to be under convincement, having attended our meetings several years; we called at George Haighs of Heymoorhouse, were we got a little refreshment; and then he accompanied me to John Firths were I called and got my supper then taking leave of the friends and the family, I came home were I got about midnight.

An Account of my Journey on a visit to the Meetings of Friends within the compass of
Brighouse Monthly Meeting: and to Publick Meetings held at Sowerbybridge, Southowram
and Lockwood in the 5th. and 6th. Mo 1813.

In the 5th. Mo. 1813, at our Monthly hold at Pontefract, I informed friends that I had a prospect upon my mind of paying a Religious visit to the meeting of friends in Brighouse Monthly Meeting, and to have a few meetings with People of other Societies within the compass of said meeting, and John Bottomley expressing that he had felt a concern to unite with me; and many friends expressing their unity therewith; The meeting gave us the following minute viz.

Minute of Pontefract Monthly Meeting held there the 17th. of 5th. Mo: 1813

Our esteemed Friends, Joseph Wood and John Bottomley, have spread before this meeting, a prospect they have of paying a religious visit to the meetings of Friends within the Brighouse Monthly Meeting; and of having a few meetings with those not professing with us, within the compass of the said meeting. After solidly considering the same, this meeting feels unity with them in the prospect, and leaves them at liberty to proceed in the service as way may open.

John Donbavand is appointed to give the said Friends a copy of this Minute

A true Copy. John of Donbavand

We set out on our said proposed journey the 28th. of the 5th. Mo 1813 and 6th. day of the week betwixt 8 and 9 o'clock in the morning, John Bottomley having come to my house to breakfast; we went by Cumberworth and Skelmanthorpe were we called about a little business at Charles Blackburns, stopt about half an hour and got a little refreshment, then went to Flockton were we stopt about half an hour and rested us at a relations of my companions, and then proceeded by Grange hall and Denby to Briestfield, were we stopt near 2 hours and din'd

at the Inn paid 8d a piece eating, and then went to Dewsbury where we got betwixt 2 and 3 o'clock, called at William Wass's whom we found dangerously ill so that we did not see him; after getting a little refreshment here, we went to George Breareys of Crackenedge where we took up our quarters. The friends of Dewsbury had at our request put off their Week day meeting until 6 o'clock this evening. A pretty many People of other Societies came in, and it was upon the whole a good meeting. John Bottomley had a pretty long time in testimony first from Rev: C: 2. v: 7. To him that overcometh, will I give to eat of the tree of life; which is in the midst of the paradise of God. Afterwards I had a very long time from John C: 14. v: 6. I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no man cometh to the Father but by me. Understanding William Wass was desirous to see us, we called in our return from the meeting and found him so weak as not to be able to speak with us but very loving and kind, and appeared much composed in his mind. As we stood by his bedside, it arose in my heart just to express, Come life or death I hoped all would be well.

On 29th. and 7th. of week we set out for Leeds betwixt 8 and 9 o'clock in the morning, George Hemingway accompanied us about 4 miles and then returned, we went by Hanging heaton, Soothill, Howleyhall, and Stumpcross to Morley where we called at John Butterworths who married my Uncle Joseph Walkers daughter, stopt there about half an hour and got some refreshment; then went to Joseph Shackletons of Holbeck mill, got there betwixt 11 and 12 o'clock, where I took up my quarters, but after dinner my companion went to his usual quarters at James Arthingtons; I accompanied him to Leeds in our way we called and sat a little at Jonathan Shackletons, when we got to Leeds, I went to Mary Frides about a little business for Charles Unsworth, and from thence to Joshua Ingles sat at little at each place, and then went to Mary Mariots where I drunk Tea. After Tea I went to see Joshua Scholefield who I understood boarded with his Brother John Scholefield. I found his house more readily than I expected, and dear Joshua there, just come in from his work, he was much surprised and pleased to see me. I tarried until he drunk Tea, and cleaned himself, and then he went with me to my quarters, and tarried all night, and slept with me, which afforded us an opportunity of conversation together to our mutual satisfaction.

On 30th. and 1st. of week, we attended their meeting at Leeds the forenoon meeting began at 10 o'clock, It was large there being a good body of friends belonging thereto. I had a long time therein in testimony first from Acts C: 4. v: 32. The multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul, neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own. John Bottomley next from Psalms 24. v: 7. Be ye lift up ye everlasting doors and the King of glory shall come in. After meeting I din'd at John Broadheads. The afternoon meeting began at 3 o'clock, it was larger than the former many people of other Societies attending. I had a very long testimony to bear therein from Heb: C: 12. v: 26, 27. Yet once more I shake not the earth only; but also heaven: And this word, Yet once more, signifieth the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that are made, that those things which cannot be shaken may remain. John Bottomley was next concerned in Prayer. and afterwards I had a short exhortation to the People. Joshua Scholefield attended both meetings and after this meeting he waited until I got a little refreshment at Joseph Tatham, and then he went with me to my quarters to Tea, where he tarried until near bed time, and then returned home, and I set him a little on his way, where we parted with feeling reluctance, being brought near and dear to each other, a secret supplication arising in my heart under a sense of the peculiar visitations he had been favoured with that he might so humbly wait for the renewings thereof, as to experience thereby a growing in the Truth, and preservation from the evils of the world.

On 31st and 2nd. of week, about 8 o'clock in the morning we set out for Gildersome 4 miles, William Thorp was our guide got to John Ellis's betwixt 9 and 10 where we rested and got Tea, The meeting began at 11, besides John Ellis's scholars 33 persons attended 5 of which were People of other Societies, It was an exceeding low time in the forepart thereof, but ended comfortably. I had a pretty long time testimony first from Lev: C: 2. v: 13. With all thine offerings thou shalt offer salt. John Bottomley next from Cant: C: 2. v: 3. As the apple

tree among the trees of the wood, so is my beloved among the sons. I sat down under his shadow with great delight, and his fruit was sweet to my taste. I next from Psalms 37. v: 25. I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken; nor his seed begging bread. After meeting we din'd at Joseph Horsfalls and drunk Tea at each Gervas Elams; and about 6 o clock we set out for Bradford 7 miles Joseph Gelder being our guide, we went by Adwalton or Athertown, Drighlington, Wisket hill and Dudley hill, and got to Bradford about 8 o'clock were we took up our quarters at William Mauds.

On 1st. of 6th. Mo. and 3rd. of week, After breakfast we went to Barbara Hoylands and Cousin William Woods sat a little at each place, and took some refreshment at the latter, and from thence went to the meeting which began at 11 o clock 49 persons attended. It was a precious season of divine favour, John Bottomley had a long time in testimony first 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 next 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. John Bottomley next in Prayer. and afterwards I had a short testimony by way of caution to the beloved youth from Gen: C: 25. v: 32. Behold I am at the point to die; and what profit shall this birthright be to me. This afternoon we drunk Tea at Barbara Hoylands, and after Tea went to Charles and Henry Harris's were we sat a little and took a glass of wine. Then went to cousin William Woods, whilst we was set here John Snowden a young man who joined our Society by convincement came in, he hath lately appeared with a few words in meetings, and seems hopeful, I was much pleased with the short opportunity in his company. From hence we returned to our quarters.

On 2nd. and 4th. of week, we sent out for Halifax 8 miles, a little past 6 in the morning, cousin William Wood was our guide went by Little.Horton to Shelf were we rested half an hour at the Shoulder of Mutton and got some Rum and milk, then proceeded by Northowran to Halifax were we got a little past 9 o.clock and breakfasted at the White.Swan. The meeting began at 11, betwixt 20 and 30 persons attended, several of whom were persons of other Societies. It was an open favoured meeting, I was first concerned therein in supplication, John Bottomley had a pretty long time next in testimony from Matt: C: 18. v: 20. Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them. I had a long time next from 1 Chron: C: 14. v: 15. When thou shalt hear a sound of going as 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 short time next from John C: 11. v: 28. The master is come, and calleth for thee. I next from Isai: C: 60. v: 1. Arise shine, for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. After meeting we din'd at cousin Elihu Steads were my companion took up his quarters. This afternoon we drunk Tea at Thomas Deardens, and went from thence to John Pools to supper, were I lodg'd. His Wife hath now wholly left the Methodists, and he is come much nearer to Truth and friends constantly attending meetings, and I shall not be surprized to hear of his entirely leaving the Methodists, as the present visit hath been singularly blessed to him.

On 3rd. and 5th. of week, we din'd at cousin Joshua Smiths, and betwixt 2 and 3 o.clock in the afternoon set out for Sowerby.bridge 2 miles were a Publick meeting was appointed to be held this evening, cousin Joshua Smith was our guide thither, we went to Joshua Stansfields of Handgreen were we took up our quarters this night. After Tea we went to Sowerbybridge, the meeting began at 6 in the evening, It was held in the Methodist Meetinghouse a very large building and about 600 persons attended, and I had a very long testimony to bear therein from Zech: C: 13. v: 1. In that day there shall be a fountain opened to the house of David, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, for sin and for uncleanness. John Bottomley was afterwards concerned in prayer. I then expressed my obligation to the People for favouring us with their company, whereby I had been enabled to discharge a debt which I believe to be due unto them, then saluting them in that love which many waters cannot quench nor distance separate, I bade them all Farewel. The meeting held 2 hours and a half. Most of those whom Thomas Shillitoe and me visited in their houses were there and appeared

glad to see me, as I was them. Also Samuel Hill a pretty youth about 23 years of age spoke with me after meeting, he is brother to John Hill who suffered at York, and when we was there had fled his country and durst not return, his mother had buried her husband not long before who had left her with many children, and after her son suffered, she had none capable of managing her farm but this, and she was in great trouble and difficulties, and understanding he bore a very good character, and that he had never gone out with them but thro' threatening; we interceded with Justice Radcliffe on his behalf who when he heard his case promised us if he was brought before him he would do his best to liberate him; being encouraged he returned home, and appearing before a Magistrate got his liberty for which he appears very thankful. I was much comforted with the short opportunity I had with him and was strengthened to drop some suitable advice to him, which he received kindly and I believe in a disposition of mind desirous to profit by it.

John Drake and his Wife who lives near the Meetinghouse and appear to be in affluence, kindly took us to his house and gave us some suitable refreshment, and then we returned to our quarters.

On 4th. and 6th. of week not feeling my mind fully relieved to Samuel Hill, After breakfast I set out to see him at his Mothers at North.dean, had a pleasant walk thither, and when there, had an agreeable opportunity in conversation with him and his Mother. After which I set out for Halifax and Samuel accompanied me thither, and then return'd, this afforded me an opportunity of fully relieving my mind to him and I was very much pleased with his company, and when we parted it appeared to be very affectionately. We called by the way at his Uncle Abraham Haighs of Bottom.hall for an Letter wrote by his Brother John to his Wife the day before he suffered; they was very kind, we stopt there about half an hour and I took a glass of Rum and water with them. Got to John Pools in Halifax about 12 o.clock, were I met with my companion, and were we din'd. A little past 3 o.clock we set out for Southowram were a Publick meeting was appointed to be held this evening, got there a little past 4 to the Sine of the Pack.horse were we drunk Tea, The meeting began at 6 and held near 2 hours and a half. It was held in a very large Barn belonging to Aaron Aspinall, 18 yards long and 12 wide with the mistal and hayloft open to it, upon which we sat and had a rail before us, Friends seated the body of the Barn fully with forms, planks and chairs. They had first got leave of the Trustees to have the Methodist Meetinghouse but when the high Priest of the district who had assumed the title of Reverend heard thereof, he absolutely refused us having it, and thereby a more convenient and larger place was procured, and it was thought upwards of 600 people attended, It was an highly favoured meeting, I had a very long time therein in testimony 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, which 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 towards God and toward man. John Bottomley had a long time next from Matt: C: 5. v: 6. Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled. I had a pretty long time next from Gal: C: 3. v: 16. Now to Abraham and his Seed were the promises made, he saith not. And two seats, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is christ. After a short silence, as I stood up and commended People for their good behaviour, and after dropping a few exhortations to them concluded with expressing my desire, "That the grace of our Lord Jesus.christ, the love of God, and the Fellowship of the Holy.Ghost, might be with us all, always, Amen." and getting some suitable refreshment at the Inn, we set out for Brighouse 2 miles and a half in company with Elizabeth Lees and Elizabeth Cooper. The men friends Being engaged in getting some of the things home, We came by Chapel.in.brier and Brookfoot to Brighouse were we got a little before 10 o.clock The Meeting being large and I much spent with the exercise therein caused us to stop longer at the Inn. I took up my quarters here at John Kings, and my companion at John Coopers. John Lees and John King at met us at Halifax on 4th. day and undertook to assist in procuring and preparing places for the beforementioned Publick meetings, and

indeed they spared no pains in giving information to the People etc. I hope they will not lose their reward.

On 5th. and 7th. of week, After breakfast I took a walk up that pleasant valley to Hipperholme.Woodbottom to see Thomas Smiths afflicted Parents (he was one of the 3 young men who suffered for the murder of William Horsfall) Also to see Joshua Scholefield Parents; stopt about 1 hour at each place, and then returned to dinner. In the afternoon I drunk Tea at John Coopers, his Brother Thomas Cooper had lately married her Mary Bleckley of Chatteris in Cambridgeshire a ministering friend, and they was expected home to night but from some hindrance in the journey it was after 12 o clock before they reached here, however We was favoured with her company at the Meeting next day. After Tea I went and sat at little at James Lees, and then return'd to my quarters.

On 6th. and 1st. of week, we was at their Meeting at Brighouse, which began at 11 o.clock and tho' it was attended with some close labour it was pretty open and satisfactory. Several friends from other meetings attended and a pretty many People of other Societies came in, so that the Meetinghouse was pretty well filled I had a long time therein in testimony first from 2 Cor: C: 1. v: 12. For 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, and we have had our conversation in the world. John Bottomley had a pretty long time next from Cant: C: 2. v: 3, 4. I sat down under his shadow with great delight, and his fruit was sweet to my taste. He brought me to the banqueting house, and his banner over me was love. I next from Eccle: C: 11. v: 1. Cast thy bread upon the waters: for thou shall find it a after many days. John Bottomley next in Prayer. And afterwards Mary Cooper had a short testimony from 1 Cor: C: 3. v: 6. I have planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase. After dinner I called at Thomas Coopers and sat a little were I met up with my companion, and we went together to James Lees's is tutti. After Tea my companion went to Joseph Firths of Toothhill to lodge, but I inclined to go into the neighbourhood of Huddersfield to lodge The weather having been remarkably fine since we left home and tilt the this afternoon when it began at to be showery and I thought if it should prove a wet morning I might suffer by it. I therefore went and sat a little at Thomas Darnalleys, and return'd to James Lees's expecting to set off pretty directly, but soon after I return'd, John Paul and his wife and Thomas Dearden came in from Halifax having a desire to see us again, their company being so very agreeable to me I stopt with them until near 8 o.clock, and then set out in company with Mary Horsfall and Elizabeth Wilson of Greenhouse, Mary Thompson of Rawden Mg. John King and his Apprentices, William Stansfield and Richard Pollard the latter not a member of our society, but appears to be under religious exercise, and hath of late attended friends meetings at times. We went by Rastrick and Netherroidhill to Thomas Wilsons of Greenhouse, got very little before 9 o.clock were I tarried all night, but after supper John King and the other two young men return'd.

On 7th. and 2nd. of week, This morning my companion came here to Breakfast, and Joseph Fryer junr. with him as guide, After breakfast we set out together for Huddersfield were we stopt do a cousin Abraham Mallinsons and got some fresh went before we went to the meeting which began at 11 o.clock. It was pretty large several friends of other meetings being there, and a few of other Societies came in, and it proved a pretty open favoured meeting. John Bottomley had a long time therein in testimony 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 out also 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. I next from Eccle: C: 12. v: 13. Fear God, and keep his commandments; for this is the whole duty of man. John Bottomley had a short time next, and afterwards I had a pretty long time from 1 Kin: C: 18. Fee. 21. How long halt ye between two opinions? If the Lord be God have follow him. After meeting we took a glass of wine at John Fishers; and then went to cousin Joseph Mallinsons to dine, were I took a my quarters. After dinner John King and me went to see George Mellors Mother, she appeared very much pleased to see us, we sat at little with her and then return'd.

At 6 in the evening we had a Publick meeting at Lockwood about half a mile from here, several friends accompanied us thither, It was held in the Baptist Meetinghouse and I thought about 400 persons attended. It was an open good meeting. I had a very long time in testimony therein first, from Acts C: 8. v: 26. The angel of the Lord spoke unto Philip, saying, Arise and go toward the south, unto the way that goeth down from Jerusalem unto Gaza, which is desert. I had a short exhortation next. John Bottomley had a long time in testimony next from Isaiah: C: 3. v: 10. Say you to the righteous that it shall go well with them. Afterwards I had a short exhortation, concluding with recommending them to attend to that spirit which pointed out unto Philip where he ought to go, and afterwards the service the Lord had for him to do, and then saluting them in Gospel love, bade them all Farewel. The meeting held 2 hours and three quarters. After meeting we went to Thomas Brook Widows, and cousin Joseph Mallinson having brought a little Rum in his Pocket we took a little mixt with water, and then my companion went from here to Thomas Wilsons of Greenhouse to Lodge, but I returned to my quarters were I got a little after 9 o'clock. This contrary to expectation the evening before, proved a fair morning, and the weather continued fine until we reached home.

On 8th. and 3rd. of week, After breakfast I went and sat a little at John Wommersleys, and from thence I came to cousin Abraham Mallinsons, were my companion met me, we got an early dinner here and left Huddersfield betwixt 11 and 12 o'clock and came by Almondbury and Woodsom hall on to Burton dean were we separated, and I came to Thunderbridge were I called to see Grace Astin, rested me he there upwards of half an hour, and then came by Shepley home were I got betwixt 3 and 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

An account of a Publick Meeting held at Highflatts in the 6th. Mo. 1813.

On the 14th. of the 6th. Mo. 1813, and 2nd. day of the week before our Monthly Meeting, in the morning; Isabella Harris inform'd me of her concern to have a meeting with the inhabitants of this part of our Meeting house at Highflatts the next day in the evening. Accordingly I informed friends there of at the closer of the meeting for discipline, and Joshua Dyson was nominated to give information there of to the inhabitants of Ing.Birchworth, and John Priest to Denby, Edward Dickinson to Dykeside Richard Mallinson to Cumberworth, and Charles Hinchcliffe to Shepley, and friends in their respective situations were desired to inform their neighbours, and as much as possible to set their servants and work People at liberty who were not members of our society to attend, and as it was supposed meeting might be very large and perhaps more than the house would contain, friends were requested to give way to other People and not take up the room in the Meetinghouse only such as were necessary to attend to sit with the friends in the gallery, and to direct the People to their seats.

On 15th. and 3rd. of week, Isabella Harris and Susanna Dickinson came to my house after breakfast, and spent the day at my house, until 4 o clock in the afternoon, when it George Hemingway, then Leah Kinsley and me, went with them Tea to Richard Dickinsons of Highflatts Soon after we got there, it began to rain, and proved a very wet evening. The meeting began at 6 o'clock and held 3 hours, and considering the wetness of the night and the difficulty of getting through the wet grass and corn from many places was much larger than could have been expected the Meetinghouse and greatest part of the chamber being very well filled. Owing to the rain it was very long in gathering, but when the People were collected a remarkable silence ensued, a sweet solemnity covered the meeting, and a precious season of the shedding abroad of divine love was experienced by many, and I believe the power of Truth was felt to overshadow the whole. Isabella Harris had a very long time therein in testimony first from Isai: C: 9. v. 5, 6, 7. Every battle of the warrior is with confused noise, and garments rolled in blood; but this shall be with burning and fuel a fire. For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name should 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. I had a long time next from, John C: 4. v. 23, 24. 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. God is a spirit; and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth. Isabella Harris next in Prayer. And at the close of the meeting, she stood up and said she felt most easy to express, that her Spirit had been nearly bound in Gospel fellowship with some states present, and if they should never see the faces of one another more in a mutability, if they were but faithful to the manifestations of the light received, she could freely bid them God speed. After meeting George Hemingway and me stopt supper at Richard Dickinsons were Isabella Harris lodged, and sitting a while after supper, we returned to Newhouse were we got about 11 o'clock.

On 16th. and 4th. of week, George Hemingway from near Dewsbury a young man under convincement and to whom I had felt my mind nearly united, having never been in this part before he came to this monthly meeting. and I asking him after meeting to stop a few days with me, he appeared pleased with the opportunity, and cheerfully embraced it, and I hope it was a profitable time to him, the longer we were together the nearer we became to each other, and the more unwilling we appeared to part, and Isabella Harris expressing her desire the evening before to see us again this morning, we went to Highflatts and breakfasted at Richard Dickinsons, were we tarried until she set out for home, and then went and sat a little at Elihu Dickinsons, then from thence to John Pickfords of Parkhead, and from thence to John Mallinsons of Birdsedge, sat a little at each place and then returned to dinner. In the afternoon we went and drunk Tea at John Bottomleys of Wood.

On 17th. and 5th. of week, betwixt and 2 o'clock in the afternoon George Hemingway set out towards home and I accompanied him by Cumberworth to Robert Woods of Moorbottom were we sat about half an hour, and before we set out took a Little cake and Ale, I then went with him about half a mile further, were we parted in much nearness of affection, and I came to George Haighs of Heighmoorhouse were I sat a little, and then came to John Hagues of Shepley were I drunk Tea, and in my return from thence I called and sat a little at John Firths, my beloved friend Joseph Firth set me part of the way home, were I got about 10 o'clock.

An Account of my Journey to Publick Meetings held at Denbydykeside and Jackson Bridge in the 7th. Mo. 1813

Our esteemed friend Isabella Harris of Ackworth having some time ago spread a concern that had been some time on her mind to pay a religious visit to the inhabitants of some places within the compass of our Monthly Meeting before the friends thereof, and having the full unity and approbation of the said meeting to proceed therein from time to time as Truth might open her way. She found her way open to have meetings in her way to our Monthly meeting to be held at Wooldale, with the inhabitants of Denbydykeside, and Jacksonbridge, and parts adjacent, and accordingly I received a message from her to procure places for holding the said meetings in, and to take care that suitable notice thereof was given to the inhabitants; accordingly I got leave to have the Methodists Meetinghouse at Denbydykeside, and by putting up papers there and in the villages of Denby and Lower Cumberworth, the first day before, the inhabitants for many miles around got information.

On 16th. and 7th. month 1813, Isabella Harris accompanied by James Harrison got to my house to dinner, it being the 6th. day of the week. Having previously received an invitation from Joshua Morleys of Denbydykeside to drink Tea there this afternoon we complyed therewith, and I went a little before the friends on foot, and William Taylor accompanied them thither with their carriage. We were kindly received and hospitably entertained by them, The meeting began at 6 o'clock and held upwards of 3 hours, the Meetinghouse is very large,

and a great concourse of People attended, altho' the house was not quite full, there being some spare seats. We were dipt into and had to speak to various states, I believe in the power and authority of the Gospel of christ; the language of encouragement flowed freely unto those under every name who were desirous that their obedience might keep pace with the knowledge they was favoured with; whilst those who were living upon former experiences, and settling down at ease in the observation of outward forms, suffering a Laodicean lukewarmness to prevail over them, were faithfully warned of their danger. and I thought it was an highly favoured meeting. Isabella Harris had a very long Testimony to bear therein first from Jer: C: 2. v: 13. My people have committed two evils; they have forsaken me the fountains of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns that can hold no water. James Harrison dropt a few words next. I had a long time next from John C: 10. v: 4, 5. When he put his forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep know him; for they know his voice. And a stranger will they not follow. At the close of the meeting I acknowledged our obligation unto the People for favouring us with their company, as it had afforded my friend an opportunity to discharge a debt which had been long due to the inhabitants of this part, and after a short exhortation saluted them in that love which continues to breathe Peace on earth, and goodwill unto the whole human race; and bade them all Farewel. We return'd to Joseph Morleys, from whence the friends accompanied by William Taylor went by Cumberworth to my house, and after getting a little refreshment I came home up the valley in company with Charles Unsworth, were we just met with the other friends in my yard, and all got to Newhouse about quarter before 11 o'clock.

On 17th. and 7th. of week, the friends spent this day at my house until betwixt 5 and 6 o'clock in the evening and then went to George Broadheads of Jacksonbridge, were we had a comfortable day together, feeling that peace and serenity of mind, the effect of unreserved obedience. In the afternoon Ann Dent from Nottinghamshire who was on a visit to Highflatts, and her niece Mary Dickinson came to see us, and stop Tea.

On 18th. and 1st. of week, After breakfast, I set out to attend a meeting at Wooldale went to John Pickfords of Parkhead were I tarried until Charles Unsworth came to me, who accompanied me thither, we called upon the friends at George Broadhead to Jacksonbridge were we got a little refreshment and then went by Scholes and Tottis to Wooldale. At the meeting at Wooldale was a very heavy exercising one, and we have plain close labour in testimony towards the close thereof to some states. Isabella Harris had a long time first from Psalms 137. v. 3, 4. They that carried us away captive required of us a song, and they that wasted us required of us mirth, saying, Sing us one of the songs of Zion. How shall we sing the Lords song in a strange land. James Harrison dropt a few words next. I had a pretty long time next from Job C: 21. v: 14. They say unto God, depart from us; we desire not the knowledge of thy ways. Isabella Harris was next concerned in Prayer. After meeting we din'd at Henry Swires, and James Harrison and Isabella Harris at John Brooks, and after dinner we all went to Tea, to George Broadheads of Jackson Bridge, were we all lodg'd that night. Henry Swire accompanied, Charles Unsworth and me thither. At 6 in the evening we had a Publick meeting in the Methodist Meetinghouse there which was exceeding large the house being extremely crowded, and many without that could not get in It was supposed there were about to 1200 people there although the notice what but short of being only given out at the close of their afternoon meeting there was variety of state, and amongst the number I believed there was some tender minds. It was an open good meeting, and we were enabled to relieve our minds fully to the various states as they were opened before us, and I believe the Lord was pleased to open the door of utterance, and I believe of entrance in the hearts of many, if there is but a continuance to improve thereby, they will have to remember with thankfulness this opportunity of extraordinary favour. Isabella Harris had a very long testimony therein first from Joel C: 2. v. 15, 16, 17. Blow the trumpet in Zion, sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly; gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders; gather the children, and those that suck the breast, let the bridegroom go forth of his chamber, and the bride out of her closet. Let the priest, the ministers of the Lord, weep upon 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. James Harrison next few words. I had a very long time next from Isaiah: C: 42. v. 6, 7. I the Lord have called the in Righteousness, and will hold thine hand, and we keep thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, for a light of the Gentiles; to open a blind eyes, to bring out the prisoners from the prison, and them that sit in darkness out of the prison house. At the close of the meeting I inform'd the People It was about to conclude acknowledged their commendable behaviour considering the exceeding great crowd, and the heat; desiring them to withdraw quietly, and in returning to their respective habitations to avoid entering into an profitable conversation, the the fowls of the air might not pick up the seed sown, and after a few more short exhortations to them, this great multitude separated in a becoming manner.

On 19th. and 2nd. of week, After breakfast we went to Wooldale to attend our Monthly meeting to be held there and took a cup of tea at Henry Swires. The meeting was not only large of friends but many of other Societies attended so that both the house and chamber was very much crowded, we was favoured with the company of Sarah Charman from Surrey who was just entering upon a religious visit to the meetings of friends in Yorkshire, Lancashire, Durham, part of Westmorland and Cumberland. Towards the close of the meeting Isabella Harris dropt a few words and afterwards Sarah Charman had two short but very acceptable testimonies to bear the first from John C: 12. v: 5. Without me ye can do nothing. And the other from John C: 7. V: 6. My time is not yet come, but your time is always ready. At the close of the meeting for Worship I requested the Men and Women members of our Society to stop a little together; when I spread before them a concern that had been long upon my mind to the Meetings of friends in Herefordshire, Worcestershire, enormous ship, Gloucestershire, Wiltshire, Berkshire, Oxfordshire and a few meetings in some adjacent counties. Also to have some meetings with the inhabitants of some places, and to take a few going and returning. Many friends had to speak encouragingly and after the Women friends were withdrawn aiming it was made expressive of the Meetings unity therewith, and some friends appointed to prepare a Certificate against our next Monthly Meeting. We had a great deal of business before the meeting for Discipline today, amongst other things Our Friend Sarah Charman Certificate of the friends of Dorking Monthly meeting in Surrey was read and minuted. At the conclusion of the business the printed Yearly Meeting Epistle was read. Both meetings held 4 hours and a half and the Publick meeting at Jacksonbridge the evening before held upwards of 3 hours. When the meeting for Worship was over, Charles Unsworth set out for home and Thomas Bromley and George Hemingway two young men from near Dewsbury who are under convincement went with him to dine at my house, and after dinner set out towards home. I din'd at Henry Swires, and from thence went by Newmill to Foulstone were I drunk Tea at Samuel Woodheads, and then went to Henry Marsden's of Dobroyd were I stopt but a little before I proceeded to John Firths of Lanehead were I stopt near an hour and took a glass of Rum and Water, then came home were I got betwixt 8 and 9 o'clock. John Firth accompanying me the greatest part of the way, and then returned I understood no friends lodg'd at my house the night before except William Bayldon of Barnsley.

An Account of my Journey on a religious visit to the Meetings of friends in Herefordshire, Worcestershire, Monmouthshire, Gloucestershire, Wiltshire, Berkshire, Oxfordshire etc and to Publick Meetings held at Stafford, at Bewdley, Kidderminster and Bromsgrove in Worcestershire, at Hereford and Kington in Herefordshire, and New.Radnor, at Hay in Brecknockshire, at Monmouth and Wallingford in Berkshire, at Oxford, and at Ashbourne and Birchill near Dronfield in Derbyshire in 1813.

Having spread a concern, which had been a long time on my mind, of paying air religious visit to the meetings of friends in Herefordshire, Worcestershire, Monmouthshire,

Gloucestershire, Wiltshire, Berkshire, Oxfordshire, and a few Meetings in some adjacent Counties, and to have some meetings with the inhabitants of some places in those parts, also to take a few meetings in going and returning; before our Monthly Meeting in the 7th. Mo. 1813, held at Wooldale, and the meeting having unity with my concern appointed 3 friends to prepare a Certificate for me against I next Monthly Meeting. And my esteemed friend William Midgley of Buersill near Rochdale in Lancashire Having given up to accompany me this Journey, and convey me in his Chaise, came to my house, on 14th. of 8th. Mo. 1813 and 7th. day of the week, and got there about 8 o'clock in the evening.

On 15th. and 1st. of week, we attended our Meeting at Highflatts, which was a very low time in the forepart thereof, but Truth gradually arose, and was comfortably in dominion before the meeting ended. I had a long testimony to bear therein from 2 Cor: C: 13. The: 14. The grace of our Lord Jesus.christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy.Ghost be with you all, Amen. And afterwards had a short time from Prof: C: for 4. V: 23. Keep thine heart with all diligence for out of of it up of the issues of life. After meeting my be loved friend Joseph Firth of Shepley Lanehead came to dine at my house, has spent the afternoon very agreeably with us: after Tea he set out for home and I accompanied him a little, and then we took leave of each other in much nearness of affection.

On 16th. and 2nd. of week, we left my house at 7 o'clock in the morning, for our Monthly meeting to be held at Burton, went by Denby, Dakinbrook, and Cawthorne to Barnsley were we got about 9 o'clock and took up our quarters at John Yeardleys. After getting Tea there we went to Burton, the meeting was very large many being under the necessity are sitting upstairs, and I thought it was a remarkably favoured Meeting. I had a long testimony to bear there in from John C: 4. v: 5 Say not ye, there are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? Beheld I say unto you, lift up your eyes and look on the fields, for they are white already unto harvest. John Bottomley had afterwards a pretty long time from Psalms 8. V: 4. What is man that thou art mindful of him? Or the son of man that thou visited him. At the close of the Meeting for Worship was held our Monthly meeting for discipline, in which a great deal of business was very unanimously gone through. Amongst other things John Bottomley laid before us a concern which had long been on his mind to pay a religious visit to the families of friends in some parts of Hardshaw Monthly Meeting in Lancashire particularly in Manchester, Warrington and Liverpool meetings, but having omitted mentioning it before the Women friends withdrew it was referred to our next Meeting. Also a few lines were received from Isabella Harris who was on a visit at her daughters and North Shields expressing her concern to have some meetings with the Sailors and other inhabitants of that neighbourhood: the Meeting after solidly considering the same drew up a minute expressive of our unity therewith appointed a friend to forward a copy thereof to her. Also the friends appointed last month produced the following certificate of friends Unity with my concern which being read and approved was Signed both by the Men and Womens Meetings at large. Both meetings held 4 hours and a half.

To the Friends of the Countess of Herefordshire, Worcestershire, Monmouthshire, Gloucestershire, Wiltshire, Berkshire, and Oxfordshire.

Dear Friends

Our esteemed friend Joseph Wood, having spread before us a concern which have for a considerable time attended his a mind, of paying a religious visit to the Meetings of Friends within the counties of Herefordshire, Worcestershire, Monmouthshire, Gloucestershire, Wiltshire, Berkshire, and Oxfordshire; likewise of having a few Meetings in some adjacent Counties, and some Publick Meetings with the inhabitants not in religious profession with us, in some of those parts, as well as of taking some Meetings on his way in going and returning.

these are to certify, that he is a Minister in good esteem amongst us; and, after due deliberation on the subject, we feel unity and sympathy with him in his prospect; leaving him at liberty to proceed as a way may open; and we are desirous that his labourers may tend to

the edification of those who are visited; and that he may be enabled to so to fulfil the portion of Labour allotted to him, as to return home with the reward of Peace

We are with Love your Friends

Signed in and on behalf of Pontefract Monthly Meeting, held at Burton, the 16th. of 8th. Month 1813

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| Joshua Walker | John Yeardley | Charles Stead |
| Leonard West | John Hoyl | Benjamin Jowitt junr. |
| Henry Swire | John Gott | George Stead |
| Christopher Walker | George Earnshaw | William Pickard |
| John Mallinson | John Firths junr. | Joseph Haigh |
| John Bottomley | Joseph Bottomley | William Wass |
| William Thompson | Edward Dickinson | James Arthington Wilson |
| John Robinson | John Pilmer | Joseph Pickard |
| John Brook | Samuel Wood | Charles Hinchcliffe |
| Elihu Dickinson Tanr. | John Fozard | James Booth Woodhead |
| Thomas Earnshaw | Robert Wood | Joshua Dyson |
| John Firth | Job Jepson | Samuel Walker |
| Robert Harrison | William Bayldon | Henry Marsden |
| Robert Whitaker | Joshua Earnshaw | William Taylor |
| John Brook | James Wigham | Joseph Lister |
| John Lister | Richard Mallinson | Samuel Evans |
| Thomas Yeardley | George Brearey | Elizabeth Johnson |
| Hannah Wigham | Hannah Earnshaw | Mary Walton |
| Jane Woodhead | Isabella Hannah | Susanna Dickinson |
| Elizabeth Swire | Susanna Harvey | Hannah Shillitoe |
| Ann Thorpe | Elizabeth Yeardley | Elizabeth Roberts |
| Mary Shillitoe | Mary Dickinson | Susanna Lister |

From Burton we return to Barnsley, and after dinner went to Tea to Thomas Shillitoes, and in returning from thence to our quarters, called and sat a little at William Harveys

On 17th. and 3rd. of week, about 8 o'clock in the morning we set out for Sheffield 14 miles called at an Inn near Ecclesfield were we got a little refreshment, got to Sheffield about 12 were we din'd and drunk Tea at my Brother Daniel Doncasters. In the afternoon went to see Sarah Wright and Jane Colley who had both been long confined at through indisposition; the former I did not expect to see any more, and so it proved, she dying in a few weeks after. After Tea we set out for Bakewell in Derbyshire 16 miles, were we got about half past 8 o'clock and took up our quarters at William Gauntleys.

On 18th. and 4th. of week we set out a little after 9 o'clock in the morning, in company with several friends of this Town to their meeting at Monyash 5 miles, which began at 11 o'clock, 16 persons attended, it was a pretty satisfactory meeting, and I had a long testimony to bear there in from Jer: 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 to your souls. After meeting we din'd at an house in the village of some provisions, the friends of Bakewell brought with them for that purpose. About 3 o'clock we set out for Leek in Staffordshire 15 miles, John Bowman a pretty youths about 17 years of age being our guide, the road was very hilly, we went by Longnor in Staffordshire to the Royal.cottage at Middlehill were we drunk Tea, got to Leek betwixt 7 and 8 o'clock, were we took up our quarters at Tofts Chorleys. In the evening he shewed us several letters in the own handwriting of George Fox, James Naylor, John and Ambrose Rigg.

On 19th. and 5th. of week, we had a meeting at Leek which began at 11 o'clock, 43 persons attended. Strength was afforded to relieve my mind fully to various states as they opened before me, having a long testimony to bear therein from 2 Tim: C: 2. v: 19. The

foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, the Lord knoweth them that are his. and afterwards was concerned in Prayer. Immediately after dinner we set out for Doxey near Stafford 24 miles, Edward West a young man being our guide. We walked with dear Francis West and his Wife about half a mile to their house at Little Birchall were we sat a little and took a glass of Rum and Water, set forward about half past 2 o'clock and went to Meerheath were we drunk Tea at the Wind.mill, and then proceeded, at Sandon our guide missed his way, taking the Rugeley road which caused us 2 miles more roding, we went through Stafford to William Masters of Doxey were we got about half past 8 in the evening, but to my great disappointment found him not at home, he being gone a Journey of business into Wales.

On 20th. and 6th. of week, my mind was much exercised about having a Publick Meeting at Stafford this evening, but William Masters being from home, and the family very busy in their harvest, I knew not how it would be obtained; but acquainting his Sister Ellin who keeps his house, and is a choice friend, with my concern; she exerted herself therein, and got the County hall procured and notice given of the meeting to the inhabitants of the Town, and walked with us thither in the afternoon 1 mile and a half, were we drunk Tea at James Nixons. The meeting began at 6 in the evening and held 2 hours and a quarter It was not large for the place, yet I think upwards of 100 people attended, they were long in gathering, and it was a very laborious time in the forepart thereof, but ended comfortably. I had a very long testimony to bear therein from Heb: C: 9. v. 27, 28. As it is appointed unto men

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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, At the close of the meeting I had a short exhortation to the People, concluding with bidding them all Farewel. After meeting we got some suitable refreshment at James Nixons, and then returned to Doxy feeling much relieved in my mind with the beforementioned opportunity.

On 21st. and 7th. of week, about 10 o.clock in the forenoon, we set out for Dudley in Worcestershire 25 miles, Joseph Rutter a friend who is Apprentice to William Masters being our guide, went by Stafford and Penkridge to the 4 oaks, were we got some refreshment and then proceeded by Wolverhampton to Dudley were we got about half past 3 o.clock and alighted at Thomas Martins were I took up my quarters, but my companion lodg'd at Joseph Cowdry's. After Tea I went to Marshall Williams's to see my beloved friend Job Pitt our joy was mutual when we met, and cannot be set forth in words, I sat with him a considerable time at his Masters and then he went with me to Edward Bridgewaters, were we stopt a little, and he related to us a remarkable occurrence that had lately happened near this Town viz. On the 10th. of this month the roof of a Colliery fell in when the men were at work and inclosed 8 of them therein; and notwithstanding they wrought night and day to get them, they could not effect it until the 16th in the afternoon, when they got them out alive; and with great care, they appear at present likely to do well; The only support they had whilst in the pit was the water which dropt from the roof, and some little candle which one of them ate. From thence I return'd to my quarters.

On 22nd. and 1st. of week, After Breakfast I went to Joseph Cowdry's, were I tarried until we went together to meeting, before we set out I took a glass of wine. The forenoon meeting began at 10 o.clock, 31 persons attended, I was favoured with strength to relieve my mind amongst them, having a long testimony to bear from Luke C: 16. v: 13. Ye cannot serve God and mammon. Many were much broken and tendered, and I thought it was a good meeting, and a time of renewed visitation unto many. The afternoon meeting at my request was put off until 6 in the evening, and notice thereof given to the inhabitants. I went with dear Job Pitt to dine from this meeting at his Masters Marshall Williams, and after dinner went with Job Pitt to a room he had taken to reside in at present, where we drunk Tea, and spent the remainder of the afternoon very comfortably by ourselves until 6 o.clock at which time the Publick Meeting began, and held 2 hours. It was very large open and satisfactory, Both ends of the Meetinghouse and chamber were crowded, and great number stood without, and many went away who could not get near, and the behaviour of the whole was very commendable. I had a very long testimony to bear therein from Deut: C: 32. v. 11, 12. As an eagle stirreth in 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 I was concerned in Prayer. After meeting I got some suitable refreshment at Marshall Williams's, and then return'd to my quarters.

On 23rd. and 2nd. of week, we set out to about half past 8 o.clock in the morning for Stourbridge 5 miles Benjamin Leay and Edward Bridgwater being our guides, we got there about half past 9. and took up our quarters at Sarah Lowe's The meeting began at 11 o.clock 38 persons attended. I had a very long testimony to bear therein from Rev: C: 15. v: 2, I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire; and them that had gotten the victory over the beast,

and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God. In the afternoon we drunk Tea at William Beavingtons, and after Tea went and sat a little at Jesse Baileys a friend who had joined our Society by convincement, but had since run out in to imaginations, we had a good deal of conversation with him but not too much purpose except the relieving of our own minds, he appearing very dark and ignorant. From thence we went and sat a little at Thomas Taylors, and afterwards return'd to our quarters.

On 24th. and 3rd. of week, about 9 o'clock in the morning we set out for Bewdley 11 miles, were a Publick meeting was appointed to be held this evening. Samuel Hudson and Charles Beavington and being our guide, and dear Job Pitt of Dudley called upon us intending to bear us company several days, which was very acceptable to me. We went by Kidderminster to Bewdley where we got about 12 o'clock, and took up our quarters at Joseph Sheward Cotterills, at the Summerhouse nearly adjoining the Town, one of the prettiest places, and commands one of the most beautiful and variegated prospects I ever before beheld. Joseph is the only member of our Society in this place and he is far from making a consistent appearance, but was uncommon kind to us, The meeting have been for some time discontinued at the Meetinghouse, but was held there this evening and began at 6 o'clock. It was very large, both ends of the Meetinghouse and chamber being very much crowded, and some were obliged to stand without doors. It was a remarkable favoured meeting, and I had a very long testimony to bear therein from 1 Cor: C: 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 the Greeks foolishness; but unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God. Afterwards I had a short exhortation to the People. The meeting held 2 hours. After getting a little suitable refreshment at an house near the Meetinghouse, which friends had provided for me; we returned to our quarters.

On 25th. and 4th. of week, we had a Publick Meeting at Kidderminster, left Bewdley about 9 o'clock in the morning, and got there about half past, 3 miles, the friends who was with us yesterday still accompanying us, and several other friends from Stourbridge met us here, we put up here at the Lyon there being no friends in the Town. The meeting began at 10 o'clock, and was held in a very large New Meetinghouse of the Unitarians, which they said would contain upwards of 1000 people, and which they freely gave up for the purpose, friends procured to the place the day before and gave notice to the inhabitants of the meeting It was large a great many People especially of the higher rank attending, who generally appeared light airy and talkative in their first coming in, it was a very trying time in the forepart thereof; but the Power of Truth arose, and solemnized the minds of the People, so that upon the whole it proved a satisfactory meeting. I had a long testimony to bear there in from Gal C: 1 v: 1, 12. The Gospel which was preached of me is not after man. For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus.christ. Afterwards I had a short exhortation to the People, who departed under a solemn covering; apparently in a very different state of mind from what they came, Matters opened in this meeting so directly opposite to the principles professed by the People who usually meet here; That the friend who obtained the place told the person after meeting, that I was wholly a stranger unto what profession the Meetinghouse belonged unto. The Meeting held near 2 hours. After dinner we parted with the friends from Stourbridge, and Thomas Lees coming here to meet us took us with him to his house at Chaddesley.corbet 4 miles and a quarter, were we got there a little before 4 o'clock, were we lodg'd.

On 26th. and 5th. of week, After Breakfast we set out for Bromsgrove 4 miles and three quarters were a Publick meeting was appointed to be held this forenoon, we got there about half past 9 o'clock and put up at the Crown. There is only part of a family members of our Society in this Town, and the meeting has been discontinued in the Meetinghouse many years. Several friends from Stourbridge met us here, who had the care of giving notice to the inhabitants. The meeting was held in friends Meetinghouse, which was nearly full, and tho'

not so large as I expected, yet it was a satisfactory Meeting, I have a long testimony to bear therein from. John C: 1. v: 46. Can any good thing come at out of Nazareth? Phillip saith unto him, Come and see. and at the close of the Meeting had a pretty long exhortation. The meeting held 2 hours. After dinner before we arose from the Table, I was concerned in Prayer. Soon after 2 o'clock we set out for Alcester in Warwickshire 10 miles when we had got about 2 miles out of Town, we met upon the road with an acquaintance of my companions who resides in this neighbourhood, he returned with us a little way to Tardibig, where a canal passes, and where there is an engine upon it, for raising vessels 4 yards, instead of a Lock which is esteemed a very great curiosity, he took us to look at it and after we had satisfied our curiosity we called at the Plymouth.arms, were we took a little matter to drink, and then proceeded to Alcester, got there about half past 5, and took up our quarters at Thomas Stanleys. After Tea we went and sat a little at Thomas Pumphreys, and then returned to our quarters.

On 27th. and 6th. of week, at 10 in the forenoon, we had a Meeting at Alcester, 29 persons attended; it was a precious Meeting, and I had two pretty long testimonies to bear therein, the first from Isai: C: 40. v.1, 2. Comfort ye, comfort ye my People, saith your God. Speaking ye comfortably unto Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned; for she hath received of the Lords hand double for all her sins. And the other from Jer: C: 12. v: 9. Mine heritage is unto me as a speckled bird; the birds around about are against her. After meeting I took a little refreshment at Thomas Pumphreys. and then returned to our quarters. After dinner we parted with a my beloved friend Job Pitt he returning home, and about half past 2 o'clock we set out for the city of Worcester 21 miles Robert Gregory being our guide, we went to Droitwich in Worcestershire were we called at the George and got some refreshment, then proceeded to Worcester were we got about 7 o. clock and took up our quarters at John Pumphreys.

On 28th. and 7th. of week we rested here and I wrote to my William Taylor. and it being market day I took a walk through the market, and through most part of the city the streets of which are neat and clean; went into the County hall, and around the Cathedral etc.

On 29th. and 1st. of week, we attended their Meetings in the city fore and afternoon the forenoon meeting began at 10, There was a considerable number friends attended, and a few of other Societies came in, Samuel Dark a friend who had lately come forth in the Ministry acceptable, dropt a few words therein first. Afterwards I had a long testimony to bear 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. I had close labour unto different states; and the language of encouragement flowed freely unto others. and upon the whole it was a satisfactory Meeting. In the afternoon we drunk Tea at Stanley Pumphreys, and from thence went to the afternoon meeting which began at 6 o clock, more of other Societies attended than in the forenoon, towards the close of this meeting, I had affectionately to address the People more especially the youth in 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 evil.

On 30th. and 2nd, of week, This morning before Breakfast, I went to Samuel Darks were I sat about half an hour to our mutual comfort and satisfaction. About 9 o'clock we set out for Bromyard in Herefordshire 14 miles, Stanley Pumphrey being our guide. The road from Worcester to Bromyard is generally esteemed one of the most beautiful rides in the kingdom, and we thought none could exceed it. On the left hand is Malvern Hills, a few miles distant from us and the country on each side of the road exceeding fruitful; The fields and hedges being full of Apple and Pear trees, now loaded with fruit, and interspersed with large plantations of Hops within a few days of being ready to pluck, that I think nothing could appear more beautiful unto the eye. We call'd at the Talbot at Knightsfordbridge a most delightful situation, were we stopt about 1 hour and got some refreshment and then proceeded to Bromyard, got there about half past 1 o'clock and took up our quarters at George Kilsby's, It being market day, the meeting was appointed to begin at half past 5 o'clock in the evening.

It was small 7 persons only attending, It was a low time, but little sense of religion appearing amongst them, I felt for sometime very much discouraged, but in our humble waiting Truth arose for our help and I was enabled to relieve my mind in two pretty long testimonies the first from Lev: C: 2. v: 13. With all thine offerings thou shalt offer salt. and the other from John C: 9. v: 4. The night cometh when no man can work.

On 31st. and 3rd. of the week, we set out for the city of Hereford 14 miles, were Leominster and Ross Monthly Meeting was to be held to day, left Bromyard a little before 8 o'clock in the morning, George Kilsby and his Brother James being our guides; we got to Hereford about 10 o'clock, and put up at the Sun, were we got some refreshment, There are but few friends in the city, and at present no Meetinghouse belonging to our Society. The meeting for Worship began at 11 o'clock, and was held in an upper room at the house of Ann and Celia Chandler, 26 attended the meeting to day, which proved a satisfactory one, a I had a pretty long Testimony to bear therein from 1 Cron: C: 16. v: 11. Seek ye the Lord and his strength. At the close of the meeting for Worship was held their Monthly Meeting for discipline which consists of 3 Preparative meetings viz. Ross, Leominster, and Bromyard, the business of the meeting appeared to be well conducted, my Certificate was read therein and minuted. At the close of the business I was led affectionately to address the youth. Both Meetings held 3 hours. After meeting we went to John Benbows to dine were we took up our quarters. His Wife hath joined our Society by convincement, and he attends meetings duly and is very loving and kind to friends. As I went thro' the city to their house, I felt a salutation of Gospel Love to flow in my heart towards the inhabitants, accompanied with a concern to have a meeting with them; which I mentioned to friends at dinner, could readily united with my concern, and procured the County hall, got notices printed and circulated thro' the city, and made every necessary perforation for the meeting. This afternoon we drunk Tea at Walter Chandlers. The meeting began at 7 o'clock and held 2 hours, abundance of People of all ranks and stations attended, whose behaviour was very commendable The hall altho' exceeding large was very much crowded as well as the stairs leading thereunto, and it proved a glorious Meeting. I had a very long testimony to bear therein from 1 Cor: C: 15. v: 22. As in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. and afterwards had a pretty long exhortation to the People. Many were much broken and tendered therein and a precious solemnity covered the whole, which several manifested by their expressions after meeting. From thence we went to Ann and Celia Chandlers were I got some suitable refreshment, and then returned to our quarters. After Supper before we arose from the Table, I had a short testimony to bear from 1 Cor: C: 7. v: 14. The unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife.

On 1st. of 9th. Mo. and 4th. of week. This morning we Breakfasted at Ann and Celia Chandlers, and betwixt 7 and 8 o'clock set out for Leominster 13 miles, John Southall a valuable Elder of that place having tarried here all night to be our guide, in our way we crossed a very high hill, beautifully wooded to the top with Oak and fruit trees, indeed the most part of this county appears like one continued Orchard interspersed with hop plantations, which have a charming appearance to the eye. We got to Leominster about 10 o'clock, and took up our quarters at Mary Lewis's, She and her companion Mary Capper who lives with her are both eminent Ministers. The meeting began at 11 o'clock, 18 persons attended, I sat therein for sometime in great weakness, but the power of truth arising, I was strengthened to bear a long testimony therein 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. Afterwards Mary Capper was concerned in Prayer and Praises, and I thought the meeting ended sweetly. After dinner we had a sweet refreshing opportunity together, in which the language of encouragement flowed freely unto us poor travellers, thro' the ministry of Mary Capper. This afternoon we drunk Tea at John Southalls, and in our way called to see Hannah Pritchard an ancient friend in the 85th. year of her age, with whom we had a religious opportunity in which I had a short and encouraging testimony to bear.

On 2nd. and 5th. of week, betwixt 8 and 9 o'clock in the morning we set out for Pales in Radnorshire South Wales 29 miles, John Southall junr. being our guide, went by Pembridge

to Kington 40 miles were we called to see John Morris Esq. an acquaintance of my companions, he was from home but his Wife received us very kindly, appearing to be seriously thoughtful, and was particularly desirous for us to stop and have a meeting there, or otherwise call in our return; I felt nothing for it then, and therefore could not give her any encouragement at all to expect such a thing. We stopt upwards of 3 hours and din'd there, and then proceeded, soon after we left the Town we entered Wales, and went up a beautiful winding valley betwixt Lofty mountain to New Radnor where we drunk Tea at Lewis and Owen Edwards two young men members of our Society who live there, and their Sister Margaret keeps their house when I first came within sight of this place my mind was very suddenly arrested with a concern to have a Publick meeting there, and when I acquainted the friends here therewith it was readily agreed to, and concluded to be held the next evening, and they set about to procure a place, and give notice thereof to the inhabitants. After Tea we proceeded up the same beautiful winding valley until we got the top, and then crossing the summit from which we had an extensive prospect, we went down another valley to Llandegley and so to our ancient friends Joan Bowens of Llyn. burvuch near Pales, who hath let her place to a friend called Thomas Rogers but hath reserved a room to live in, and two spare Beds for travelling friends; We got there betwixt 7 and 8 o'clock in the evening. Joan Bowen joined our Society by convincement, hath an acceptable gift in the Ministry, and is a truly valuable friend. After Supper we had a precious cementing opportunity together, in which I had an encouraging testimony to bear unto her from Deut: C: 31. v: 6. He will not fail thee nor forsake thee.

On 3rd. and 6th. of week we had a meeting at Pales which began at 11 o'clock, 34 persons attended, 4 of them appearing to be People of other Societies. It was a time of extraordinary favour, various states were opened and spoke to, many were much broken and tendered particularly the two young men from New Radnor and I had a very long testimony to bear therein from 1 Cor: C: 15. v: 38. Be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord; for as much as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord. Afterwards I was concerned in Prayer. About 3 o'clock in the afternoon we set out for New Radnor 8 miles and a half Thomas Rogers being our guide, and Sophia Wife of Peter Edwards, and their son William accompanying us thither, We got there about 5 o'clock, and took up our quarters at Lewis and Owen Edwards's. New Radnor is but a small place, altho' it is the County Town and a borough; yet there is no market at it. The meeting was held in the Town.hall, were the Sessions and Justice meetings are held, and friends procured some other seats and placed them therein. It began at 7 o'clock and held upwards of 2 hours, was very large for the place, and the behaviour of the People was remarkable still solid and attentive, and I thought it was a highly favoured Meeting. I had a very long testimony to bear therein from Mark C: 1. v: 15. The time is fulfilled, and the Kingdom of God is at hand; repent ye, and believe the Gospel. and afterwards had a pretty long exhortation. After supper I had an encouraging testimony to bear unto the young People with whom we quartered from Psalms 24. v: 7. A lift up your heads O ye gates; and be ye lift up ye everlasting doors, and the King of glory shall come in. When I first entered this house and saw these young People, I thought they had very little appearance of friends, and I afterwards understood they had generally stood at a distance from them, but they appeared very social and free with us, and I believe it was a season of precious and extraordinary visitation unto them all, more particularly to Dear Owen, unto whom I felt nearly knit and united, and in whose preservation, and advancement in the Truth I feel deeply interested.

On 4th. and 7th. of week, This morning I found I could not get comfortably forward without offering myself to have a meeting the next date at Kington, and it proving very wet we concluded to stop here until after dinner. On the back of this Town is a very high round mount with deep trenches around it, and a winding track up to the top, on which formerly stood a castle, and a small part of the ruins are yet remaining. I took an opportunity when fair, and went to the top of it, were I had a most beautiful prospect of the Town, the valley, and the surrounding hills. Betwixt 3 and 4 o'clock in the afternoon we set out for Kington in

Herefordshire 6 miles and a half, Owen Edwards accompanied us about 4 miles and then returned. We got to Kington about 5 o'clock and took up our quarters at John Morris's Esq. He was not returned home but Martha his Wife received us in a very kind and affectionate manner, and when she knew of my concern to have a meeting in the Town the next morning she rejoiced exceedingly, having never been at a Meeting of friends and exerted herself to procure a place; she readily obtained the Methodists Meetinghouse, and the meeting was ordered to begin at half past 10 the next morning, and she took care that notice thereof was given to the inhabitants. After supper before we arose from Table I was concerned in supplication.

On 5th. and 1st. of week, early in the morning dear Owen Edwards came to us intending to accompany us several days, during which time we slept together, which gave us an opportunity of private conversation to our mutual satisfaction. The meeting began at the time appointed and held about 2 hours, Martha Morris took all her servants with her and Locked up the doors, The Meetinghouse was large and well filled with People, whose behaviour was very becoming the occasion, and it was an open good Meeting; I was first therein in supplication and next had a very long testimony to bear 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 of the meeting I had a short exhortation to the People. After Meeting Martha Morris expressed satisfaction therewith and I have no doubt upon my mind but she was convinced of Truth, whether she ever come forward to make publick expression of it or no. Betwixt 2 and 3 o'clock in the afternoon we set out for Hay in Brecknockshire 12 miles, Martha Morris seemed very unwilling to part with us so soon, but when she found we must go she ordered her horse to be saddled and took her footmen along with her and accompanied us about 8 miles, thro' a pleasant fruitful but rather hilly country, we passed through a part of their Estate for several miles, and stopt a little at one of their tenants and got some refreshment. Here we parted very affectionately She and her man returning home; and we entered Radnorshire going up a very beautiful valley on the banks of the Wye for 4 miles and then crossing the river we got to Hay in Brecknockshire about 6 in the evening were we took up our quarters at Susanna Swetmans, and here we met with a very encouraging letter from our dear friends Mary Lewis and Mary Capper.

On 6th. and 2nd. of week, The morning was very wet, and it continued raining heavily all the day. There are but few friends in this Town, and those except one, have joined the society by convincement, and way seeming to open for a Publick meeting in the afternoon, the Methodists Meetinghouse was readily procured for the purpose, and notice thereof given to the inhabitants. The meeting began at 3 o'clock and held about 2 hours, The heavy rain prevented many from attending, yet the Meetinghouse was nearly full, The Priest of the Town, and several Methodist Preachers were there, and the behaviour of the whole was remarkable still, and their countenances bespoke solidity. It was a comfortable meeting, and I had a long testimony to bear therein 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. Afterwards I had a short exhortation to the People. After meeting we drunk Tea at Thomas Howells, He and his daughter Susanna Swetman joined our Society from amongst the Methodists, and the meeting is kept in her house on first and week days; We purposed leaving the Town this evening, but it continuing to rain very heavily we concluded to stop another night.

On 7th. and 3rd. of week, It being a fine morning we set out for Pontypool in Monmouthshire 38 miles, a little after 6 o'clock, we travelled thro' a mountainous country but the roads being pretty much in the vallies, and mostly good, and they being fruitful, and the sides of the mountains in most places, cloathed with wood intermixed with fields to the top, and the day continuing mostly fair we had a pleasant Journey. We went up the South side of the Wye to John Morgans of Glasbury in Radnorshire where we breakfasted, being kindly received and generously entertained, he is not a Friend but an acquaintance of my companions. In our way hither the valley was mostly covered with water the River being so

much out with the heavy rain that they said they have not seen such a flood for many years before, We saw much cattle in the water nearly covered, and sheep stuck up in the hedges, and we heard some was drowned, but the flood beginning to settle whilst we were at Breakfast it is hoped those we saw would be got out alive. Leaving this village we entered Brecknockshire again and went up another valley to Talgarth and Llangos near which there is a large pool of water by which we passed, and which appears very beautiful amongst the mountains, came to Bwlch which stands upon an hill, descending from thence we went down another beautiful valley, thro' which the river Usk runs, came to Crickhowel were we din'd at the Bear, then proceeded to Abergavenny in Monmouthshire, and about 2 miles further we crossed the Usk, and pass through a beautiful variegated country to Pontypool were we got a little before 7 o'clock and took up our quarters at Evan Rees's, a friendly man, and his Wife and part of his family are members of our Society.

On 8th. and 4th. of week, we went after breakfast to see our dear friends Mary Lewis and Mary Capper at their lodgings, who had come from Leominster 50 miles to meet us here, we were truly glad to see each other. We attended Monmouthshire Monthly Meeting to day at Frosnant a village adjoining Pontypool. The meeting for Worship began at 11 o'clock, there was but 19 persons in all there besides my companion and myself. I felt very low and poor in mind, but best help being near, it proved a remarkable time of favour. I had a pretty long testimony to bear therein first from Isai: C: 59. v: 1. Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. Mary Capper next from Deut: C: 32. v: 10. He led him about, he instructed him. Mary Lewis next from Jer: C: 23. v: 28. The prophet that hath a dream let him tell a dream; and he that hath my word let him speak my word faithfully. I next from Matt: C: 5. v: 13. Ye are the salt of the earth. At the close of this meeting was held their Meeting for discipline, the business of which appeared to be properly transacted; Amongst the other things my Certificate was read and minuted. There are no Preparative meetings in this County, but there are several families scattered up and down in it, from 8 to 22 miles distance from this place, These commonly sit down in their own houses, but mostly attend here at the Monthly meeting; But this morning being very wet prevented many of them, so that there were but 3 of them of their own members in the mens meeting for discipline. Both meetings held 3 hours. After which most of the frds. din'd at our quarters; and before we arose from the table, I had a long and affectionate address, both to the Parents, and the beloved youth. After which Mary Lewis had a long testimony to bear from Isai: C: 52. v: 7. How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth glad tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publishers salvation; that sayeth unto Zion, thy God reigneth. Afterward we had a pleasant walk thro' the Park of Capel Hanbury Lee Esq. adjoining the Town which is a beautiful place, to Pontymoil were we called to see the very extensive Tin works, carried on there; and returned by Frosnant were we drunk Tea in company with many friends at Roger Merrifields

On 9th. and 5th. of week This morning I parted with my beloved friend Owen Edwards, with some reluctance, having been brought very near and dear to each other, and the longer we were together the more our love to each other increased. He is in the 23rd. year of his age, and I believe this visit hath been singularly blessed to him, may the Lord preserve him and carry on the work in him which he hath begun is my earnest desire. About 8 o'clock he returned towards home, and we set out for Shire.Newton 20 miles Samuel Hughes a young man in the 24th. year of his age, who has evidently the mark of a disciple of christ being our guide. We went thro' a beautiful country over gently rising hills to Caerleon 8 miles were we crossed the Usk, and then ascending a steep hill for about 1 mile, from the top we had a charming prospect of the country and the Seven sea, with two small Islands called the Steepholms and Flatholms. We then proceeded within a few miles of the the great river Severn all the way, and at times had a fine view of it, and the vessels sailing thereon to their different ports. Called on our way at the Unicorn and got some refreshment and reached Shire Newton about 1 o'clock, were we took up our quarters at the Widow Sarah James's a very valuable friend and elder in the 75th. year of her age, yet very lively and active. She and

another Female are all the members belonging this meeting. We had a Publick meeting this evening at 6 o.clock which was fully attended the Meetinghouse being well filled. It was a remarkable time many being very much broken and tendered. I had a long testimony to bear therein from Eccle C: 12. v. 13, 14. Fear God, and keep his commandments; for this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every work in to Judgement, with every secret thing whether it be good or whether it be evil. Afterwards I was concerned in Prayer. The meeting held 2 hours.

On 10th. and 6th. of week after getting some refreshment we set at about 11 o.clock for Monmouth 14 miles, were we was to have a Publick meeting this evening. Sarah James got a neighbour to go guide with us, but when we had got about 4 miles on our way we prevailed with him to return. From Shire.Newton we descended a long hill, then crossed a valley, and ascended a long hill. The road then kept on the top of the hills from whence we had delightful prospects into beautiful vallies on each hand of us, until we came within 3 miles of Monmouth, when we descended by a long winding road into the bottom, were the Town stands; which is beautifully situated, being surrounded with lofty mountains; got to Monmouth about 4 o.clock, and put up at a great Inn, were we met with the Richard Harford his Wife and daughters from Ebbwvale 13 miles behind Pontypool the meeting they belong to and whose company we were favoured with most of the time we were there, They are very kind friends. Also several friends from Ross met us here. The Meeting began at 6 in the evening, and held 2 hours and a half, It was in the County.hall which is very large, and it was supposed upwards of 1500 People attended, whose behaviour was very commendable which was cause of thankfulness, they having been different at some former times. It was now a very good open meeting, and I had a very long testimony to bear therein from Matt: C: 17. v: 5. This is my beloved son in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him, and at the close of the meeting I had a short exhortation to the People; who afterwards departed in a very solid orderly manner.

On 11th. and 7th. of week, After breakfast we went with Richard Harford and his Wife, and Imm Trusted to the prison in the Town to see one William Glover who about week before had in a most cruel and barbarous manner murdered his Father and Mother he wrought for Richard Harford and lived not far from him, and Richard said he bore a good character for sobriety and industry, and had always been particularly kind to his Mother. The young man told us he had no more thought of such a thing than we had half an hour before he did it; and if he had ten thousand worlds he would give them to have it undone. We had a religious opportunity with him in the Goalers house, in which I had a pretty long testimony to bear; and afterward Richard Harford had some very suitable advice to communicate to him. He was very tender and wept much; before we left the prison we went to see him in his Cell were we found him all in tears. We left Monmouth betwixt 10 and 11 o.clock for Ross in Herefordshire 10 miles, Imm Trusted of that place being our guide, he stoping all night for that purpose; we went up a deep and narrow valley thro' which the river Wye runs, we then ascended a steep hill, and crossing another valley met with the Wye again, but leaving it immediately, and travelling about 1 mile and a half we came to it again, when our guide told us, that since we left it before it had run amongst the hills 7 miles around, We then went up a wide valley thro' which the said river runs; to Ross in a very beautiful serpentine manner, and got there betwixt 12 and 1 o.clock were I took up my quarters at Imm Trusteds and my companion at Nathaniel Morgans. This afternoon I wrote to my Charles Unsworth.

On 12th. and 1st. of week, was at their forenoon meeting which began at 10 o.clock, There are a considerable number friends belonging thereto, and several from other meetings were there to day which enlarged this considerably, It was to me an exercising time but ended comfortably I being favoured to relieve my mind therein, in a plain and close testimony from Jer: C: 48. v: 11. Moab hath been at ease from his youth, and he hath setled 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 he scent is not changed. Afterwards I was concerned in Prayer and praises to the Almighty for this peculiar manifestation of his Power many being much broken

and tendered. At the close of this meeting was held their Preparative Meeting in which amongst other things the Queries were read and answers prepared to lay before the Monthly Meeting. After meeting many friends din'd at my quarters and amongst the number Richard Harford, his Wife and Daughters, and Mary and Sarah Thomas two young Women who are under convincement in this Town. Before we arose from the Table I was concerned in supplication. The afternoon meeting at my request was put off until 6 in the evening, and the inhabitants of the town invited to attend. It was very large the house and Loft being very much crowded friends said it was the largest they had ever seen there before. It was a good meeting, the People appearing to be solidly affected. I had a very long testimony to bear therein from. The foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The lord knoweth them that are his; and let every one that nameth the name of christ depart from iniquity 2 Tim: C: 2. v: 19. The meeting held 2 hours.

On 13th. and 2nd. of week, we set out about 8 o.clock in the morning for Gloucester 16 miles, Imm Trusted being our guide, we went about 2 miles and a half to Josiah Newmans of Pearhill to Breakfast, were we stopt about 2 hours It is a most beautiful place, he took us thro' his gardens and Groves, were are many beautiful winding walks, with seats Arbours and hothouses a fish pond and a Bath, with many very curious plants and Shrubs, all which are very beautiful. From hence we went by Newent in Gloucestershire to the city of Gloucester were we got betwixt 1 and 2 o.clock and took up our quarters at Thomas Fawcets. At 5 in the evening we had a meeting here, 13 persons attended. I had two pretty long testimonies to bear therein, the first from Luke C: 12. v: 37. Blessed are those servants whom the Lord when he cometh shall find watching. and the other from Isai: C: 55. v: 6 Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near.

On 14th. and 3rd. of week, we Breakfasted at John Sankeys, and a little before 9 o'clock set out for Cheltenham 9 miles, John Sankey junr. a pretty youth being our guide, he was about 14 years of age, we got there about half past 10, expecting a meeting had been appointed to begin at 11, but the friend who took the notice had forgot it. It was then concluded to be held at 5 this evening. Cheltenham is much increased in buildings of late years, owing to the great numbers of Nobility, Gentry and others that resort hither to the waters, and at this time of the Town was very full of such company, with their servants in attendance; So that the streets were one continued scene of hurry with People and carriages of all descriptions. We took a walk to the wells and drank of the waters, also went thro' many beautiful walks which are made around the Town for the accommodation of the company who indeed resort hither in great abundance But O it is a disagreeable place for a religious person to be in, Iniquity abounds in open day I felt much for the Gentlemans servants many of whom appear innocent youths, but get greatly corrupted in these places, where folly and dissipation so much abound. We quartered here at our ancient worthy friends the Widow Mary Barretts upwards of 80 years of age, yet lively and green in old age. The meeting was held agreeable to appointment 13 friends attended and a few of other Societies came in. My spirit suffered deeply amongst them, many of the professors of Truth in this place instead of being as lights unto others, are as Stumbling blocks the love of the world having choaked the good seed. Through deep labour I felt a concern to stand upon my feet, and had a long testimony to bear from Matt: C: 13. v: 58. He did not many mighty works there, because of their unbelief. After hearing my voice, several People came in, and stopt a little and then went out again, but others tarried, however I was enabled to relieve my mind amongst them, being I believe suitably opened to their various states. After meeting Elizabeth Watts, a young woman who hath lately joined our Society by convincement spent the evening with us; and after supper we had a precious opportunity with her, and our ancient friend of this house, unto whom the language of encouragement flowed freely.

On 15th. and 4th. of week, we set out about 8 o.clock in the morning for Stow.on.the. Would 18 miles, Samuel Cook a young man was our guide, 13 miles of the latter part of the way was thro' a very high country, much resembling the Peak of Derbyshire, but not rocky, having mostly stone walls for fences, when we got to Stow we had about half a mile further to

go, to John Piglers of Maugersbury were we met with a very kind reception. This family joined our Society by convincement and they and another woman are all of the members belonging to Stow meeting. We concluded to have a Publick meeting there this evening and noticed thereof was given to the inhabitants. The meeting began at 7 o'clock, and held upwards of 2 hours. The meetinghouse was well filled with People, It was a solid and I hope profitable meeting to many. I had a very long testimony to bear therein from Rev: C: 2. v: 17. To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving him that receiveth it. and afterwards I had a short exhortation to the People. After meeting we went to John Piglers Mothers who lives in Stow, she is not a friend but very kindly disposed towards them, I tarried all night at her house, and was very kindly entertained.

On 16th. and 5th. of week, my companion called here of me and John Pigler and his Wife came with him to take leave of me, We set out for Campden 10 miles about half past 8 o'clock this morning, John Pigler being previously engaged could not go with us, but he provided a guide viz. William Ebsworth a young man who resides with him and is in the 21st year of his age who was very desirous to accompany us, he have had for some time past religious impressions on his mind and is in society with the Methodists, he was very kind and his company was pleasant unto us, and I hope the journey was profitable to him. We got to Campden about half past 10 and took up our quarters at Mary Bevingtons. The Meetinghouse is at Broad.Campden about 1 mile from this Town and a very pleasant walk, William Ebsworth offered me his arm in going and returning which I accepted of. It gave us an opportunity of a little private conversation to our mutual satisfaction. The meeting began at 12 o'clock and was small there being only 9 persons with our guide besides two women of other Societies who came in, Yet strength does not always consist in numbers, It proved a precious Meeting, I had a long testimony to bear from Isai: C: 66. v: 2. To this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word. Afterwards I was concerned in Prayer. After dinner we parted with William Ebsworth he returning home, and this afternoon we drunk Tea at William Corks.

On 17th. and 6th. of week a little past 8 o'clock in the morning we set out for Evesham in Worcestershire 11 miles, John Bissel being our guide. After we had gone several miles, we descended a very long and steep hill by a Zigzag road, at the bottom whereof we came to the village of Broadway in the vale of Esam said to be the largest richest and most beautiful vale in the kingdom, we went up it about 6 miles to Evesham, were we got about half past 10 and took up our quarters at Richard Burlinghams were I think I may say I rested both in body and mind he and his Wife being choice friends, and he newly recommended as a Minister in Unity. The meeting began at 11 o'clock, and 22 persons attended, I was favoured to relieve my mind therein to various states in a long testimony from Rom: C: 2: v. 28 29. He is not a Jew which is one outwardly neither is that circumcision which is outward in the flesh; But he is a Jew that is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart.

On 18th. and 7th. of week, after breakfast we went to William Roberts's, were we sat a considerable time and after getting a little refreshment we took a walk into the country. The town for a considerable distance around being principally surrounded with Gardens which are open for People to walk in, and makes its situation very beautiful. After dinner before we arose from the Table we had a precious cementing season, in which I had an encouraging testimony to bear. A little after 3 o'clock we set out for Tewkesbury in Gloucestershire 13 miles dear Richard Burlingham being our guide, we got there about half past 5 o'clock, and took up our quarters at Nathaniel Hartlands.

On 19th. and 1st. of week, Their forenoon meeting began at 10 o'clock which was pretty large there being a considerable number of friends belonging thereto, and I believe some valuable members amongst them, but it was a very trying time to me, and the meeting was held throughout in silence. At the close thereof was held their Preparative meeting, in which the Queries read and Answers prepared to lay before their Monthly Meeting, My certificate was also read and minuted. In this meeting a little light opened towards a Publick

meeting this evening, which I spread before friends, desiring them to weigh it, and act therein as they believed to be right; Several friends exprest the unity they felt therewith, and it was agreed to put off their afternoon meeting until 6 o'clock, and friends were nominated to give notice to the inhabitants, Both meetings held 3 hours and a half. This afternoon we drunk Tea at Thomas Allis's. The Publick meeting this evening was held in friends Meetinghouse which being laid open together was very large and well filled with People and many stood without, and the behaviour of the whole was very commendable. I had a very long testimony to bear therein from Matt: C: 18. v: 3. Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. and afterwards I had a short exhortation to the People. it was an open satisfactory meeting and held upwards of 2 hours. After supper before we arose from the Table many friends being present; I had an affectionate address to the different classes, more especially to the dear youth.

On 20th. and 2nd. of week, we breakfasted at Jacob Alliss, and a little before 9 o'clock set out for Painswick 16 miles, William Petley a kind youth about 20 years of age being our guide we went to the city of Gloucester where we stopt about one hour at John Sankeys and got some refreshment then proceeded to Painswick where we got a little before 2 o'clock, and took up our quarters at Joseph Davis's a little out of Town. At 5 in the evening we had a meeting at Painswick, 17 persons attended, 4 of them being friends children at a School here, and 3 persons of other Societies. It was a low discouraging time, but I was unable to relieve my mind to different states as they opened in a long testimony from 2 Cor: C: 12. v: 9. My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. In our return to our quarters, William Petley and me called and sat a little at Daniel Merrills where I took some refreshment.

On 21st. and 3rd of week, we set out a little before 8 o'clock in the morning for Nailsworth 8 miles, Benjamin Davis being our guide, we went to Stroud, the country around here is hilly, fruitful, very populous and particularly beautiful, here and for many miles around the Cloathing trade flourishes, Stroud water being esteemed peculiar for dying Scarlet; from hence we went up a deep and most beautiful populous valley for 4 miles to Nailsworth where we got a little before 10 o'clock, and took up our quarters at Benjamin Gilbert Gilkes. John Howell a friend from Cork in Ireland in the 27th year of his age, being on a Journey of business was taken ill, and died at an Inn in Wotton under edge last 6th. day morning, he was the only son of his Father who did not reach in time to see him alive, he getting there in the evening of the day of his decease and was brought to this place on 1st. day, and interred here to day. The meeting held on the occasion happened to be appointed at the same time that one was appointed here at our request without any previous knowledge on either side. It began at 11 o'clock and was large, many friends attending from other meetings, and several People of other Societies came in: it was a solemn occasion, and proved I believe a very solemn time to many: I had a long testimony to bear therein first from these words. "In the midst of life we are in death". Sarah Bowley of Cirencester was next concerned in Prayer. and afterwards I had a long testimony from Luke C: 23. v: 28. Daughters of Jerusalem, weep not for me, but weep for yourselves, and for your children. In returning to our quarters we called at Hannah and Elizabeth Shammalls where I got some suitable refreshment. After dinner I had some conversation with William Howell the deceaseds Father who informed me he did not doubt of his sons welfare, there having been a remarkable change in him within the last three years; and therefore altho' it was very trying to the natural part, he felt perfectly reconciled to the event. and indeed I thought he bore it with wonderful resignation. A little before four o clock this afternoon we set out for Cirencester 12 miles, in company with many friends of that Town who had attended the burial; went by Minchinhampton, and when we got within a few miles of Cirencester we left the Publick road, and went about 2 miles thro' the grounds of Earl Bathurst which was a very beautiful ride; got to Cirencester a little after 6 in the evening, where we took up our quarters at John Wilkins; but I alighted at John Brewins where I drunk Tea, and afterwards went to my quarters.

On 22nd. and 4th of week, we breakfasted at Samuel Bowleys and afterwards called and sat at Thomas Browns. The meeting began at 10 this forenoon, and was pretty large, a considerable number of friends belonging thereto. It was a satisfactory meeting, The rightly exercised being strengthened, the dear youth encouraged; and careless and unconcerned warned. I had a long testimony therein, being first opened from Lam.C: 1. v: 16. For these things I weep, mine eye, mine eye runeth down with water, because the comforter that should relieve my soul is far from me. A little past 1 o'clock we set out for Sodbury 25 miles, John Wilkins being our guide, we went by Tetbury to Deadmartin were we stopt about 1 hour and drank tea at the Beauforts.arms, Samuel Sturge coming here whilst we were at Tea and being the son of the friend whose house we were going to, he undertook to guide us thither, and John Wilkins return'd home. In our way we passed by Bidmartin the seat of the Duke of Beaufort, to Sodbury, and then went about 1 mile further to a village called Yate, were we got a little before 7 o'clock and took up our quarters at Toby Walker Sturge's. after supper, before we arose from the Table, we had an agreeable opportunity, in which I had a pretty long testimony to bear.

On 23rd. and 5th. of week, After Breakfast we went to Sarah Gillets of Sodbury who keeps a boarding School for Girls were we tarried until Meeting time. Having understood there was but few friends belonging this Meeting, and a disposition in some of the inhabitants to attend meetings, I felt a liberty to have a Publick meeting here with friends and others, and information thereof was given to such as friends thought proper. It was not large altho' a number of other societies attended and would have been more had there been more timely information, but it was a remarkable favoured meeting, I had a very long testimony to bear therein 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. every one that is of the truth heareth my voice. Afterwards I was concerned in Prayer. After meeting I returned to our quarters at Yate in company with Samuel Shell a pious young man of that village, who hath rejoined our Society by convincement, from amongst the Baptists. About 4 o'clock in the afternoon we set out for Thornbury 9 miles, Samuel Sturge a kind youth in the 19th year of his age being our guide, and his brother John, Sarah Gillett, and Catharine Phillips Jenkins from Redruth in Cornwall who is on a visit here accompanying us; We got to Thornbury about 6 o'clock were we took up our quarters at Mary Sturges. After Tea we went to see Ann Hunt an ancient ministering friend, who is much indisposed; with her we had a precious opportunity, in which myself, and the Sick friend, were both concerned in testimony.

On 24th. and 6th. of week, in the morning I was very ill of a complaint in my Bowels, so that I was afraid, I could not sit the meeting, but Mary Sturge administering some medicine to me I found relief. The meeting began at 10 o'clock and was large, many friends from several other meetings attending, and in this, there are two Boarding Schools, one for Boys and another for Girls, of friends children. I was dipt into divers states, and had to speak to them, having a long testimony to bear therein; being opened from Hos: C: 14. v: 4. I will heal their backsliding, I will love them freely; for mine anger is turned away from him. It was an highly favoured meeting. After meeting we set out for Olvestone 3 miles were a Publick meeting for friends and others was appointed to be held this evening; Philip Debel Tucket of Frenchay meeting undertook to be our guide. We went to John Lurys of Hazell were we stopt until after Tea, and then went to Olvestone, my companion walked thither, and returned after Meeting; but I went in John Lurys Coach with 3 Women friends who were on a visit to there. The meeting began at 5 o'clock and held about 2 hours It was pretty large of friends and others, and open satisfactory. I had a very long testimony to bear therein 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. After meeting I lodg'd in the village at John Sturge's.

On 25th. and 7th. week, I went to breakfast at Joseph Sturges, his Brother John accompanying me thither, in our way we called to see Ann Fry a friend in the ministry, After

Breakfast Joseph Beesley came here, and Joseph Sturge having many children, and several of them grown up, I had a precious opportunity with them, being very particularly led to the dear youth in two pretty long testimonies. This was the very house were that noted apostate William Rogers lived, who was so very troublesome to friends. My companion called upon me here and about half past 10 in the forenoon we set out for the city of Bristol 9 miles, Joseph Beesley a young man in the 20th year of his age being our guide; he is a choice youth and we were brought very near and dear to each other. We had a pleasant ride to Bristol having in our way a beautiful view of the Seven, which separates this country from Monmouthshire; got there about half past 12, and took up our quarters at the widow Sarah Lurys who is a particular kind friend. In the afternoon I wrote to my William Taylor.

On 26th. and 1st of week, There are two Meetinghouses in Bristol viz. Friars and Templestreet and on 1st. day forenoons Meetings are held at both places; but in the afternoons, and on other days of the week they are held at the Friars only. We attended the Friars to day both forenoon and afternoon, The forenoon meeting began at 10 o'clock, and was the largest particular meeting of friends I ever before was at, There are 7 acknowledged Ministers belonging thereto viz. John Helton Thomas Pole, John Butler, Arnee Frank, William Lewis, Ann Moon, and Hannah Hatcher, and several others not yet recommended. In this meeting William Lewis had a short testimony to bear from Jon: C: 2. v: 9. Salvation is of the Lord. But to me the meeting throughout was a very low suffering time, and I had no commission to open my mouth therein, but felt very much discouraged. Richard Harford and his Brother John met us here from Monmouthshire, and tarried with us whilst we tarried in the city, and we lodging at their Sisters, afforded us an opportunity of having much of their company. Richard perceiving the state of my mind, spoke encouragingly to me, which being in season proved as Apples of Gold in pictures of silver. The afternoon meeting began as usual at 6 in the evening, It was larger than the former of friends and more of other Societies attended. I was favoured to relieve my mind in a very long testimony from Psalms 99. v: 1. The Lord reigneth, let the people tremble; he sitteth between the cherubims; let the earth to be moved.

On 27th. and 2nd. of week. After Breakfast I went to see Thomas Binns's, and from thence to John Heltons, he had formerly been a Preacher in great esteem amongst the Methodists, I stopt several hours at his house and took a little refreshment and from thence went to Ann Till Adams, to dine were my companion met me. In the afternoon we went to our quarters, and from thence to John Thirnbecks on the Somersetshire side of the river, having a concern to have a Publick meeting at Templestreet this evening, for the friends and inhabitants of that side of the water, and Richard Harford undertook the care, that proper notice thereof was given, after geting Tea at Johns Thirnbecks we went to the meeting which began at 6 o'clock and held 2 hours, a great number of People of other Societies attended, so that the Meetinghouse was crowded and many stood without who could not get in, and the whole of their behaviour was very commendable. It was an highly favoured meeting, many Soldiers attended who with some others were very much broken and tendered. I had a very long testimony to bear therein from John C: 14. v: 1. Ye believe in God, believe also in me. The People in general appeared to be very much affected, and separated in a very solemn manner. I return'd to John Thirnbecks were I got a little suitable refreshment; and then our kind friend Sarah Lury who had ordered a coach, stopt at the door and took me in and I went with her and daughter therein to my quarters. Henry Cotterill son of Joseph Cotterill of Bewdley who at present resides in this city, came here to sup with us, he is in the 22nd year of his age, and a very pious young man, after supper I had some private conversation with him to our mutual satisfaction, being bought very near and dear to each other; may the Lord preserve him in the way into which the feet of his mind is mercifully turned, is my sincere desire.

On 28th. and 3rd. of week, we attended Bristol Monthly meeting held at the Friars; There was a large collection of Friends there but not so many as on first days. It was a solid satisfactory meeting, I had a short testimony therein first 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. Ann Hemmings a young Woman

who sat towards the bottom of the Meetinghouse dropt a few words next. and afterwards Arnee Frank had a pretty long and lively testimony to bear from Jer: C: 23. v: 28. He that hath my word, let him speak my word faithfully; what is the chaff to the wheat. At the close of the meeting for worship was held their Monthly meeting for discipline; They had a great deal of business before them which was very unanimously conducted amongst other things my Certificate was read and minuted. Also George Cole of this meeting was cleared of all other engagements relating to marriage, except with his friend Mary Sams a member of the middle division Monthly meeting in Sommersetshire, a notification thereof was directed to be sent to said Monthly meeting. Both meetings held 4 hours and a half. After meeting we dined at Richard Reynolds's, and after dinner dear Henry Cotterill came for me and I went with him to Young Sturges where he resides After enjoying his company a while there, I returned, and we went to Thomas Poles to Tea.

On 29th. and 4th. of week, betwixt 9 and 10 o'clock in the morning I set out for Lawrence Weston meeting 5 miles, and my companion inclining to stop in Bristol to day, Sarah Lury sent Thomas Parslow her footman with me to take his place in the Chaise, of which I was glad, he being under convincement; and a very pious man. This afforded us an opportunity to our mutual satisfaction, he relating to me in our return some of the deep exercise he had had to pass through, and the satisfaction this days journey had afforded him. Benjamin Fryer was our guide, and William Lewis also accompanied us, We rode thro' a very beautiful variegated country thither, and found the place very pleasantly situated, facing the Severn, and betwixt that river and the Avon which comes from Bristol, not far from where they meet. The meeting began at 11 o'clock, It is of itself very small, but several friends from Bristol and some out of Sommersetshire were there to day, and 2 Persons of other Societies came in, So that in the whole 20 attended beside myself and we were favoured with an open comfortable meeting. William Lewis had a pretty long testimony to bear therein first from Job: C: 38. v: 28. Hath the rain a father? or who hath begotten the drops of the dew? I next from John C: 15. v: 14. Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you. and afterwards I appeared again from Luke C: 17. v: 32. Remember Lots Wife. Caution and encouragement flowing freely to one particular visited but deeply tryed state. Hannah Hatcher next from Heb: C: 12. v: 6. Whom the lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth. After meeting we went about 2 miles to dine at Joseph Davis's of Cribcrossways; and in our return called and drunk Tea at Samuel Harfords country house on the edge of Deardhams down, and got to Bristol between 6 and 7 in the evening.

On 30th. and 6th. of week, we breakfasted at Benjamin Fryers, and in the forenoon John Cambridge came to see me at my lodgings. He joined our Society by convincement, hath resided a great part of his time in Prince Edwards Island in British America where there is no other member of our Society: He hath been favoured to retain his integrity, and at present resides in this city. His company and conversation was particularly acceptable to me. We din'd at our worthy ancient friend James Harfords, were we had the company of all his children except one viz. Richard, John, Samuel, Mary, Elizabeth, Sophia, Sarah Lury, and her daughter Ann. The Hartford family throughout manifested very particular kindness to us, and at parting Father, and many of his children presented us with tokens of their regard that we might have them in our remembrance. About 4 o'clock in the forenoon we set out for Frenchay 5 miles, Joseph Storrs Fry a member of that meeting being in Bristol was our guide, and took us to his house, were we got about 5 o'clock in the evening. His wife Ann Fry is a valuable Minister, but she was from home, which was a disappointment to me, as I had very much desired to see her. After Tea we went and sat a little at Philip Debells Tucketts.

On 1st. of 10th. Mo. and 6th. of week, we breakfasted at Philip Debells Tucketts, and after Breakfast returned to Joseph Storrs Frys were we had an agreeable opportunity with one of his daughters who had been confined for a considerable time thro' indisposition. I have a short testimony to bear therein, but I thought her resignation and remarkable patience under deep Sufferings preached loudly to me. The meeting began at 11 o'clock, A considerable number of friends attended and a few of other Societies came in, It was a satisfactory

Meeting, and I had a very long testimony to bear therein from Matt: C: 22. v: 14. Many are called, but few are chosen. About 4 o'clock in the afternoon we set out for Bath in Somersetshire 12 miles, Joseph Storrs Fry being our guide, and Benjamin Fryer of Bristol went along with us, we went thro' an hilly country thither, by Kingswood were Thomas Shillitoe and Ann Fry had been engaged sometime before in visiting the Colliers and Miners in their families. We got to Bath about half past 6 in the evening, and took up our quarters at William Naish's.

On 2nd. and 7th. week, we at several times took walks thro' different parts of the city which is curiously situated in a deep valley; the roads leading to it from every direction except one, being steep and nearly 2 miles on the descent. The streets from the valley are built one above another, and on one side nearly 1 mile from the bottom, they are all white stone which when first dug out of the rock is soft, and is hewn and sawn as wood, but afterwards becomes hard; The beauty and regularity of the streets, Circuses, crescents, squares, and courts, with the magnificence of the buildings, far exceed anything I could have imagined, indeed it is generally esteemed the finest and most elegant city in England if not in Europe. We visited the Baths both publick and private, and the dressing rooms all which are very neat and convenient, the water felt to me as warm as I could well bear my hand in. Also the Pump room where People drink the waters, which is a very large and elegant building; and it being market day we went to see the Markethouse and Shambles which are well adapted for the purpose. In the afternoon we went to see Mary Ann Emery a young Woman who hath joined our Society by convincement were we met with a very kind reception not only from her, but from her Father, and Brother Charles who is a kind youth, and who felt very near to me. We drunk Tea there and tarried until near 9 o'clock in the evening.

On 3rd. and 1st. of week, we attended their meeting at Bath which began at 11 o'clock, They having only one meeting a day from 1st of 9th. Mo. and to last of 3rd. Mo. and two the other part of the year. It was a large meeting to day, being enlarged by company come to the waters, and several friends from Bristol met us here, also a pretty many People of other Societies came in, I had a long testimony to bear therein 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. William Lewis had a pretty long time next from 1 Cor: C: 4. v: 20. The kingdom of God is not in word, but in Power. I next from Isai: C: 3. v: 10. Say ye to the righteous it shall be well with him. I was enabled to relieve my mind fully two various states as they opened altho' I had very close matter to communicate to some unto whom I believe a door of mercy is yet open. In the Afternoon I went in company with Mary Ann Emery to Lambridge about 1 mile from the city were we drunk Tea at John Naish's, I returned with her to her Fathers and soon after my companion and Thomas Whalley (who had come from Sidcot School hither the day before 26 miles on purpose to see us,) called here on their return from a friends house were they had been drinking Tea, We spent the evening together here and supped; and after supper had a precious opportunity together, dear Charles Emery a hopeful youth about 21 years of age being present, unto whom I felt the salutation of Gospel love to flow, having a pretty long testimony to bear therein, He does not attend friends meeting, but I believe something good is at work in his mind, and he felt very near and dear to me.

On 4th. and 2nd. week, a little past 8 o'clock in the morning we set out for Melksham in Wiltshire 12 miles, John Naish being our guide, we had a very wet ride thither, and got there a little after 10 o'clock and took up our quarters at Robert Fowlers, The meeting began at 11 o clock A considerable number of friends, and several People of other Societies attended; it was a precious meeting, and I had a long testimony to bear therein first from Psalms 14. v: 7. When the Lord bringeth back the captivity of his People, Jacob shall rejoice, and Israel shall be glad. Robert Fowler had a short time next John Moxon was next concerned in Prayer. and afterwards I had a short testimony from Prov: C: 20. v: 27. The spirit of man is the candle of the Lord. There are 5 acknowledged Ministers belonging this meeting viz. Robert Fowler, John Moxon, David Dent, Margaret Jefferys, and Rachel Fowler. This afternoon we drunk

Tea at Rebecca Paulls, and after Tea had a religious opportunity in which I had a short testimony to bear.

On 5th. and 3rd. of week, we set out about half past 9 in the morning for Pickwick 5 miles and a half, John Fowler and William Paull to agreeable young men being our guides, went by Corsham thither, and got there about half past 10, put up at an Inn the Sine of the Hare and hounds, no friends living in the village. The meeting began at 11, there was 13 persons there 3 of them being People of other Societies; I had a pretty long testimony to bear therein from 2 Kin: C: 20. v: 3. 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. Afterwards I was concerned in Prayer. After meeting we got a little refreshment at the Inn, and then return to Melksham were we din'd at Thomas Jeffery's and drunk Tea at John Moxons and afterwards went to our quarters of Robert Fowlers.

On 6th. and 4th. of week a little before 8 o'clock in the morning we set out for Hullavington 14 miles, Thomas Jefferys being our guide who took his Chaise and conveyed me therein throughout the day which afforded us an opportunity of agreeable and edifying conversation together; we went by Laycock to Hullavington were we got about half past 10 o'clock, and took up our quarters at Jacob Bullocks. The meeting began at 11, there was but 10 there who usually attend meetings, but the inhabitants of the village seeing us, many of them flocked to the meeting whose company was not unacceptable. It proved a favoured time, and I had a long testimony to bear therein from 2 Cor: C: 13. v: 5. Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith. and afterwards I had a short exhortation. After dinner we set out immediately, being about half past 2 o'clock for Calne 13 miles where a Publick meeting was appointed to be held this evening in friends Meetinghouse for friends and others. dear Thomas Jefferys being still our guide; we went by Chippenham to Calne were we got about 5 o'clock, and took up our quarters at William Gundrys a valuable Minister. The meeting began at 6 o'clock and held upwards of 2 hours. Both Meetinghouses were laid together and well filled with People and many stood without doors, It was a good meeting and I had a very long testimony to bear therein 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. William Gundry had a pretty long and acceptable testimony next. and afterwards I had a short exhortation.

On 7th. and 5th. of the week, we breakfasted at Joseph Gundrys and about half past 8 o'clock set out for Broomham 5 miles, dear William Gundry was our guide, and I rode with him in his carriage, and his Wife accompanying us, she rode with my companion. When we got a little out of the Town we had a view on our right hand of Bowood the seat of the Marquis of Lansdown, formally called the Lord Henry Petty; and at some distance upon our left on an high hill, we had a view of the figure of a white horse cut out of the chalk, 70 feet in length, and proportionable in height, which had a beautiful appearance. We got to Broomham, and after getting a little refreshment at Sarah Attwoods we went immediately to the meeting which began at 10 o'clock. There are but two members of our Society belonging thereto, but some of the descendants of friends and a few of the inhabitants of the village came in, So that besides my companion and me, (for all along when I mentioned the number at meeting, I reckon all that are there except ourselves) we sat down with 16 persons, I had to pretty long testimonies to bear therein, the first from Hos: C: 7. v: 8, 9. Ephraim, he has mixed himself among the people; Ephraim is a cake not turned. Strangers have devoured his strength. and the other from Mark C: 14. v. 8. She hath done what she could. William Gundry had afterwards a long time from Acts C: 24. v: 25. Go thy way for this time, when I have a convenient season, I will call for thee. After meeting we got a little refreshment at Sarah Attwoods, and then set out for Devizes 5 miles, dear William Gundry and his wife continuing with us as before, we went by Devizes, and about 1 mile further to William Powells of Nurstead were we took up our quarters. After dinner our dear friends William Gundry and his Wife returned home, we parting with each other in much nearness of affection.

On 8th. and 6th. week at 10 o clock in the forenoon we had in friends Meetinghouse at Devizes a Publick meeting for friends and others, which considering the shortness of the notice, and the wetness of the day was larger than I expected; pretty many People of other Societies attending, who appeared solid and well behaved, and some of them sensibly affected. I had a very long testimony to bear therein, from Psalms 19. v: 7. The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple. Afterwards I had a pretty long testimony from Acts C: 26. v: 28. Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian. The meeting held near 3 hours. After which we return'd to our quarters, and the afternoon proving very wet we tarried all night, and I wrote to my Charles Unsworth and forwarded it the next day from Salisbury. We spent the evening here in agreeable conversation with William and Mary Powell, they being valuable friends, and his Wife an approved Minister.

On 9th. and 7th. week about half past 7 o clock in the morning we set out for the city of Salisbury 21 miles Joseph Fry a valuable youth being our guide. When we had gone about 4 miles we entered upon Salisbury plain which is very extensive, and went over it until we got within a mile of Salisbury upwards 16 miles, and it being a very fine day the ride over these downs was particularly pleasant. There are only 3 houses all the way viz. a Tollgate and 2 Inns, we called at the Sine of the Bustard, about the middle of the plain and got some refreshment. Afterwards we left the Inn, we saw on the left hand of the road Stonehenge, supposed to be a temple of the ancient Druids. Also a great number of hills called Barrows in which a great number of dead bodies are deposited supposed to be slain in ancient wars. About a mile from Salisbury we had a fine view of Old Sarum once a large city but now only one house is left, and the ruins of a large Castle upon a very high hill, surrounded by a double trench and a deep ditch. We reached the city of Salisbury about 2 o clock, where we took up our quarters at the Widow Sarah Coes. After dinner I took a walk by the Cathedral and thro' many parts of the city, fine streams of water run thro' most of the streets, some of them are deep and nearly 2 yards over, which they call canals.

On 10th. and 1st. of the week, The forenoon meeting began at 10 o clock 18 persons attended, one of which was a person of another Society. It felt to me that many friends here were much in the mixture, I had a pretty long testimony to bear amongst them 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. I had close labour amongst them endeavouring to gather them to the one thing needful, to sit at the feet of their Lord and master, hearing the gracious words which proceed out of his mouth. After meeting we din'd at William Jefferys, and drunk Tea at our quarters. The afternoon meeting at my request was put off until 4 o clock, and notice thereof given to the inhabitants of the city; a great number of the more fashionable sort attended. The Meetinghouse and Loft being well filled and many stood without I thought at their first appearance they promised little to the comfort of a meeting but the Power of Truth arose, and brought a great solemnity over the minds of the People so that friends said it was one of the quietest Publick meetings, they had ever known before in this place. 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 two short exhortations. The meeting held in 2 hours After meeting several friends came to see us at Sarah Coe's with whom we had an agreeable opportunity in which I had a pretty long testimony to bear.

On 11th. and 2nd. day of the week, about half past 8 o'clock in the morning we set out for Andover in Hampshire 18 miles Rickman Jeffrey an agreeable young man being our guide; We went thro' a very fine open country mostly very large fields without fences except banks, but the latter part of the way rather more inclosed. We stopt at the Lower George in Wallop Hampshire and got some refreshment, then proceeded, It was Weyhill fair which continues 9 or 10 days and is held on a common about 3 miles from Andover, It is thought by some to be the largest fair in England, for all kinds of commodities, more especially Sheep

and Hops, a friend told us he had known 1 million of Sheep there at one fair, and tho' this was only the second day of the fair, they had numbered upwards of 300 wagon load of hops which had passed thro' Andover thither. As we came on the road we had a fine view of the fair, and the tents, which are numerous and regular like streets, being but a short distance from us. We got to Andover about 1 o'clock and took up our quarters at the Widow Ann Heaths. The meeting began at half past 6, and they ordered it to be held in the friends parlour, on account of many of the people coming from Weyhill to lodge in the town, and being frequently tumultuous in the streets in the evenings; But it would have been pleasanter to me if it had been held in the Meetinghouse. There was 8 persons attended the meeting, and I had a short testimony to bear therein from Psalms 16. v: 11. In thy presence is fullness of joy, at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore. Afterwards I had a pretty long time from Luke C: 10. v: 42. One thing is needful, and Mary hath chosen that good part; which shall not be taken away from her. After which I had a short addition from the same subject.

On 12th. and 3rd. of the week, we set out for Newbury in Berkshire 16 miles, about 8 o'clock in the morning. The friends here being very much engaged, we would willingly have gone without a guide, but they would by no means hear of it. So Charles Heath sent Charles Head his footman with us, a very agreeable young man but not a friend. We came to Highclere in Berkshire 11 miles were we called at the Crown and after getting some refreshment we prevailed upon our guide to return, and we proceeded to Newbury were we got about 12 o'clock, and there being no family of friends in the Town, we put up at the Coopers arms near the Meetinghouse, were we met with John Withers and his Wife who as soon as they received the letter informing them of our intentions of being here set out to meet us. They are both of them acknowledged Ministers. We agreed to have a Publick meeting to be held in friends Meetinghouse at 4 o'clock this afternoon with friends and others, as there are few professing with those, young persons in the Town. and it was very pleasant to see the zeal of Ann Withers in getting information to the People. The meeting began at the hour appointed and held about 2 hours, and a pretty many People of other Societies attended, and altho' I felt very low and depressed in spirit in the forepart thereof, yet he who had compassion upon the multitude formally, was pleased to look down with compassion upon us, and favoured us with a pretty satisfactory meeting, and 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 he doeth his will him he heareth. And afterwards I had a pretty long exhortation. After meeting we drunk Tea at the Inn, and it coming on heavy rain, and continuing a long time we tarried until it abated, and then went with John Withers and his Wife to their house at Thatcham 3 miles got there about half past 8 in the evening were we lodged.

On 13th. and 4th. of week we set out about half past 7 o'clock in the morning, for Reading 14 miles John Withers being our guide. We went down a pleasant wide valley through which the river Kennet runs to Reading, where we got by 10 o'clock, and took up our quarters at Robert Maddocks, The meeting began at 11 o'clock and was pretty large there being a considerable number of friends belonging thereto, and 4 acknowledged Ministers. It proved a very open favourite meeting. Ann Withers our guides Wife meeting with a conveyance after we left their house, followed us hither, and was first concerned in supplication. I had a very long testimony to bear next having to speak unto a variety of states, being opened from Luke C: 11. v: 31. The Queen of the south shall rise up in the judgement with the men of this generation, and condemn them, for she came from the uttermost parts of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and behold a greater than Solomon is here. After meeting we called to see an ancient friend and Minister, Elizabeth Bevington who lives near the Meetinghouse, but so infirm as not to be able to attend meetings, we had a precious tendering opportunity with her in which I was concerned in testimony. After dinner I went with John Withers to see Rebecca Tutty and her sons, were we sat a little and then return'd to my quarters.

On 14th. and 5th. of week, about 8 o'clock in the morning we set out for Maidenhead 13 miles, John Tutty a young man being our guide. When we had got about 5 miles on our

way he showed us Ruscomb a little on the right hand of the road; where our worthy friend William Penn lived in the latter part of his time, and where he finished an honourable Life. We got to Maidenhead by 10 o'clock, and took up our quarters at Nicholas Albrights, This town is only 26 miles from London, and 6 miles from Windsor castle where the King George the third resides, we had a fine view of the house as we came along the road this morning. The meeting began at 11 o'clock and 17 friends attended besides the Girls of a friends boarding School in Town. It was a pretty satisfactory meeting. I had two long testimonies to bear therein the first 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, and the other time from Psalms 68. v: 1. Let God arise, let his enemies be scattered; let them also that hate him flee before him. In the afternoon we drunk tea at William Batts.

On 15th. and 6th. of week, we breakfasted with two young Women who keep a boarding School here, and soon after 8 o'clock set out for Henley upon Thames in Oxfordshire 9 miles, dear William Batt being our guide, walking up the hill out of Maidenhead, Nicholas Albright accompanying me, he showed me Clifton near this Town were he said he had heard the present king George third, was born; and where his Father, Frederick Prince of Wales died. We got to Henley about quarter past 10 and took up our quarters at Joseph Mays a valuable Elder and to whom I felt very nearly united. The meeting began at 11 o'clock and 15 friends attended, It was a low time but ended comfortably. After a very long time in silence, I had two pretty long testimonies to bear, the first from Deut: C: 32. v: 10. He found him in a desert land, and in the waste howling wilderness; he led him about, he instructed him, he kept him as the apple of his eye. and the other from Eze: C: 14. v: 16. Tho' these three men (alluding to Noah, Daniel and Job) were in it as I live saith the Lord God, they shall deliver neither sons nor daughters. After dinner before we arose from the table, we had a very precious tendering season in which I had a pretty long testimony to bear from Prov: C: 18. v: 24. There is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother.

On 16th. and 7th of week, The friend were we lodged informed me there was a spring some miles out of Town, which at times was dry, for many years together; and then would run again, sometimes for a very long time and sometimes shorter, with so considerable a current as to flood many of the cellars in the Town. It was running now and we came a considerable way to day by the stream which runs by the side of the road from the spring to the Town. We set out about half past 8 o'clock in the morning for Warborough 13 miles under half. Joseph May a valuable young man about 25 years of age being our guide; in our way we went through a very large Wood called Nettlebedwood, and through the village of Nettlebed situated on very high ground, , the road having been rising most of the way from Henley hither which is 5 miles. At this place and for many miles around there had been a snow the day but one before being the 14th of 10th Month which took People over the Shoe tops. I do not ever remember one in the North so early. We got to Robert Greens of Shillingford about half past 11 o'clock 13 miles were we took up our quarters.

On 17th. and 1st. of week, we went to their meeting at Warborough half a mile, which began at 11 o'clock, 18 friends attended. I had a long testimony to bear therein from Gen: 26. v: 4. In thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed. At the close of this meeting the business of their Preparative meeting was gone through. About half past 3 o'clock in the afternoon we set out for Wallingford in Berkshire 2 miles and a half. Stephen Green and 3 Women friends who reside their accompanying us thither, were a Publick meeting was appointed to be held this evening, and notice thereof given to the inhabitants the day before. We got to Stephen Greens of Wallingford about 4 o'clock were we drunk Tea. The meeting began at 6 in the evening and was held in the Town.hall which was readily granted for the purpose upon application to the Mayor and Alderman. A very great concourse of People attended so that the Hall the council chamber and the stairs leading thereto was so crowded that it was with very great difficulty we could get to our seats, and it was thought there were more people stood without than was within. One of the magistrates of the Town observing the

great crowd, and fearing some disorderly behaviour, went and ordered the peace officers to attend, and see that good order was preserved. But the People considering the great crowd, behaved as well as one could expect such a mixed multitude. I had a very long testimony to bear therein from Awake to righteousness, and sin not, for some have not the knowledge of God 1 Cor: C: 15. v: 34. Afterwards I had a pretty long time from Prov: C: 9. v: 12. If thou be wise, thou shalt be wise for thyself; but if thou scornest, thou alone shall bear it. The Meeting held 2 hours. Dear Joseph May and his Wife with another friend from Henley, and one from Amersham in Buckinghamshire met us here, of whose company I was particularly glad. They return'd to Henley the same evening 11 miles. We stopt about half an hour at Stephen Greens and got some suitable refreshment then returned with Robert Green to his house at Shillingford in Oxfordshire, were we got a little after 9 o'clock, having crossed the Thames both going and returning which runs by both places and parts the counties of Berkshire and Oxfordshire.

On 18th. and 2nd. of week, about half past 10 in the morning we set out for the city of Oxford 10 miles Robert Green being our guide, and taking me in his carriage, we got there about quarter past 12 and took up our quarters at the Three cups; there are no friends in this city, but they have a good Meetinghouse, and the Quarterly meeting for Berkshire and Oxfordshire is held here once in the year. And I having felt a concern to have a Publick meeting with the inhabitants, it was agreed to be held in the friends Meetinghouse at 6 o'clock this evening and two men were hired by friends to inform the citizens thereof. After dinner I took a walk thro' most parts of the city. The streets are neat and clean and well built the Colleges and halls are numerous and situated in different parts of the city, and are very large stately buildings; the Shambles and the Markethouse are large and well adapted for the purpose; The Castle is most of it a very ancient curious building, and is now used for the County Goal. The streets swarm with Students walking about in their black gowns and square caps. The meeting this evening was large many People attending and amongst the number several of the Collegians so that the Meetinghouse was well filled and the behaviour of the whole was orderly and some remarkable solid and serious, I trust their minds being solemnly impressed with good. I was first concerned therein in supplication. Next had a very long testimony to bear 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 have appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds. and afterwards had two pretty long exhortations. The meeting held two hours and a half.

On 19th. and 3rd. of week we left Oxford about 9 o'clock in the morning for Abingdon in Berkshire 6 miles, Robert Green continuing our guide and taking me in his coverage, we went thro' Bagley wood and got to Abingdon a large place, and the county town of Berkshire, about quarter to 10 o'clock, and took up our quarters at Robert Allens. They are the only family of friends belonging this meeting, and had reserved notice on first day of our intention of having a Publick meeting here to day with friends and others, accompanied with our desire that care might be taken to inform the inhabitants thereof. The meeting began at 11 o'clock, and was held in friends Meetinghouse. It was not large, fewer of other societies attending than was expected, yet it was a very open comfortable meeting, and I had a very long testimony to bear therein from Psalms 107. v: 8. Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men. Afterwards I was concerned in Prayer.

On 20th. and 4th. of week, we set out for Faringdon 14 miles about half past 7 o'clock in the morning, Jeremiah Wallis an unmarried man about 32 years of age being our guide, we got there about half past 10 o'clock, and quartered at the Widow Ann Reynolds's, who had buried her husband the first day before. He was at the meeting at Evesham when we was there, being on a visit to some relations, and was taken ill before he left, and after a short illness departed this life there, and was brought here to bury. The meeting began at 11 o'clock, and 14 persons attended, 2 of which number were persons of other Societies. The appearance of friends promised little to the comfort of a meeting, but many of them being near relatives of the deceased, their minds were humbled, and such was the condescending regard of him

that willeth not the death of a sinner, but it proved a season of remarkable favour to divers, and I believe a time of renewed visitation unto all; even the prodigal son was invited to return with the promise of mercy for so doing. I had a long testimony to bear therein from John C: 10. v: 10. The thief cometh not but for to steal and to kill and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly. Afterwards I had a short time from 2 Cor: C: 6. v: 2. Behold, now is the accepted time, behold, now is the day of salvation. In my return from meeting Robert Huntleys Wife took me to their house, were I sat a little and took a Glass of wine, and then went to my quarters. About 3 o'clock in the afternoon we set out for Burford in Oxfordshire 11 miles Robert Huntley being our guide, the road was bad the greater part of the way, going thro' a low flat and watry part of the country, We got to Burford about quarter past 5 in the evening were we took up our quarters at Thomas Minchins, but my companion lodged at Thomas Huntleys.

On 21st. and 5th. week, I went to Thomas Huntleys to breakfast, his Mother who at present resides with him is an acknowledged Minister, and a younger Brother, I think his name is John, I have understood to have of late dropt a few words at times acceptable in meetings. The meeting to day begun at 11 o'clock, 18 persons attended, 1 of them not making profession with us. I was dipped very low in the forepart thereof, which I believe was the state of some exercised minds present, unto whom in due time the language of encouragement flowed freely, as well as to the dear youth. I having a long testimony to bear therein 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. About half past 2 o'clock in the afternoon we set out for Witney 8 miles, Samuel Minchin a very kind youth about 25 years of age being our guide, we got to Witney about 4 o'clock, and took up our quarters at John Hankins. I had been poorly of a complaint in my bowels ever since I left Bath, and tho' I had taken several things I did not get better of it, keeping travelling being very desirous to get forward, and close exercises in meetings, and coming out into the open air, and my body being in an open state I kept taking fresh cold, so that the disorder rather increased upon me, and I found my throat began to be affected, that I found a difficulty in speaking, and apprehended a little rest to be quite necessary, whereupon I concluded to stop a few days here, where I believe I was made kindly welcome by the friend and his family; and it had the desired effect for by a little rest here I found myself much better, and tho' the complaint did not wholly leave me until after I got home but at times I had it very bad, yet not so constant as before

On 22nd. and 6th. of week, my companion having lived in this Town when he was young and having pretty many acquaintance, he went out to day into the country to see some of them and returned in the evening. In the forenoon I wrote to my William Taylor. In the afternoon I went to drink tea at Thomas Smiths; his Wife Hannah Smith is an approved Minister.

On 23rd. and 7th. of week, in the forenoon I took a walk thro' several parts of the Town, and went to see the Blanket.hall The making of blankets being the principal business of the Town, and in this hall they weigh and measure them, before the goods which are sold are sent off to the purchasers. In the afternoon we drunk tea at Thomas Smiths.

On 24th. and 1st. of week, we attended their Meetings forenoon and afternoon. The forenoon meeting began at 10, It was pretty large of friends and others. and I had a long testimony to bear therein 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. Many different states were opened, and spoke to; and I hope it was a profitable time to many. I was next concerned in Prayer. and afterwards had a short exhortation. After dinner we went to see Hannah Rutter an ancient friend who is confined to her house thro' indisposition; had a religious opportunity with her in which I was concerned in testimony. The afternoon meeting began at 3 o'clock, it was much larger than the former, more of other Societies attending; and it proved a season of renewed favour. I had a long testimony to bear therein first from Matt: C: 28. 3. 19, 20. Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I

have commanded you. and lo I am with you alway even unto the end of the world. Afterwards I had a short time from Gal: C: 4. v. 10, 11. Ye observe days, and months, and times, and years. I am afraid of you, lest I have bestowed upon you labour in vain. Hannah Smith had a short but acceptable testimony next Her mouth being opened with these words. Praise the Lord, O ye his People, and let the righteous shout for joy. After Tea John Hankins junr. being desirous for me to go and see his Wife, she being indisposed. He having married out of the Society some years before, but she attends meetings, we went thither accompanied by his Brother Caleb an hopeful youth about 16 years of age John Hankin and his Wife received us in a very friendly manner, and we sat down with them and Caleb Hankins together, it was a precious heart tendering opportunity their different states were opened and spoke to in a large and lively manner, to the tendering of their hearts and a time of extraordinary visitation it was unto them all, more particularly to John who wept much, and he and I took leave of each other in much nearness of affection. May the Lord be pleased to bless the seed sown in mercy, that so he may be favoured to reap in Joy, is the sincere desire of my mind.

On 25th. and 2nd. of week, The evening before after supper several friends came in to see us at our lodgings, and we closing into silence, had a satisfactory opportunity in which I was concerned in testimony twice. This morning about 8 o'clock we set out for Charlbury 6 miles, William Tilling footman to a friend there, and a particular acquaintance of my companions, came here yesterday morning, being a religious character, and in profession with the Methodist, and he attended both the meetings, and was ordered to stop all night and guide us to his Masters house. On our way thither, he had we had a fine view of Whichwood.house situated on the edge of the Whichwood forest and is a hunting seat of the Duke of Beauforts.we got Charlbury a little after 10 o'clock and took up our quarters at Robert Spendloves . The meeting began at 11 o'clock, and 26 persons attended besides the Girls of a friends school. I had a long testimony to bear therein from Rom: C: 12. v: 1. I beseech you therefore, brethren by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, wholly acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. Afterwards I had a pretty long time from 1 Cor: C: 4. v: 4. I know nothing by myself; yet am I not hereby justified. After meeting we called at William Albrights were I got a little suitable refreshment and then came to our quarters to dine. After Tea we went and sat a little at William Albrights junr. and then returned to our quarters.

On 26th. and 3rd. of week, we set out a little after 8 o'clock in the morning for Chippingnorton which the way we went was 8 miles; going about 2 miles round for better road. Robert Spendlove sent his footman William Tilling with us for our guide, and William Neave a valuable youth an apprentice who felt particularly near to me, Rebecca Albright and Mary Self accompanying us; we went by Henstone, and in our way from thence to Chippingnorton we had a fine view of Heythrop.house, the seat of the Earl of Shrewsbury. We got to Chippingnorton betwixt 9 and 10 o'clock, and took up our quarters at William Atkins's. The meeting began at 11 o'clock, and was larger friends, and a few of other Societies came in. I had a long testimony to bear therein 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, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus.christ, and afterwards had a short testimony from Matt: C: 9. v. 37, 38. The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers of few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest. Various states were spoke to, and the brightly exercised were particularly encouraged to faithfulness unto divine manifestations. William Ebsworth the young man who lives with John Pigler near Stow and who is in profession with the Methodist hearing of our intention of being here to day, came to this meeting; and din'd with us at the friends house, and when we were set down to dinner before we ate, I was concerned in supplication, which was attended with that Power, which brought some into tears and great tenderness. After dinner William Ebsworth set out the home, and I set him a little on his way, were we parted in much affection. In the evening we went and sat a little at Samuel and Esther Atkins a pious couple with a large family of young children

On 27th. and 4th. of week, about half past 8 o'clock in the morning we set out for South.Newington 7 miles and a half Edward Hopkins being our guide; we got there about half past 10, and took up our quarters at William Harris's. The meeting began at 11 o'clock, there was but 4 members of our Society there, but I believe uninvited a pretty many of the inhabitants of the village came in; and it was a good meeting, I had a long and encouraging testimony to bear therein from Isai: C: 1. v: 8. The daughter of Zion is left as a cottage in a vineyard, as a lodge in a garden of cucumbers, as a besieged city. We left here about half past 2 o'clock for Adderbury 4 miles and a half John Harris a kind youth in the 19th year of his age being our guide, the road was very bad, however we got there about 4 o'clock, and alighted at William Barretts were my companion lodged; but I went immediately to Thomas Lambs, where I took up my quarters.

On 28th. and 5th. of the week, The meeting in this village began at 11 o'clock, it was large many friends belonging thereto, a considerable number having lately come amongst friends here by convincement and a Priests Wife and a few more of other Societies attending to day. It was a remarkable favoured meeting, and I had a very long testimony to bear therein from Rom: C: 7. v: 9. I was alive without the law once, but when the commandment came, sin revived, and I died. After meeting William Haste one of the lately convinced friends, who is an Attorneys Clerk at Teddington dined with us; and after dinner I wrote two Letters one to dear William Masters of Doxy near Stafford, and the other to dear Job Pitt of Dudley in Worcestershire. and afterwards went to William Barratts where we drunk tea and suppd.

On 29th. and 6th. of week, about nine o clock in the morning we set out for Banbury 3 miles, Thomas Lamb being our guide, we got there about 10 o'clock, and I took up my quarters at Mary Beesleys dear Joseph Beesley Mothers, but my companion lodged at Henry Stone's. The meeting began at 11 o'clock and a pretty many friends belong thereto, who attended and a few of other Societies came in. The language of encouragement flowed freely unto different states; and I had very close and hard things to communicate, to the careless and unconcerned ones. I had two long testimonies to bear therein the first from Gen: C: 49. v: 18. I have waited for thy salvation, O Lord. and the other from Eccle: 12. v: 1. Remember now thy creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh when thou shalt say. I have no pleasure in them. After dinner I wrote to my beloved friend Joseph Beesley of Olvestone in Gloucestershire, and afterwards spent the evening and supp'd at Henry Stones.

On 30th. and 7th. of week, There being a fair in this Town to day, and many friends from the country attending it, several came in the forenoon and sat a little with me. At half past 2 o'clock in the afternoon, we set out for Sibford 10 miles, a friend of that village viz. Joseph Lamb junr. a young man about 25 years of age who had been here at the fair, undertook to be our guide; This was the beginning of a very intimate friendship which afterwards subsisted betwixt us, and which I hope nothing but death will dissolve. We got to Sibford about half past 5 o'clock, and took up our quarters there at John Enochs.

On 31st. and 1st. of week, The meeting at Sibford began at 11 o'clock. It is the largest meeting of friends in this County, and 3 acknowledged Ministers belong thereto; and it being their Preparative meeting to day, the friends of Hooknorton and South Newington meetings attended here being united in one Preparative meeting. So that the meeting to day was very large of friends, and several other Societies came in, as many as filled with the Meetinghouse pretty well altho' it will contain a great number of People; and we were favoured with a good meeting. I stood up in much weakness both of body and mind (having been very unwell the evening before) but life and power increasing, I was strengthened fully to relieve my mind amongst them in a very long testimony from Matt: C: 12. v: 41. The men of the Nineveh shall rise up in the judgement, with this generation, and shall condemn it; because they repented at the preaching of Jonas; and behold a greater than Jonas is here. It was a time of remarkable visitation to some amongst the youth particularly to John and Joseph Lamb junr. and thus was that pure friendship commenced betwixt dear Joseph and me the day before, strengthened. At the close of this meeting the business of their preparative meeting was gone through. Betwixt

3 and 4 o'clock in the afternoon we set out for Hook Norton 3 miles and the day being fine we walked thither. John Enoch being our guide; and William Minchin a friend of that village accompanied us thither, and took us to his house, where we drunk Tea. There are but few friends belonging this Meeting, but a considerable number of other meetings met us here, and many sober people of other Societies attended, so that the Meetinghouse was pretty well filled. The meeting began at 6 o'clock and held 2 hours and a quarter. and it proved an eminently favoured meeting, Truth and its testimony being exalted therein, and many much broken and tendered. I had a very long testimony to bear from Mark: C: 16. v: 16. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved. Afterwards I had a short testimony and to a particular state from Job: C: 42. v: 5. I have heard of thee by the hearing of the ear; but now mine eye seeth thee. After meeting we returned to William Minchins where I tarried all night feeling very much exhausted, but my companion return'd to Sibford with John Enoch.

On 1st. of 11th. Mo. and 2nd. of week, After Breakfast I set out for Sibford, William Minchin being my guide. Before we left to the village, he showed me the house where Mary Brotherstone lived with her mother at the time of her convincement, and also of her first appearance in the work of the ministry; she afterwards married Joseph Brook of Leighton in Bedfordshire, and became a very eminent minister. She also published a pamphlet, called Reasons for the necessity of Silent waiting upon God etc. He also showed me the evening before many excellent Letters written by her after her marriage to his Wifes Father John Hall, in whose convincement she was instrumental. We got to John Enochs of Sibford about 9 o'clock; Banbury Monthly meeting was held here to day, which we attended; the meeting for worship began at 11 o'clock, and tho' select of friends, was very large, the Meetinghouse being well filled. It was held in silence, except a few words dropt by Thomas Plaster. At the close of this meeting was held their meeting for discipline which consists of 3 Preparatory meetings viz. Banbury, Adderbury and Sibford. The business upon the whole was pretty well conducted and amongst other things my Certificate was read and minuted. In the course of the business of the meeting, I had a pretty long and encouraging testimony to bear unto some of the beloved youth. Both meetings held 4 hours. About 4 o'clock in the afternoon we set out for Shipston in Worcestershire, dear Joseph Lamb junr. a preciously visited young man being our guide, I walked near 1 mile, Joseph's Brother John another visited young man in or about 27 years of age accompanying me At parting which was in much affection he wept. We proceeded to Brails in Warwickshire where there is a meeting of friends, and where we took a little refreshment at William Gillets without alighting. then proceed to Shipston 6 miles and a half where we got about 6 in the evening and lodged at Anna Hodgkins an old acquaintance of mine, and where Joseph Lamb and me slept together, by which we were favoured with a private opportunity together much to our satisfaction.

On 2nd. and 3rd. of week, We proposed having a meeting at Shipston to day, but being informed that the South Monthly Meeting of Warwickshire was to be held at Eatington, unto which Shipston belongs, and being only about 5 miles and a half distant, we had previously requested the friends of this meeting to attend this meeting to attend there as generally as they could. We left Shipston about 8 o'clock in the morning for Eatington in Warwickshire, Joseph Lamb continuing our guide, we called on our way at Tredington to see the children of Sarah Lamley, she being engaged on a religious visit to the families of friends in Yorkshire, and then proceeded to Eatington where we got about quarter before 10 o'clock, and took up our quarters at Jeffrey Bevingtons a lively spirited valuable friend near 90 years of age, and yet remarkable stirring and active. The meeting for worship began at 11 o'clock, it was not large but I understood much larger than usual, the Meetinghouse being nearly full. It was a good meeting, and I had a long testimony to bear therein from Isai: C: 5. v. 1, 2. My well beloved hath a vineyard in a very fruitful hill. And he fenced it, and gathered out the stones thereof, and planted it with the choicest vine, and built a tower in it, and also made a wine press therein: and he looked that it should bring forth grapes, and it brought forth wild grapes. Afterwards I had a pretty long testimony from Psalms 66. v, 16. Come and hear, all ye that fear God, and I will declare what he has done for my soul. Many were much broken and

tendered in this meeting, especially the youth, unto some of whom it appeared to be a time of renewed visitation. At the close of this meeting was held their monthly meeting for discipline, which consist of 5 Preparative meetings viz. Eatington, (Brails and Shipston), (Longcompton and Stow), Radway and Campden. The business of this meeting was agreeably conducted. Amongst other things my certificate was read and minuted. Both meetings held 3 hours. Many friends dining with us at our quarters I was concerned in supplication before we ate at the table. After dinner Joseph Lamb return'd home, and as our love to each other had kept increasing from our first acquaintance, so we felt deeply our separation, taking leave of each other under the precious feeling of that cementing love which had nearly united our spirits together. Afterwards we drunk Tea at Geoffrey Bevington Lowe's

On 3rd. and 4th. of week, we set out about half past 7 o'clock in the morning for Warwick 10 miles, William Bevington being our guide, we got there a little before 10 o'clock and took up our quarters at William Evans's whose Wife is an approved Minister. The Monthly Meeting called the Middle Monthly meeting of Warwickshire was held here to day; the meeting for worship began at 11 o'clock. There was a considerable

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On 4th. and 5th. of week we set out a little past 8 o'clock in the morning for the city of Coventry 10 miles; Walter Sturge a young man about 24 years of age being our guide, we went thro' a most beautiful country all the way, and by Kennilworth were there is considerable remains of a very large Castle. Betwixt this Town and Coventry we met two Stage Coaches, the horses heads being all adorned with blue ribbons, and upon one of them a flag of different colours were flying, we understood the cause thereof was on account of the

news, that the allied armies, had defeated the French, and cut off great numbers of Bouannaparte's Army, and had also taken Leipsick and Dresden. When we got to Coventry the streets were so exceedingly crowded with People watching for the coming in of the Mail, and that it was with great difficulty we got through them; we got to our friend Joseph Freeths about 10 o'clock were we took up our quarters, Soon after we got there the mail arrived and brought a confirmation of the news. The Bells and the Steeplehouses which are 3 in number, were all set a ringing, and the Guns at the Barracks kept firing, so that in our going to meeting, the noise was so great, that it was difficult to hear one another speak. The meeting began at 11 o'clock, and when I first set me down therein, I thought it was a fine thing to know Jerusalem to be a quiet habitation and to fight under that Captain who stiles himself the prince of Peace. The number of friends is considerably lessened at this place since I was here before, yet a pretty many attended to day, the diver states were opened and spoke to, and being favoured to relieve my mind fully amongst them, I thought it was upon the whole a satisfactory meeting. I had a long testimony to bear therein from, Jer: C: 48. v: 11. Moab hath been at ease from his youth and he hath settled on his lees, and hath not been emptied from vessel to vessel, neither hath he gone into captivity; therefore his taste remained in him, and his scent is not changed. Afterwards I had a pretty long time in testimony from John C: 21. v. 21, 22. What shall this man do, Jesus saith unto him, If I will that he tarry till I come; what is that to thee: follow thou me. In the afternoon I wrote to my beloved friend Charles Unsworth, and as I was taking the Letter to the Post.office. They had got a large Bonfire in the marke.place, and was about to roast a Sheep whole this evening. The friend who accompanied me, as we went shewed me peeping Tom of Coventry, looking as it were out of a window at the corner of a street, which makes a very droll appearance.

On 5th. on 6th. Week, about half past 7 o clock in the morning we set out for Hartshill 11 miles, Seymour Waterfall a youth about 19 years of age being our guide, and Joseph Freeth accompanying us thither, went by Bedworth and Nuneaton, and got to Hartshill a little after 10 o'clock, were we took up our quarters and Joseph Crosfields. The meeting began at 11 o'clock, and 12 friends attended, besides a considerable number of Boys who are at the School here. I had a pretty long testimony to bear therein, being led to speak particularly, both unto those who were further advanced in years, and to the children 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. The afternoon being remarkably fine, and understanding that Drayton in the Clay in Leicestershire, the place of George Fox birth was but about 3 miles from there, we took a walk together accompanied by Joseph Crosfield and Joseph Freeth and Joseph Crosfield having in his possession George Fox's cane he used to walk with, he lent it me to walk thither with, We had a pleasant walk through the fields thither and back. Drayton is but a small village, and thinly inhabited, we went into the Steeplehouse, and through the yard and examined the stones, but could not find any with the name of Fox upon them. A person shewed us the place were he understood his Father lived and were he was born, we return'd to Hartshill to Tea.

On 6th. and 7th. of week, between 1 and 2 o'clock in the afternoon, we set out for Alder.mills a little behind Tamworth, 13 miles, Samuel Marshall a pious young man being our guide, he is about 23 years of age. We went by Atherston to Polesworth were we stopt about 2 hours and drunk tea at William Lythalls, then proceeded by Tamworth to Aldermills in Staffordshire were we got about half past 6 o'clock, and took up our quarters at William Fowlers, were Samuel Marshall and me slept together, which we were in hopes might have afforded us an opportunity of a little private conversation, which was much desired by us both, having felt a nearness to each other, from the first sight one of another, but in this we were in part disappointed by my companion sleeping in the same room.

On 7th. and 1st. of week, this morning my dear friends William Masters of Doxey near Stafford and Job Pitt, and with him Marshall Williams of Dudley in Worcestershire, came to meet us here. A Publick meeting for friends and others being appointed at my request to be held in friends Meetinghouse at Tamworth to day; we returned that the 1 mile. The meeting

began at 11 o'clock and held 2 hours and a half, It was large many friends from other meetings attending, and a considerable number of People of other Societies, so that the Meetinghouse was full, and many stood without doors, It was an open good meeting, a great solemnity appearing to cover the minds of the People; and I had a very long testimony to bear therein from Jer: C: 13. v: 23. Can the Ethiopian change his skin, or the leopard his spots; then may ye also do good, that are accustomed to do evil. Afterwards I had a pretty long testimony from Jer: C: 18. v: 3. I went down to the potters house, and behold, he wrought a work on the wheels. After meeting we returnd to our quarters, and after dinner Samuel Marshall set out for home, but the other friends who came this morning stopt all night at Aldermills and Job Pitt and me slept together. This afternoon we all drunk Tea together at John Fowlers, and supp'd at Joseph Fowlers.

On 8th. and 2nd. of week, a little before 9 o'clock in the morning, we set out for Doxey near Stafford 24 miles, dear William Masters having met us here with a view to take us to his house; we went to Lichfield where we stopt at Thomas Langley's, and took a little refreshment; then proceeded in our way to Rugeley we had a fine view of Bow.desart the seat of the Earl of Uxbridge. At Rugeley we called at James Waddams were we dined; and after dinner Joseph Waddam and his Wife, and Joyce Richards came to see us. I afterwards went with Joyce Richards to her house, were I sat a little and took a glass of wine; From this place we proceeded to Stafford to William Masters of Doxey, got there about half past 5 o'clock, were we took about quarters.

On 9th. and 3rd. of week, we rested here, spending the day very agreeably with the family and Joyce Richards, who came here from Rugeley with a view to have a little of our company.

On 10th. and 4th. of week, we attended their weekday meeting at Stafford, notice having been given to friends of our intention of being there. It began at 11 o'clock, and 11 friends attended. After a long silence, I had a pretty long and encouraging testimony to bear from Neh: C: 2. v: 20. The God of heaven he will prosper us; therefore we his servants will arise and build: but ye have no portion, nor right nor memorial in Jerusalem. Afterwards I had a pretty long time, having sundry exhortations to communicate to different states. After meeting we din'd at James Nixons and immedately after dinner set out for Uttoxeter 14 miles, William Masters being our guide we left Stafford about 2 o'clock and got there about 5 in the evening, in our way we passed by Chartley.castle in the estate of the Earl Ferrers, it is situated on an high hill but is mostly in ruins. At Uttoxeter we took up our quarters at Samuel Bothams.

On 11th. and 5th. of week, the meeting was to have begun at 11 o'clock, but a large fair happening to be in this Town to day it was put off until 6 o'clock in the evening. In the afternoon we drunk Tea at Sarah Summerlands, and from thence went to the Meeting which was attended by 36 persons, 3 of whom appeared to be people of other Societies. I was largely opened therein to different states, having a long testimony to bear 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 that which he hath. and afterwards I had a short testimony from Isai: C: 65. v: 8. As the new wine is found in the cluster, and one saith, Destroy it not; for a blessing is in it. After meeting I got a little suitable refreshment at Sarah Summerlands, and then we return'd to our quarters.

On 12th. and 6th. of week, This morning early Edward Forrester a Black, came here to clean shoes I saw him in the Kitchen the night we got here, and I was very much struck with his innocent appearance and now I got an opportunity with him alone, and after some conversation with him upon religious subjects, to our mutual satisfaction; and communicating to him a little advice, we embraced each other in Gospel love and separated. This opportunity afforded me much relief; feeling nearly united to him. I understood he is in Society with the Methodists, and hath a Wife and 7 children, and that they live very comfortably together, and that he is an honour to his profession. Afterwards we went to Betty Shipleys to breakfast.

I feeling a concern to have a Publick meeting at Ashbourn in Derbyshire, and there being no friends near that Town after breakfast William Masters and Joseph Shipley set out for the 12 miles to procure and prepare a place and give notice thereof to the inhabitants. and we return'd to our quarters. About half past 1 o'clock in the afternoon, we set out for Ashbourn, and went thro' a beautiful country near the banks of the river Dove all the way thither, we got to the Green man in Ashbourn about 4 o'clock, were we met with William Masters, and were we took up our quarters. Joseph Shipley was gone about 2 miles out of Town to inform 2 or 3 persons who lived there and who they understood were under convincement; but he returned to Tea. The meeting began at 6 o'clock in the evening, and was held in the Assembly room in our Inn yard, It is 18 yards long, and 7 wide. The friends had got it well seated, and a convenient Gallery erected, It was very full of People, and many stood without doors, many French prisoners who were in the Town attended, and the behaviour of the whole was deserving of commendation; and great solemnity appeared to overshadow the meeting. I had a very long testimony to bear therein 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. Afterwards I had a pretty long exhortation. The meeting held 2 hours and a half. After meeting the 3 men came into the room to us at our Inn who appear to be under convincement. Their names are William Eaton and his son Charles Eaton and Thomas Thornelly, there appears to be something very valuable about them more particularly about the two young men. After sitting a little with us they took leave, and set out for home, but immediately after they were gone I felt something on my mind to them and mentioning it to William Masters, he followed them and they returned with him; We closed into silence, and had a precious opportunity together in which I had a pretty long testimony to bear, At parting they expressed their satisfaction with what had been communicated unto them.

On 13th and 7th. of week, this morning after I had got upon my feet to set of having been much pleased with the company of Joseph Shipley, a dear youth in the 21st year of his age, unto whom I felt the precious visitation of the love of God to flow, and a concern very unexpectedly came upon me to mention it to him, and add a little advice thereunto as it opened, which reached the pure witness in him, so that he was very much broken and tendered, and a most precious opportunity it was, that I believe will not easily be forgotten. We then separated under the precious influence of Gospel love, and in much nearness of affection, and set out for Bakewell 16 miles about half past 9 o'clock in the morning, dear William Masters and me walked together a little out of Town where we parted, and my companion and me came to Newhaven.house were we got some refreshment, and then proceeded to Bakewell, were we got about 3 o'clock in the afternoon, and took up our quarters at William Gantleys.

On 14th and 1st. of week, A few People meeting together on first days at John Hills house of Birchill near Dronfield who appeared to be under convincement, but none of them are as yet members of our Society, and I having felt for some days passed a concern to be at that meeting, we set out about 8 o'clock this morning with an intent to reach there being 12 miles of, and the meeting beginning at half past 10, and we altogether Strangers to the road; we went by the village of Baslow, and over the East.moor, and by the village of Holmsfield, and got to John Hills of Birchill about half past 10, and found the meeting was just gathered in his parlour; we got a little refreshment immediately, and then went into the meeting, where to our surprize we found 21 persons assembled. I had a long testimony to bear in this meeting from John; 7. v: 17. If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrines. and afterwards I had a pretty long time from Isai: C: 43. v: 23. Thou hast not brought me the small cattle of thy burnt offerings. It was a satisfactory meeting, and I had to encourage them to faithfulness in the small manifestations of duty, as the only way to be favoured to experience an increase in heavenly wisdom and knowledge. At the close of the meeting not feeling to be clear in my mind; I requested another meeting might be held in the evening, and information thereof be given to their neighbours; This was readily complied with, and it was ordered to begin at 5

o'clock, The meeting began at the hour appointed, and was held in the house which is a large room and was conveniently seated, most of those who were there in the forenoon attended, and more of the neighbours came than I could have expected, it being a lone house and no other very near it, and the evenings dark without moon. The house was well filled with People, and a few stood in the Kitchen. It was a solid good meeting, and I had a very long testimony to bear 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 hadst hearkened to my commandments? then had thy peace been as a river, and thy righteousness as the waves of the sea. Afterwards I was concerned in Prayer The meeting held 2 hours and a half, and I felt truly glad that I had given up unto this apprehended duty. In the evening John Hill told us that early in the morning his mind was impressed with a belief that they should have the company of some ministering friend to day, and he told his Wife of it, and they accordingly made provision in expectation thereof.

On 15th. and 2nd. of week, betwixt 7 and 8 o'clock in the morning we set out intending to reach my habitation at Newhouse to day 23 miles came by the villages of Greenhill and Woodsetts to Sheffield in Yorkshire, were we stopt about 1 hour and a half of my Brother Daniel Doncasters and got some refreshment, then came by Owlerton, Wadersleybridge, Wortley and Thurgoland to Peniston were we din'd at Benjamin Chapmans stopt about 1 hour and a half and then came by Ingbirchworth to Newhouse were we got betwixt 4 and 5 o'clock in the afternoon, and found all well, which with other blessings, and favours inwardly and outwardly received, my spirit bows before him in humble gratitude, who remains to be the preserver and protector of all those who put their trust in him. I travelled on this journey upwards of 1000 miles. Next morning after Breakfast William Midgley set out for home.

An Account of my Journey to a Publick meeting held at Hanging heaton in the 12th. Mo.
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On ye. 18th. of the 12th. Mo. 1813, and the 7th day of the week I left home, to attend our Monthly meeting to be held at Wakefield, and went to John Pickfords of Parkhead, were I stopt a little and took a glass of Rum and water. A little before 10 o'clock in the forenoon, and went by Cumberworth to Skelmanthorp and from thence to Elias Armitages of Parkgate were I rested me about half an hour and then proceeded by Emley to my cousin Alexander Hampshires of Flockton mill, where I stopt about 2 hours and din'd, then went by Flockton, Mugmill, and Thornhill to Dewsbury where I got about half past 4 o'clock, and drunk Tea at William Wass's. In the evening I went to George Breareys of Crackinedge nearly adjoining the Town, were as usual I took up my quarters.

On 19th. and 1st. of week, betwixt 9 and 10 o'clock in the morning, I set out to attend the meeting at Wakefield it being the time when the friends of Wakefield and Dewsbury Meetings unite and hold their Preparative meeting. I walked thither in company with several friends from here viz. David Brearey, Thomas Bromley, and Joseph Brearey, as we passed thro' Hanging heaton, I observed a new School which appeared to be lately built there, and remembering when I had a Publick meeting in this village, it was in a dwellinghouse, and many could not get in for want of room, and having at times since been led to look towards the inhabitants of that neighbourhood, and now seeing a place that was likely to contain them, and understanding that it might be readily obtained for the purpose. It felt to me as if the time was near at hand when I should have to mention my concern to friends for their concurrence From thence we passed by Ossett to Wakefield were we just in time to the meeting, and were we met with our friend Isabella Harris from Ackworth. The meeting was large and held in silence, At the close thereof, the business of their Preparative meeting was gone thro', and amongst other things, the Queries were read and answered, and answers prepared to lay before the Monthly meeting. Both meetings held near 3 hours.

After which I din'd at Joseph Wetheralds, and drunk Tea at William Leathams; and in the evening attended our Meeting of Ministers and Elders held in the Meetinghouse in this Town, which began at 6 o'clock, and held about 2 hours, all our members attended except Robert Whitaker and his Wife, the Queries were read, and answers thereto prepared to lay before our ensuing Select Quarterly Meeting. The advices to Ministers and Elders from the Yearly Meeting was also read, and at the close of the business, Thomas Shillitoe and myself had each of us a pretty long testimony to bear. After meeting I stopt two of our Elders, and spread before them my concern of having a Publick meeting at Hanging.heaton with which they expressed their unity, and had the language of encouragement to communicate to me. When I came out Mark Brear was waiting with a Lanthorn to conduct me to his house at Alverthorp, we called by the way at Joseph Wetheralds, and William Leathams and got to his house at Alverthorp betwixt 9 and 10 o'clock were I lodg'd.

On 20th. and 2nd. of week, After breakfast I returned to Wakefield. The Monthly meeting for Worship began at 11 o'clock, and the day being fine, the meeting was very large Isabella Harris had a long testimony to bear therein first from Mark C: 10. v: 17. Good Master, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life. James Harrison said a few words next. Isabella Harris had a long time next from Heb: C: 3. v: 12. Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief. Thomas Shillitoe next being opened upon sundry subjects. At the close of this meeting the Women friends being requested to stop a little with the Men, I delivered in my Certificate given me from this meeting in the last 8th. Mo. Also John Bottomley delivered in his given him in the last 9 Mo. and Isabella Harris delivered in the Minute of this meeting given her in the 9th. Mo. 1812. We each of us gave an account of our respective visits, and that we were helped to go through the service before us so as in our return to be favoured with the reward of peace. Which was minuted and the meetings satisfaction with the reports. The Women friends after the reports were made withdrew, and the men entered upon the business of the meeting. and a great deal there was before the meeting to day which was unanimously conducted. Amongst other things Joseph Firth of Highflatts meeting and Hannah Pickard of Wakefield meeting were cleared from all other engagements relating to Marriage, and left at liberty to accomplish theirs when they and Wakefield friends see meet. The Queries were also read, and Answers received from all our Preparative meetings viz. Pontefract, Burton, Highflatts , Ackworth, Wakefield and Wooldale. Both meetings held upwards of six hours. After which I din'd at William Leathams. and after dinner went to Mark Breaers of Alverthorp to lodge; and the evening being very dark, James Wetheralds kindly accompanied me thither with a Lanthorn, and then returned.

On 21st. and 3rd. week, I left Alverthorp about 9 o'clock in the forenoon, Mark Brear set me a little on my way and then returned, I went by Ossett and Hanging heaton to George Breareys of Crackinedge near Dewsbury were I took up my quarters. The Publick meeting was concluded to be held at Hanging.heaton this evening, the School was procured and notice thereof given to the inhabitants. I got to George Breareys a little before 11 o'clock in the forenoon, and in the afternoon William Wass, Morritt Matthews and myself being appointed by the Monthly meeting to visit Joseph Brearey a youth in the 19th year of his age on his application to be admitted a member of our Society we sat with him here, and after the opportunity drew up and Signed the following report to be laid before our next Monthly Meeting viz.

We have visited Joseph Brearey, the opportunity was truly satisfactory, and we believe the young man to be convinced of the Truth of our religious Principles; and that his conduct is consistent therewith. The further consideration we refer to the Monthly Meeting.

Joseph Wood
William Wass
Morritt Matthews

Dewsbury 12th. Mo.
21st. 1813

After tea I set out for Hanging.heaton 1 mile in company with most of Dewsbury friends we got there just in time to the meeting which began at 6 o'clock, and held 2 hours and a half. It

was a large solemn and satisfactory meeting, notice having been given to the inhabitants of the village, Chidwell and Soothill, they pretty generally attended so that the School altho' large was well filled with People. and being seated throughout they could mostly sit, and a convenient gallery was erected. I had a very long testimony to bear therein from 2 Pet: C: 1. v: 19. We have also a more sure word of Prophecy; whereunto you 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. After I sat me down a remarkable solemn silence ensued which continued for a considerable time, and then I had a pretty long testimony to bear from Job: C: 42. v. 5, 6. I have heard of thee by the hearing of the ear; but now mine eye seeth thee. Wherefore I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes. Afterwards William Wass had a pretty long and affectionate address to the People from Matt: C: 8. v: 27. What manner of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him. concluding with informing the People, that the meeting was over. After meeting John Bromley father of Thomas Bromley a young man who had attended our meetings several years, took us to his house, where he had provided a supper and other suitable refreshment for us. We stopt there upwards of 1 hour, and then returned and got to my quarters betwixt 10 and 11 o'clock

On 22nd and 4th. of week, I left here about 10 o'clock in the forenoon, and went down the valley through which the river Kalder runs to Dircar, the roads being extremely dirty, as they were generally throughout this journey, went by Earls.heaton, to Horbury.bridge George Hemingway accompanying me near this place, and then returned, after parting with him, I called at the Ship and got 6 pennyworth of Rum and Water, and then proceeded to Christopher Walkers of Dircar, were I got about 1 o'clock and were I took up my quarters. My esteemed friend Joseph Firth of Shepley Lanehead, and Hannah Pickard daughter of William Pickard of this village, being to be married at Wakefield tomorrow, and I having no knowledge of attending it when I left home; had sent word by a friend to tell my Charles Unsworth to meet me here this evening with some linen, and he came accordingly, and was my acceptable companion the remaining part of this journey.

On 23rd. and 5th. of week, we set out about 7 o'clock in the morning and went to Robert Walkers of Milnþorp to breakfast, and from thence by Sandal to Wakefield were we sat a little at Ann Thorps, and then went to the meeting which began at 10 o'clock, and held 2 hours and a half. It was not large altho' several People of other Societies came in. I had a long testimony to bear therein from John: 5. v. 39, 40. Search the Scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life; and they are they which testify of me. And ye will not come to me, that ye might have life. Afterwards the young People took each other in marriage, and the marriage certificate was read and Signed. The meeting then broke up and we came to William Pickards of Dircar, to dine. George Brearey, myself, Sarah Barber and Ann Earnshaw were appointed by the Monthly Meeting to see that it was orderly conducted. After dinner the new married couple and most of the guests left here for their respective habitations, but we tarried Tea and supper spending the evening very agreeably with the family and a friend who had tarried here all night, and afterwards went to Christopher Walkers to lodge.

On 24th. and 6th. of week, we left here a little before 9 o'clock in the morning and came to my Uncle Joseph Houghs of Crigglestone were we stopt about half an hour, and then proceeded to Bretton rested us about half an hour at Michael Buckleys, then came by Emley to Siver Ing we called to see cousin Charles Stead junr. who had been long indisposed, and yet continues so, he appeared very glad to see us; we dined at his Fathers, and stopt about 2 hours; and then just calling to see cousin Benjamin Steads, we came to Skelmanthorp were we stopt half an hour at Charles Blackburns, and then came by Cumberworth home were we got a little after 5 o'clock in the evening.

An Account of my Journey to our Spring Quarterly Meeting held at Leeds in the 3rd. Mo.
1814.

I left home ye. 28th of ye. 3rd. Month 1814 and 2nd. day of the week, betwixt 7 and 8 o'clock in the morning, and went to John Firths of Shepley Lanehead, were I had some business, stopt 1 hour and then preceded by Shepley, Woodsomill, and Almondbury to Huddersfield having a little business with Robert Firth at whose house I stopt about one hour, and got some refreshment and then proceeded to Thomas Wilsons of Greenhouse were I din'd; and stopt betwixt 3 and 4 hours, then went by Netherroydhill and Rastrick to Brighouse were I got betwixt 4 and 5 o'clock, drunk Tea that James Lees's and tarried 3 hours, and then went to Thomas Coopers were I spent about 1 hour in agreeable conversation with him and his Wife, and then went to John Kings were I lodged

On 29th. and 3rd of week, I set out betwixt nine and 10 o'clock in the morning, in company with James Lees, we went by Clifton, Cleckheaton, Gommersall, Birstal, and Bruntcliff, to Gildersom, were we din'd at John Ellis's stopt 1 hour and a half, and then proceeded to Jonathan Shackletons of Holbeck near Leeds, were we got about 4 o'clock and were I took up my quarters. At 5 o'clock began our Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders, were we had the company of Sarah Lambly from Worcestershire. In this meeting, the Queries were read, and Answers received and read, from the Select meetings in each of our Monthly Meetings, and a General Answer prepared approved and Signed, in order to be laid before our Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders, and Jonathan Taylor, William Tuke, Grace West and Sarah Parker were appointed to oversee the succeeding meetings and advise as occasion may require. Towards the close of the business Ellin Cockin and Charles Parker had each of them a short but acceptable testimony to bear. The meeting held 2 hours and a half.

On 30th. and 4th. of the week I breakfasted at Joseph Shackletons. At 10 in the forenoon was a meeting for Worship, which tho' mostly select of friends was very large. Barbara Hoyland had a pretty long testimony to bear therein first from Psalms 51. v: 17. A broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise. Sarah Lambly had a very long time next from John: C: 15. v: 16. Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you that ye should go, and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain. Ellin Cockin next, a pretty long time. At the close of this Meeting was a meeting for discipline. John Hustler of Bradford Mg. was Clerk, and John Hipsley junr. of Hull assistant, being chosen in the last 9th Mo. for the ensuing year, Thomas Shillitoe spread before this meeting a concern which had been long on his mind to pay a religious visit to the Churches in America, and produced a certificate of our Monthly meetings unity with his concern; the same was weightily considered and deliberated upon in this sitting, but the meeting did not find sufficient clearness to liberate him at the present The consideration of this took up most of the time of this sitting. Both meetings held near 4 hours. After which I din'd and drunk Tea at James Kay's were I had the company of Stanley Pumphrey of Worcester which opportunity was very acceptable unto us. At 5 in the evening was another meeting for discipline which held 4 hours. The Queries were read and Answers thereto received from all our Monthly meetings and read, and General Answers prepared. In answer to the 2nd. Query, some little convincement appeared since last meeting in Balby, Pontefract, Brighouse, Gisbro', Pickering and Hull Mo. Mgs. and 7 persons had been admitted into membership thereby viz 1 in Balby, 1 in Pontefract, 2 in Brighouse, 1 in Pickering, and 2 in Hull. Mo. Mgs. In answer to the 11th. Query it appeared, The meeting at Hornsea in Hull Mo. Mg. was discontinued. In answer to the 12th. Query it appeared 3 Young men in Pontefract Monthly Mg. were imprisoned in the house of correction at Wakefield for refusing to serve in the Local Militia and 1 in Thirsk Mo. Mg. and 2 in Pickering Mo. Mg. had been imprisoned for the same cause in the house of correction at Northallerton. It also appeared one ministering friend was deceased since last year viz. Phebe Blakes concerning whom a pretty long minute from Brighouse Mo. Mg. was produced and read.

On the 31st. and 5th. of week, this morning I breakfasted at Joshua Ingles. At 10 in the forenoon was another meeting for discipline. The Query of the Quarterly Meeting only was read, and an answer prepared. Also a fair copy of the General Answer was produced read and Signed, and directed to be laid before the Yearly Meeting. Also the Minute of Brighouse Monthly Mg. concerning Phebe Blakes was again read, and with some alteration approv'd. The business of the meeting was finished in this setting which held near 4 hours. At 5 in the evening was a meeting for Worship before which I din'd and drunk Tea at Joseph Walkers. It was larger than the former more of other Societies coming in. Rachel Rountree had a short testimony therein from Isai: C: 55. v: 1. Buy wine and milk without money, and without price. Isabella Richardson had a pretty long time next from Psalms 68. v: 1. Let God arise, let his enemies be scattered. Ann Fairbanks next from Jam: C: 1. v: 4. Let patience have her perfect work. Henry Tuke had a long time next from Zech: C: 13. v: 1. There shall be a foundation opened to the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, for sin and for uncleanness. Ellin Cockin next from Psalms 45. v: 6, 7. Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever; the scepter of thy kingdom is a right scepter. Thou lovest righteousness and hatest wickedness; therefore God, thy God hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows. She stood a pretty long time. Isabella Harris had a long time next from 2 Kin: C: 5. v: 12. Are not Abana and Pharpar rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? May I not wash in them and be clean. George Saunders 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 sup with him, and he with me. The meeting held near 3 hours. I thought the meetings throughout this quarter were much favoured, but more especially those for Worship, and friends were favoured to separate one from another under a precious feeling of the cementing love of Truth

On 1st . of 4th . Mo. and 6th of week, I breakfasted at Joseph Shackletons, and about 9 o'clock in the morning set out in company with Samuel Coward of Barnsley, came to Morley were we rested us and got some refreshment at my relations, John Butterworths; then came by Woodkirk, Chidswell, and Hangingheaton to George Breareys of Crackenedge near Dewsbury, were we got about half past 12 o'clock After dinner Thomas Earnshaw met us here, we three being appointed by our Monthly Meeting to pay a second visit to Thomas Bromley a young man of Hangingheaten on his application to be admitted a member of our Society. After Tea we sat with him here, and had a pretty agreeable opportunity with him, being favoured to communicate suitable advice, as we apprehended to his state, and after the opportunity we drew up the following report to be laid before our next Monthly Meeting viz.

"We have visited Thomas Bromley, and we believe were favoured to dip into his state; and though we have no doubt of his judgement being clearly convinced of the Truth of friends principles, and that he hath been divinely visited; yet we are unanimously of opinion, that it is necessary for him to know more of the inward and experimental work of religion, before he can be profitably admitted member of our Society. The opportunity was favoured, and we were strengthened to communicate what opened, which we hope may be profitable will to him."

Dewsbury 4 mo. 1st. 1814

Thomas Earnshaw
Samuel Coward
Joseph Wood

On 2nd and 7th of week, after breakfast we went to see William Wass who was very unwell, had a comfortable opportunity with him by his bedside in which I was concerned in testimony from John C: 13. v: 1. Having loved his own which were in the world, he loved them unto the end. After which Samuel Coward set out immediately for home, but Thomas Earnshaw and me tarried a while and got some refreshment. Betwixt 10 and 11 o'clock came by Thornhill and Mugmill to Flockton were we dined at the George and Dragon paid 1s a piece eating and 6d liquor, stopt about 1 hour and a half and then came by Emley to Parkgate, were I called at Elias Armitages but Thomas Earnshaw went forward; after sitting about half an hour there, I came to Charles Blackburns of Skelmanthorpe were I tarried 2 hours and drunk Tea, then came

by Cumberworth to John Bottomleys of Wood, stopt there are considerable time, and got home between 7 and 8 o'clock in the evening

An Account of my Journey to a public meeting held at Thurlstone in the 5th. 1814

Our friend Ann Burgess from Leicestershire and her companion Mary Shorthouse from Warwickshire in the course of their religious visit to some parts of the North of England and Scotland was at our meeting at Highflatts on the 6th of the 5th. Mo. 1814 and 6th. day of the week: and Daniel Wheeler of Sheffield a convinced friend who hath lately come forth in the Ministry very acceptably met them here, and Ann Burgess having a concern to have a Publick meeting at Thurlstone this evening for the inhabitants of that place, Peniston and the neighbourhood thereof, Joseph Mallinson of Huddersfield and Edward Dickinson Highflatts set out early this morning to procure a place and give notice to the People in those parts, and I feeling an inclination to attend it left home a little after 2 o'clock in the afternoon, It had snowed very fast all the night before and until the middle of the forenoon, so that the snow lay deep upon the ground, and when it ceased snowing it began to rain and continued without intermission most of the remaining part of the day so that I had a very wet journey both overhead and underfoot, got to William Dickinsons of Thurlstone about half past 3 o'clock were I got my clothes dried, and drunk Tea at Thomas Dickinsons The meeting began at 6 o'clock and was held in Methodist meetinghouse. It was very large considering the wetness of the day, and the difficulty of many getting out who I doubt not would have wished to attend, the Meetinghouse being well filled, and I thought it an open satisfactory meeting, Ann Burgess had a very long testimony to bear therein from John C: 15. v: 5. Without me ye can do nothing. The meeting held about 2 hours and a half. At the close thereof Daniel Wheeler informed the People it was over, desiring them quietly to withdraw. Edward Dickinson and me return'd together, but Askham Eyre would have us go to his house were we got some suitable refreshment, then called Thomas Dickinsons were Edward had left his clothes to dry, so that it was 10 o'clock before we set out of Thurlstone. It was now pretty fair but a heavy fog, and the road very bad, but we came slowly and got pretty well home by half past 11 o'clock.

An Account of my Journey to a Publick Meeting held at Highflatts in the 5th. Mo. 1814

Our worthy friend Sarah Lamley from Worcestershire, a member of the South Monthly Meeting in Warwickshire and Ann Fairbank of Sheffield, in the course of their religious visit to the families or friends in this Meeting was at our meeting at Highflatts on the 8th. of ye. 5th. of mo: 1814 and 1st. day of the week, and Sarah Lamley finding a concern upon her mind to have a Publick meeting this evening in our Meetinghouse, notice thereof was given to the friends at the close of this meeting to exert themselves in giving notice to the inhabitants in their respective neighbourhoods thereof, and withall friends were requested to give way for other People to be accommodated on the present occasion. I left home in company with Thomas Bromley of Hangingheaton and Charles Unsworth, we got there just in time to the meeting which began at 6 o'clock and held hours and a half. Very few friends attended but such as were useful, but notice having been pretty fully given thro' the villages of Shepley, Upper and Lower Cumberworth, Dykeside, Denby, Ing.Birchworth and places adjacent the greatest concourse of People of other Societies attended that I ever saw before there. So that the Meetinghouse was extremely crowded and great numbers stood without that could not get in. It proved a time of extraordinary favour Sarah Lumley had a very long testimony to bear

therein from John C: 1. v: 29. Behold the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world. She stood upwards of 2 hours, and afterwards was concerned in Prayer. after which she had a short testimony from John C: 6. v: 12. Gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost. Afterwards I inform'd the People that their company had been acceptable, and their behaviour in general commendable becoming the solemnity of the occasion, and that the meeting was now over, and it would be an additional satisfaction for them quietly as they could to withdraw. I came directly home where I got about half past 9 o.clock.

An Account of my Journey to Publick Meetings held at Thornhill and Wakefield in the 5th. Mo. 1814.

I left home ye. 21st. of ye. 5th. Mo. 1814 and 7th. day of the week about 1 o.clock in the afternoon having for my companion this journey Samuel Brown of Shepley a young man in the 24th year of his age who had begun to attend our religious meetings some time ago, he had manifested much kindness to me in our travelling together. We went by appointment a little behind Shelley, and Roydhouse and Briestfield to Dewsbury were we got about 5 o.clock and drunk Tea at William Wass's. After Tea we went a little out of Town to George Breareys of Crackenedge were we took up our quarters.

On 22nd. and 1st. of week; Understanding that our friends Sarah Lamley and Anne Fairbank were in the course of their religious visit to the families of friends in this Monthly Meeting; were got to within the compass of Wakefield meeting, and apprehending they would incline to have a Publick meeting at Wakefield, I sent a few lines by Joseph Brearey that if anything opened upon their mind that way, and to be held on the 3rd. day evening, I felt disposed to unite with them therein, and I received for answer that it was the case, and that care would be taken to appoint the meeting accordingly. This day we attended the meetings in Dewsbury both fore and afternoon, The forenoon meeting began at 10 and held upwards of 2 hours, 16 persons attended beside my companion and me, towards the close thereof I had a short 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 dined at William Wass's. At 3 in the afternoon the meeting began and held upwards of 2 hours. It was larger than the former, more of such as usually attend meetings being there, and several of other Societies coming in. I had a long testimony to bear therein first from 1 Cor: C: 9. v. 22, 23. I am made all things to all men, that I might by all means save some. And this I do for the gospels sake, that I might be partaker thereof with you. William Wass had a pretty long time next from Isai: C: 43. v: 6. Say to the north, give up; and to the south, Keep not back; bring my sons from far, and my daughters from the ends of the earth. I next from 1 Cor: C: 4. v: 20. The kingdom of God, is not in word, but in power. After meeting we return'd to our quarters, where several friends came to spend the evening with us.

On 23rd. and 2nd. of week. Having for some time felt drawings on my mind to pay a religious visit to the inhabitants of Thornhill and having the unity and approbation of my friends with my concern; this forenoon George Brearey and John Fozard went thither to procure a place and give notice thereof to the inhabitants, and Samuel Brown and me went and sat a little at Morritt Matthews's and return'd to dinner. A little after 5 o.clock we set out for Thornhill in company with George and David Brearey, got there just in time to the meeting which began at 6 o.clock, and was held in a School 12 Yds long and 6 wide, It was only part seated to accommodate the more People, and was very well filled, and many stood without, It was an open good meeting, I had a very long testimony to bear therein 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, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus.christ. Afterwards I was concerned in Prayer. The meeting held upwards of 2

hours and a half; At the close thereof George Brearey informed the People it was over desiring them quietly to withdraw. We got a little refreshment at the Schoolmasters house adjoining which George Brearey had brought with him and then returned to Dewsbury were we got to William Wass's about 10 o'clock, sat a little day, and then went to our quarters.

On 24th. and 3rd. of week, we set out betwixt 10 and 11 o'clock in the forenoon, and went by Hangingheaton and Ossett to Alverthorp were we got about 12 o'clock, and din'd at Mark Breaers stopt there about 3 hours and a half, and then went to William Leathams of Wakefield were Sarah Lamley and Ann Fairbank was, but they being going to Joseph Wetheralds to Tea we also went thither. The meeting began at 6 o'clock, and notice having been fully given to the inhabitants of the Town a very great concourse of People attended, so that both ends of the Meetinghouse, and the Loft was very full, and their behaviour in general sober and orderly. It proved a memorable time of divine favour, the word of the Lord appearing to have free course. I had a short 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, let them speak. Sarah Lamley had a very long time next from Rom: C: 12. v: 1. I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. After a little while in silence she had a short but lively exhortation to the People. Afterwards I informed the People the meeting was now over withal desiring them as I believed an awful solemnity had been the covering of some minds, that they might refrain from entering hastily into conversation even upon religious subjects but endeavour to keep under the feeling savour thereof. and then at Sarah Lamleys request I desired that after those of other Societies were withdrawn, such as duly attended our religious meetings would stop a little. In this opportunity after a short time in silence, Sarah Lamley had a pretty long testimony to bear from Luke C: 10. v: 2. The harvest truly is great but the labourers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that he would send forth labourers into his harvest. Ann Fairbank a short time next 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. Sarah Lamley had a short time next by way of encouragement to the burden bearers. Both meetings held upwards of 3 hours and a half. After which I took a very affectionate farewell of the travelling friends, and taking a little refreshment at William Awmacks, we came up with Samuel Pickard and his Sister Sarah to Dirtcar, were we got soon after 11 o'clock, and lodg'd at Christopher Walker's.

On 25th. and 4th. week, we left Dirtcar about 9 o'clock in the morning and came by Crigglestone to Bretton were we rested us a little at Michael Buckleys, in our way from hence to Emley I took an opportunity of relieving my mind in caution counsel and advice as matter opened to my companion Samuel Brown having felt my mind in this journey many times covered with love towards him, accompanied with earnest desires for his establishment upon the right foundation. I had not much acquaintance with him before, he having only attended meetings part of the year; a little on this side Emley we parted affectionately he going directly home, and I came to cousin Benjamin Steads of Siver Ing were I din'd and stopt about 2 hours and a half, then went and sat a little at cousin Charles Steads, and then proceeded my dear cousin Charles Stead junr. setting me on my way about 1 mile, and then he returned and I came to my Nephew Robert Woods of Moorbottom were I stopt about 1 hour and a half and drunk Tea, then came by Cumberworth home were I got about 6 in the evening.

An Account of my Journey to a Publick Meeting held at Burton in 8 mo. 1814.

I left home ye. 13th. of ye. 8th. Mo. 1814 and 7th. day of the week, about 2 o'clock in the afternoon and went by Denby and Dakinbrook to Cawthorne were I called to rest me at the Stanhope arms being very weary, only just getting better of a violent bowel complaint I got 6 pennyworth of Rum and Water, stopt half an hour and then proceeded to Barnsley were I got

a little before 6 o'clock, and drunk Tea at the William Harveys, and afterwards went to my usual quarters of John Yeardleys. On 14th and 1st week, I attended their meeting at Burton, Isabella Harris from Ackworth was also there, and she had a long testimony to bear therein from John C: 20. v: 26. Then came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the mixed, and said, Peace be unto you. At the close of this meeting, the business of their Preparative meeting was gone through. Both meetings held upwards of 2 hours. I returned to Barnsley and Dined at William Bayldons were I made my home the remainder of this day, and lodged there at night. Having for sometime had a concern upon my mind to have a Publick meeting at Burton, and having acquainted my friends therewith, and had their unity and approbation therein, and way seeming now to open to accomplish it a meeting was appointed for that purpose at 5 o'clock in the Meetinghouse there. and notice thereof given to the inhabitants of Burton, Carlton, and Cudworth. After Tea I set out in company with several friends to attend the said meeting, and felt in going there exceedingly low and discouraged, Isabella Harris and Thomas Shillitoe feeling both concerned to attend the meeting at Barnsley this evening, and I feeling inwardly weak occasioned by my late indisposition; We got there at the hour appointed and great was the concourse of People which attended, not only from the before mentioned villages and places adjacent, but several was there from Royston and Shafton and amongst the number 2 Methodist Preachers. The Meetinghouse and chamber were very much crowded many having to stand throughout the time, and several were without that could not get in, and the behaviour of the whole was remarkably still solid and attentive throughout; the power and presence of the Almighty very early, and eminently throughout the meeting overshadowing us to the tendering of the hearts, and contriting of the spirits of many; I was soon concerned to stand upon my feet, and was largely opened and strengthened beyond human probability to bear testimony to the Truth for nearly 2 hours from 2 Cor: C: 5. v: 20. We are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us; we pray you in Christs stead, Be ye reconciled to God. Afterwards I had a short time concerning Praying Singing and several other things, concluding with expressing my desire That the Grace of our Lord Jesus christ the love of God, and the communion of the Holy ghost might be with us all, always; Amen. The meeting held upwards of 2 hours and a half. After which I return'd immediately to William Bayldons of Barnsley.

On 15th. and 2nd. of week, in the morning I went and sat a little Robert Harrisons and took a glass of wine, and then returned to William Bayldons were I tarried until it was time to set out to our Monthly Meeting to be held this day at Burton; The meeting for Worship consisted principally of friends, and was large the house being very full, and many sat in the chamber. John Bottomley 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. and afterwards myself from John C: 6. v: 9. There is a lad here which hath five barley loaves, and two small fishes; but what are they among so many. At the close of this meeting was held our Monthly meeting for discipline, amongst other things that came before the meeting the friends appointed last month to prepare a Certificate on my behalf produced the same which was read and approved; and Signed by the meeting at large. Also our friend George Brearey mentioned to the meeting his concern to accompany me on this religious visit, and no objections appearing he was left at his liberty therein, and a Minute of this meeting expressive of the same directed to be given him. Upon the whole I did not think the business of this meeting so comfortably conducted as it frequently is, there appearing an opposition to what I believed to be the right settlement of one case which afterwards came before the meeting in particular which took up a deal of time, and threw the meeting into unsettledness and confusion which continued unto the breaking up thereof; nevertheless thro' much deep exercise Truth gained the victory, and I believe the beforementioned case was rightly concluded at last. When both Meetings held upwards of 4 hours. After which I returned to my usual quarters at Barnsley viz. to John Yeardleys. After Tea I went and sat a little George Alletsons were I took a glass of Rum and Water and then went to see some other friends and returned to my quarters were I

met with Thomas Hayes and John Wood who spent the remainder of the evening very agreeably with us.

On 16th. and 3rd. of the week, I stopt at John Yeardleys until after 11 o'clock, and then taking my leave of them I called to bid farewell to William Taylors and Ellin Haighs in my way to Mary Waltons were I met with John Bottomley, and were we din'd. we left Barnsley betwixt 1 and 2 o'clock and came to Thomas West of Cawthorne were we stopt 3 hours and drunk Tea then came by Dakinbrook to John Priests of Denby were I stopt about half an hour and took a little refreshment, then came home were I got about 9 o'clock.

An Account of my Journey on a religious visit to the Meetings of Friends in Westmoreland, some parts of Lancashire and some Meetings in the adjacent Counties, also to Publick Meetings held at Appleby in Westmorland, at Gillfoot, Eaglesfield, and Keswick in Cumberland; and Conistone, Ulverstone Dalton, Flookburgh, Cartmel, Harwood, and Ormskirk in Lancashire; and at Northwich in Cheshire: also at Westmoreland Quarterly Meeting held at Kendal in the year 1814.

I laid my concern of performing the said visit if friends had unity therewith before our Monthly Meeting in the 7th. Month which met with the full unity and approbation of the Meeting, and a committee of friends were appointed to prepare a Certificate. At the Monthly Meeting in the 8th. Month, they produced the Certificate which was read approved and Signed, and delivered unto me, of which the following is a Copy viz.

To Friends in the County of Westmoreland, some parts of Lancashire, and to other friends where this may come.

Dear Friends

Our esteemed friend Joseph Wood, having spread before us, a concern which had for some time rested upon his mind, to pay a religious visit to the Meetings of friends in the County of Westmoreland, some parts of Lancashire, and to a few meetings in the adjacent Counties; as well as to have some Publick Meetings with the inhabitants not in religious profession with us in some of those parts, but more particularly within the compass of Swarthmore Monthly Meeting.

These are to certify, that he is a Minister in good esteem amongst us; and after due deliberation on the subject, we feel unity and sympathy with him in his prospect, and leave him at liberty to proceed in the work as Truth may open the way. We hope his labours may prove edifying to those who are visited; and that he may be enabled to go through the work allotted him, so as to return home with the rewards of Peace. We are with love your Friends.

Signed in and on behalf of Pontefract Monthly Meeting held at Burton, the 15th. of 8th. Mo: 1814. By

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| John Fozard | Joseph Firth Clerk | George Brearey |
| William Adamson | Leonard West | Robert Harrison |
| David Edmundson | John Bottomley | William Bottomley |
| Joseph Hinchcliffe junr. | James Harrison | Richard Mallinson |
| Thomas Firth | Christopher Walker | William Pickard |
| Samuel Walker | Elihu Dickinson | John Mallinson |
| James Arthington Wilson | William Pickard junr. | John Lister |
| Thomas Ball | John Pickard | Joseph Dickinson |
| Joshua Earnshaw | Thomas Shillitoe | David Brearey |
| Thomas Hague junr. | Morritt Matthews | Joseph Johnson |
| William Donbavand | Robert Wood | Thomas Yeardley |
| Zacchaeus Dyson | William Taylor | John Robinson |
| John Hoyle | Joseph Lister | John Yeardley |
| George Broadhead | William Taylor | Benjamin Jowett |

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| Thomas Earnshaw | Joshua Dyson | William Bayldon |
| Joseph Wetherald | William Harvey | Samuel Coward |
| Mary Johnson Clerk | Isabella Harris | Hannah Robinson |
| Elizabeth J. Yeardley | Elizabeth T. Yeardley | Mary Shillitoe |
| Susanna Dickinson | Jane Woodhead | Molly Wetherald |
| Susanna Harvey | Rachael Snowden | Ellen Haigh |
| Mary Mallinson | Hannah Firth | Sarah Bottomley |
| Betty Woodhead | Isabella Harris junr. | Alice Dickinson |

George Brearey of Dewsbury having sometime ago proposed to accompany me this journey, and provide a horse and carriage to convey me; if I chose to accept him as a companion, and feeling full liberty in my own mind, and he having the approbation of our Monthly Meeting as expressed by minute a Copy of which they gave him; he proved a kind, sympathizing and acceptable companion to me, and I believe the journey was profitable to himself. I left home ye. 26th. of the 8th. Mo. 1814 and 6th. day of the week, about 8 o.clock in the morning, my Charles Unsworth going along with me to Dewsbury to carry my luggage. we went by Cumberworth to my cousin Steads of Siver. Ing in Emley Park were we stopt at both houses upwards of 2 hours. and got some refreshment, then preceded, my dear cousin Charles Stead junr. accompanying us about half a mile, were we parted in much nearness of affection. We went by Emley to cousin Alexander Hampshires of Flockton mill, were we stopt upwards of an hour and got some refreshment, then went by Flockton, Mugmill and Thornhill to Dewsbury were we got about 4 o.clock in the afternoon, and drunk tea at William Wass's, and afterwards went to my companions house at Crackenedge were we lodged.

On 27th. and 7th. of week, I parted with my beloved friend Charles Unsworth he returning home; and my companion and me set forward on our journey went by Gommersall, Birkinshaw, Wisket.hill, Dudley.hill, and Apperley.bridge to Rawden 15 miles were we got about half past 6 o clock, and took up our quarters at Richard Thompsons.

On 28th. and 1st. of week we attended both their Mgs. at Rawden, the forenoon meeting began at 10 o.clock, there was a large appearance of friends, especially of youth, it being a very large country meeting; and the Lord was pleased to favour us with a comfortable refreshing time together. I had a very long testimony to bear therein from Mark C: 16. v: 16. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved. After dinner before we arose from the table, I was concerned in prayer. The afternoon meeting began at 3 o.clock, It was a very suffering time in the forepart thereof, but the Lord was pleased to arise for our help, and cause his power to dispel the clouds of darkness, and I had a long testimony to bear from Matt: C: 8. v: 22. Follow me; and let the dead bury their dead. And afterwards I had a short time from 2 Kin: C: 6. v: 27. If the Lord do not help thee, whence shall I help thee. and I thought the meeting ended comfortably.

On 29th. and 2nd. of week, we set out for Otley 5 miles about 9 o.clock in the morning, Jonas Thompson being our guide, we got there about half past 10, and took up our quarters of Thomas Rhodes's, not a member being disowned but entertains friends kindly, we got a little refreshment and then went to the meeting, which began at 11 o.clock. 20 persons attended 10 of which were from Rawden meeting (when I mention the number I reckon all that are there except my companion and self) The state of this meeting felt to me mournfully low, yet I was strengthened to bear a long testimony amongst them 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 is one of thy hired servants. Afterwards I was concerned in Prayer. About 3 o.clock we set out for Farfield 10 miles, Jonas Thompson and Benjamin Hustler both of Rawden meeting, being our guides, we went up a rich and beautiful valley through which the river Wharfe runs to Addingham 9 miles were we got about 5 o.clock and took up our quarters at Joseph Smiths.

On 30th. and 3rd. of the week, we attended Farfield Meeting upwards of 1 mile from here, it began at half past 10, 21 persons were there 4 of which appeared to be people of other

Societies; It was an open satisfactory meeting, under a feeling sense of the extendings of divine regard. I had a very long testimony to bear therein from Lev: C: 2. v: 13. With all thine offerings thou shalt offer salt. After meeting we return'd to our quarters to dine, and about 3 o'clock set out for Lothersdale 10 miles, Ebenezar Lister being an guide we got there about 6 in the evening and took up our quarters at Slater Standsfields. Here we met with our worthy friend Sarah Lamley, in the course of her arduous visit to the families of friends in this County, to our mutual rejoicing, and had her company at the meeting the next day.

On 31st. and 4th. of week, we attended the Lothersdale meeting which began at 11 o'clock, It was large of friends and many of other Societies came in, so that tho' the Meetinghouse is large it was well filled. I had a long testimony therein first from Zeph: C: 3. v: 12.I will also leave in the midst of thee an afflicted and poor people, and they shall trust in the name of the Lord. Sarah Lamley next from Jer: C: 22. v: 10. Weep ye not for the dead, neither bemoan him; but weep sore for him that goeth away, for he shall return no more. Afterwards I had a short time from Jer: C: 16. v: 16. After will I send for many hunters, and they shall hunt them from every mountain, and from every hill, and out of the holes of the rocks. The various states of this large assembly were opened and spoke to in the authority of the gospel, and I believe it was a time of renewed visitation unto many. We concluded to stop here another night to have a little more of dear Sarah Lamleys company. After tea we went and sat a little at John Kings, and in our return observing the Rookery at Slater Stansfields, he informed us of a circumstance which appeared to me remarkable viz. His Father being imprisoned 2 years and 5 months in York castle for bearing his testimony against Tythes, when he was taken to prison the Rooks all forsook the place, and came no more at it, until he was released, and then returned and built there as before. After supper we closed into silence when I had an encouraging testimony to bear particularly addressed unto Slater Standsfield, from John C: 11. v: 28. The master is come, and calleth for thee.

On 1st. of 9th . Mo. and 5th. of week we set out for Thornton 6 miles a little after 9 o'clock in the morning, Slater Standfield an hopeful youth being our guide, we got there to the house of Richard Wilsons just in time to get a little refreshment before meeting, which began at 11 o'clock, and was held in their parlour, 12 persons attended, 3 of whom appeared to be people of other societies, I had two pretty long testimonies to bear therein first from Luke C: 12. v: 39. If the good man of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched, and not have suffered his house to be broken through. and the other 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. At the close of this meeting I found liberty to propose having a Publick meeting in this village this evening which friends appeared glad of, and those who were present were requested to give information to their neighbours. The meeting was held in a large room in Richard Wilsons house with a lobby adjoining both of which was well seated, It began at 6 o'clock, and was large for the place, both rooms being well filled, and many have to stand without doors, and altho' the forepart of the meeting was laborious, yet I believe the end was crowned with a very awful solemnity. I had a long testimony to bear therein from Rom: C: 6. v: 23. The wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus christ our Lord. Afterwards I have a pretty long exhortation to the People, whose behaviour had been very commendable, and some of them appeared to be sensibly affected therein with the Power of Truth. John Bellingham's widow resides in this village, and was at the meeting, he who shot Percival the Prime Minister when entering the Parliament house and who suffered for the same. The meeting held 2 hours.

On 2nd. and 6th. week, about 10 o'clock in the forenoon we set out for Airton 9 miles, went by Gargreave thither Richard Wilson being our guide, we got to Airton about 1 o'clock, and took up our quarters at Richard Shackletons. In the afternoon we drank tea at John Shackletons. At 7 o clock in the evening we had a Publick meeting in friends Meetinghouse in this village which held about 2 hours and a half It was pretty large and satisfactory, both ends of the Meetinghouse being well filled, but none sat in the Lofts. and the behaviour of the

People was sober and orderly. I was first concerned therein in supplication; and next had a very long testimony to bear from John C: 1. v. 14, 15, 16. The word was made flesh, and dwelt among us and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father full of grace and truth. John bare witness of him, and cried, saying. This was he of whom I spake, He that cometh after me is preferred before me: for he was before me. And of his fullness have all we received, and grace for grace. Afterwards I had a short exhortation.

On 3rd. and 7th. of week, we breakfasted at John Shackletons, and about 3 o'clock set out for Settle, which the way we went is 10 miles. Their son George Atkinson Shackleton being here and going on a visit beyond Settle with his sister Agnes was our guide thither, on our way we observed Pendle hill on our left, we got to Settle a little after 5 o clock and took up our quarters at Mary Birkbecks. She was gone to the burial of her sister Cicely Crewdson of Kendal who being on a visit at Leeds, died there after a short sickness and was to be buried there tomorrow, but Joseph Birkbeck her Brother in law being at home, we met with a very kind reception and generous entertainment. After Tea we went to see Castlebar an exceeding high Rock which appears to overhang the Town, and by a curious winding road, beautifully adorned with trees and shrubs of various kinds we reached the top thereof, from whence we had a charming prospect of the Town, and the adjacent country.

On 4th. and 1st. week, we attended Settle Meetings, the forenoon meeting began at 10, 37 persons attended, 5 of which appeared to be People of other Societies I had a long testimony to bear therein from 1 Pet C: 4: v: 18. If the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear. The afternoon meeting began at 3, and 20 persons attended, it was held in silence.

On 5th and 2nd of week, about 8 o clock in the morning we set out for Lyeat in Dent 17 miles John Tatham being our guide, we went up a curious narrow valley called Ribblesdale, past by Pennigent on our right, and Ingleborough on our left, came over Ribbleshead to Gearstone a single house on the high Moor, the Sine of the Blue Bell 12 miles, where we stopt about 1 hour and got some refreshment, and tho' but a single house a large market is kept here every 4th. day of the week. From hence we had a very rough road over the high Moors, and down a steep hill into Dent; at the foot of the hill is a quarry of black marble, and a mill to saw and polish it, we got to Lyeat about 2 o'clock, and took up our quarters at the widow Alice Carters. The meeting here was appointed to begin at 5 o'clock, and was very large, a pretty many friends belonging thereto, and many of other Societies attended without invitation so that tho' both Meetinghouses were laid open together they were very full. I had a very long testimony to bear therein from Job C: 32. v. 7, 8, 9. Days should speak, and multitude of years should teach wisdom. But there is a spirit in man: and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding. Great men are not always wise, neither do the aged understand judgement. Afterwards I had a short time from Rev: C: 2. v: 10. Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life. After meeting we sat a little and took some suitable refreshment at Matthew Middlebrooks and then returned to our quarters.

On 6th. and 3rd. of week, about 7 o'clock in the morning we set out for Brigflatts 10 miles Thomas Harker being our guide, we went down the Dale a very deep and beautiful valley by Dents Town to Sedbergh 9 miles got to Thomas Cutforths about half past 9, were we took Tea, and afterwards we walked to Brigflatts 1 mile The meeting began at 11 o'clock, and 41 persons attended, I had a long testimony to bear therein from Joel C: 1. v: 13. Gird yourselves, and lament, ye priests; howl ye ministers of the altar; come, lie all night in sackcloth ye ministers of my God: for the meat offering and the drink offering is withholden from the house of your God. Afterwards I had a long exhortation. After meeting we returned to Sedbergh were we din'd and drunk Tea at Thomas Cutforths, and then went to Robert Jacksons were we lodged.

On 7th. and 4th. of the week, betwixt 7 and 8 o'clock in the morning, we set out for Garsdale meeting 8 miles Thomas Greenwood being our guide, we went up the deep and narrow valley of Garsdale to the Meetinghouse, and put up at Edmund Winns were we got a little past 10 o'clock. The meeting began at 11, 47 persons attended 2 of whom appeared to be

People of other Societies. It was a precious favoured meeting many being much tendered therein, and I had a long testimony to bear from Gen: C: 4. v: 7. If thou dost well, shalt thou not be accepted; and if thou dost not well, sin lieth at the door. and afterwards I have a short exhortation. At the Table before we ate I was concerned in Prayer in which I had to remember particularly this aged couple. Edmund Winn is in his 85th. year of age, and hath been dark about 1 year his Wife is upwards of 80 and remarkably stout, and they have lived together in a marriage state 58 years. We left here a little before 3 o'clock, and returned to Sedbergh with Thomas Greenwood our guide, and got to Thomas Cutforths of Sedbergh in about 2 hours were we drunk Tea, Timothy Bradley a young man in the 19th. year of his age whom I had particularly remarked at the breaking up of the meeting at Brigflatts and felt a strong desire to see, at my request met me here, and his sister came with him. After tea I had a satisfactory opportunity with them in which I fully relieved my mind in two pretty long testimonies. In the evening we returned to Robert Jacksons to lodge.

On 8th. and the 5th. of week, we set out for Narthwaite in Ravenstondale Westmoreland between 7 and 8 o'clock in the morning, James Winn and John Wilkinson of Garsdale being our guides, when we had got about 4 miles we were obliged to leave our carriage at a friends house Viz. William Bucks of Beckside, the country being so very mountainious. John Handley of Narthwaite met us here and we walked with him to his house were we got about quarter past 9. and were we took up our quarters. The meeting began at 10, 19 persons attended 2 of whom appear to be People of other Societies, It was an open favoured meeting, I had a long testimony to bear therein from 1 Thess: C: 5. v: 17, 18. Pray without ceasing. In everything give thanks. Afterwards I had two pretty long times the first from Prov: C: 22, v: 6. Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it. and the other from Eph: C: 6. v: 1. Children, obey your parents in the Lord; for it is right. After dinner I went to see Simon Thornburrow an ancient friend of this place who lives in the same house which that valuable Minister John Alderson did; who departed this life in Truths service at London in the year 1764 aged about 43 years.

On 9th. and 6th. of week we set out for Grayrigg 15 miles betwixt 6 and 7 o'clock in the morning John Handley accompanied us to William Bucks and assisted us in getting off; he also proposed accompanying us to Sedbergh but as we knew the way we prevailed on him to return. When we got to Sedbergh we found John Bradley waiting for us, he having before agreed to be our guide to Grayrigg, and his daughter kindly accompanied us, It was an hilly difficult road, our guide shewed as Firbank chapel a little to our right, it is situated on a high craggy hill on the Moors. This was the place where George Fox had that memorable meeting in his first passing through these parts, where John Audland, John Camm, Francis Howgill and many hundreds more were convinced. We got to Thomas Farrars of Beckhouse in Grayrigg just in time to get a little refreshment before meeting which began at 11 o'clock, 10 persons attended, After a long laborious time, truth arose for our help, and we were comforted under a sense of a fresh visitation to some who were much broken and tendered. I had a long testimony to bear therein from Rev: C: 3. v: 2. Strengthen the things which remain that are ready to die. I was next concerned in Prayer, and afterwards had a short exultation. After meeting we din'd at Robert Pooleys were we took up our quarters. In the afternoon we went with John Farrar a tender spirited young friend about quarter of a mile to his house were we drunk Tea.

On 10th. and 7th. of week, we breakfasted at Thomas Farrars, and a little after 10 o'clock set out for Kendal 6 miles Thomas Farrar being our guide, we got there about half past 10 were we took up our quarters at Robert Bensons. After dinner I wrote to my William Taylor; and this evening we supp'd at William Dilworth Crewdsons, were we had the acceptable company of Sarah Abbot a ministering friend from Devonshire who had been sometime in this Town on a visit to her relations.

On 11th. and 1st. of week, I attended Kendal meeting, the forenoon meeting began at 10, and was very large, and pretty open and satisfactory; I had a long testimony to bear therein from Heb: C: 30. v: 14. Here have we no continuing city, but we seek one to come.

After meeting I din'd at William Wilsons. The afternoon meeting began at 3, it was not so large as the former, and was to me an heavy meeting, held throughout in silence. My companion was so poorly to day as not to be able to attend either meeting which was a tryal to me, but he was better towards night; and went with us to Tea to Thomas Wilsons, and afterwards to supper to Isaac Braithwaites. In the evening we was called out to see an uncommon appearance in the sky about the thickness of a rainbow and the colours of fire quite across the firmament from South.west to North.east, it appeared quite fixed remaining a long time, the evening was very fine and clear.

On 12th. and 2nd. week, we set out about 9 o.clock in the morning for Preston Patrick meeting 6 miles, George Braithwaite being our guide thither and back, we got to Joshua Smithsons near the Meetinghouse about half past 10 were we got some refreshment, and then went to the meeting which began at 11, besides the scholars of a school taught here about 30 persons attended 1 of which appeared to be of another Society. I was favoured fully to relieve my mind to various states as they opened. Had a long testimony to bear first from Deut: C: 6. v: 4. Hear, O Israel, the Lord thy God is one Lord. and afterwards had a pretty long time from Matthew: C: 5. v: 4. Blessed are they that mourn; for they shall be comforted. After meeting we went about half a mile further to dine with William Labreays of Cammsgill formerly the place of John Camms residence who with his neighbour and intimate friend John Audland had such extraordinary service in and about Bristol in the very early time of friends. After dinner before we arose from the table, several friends being present, we had a precious tendering opportunity in which I was concerned in testimony from John C: 5. v: 17. My father worketh hitherto and I work. In our return we called upon our horses and carriage at Joshua Smithsons, and then went to Ann Robinsons of Gatebeck in our way here so we passed the house were Thomas Gawthorp lived a valuable Minister whom I knew, and who visited America 4 times. We drunk Tea here, and then went to Kendal were we got to our quarters about 7 o.clock.

On 13th. and 3rd. of week, we set out for Crook 5 miles and a half a little past 9 o.clock in the morning John Johnson being our guide, and 3 more friends overtook us upon the road and accompanied us thither; we got to the widow Jane Fells of Yewtree about half past 10, were we took up our quarters. After getting a little refreshment we walked about three quarters of a mile to the Meetinghouse, The Meeting began at 11 o.clock, 16 persons attended; I was strengthened to relieve my mind therein to different states as Truth opened my way; was first concerned in supplication; and afterwards had a long testimony to bear from 2 Tim: C: 2. v: 19. The foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his; and, let every one that nameth the name of christ, depart from iniquity. After meeting we returned to our quarters, where several friends dined with us and before we arose from the Table we had a satisfactory opportunity, in which I was enabled to discharge my duty in a faithful warning to some states; which I believe for the present reached the pure witness in them. This afternoon by a winding road I went to the top of an high hill from whence I had a beautiful prospect of a surrounding hilly and rocky country, and of a bay of the sea.

On 14th. and 4th. of week This morning we breakfasted Thomas Fells and between 8 and 9 o.clock set out for Windermere meeting 6 miles and a half, Thomas Fell being our guide, we got to Daniel Weavers of Broadgate about half past 10, were we took up our quarters. After getting a little refreshment we walked about a quarter of a mile to the Meetinghouse: The meeting began at 11 o.clock, 6 persons attended, It was a comfortable meeting, I had two pretty long testimonies to bear therein the first from John; C: 20. v: 27. Be not faithless, but believing. and the other from John C: 14. v: 15. If ye love me, keep my commandments. About 3 o.clock in the afternoon we set out for Kendal 7 miles and a half, Daniel Weaver being our guide, and his Wife accompanying, we got there to our former quarters a little past 4 o.clock. Several friends our former acquaintance in this Town, came to spend the evening with us, whose company was truly acceptable.

On 15th. and 5th. week, we set out about half past 7 o.clock in the morning for Appleby the county Town of Westmoreland 23 miles, dear Samuel Lloyd a young man in the 20th. year

of his age, and who is apprentice with his uncle Robert Benson, was our guide, whose company was particularly acceptable, he having felt very near and dear to me many times during the time of our being at his kind relatives, for the precious seeds sake which dwelleth in him. We got to Orton 14 miles were we dined at the Rose and Crown stopt about 2 hours and then proceeded to Appleby 9 miles were we got about half past 3 o'clock in the afternoon and took up our quarters at Thomas Thompsons. Appleby is a small but very neat clean Town. The castle situated at the top of the principal street is one of the seats of Earl Thanet, The Town is delightfully situated in a very rich and fruitful vale and nearly surrounded with the river Eden. There never was a settled meeting of friends here, but a few at present reside in the Town who attend Morland meeting. After Tea we took a walk, the friends shewed us the old prison were Francis Howgill an eminent Minister of our society in the first rise of friends, suffered imprisonment, and where he died. We then had a short but pleasant walk into the country. Having felt a concern to have a meeting with the inhabitants and friends here having had previous notice thereof, had taken great pains in spreading the information both in Town and country, so that a very great concourse of People attended and amongst others the Sheriff, a Justice of Peace, and many of the higher rank both of Town and Country, some of them I understood had to return the distance of 5 miles home after meeting altho' it was the dark of the moon. The meeting began at 7 o'clock and held nearly 2 hours, It was in the County.hall, which was freely given up for the service. We sat in the Judge seat, The hall was exceeding crowded and many were in an adjoining room, and some out of doors, and the behaviour of the whole was very commendable. It proved a time of eminent favour, and I had a long testimony to bear therein from John C: 8. v: 12. I am the light of the world, he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life. and afterwards had a long exhortation. The people departed in a very solid manner, and I believe many of them were affected with a feeling of the Power of Truth.

On 16th. and 6th. of week, we set out a little past 8 o.clock in the morning for Morland about 7 miles William Hodgson a young man in the 24th. year of his age who has lately joined our Society by convincement being our guide, and dear Samuel Lloyd, continuing with us thither also 3 or 4 friends more from Appleby went along with us. We got to Morland a little past 10 o'clock, took up our quarters at John Thompsons; but I alighted and got a little refreshment at Elizabeth Walkers. The meeting began at 11 o'clock, 21 persons attended, It was a low time in the forepart thereof, but more favoured towards the close. I had a pretty long testimony to bear therein from Matt: C: 13. v: 33. The kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven, which a Woman took and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened. and. and afterwards had a short but encouraging time from Isai: C: 55. v: 3. I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David.

On 17th. and 7th. week, we set out for Tirrel 8 miles and a half a little past 7 o.clock in the morning, John Thompson being our guide, got there a little past 9 were we took up our quarters at John Slee's, the meeting began at 10, 19 persons attended, 1 of whom appeared to be of another society; It was a comfortable meeting, some rightly exercised friends belonging therunto, unto whom the language of encouragement flowed, and a renewed call to the youth. I had a pretty long testimony to bear therein 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. About 3 o clock in the afternoon we set out for Penrith in Cumberland 3 miles, John Slee being our guide; we went about 1 mile to Thomas Wilkinsons of Yanwath; the friend who accompanied John Pemberton on his last visit to the Highlands of Scotland, and published the account thereof. We spent about 2 hours very agreeably at his house and drunk Tea, and then proceeded to Penrith were we got betwixt 5 and 6 o'clock in the evening, and took up our quarters at Bartholomew Smiths.

On 18th. and 1st. of week, we attended the forenoon meeting at Penrith which began at 10, and was pretty large a considerable number of friends belonging thereto, and a few of other societies came in. It was a good meeting and I had a long testimony to bear therein from Luke C: 12. v: 23, 27. The life is more than meat, and the body is more than raiment.

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. At the close of this meeting was held their Preparative meeting amongst other business the queries were read and answered and answers prepared to lay before the Monthly meeting. My certificate was also read. At the close of business I informed the meeting; that I had felt my mind drawn in love towards the inhabitants of this Town, and believed it right for me to propose having a Publick meeting with them this afternoon, many friends expressed their unity therewith and it was agreed to begin at 5 o'clock and a number of friends were appointed to give information thereof. We drunk Tea this afternoon at Thomas Ritsons, and from thence went to the meeting. The Meetinghouse was all laid open and a great concourse of People of other Societies attended, and many of the principal inhabitants of the Town, and the behaviour of the whole was very commendable. It was a solid good meeting, I had a very long testimony to bear therein from Eph: C: 2. v: 8. By Grace are ye saved, through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God. Afterwards I had a short exhortation, The meeting held the 2 hours.

On 19th. and 2nd. of week, we set out for Mosedale 12 miles, about 7 o'clock in the morning, Bartholomew Smith being our guide; In our way we passed Greystock Castle one of the seats of the Duke of Norfolk, and got to Jacob Barnes's of Mossdyke 11 miles a little after 10 o'clock, where we took up our quarters. After getting a little refreshment we walked 1 mile to the village of Mosedale where the Meetinghouse is; The meeting began at 11 o'clock, 29 persons attended: the state of things felt distressingly low here, yet I was enabled to relieve my mind amongst them in a long testimony from 2 Sam: C: 20. v: 9. Art thou in health, my brother, In our return to our quarters we called at Joseph Nicholsons of Bowscales where we took a glass of wine, and before we left I had a short testimony to bear in which the language of encouragement flowed unto them. After we left Rawden we travelled through a mountainious country all the way until we got near Appleby, but from thence we came through a remarkable fine fruitful pleasant country, rather hilly but not mountainious, but the last 6 miles not quite so fruitful as before, and now we are entering among the mountains again.

On 20th. and 3rd. of week, we set out for Whelpow near Coldbeck 7 miles, about 8 o'clock in the morning, Joseph Nicholson being our guide, went by Hesket thither, and got to Thomas Ords of Flatt near the Meetinghouse where we got some refreshment; The meeting began at 11, 41 persons attended, 2 of whom appeared to be People of other Societies, It was a low and very laborious meeting yet I was enabled to relieve my mind to different states having two long testimonies to bear amongst them, the first from 2 Cor: C: 6. v: 16. Ye are the temple of the living God: as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my People. and the other 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 saltation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass. At the close of the meeting having understood that friends had a very large Meetinghouse at Gillfoot near Hesket built on purpose of the accommodation of their Quarterly Meeting which is held there once in the year; and feeling a concern upon my mind to have a Publick meeting there with the inhabitants of this part. I proposed it to friends, which was readily agreed to, and to be held the next day in the evening, and friends were requested to give as full information as they could to the inhabitants around. We return'd to Thomas Ords to dinner, and after dinner set out for Gillfoot 2 miles, Joseph Nicholson continuing our guide went by Hesket to John Priestmans of Howbrook near Gillfoot where we took up our quarters, and were we got about 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

On 21st. and 4th. of the week, we Breakfasted at Joseph Priestmans, and in the forenoon accompanied by John Priestman we went about 1 mile to George Bewleys of Woodhall where we dined. In the afternoon we returned to our quarters to Tea, and after Tea had a precious opportunity with the friend and his Wife in which I had a long testimony to bear from Matt: C: 13. v: 1. Blessed are your eyes; for they see. The language of encouragement flowed freely unto them; they being I believe a rightly exercised couple in

whose house I found sweet peace, believing the son of peace was there. The meeting began at 6 o'clock in the evening and held 2 hours and a half. It was large for the country and the night which was Showery, and the behaviour of the People was solid and orderly. The forepart thereof was laborious, yet upon the whole it was a good meeting, being eminently favoured to the tendering of many hearts. I had a very long testimony to bear therein 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 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. I was next concerning Prayer. and afterwards had a short exhortation. After meeting a young man, Isaac Mark about 26 years of age stopt supper with us, I felt the salutation of Gospel love to flow in my heart towards him, and had a precious opportunity with him, in which the language of encouragement flowed freely, and we were brought very near and dear to each other, may the Lord preserve him, and then I believe he will be useful unto others in these parts.

On 22nd. and 5th. of week, we set out for Setmurgy 11 miles a little past 7 o'clock in the morning, Isaac Mark being our guide, we met with some heavy showers on our way, passed by the lofty Skiddaw an exceeding high mountain, and by Bassenthwaite water a lake 4 miles in length, and betwixt half a mile and 1 mile in breadth; and got to Peter Satterthwaites of Setmurgy, where we took up our quarters, just in time to get a little refreshment before meeting, which began at 11 o'clock, 21 persons attended, 2 or 3 of which appeared to be People of other Societies, It was a very dull heavy meeting, I had just strength to relieve my mind amongst them in two testimonies the first from Eccle: C: 2. v: 13. Fear God, and keep his commandments; for this is the whole duty of man. and the other from 1 Chron: C: 28. v: 9. If thou seek him, he will be found of thee; but if thou forsake him, he will cast thee off for ever. About 4 o clock in the afternoon we set out for Cockermouth 5 miles Jonathan Satlerthwaite being our guide, got there about half past 5, where we took up our quarters at Deborah Robinsons. Here I received a letter from my Brother Samuel Wood, with the sorrowful account of the death of my Niece, his daughter, Jane Grimshaw Wife of William Grimshaw of Sunderland, who was brought to bed of a dead child on the 14th Inst. departed this life on the 16th. and was buried in friends burial ground at Sunderland on 21st. and 4th. day of the week.

On 23rd. and 6th. of week, we set out for Pardshaw meeting 3 miles and a half, about half past 9 in the morning, Joseph Priestman being our guide, we got to Pardshaw hall the village where the Meetinghouse is, just in time to the meeting which began at 11 o clock, in our way we passed by Pardsey crag, and a friend shewed us the Rock upon which George Fox stood and preached to a vast multitude of People, and were many hundreds was convinced, under which Rock the People continued to meet until they procured a place to contain the People. It still continues a very large country meeting, and a few of other Societies came in to day; many states were opened, and spoke to; and it was a precious meeting many being much broken and tendered I had a very long testimony to bear therein 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. Afterwards our worthy ancient ministering friend James Graham dropt the following scripture testimony Luke C: 26. v: 32. Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures. After Meeting we came to Eaglesfield 2 miles were we took up all quarters at Ponsonby Harris's. here I was very unexpectedly arrested with a concern to have a Publick meeting in this village this evening, which on mentioning to friends I understood they had a Meetinghouse, altho' there never was a settled meeting here, but friends having a large burial ground, and many being interred in it; it was built for the purpose solely of holding Meetings in on those occasions. Friends readily agreed therewith and bestirred themselves in giving notice thereof through this and several other villages. The meeting began at 7 o'clock and held 2 hours and a half, the Meetinghouse is large, and was pretty well filled with People, whose behaviour was very commendable. It was a solemn good meeting the Power of Truth being over all. 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 know 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. Afterwards George Brearey had a short testimony delivered in great brokenness of spirit from Psalms 58. v: 11. Verily he is a God that judgeth in the earth.

On 24th. and 7th. week, this morning I got a letter from my Charles Unsworth, and after I got to Cockermouth I wrote to him. After Breakfast we set out for Cockermouth 2 miles and a half Ponsonby Harris being our guide we got there to our former quarters about 10 o'clock in the forenoon. In the afternoon we took a walk to see the Castle an ancient strong building belonging to the Earl of Egremont; situated upon an high hill, from the yard we had a fine view of the Town and country around. After our return we went a little out of Town to the village of Goat were we drunk Tea and supped at William Fletchers.

On 25th. and 1st. week, we attended the Meetings in Cockermouth,; the forenoon meeting began at 10, It was pretty large a considerable number of friends belonging thereto. And several of other societies came in. Here we had the company of our valuable friend and Minister Mary Stirrey from London who was on a religious visit to friends in these parts. It was a laborious but satisfactory meeting. I had a long testimony to bear therein first from Hos: C: 11. v: 8. How shall I give thee up, Ephraim? How shall I deliver thee Israel ? how shall I make thee as Admah? How shall I set thee as Zeboim? Mary Stilley next from Job 19. v: 25. I know that my Redeemer liveth. She first expressed her full unity and concurrence with the foregoing testimony, and then set forth the necessity of believing in divine revelation and the divinity of christ; related an awful instance of one who had departed from the true faith, and his lamentable situation when cast upon a dying bed, of which she was an eyewitness; and of the great mercy of the Almighty in bringing him to an acknowledgement of the Truth, and to trust in christ before he was removed as the alone hope of glory. Afterwards John Phillips had a pretty long time. The afternoon meeting began at 3 o'clock, It was not so large as the former, and dull and heavy in the forepart but ended more comfortably near the close thereof John Phillips had a pretty long testimony to bear from Job; C: 30. v: 23. I know that thou wilt bring me to death, and to the house appointed for all the living. After meeting we drunk Tea with Mary Stirrey and several other friends at John Phillips, and after Tea many more friends coming in we had a religious opportunity together in which John Phillips bore a pretty long testimony from 2 Pet: C: 1. v: 13. I think it meet as long as I am in this tabernacle, to stir you up by putting you in remembrance. From thence we went to sup with Mary Stirrey at Sarah Priestmans were she quartered, and after supper before we arose from the table we had a solemn opportunity in which I had affectionately to address the youth.

On 26th. and 2nd. of week, we set out for Keswick 12 miles about 9 o'clock in the morning William Fletcher being our guide. Before we set out John Phillips came to take leave of us, and closing into silence he had an encouraging testimony to bear to us. We passed through an extremely mountainous country to Keswick went by the contrary end of Brassenthwaite water and the opposite side of the Lofty Skiddaw, and got to Keswick about 12 o'clock, were we took up our quarters at the George Inn, there being no friends in or near this Town. Bartholomew Smith of Penrith knowing of my intentions of having a Publick meeting here this evening kindly came to meet us, and lend his assistance. After dinner friends set about procuring a place for the meeting, and giving notice thereof to the inhabitants. Keswick is a neat clean town delightfully situated in a deep and fruitful vale surrounded with extraordinary high mountains, and being nearly in the centre of the Lakes it become a place of great resort of the Nobility and gentry in the summer season who come to visit them. I took a walk on a beautiful road made to accommodate the Lake visitors, to Derwentwater a large Lake near the Town, upon which are several Islands beautifully cloathed with wood, and upon one of them appeared an handsome dwellinghouse; There are a great number of neat Boats, beautifully painted to let for hire unto those who may chuse to sail upon this curious Lake the water of which appeared clear as crystal. We drunk Tea this afternoon at Benjamin Sealbys a relation of William Fletchers. The meeting began at 6

o'clock and was held in the Methodist Meetinghouse, which is not very large but was extremely crowded, and great numbers were obliged to stand without doors, and all behaved well. It was a glorious meeting, for the Lord's glory eminently overshadowed us to the tendering of many hearts. 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. and afterwards had a short exhortation. The meeting held about 2 hours.

On 27th. and 3rd. of week, we set out between 7 and 8 o'clock in the morning for Hawkshead in Lancashire 21 miles William Fletcher continuing our guide, all the way being through a surprizing mountainous country, some of the mountains being an astonishing height particularly the mighty Helvellyn and Cachidecam, by the foot of which we passed, also by several large and curious lakes, the road at times being close to the water's edge as Leathes.water or Wythburn.lake, Grasmere.water, and Rydal.water, and got to Ambleside in Westmoreland 16 miles, where we stopt 1 hour and got some refreshment at the Salutation Inn, and then proceeded by the head of Windermere water, having a fine view of this extensive lake; got to Hawkshead 5 miles betwixt 2 and 3 o'clock in the afternoon where we took up our quarters at John Braggs.

On 28th. and 4th. of week we had a meeting at Colthouse a village about half a mile from this town which began at 10 o'clock, in our way thither we had a view little to our right of Esthwaite water. The meeting was pretty open and favoured; 30 persons attended 5 of which appear to be People of other Societies. I had a long testimony to bear therein from Isai: C: 21. v: 12. The morning cometh and also the night; if ye will enquire, enquire ye; return, come in the afternoon we return'd to Colthouse, and drunk Tea at Michael Satterthwaites; and at 6 in the evening had a Publick Meeting in friends Meetinghouse in this village. Friends having taken much pains in giving notice to the inhabitants for 2 miles around, and it was pretty large for the country, and upon the whole satisfactory the people behaving with much civility, and I believe some were affected. I had a long testimony to bear therein from Acts C: 17. v. 30, 31. The times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men everywhere to repent: Because he hath appointed a day in 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. In the course of my testimony I was led particularly to declare against the evil of music, dancing and playing at cards etc. Afterwards I was informed that a dancing master and many of his scholars were there. The meeting held upwards of 2 hours. After which we got some suitable refreshment at Michael Satterthwaites, and then returned to our quarters at Hawkshead.

On 29th. and 5th. of week we breakfasted at John Cockbains. About 2 o'clock in the afternoon, we set out for Conistone 4 miles, where a meeting was appointed to begin at 3 no friends remembering one there before, John Bragg and his wife accompanying us thither, we went thro' a rocky country, and by Conistone water a large lake, and got there just in time to the meeting, which was held in an upper room at the Black.Bull. It was not large, the People being very busy in their harvest, yet a few of the labouring People attended and more of the genteeler sort, and 3 young men Collegians, in all betwixt 40 and 50. The room was conveniently seated with forms and chairs, Some of the People at first were talkative one with another, and I was afraid the opportunity would not be to much advantage; but the power of Truth arising, a solemn silence ensued, and it proved a good meeting I had a long testimony to bear therein from Matt: C: 18. v: 3. Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. Afterwards I had a short testimony from Psalms 4 and 4: v: Stand in awe, and sin not. A great solemnity appeared to come over the minds of the People, and one of the Collegians appeared to be much affected. The meeting held near 2 hours, when it broke up several kindly invited us to their houses to Tea, but we got a little suitable refreshment at the Inn, and then returned to Hawkshead where we got to our quarters a little before 7 o'clock.

On 30th. and 6th. of week, we set out Swathmore Monthly Meeting to be held at the Rookhaw 7 miles, John Bragg being our guide, and his Wife going along with us. We went

about 1 mile upon or near the banks of Esthwaite water and then thro' a very hilly woody country to Rookhaw were we got about half past 10 o'clock, we found here a large good Meetinghouse built on purpose for the Monthly meeting being nearly a central place, delightfully and retiredly situated amongst Woods, and half a mile from any dwellinghouse. There are several apartments adjoining the Meetinghouse, for the accommodation of friends, and in one room there was a good fire, then there is also plenty of stable room and hay for the horses, and the carriages stand by the roadside as in some parts of America. The meeting for worship began at 11 o'clock 25 friends attended, I had a pretty long testimony to bear therein from Rev: C: 3. v: 20. Behold, I stand at the door and knock, if any man hear my voice, and open the door; I will come in to him, and will sup with him and he with me. At the close of this meeting was the meeting for discipline the Queries were read answered verbally by a friend from each of their Preparatory meetings viz. Swarthmore, Colthouse and Height. and a general answer was drawn up approved and Signed, and directed to be taken to the Quarterly Meeting. Also my Certificate and companions minute was read; they had not much more business before the meeting to day. Both meetings held 2 hours and a half. After which we got a little wince and cake with John Bragg and his wife, and then came with Joseph Goad and his Wife to Ulverstone 9 miles to dine, were we got about 4 o'clock, and were we took up our quarters.

On 1st. of 10th Mo. and 7th. of week, After Breakfast and a chapter in the testament was read: I had an encouraging testimony to bear unto the youth in this family. in the forenoon I wrote a sympathizing letter to my Nephew William Grimshaw of Sunderland on the death of his Wife. In the evening had a Publick Meeting in the Methodist Meetinghouse in this Town and friends having bestowed much labour in giving information thereof to the inhabitants it was very large, and I believe a profitable meeting to some. Truth being in dominion and the people behaved with remarkable stillness. It began at 6 o'clock and held 2 hours and a half. I had a very long testimony to bear therein from John C: 1. v: 45. We have found him of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write, Jesus of Nazareth. and afterwards had to inform them of our motives in seeking such opportunities as these, concluding with a short exhortation. After meeting we supp'd at William Bensons.

On 2nd. and 1st. of week, we attended Swarthmore meeting about 1 mile from the Town which began at half past 10. There are a pretty many friends belonging thereto, and many of the Societies attended to day. It was an open satisfactory meeting: I had a 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? Are not thou he, O Lord our God? Therefore we will wait upon thee. Afterwards I was concerned in prayer. We returned from the meeting by Swarthmore Hall formerly the seat of Judge Fell, and afterwards of George Fox who married his Widow. Some friends having gone over to Dalton the day before to procure a place for a meeting this evening, and give information thereof to the People: in which Town no friends could remember a meeting being held before; and I found they was apprehensive we should meet with some rough behaviour. About half past 2 o'clock we set out for Dalton 5 miles William Benson a choice friend was our guide, and many other friends went from Ulverstone; we got there a little before 4 o'clock and put up at the Cavendish arms; the meeting was held in a room adjoining and belonging to the Inn 10 and a half yards long and 7 wide; which was well seated and a convenient Gallery erected. It began at 4 o clock and held 2 hours The inhabitants both of the Town and country around generally attended, and amongst the number the Priest of the Town. The room was very much crowded, and a large lobbying adjoining and great numbers stood with outdoors who could not get in, but the windows being opened they could see and hear, and all behaved well, and some were visibly affected. It was indeed an highly favoured meeting, the power and presence of God being eminently felt amongst us. I had a short testimony therein first from Prov: C: 16. v: 1. The preparations of the heart in man, and the answer of the tongue is from the Lord. Afterwards I had a very long time from Eph: C: 2. v. 4. 5. God who is rich in mercy, for the great love

wherewith he loved us, even when we were dead in sins hath quickened us together with Christ; my Grace ye are saved. At the close of the meeting I had a short exhortation

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On 3rd. and 2nd. of week, we set out betwixt 7 and 8 o'clock in the morning for Baycliff formerly called Becliff 4 miles a village by the sea side, to see Thomas Goad a valuable Elder who had been sometime indisposed, Joseph Goad his Brother accompanying us; in our way crossing an hill we had a fine view of the Isle of Walney, and the houses thereon also of Peel.castle. We found, Thomas Goad a little better, and after breakfast we had a comfortable opportunity with him his Wife, 1 Son and 5 daughters all grown, some of the youth were much tendered, and the sick friend expressed he was comforted with the visit. We returned another way, by the sea side and the Sands, thro' Bardsea having a most beautiful ride, the country being very fertile, adorned with woods and Gentleman seats got to Ulverstone a little before 12 o clock. About 2 in the afternoon we set out for Height 14 miles and a half Elijah Salthouse being our guide, got to Isaac Halls of Newton in Cartmel 13 miles about 5 o clock were we took up our quarters.

On 4th. and 3rd. of week, we was at their meeting at Height; walked thither 1 mile and a half. It began at 10 o'clock 36 persons attended 16 of them appearing to be People of other Societies; altho' attended with close labour it was upon the whole a satisfactory meeting; I had a long testimony to be bear therein from Deut: C: 32. v: 29. Oh that they were wise, that they understood this that they would consider their latter end. Afterwards I had a pretty long time from Prov: C: 9. v: 12. If thou be wise, though shalt be wise for thyself; but if thou scornest, thou alone shalt bear it. Near the close of the meeting I had a short exhortation to

drop. In the afternoon my companion went along with some other friends to procure places and prepare them for Publick Meetings next day at Flookburgh and Cartmel, and to give notice thereof to the inhabitants. After Tea I went and sat a little Thomas Robinsons, and after taking a glass of wine with them, his son Richard Robinson an agreeable youth about 19 years of age came in from his work; we then closed into silence, and had a precious opportunity, in which a sweet visitation of Gospel Love flowed unto the Son and a daughter younger than himself. I was twice concerned in testimony, and felt much comforted with the visit.

On 5th. and 4th. of week, a little past 8 o'clock in the morning we set out for Flookburgh 5 miles; Isaac Hall being our guide to day and his Wife accompanying us, we went by Cartmel, and got to Flookburgh about half past 9 o'clock, were we put up at the Crown Inn, where the meeting was held in a large room which was well seated. It began at 10 and held near 2 hours, and was the first meeting of friends that anybody could remember being held in this village. The inhabitants appearing to have little religious concern, rarely attending their own places of worship on first days, and therefore it could hardly be expected they would leave their work to attend on other days of the week; the meeting therefore was not large but perfectly satisfactory, and would have been more so, had it not been so long in gathering in other respects they behaved well; and one young man appeared considerably affected. I had a long testimony to bear therein from Mark C: 10. v: 17. What shall I do that I may inherit eternal life. After meeting we got a little suitable refreshment at the Inn and then came with John Fell to his house at Cartmel to dine, 2 miles. At 6 in the evening we had a Publick meeting with the inhabitants of this Town and places adjacent; in a very large School which was conveniently seated, and very much crowded with People, and many had to stand without who could not get in, yet the behaviour of the whole was commendably still solid and attentive, the power of Truth being in great dominion. I had a very long testimony to bear therein 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. Afterwards I had a short exhortation. The meeting held 2 hours and a half. After which we got some suitable refreshment at John Fells, and then set out immedately, and got to Newton 3 miles a little before 10.clock.

On 6th. and 5th. week, we set out for Kendal in Westmoreland 12 miles, Richard Robinson being our guide, and his Mother accompanied us. We left Newton a little after 9 o'clock in the morning, and came thro' Underbarrow in Westmoreland where many were convinced by George Fox and amongst others Edward Burrough and Miles Halhead who became eminent Ministers in our Society, got to Kendal about 1 o'clock, where we was very kindly received, by our kind friends Robert Bensons. The kindness of this family unto us assuredly deserves our most grateful acknowledgement. At 5 in the evening began the Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders for Westmoreland which I attended; It was larger than I expected, and three strangers beside myself were there viz. John Goodier from Cheshire, and Sarah Abbott and Sarah Fox from Devonshire. The Queries were read and Answers received from the Select Meetings in each of their Monthly meetings, and some other business was gone thro' and John Goodier Sarah Abbott and Sarah Fox had each of them testimonies to bear, and Sarah Abbott concluded the meeting in Prayer which held near 3 hours.

On 7th. and 6th. of week, at 10 in the forenoon was a meeting for worship, which was mostly select of friends and very large, the mens Meetinghouse with the Lofts therein being pretty well filled, Sarah Abbott had a pretty long testimony first from Isai: C: 48. v: 17. I am the Lord thy God, which teacheth thee to profit. Sarah Fox had a long time next from 1 Cor: C: 1. v: 26. Ye see your calling, brethren. John Goodier next from Ex: C: 19. v: 5. If ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure to me above all people. I next 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. John Goodier next in Prayer. At the close of this Meeting was a meeting for discipline. The Queries were read and Answers

received and read from all their Monthly Meetings viz. Sedbergh, Strickland, Swarthmore, and Kendal. My Certificate and companions Minute was read. Also John Goodier's from Morley Monthly Meeting in Cheshire, addressed to friends in Ireland, Scotland, and the counties of Cumberland, Northumberland and Westmoreland in England, with an endorsement thereon from the Quarterly meeting of Cheshire and Staffordshire. and all were minuted. A great deal more business was gone through and the whole was finished in this sitting. Both meetings held 4 hours and a half. At 6 in the evening was another meeting for Worship which held upwards of 2 hours. Sarah Fox had a pretty long testimony therein first from Isai: C: 40. v: 27. My way is hid from the Lord, and my judgement is passed over from my God. I next from Luke C: 11. v: 11, 12, 13. If a son should ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent? or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? If ye then being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children; how much more shall your heavenly Father give the holy spirit to them that ask him. After meeting we called and sat a little at William Fergusons, who is an acceptable Minister, and from thence went to William Dilworth Crewdsons to supper.

On 8th. and 7th. of week, we set out for Lancaster 22 miles, Isaac Rigg being our guide, and Joseph Smith of Addingham and Jonathan Binns of Skipton, being on a visit to their relations in these parts went along with us thither. We left Kendal betwixt 9 and 10 o'clock in the forenoon, and came to Burton in Kendal where we stopt near 2 hours at the Royal.oak and got an early dinner; then proceeded to Lancaster, having from the road on our right a fine view of Lancaster Sands; we got there betwixt 3 and 4 o'clock in the afternoon, and took up our quarters at Thomas Barrow's. This evening I wrote to my William Taylor.

On 9th. and 1st. week we attended the meeting in this Town forenoon and after which were large of friends and pretty many People of other Societies attended, they were open favoured meetings. The forenoon meeting began at 10, I had a long testimony to bear therein from Matt: C: 22. v: 14. Many are called but few are chosen. The afternoon meeting began at 3 I had a long testimony to bear therein from Matthew: C: 2. v: 2. Where is he that is born King of the Jews, for we have seen his star in the east, and come to worship him. Afterwards I had a pretty long time from John C: 1. v. 49, 50. Thou art the son of God; thou art the king of Israel. Jesus answered and said unto him, because I said unto thee, I saw thee under the fig tree, believest thou? Thou shalt see greater things than these. I was enabled fully to relieve my mind in these meetings, a precious visitation being extended unto many, who were much broken and tendered therein. James Collinson a ministering friend from Yealand was at the afternoon meeting. We drunk Tea at the widow Elizabeth Wadkins, with many friends and after Tea had a satisfactory opportunity together, in which I had a long testimony to bear. From thence we went and sat a little at William Jepsons an ancient ministering friend nearly 80 years of age. and from thence we went to Thomas Albrights to supper.

On 10th. and 2nd. week, about 7 o'clock in the morning we set out for Preston 22 miles Robert Dean being our guide, we came 3 miles to Jonathan Binns's of Leach.house to Breakfast were we stopt about 1 hour and a half, and then proceeded to Garstang, where we got some refreshment at the Royal.oak, stopt about 1 hour; and then came to Preston where we got about 2 o'clock in the afternoon, and took up our quarters at Ralph Aldersons.

On 11th. and 3rd. week, we had a meeting in Preston which began at 10 in the forenoon, about 60 persons attended, and about 20 were the number of people of other Societies. It was a satisfactory meeting, the states of many being opened and spoke to, and the language of encouragement flowed freely to some deeply tryed minds. I had a long testimony to bear therein from Isai: C: 41. v: 1. Keep silence before me, O Islands; and let the people renewed their strength, let them come near, then let them speak. Afterwards I was concerned in Prayer. When I got to Preston, I was in a peculiarly tryed situation, no meetings being appointed further, neither could I see which way to move safely, but after I got here some friends came in to see me, and in conversation one with another I heard them making mention of a few people who appeared to be under conventional at Harwood a village betwixt Blackburn and Pendle hill and that they sometimes attended Blackburn meeting, being nearest

of any; Light immediately broke forth, and my way opened clearly not only to go and have a Publick meeting in that village, but where I was to have meetings the remainder of the week. This afternoon we drunk Tea at Williams Malleys.

On 12th. and 4th. of week, This morning we set out a little past 7 o.clock for Harwood which the way we went was 16 miles. Michael Satterthwaite was our guide and acceptable companion thither and back to Preston. On our way we called at the New.Inn in Blackburn were we got some refreshment, stopt near an hour and then proceeded to Harwood, were we got a little past 12 o.clock, and put up at the Cross.axes. Upon enquiry we found the Independents had a Meetinghouse in the village, and upon application to the Preacher he very willingly lent it friends. After dinner he came to the Inn, when it proved to be Jonas Hinchcliff whose Mother lived servant with my Parents, he was very glad to see me, and while the friends were engaged in giving notice of the meeting he kept me company at the Inn. The meeting began at 6 o.clock in the evening and held near 2 hours and a half. The Meetinghouse was very much crowded, it was supposed that upwards of 400 People attended, and it proved a very open satisfactory meeting; The Lords name and power being exalted amongst a wise and understanding People, and the Truths of the Gospel largely opened amongst them. I had a very long testimony to bear amongst them from 2 Cor: C: 4. v. 3, 4. If our Gospel be hid, it is hid from 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 and affectionate address and exhortation to the People, concluding with commanding them for their orderly behaviour, and bidding them solemnly farewell. We had at different times the company of the three men who are under some degree of convincement, and two of them came and spent the evening with us at our Inn; their names are John Bradshaw, Roger Wainman and Peter Little The last an Apprentice about 19 years of age.

On 13th. and 5th. of the week, we set out a little past to 7 o.clock in the morning for Blackburn 5 miles and got there a little past 8 to breakfast at Thomas Swithenbanks were we took up our quarters. Had a meeting here which began at half past 10 o.clock, They had taken a more suitable place to meet in since I was here before and fitted it up very well, so that it is a neat convenient Meetinghouse 30 persons attended to day several of the number being such as appear to be under convincement, and several others were People of other Societies; I felt thankful for the opportunity and had a long testimony to bear therein from John C: 15. v: 2. Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away, and every branch in me that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit. A little after 2 o.clock we set out for Preston 11 miles and got there about 5 to our former quarters.

On 14th. and 6th. of week we set out for Ormskirk 18 miles a little after 8 o.clock in the morning my beloved friend William Malley being our guide to Liverpool, and taking me in his carriage; we got to Ormskirk about a quarter past 11 were we took up our quarters at the Talbot, and I having felt a concern to have a Publick Meeting in the Town my companions went immediately to see for a place, and readily obtained the Methodists Meetinghouse; After dinner they gave notice thereof to the inhabitants. The meeting began at 6 in the evening, and hold upwards of 2 hours it was very large with the house being much crowded, and the behaviour of the people worthy of commendation, I had a very long testimony to bear therein from Deut: C: 18. v: 15. The Lord thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, like unto me; unto him shall ye hearken. Afterwards I had a long exhortation to the People concluding with an affectionate Farewel to them. It was a solid good meeting, many being tenderly affected therein.

On 15th. and 7th. of week we left Ormskirk for Liverpool 13 miles around 9 o.clock in the morning and had a refreshing ride thither with the sea air, the road being all the way within a few miles of the shore, got to Liverpool about 11 o.clock were we took up our quarters at Isaac Hadwens. About noon I received a letter from my Nephew William Grimshaw of Sunderland, giving me an account of the sickness, and quiet departure of his Wife; and bemoaning his loss as he expresses it of his greatest earthly treasure. In the

afternoon we took a walk thro' different parts of the Town, went thro' the exchange, and to the docks, viewed the Shipping, and returned through the market place.

On 16th. and 1st. of week, we attended their meetings Fore and afternoon which are very large, the forenoon meeting began at 10, It was a laborious meeting but I was strengthened to clear myself, of what opened to the different states; had a long testimony to bear first from 1 Kin: C: 18. v: 21. How long halt ye between two opinions? If the Lord be God, follow him; but if Baal, then follow him. and afterwards had a pretty long time from Cant: C: 1. v: 3. Thy name is as ointment poured forth, therefore do the virgins love thee. The afternoon Meeting began at 3, It was dull and heavy in the forepart, but ended more comfortably. Margaret Binns had a short testimony therein first from Psalms 46. v: 10. Be still, and know that I am God. Isaac Hadwen next from Isai: C: 65. v: 2. I have spread out my hands all the day unto a rebellious People. and near the close of the meeting I had a pretty long time from Jam: C: 4. v: 8. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts ye double minded, v: 9. Be afflicted, and mourn. In the evening many friends came in to see us, the family was called in to the reading, and after reading a solemn silence ensued which was crowned with the Lords presence.

On the 17th. and 2nd. week, we got an early dinner and left Liverpool about half past 12 o.clock for Warrington 18 miles Robert Cook a friendly young man about 28 years of age, being our guide; he took me in his carriage thither we went by Prescot and got to Warrington about half past 3 were we took up our quarters at John Bludwicks. After Tea I went and sat a little at Ellin Eatons, and then returned.

On 18th. and 3rd. week, we had a meeting in Warrington which began at 10 in the forenoon, 50 persons attended. I had to encourage an exercised remnant to faithfulness, to invite the youth to give up freely to the divine visitation extended, and to warn some against letting in an evil heart of unbelief. In the early part of the meeting John Bludwick a worthy Elder had a short exhortation, and after a considerable time in silence I had a long 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. Afterwards I had a pretty long time from John C: 6. v: 64. There are some of you that believe not. About 2 o.clock in the afternoon we left Warrington and went to Ralph Nields junr. of Weaverham in Cheshire 9 miles, William Leicester being our guide; got there about 4 o.clock, were we took up our quarters

. On 19th. and 4th. of the week, we had an appointed meeting for friends and others at Newton by Forest, the meeting they belong to; a meeting being now regularly held there and Ralph Nield and his Wife went with us thither, 5 miles; we called at John Frodshams of Kingsley were we stopt about half an hour and got some refreshment, and then went to the Meetinghouse, were we got just in time to the meeting, which began at 11 o.clock, There are but few friends belonging thereto, but many People of other Societies attended and some from a considerable distance. It proved a time of peculiar favour, many were much broken and tendered, and several I am persuaded were convinced of the Truth, whether or no they are ever favoured with strength to make publick profession thereof. I had a very long testimony to bear therein from 1 Cor: C: 15. v: 10. By the grace of God I am what I am, and afterwards I had a pretty long exhortation. After meeting we din'd in the little Meetinghouse of provisions brought for that purpose by John Frodshams and Alice Bentley who had also kindled a fire therein; several friends stopt with us and also partook of the bounty, and a young man and his Wife who were not friends came in and sat at the back he appeared tenderly affected, and I observed tears frequently drop as he sat. After I had done eating, I walked out and he followed, were we had a private opportunity together to our mutual satisfaction, and parted in much nearness and affection, he told me his name was William Bentley, and he had come from Manly 4 miles distance. About 2 o.clock we set out for Chester 10 miles Ralph Nield junr. being our guide and his Wife accompanying us we got there a little past 4 in the afternoon and took up our quarters at Thomas Lunts.

On 20th. and 5th. of week, Frandley and Nantwich Monthly meeting was held in this city. After breakfast we walked around the city upon the walls which is about 1 mile and three

quarters; we had a fine prospect of the city, the adjacent country, the course of the River Dee, and the Welsh mountains at a distance. At 11 o'clock the meeting for Worship began which was but small 31 persons only attending, 3 of the number being People of other Societies, one of them dear William Bentley who had come 6 miles to it. It was a favoured meeting, and I had a very 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 this meeting was held their Meeting for discipline which consists of 3 preparatory meetings viz. Frandley, Chester, and Nantwich. They had not much business to day but what they had was agreeably conducted. Amongst other things my Certificate, and my companions minute was read, and minuted. Also Thomas Fellows a member of Hardshaw Monthly meeting in Lancashire and Alice Bentley of Frandley meeting laid before this their intentions of taking each other in marriage. Both meetings held 2 hours and a half. After dinner William Bentley came to see me at my quarters; we spent part of an hour together very agreeably, and parted from each other with reluctance.

On 21st. and 6th. of week, we set out for Northwich 17 miles my mind being engaged to have a Publick meeting there; this evening; Thomas Lunt was our guide, in our way we passed over Delamere Forest which they are now inclosing, and got to Northwich about half past 12 o'clock were we put up at the New.eagle and child. Ralph Nield and his Brother Henry was got there before us. After dinner friends set about procuring a place for the meeting; but found some difficulty, but applying to the Independents they very readily lent us their Meetinghouse, the meeting was appointed to begin at 6 o'clock this evening, and friends exerted themselves in giving notice thereof to the inhabitants. At the hour appointed a great number assembled of all ranks and persuasions, and amongst the number the Priest of the Town. The Meetinghouse was large but very much crowded, and the behaviour of the People was remarkable still solid and attentive throughout. It proved a very open good meeting, and I had a very long testimony to bear therein 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. Afterwards I had a pretty long time from Luke C: 11. v: 1. Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples. At the close of the meeting, I informed the People it was over, requesting that as their behaviour had been deserving of commendation, they might depart in a quiet and orderly manner. When friends went to pay the man for the use of the Meetinghouse he absolutely refused taking anything, saying, they was under greater obligation to friends for the visit, and they should be welcome to it at any future time.

On 22nd. and 7th. of week, after getting a little refreshment, we left Northwich about 7 o'clock in the morning and came to breakfast at Ralph Nields of Tabley 7 miles, his son Ralph Nield came from his own house this morning to be our guide thither; and his Mother who had stopt all night in the Town came along with this. Betwixt 1 and 2 o'clock in the afternoon we set out for Manchester in Lancashire 16 miles, Henry Nield being our guide and his Sister Elizabeth accompanying us, we called by the way at the Pelican and got a little refreshment, and reached Manchester a little before 5 o'clock, were we took up our quarters at John Goodiers junr. Here I met with a Letter from my Charles Unsworth which was very acceptable to me. In the evening John Goodier reached here on his return from his long journey; he tarried the forenoon meeting in this Town the next day.

On 23rd. and 1st. of week, we attended both their meetings in Manchester which were large a great many friends belonging thereto, the forenoon meeting began at 10, I had close labour therein to some states, and the language of encouragement to an exercised remnant John Goodier had a short testimony to bear therein first. I had a long time next from 1 Cor: C: 4. v: 8. Now ye are full, now ye are rich, ye have reigned as kings without us, and I would the God that ye did reign, that we also might reign with you. After which Martha Routh had a few words from 2 Cor: C: 4. v: 5. We preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord and ourselves your servants for Jesus sake. At the close of this Meeting was held their Preparative Meeting. The afternoon meeting began at 3 It was held in silence, and to me felt very dull and

heavy in the forepart thereof, but was comfortably owned before the close with the presence of him who giveth Life. After meeting we drunk Tea at Isaac Crewdsons.

On 24th. and 2nd. of week, my companion having been frequently poorly of late, and apprehending he was not likely to be better until he had gone through a regular course of medicine we concluded it would be best for him to go home from here accordingly he set out early this morning. We had travelled together in much love and unity, and parted in the same. About half past 10 this forenoon, I set out for Buersil near Rochdale 12 miles, Roger Merrick being my guide, he hired a Post.chaise, and took me therein which afforded us an opportunity of agreeable conversation together to our mutual satisfaction, we went by Rochdale and got to Buersil about half past 12 were I took up my quarters at my very kind friend William Midgleys. Whilst upon the road the conduct of the youth who drove the Chaise, attracted my attention, he appeared modest in his carriage, careful over his words, and dealt tenderly with his horses. I had some private conversation with him in the Stable after we got to Buersil to my satisfaction; he told me his name is Jacob Hulme and he is 17 years of age. At parting he shook hands with me expressing hope and belief that he should sometime see me again. I have oftens thought if we did but dwell inward enough, we should sometimes see our way open to drop a word to our fellow men, which might prove to them as bread cast upon the waters, the good effects of which might be seen after many days.

On 25th. and 3rd. week, I had a meeting at Rochdale which began at 10 o.clock, it was pretty large and satisfactory. I had a long testimony therein first from Luke C: 17. v: 32. Remember Lots wife. And afterwards had an affectionate address to the youth from Eph: C: 6. v: 1. Children obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. After meeting I din'd at James Midgleys of Wardleworth, and drunk tea at Henry Ecroyds and got back to Buersil about 6 in the evening.

On 26th. and 4th. of week, I breakfasted at James Midgleys of Spring.hill. Betwixt 1 and 2 o.clock in the afternoon I set out for Manchester to attend Hardshaw Monthly meeting to be held there the next day, William Midgley was my guide thither, and conveyed me in his carriage and from thence to Oldham meeting. We went by Rochdale and Middleton to Manchester, got there about 4 o.clock, called and sat a little at Nicholas Martindales. and took a glass of wine, and then went to my former quarters at John Goodiers junr.

On 27th. and 5th. of week, this morning Jacob Hulme the Chaise driver hearing I was in Town and desirous to see him; was coming to my quarters to see me but I met him in the street, before he reached there; he appeared much rejoiced to see me again so unexpectedly; and I was glad to see him, we had a little conversation together, and I made him a present of a Testament, and when we separated dropt a little advice to him which he kindly received. At 10 in the forenoon began the Monthly Meeting for Worship which was very large and satisfactory, being measurably owned with that Power, which has a tendency to solemnize the my mind and prepare the heart for acceptable worship. I had a long testimony to bear therein 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 away from thee, it shall be so unto thee; but if not, it shall not be so. After which Elizabeth Bludwick had a pretty long and affectionate address to the youth tenderly intreating them to close in with the visitation of divine love which mercifully extended unto them. At the close of this meeting was their Monthly meeting for discipline which consists of 5 Preparative meetings viz. Penketh, Langtree, Liverpool, Ashton, and Manchester. A great deal of business was before the meeting to date, which was agreeably conducted. Amongst other things Thomas Fellows of Manchester Mg. was cleared from all other engagements related to marriage except with Alice Bentley a member of Frandley and Nantwich Monthly Meeting in Cheshire. Also Joseph Eveleigh and Tabitha Feetham both of Manchester Mg. laid before this their intentions of taking each other in marriage. Also Edward Pritchard a member of the Leominster and Ross Monthly Meeting in Herefordshire and Rebecca Merrick of Manchester Mg. laid before this there intention of taking each other in marriage. Also my Certificate was read and

minuted, when Matthew Corbet stood up and said for the encouragement of the friend he had to say that he remembered above 30 years ago having conversation with a young man who was much attach'd to me on account of my ministry, and added he had not known me before, nor ever spoke to me, but he hoped I should be preserved until the end. It appeared to me to be spoke in that sincerity which much affected me. Both meetings held near 5 hours. After which I din'd at Roger Merricks, and drunk Tea at Mary Robinsons in company with many valuable friends After Tea we had a precious tendering opportunity together in which Isaac Hadwen had to drop the language of encouragement to me. From hence I returned to my quarters.

On 28th. and 6th. week, we set out for Oldham meeting 9 miles betwixt 8 and 9 o'clock in the morning, went by Oldham thither were we got about half past 10 o'clock, and took up our quarters at James Taylors of Heighside but my companion set me down at Thomas Halls were I got some refreshment, and then went to the meeting which began at 11 o'clock, it was pretty large of friends, and a considerable number of People of other Societies attended; and we were favoured together with an open good meeting. I had a very long testimony to bear therein from Rev: C: 2. v: 10. Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life. Afterwards I was concerned in Prayer. After meeting we went to our quarters at James Taylors.

On 29th. and 7th. of week I set out for Huddersfield 18 miles, betwixt 8 and 9 o'clock in the morning, James Taylor being my guide. From Lancaster hither we had been in a fine fruitful country, some parts are little hilly but mostly very level; but from here home more hilly and most of the way to Huddersfield over very high Moors. We walkt to the Junction Inn, in Saddleworth Yorkshire 5 miles where we stopt about 1 hour and got some refreshment and then my guide hired Post Chaise to convey us to Huddersfield 13 miles were we got a little past 1 o'clock were I dined at my Kinsmans Abraham Mallinsons, and afterwards went to cousin Joseph Mallinsons of Longroidbridge were I got a little before 4 o'clock, and were I took up my quarters. Soon after I got here my Charles Unsworth came in whom I had sent for to meet me here, and help me to convey my luggage home, and who was my acceptable companion until we reached there.

On 30th. and 1st. of week we attended Huddersfield meeting. There were pretty many friends there, and several People of other Societies came in It proved an open meeting, and I had a long testimony to bear therein from Rev: C: 3. v: 11. Hold fast to that which thou hast, that no man take thy crown. After meeting we din'd at John Fishers of Springdale; and there being a few persons in and near Lockwood who appear to be under convincement, and I having some time past had a prospect of paying them a visit; way seemed now to open for it. Accordingly we left Springdale between 3 and 4 o'clock and came to Abraham Kayes of Lockwood were we tarried all night. After Tea we sat down with Abraham Kaye and his Wife, John Issott, Rebecca Beaumont and Sarah Hallawell of Netherton a Baptist but in part convinced of friends principles the other 4 came from amongst the Methodists some of them having been active members in that Society, it was a satisfactory opportunity and I had a long testimony to bear therein from Acts C: 13. v: 43. Continue in the grace of God.

On 31st. and 2nd. of week, we left here after taking a glass of wine, and came by Deadmanstone to John Issotts of Ladyhouse to Breakfast were we stopt 2 hours, and then proceeded John Issott accompanying us upwards of 2 miles and then returned, we came by Farnley to Shepley, were we din'd at cousin Joseph Walkers; stopt about 1 hour and a half, and then came to Joseph Firths of Lane head; stopt there about 1 hour and a half and drunk Tea, then came home were we got a little before 5 o'clock, which the way we came from Huddersfield was 10 miles. I have travelled in this journey upwards of 636 miles.

Having had a prospect before I proceeded upon this journey, of some meetings, in the edge of Lancashire, and Yorkshire which I omitted from a hope that I might be excused from attending them, but afterwards I was ready to fear it proceeded from an over anxious desire to be at home, for after I got there I became very uneasy, and the language frequently run through me, Return, and do thy first works, and when I was brot. into a state of willingness,

and felt fully resigned thereto, then I felt sweet Peace and consulting with a few chosen friends they encouraged me to faithfulness which was a confirmation of my own feelings, and after I was fully resigned in my mind to return I was then favoured to see my coming home was right, as it gave me an opportunity to be at our Meeting when the Committee of the Quarterly Meeting was there, and that the Sufferings I had had to pass thro' were only to bring me into a state of willingness to return. The following is an account of the remaining part of my journey With an account of Publick Meetings held at Clithero in Lancashire and Heptonstall in Yorkshire

I left home ye. 19th. of ye. 11th. Mo. 1814, and 7th. day of the week about 8 o.clock in the morning, taking Charles Unsworth along with me to Dewsbury to carry my luggage. We went by Cumberworth and Skelmanthorpe to Elias Armitages of Parkgate where we rested us about 1 hour then preceded by Emley to cousin Alexander Hampshires of Flockton.mill were we got an early dinner stopt 1 hour and a half, and then went by Flockton, Mugmill and Thornhill to Dewsbury where we got a little past 3 o.clock in the afternoon, and took up our quarters at George Breareys of Crackenedge, after he understood my concern he immediately concluded to accompany me, and provided a horse and carriage to convey me through the remainder of this journey. After Tea we went and sat a little at William Wass's.

On 20th. and 1st. of week, I attended the meeting in Dewsbury, that in the forenoon began at 10 o.clock 15 persons attended. It was I believe a profitable meeting to some, and I had a pretty long testimony to bear therein from Gen: C: 2. v. 16, 17. Of every tree in 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. After meeting we dined at William Wass's. The afternoon meeting began at 3, 25 persons attended 5 of whom were people of other Societies, It was a pretty open meeting, and I had a long testimony to bear therein from 2 Thes: C: 3. v: 5. The Lord direct your hearts into the love of God, and into the patient waiting for Christ.

On 21st. and 2nd. of the week, betwixt 10 and 11 o.clock in the forenoon, I parted with my Charles Unsworth he returning home, and my kind friend George Brearey and me set out for Todmorden 23 miles, went by Mirfield, Cooperbridge, Elland and Salter.Ebble to Joshua Stansfields of Handgreen where we stopt 1 hour and a half and din'd, then preceded by Heptonbridge to Todmorden, and from thence 1 mile further to Samuel Greenwoods of Stones in Lancashire got their betwixt 7 and 8 o.clock where we took up our quarters.

On 22nd. and 3rd. of week, we had a meeting at Todmorden which began at 10 in the forenoon 32 persons attended, It was favoured, a renewed visitation being extended unto some and I had a long testimony to bear therein from Jer: C: 3. v: 23. Truly in vain is salvation hoped for from the hills, and from the multitude of mountains; truly in the Lord our God is the salvation of Israel. and afterwards had a short exhortation. After meeting we dined at Samuel Fieldens, and betwixt 2 and 3 o.clock set out for Marsden 12 miles, Benjamin King being our guide, we went by Burnley thither where we got betwixt 5 and 6 o.clock in the evening and took up our quarters at James Haworths.

On 23rd. and 4th. of week, we had a meeting at Marsden which began at 11 o.clock, 22 persons attended 2 of whom appear to be People of other Societies. The state of things here appeared to me to be low and declining; yet there is a few rightly exercised friends preserved; unto whom I had the language of encouragement, having towards the close of the meeting a pretty long testimony to bear from Psalms 14. v: 7. Oh that the salvation of Israel were come out of Zion? When the Lord bringeth back the captivity of his People, Jacob shall rejoice, and Israel be glad. About 3 o'clock in the afternoon we set out for Sawley; Richard Ecroyd being our guide, we went by Gisburn in Yorkshire to William Tippings of Dockber 13 miles, and about 1 mile from Sawley, got there about 6 in the evening where we lodged.

On 24th. and 5th. of week, This evening we had a Publick Meeting at Sawley, for friends and People of other Societies; James Haworth purposed to meet us here and accompany us to Clithero also, but was prevented; but his Wife came this afternoon on foot, and she being a valuable Elder her company was truly acceptable. The meeting began at 6 o.

clock and held about 2 hours and a half. There are but few friends belonging thereto, but many of other Societies attended, and some came a considerable way, 5 or 6 miles distance altho' the evening was very wet, so that the Meetinghouse was nearly full. and it proved a very good Meeting. I had a very long testimony to bear therein first from Isai: C: 28. v: 16. Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste. I had a pretty long 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. Afterwards I had a short time from Romans C: 9. v: 10. Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated. After meeting we got a little suitable refreshment at the Spread Eagle, and then returned to Dockber.

On 25th. and 6th. of week, we set out for Clithero in Lancashire 5 miles, betwixt 10 and 11 in the forenoon William Tipping being our guide thither and back, and he took Martha Haworth behind him. We went by Sawley and from thence up a beautiful and fruitful valley having the river Ribble on our right, and the great Pendle hill on our left; we got to Clithero betwixt 11 and 12 and put up at the Brownlows arms. The friends immediately proceeded to look out for a place to hold a Publick meeting in this evening and readily got the Court house, which would hold about 200 people but fearing it would be too small, they applyed to the Methodists who very willingly lent them their Meetinghouse which would seat about 500 People. After dinner they gave notice thereof to the inhabitants of the Town and neighbourhood. The Town is not large but improving, and very pleasantly situated. There is the remains of an ancient Castle situated upon an high craggy hill, from which we had a beautiful prospect over the Town and the surrounding country. This afternoon we drunk Tea at Dr Coultares a relation of Martha Haworths. The Meeting began at 7 o.clock and held 2 hours it was very large the Meetinghouse being very much crowded and it was supposed there was upwards of 100 that could not get in; It was an highly favoured meeting, the Truths of the Gospel being largely declared amongst them to the satisfaction of many. I having a very long testimony to bear 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 judgements is come; and worship him that made heaven and earth, and the sea and the fountains of waters. I was next concerned in Prayer. and afterwards had to commend the People for their good behaviour, and was enlarged in exhortation unto them. After resting and getting a little refreshment at the Inn, we left Clithero about 10 o.clock in the evening, and had a fine moonlight ride to Dockber in Yorkshire were we got betwixt 11 and 12.

On 26th. and 7th. of week, we set out for Trawden 13 Miles and a half about 10 o.clock in the forenoon, William Tipping accompanying us to Gisburn 4 miles and taking Martha Haworth behind him we got there about 11 o.clock, were we stopt 3 hours at Robert Perkinsons and din'd, then proceeded Robert Perkinson being our guide, and taking John Halls Wife of Coln with him in his Carr, and I gave up my seat to Martha Haworth, and my companion took her home, and I walkt to Coln in Lancashire 8 miles got there about 5 o.clock, and took up our quarters at John Halls.

On 27th. and 1st. of week we was at the meeting at Trawden about 1 mile and a half from Coln, which at my request began to day at 10 o.clock, 44 persons attended, the greater number being People of other Societies. It was a favoured meeting, different states being opened and clearly spoke to in Gospel authority; I having a long testimony to bear amongst them from Matthew: C: 23. v: 23. Ye pay tithe of mint, and anise, and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgement, mercy, and faith; these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone. Two young men walked from Gisburn to this meeting 9 miles and a half, one or both of them having been at the meeting at Sawley, their names are Charles Brown and Matthew Riley, the former being son of the landlord at the head Inn. John Hall kindly invited them to dine with us of which I was glad. Before we rose from the Table I was concerned in supplication; and after dinner parted with the two young men

very affectionately, we being brought near and dear to one another, and I am persuaded they are measurably convinced of the Truth, and O that they may be strengthened to come forward in obedience to divine manifestations. About 2 o'clock we set out for Heptonstall in Yorkshire 12 miles, Benjamin Wilson a kind young man about 25 years of age being our guide; we came over a very high moorish country, crossed some very deep valleys, and in one place came a considerable way on the side of a hill, the road being narrow, and a very deep precipice on one hand with a brook running at the bottom which appeared not only awful but dangerous, our guide observing that a loaded horse once tumbled down. We got to Heptonstall about 6 o'clock and took up our quarters at the Sine of the Cross. Having felt a concern to have a Publick meeting in this village, and Mark Day the Methodist Preacher stationed here, being a particular acquaintance of my companions, and having previously offered his Meetinghouse, as soon as we alighted my companion waited upon him, and they having a meeting this evening, Mark Day gave notice that we purposed holding a meeting there the next day at 10 in the forenoon requesting them to inform their neighbours thereof. The Inn was very much crowded with company so that we could not have a room to ourselves, and my spirit was very much burthened under a sense of the wickedness of the generality of the inhabitants of this place it appearing to me that they were much addicted to drunkenness, profane swearing, and other evils. After meeting Mark Day came to the Inn, and took us with him to his house to sup, were my companion lodged, but I lodg'd with Benjamin Wilson at the Inn, when we returned there the house was still full of company; we went to bed but the company remained, drinking, cursing and swearing the most horrid oaths I ever before heard, until 3 o'clock in the morning, about which time I was seized with a violent complaint in my Bowels accompanied with a Lax, so that we got very little rest all night.

On 28th. and 2nd. week, this morning I felt very unwell and was much exercised in mind respecting the meeting not knowing however it would be got over. It began at 10 o'clock the hour appointed, about 500 persons attended, It proved a very open satisfactory meeting, Truth being over all, and in the Power and authority thereof I was enabled fully to relieve my mind amongst them, having a very long testimony to bear from Matt: C: 28. v. 19, 20. Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you, and lo, I am with you alway unto the end of the world. Afterwards I informed the People I had been strengthened fully to relieve my mind amongst them, and commanding them for their good behaviour, I recommended them to the teaching of the Grace of God, and saluting them in Gospel love bade them all Farewel. The meeting held near 2 hours and a half. After meeting Mark Day took leave of me very affectionately expressing in strong terms his satisfaction. I was favoured throughout the meeting to feel as tho' I ailed nothing but was afterwards very poorly. About 2 o'clock we set out for Halifax 8 miles, I walked down the hill to Heptonbridge dear Benjamin Wilson set me out of the village, were he parted with me in tears, I believe his accompanying us had been a profitable time to him, which I hope will not be forgot. We got with difficulty to Halifax, I being so inwardly sore, that I could scarce bear the motion of the carriage a little before 5 o'clock, and I took up my quarters at Robert Sutcliffes. The kindness and great care of this family towards me in my poorly state, demands my grateful acknowledgement, and will oftens be remembered by me. About 7 o'clock this evening my kind companion George Brearey set out for home as I intended walking by easy stages from this place and this being the last meeting I had a prospect of attending.

On 29th. and 3rd. week, I had a meeting at Halifax which is increasing in number and I hope in weight also, several appearing to be under convincement here, 20 persons attended to day, and we were favoured with an open good meeting, and I had a long testimony to bear therein from Isai: C: 12. v: 2. The Lord Jehovah is my strength and my song; he also is becoming my salvation. And now having gone thro' all the meetings I had a prospect of, I was favoured to feel the sweet reward of peace, and humble thankfulness arose in the secret of my soul unto him who had fulfilled his promise unto me, As thy days, so shall thy strength be.

Continuing poorly I kept house at my quarters this afternoon which I believe was of use to me, exercise of any kind having a tendency to increase my complaint.

On 30th. and 4th. of week, After breakfast I went to John Pools where I spent the forenoon and din'd. Betwixt 1 and 2 o.clock in the afternoon I left Halifax, Thomas Dearden accompanying me to Sutcliffe Woodbottom and then returned, but I called to see Thomas Smiths parents were I stopt about 1 hour and then proceeded to John Kings of Brighouse, got there about 4 o.clock were I lodg'd and tho' I had only travelled 5 miles to day, I felt very weary being so unwell.

On the 1st. of 12th. mo: and 5th. of week, I was very poorly in the morning, and rested me here until afternoon, then went and sat a little at James Lees's, and betwixt 3 and 4 o.clock proceeded on my Journey John King and James Lees kindly accompanying me by Rastrick and Netherroydhill to Thomas Wilsons of Greenhouse about 4 miles, were we got about 5 o.clock; and were I tarried all night.

On 2nd. and 6th. of week, I set out for home 10 miles, about 10 o.clock in the forenoon, found myself much relieved of my complaint, but weakened and feeble, came to Huddersfield were I had a little business, after I had done I sat a little and got some refreshment at Robert Firths, stopt near 2 hours in Huddersfield and then came by Almondbury, Woodsom mill, Kirkburton and Shelley to my Nephew Robert Woods of Moorbottom were I stopt about 1 hour and a half and drunk Tea, then came home, where I got about 5 o.clock in the evening, having travelled under my present Certificate upwards of 763 miles.

An Account of my Journey to a Publick Meeting held at Batley in 2nd. Mo. 1815.

An early dinner, I set out to attend our Monthly Meeting to be held next day at Wakefield: on the 19th. of 2nd. Mo. 1815. and 1st. day of the week a little before 12 o.clock and went by Cumberworth, and Skelmanthorp to Elias Armitages of Parkgate, were I rested me a considerable time and then he accompanied me about 2 miles, after he returned I proceeded, to Michael Buckleys of Bretton were I rested me a long time, and then went by Crigglestone to Dirtcar where I got about 6 o.clock, and lodged at Christopher Walkers. After the reading in the evening, before the family separated I had a pretty long testimony to bear from Ez: C: 18. v: 4. All souls on mine.

On 20th. and 2nd. of week, after breakfast I went to Wakefield and sat at Ann Thorps until Meeting which was much larger than might have been expected the morning having been exceeding wet, yet a great many more particularly of the younger sort attended, and we was favoured with the company of Hannah Broadhead of Leeds, who had a short but acceptable testimony to bear therein from Isai: C: 55. v: 6th. Seek ye the Lord while he may be found. Afterwards I had a short time from Isai: C: 28. v: 16. He that believeth shall not make haste. At the close of the meeting for Worship, the Women friends being requested to stop, and the meeting being opened by the Clerk, I spread before friends a concern which had been for sometime increasing with weight upon my mind, to pay a religious visit to the meetings of friends in Cheshire, Derbyshire, and Warwickshire, to have some meetings with those of other Societies as way may open, also to visit a few places in some adjacent counties. Many friends expressed their unity therewith, and several had the language of encouragement to drop unto me, as it immediately opened, and the Meeting appointed 3 friends to prepare a Certificate against our next meeting. The women friends then withdrew, and we proceeded upon the further business of the meeting, a great deal came before us today which was amicably conducted Besides other things John Fozard of Wakefield meeting laid before us his intentions of marriage with Phebe Hinchcliff a member of York Monthly Mg. also William Bayldon of Burton Meeting laid before us his intention of marriage with Mary Maw junr. member of Gainsborough Monthly Mg. in Lincolnshire. Both meetings held near 5 hours. After meeting I din'd at John Spence's, and about half past 5 o.clock left Wakefield in

company with Joseph Brearey and went by Ossett and Dewsbury to Crackenedge, got there about half past 7 were I took up my quarters at George Breareys.

On 21st. and 3rd. of week, Having felt for a considerable time passed a concern upon my mind to pay a religious visit to the inhabitants of Batley a village about 2 miles from Dewsbury where they was much strangers to friends, no meeting of our society having ever been held there in the knowledge of any now living, if ever. Mine exercise upon the occasion was very heavy, not for fear of any thing that I might suffer, but for fear the cause the precious cause might in any respect through me suffer, However the full time to accomplish it appearing to become, I endeavoured after resignation, and having the unity of friends therein George Brearey and Thomas Bromley went this morning to procure a place and give information of the meeting I was extremely low all the day, and went there under very great discouragement; left here in company with William Wass, George Brearey and Mary Haigh of Shepley. We went by Hanging.heaton and Rice.mill to Batley; got there just in time to the meeting which began at half past 6 o'clock, and was held in a large new School 18 and a half yards along and 9 and a half wide. The desk were the masters has it was raised a few steps, and served for good gallery a considerable number of seats were placed near it but the concourse of People that attended was so great that the place was very much crowded, so that the generality of them stood. It was supposed there was upwards of 800, when we first sat down the people appeared exceeding raw, and many of them very light and talkative, and I felt very much discouraged but something arising in my mind tending principally to settle the People into a state of quiettude I stood up, and the power of Truth arising a remarkable stillness ensued and an awful solemnity appeared to cover the whole, which continued to the close of the meeting which was indeed remarkably favoured, the word of the Lord having free course, and was glorified. and many were very much broken and tendered, when I stood up I expected only to drop a few words, but matter opening I was considerably enlarged in testimony from Psalms 46 v: 10. Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth. After a considerable time in silence I had a very long testimony to bear from Isai: C: 63. v. 1, 2. Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and shew my people their transgressions, and the 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. William Wass had a pretty long time next from Luke C: 13. v: 8, 9. Lord, let it alone this year also, till I shall dig about it, and dung it: And if it bear fruit, well: and if not then after that thou shalt cut it down. At the close of the meeting, I expressed our obligation to the People for their favouring us with their company, and our satisfaction with their general good behaviour and after a few short exhortations bade them all Farewel, desiring that Grace mercy and peace from God the Father, through our Lord Jesus.christ might multiply and abound amongst them. Many exprest to us before we got out of the place their satisfaction amongst the number an Independent Preacher from Heckmondwike who also added, that he believed what had been delivered would be made a blessing to many. We afterwards understood the Priest of Batley was there and took down what was delivered in short hand. The meeting held 2 hours under half. After which we got some suitable refreshment at an Inn, the Sine of the Bull and Butcher, and then returned, and got to George Breareys of Crackenedge near Dewsbury about 10 o.clock.

On 22nd. and 4th. of week, after breakfast I came to William Wass's were I stopt and got an early dinner, Left Dewsbury about 12 o clock and came by Thornhill, Mugmill and Flockton to cousin Alexander Hampshires of Flockton.mill were I stopt about 2 hours and got some refreshment, then came to Emley were I called to see Joseph Gill, tarried a little with him, and then came by Skelmanthorp were I stopt about 1 hour at Charles Blackburns and drunk Tea, then came by Cumberworth home were I got betwixt 7 and 8 o.clock in the evening.

An Account of my Journey to our Spring Quarterly Meeting held at Leeds in the 3rd. Mo.
1815.

I left home ye. 27th. and ye. 3rd. mo: 1815 and 2nd. day of the week, the morning being remarkably stormy, a very high wind, with heavy showers of rain; but it clearing up, I set out betwixt 9 and 10 o'clock in the morning, and it continued fair all the way to Dewsbury but the roads were very dirty. I went by Cumberworth to my Nephew Robert Woods of Moorbottom, were I stopt near an hour and took a little refreshment, then preceded by Shelley, Roydhouse and Briestfield to Dewsbury were I got betwixt 2 and 3 o'clock in the afternoon; stopt a considerable time of William Wass's and drunk Tea, and then went to George Breareys of Crackenedge were I lodg'd.

On 28th. and 3rd. of week, The morning being wet it was about 11 o'clock before I set out, and then I had a pretty tolerable journey to Leeds, yet not without some heavy Showers, went by Hanging heaton and Woodkirk to Morley were I stopt about 1 hour and a half and din'd at cousin John Butterworths, then preceded by Beeston to Jonathan Shackletons of Holbeck near Leeds, got there a little past 3 o'clock, were I took up my quarters. At 5 in the evening began our Quarterly Meeting for Ministers and Elders which I thought was smaller than usual, perhaps owing to the late tempestuous weather. We was favoured with the company of 3 Strangers viz. Charles Parker and Elizabeth Bludwick from Lancashire. and Elizabeth Robson from the County of Durham. Before the business of the meeting was entered upon John Hoyland had an acceptable testimony to bear. The Advices of the Yearly Meeting to Ministers and Elders was then read, and afterwards the Queries was read and Answers received and read from the Select meetings in all our Monthly Meetings except Settle; were from the fewness of the number of members, The meeting was discontinued to be held at present. A General Answer was prepared approv'd and Signed, and directed to be taken by our representatives to the ensuing Select Yearly Meeting. David Priestman, Robert Whitaker, Phebe Fisher, and Elizabeth Fletcher were appointed to oversee the succeeding meetings and advise as occasion may require. This meeting held near 3 hours.

On 29th. and 4th. of week, at 10 in the morning was a meeting for Worship, and altho' it was mostly select of Friends, and the morning wet, it was large. Elizabeth Robson was first concerned therein in supplication. Elizabeth Bludwick had a pretty long testimony to bear next Elizabeth Robson had a long time next from Isai: C: 1. v: 19. If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land. Ann Alexander a pretty long time next from Job: C: 9. v: 4. Who have hardened himself against him, (God) and hath prospered. At the close of this meeting was a meeting for discipline, John Hipsley junr. of Hull was Clerk and William Rountree of Pickering Meeting Assistant, they being chosen last 9th. mo: for one year. An Appeal was presented to this meeting from Francis Arnett junr. against Thirsk Monthly Meeting for disowning him. The consideration thereof, and the appointment of a Committee to hear and determine the same, took up most of the time of the sitting of this meeting. Both meetings held 3 hours and a half. After which I dined and drunk Tea at Isaac Fields. After dinner I went to see Joshua Scholefield at his Brothers, he was not very well in health, but appeared much pleased to see me, and altho' he hath not come forward as might have been expected from the extraordinary visitation he was favoured with, yet I was thankful to find there was some true tenderness yet to be felt, but believe his spiritual progress hath been retarded by settling down amongst the Methodists. At 6 in the evening met pursuant to adjournment. The Queries were read and Answers received and read from all our Monthly Meetings, and General answers prepared, and two friends were appointed to prepare and produce a fair copy to a future sitting of this Mg. In Answer to the 2nd. Query it appeared, that there was some little appearance of convincement since last year in Pontefract, Brighouse, Gisborough, Pickering and Hull Monthly Meetings. and that 10 persons had been admitted into membership thereby viz. 3 in Balby, 2 in Pontefract, 1 in Settle, 2 in Pickering, and 2 in Hull Monthly meetings. In Answers to the 12th Query. It appeared that in Pontefract Monthly meeting the 3 young men imprisoned last year at this time in the house of correction

Wakefield for refusing to serve in the Local Militia were released on the 12th. of the 4th. mo: and that another member of that Mo. Meeting was committed to the same Prison for the same offence on the 18th. of 4th. mo: and released on 10th. of 5th. mo. By accounts received 3 ministering friends were deceased since last year viz. Henry Tuke of York Mo. Meeting, Catharine Tricket of Balby Mo. meeting. and Elizabeth Thompson of Richmond Mo. Meeting. Testimonies concerning the two former were produced, and a short account in the Answers to the Queries was given concerning Elizabeth Thompson. This meeting held near 3 hours.

On 30th. and 5th. of week, At 10 in the morning met pursuant to adjournment. This meeting held near 4 hours. Elizabeth Robson came in accompanied by 3 Women friends of our own county. She had a long testimony to bear amongst us, and afterwards Ann Alexander had a short time. After which Elizabeth Robson was concerned in Prayer. Also our friend, Thomas Shillitoes concern to visit America which was laid before this meeting the last 3rd. Mo. and continued by minute from one quarter to another since, came solidly under the consideration of this meeting, but friends not seeing sufficient light upon it to grant him a Certificate of this Meetings unity with his concern. The further consideration thereof was discontinued, and a Copy of the minute directed to be sent to Pontefract Monthly meeting. A great deal more business was gone through and then the meeting adjourned. At 6 in the evening was a Publick meeting for worship which was larger than the former more People of other Societies attending. Rachel Rountree had a short testimony to bear therein first. Barbara Hoyland a pretty long time next. Elizabeth Hoyland had a long time next from Lam: C: 3. v: 22. It is of the Lords mercies we are not consumed. Isabel Richardson a pretty long time next from Isai: C: 38. v: 1. Set thine house in order; for thou shalt die, and not live. Charles Parker next from Isai: C: 43. v: 21. This people have I formed for myself. Ann Alexander long time next from Ez: C: 14. v: 13. Stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord. The meeting held 2 hours. This evening Joshua Scholefield came to see me at my quarters, and tarried with me near 2 hours, then I set him a little way towards home were we parted very affectionately.

On 31st. and 6th. of week, at 9 in the morning met pursuant to adjournment. The Committee upon the appeal of Francis Arnett junr. who had sat from 3 o'clock on 4th. day afternoon by adjournments until this morning, brought in their report to this sitting, as near as I remember to the following effect. That they did not fully approve of all the proceedings of Thirsk Monthly Meeting but confirm'd their Judgement in respect to his disownment, and this meeting after reading the report and solidly considering it confirmed the same; Whereupon Francis Arnett gave the Meeting notice that he intended to appeal against its judgement to the next Yearly meeting, accordingly 4 friends were appointed Respondents to meet the said Appeal. The friends appointed to prepare a fair Copy of the Answers to the Queries, produced the same, which were read, approved and Sign'd and directed to be sent by our Representatives to the ensuing Yearly Meeting. Also the testimony from York Monthly Meeting on behalf of Henry Tuke, and that from Balby Monthly Meeting on behalf of Catharine Tricket were read approv'd and Signed. The meeting held near 4 hours. When the Quarterly Meeting concluded; concerning which I may briefly observe, That notwithstanding a considerable share of exercise attended the minds of those who were rightly engaged for the honour of the cause of Truth; yet the wing of ancient goodness eminently overshadowing the several sittings thereof; the meetings throughout were satisfactory, and those for discipline conducted in harmony and concord. I left Jonathan Shackletons betwixt 2 and 3 o'clock, and came by Beeston to Morley where I rested me about half an hour at cousin John Butterworths and took a little refreshment then proceeded by Woodkirk and Hangingheaton to George Breareys of Crackenedge by Dewsbury, got there a little past 6 o clock where I lodg'd.

On 1st. of 4th. Mo. and 7th. of week, I set out after breakfast, and called at Morritt Matthews's and William Wass's stopt a little at the last place and took some refreshment before I left which was betwixt 10 and 11 o'clock, came by Briestfield to the Sine of the Blacksmiths arms on Grange.moor, and it being very hot I stopt there about 2 hours and got some refreshment, then came by Roydhouse and Shelley to Joseph Hinchcliffes of Whinney

were I stopt upwards of an hour and drink Tea, after which Charles Hinchcliffe set me a little on my way and then returned, and I came to John Pickfords of Parkhead were I stopt a considerable time and got home about 8 in the evening. The weather having been very fine the latter part of this journey.

An Account of my Journey on in religious visit to Meetings of Friends in Cheshire, Derbyshire, Warwickshire and the few meetings in the adjacent counties also to Publick Meetings held at Kennilworth in Warwickshire, at Uttoxeter in Staffordshire, at Melbourn, Heanor, Denby, Alfreton, Crick and Melbourn, Riddings, South Wingfield, Pentrich, Tibshelf Bolsover, Dronfield, Dore, Bakewell, Youlgreave, Hartington, Taddington, Tideswell, and Chapel in Frith in Derbyshire, at Sanbach, Weaverham, Neston, Bidston, Sutton, Manley, Frodsham, Knutsford, Tabley and Winslow, in Cheshire, also at the Quarterly Meetings for Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire held at Nottingham, and for Cheshire and Staffordshire held at Leek in Staffordshire in the year 1815.

Feeling my mind drawn in Gospel love to pay a religious visit to the meetings of Friends in Cheshire, Derbyshire Warwickshire, and a few meetings in counties adjacent, also to have meetings with the inhabitants of some places in those parts as way might open; having spread my concern before the friends of our Monthly Meeting in the 2nd. Mo. the meeting fully expressed their unity therewith, and appointed a Committee of friends to prepare a Certificate expressive thereof against our next Meeting. At our Monthly Meeting in the 3rd Mo. the said frds. produced the Certificate which was read approved, and Signed and delivered unto me of which the following is a Copy viz.

To Friends in Cheshire, Derbyshire, and Warwickshire, and Parts adjacent.

Dear Friends

Our esteemed Friend Joseph Wood; a Member of this Meeting, spread before our last Monthly Meeting, (the Women friends been present) a Concern which had for a considerable time rested upon his mind, to pay a religious visit to the Meetings of friends in Cheshire, Derbyshire, and Warwickshire; and to a few meetings in Counties adjacent; also to have Meetings with Persons not in profession with us in some of those places, as way may open: and his concern having been solidly considered, the Meeting fully expressed its unity with him in his prospect, and concluded to leave him at his liberty to proceed on the service as Truth may open the way.

We hereby certify that he is a Minister in good esteem amongst us, his life and conversation, also, being consistent with his station in the Church.

Recommending this our dear friend, to the kind care, and tender sympathy of Friends where his lot may be cast, and desiring that he may be preserved in close dependence on the divine Master, the head of the Church, we resign him to his Will; and we trust he will be enabled so to labour in the work assigned him as to be favoured in the conclusion with the answer of Peace.

Signed in and on behalf of Pontefract Monthly Meeting held at Wakefield, the 20th. of the 3rd. Month 1815, By

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| John Spence | Robert Whitaker |
| Samuel Coward | William Wass |
| John Pickford | Leonard West |
| Joseph Walker | James Harrison |
| Edward Dickinson | Thomas Shillitoe |
| Henry Swire | John Bottomley |
| John Yeardley | Christopher Walker |
| George Brearey | John Robinson |
| Timothy Pickard | John Firth |

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| Joseph Pickard | Benjamin Jowitt |
| Joseph Brearey | Joseph Firth |
| Charles Hinchcliff | John Donbavand |
| Samuel Walker | Thomas Yeardley |
| Richard Mallinson | John Firth junr. |
| William Bottomley | James Booth |
| Joseph Johnson | William Pickard |
| Joseph Wetherald | John Hoyle |
| William Hoyle | Robert Wood |
| Isaac Wormall | George Earnshaw |
| William Wass junr. | Thomas Abell |
| John Poulter | John Pilmer |
| Thomas Dickinson | Henry Brady |
| James Wetherald | Benjamin Donbavand |
| David Stead | Mark Brear |
| Thomas Camm | Thomas Hague |
| Henry King | Thomas Ball |
| Elihu Dickinson | William Pickard junr. |
| Isabella Harris | Hannah Firth |
| Ann Harrison | Ann Thorp |
| Lydia Broadhead | Mary Pickard |
| Mary Brook | Hannah Whitaker |
| Hannah Earnshaw | Mary Johnson |
| Isabella Brearey | Ann Earnshaw |
| Hannah Johnson | Elizabeth Swire |
| Sarah Hunter | Mary Walton |
| Elizabeth Johnson | Mary Wetherald |
| Hannah Wigham | Isabella Harris junr. |

I left home ye. 13th. of ye. 4th. Mo. 1815, and 5th. day of the week about 10 o.clock in the forenoon and not being able to walk, from a bad strain I had got on my foot; my neighbour John Mallinson lent me his little cart with the seat in, and taking one of my horses my Charles Unsworth accompanied me to Barnsley. We went by Denby, and Dakinbrook to Cawthorne where we din'd at Thomas Wests stopt about 3 hours, and then proceeded to Barnsley were we got about 4 o.clock in the afternoon, and took up our quarters at John Yeardleys.

On 14th. and 6th. of week Charles Unsworth and me took leave of each other, he returning home, and John Yeardley joined me as companion intending to accompany me as far as Nottingham, and had provided a horse and carriage to convey is in. We set out for Handsworth Woodhouse about half past 7 o.clock this morning, and went by Worsborough, Thorp, Kimberworth and Masborough to Rotherham, were we stopt about three quarters of an hour at the Red.Lyon and got a little refreshment, and then proceeded by Catliff, Ballowfield and Synderhill.green, at the two last places George Fox had many large meetings in the early part of the breaking forth of Truth and at Synderhill.green there is an ancient burial ground. We got to Thomas Bowers of Woodhouse about half past 11 o.clock were we took up our quarters. After dinner Rachel Watts came to invite us to Tea to their house which we accepted of, and went from thence to the meeting in this village which was appointed to begin at 5 o.clock; there are not many members of our society belonging thereto, but are pretty many attends who appear to be under convinced, and many of other Societies came in without any invitation so that the Meetinghouse was nearly full. It was a good meeting, and I had a very long testimony to bear therein from Psalms 46. v: 10. Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth. After meeting we return'd to Jonathan Watts's were we got some suitable refreshment, and then went to our quarters.

On 15th. and 7th. of week, about 8 o clock in the morning we set out for Mansfield in Nottinghamshire 20 miles, Richard Mason being our guide, we called by the way and took a little refreshment at Pebley Inn, got to Mansfield about 1 o.clock, and took up our quarters at George Ellis's. After dinner we went to see Martha Radley were we sat a little and took a glass of wine; and then went to Richard Leavers were we drunk Tea.

On 16th. and 1st. of week, we attended both their meetings at Mansfield; That in the forenoon began at 10; 49 persons attended, 6 of whom appeared to be people of other Societies. I had a long testimony to bear therein from Matt: C: 24. v: 43. If the good man of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up. Afterwards I had a pretty long and encouraging addressed to the youth. We din'd at Richard Leavers. The afternoon meeting began at half past 2, about as many attended as in the forenoon. It was to me a solid satisfactory meeting held throughout in silence. After meeting we called to see the Widow Dorothy Johnson who had lately buried her husband who died very suddenly, we had a sympathizing opportunity with her, in which I had a short testimony to bear. From thence we went to William Ellis's were we drank Tea and supp'd.

On 17th. and 2nd. of week, we set out for Nottingham 14 miles about 10 o.clock in the forenoon, Dickinson Ellis being our guide, had a pleasant ride over the forest of Sherwood and got to Nottingham a little past 12 o.clock, were we took up our quarters at Joseph Whitlarks. At 5 in the evening began the Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders, of Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire, which was but small but owned by the Masters presence. Besides myself there was other two Strangers viz. Ann Fairbank and Mary Tricket from Yorkshire, Mary Tricket had a pretty long testimony to bear before the business was entered upon, and at the conclusion thereof Ann Fairbank. The Queries were read and Answers received from the Select Meetings in Chesterfield and Nottingham Monthly Meetings. In Mansfield Mo. meeting there are no members of this meeting. A general Answer was prepared approved and Signed, and directed to be laid before the ensuing Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders. A little more business was gone thro', and the Meeting held 2 hours.

On 18th. and 3rd. of the week, at 9 in the morning was a Meeting for Worship, there was many friends attended, and several People of other Societies came in, so that the meeting was large the house being crowded, and a considerable number sat in the Loft, It was an highly favoured meeting Daniel Wheeler of Sheffield a friend who had lately come forth in the ministry had a short testimony to bear therein first 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. Mary Tricket next in supplication. I had a long testimony next from Psalms 53: v. 6. Oh that the salvation of Israel were come out of Zion! when God bringeth back the captivity of his People; Jacob shall rejoice, and Israel shall be glad. Ann Fairbank 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. Mary Trickett had a little longer time next from John C: 4. v: 35. Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest! behold, I say unto you, lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white all ready to harvest. I had a long time next from Hos: C: 2. v. 14, 15. I will allure her, and bring her into the wilderness, and speak comfortably unto her. And I will give her her vineyards from thence and the valley of Achor for a door of hope. At the close of this Meeting was a Meeting for discipline in which my Certificate was read, also a Minute of Balby Monthly Meeting expressive of their unity with the concern of Mary Tricket to visit the Meetings of friends in Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire, both of which were minuted and the meetings satisfaction therewith and with our company. The Queries were next read and Answers received from all their Monthly Meetings viz. Chesterfield, Mansfield, and Nottingham. and a General Answer prepared approved and Signed and directed to be laid before the ensuing Yearly Meeting. In answer to the 2nd. Query it appeared that there was some appearance of convincement since last year in Chesterfield and Nottingham Monthly Meetings, and that 2 persons had been

accepted into membership in the former Monthly Meeting and one in the latter. Some other business was gone thro' and then the Meeting adjourned. Both meetings held 4 hours. After which we went and sat a little with Francis Hudson a friend who is unwell, and then went to Hannah Storers were we din'd, and afterwards drunk Tea at Joshua Ransome Scales, where we met with Gisbert Blanchon the Prussian from Derbyshire who had been lately admitted a member of our Society, I was truly glad to see him. At 4 o'clock met pursuant to adjournment. Before the business was entered upon I had a short testimony to bear. The business of the meeting was finished in this sitting the whole having been conducted in much harmony and Brotherly condescension. This meeting held 2 hours. In our return to our quarters we called and sat a little at John Gregorys he being much indisposed. In the evening many friends coming in to see us, we had a precious opportunity together before we arose from the Table after supper, in which I had a pretty long testimony to bear.

On 19th. and 4th. of week, This morning my dear friend John Yeardley set out towards home, and Richard Leaver of Mansfield joined me as companion, and conveyed me in his carriage, he also took his footman to attend upon us who is a very kind affectionate man and constantly attends meetings appearing to be under convincement his name is William Neal. We left Nottingham between 7 and 8 o'clock for Castle.donnington in Leicestershire 12 miles, Joseph Whitlark being our guide, we got there about 10, and took up our quarters at Joseph Evatts. The meeting began at 11, 34 persons attended, 4 of which appear to be People of other Societies, I had a long testimony to bear therein from Matt: C: 20. v: 22. Are you able to drink of the cup but I shall drink of, and to be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with. Afterwards I was concerned in Prayer.

On 20th. and 5th. of week, we set out pretty early in the morning for Atherstone in Warwickshire 23 miles, Joseph Evatt being our guide, we went by Ashley.de.la.Zouch to Masham in Derbyshire where we din'd at the Union Inn stopt 2 hours and then proceeded, got to Atherstone about half past 2 o clock, where we put up at the Red.Lyon. At 4 o'clock we had a Publick meeting in friends meeting house for friends and others. The members of this meeting are but few, and live scattered in the country, some of them at a considerable distance, but notice having been given pretty generally to the inhabitants of the Town, the meeting was large open and satisfactory; The Meetinghouse being pretty well filled and the behaviour of the People very still solid and attentive. I had a very long testimony to bear therein from John C: 4. v. 21, 24. Woman, believe me, the hour cometh when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem worship the Father. God is a spirit and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth. Afterwards I had a short exhortation concluding with affectionately bidding them all farewell. The meeting held near 2 hours and a half. After getting a little suitable refreshment at the Inn we went 2 miles and a half to Hartshill were we got about half past 7 o'clock and lodg'd at Joseph Crosfields.

On 21st. and 6th. of week, a little before 9 o clock in the morning we set out for Coventry 11 miles, my dear friend Samuel Marshall being our guide, went by Nuneaton thither were we got about 11 o.clock, and took up our quarters at Joseph and Josiah Cash's. It being market day here friends had ordered the meeting to begin at 6 in the evening. There was a pretty considerable number of friends attended, and a few of other Societies came in, I had a long testimony to bear from Isai: C: 43. v: 21, 22, 23. This People have I formed for myself, they shall shew forth my praise. But thou hast not called upon me, O Jacob; but thou hast been weary of me, O Israel. Thou hast not brought me the small cattle of thy burnt offerings, neither hast thou honoured me with thy sacrifices. Afterwards I had a short testimony from Prov: C: 23. v: 23. Buy the Truth, and sell it not. Various states were opened and spoke to, I trust in the authority of the Gospel of christ. In the evening several friends came in to see us, with whom and the family we had a solemn opportunity, in which I had a short testimony to bear.

On 22nd. and 7th. of week, about 10 o'clock in the forenoon we set out for Warwick 10 miles, Josiah Cash a valuable young man being our guide, we went by Kennilworth, and got

to Warwick a little after 12 o'clock, and took up our quarters at William Evans's. This afternoon I wrote to my William Taylor.

On 23rd. and 1st. of week, we attended their forenoon meeting in Warwick which began at 10, 59 persons were there 2 of whom appear to be people of other Societies; I had a long testimony to bear therein from Acts C: 4. v: 22. 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. Different states were opened and spoke to, and many were much broken and tendered; and I trust to some the divine communication will be as a nail fastened in a sure place. This afternoon we drank tea at Thomas Smarts. Their afternoon meeting at my request being put off until 6 in the evening and notice thereof given to the inhabitants, abundance of People attended, so that both ends of the Meetinghouse and the Loft were exceedingly crowded, and many had to stand without, the behaviour of the whole being worthy of commendation. The truths of the Gospel were largely and livingly declared amongst them many were much broken and tendered, and I hope it was a time to be lastingly remembered by some. I had a very long testimony to bear therein 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 turn unto the Lord and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. and afterwards had a pretty long exhortation. The meeting held upwards of 2 hours.

On 24th. and 2nd. of week, about 6 o'clock in the morning we set out for Radway 14 miles, John Hemmings a youth about 18 years of age, being our guide. We went by the noble mansion of him called Lord Willoughby Berties, and through Kyneton, and got to Radway about quarter past 9, and took up our quarters at the widow Hannah Summerfields. The meeting began at 11 o'clock and a comfortable one we had with a few tender well disposed friends 23 persons attending. I had a long testimony to bear therein 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. Afterwards I had a pretty long time from Matt: C: 18. v: 20. Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them. I was next concerned in Prayer. About 3 o'clock in the afternoon we set out for Eatington, which the way we went for better road is 9 miles Jeffrey Bevington Lowe of that place came here after dinner to be our guide; The friends of this meeting being generally in low circumstances. We went thro' a Gentlemans park, up a very steep road to the top of Edgehill, near which the great battle was fought betwixt the Kings forces and the Parliaments. William Palmer an innocent friend accompanied us to the top of this hill to open us the gates; from which we had a beautiful and extensive prospect over the surrounding country. We got to Eatington about quarter past 5 o'clock, and took up our quarters at Jeffrey Bevingtons a very valuable friend in the 92nd. year of his age.

On 25th. and 3rd. of week, had a meeting at Eatington which began at 10 o'clock, 18 persons attended, It was a good meeting and I had a long testimony to bear therein from Matt: C: 13. v: 27, 28. Didst 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 long time 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. Our worthy friend Sarah Lamley came here to meet us, she stopt the afternoon with us at Geoffrey Bevington Lowes where we din'd and drunk Tea.

On 26th. and 4th. of week, This morning I attained the 65th. year of my age. About 7 o'clock we set out for Shipston in Worcestershire near 6 miles, William Bevington being our guide, in our way a little to our right we saw the village of Armscott where friends have a Meetinghouse and a Meeting is held there once in the year. From this place George Fox was taken and carried prisoner to Worcester where he suffered a long imprisonment. We called and breakfasted at Sarah Lamleys of Treddington, and then proceeded to their Meeting at Shipston, were we got about 10 o'clock and took up our quarters at Anna Hodgkins. The meeting began at 11, 40 persons attended, I had a long testimony to bear therein from Rom:

C: 10. v: 1. My heart's desire and prayed to God for Israelis, that they might be saved. A precious visitation appeared to be extended to many, and the language of encouragement flowed freely to the rightly exercised both aged and youth. Sarah Lamley stopt and kept us company until evening. In the afternoon we drunk Tea at Thomas Wells's, he and two younger Brothers live together and all of them appear hopeful; we were comforted with our visit to them.

On 27th. and 5th. of week, After breakfast we went to Thomas Wells's, and had a precious opportunity with him and his Brothers, unto whom the language of encouragement to come forward flowed freely. About 9 o.clock we set out for Longcompton in Warwickshire next 6 miles, William Gillette of Brails called upon us and was our guide, we got to Longcompton about 10 o.clock and took up our quarters at Thomas Harris's a valuable friend in the ministry. The meeting began at 11, 20 persons attended, the larger number coming from other Meetings It was an open good meeting, I had a long testimony to bear therein from Matt: C: 5. v: 13. Ye are the salt of the earth. Afterwards I had a short time being led very closely to some state from Jonah C: 1. v: 6. What meanest thou; O sleeper: arise, and call upon thy God. Esther Atkins from Chipping norton met us here, and continued with us until first day evening whose company was truly acceptable. Also Ann Peglar of Stow Meeting came here, She informed me of the death of dear William Ebsworth a valuable young man of the Methodist Society, who felt very near to me when I was at Stow and whose company we had at several meetings in that part he was buried this day.

On 28th. and 6th. of week we set out this morning about 8 o.clock for Brails 8 and a half miles, Thomas Harris being our guide, we went by Shipston thither reached Brails a little before 10 o.clock were we took up our quarters at our very kind friend William Gillets. The meeting began at 11, 26 persons attended. It was upon the whole a pretty open satisfactory Meeting, I had two pretty long testimonies to bear therein the first from 2 Cor: C: 1. v: 12. Our rejoicing is this, the testimony of our consciences, that in simplicity and godly sincerity, not with fleshly wisdom, but by the grace of God, we have our conversation in the world. and the other from the Parable of the Prodigal son, accompanied with a call to some to return to their fathers house. After dinner before we left the Table we had a precious opportunity, in which I was first concerned in supplication, and afterwards Thomas Harris had a pretty long and encouraging testimony to bear to the beloved hopeful youth of this family. At 7 in the evening we had a Publick meeting in friends Meetinghouse in this village which was very large both ends of the Meetinghouse being very much crowded, and many had to stand with outdoors. It was eminently favoured, and I had a very long testimony to bear therein from 1 Chron: C: 14. v: 15. 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. Afterwards I had a short testimony from John C: 1: v: 46. Can there be any good thing come out of Nazareth? Philip saith unto him. Come and see concluding with a short commendatory speech to the People, for their remarkable still solid and attentive behaviour.

On 29th. and 7th. of week about half past 2 in the afternoon we set out for Sibford in Oxfordshire 4 miles. William Gillett and his sons being engaged he sent Richard Bickerstaff his servant with us for guide, not a friend but appears to be a serious well disposed man. We got to John Enochs of Sibford about half past 3 o.clock where we took up our quarters.

On 30th. and 1st. of the week was at the Meeting at Sibford which began at 11 o.clock. It is a large Meeting of itself, and many were there to day from other meetings and several People of other Societies came in, so that it was very large to day, and though it was painfully exercising in the early part thereof, yet the Lord was graciously pleased to arise for the sighing of the poor and the groaning of the needy soul, so that it was indeed an highly favoured time, many being much broken and tendered and I believe it might be said Truth reigned over all. I had a very 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 doth a little folly him that is in reputation for wisdom and honour. Afterwards I had a short testimony from Gal: C:

2. v: 20. I am crucified with christ; nevertheless I live; yet not I, but christ liveth in me. and was afterwards concerned in Prayer. At the close of this meeting was held their Preparative Meeting, in which amongst other business my Certificate was read, and not minuted. Both meetings held near 3 hours. After dinner several tender spirited youth with other friends being present, we were favoured with a precious heart tendering opportunity together. In which John Enoch a worthy Elder dropt a few encouraging expressions to me, and afterwards Esther Atkins appeared twice, endeavouring to enforce the advice this day communicated upon the minds of the previously visited youth. John Ashby Gillett son of William Gillett of Brails was here, he came early this morning, and returned in the evening, his company was truly acceptable, being a promising youth about 20 years of age.

On 1st. and 5th. Mo. and 2nd. of week, we set out for Banbury 8 miles a little after 8 o'clock, John Lamb junr. being our guide and Thomas Harris junr. of Longcompton calling upon us and accompanying us thither, we got there about 10 o'clock and took up our quarters at Mary Beesleys. It was their Monthly meeting here to day, and the meeting began at 11 o'clock, and was I understood larger than usual the Meetinghouse being pretty well filled. I was strengthened to relieve my mind amongst them to various states as they were opened in two pretty long testimonies, the first from Matt: C: 5. v: 3. Blessed are the poor in spirit; for theirs is the kingdom. and the other from John; 4. v: 35. Say not ye, there are yet four months; and then cometh harvest; behold, I say unto you, lift up your eyes, and look to the fields for they are white already to harvest. At the close of this meeting was the meeting for discipline which consists of 3 Preparative meetings viz. Banbury, Adderbury, and Sibford. The business of the meeting was agreeably conducted, amongst other things my Certificate was read and minuted. In the early part of the business, I had a pretty long and encouraging testimony to bear, to some diffident minds to come forward in faithfulness. Both meetings held 4 hours. After dinner several friends coming in to see us, we had a comfortable opportunity together in which Ann Ashby and myself, had each of us a pretty long testimony to bear. This evening we supp'd at Henry Stone's.

On 2nd. and 3rd. of week, about 10 in the forenoon we set out for Warwick 23 miles Henry Stone being our guide, came to Southam where we dined at the Sine of the Griffin; and it coming on Thunder with some rain we stopt 3 hours, and then proceeded, came to Lymington a village about 2 miles from Warwick which is amazingly increased of late with very grand and stately buildings to accommodate the company who resort thither in great abundance to bathe and drink the waters, we stopt there a little to view the Baths and Pumprooms which are very grand buildings and got to Warwick about 6 in the evening were we met with a very kind reception at our friend William Evans's. It had thundered at a distance most part of the day, and this evening there was much Lightening.

On 3rd. and 4th. of week, This day we attended the Middle Monthly Meeting of Warwickshire held in this Town The meeting for Worship began at 11 o'clock. It was pretty large of friends, and several of other Societies came in. I had a pretty long time in testimony therein from 1 John C: 1. v: 2. The life was manifested, and we have seen it. At the close of this meeting was the meeting for discipline, which consists of 2 Preparative meetings viz. Warwick and Coventry. In this meeting Thomas Marshall Sturge a member of Frenchay Monthly Meeting in Gloucestershire and Hannah Enoch of Warwick meeting were cleared from all other engagements relating to marriage, and left at liberty to accomplish theirs when friends of Warwick meeting and they saw meet. My certificate was also read and minuted. They had very little more business to day. Both meetings held 2 hours and a half. In the afternoon we drunk Tea at William Whiteheads, and took a walk into different parts of the Town which is a particularly neat one, and the Publick buildings are remarkably elegant.

On 4th. and 5th. of week, betwixt 8 and 9 in the morning we set out to attend a Publick meeting pointed at my request at Kennilworth, William Evans being our guide, we got there about half past 9, 5 miles and put up at the Sine of the Two virgins. The meeting began at 10 and was held in the Presbyterian Meetinghouse: The Preacher and many of the more fashionable inhabitants of the Town with some others attended, so that the place was nearly

full. I had a very long testimony to bear therein from John C: 3. v: 16. God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. An increasing solemnity prevailed to the comfort and satisfaction of our minds. At the close of the meeting which held 2 hours, I had briefly to observe. I was favoured to feel my mind comfortably relieved, expressed our satisfaction with their behaviour, and after a short exhortation bade them Farewel. We returned to the Inn, and got a little suitable refreshment, Here I took leave of my kind companion Richard Leaver and his footman they setting out towards home, and about half past 12 I set out for Birmingham 18 miles, Daniel Evans being my guide and conveying me thither in his carriage, we passed near Birkswell to Stonebridge were we dined at the Inn, stopt about 1 hour and a half and then proceeded to Birmingham were we got about half past 5 o'clock, and were I took up my quarters at George Boones. Samuel Lloyd and his Wife and two children came to see me and spent the evening with me of whose company I was glad they being in the midst of affluence exemplary friends both parents and children. This evening my worthy friend Joseph Evatt of Castle donnington in Leicestershire, came here and joined me as companion, kindly conveying me in his carriage.

On 5th. and 6th. of week, we had a meeting in Birmingham which began at 10 o'clock, There was a very large appearance of friends, and a few People of other Societies came in I was very low, and in this state a little matter opened accompanied with a concern to stand up, not expecting to have many words to communicate, but Life arose, fresh matter opened and I had a very long testimony to bear from Matt: C: 5. v: 4. Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted. Truth was mercifully raised into great dominion and many were much broken and tendered After meeting Elizabeth Wilson and Thomas Warden came to see me they have both joined the Society by convincement She being the Wife of a particular Baptist Preacher, from whom she hath suffered much, but he is now become more moderate. I understood she had at times had a few words to drop in meetings. He came from amongst the Methodists. I was very well pleased with their company. About half past 2 in the afternoon we set out for Lichfield in Staffordshire 15 miles James Baker being our guide, we went by Sutton Colefield and got to Lichfield about half past 5 o'clock and took up our quarters at Thomas Langleys.

On 6th. and 7th. of week. This morning I wrote to my Charles Unsworth. My mind having been exercised about having a meeting with the friends of this city and they being now 3 families in it, but way not opening sufficiently clear for it. and being set before dinner with the family we unexpectedly closed into silence, some other friends being present, and had a comfortable opportunity in which I was concerned in testimony fully to the relief of my mind. About half past 2 o'clock in the afternoon, we set out for Uttoxeter 18 miles, and went by Abbotts Bromley thither Thomas Langley being our guide, were we got about 6 in the evening and took up our quarters at Samuel Bothams.

On 7th. and 1st. of week, this morning my dear friend William Masters of Doxey near Stafford came here on foot to meet me, and got here in good time I was much pleased to see him. At 11 o'clock we attended the forenoon Meeting in Uttoxeter, 35 persons were there 7 of them appearing to be People of other Societies. It was a more satisfactory Meeting than any I had been at here before, under a sense that some of the beloved youth. had mercifully closed in with the visitation of Truth, and were brought under the preparing hand for service unto whom the language of encouragement flowed freely. I had a long testimony to bear therein from Luke: C: 12. v: 8. Whosoever shall confess me before men, him shall the Son of man confess before the Angels of God. and afterwards had a short time from 1 Sam: C: 17. v: 29. What have I now done? Is there not a cause. Having a concern to have a meeting with the inhabitants and the Methodists having kindly offered us the use of their Meetinghouse which is very large, we accepted thereof and notice was accordingly given; after dinner we went to Sarah Summerlands were we drunk Tea, and when from thence to the meeting which began at 5 o'clock and held 2 hours. It was very large, and the testimony of truth was exalted therein to the tendering of many. I had a very long testimony to bear therein from 1 Cor: C: 1. v: 23, 24.

We preach christ crucified, unto the Jews, a stumbling block, and unto the Greeks, foolishness: but unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God. Afterwards I had a short time from John C: 16. v: 24. Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name, ask, and you shall receive, that your joy may be full. concluding with commanding the People for their good behaviour, and after a few more remarks unto them saluted them in Gospel Love and bade them Farewel. After meeting dear Joseph Shipley came and spent the evening with me, whose company was truly acceptable.

On 8th. and 2nd. of week, betwixt 7 and 8 o'clock in the morning we set out for Melbourn in Derbyshire 20 miles, were a Publick meeting was previously appointed and notice thereof given to the inhabitants. John Shipley was our guide, we stopt near an hour at Hilton in Derbyshire, and got some refreshment, then proceeded by Swarkstone were we crossed the Trent, the bridge over it and the meadows being near a mile in length; got to Melbourn a little before 1 o'clock were we put up at the White.Swan. Soon after we alighted our friend Ruth Hensen sent to invite us to dinner, she is the only member of our Society in this place, and Is about 82 years of age; I accepted the invitation and went and found her alive in the Truth. At 3 in the afternoon the meeting began it was held in the Methodist Meetinghouse which was pretty well filled with People, whose behaviour was worthy of commendation, just after the meeting was gathered, there was a few flashes of Lightning and heavyish claps of Thunder which appeared to alarm some for a while, but it quickly passed over. It was an open solid good meeting. and I had a long testimony to bear therein from Gen: C: 1. v: 3. God said, let there be light; and there was light. I was next concerned in Prayer. and at the close of the meeting which held about 2 hours; I have a short exhortation concluding with taking a solemn Farewel of them. After meeting we drunk Tea at the Inn with many friends of Castle donnington meeting who met us here, and one of them viz. Joseph Bowman an agreeable young man who was our guide to Derby. We left here about 6 o clock and went by Swarkstone to Derby 8 miles, were we got about 8 o'clock and took up our quarters and Robert Longdens.

On 9th. and 3rd. of week, betwixt 7 and 8 o'clock in the morning we set out for Breach 9 miles Christopher Wray being our guide thither and back, we called at Daniel Smiths of Kidsley Park were we stopt about 1 hour and got some refreshment and then proceeded to Breach were Chesterfield Monthly meeting was this day held: the meeting for Worship began at 11 o clock It was large of friends many being here to meet us, from different meetings not belonging thereto, and a considerable number of People of other Societies, and two Methodist Preachers attending so that the Meetinghouse was well filled, and some sat upstairs. It was a good meeting, and I had a pretty 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. At the close of this meeting was held the meeting for discipline, which consists of 4 Preparative meetings viz. Breach, Chesterfield, Furnace and Monyash. They had not much business to day, but what they had was agreeably conducted. My certificate was read and minuted. Both meetings held 2 hours and a half. We return'd to Daniel Smiths to dine, and as he and I was walking together in the fields after dinner, he informed me that he was convinced under my ministry at a meeting at Breach many years ago that he then lived 3 or 4 miles distant and found his mind particularly drawn to attend Breach Meeting that day, altho' he knew nothing of any Stranger being there, however he said he was effectually reached and clearly saw it was the Truth, yet was most of 3 years before he got strength to make publick profession thereof, he hath since married in the Society and his Wife a valuable friend is removed and left him 3 children. We stopt Tea here, and a little past 5 o'clock set out for Derby and got there to our quarters about 7 in the evening. After which we went to sup at Joseph Brookhouses.

On 10th. and 4th. of week, we breakfasted at Christopher Wrays, and at 10 in the forenoon had a meeting at Derby 45 persons attended 4 of which appeared to be People of other Societies It was a time of favour to some minds who were much broken and tendered. and I had a long testimony to bear therein from Col: C: 2. v: 6. As ye have therefore received

Christ.Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him. George Lomas and his Wife was here, she is in the 80th year of her age and walked 4 miles or more this morning to see me, they din'd with us and I was much pleased to see them not having seen them before since they left Yorkshire. About 2 o clock in the afternoon we set out for Heanor 9 miles, got there about 4 o.clock were we took up our quarters at Thomas Howets, who hath some hopeful sons; his son Francis Tatum Howet a youth in the 19th. year of his age was brought very near to me. Richard Leaver was also here on a visit and attended many meetings with us in these parts, whose company was very acceptable.

On 11th. and 5th. of week, we had a Publick Meeting in this village which was held in the Methodist Meetinghouse, and began at 6 o.clock. It was very much crowded and remarkably favoured, many were much broken and tendered and a precious solemnity appeared to cover the whole. 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 had a short exhortation to the People, withall expressing our satisfaction with their company and orderly behaviour, concluding with saluting them in the fresh flowings of Gospel Love and bade them all Farewel. The meeting held 2 hours. After which I got a little suitable refreshment at John Chambers who lives near. He and his Wife have been lately admitted members of our society by convincement. From hence we returned to our quarters, and after supper before we arose from the Table, had a satisfactory opportunity with the family the language of encouragement being communicated, both to the heads thereof and the beloved youth particularly to dear Francis unto whom the call was, The master is come, and calleth for thee.

On 12th. and 6th. of week, This morning my companion and William Howet set out on foot to Denby to procure and prepare a place for a Publick meeting to be held there this evening, and to give notice thereof to the inhabitants. No friends remember a meeting of our Society being held in that village. They procured a good Barn belonging to John Woolley a man of considerable Estate who lent it freely, and he and his servants assisted friends in seating it and giving notice to the inhabitants he also ordered friends to go to his house and entertained all both friends and their horses cheerfully and generously that went. About 2 o.clock in the afternoon Francis Tatum Howet and me set out for Denby 3 miles, and got to Daniel Smiths of Kidsley Park a little before 3 were we met with the friends who were gone before, we drunk Tea together here. Afterwards we proceeded to John Woolleys of Denby were we sat a little and then went to the Meeting which began at 6 found the Barn and a chamber adjoining which opened into it compleatly fitted up for the occasion. The meeting was large both places being well filled the Priest of Heanor and another Priest was there, and the behaviour of the whole was remarkable still solid and attentive the Power of Truth eminently overshadowing us. I had a very long testimony to bear therein from 1 Pet: C: 4. v: 18. If the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear. Afterwards feeling my mind relieved as I apprehended, I stood up and expressed our satisfaction with the very commendable behaviour of the People, but matter opening I had to stand a long time having divers weighty exhortation to drop and concluded with rehearsing the Prayer commonly called the Lords Prayer, and commenting largely upon it. The People continued to sit after I sat me down as if unwilling to depart until I told them the meeting was over, and desired them quietly to withdraw and endeavour to keep under the solemn covering they had been favoured with in their return to their respective habitations that so the fowls of the air might not pick up the seed sown, and then bade them all Farewel. The Meeting held 2 hours. After which we sat a little and took some refreshment at John Woolleys and then taking an affectionate leave of this very kind family we returned to Daniel Smiths were we lodg'd.

On 13th. and 7th. of week, a Publick Meeting at my request being appointed at Alfreton this evening 7 miles from hence, we left here after breakfast, and went to William Harrisons of Codner, got there a little before 10 were we din'd, and tarried until about 3 o.clock in the

afternoon, and then proceeded to Alfreton, William Harrison and Thomas Pim being our guides, we got there about 4 o'clock and put at the Angel. The meeting began at 6 and was held in the Presbyterian Meetinghouse the Preacher himself attending. There was a considerable number of People yet the place was not quite full, the evening being exceeding wet. I sat for some time in a very low state of mind, feeling much discouraged, but Truth at length arose for our help, in our humble waiting upon him; and dispelled the clouds of darkness, and I was strengthened to bear a very long testimony amongst them from Psalms 123. v: 2. As the eyes of servants look unto the hand of their masters, and the eye of a maiden unto the hand of their mistress; so our eyes wait upon the Lord our God until that he have mercy upon us. A remarkable solemnity towards the close of the meeting mercifully overshadowed the whole; under the precious covering thereof, I acknowledged our satisfaction with the company and commendable behaviour of the People and in the fresh flowings of Gospel love bade them Farewel. The Meeting held 2 hours and a quarter. After getting some refreshment at the Inn, we went about 1 mile and a half with Joseph Sutton to his house at Broad oak were we lodged, He is a kind agreeable young man, his sister keeps his house, and under their roof I felt very comfortable.

On 14th. and 1st. of week, we went with them to their meeting at Furnace 2 miles and a half which began at 10 o'clock, It is but a small meeting of itself, but many friends from other meetings attended to day and a considerable number of People of other Societies came in, so that the Meetinghouse and chamber was nearly full, and it proved a very open satisfactory meeting I had a long testimony to bear therein from Isai: C: 42. v: 24. Who gave Jacob for a spoil, and Israel to the robbers? Did not the Lord, he against whom we have sinned: for they would not walk in his ways, neither were they obedient unto his law. Afterwards under a feeling sense of the extendings of a precious visitation to some amongst the youth I had a long testimony to bear from Psalms 95. v. 7, 8. To day if ye will hear his voice, Harden not your hearts. We returned to Joseph Suttons to dine. And our frds. George Richardson and Daniel Oliver from Newcastle. Upon. Tyne being on a religious visit to friends in these parts had a meeting appointed at Furnace to begin at 5 this evening which we attended, we just met the friends at the place, and truly our joy at seeing each other again was mutual. The meeting was large a great concourse of People of other Societies attending without invitation. Daniel Oliver had a pretty long testimony first from Deut: C: 32. v: 29. O that they were wise, that they understood this, that they would consider their latter end. Afterwards George Richardson had a long time from Rom: C: 7. v: 24. O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death. After meeting we returned to our quarters at Joseph Suttons.

On 15th. and 2nd. of week, we had a Publick Meeting at Crich, set out for there after breakfast 4 miles Samuel Sutton being our guide, we got there about half past 9, and put up at the Black Swan. The meeting began at 10, and was held in the Methodists Meetinghouse, a great number of People attended, and several who appear to be under convincement came a long way from towards Ashborn and that way. Gisbert Blanchon the Prussian and some of his neighbours were there. It was an open satisfactory meeting, and I had a very long testimony to bear therein 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 of the ability God giveth; that God in all things may be glorified. Afterwards I had a short exhortation withall informing the People of our satisfaction with their company and still solid behaviour and saluting them in the fresh flowings of Gospel love bade them Farewel. The Meeting held near 2 hours and a half. After getting some refreshment at the Inn, we returned a different way for better road 5 miles to Joseph Suttons were we got about 2 o'clock to dine, Joseph is an amiable young man in the 23rd. year of his age at whose house we were very kindly entertained and made it our chief quarters during our stay in these parts

On 16th. and 3rd. of week, This evening we had a Publick meeting at Riddings, and after breakfast we set out for Edward Waters of Pye.bridge 3 miles; his son Samuel a kind youth in his the 22nd. year of his age, coming to be our guide thither, we got there about 10 in the forenoon were we took up our quarters. After Tea we walked about half a mile to

Riddings, The Meeting was held in the Baptist Meetinghouse, and began at 6 o'clock, It was exceedingly crowded, and abundance stood in the yard that could not get in, the doors and windows being set open, and the behaviour of the whole was very still and solid and many were much reached and deeply affected. I have a long testimony to bear therein from Rom: C: 10. v: 17. Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. I was next concerned in Prayer. and at the close of the meeting which held 2 hours I had a short exhortation, concluding with bidding them Farewel. Joseph Dawes a man of property in the village kindly invited us to his house were we got every needful refreshment, and then returned to our quarters. I was very ill after I got here in the morning, for sometime I know not that ever I was so poorly in my life before, but was considerably better before I went to meeting: and in my return I felt healed both in body and mind. Surely I have cause to say miracles are not yet ceased.

On 17th. and 4th. we attended their week day meeting at Furnace which began at 10 in the forenoon, being about 5 miles distance, we left here betwixt 8 and 9 in the morning Samuel Waters being our guide to day, and some other friends accompanying us, we went by Alfreton to Furnace and got there in good time to the meeting, 22 persons attended 5 of whom were People of other Societies who observing us go, followed to the Meeting, which proved a very satisfactory one I had a long testimony to bear therein principally to the beloved youth from Matt: C: 8. v: 21, 22. Lord, suffer me first to go and bury my father. But Jesus said unto him, follow me; and let the dead bury their dead. After meeting we went with Jonathan Johnson of Washington to his house 2 miles were we din'd and drunk Tea, and after Tea went to South Wingfield 2 miles were we had a Publick meeting appointed to be held this evening. We got there about half past 5 o'clock and put up at the Horse and groom. The meeting was held in the Methodists Meetinghouse and began at 6 o'clock, it was exceedingly crowded, and many stood without who could not get in, and the behaviour of the whole was remarkable still and quiet, and many were tendered and deeply affected. I had a very long testimony to bear therein from 2 Kin: C: 5. v: 12. Are not Abana and Pharpar rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? May I not wash in them and be clan. Afterwards I had a pretty long exhortation, concluding with saluting them in Gospel love, and bidding them all Farewel. The meeting held near 2 hours and a half. After meeting Thomas Pearson Esqr. one of the principal inhabitants of this village kindly invited us with many other friends to his house were we was cordially received and generously entertained not only by him but his Wife and daughters who had all been at the Meeting and I understood were much affected therein; after being well refreshed both in body and mind, we took leave of this kind family, and came with dear Joseph Sutton to his house, where we got about 10 o'clock.

On 18th. and 5th. week, This evening we had a Publick meeting at Pentrich; after dinner we walked thither half a mile, and spent the afternoon at Samuel Suttons were we drunk Tea. The meeting was held in the Presbyterian Meetinghouse, and began at 6 in the evening, the Priest of the Town, the Presbyterian Preacher, 2 Baptist Preachers and 2 Methodist Preachers, attended also Thomas Pearson Esqr, his Wife and two daughters from South Wingfield, and John Woolley's Wife and several Relations from Denby, and a great concourse of People besides from different places, so that altho' the Meetinghouse was large it was exceedingly crowded, and great numbers stood without; the doors and windows being set open; and the Lord was pleased to own us in a remarkable manner, to the tendering of the hearts of many, and covering the whole with an awful solemnity. I was first concerned therein in supplication, next had a very long testimony to bear from 1 Sam: C: 15. v: 22. 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 hearken than the fact of rams. Afterwards I had to express our satisfaction, with the company, and still solid behaviour of the People, and after a short exultation, informed them the meeting was now over, requesting them to retire to their respective habitations in a quiet and becoming manner. The meeting held 2 hours and a half. We got a little refreshment at Samuel Suttons and then return to our quarters. After supper I had a few encouraging expressions as they livingly opened; to drop unto Daniel Sutton a

young Man not a member of our Society who boards here, and who had been much reached unto, in the several Meetings he had attended, believing if faithful he would become fruitful. The communication appeared to reach the pure witness for the present. I had also a precious opportunity in my chamber with dear Joseph Sutton in which the language of encouragement flowed freely unto him, indeed we were brought particularly near and dear to each other.

On 19th. and 6th. of week, This evening we had a Publick meeting at Tibshelf. We left here betwixt 1 and 2 o'clock, Richard Leaver and Francis Tantum Howet undertaking to be our guides, we went by Alfreton and got to Joseph Brooks a little out of the village, 6 miles, about quarter past 3 were we took about quarters. Joseph married a friend and for sometime past both he and his wife have attended friends meetings. The meeting was held in a large Barn belonging to Richard Hill which was well seated and a Gallery erected, and a very great concourse of People attended so that the Barn was well filled. They generally appeared very raw and unconcerned in respect to religion, yet behaved remarkable well, and I believe there were a few amongst the multitude, who were enquiring the way to Zion with their

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On 20th. and 7th. of week after breakfast we went and sat a little at David Browns of Tibshelf, he has not long ago joined our Society by convincement, betwixt 10 and 11 o'clock we proceeded on our journey, and went by Stretton to Chesterfield, got there about half past 12 and took up our quarters at Joseph Storrs's. In the afternoon I wrote to my William Taylor.

On 21st. and 1st. week. we attended both their Meetings in Chesterfield, the forenoon meeting began at 10 o'clock 17 persons attended, 1 of which appeared to be of another Society, It was a comfortable meeting to me held in silence. In the afternoon we drunk Tea at William Brantinghams. The afternoon meeting began at 5, 16 persons attended 2 of whom appear to be People of other Societies, towards the close thereof, I had a pretty long testimony to bear from Numb: C: 24. v: 5. How goodly are thy tents, O Jacob, and thy Tabernacles, O Israel. and afterwards had a few words more to communicate.

This morning being 22nd. and 2nd. of week I parted with my kind companion Joseph Evatt, we having been brought very near and dear to each other in our travelling together; and

Henry Bowman of Monyash Meeting an agreeable young man in the 22nd. year of his age, joined me as my companion, who got here last night in his fathers carriage to convey us in. This evening we had a Publick meeting at Bolsover a town in which no friends remember one being held. Betwixt 2 and 3 o clock in the afternoon we set out for there are about 6 miles William Brantingham was our guide, we got there at about quarter past 4 were we put up at the Cross keys, and got Tea there: many friends from Mansfield and other meetings met us here whom I was very much pleased to see again. The meeting began at 6 o.clock and was held in the Independent Meetinghouse It was very large, many having to stand without doors, and the behaviour of the whole was well worthy of commendation. It was an highly favoured meeting, and I had a very long testimony to bear therein from 1 Cor: C: 6. v: 9. Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? be not deceived. Afterwards I had to express our satisfaction with the company and commendable behaviour of the People, and after a few words more in exhortation concluded with saluting them in Gospel love and bade them all Farewel. The meeting held 2 hours. After which Robert Marshall an officer of the Excise, who appears to be in some degree convinced of the Truth and have married Samuel Sutton's daughter kindly invited us to lodge at his house, which we accepted of. I having been much heated in the meeting. were we was very kindly and generously entertained. Dear Joseph Sutton and his sister Mary Ann, tarried here all night whose company was particularly acceptable to me. There is in this Town a large ancient Castle belonging to the Duke of Portland quite entire not having suffered any material injury in the time of the Civil Wars. It standing upon an high hill commands a delightful and extensive prospect over the surrounding country.

On 23rd. and 3rd. of week, This evening we had a Publick meeting at Dronfield. After breakfast we left Bolsover, and returned to Joseph Storrs's of Chesterfield were we got about half past 10 in the forenoon. Before dinner I went and sat a little at William Bowers, and after dinner at William Brantinghams, After Tea about half past 4 o.clock we set out for Dronfield 6 miles Thomas Dyson a young man who is under convincement being our guide, we got there about half past 5, and put up at the Sine of the Blue.posts, where I found my Brother Daniel Doncaster come here from Sheffield to meet me whom I was glad to see. Friends have a good Meetinghouse in this Town, but the meeting had been discontinued for a long time, but there being some appearance of convincement in the country near, for the sake of these, a meeting had been of late years regularly held here, one 1st. day in the month. In this Meetinghouse the meeting was held this evening, and began at 6 o.clock. It was not large, but larger than I expected, being Sheffield Fair and many of the inhabitants being gone there; It was a very solemn meeting, and I was thankful in being there, believing a renewed call was extended unto many. I had a long testimony to bear therein, from John C: 7. v: 17. If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine. Afterwards I had a short time from Jos: C: 18. v: 3. How long are you slack to go to possess the land which the Lord God of your fathers hath given you. The meeting held 2 hours, after which we got some refreshment at the Inn, and then came with John Hill upwards of 1 mile to his house at Birchitt were we lodg'd.

On 24th. and 4th. of the week, this evening we had a Publick meeting at Dore, we spent the day here until after Tea and then John Hill accompanied us to Dore and back, the distance from his house I suppose to be about 4 miles, we got there in time to the Meeting which began at 6 o.clock and was held in Ann Taylors Barn were a few seats were prepared and placed to accommodate the People. It was not large altho' many people for the place attended, and it was a solid good meeting, the power of Truth prevailing over all, and to the tendering of the hearts of some. I had a very long testimony to bear therein from Luke C: 16. v: 16. The law and the Prophets were until John, since that the kingdom of God is preached; and every man presseth into it. After I sat down a remarkable solemnity overshadowed the whole, under which solemn covering the meeting broke up having held about 2 hours. After getting a little refreshment at Ann Taylors, in whose stable we had put up our horses, we returned to our quarters at John Hills were we got about half past 9 o.clock.

On 25th. and 5th. of week, we set out about 8 o'clock this morning for Bakewell 12 miles when we had got about 1 mile on the road, from an eminence we had a fine view of the 3 market Towns of Chesterfield, Dronfield and Sheffield, we then proceeded over the East moor, and the day being very fine, we had a pleasant ride over it, and by Baslow to Bakewell were we got about half past 10 in the forenoon, and took about quarters at William Gantleys. At 7 o'clock this evening we had a Publick meeting in this Town which was held in the Independent Meetinghouse. It was large very open and satisfactory. and I had a very long testimony to bear therein from 1 Cor: C: 3. v: 11. Other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus christ. Afterwards I inform'd them that I felt thankful for the present opportunity amongst them, acknowledged my satisfaction with their company and commendable behaviour, and after branching forth into sundry short exhortations as they immediately opened, I bade them all Farewel. The Independent Preacher attended, and was particularly kind and very useful in seating the People. The meeting held upwards of 2 hours. William Gantley remarked, of all the meetings that had been held in this Town before, that he never observ'd the People return therefrom in so solid a manner, apparently under a very solemn covering.

On 26th. and 6th. of week, This evening we had a Publick meeting at Youlgreave. After Tea we set out for there 3 miles and a half, William Gantley being our guide; we got to Youlgreave about 6 o'clock, and put up our horses at the Bulls.head; then went to James Masons who appears to be under convincement having some time ago left the Methodists Society and duly attended friends Meetings at Monyash, his wife also accompanying him at times. We tarried there until it was time to go to meeting, which began at half past 6, and was held in a large barn belonging to Isaac Blore which was well seated, and a Gallery erected. The Priest of the Town and a great multitude of People attended. so that the Barn was exceedingly crowded and abundance had to stand without doors, who could not get in. It proved a very open satisfactory meeting and I had a very long testimony to bear therein from John C: 5. v: 39, 40. Search the Scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life; and they are they which testify of me. And ye will not come to me, that ye might have life. Afterwards I express'd my satisfaction with the company and behaviour of the People in general, and matter unexpectedly opening had a pretty long testimony to bear, intermixt with some of my own experience of the Lords gracious dealings with me in early life, and concluded with bidding them all Farewel. After meeting which held about 2 hours, we got some refreshment and James Masons, and then went with my dear companion's Father to his house at Oneash 3 miles got there a little before 10 o'clock were I took up my quarters.

On 27th. and 7th. of week, this was a day of comfortable rest to me, both body and mind partaking of the enjoyment thereof. In the afternoon I took a walk to Monyash to be shaved, 1 mile and a half.

On 28th. and 1st. of week, I rode with Ebenezar Bowman in his carriage to their meeting at Monyash which began at half past 10, 23 persons attended several of whom were People of other Societies. It was a blessed meeting the Masters presence being near, whereby I was strengthened to relieve my mind fully to various states as they were immediately opened; had a long testimony to bear first from Rev: C: 21. v: 5. Behold I make all things new. John Gantley dropt a few words next. Afterwards I have a long time being led in a close awakening manner to the Lukewarm, careless, and indifferent. After supper this evening, the family was called into the room, according to their usual practice, and we sat down together, there being 7 servants, Ebenezar Bowman first read a chapter in the scriptures, and afterwards his Sons Henry and John each of them one. After which I had to address the servants in a pretty long testimony from Eze: C: 18. v: 4. All souls are mine. This opportunity attended much to the relief of my mind having been heavily exercised this afternoon, not knowing the cause.

On 29th. and 2nd. of week This afternoon we had a Publick meeting at Hartington. We set out for there after dinner 5 miles, my dear companions Father being our guide thither and

back, we got to Hartington a little before the time of the meeting, were we put up our horses and were kindly entertained at Ralph Broadhirsts a Farmer there. The Meeting began at 3 o'clock, and was held in the Methodists Meetinghouse, which was very much crowded, and the behaviour of the People, very commendable. There was many seeking People attended, and amongst the number several who I believe are measurably convinced of the Truth in their judgement as professed by us, but appear not yet to have strength to make publick profession thereof. It was a very solid good meeting, and I trust the labour bestowed at this time will not be altogether in vain. I was first concerned therein in supplication, and next had a very long testimony to bear from Isa: C: 49. v: 6. It is a light thing, that thou shouldest 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 to the ends of the earth. Afterwards I had a pretty long time in exhortation, concluding with saluting them in Gospel love, and bidding them all Farewel. The meeting held near 2 hours and a half. After which we rested, and got some refreshment at Ralph Broadhirsts, and then returned another road back 6 miles, the road we went being so bad; got to Oneash about a quarter before 8 o .lock, and tho' it was a wet afternoon we escaped it pretty well

On 30th. and 3rd. week, This day we had a Publick meeting at Taddington. After BreakfastI walked over to Monyash to be shaved, and after called and sat a little at Samuel Needhams a labouring man who appears to be under conviction having attended friends meetings for some time past. from thence I returned to Oneash. After dinner we set out for Taddington 4 miles and a half got there betwixt 2 and 3 o.clock; The meeting began at 3 o'clock and was held in the largest Barn in the village belonging to Samuel Broadhurst. A convenient Gallery was erected, and it was seated as fully as they could procure materials for the purpose, but nearly half of it was unseated which proved an advantage as it would accommodate more people to stand, and the women and aged men being generally seated. A great concourse of People attended, the barn being exceedingly crowded, and many could not get in, and it was a very open satisfactory Meeting. I had a very long testimony to bear therein from Gen: C: 1. v: 16. God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night. Afterwards I had a pretty long time from Mark C: 4. v: 24. Take heed what ye hear. The meeting held 2 hours and a half. at the close thereof I acknowledged my satisfaction with the company and behaviour of the People, and after a short exhortation saluted them in Gospel love, and bade them Farewel. After meeting we drunk Tea at the Bulls.head were we had put up our horses. My Grandfather Joseph Walker was born in this village, which as far as I know was the place of his residence until he married; when he settled at Dodworth in Yorkshire, his first Wife was soon removed from him by death, and some time after he married Mary Batty daughter of Joseph Batty of Shelley by whom he had 10 children 5 of whom lived to be married. After he settled at Shelley he was convinced of the Truth as professed by the People called Quakers, and joined in Society with them, and being found faithful, he was entrusted with a gift in the ministry, in which he laboured to the satisfaction of friends, and was made an instrument of good to many, several of his neighbours being thro' him convinced of the Truth. He purchased a piece of ground at Paddock near Shelley, and built himself an house thereon with a convenience therein for holding Publick meetings, and several was held there as way opened. William Gantley met us here and took us with him to his house at Bakewell 6 miles. We had a most delightful ride thither, Leaving Taddington we went down a very deep winding valley for a long way, only just room for a good Turnpike road, the hills on each side exceeding high, and beautifully cloathed with wood, and interspersed with inaccessible Rocks, some of them covered with Ivy; as we got nearer to Ashford.in.the.water the valley grew gradually wider, and after passing that village, it was a more open country to Bakewell, were we got to our former quarters at William Gantleys about a quarter before 8 were we met with a very kind reception.

On 31st. and 4th. of week, This evening we had a Publick Meeting at Tideswell, left Bakewell about 2 o.clock in the afternoon, a little before we got to Tideswell we passed by a

Man who was lately hung in chains for murder, then passing thro' that Town to Wheston 8 miles, were we got about 4 o'clock and took up our quarters at Peter Middletons not friends, but the place where our young cattle hath been pastured in the summer as long since as I can remember. They received us very kindly appearing much pleased to see us and entertained us very generously. After Tea we returned to Tideswell 1 mile on foot. The Meeting began at 6 o'clock and was held in the Methodist Meetinghouse which is large, and was very much crowded, and many were under the necessity of standing without doors, the Sashes being set open. I had a very long testimony to bear therein from John C: 4. v: 22. Ye worship ye know not what; we know what we worship. I had close doctrine to drop unto some and the language of encouragement flowed freely to the humble seekers, who were directed where to find that they might not seek in vain. Truth was inconsiderable dominion and the testimony thereof exalted, and it was a satisfactory Meeting an awful solemnity covering the minds of the whole, before the close. Afterwards I expressed my satisfaction with the company and behaviour of this crowded audience, concluding with a few words of exhortation to them. The meeting held 2 hours and a half. After which we got a little refreshment at an Inn and then return to our quarters at Wheston.

On 1st. of 6th. Mo. and 5th. of week, This Afternoon we had a publick meeting in Chapel. le. Frith. After dinner we left Wheston and got to Chapel. le. Frith, 6 miles a little after 2 o'clock were we put up at the Kings arms, found several friends here from Stockport and Macclesfield meetings come to prepare a place and give notice of the meeting to the inhabitants. The meeting began at 4, friends had prepared a large School and got it conveniently seated, but when we went to the meeting it was thought it would not accommodate a fifth of the People, and the afternoon being very fine and a man offering us the use of his field which was near, and in which he had a great number of Planks, we accepted thereof, and held it in the field. The People set willingly to work and quickly erected a temporary Gallery, moved all the seats out of the School and placed them about it, which with the planks would seat many hundreds and all this done in a very short time, but such a multitude of People attended that abundance had to stand. The Lords power was eminently manifested amongst us, as in the beginning of friends, and the testimony of Truth exalted to the humbling of many hearts; and covering the whole assembly with a precious solemnity. I had a very long testimony to bear therein from Acts C: 3. v: 19. Repent ye therefore, and be converted, and that your sins may be blotted out. Afterwards I had a pretty long time 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. The meeting held upwards of 2 hours. At the close thereof I acknowledged my satisfaction with the company and behaviour of the People, and after a short exhortation, concluded with saluting them in Gospel love and bade them all Farewel, the People departed in a very solid manner, their countenances bespeaking that they had met with him who is the life in man. We return'd to our Inn were we drank Tea, and afterwards set out for Low.Leighton 5 miles, Ollive Sims being our guide, as we went through the Town the People flocked into the street to take leave of us; We had bad road most of the way, and over a very high mountain to pass, but got safe to our friend Samuel Taylors of Low.Leighton about 9 o.clock at night were we lodged.

On 2nd. and 6th.of week we had a Publick meeting with friends and others in the Meetinghouse at Low.Leighton which began at 11 o'clock a considerable number of People of other Societies attended, and amongst the number 3 or 4 Methodist Preachers, two of them being stationed in the Newmill circuit, a village near here. It was a solid edifying and profitable meeting I believe to many, and I had a very long testimony to bear therein from Deut: C: 18. v: 15. The Lord thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren like unto me; and unto him shall ye hearken. The meeting held 2 hours and a half. After meeting I parted with my beloved companion Henry Bowman he returning home and Ollive Sims of Stockport now joining me as companion and conveying me in his carriage. We left Low Leighton betwixt 3 and 4 o.clock this afternoon, for Stockport in Cheshire 9

miles we got there about half past 5, my companion took me to his house, were I took up my quarters this time. After Tea I went and sat a little at Joseph Bents.

On 3rd. and 7th. of week, In the forenoon I wrote to my Charles Unsworth. In the afternoon I drunk Tea at Joseph Bents and afterwards went and sat a little at cousin Sarah Chapmans.

On 4th. and 1st. of week I attended both their meetings in Stockport, that in the forenoon began at 10 o'clock 52 persons attended a few of them appearing to be People of other societies. I had a 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. Afterwards I had to address the beloved youth very affectionately for a considerable time. The afternoon meeting began at 3 it was considerably larger than the former, more of other Societies attending. I had a long testimony to bear therein from John C: 21. v: 21, 22. Lord, and what shall this man do? What is that to thee, Follow thou me? After meeting I drunk Tea at John Sase's, and afterwards went and sat a little at George Jones's with his servants, he being from home, and then returned to my quarters. After supper many young People being at the Table I had an encouraging testimony to bear unto them.

On 5th. and 2nd. of week betwixt 8 and 9 .clock in the morning we set out for Morley, 10 miles the way we went, William Norcliff was to have been our guide, and his daughter inclining to accompany him he got a Gig, but before they got out of Town one of the Shafts broke, he then procured another, but when they had got a little more than a mile, one of the wheels came all in pieces, he then returned and got another; but we had been sometime in the meeting before they reached there. We called at John Goodiers of Wilmslow, and got Tea; then proceeded to Morley. The meeting began at 11 o clock 31 persons attended, 9 of them being People of other Societies, John Goodier had a short testimony therein first from 1 John C: 3. v: 7, 8. He that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous. He that committeth sin is of the devil. I had a long time next from Matt: C: 25. v: 8. Give us your Oil; for our lamps gone out. and afterwards I had a pretty long time from Jer: C: 10. v: 23. It is not in man that walketh to direct his steps. After meeting we returned to John Goodiers 2 miles to dine were I took my quarters. After tea I parted with my kind companion Ollive Sims John Goodier now purposing to join me as companion and convey me in his carriage which was one of the neatest and best I ever saw.

On 6th. and 3rd. of week, about 2 o.clock in the afternoon we set out for Macclesfield 10 miles, the way we went, got there about 4 were I took up my quarters at William Paxtons. It was market day here, and on that account the meeting was held at 6 in the evening, 47 persons attended, but a pretty many appeared to be People of other societies. It was an open favoured meeting. John Goodier had a short testimony therein first. Afterwards I had a long time 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 7th. and 4th. of week, we breakfasted at James Frosts, after breakfast a chapter was read, and afterwards John Goodier had a short testimony to bear. After which I went into their Workshop to see Joseph Newton a young man unto whom I had before felt a particular nearness, believing there is a seed of God in him, by which he is preserved from the evils of the world, but does not appear to make much advancement in the work of religion as yet. We were truly glad to see each other, and again parted in much nearness of affection. About 2 o.clock in the afternoon we set out for Leek in Staffordshire 13 miles, were the Quarterly Meeting for Cheshire and Staffordshire was held to this quarter we got there a little past 4 o.clock and took up our quarters at Toft Chorleys. At 5 this evening began the Quarterly Meeting for Ministers and Elders which held about 1 hour and a half, 10 of their members attended, and there was no other Stranger there but myself. Before the business of the meeting was entered upon, John Goodier and George Jones had each of them a testimony to bear. The Queries were then read and the 2nd. and 4th. answered from Morley and Staffordshire Monthly Meetings, Frandley and Nantwich Monthly Meeting there are only 2 members of this meeting

and no meeting held there at present, but they both attended here, and their names were entered as being present.

On 8th. and 5th. of week, at 10 in the morning was a meeting for Worship which was large the Meetinghouse being well filled, a few of other societies coming in, I had a long testimony to bear therein first from 1 Thes: C: 5. v: 6. Let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and sober. John Goodier had afterwards a short time from 2 Sam: C: 1. v: 19. The beauty of Israel is slain upon thy high places; how are the mighty fallen. At the close of this meeting was held the meeting for discipline, the business of which was agreeably conducted; amongst other things my Certificate was read and minuted, The Printed Yearly Meeting Epistle, and the Minutes of said meeting were also read, and the latter properly noticed. Also the Answers to the Queries, brought up last Quarter from their respective Monthly Meetings were again read and considered. viz. Frandley and Nantwich, Morley and Staffordshire, the business of the Quarterly Meeting was finished in this sitting. Both meetings held 4 hours. Many friends din'd with us at our quarters, and before we arose from the Table, George Jones and John Goodier had each of them a pretty long testimony to bear.

On 9th. and 6th. of week, This afternoon we had Publick meeting at Sandbach in Cheshire. we left Leek for there 18 miles about 8 o'clock in the morning, Francis West was our guide, of whose company I was glad, we having had a particular value for each other from our early acquaintance few having felt more near and dear to me. In our way to Congleton in Cheshire we crossed a very high mountain called Mowcop, from the top of which we had a very extraordinary and extensive prospect. At Congleton we stopt a little at the Bulls.head and got some refreshment, and then proceeded to Sandbach were we got a little past 12 o'clock and put up at the Red Lyon. The Meeting began at 3 o'clock and was held in the Methodist Meetinghouse; It was large open and satisfactory. John Goodier had a short testimony therein first from Job: C: 32. v: 8. There is a spirit in man: and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding. I had very long time next from Rom: C: 6. v: 20, 22. 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. John Goodier a short time next from Jam: C: 1. v: 23, 24. If any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass, For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way; and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. Afterwards I had a pretty long exhortation concluding with expressing my satisfaction with their company, and generally good behaviour; and saluting them under the fresh flowing as Gospel love, bade them all Farewel. The meeting held 2 hours and a quarter. After geting Tea at the Inn we set out for Nantwich 10 miles. Croudson Tunstall met us here and conducted us to his house, got there about 8 o clock were we took up our quarters. Richard Stretch a very agreeable friend belonging to Nantwich meeting who lives in the country also came with us within 2 miles of the Town and then turned to his own house.

On 10th. and 7th. of week. In the afternoon we took a walk out of Town about 1 mile to Edward Bellis's of Buttgreen were we drunk Tea, and returned in the evening.

On 11th. and 1st. of week, we attended their Meetings at Nantwich, The forenoon meeting began at 11 o'clock and 22 persons attended 4 of which appeared to be People of other Societies. John Goodier had a short testimony therein first from John C: 6. v. 67, 68. Will ye also go away. Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord to whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal Life. I had a long time next from Jer: C: 2. v: 21. I had planted thee a noble vine; wholly a right seed: how then art thou turned into a degenerative plant of a strange vine unto me. Afterwards John Goodier had two short times in exhortation. The afternoon meeting began at 3 o'clock 15 persons attended two of whom appeared to be People of other Societies. John Goodier had a pretty long testimony therein 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. Afterwards he had a few words more. I had a pretty long time next from Jam: C: 4. v: 8. Draw nigh unto God, and he will draw nigh to you. Many friends came to drink tea with us this afternoon, and

amongst the number Richard Stretch who lives 4 miles out of Town, we were brought very near and dear to each other in that love which changeth not, and parted in Tears.

On 12th. and 2nd. of week, we left Nantwich about 8 o'clock in the morning Thomas Bellis a young man about 22 years of age being our guide; on our way we had a fine view of Beeston Castle, now part in ruins, situated upon a very high round rock about half a mile distance from the road. We passed through Tarperley and over Delamere forest, part of which they are inclosing. and got to Ralph Neilds junr. of Weaverham 18 miles about half past 11 o clock, were we took up our quarters. My mind was immediately arrested with a concern to have a Publick meeting this evening in the village of Weaverham about half a mile distant from this place, when I informed my beloved friend Ralph Neild of my concern he set about it immediately and soon procured a place, and in the afternoon he and Thomas Bellis got it prepared, and gave notice thereof to the inhabitants The meeting began at 7 o clock, and was held in a large Barn belonging to Timothy Lamb, which was compleately seated, and great was the concourse of the People that attended. It was a precious meeting, Truth being in great dominion, and the testimony thereof exalted. I had a very long testimony to bear therein first from Acts C: 3. v: 19. Repent ye therefore, and be converted that your sins may be blotted out. Afterwards John Goodier had two short times in exhortation, and I had a pretty long time next, concluding with expressing my satisfaction with the general good behaviour and the People, and bade them all Farewel. The meeting held upwards of 2 hours, and I understood no friends could remember one being held in this village before. Timothy Lamb after meeting kindly invited us to his house where we got some suitable refreshment and then returned to our quarters.

On 13th. and 3rd. of week, we had a Publick Meeting for friends and others, at friends Meetinghouse at Newton.by.forest 5 miles from hence, which began at 11 o'clock, we left here in company with the family, and Thomas Bellis who continued with us thither, after breakfast, we went to John Frodshams of Kingsley, where we stopt about 1 hour and got some refreshment, and then proceeded to the Meetinghouse. Here I met to our mutual rejoicing with my dear friends William Bentley and William Yearsley who were both convinced at a meeting I had at this place the last autumn and appear both of them at present, very likely to become valuable members of our Society in due time. William Yearsley is but about 17 years of age, an innocent youth, dwelling near the foundation of Life, whereby he is preserved fresh and green and in a growing state. He is slender and low of stature, he made me think much of James Parnel whom George Fox calls the little Lad. He is a servant in husbandry, and hath changed his place since his convincement, having formally been in profession with the Methodists, and highly esteemed by them one of that persuasion who is very zealous, hired him for one year at the last time of changing servants, with a view as was supposed to bring him back again to their Society; for some time he behaved with uncommon kindness to him, and the Methodist Preachers lodging at his Masters house he got them to talk with him, but he gave them such Answers, as they would meddle no more with him, His Master then despairing of success, began to behave in a very rough and churlish manner unto him, endeavouring to cross him as much as possible he can, nay it is even reported by the neighbours that he does not let him have sufficient of victuals. All which he bears patiently without either murmuring or complaining. He attends meetings as duly as he can having to walk 5 miles to them. The meeting this day was not large altho' a very considerable number of People of other Societies attended as well as several besides those two before mentioned who appear to be under convincement. It was a comfortable meeting, caution counsel and encouragement being plentifully opened and communicated. I was first concerned therein in supplication. John Goodier had a pretty long testimony next from Rev: C. 2. v: 5. Repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place. I had a long time next from Mark C: 5. v: 31. Who touched me. John Goodier a pretty long time next from Luke C: 9. v: 62. No man having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God. The Meeting held 2 hours, After which we went to James Bentleys of Kingsley a man who appears to be under convincement, and his

daughter and her husband are members of the Society, and they live together; were we din'd and were very kindly entertained. About 3 o'clock in the afternoon we set out for the city of Chester 12 miles Ralph Neild junr. being our guide, we got there about 5 in the evening were we took up our quarters at Thomas Lunts.

On 14th. and 4th. of week my mind being drawn towards the inhabitants of Wirral a Hundred in Cheshire lieing betwixt the two great Rivers, Mersey and Dee. and going down to the Irish sea. The Hundred of Wirral is a pleasant country about 16 miles in length 8 in breadth mostly pretty level with gentle rising hills and the corn I thought appeared more forward than in most places. No friends reside in it nor we could not find that any had visited it much as the people appeared much Strangers to us and our Principles, at the places we had meetings at none could remember any being held before. Ralph Nield and Benjamin Whittell the former of Newton.by.forest meeting, and the latter of Chester gave up to assist us thro' this part, and finding a concern to have a Publick meeting at Neston this afternoon, they set out early this morning to procure and prepare a place and give notice to the inhabitants of the place and parts adjacent. We got an early dinner and about 12 o'clock set out for Neston 11 miles, Thomas Lunt being our guide. We got there a little before 2 o'clock, and took up our quarters at the Golden.Lyon in Great.Neston, a small neat market Town, and the only one in the hundred of Wirral, delightfully seated on an hill, and the fields gently sloping down to the banks of the Dee, which is 5 miles over to Flint the County Town of Flintshire, having a fine view of it from there, being directly opposite. and a more extensive one into different parts of Wales. The meeting began at 3 o clock, and was held in the Methodists Meetinghouse, and notice having been pretty fully given to the inhabitants of this Town, and at Parkgate a village about 1 mile distant, much noted for Sea bathing It was very large, the meetinghouse being much crowded and very open and satisfactory. I had a pretty long testimony therein first chiefly tending to settle the People into stillness of body and quietude of mind as a preparation for worshiping the Almighty in an acceptable manner. John Goodier had a short time next from Rev: C: 14. v: 7. Fear God, and give glory to him: for the hour of his judgement is come; and worship him that made heaven and earth the sea and the fountains of waters. I had a long time next from 2 Cor: C: 5. v. 14, 15. The love of christ constraineth us, because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead; And that he died for all, that they which live, should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again. John Goodier had a short time in exhortation next. Afterwards I had a little longer, concluding with expressing our satisfaction with their company and the good behaviour of most of them, and under the precious influence of heavenly love bade them all Farewel. The meeting held upwards of 2 hours. After Tea Thomas Lunt returned home, but the other friends and us tarried here all night

On 15th. and 5th. of week, about half past 8 o'clock in the morning we set out for Bidston 10 miles we had near 3 miles of good road the remainder but very indifferent for wheels, and the country as we passed along was but very thinly inhabited. We got to Bidston about 11 o'clock and took up our quarters at the six ringers. Our companions then proceeded to enquire for a suitable place to hold a Publick Meeting in this evening, and easily obtained a School 9 Yds. long and 5 wide, and the master undertook the seating of it; which he performed compleatly, and the meeting was ordered to begin at 7 o'clock in the evening. After dinner they informed the inhabitants of the village thereof, and went many miles to give information to the inhabitants scattered in the country. This afternoon I took a walk to the top of an high hill where there is a Light house erected by the Merchants of the Liverpool, and a man maintained there with Telescopes by which he can perceive the Ships coming in when at a great distance and know unto whom they do belong; and as the hill is a long ridge, there is high Poles fixed thereon at a convenient distance from each other, so that when the man perceives a Ship and discovers what it is and unto whom it doth belong; he hangs a signal upon one of these Poles; the merchant in Liverpool, then by the help of his glass discovers which of his Ships it is that is coming in and knows when to look for its arrival. The hill is situated at the Eastend of the village, and from it I had one of the most beautiful, extensive

and variegated prospects I ever before beheld, could see the course of the rivers Mersey and Dee, to the emptying of themselves into the mighty Ocean; Also I had a beautiful prospect of the Town of Liverpool the Ships in the harbour, and of the Irish Sea with the Ships sailing thereon unto their different Ports, and a very extensive land prospect Northward, Eastward and Southward into Wales. The meeting began at the time appointed we sat at the Masters desk, which was a good Gallery, the School was well filled with People but not crowded. In their coming in I thought they appeared very raw and ignorant, and some of them light in their countenances, but the Power of Truth gradually arose, and brought a solemnity I believe over every mind so that it was a still, solid and profitable meeting, and a memorable season of divine favour, may the Lord have the praise, for it is his own work, and his own works do praise him. John Goodier had a pretty long testimony to be 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. I had a very long time next from John C: 3. v: 17 God sent not his son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved. John Goodier next in prayer I had mixed a pretty 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 own good pleasure. Concluding with a few short exhortations as they opened, and after expressing our satisfaction with the company and the very commendable behaviour of the People, very affectionately bade them Farewel. The meeting held upwards of 2 hours. The People departed in a very still solid manner no conversation to be heard, but an awe appeared in every countenance.

About 16th. and 6th. of week, after an early breakfast we set out about 7 o.clock for Broomborow where we expected to have a meeting, which the way we went is about 8 miles and a half. When we got up on the hill above Bidston we had a fine prospect of the Town of Liverpool, and passing on a while we came to the banks of the Mersey nearly opposite Liverpool, and continued near the banks of the said river a considerable way, and the morning being very fine we had a delightful ride, observing the vessels passing up and down the said river. Got to Broomborow about 9 o.clock, were we informed some of the people of our desire to have a meeting at 3 o.clock this afternoon, and being directed to Samuel Williams's he readily gave up the Barn for the purpose of holding it in; but there was no Inn in the village to accommodate ourselves or horses at, we therefore proceeded to Eastham 1 mile further were we understood there was an Inn, but when we got there, they appeared unwilling to take us in alleging they had nothing for our horses, but we believed the Truth was they were not willing to receive us. We had left Benjamin Whittell behind us, having something to settle with the man about preparing the Barn; and we sat in our carriages in the street not knowing what course to take. The people gazed upon us, as tho' we were some strange creatures, indeed I thought we were made a spectacle, unto Angels and to men. At length Benjamin Whittell came, and we consulted together, and thought it best to return to Broomborow, and see if the man who had kindly offered us the use of his Barn would also accommodate us and our horses for our money, which he readily agreed to. We left Ralph Neild at Eastham to give notice of the meeting to the inhabitants of the village. The village of Broomborow mostly belongs to one Mainwaring Esq. who lives therein and hath a Son who is a Priest. Soon after we returned he came to the house and called the man's Wife out her husband being in the field, and threatened if they suffered the meeting to be held he would write to their Landlord and get them turned of their farm, and appeared in a great rage, this frightened the poor Woman so that she declared she durst not on any account let us have the place. About this time Thomas Lunt came to us from Chester, and he and Benjamin Whittell went to the priest and reasoned with him respecting his conduct, he appeared quite ashamed of it, and would have had us to have held the meeting, but I then felt my concern removed, believing that the Priests conduct might be a means of opening the eyes of the People so as to be of greater service to them than if the meeting had been held. One Thomas Barnes a man of property in the village and Uncle to Benjamin Whittell sent for us to his house before we left and refreshed as plentifully. We set out towards Chester 10 miles and a half, The People appeared

sorry when we left the village, and some of them exprest it with marks of sorrow on their countenance, and we did not fail to set before them the fruit of such teachers who are looking for their gain from their quarters; and my faith was afresh confirmed that our effort to have a meeting, and the Priests to prevent it will yet prove a blessing to some, and tho' the Priest Pilate like sought to excuse himself and his Father yet I believe the weight thereof will one day or another fall heavy upon them. As we came through Eastham we informed the People what had happened, they appeared sorry, and blamed the Priest and his Father, enquiring if we would not have one in this part, expressing their desire to attend. We proceeded to Sutton were we put up at the Red.Lyon, here we found the People very desirous for us to have a meeting, and we cordially uniting therewith, a Barn was readily obtained belonging to James Whittell, and after dinner Ralph Neild returned to Eastham to inform the people thereof; whilst the other friends were engaged in giving notice in other parts, and in assisting in fitting up the Barn. The meeting began at half past 6 in the evening the Barn was well seated, and a Gallery erected, It was numerously attended many having to stand without doors; and it proved a good meeting Truth being in a great dominion and the Power thereof soleminizing our spirits together. John Goodier had a pretty long testimony to bear therein first. Informing the people of our motives in seeking such opportunities as these, and endeavouring to turn the minds of the People to the gift of God in themselves, that they might be favoured to experience a being taught by it. I had a very 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 faded, 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. John Goodier had a pretty long time next affectionately addressing the youth from Eccle: C: 12. v: 1. Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not; nor the years draw nigh when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them. Afterwards I had a pretty long and affectionate address and exhortation to the People, concluding with commanding them for their still solid and attentive behaviour, and bidding them all Farewel. The meeting held near 2 hours and a half. After getting some refreshment at the Inn, we set out about half past 9 for Chester 7 miles, and had a pleasant ride thither, my mind being favoured to feel the sweet reward of Peace, in giving up to pay this religious visit to the inhabitants of some places in the Hundred of Wirral. and I believe there are not many places where the inhabitants are more ignorant of friends and their Principles in this the land of my nativity; but a door is now open, and left open; and if they continue worthy I trust the Lord will send more labourers among them. We got to our kind friend Thomas Lunts of Chester about half past 10, were we again took up our quarters.

On 17th. and 7th. of week, This forenoon I wrote to my William Taylor. This afternoon I went to view Thomas Lunts curious Gardens, went through a Glass door out of the drawing room upstairs, the first being on the Top of the back kitchen and Accompting.house in which many curious plants both foreign and domestic, growing in pots; having satisfied myself with viewing this, I ascended 12 steps more into another which is on the top of the Stable and hayloft, in which are various plants and herbs growing; and on the North side is an hothouse, adorned with many beautiful plants, and a vine full of grapes growing towards perfection. People are secured from misfortune of falling by pallisadoes. I passed through the hot house and ascended 4 steps more into a Summerhouse, furnished with a Table, chair, and a place with Books in. The Summerhouse being square and a window in each square, there is a most beautiful prospect over part of the city, and into the country as far as Delamere forest, Beeston.Castle etc.

On 18th. and 1st. of week, we attended their Meeting in Chester which began at 10 o.clock. There are very few friends belonging thereto, but are pretty many People of other Societies came in, and we were favoured with an open satisfactory meeting John Goodier had a pretty long testimony to be therein first from Isai: C: 49. v: 5. Though Israel be not gathered, yet will I be glorious in the eyes of the Lord. I had a long time next 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. John Goodier was next concerning Prayer. My dear friend William Bentley came to this meeting and din'd with us at Thomas Lunts, and after dinner before we arose from the Table, we had a religious opportunity in which myself and John Goodier had each a long testimony to bear. Feeling a concern to have a Publick meeting with the inhabitants of this city this evening, it was appointed to begin at half past 6, and noticed there of given. The Meetinghouse when laid open is very large, but such abundance of People attended that it was very much crowded both above stairs and below, if all got in; one of the Alderman, and many of the great folks of the city, an Unitarian Preacher, and several Methodist Preachers attended. and it was a very solemn satisfactory Meeting, the pure witness for Truth been reached in many minds. John Goodier had two short test administered there in the early part thereof 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 Isai: C: 40. 3: 31. They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength. Afterwards I had a very long time from Jer: C: 2. v: 13. My people have committed two evils; they have forsaken me the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out systems, broken systems, that can hold no water. At the close of the meeting John Goodier inform'd the People, that their company had been grateful to us, and their behaviour worthy of commendation, concluding with expressing his desire that the solemn Truths delivered amongst them, might have due place in their minds, and not be as water is built upon a stone, but as bread cast upon the waters, the good effects of which may be seen after many days. The meeting held 2 hours and a quarter.

On 19th. and 2nd. of week, in the forenoon I took a walk upon the walls, and into different parts of the city, and called at Benjamin Whittells but he was not in, I sat a considerable time in his Shop with Samuel Davies his apprenticed a youth in the 18th year of his age, I was much pleased with the opportunity, he being under religious impressions, at half of late attended friends meetings. After Benjamin Whittell came, I took a glass of cinnamon waters and then return'd to my quarters. There being a Publick Meeting appointed this evening at Manley, a place where no friends ever remember one being held; we set out for there 6 miles, about 2 o'clock in the afternoon, Thomas Lunt being our guide. We got there about 3 o'clock and took up our quarters at dear William Bentleys were we met with a very kind reception. For altho' his Wife has been very much against him attending friends meetings, she behaved with uncommon kindness unto us, appearing to do all in her Power for us with great cheerfulness. The meeting was held in William Bentleys Barn which he had got conveniently seated and a Gallery erected, and I believe had taken great pains in spreading the notice to a considerable distance; for abundance of People attended, It began at 7 o'clock, and I believe there was some honestly concerned minds attended, but the greater number appeared raw and thoughtless, and some of them in their first coming in rather light and talkative: I had to inform them how unbecoming such practices are, and their approaches before the Lord, and to request them to get into stillness of body and endeavour after quietude of mind which exhortation had the desired effect, their behaviour afterwards being truly commendable. John Goodier had a pretty long testimony therein the first from Mic: C: 6. v: 8. He has shewed thee, O man, what is good. I had a very long time next from Jer: C: 2. v: 11. Hath a nation changed their gods? Which are yet no gods; but my people hath changed their glory for that which doth not profit. John Goodier had a few words next. I had a pretty long time next from Job: C: 21. v. 11, 12, 13, 14. They send forth their little ones like a flock, and their children dance. They take the timbrel and harp, and rejoice at the sound of the organ. They spend their days in wealth (or in mirth as in the margin) and in a moment go down to the grave. Therefore we say unto God; Depart from us for we desire not to the knowledge of thy ways. Afterwards John Goodier acknowledged our satisfaction with the Peoples company, and concluded with a short exhortation to them. The meeting held upwards of 2 hours. and altho' it was attended with hard labour, and I had some close doctrine to communicate to some states, yet it was a satisfactory meeting; the testimony of Truth being exalted therein, and the Power thereof soleminizing in the minds of the People, so that they departed in a remarkable solid manner, appearing to be under a precious covering.

On 20th. and 3rd. of week. This morning after breakfast we had a precious opportunity with William and his Wife in which John Goodier and myself had each of us a pretty long testimony to their chiefly encouraging them to faithfulness to manifest duty. In the afternoon we set out for Frodsham 6 miles were a Publick meeting was appointed to be held this evening. William Bentley and Thomas Lunt accompanied us thither, were we got about half past 4 o'clock and put up at the Sine of the Bearspaw. The meeting began at 7 o'clock and was held in a large Methodist Meetinghouse, which was exceedingly crowded, and many had to stand without, the doors and windows being set open. It was an highly favoured Meeting. John Goodier had a pretty long customer need 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, let them speak. I had a very long time next from Eph: C: 2. v: 4, 5. God who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, Even when we were dead in sins hath quickened us together with Christ; by Grace ye are saved. John Goodier a short time next from Acts C: 24. v: 25. Go thy way for this time; when I have a convenient season, I will call for thee. Afterwards I expressed satisfaction with the company and behaviour of the People, and after dropping a few exhortations unto them; in Gospel love saluted them and bade them all Farewel. The meeting held 2 hours. After getting a little refreshment at the Inn, we set out about half past 9 o'clock with Ralph Neild junr. for his house at Weaverham 7 miles, were we got about quarter past 11.

On 21st. and 4th. of week, after breakfast we set out for Frandley 5 miles, dear Ralph Neild being our guide and his Wife accompanying us thither, we called at John Walmsleys were we got some refreshment and left our horse and carriage there, and I walked to the meeting; which began at 11 o'clock. John Bludwick and his Wife of Warrington came here on purpose to meet me, whom I was truly glad to see, they've been very valuable friends. 38 persons attended the meeting, which was mercifully owned by the Masters presence, whereby we was mercifully strengthened fully to relieve our minds to various states. John Goodier had a pretty long time therein in testimony first from Eccle: C: 3. v: 7. A time to keep silence, and a time to speak. I had a long time next from 1 Thes: C: 4. v: 11. Study to be quiet, and to do your own business. John Goodier had a pretty long and affectionate address, to children and Parents next; and afterwards Elizabeth Bludwick had a pretty long time upon sundry subjects, principally encouraging friends to diligence in the due attendance of weekday meetings. After meeting we return to John Walmsleys to dine half a mile; and after dinner we went with Ralph Nield to Tabley to his house 7 miles and a half, got there betwixt 4 and 5 o'clock were we lodged.

On 22nd. and 5th. of week, This afternoon we had a Publick meeting at Knutsford, we left here after dinner, John Barlow junr. of Morley meeting came here last night to meet us, and he accompanied us to Knutsford 3 miles were we got about 2 o'clock, and put up at the George Inn. The meeting began at 3, and was held in the Methodist Meetinghouse. It was very large and a solid good meeting it was; Truth reigning over all. John Goodier had a short exhortation therein first. I had a very long testimony next from Numb: C: 23. v: 10. Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my latter end be like his. John Goodier had a short time next. Afterwards I informed the People that their company and commendable behaviour was very acceptable unto us, and feeling my heart renewedly and unexpectedly enlarged in Gospel love to them, had a pretty long testimony to bear from Isai: C: 40. v: 31. They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength. Concluding with saluting them in Gospel Love as it renewedly flowed, and bade them all Farewel. The meeting held 2 hours and a quarter. After which we returned to the Inn were we drunk Tea. I had found no way open to appoint meetings further than this place, and therefore expected I might go from here to John Goodiers and so towards home, but found before I reached here that this must not be the case, yet seemed quite inclosed not knowing which way I must go, I in this situation found it safest for me to standstill until way rightly open to move, and therefore concluded to go back to Tabley and told my companion how it was with me, and as his family would expect us to night, I thought it would be best for him to go home with John Barlow junr. which he did and

I rode back with Ralph Nield in his carriage to his house, and after I got their way seemed to open clearly to have a meeting somewhere in Tabley at which my heart did rejoice in that the Almighty was leading the blind in paths which they had not before known. I then acquainted Ralph Nield and his son Henry therewith, and on considering of the most suitable place for it to be held at they thought their own Barn might be best, being pretty central, there being no village in the Township, only here and there an house at a considerable distance from one from another; the place proposed felt quite easy to me altho' I could not see another house from it, accordingly it was fixt to be held here

On 23rd. and 6th. of week, Ralph Nield and his Son Henry set out early in the morning different ways to give information of the meeting, and from what appeared afterwards they spared no pains. In the afternoon they with their servants seated the Barn very compleatly and made a convenient Gallery. The meeting began at 7 o.clock and held 2 hours and a half. I was much surprized to see the concourse of People that attended, the country appearing so thinly inhabited, that many must come at a very considerable distance: it was supposed about 300 people attended, whose behaviour was indeed very becoming the solemnity of the occasion which I did not fail to acknowledge before we separated. It was indeed a glorious meeting, the Lords power being over all to the humbling of many minds. I had a very long testimony to bear therein 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 that is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart. I was next concerned in Prayer. and afterwards being favoured clearly to feel, that the force of conviction had reached unto many especially of the youth. I had a pretty long time in exhortation to them earnestly desiring that they made patiently bear the turnings and overturnings of the Lords hand upon them, and be faithful to the discoveries they might from time to time be favoured with; that so in due time the work of conversion might be mercifully attained unto by them. Then saluting all in Gospel love, I bade them Farewel.

On 24th. and 7th. of week, my mind appeared to be drawn towards Macclesfield but having been there before, I reasoned a little about it, but found the way to Peace, was through obedience; I gave up thereunto, and about 8 o.clock this morning set out for there, my dear friend Henry Neild taking me in his Fathers carriage, we went by Knutsford, and got to Macclesfield about 11 o.clock in the forenoon 15 miles, were I took up my quarters at William Paxtons. In the afternoon I went to see James Frosts, and met with Joseph Newton working in the garden, who appeared very glad to see me altho' so very unexpectedly. From hence I went to Samuel Stonehewers were I drink Tea.

On 25th. and 1st. of week, I was at their meeting at Macclesfield which began at 11 .clock, 45 persons attended a few appearing to be People of other Societies, It was a favoured meeting many states were opened and spoke to, in the authority of the Gospel; and several were much broken and tendered. I had a very long testimony to bear therein 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 I had an encouraging time to a particular state from Isai: C: 41. v: 14. Fear not, thou worm Jacob, and ye men of Israel: I will help thee saith the Lord. I now felt fully satisfied that my being here was in the ordering of him that cannot err, and was thankful, I was brought into willingness to return to this place, and I believe many others rejoiced at it. At the close of this meeting was held their preparative Meeting, the business of which was agreeably conducted. On the Preparative meeting days, they decline holding their afternoon Meetings. I din'd to day at James Frosts, and in the evening Richard Hine a choice youth, about 21 years of age, who is convinced, but not yet joined in membership with friends, came to see me this evening at my quarters and spent a few hours, his company was very acceptable to me; and the solidity of his countenance instructive unto others.

On 26th. and 2nd. of week, this morning I went to take leave of Joseph Newton and James Frosts family, and afterwards of dear Richard Hine; and about 11 o.clock set out for Winslow which the way we went is about 8 miles William Paxton was my guide, and took me in a Post.chaise We went by Presbury and got to Wilmslow about 1 o clock were I took up my quarters at my old fellow travellers John Goodiers. At 7 o.clock this evening we had a Publick meeting in Wilmslow, which was held in the Methodist Meetinghouse; it was very large and proved a very open, and eminently favoured meeting. The different states of the people, were opened and largely spoke to under the influence of that Power which brought conviction to the minds of many both professors and profane. John Goodier had a short exhortation therein first, tending to gather the minds of the People inward, to wait in their respective gifts for the risings of Life. I had a very long testimony next from John C: 1. v: 45. We have found him of whom Moses in the law, and in the Prophets, did write, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph. John Goodier had a short but affectionate address to the youth next, exhorting them duly to prize the time of their visitation. I had a pretty long exhortation next; concluding with expressing our satisfaction with their commendable behaviour considering the very great crowd, and saluting them under the precious influence of pure love bade them Farewel. The meeting held 2 hours and a half.

On 27th. and 3rd. of week, I set out betwixt 10 and 11 o.clock in the forenoon for Manchester in Lancashire 12 miles, my kind friend John Goodier was my guide, and took me in his carriage; we got there about 1 o.clock, and I took up my quarters at John Goodiers junr. In the afternoon we drunk Tea at William Boultons. and afterwards John Goodier junr. and me took a walk into Salford to see my Charles Unsworth Grandmother who is a nice old Woman in the 88th. year of her age.

On 28th. and 4th. of week, I had a meeting in Manchester which began at 10 in the forenoon. It was large of friends and a few of other Societies came in. It was a satisfactory Meeting, I being favoured fully to relieve my mind therein, having a very long testimony to bear from Jer: C: 6. v: 16. Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the good paths, where is the old way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest to your souls. About half past 2 o.clock I left Manchester Joseph Flintoft being my guide and conveying me in his carriage to William Midgleys of Buersel which the way we went is 13 miles, we passed through Middleton and by Rochdale, to William Midgleys were I took up my quarters, we got there about 5 o.clock in the afternoon.

On 29th. and 5th. of week, This morning James Taylor of Oldham meeting came here to keep me company, and continued with me until the next day in the forenoon; and then returned home his company was truly acceptable to me. I had a meeting at Rochdale to day. James Taylor walked with me thither, The meeting began at 10 o.clock; It was pretty large a few of other Societies attending, and I was favoured to relieve my mind therein to different states so as to leave in peace, Had a long testimony to bear first from Eccle: C: 12. v: 13. 14. Fear God, and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every work into judgement, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil. and afterwards I had a pretty long time 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. After meeting with dined at the Widow Malley Midgleys, and drunk Tea at Henry Ecroyds and in the evening returned to Buersel.

On 30th. and 6th. of week, I rested me here to day finding occasion for a little rest after my late fatiguing journey, in which I had been frequently unwell, yet as my day have been, my strengths both inwardly and outwardly have been also: Praised be the Lord for all his verses to me a poor worm.

On 1st. of 7th. Mo. and 7th. day of week, I set out for home 27 miles betwixt 9 and 10 o.clock, my kind friend William Midgley being my guide, and taking me thither in his carriage, we called at the Coach and six, upon the Moors near Polehill, Yorkshire, stopt about half an hour and got some refreshment, then came to Huddersfield, were we din'd at the Ramsdens

arms. Stopt 1 hour and a half and then came by Almondbury, Woodsommill and Shepley to my house, were we got about half past 5 o.clock, to Tea. In this journey I was out 11 weeks and 2 days, and travelled upwards of 713 miles. I may now make a few observations. When I have had a concern on my mind, to go a journey of this kind as I now could not bear to travel on foot much, nor any on horseback, I have never been free to seek for a companion but have left that unto the Almighty who has always provided suitably for me with suitable conveyances. But this time no one offered which at times caused me to be very low, but my master told me if I was faithful he would provide for me, and blessed be his name he hath fulfilled his word, so that I neither wanted suitable companions nor accommodations, and his presence hath been with me throughout whereby I have been unable to fulfil the portion of labour allotted me, to my own peace and the comfort and satisfaction of my friends, and others; where I was drawn to Labour, being fully manifested by their remarkable kindness. I may also observe that when I mentioned a number at any meeting, I reckon all who were there except my companion and myself. Another thing I may also add, when at Bidston in Cheshire, our room at the Inn fronting the Lighthouse there we had the opportunity of seeing it when it was lighted in the evening which for brilliancy and Lustre exceeded anything I had ever before seen.

An Account of my Journey to a Publick Meeting held at Wooldale in the 7th. mo: 1815.

On ye. 15th. of ye. 7th. Mo. 1815, towards evening Isabella Harris and James Harrison, the former of Ackworth and the latter of Pontefract Meetings, came to my house, being on their way to our Monthly Meeting to be held at Wooldale on 2nd. day following.

On 16th. and 1st. of week, they attended our meeting at Highflatts, and in the morning John Issott of Ladyhouse, and Abraham Kaye of Lockwood came to my house to spend the day with us. Our meeting was pretty large to day and a few of other Societies attended. I have a long testimony to bear therein first from Jonah C: 2. v: 8. They that observe lying vanities forsake their own mercies. Isabella Harris next from Oh that my head were waters, and mine eyes a fountain of tears, that I might weep day and night for the slain of the daughter of my People. I a pretty long time next from Jam: C: 4. v: 8. Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. It was a satisfactory meeting. A little past 3 o.clock Isabella Harris and James Harrison set out for Wooldale a Publick Meeting being appointed to be held there this evening at her request, and with the approbation of friends: and about half an hour after I set out to attend the said meeting, Charles Unsworth being my companion, we went by Newmill to Henry Spires of Wooldale, were we got betwixt 5 and 6 o.clock, and were we took up our quarters. The Meeting began at 7. and held upwards of 2 hours. It was the largest I ever saw there, The Meetinghouse and chamber being extremely crowded, and it was supposed there were as many People out of doors as within. It was an highly favoured Meeting. Isabella Harris had a very long testimony to bear therein first from Acts: C: 26. v. 27, 28, 29. King Agrippa, believest thou the Prophets? I know that thou believest. Then Agrippa said unto Paul. 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. I had a long time next from Isai: C: 24. v: 16. From the uttermost part of the earth we have heard songs, even glory to the righteous, but I said my leanness, my leanness, wo unto me: the treacherous dealers have dealt treacherously, yea the treacherous dealers have dealt very treacherously. Isabella Harris had a pretty long exhortation next. Afterwards I expressed satisfaction with the company and commendable behaviour of the People considering the great crowd, desiring that Grace mercy and Peace from God the Father through his beloved son Jesus.christ our Lord might be multiplied and abound amongst them and after affectionately saluting them in Gospel love bade them all Farewel. requesting them to retire to their several habitations in a solid becoming manner.

On 17th. and 2nd. of week, Our Monthly meeting was held here to day, the Meeting for Worship was large of friends, and a great many People of other societies came in, John Bottomley had long testimony therein first from Isai: C: 55. v: 3. Hear, and your souls shall live. next from Job: C: 11. v: 7. Canst thou be searching find out God? Canst thou find out the Almighty unto perfection. James Harrison a short time next. Isabella Harris had a short testimony next from Psalms 58. v: 11. Verily there is a reward for the righteous; verily he is a God that judges in the earth. Afterwards I addressed myself until those of other Societies briefly observing that there appeared a disposition in many to attend the meeting for Worship at this time which I was very far from wishing to discourage at the same time I could not but earnestly desire that in future they might be more careful to observe the hour appointed, as coming together in the manner they had frequently done was not only hurtful to themselves, but to the meeting. The Men and Women who were members of the Society being then requested to stop a little together; I gave an account of my late visit and returned the Certificate I had from this meeting the last 3rd. Mo. and informed friends of the sweet Peace I was favoured with in the conclusion of my service; which was minuted and the meetings satisfaction with the report. William Wass and John Bottomley had also each of them a long testimony to bear. The Women friends then withdrew, and the men proceeded upon the further business of the meeting, and a great deal was before us to day, but the whole was readily and very agreeably gone through: amongst other things of the friends appointed to visit Ann Wass junr. on her application to be admitted a member of our Society, brought in a favourable account of their visit, accordingly the meeting agreed to acknowledge her a member. At the conclusion of the business the Yearly Meeting Epistle was read. Both meetings held 4 hours and I think I may just add; the meetings this day were eminently owned by the Masters presence. After dinner we went by Tottis and Scholes to George Broadhead of Jacksonbridge. were we drunk Tea, and stopt until past 7 o'clock and then John Bottomley came with us to Newhouse were we got about half past 8 o'clock.

An Account of my Journey to Publick Meetings held at Cumberworth, Highflatts, and Kirkburton in the 8th. Mo. 1815.

Our friend Isabella Harris of Ackworth, laid before our Monthly Meeting, held at Highflatts in the 6th. mo: 1815 a concern which was on her mind to pay a religious visit to the inhabitants of some places in this part of the Monthly Meeting, and friends feeling unity with her therein the meeting left her at liberty to proceed as Truth might open her way.

On 1st. of 8th. Mo. and 3rd. day of the week in the Afternoon she left home accompanied by James Harrison of Pontefract meeting, who conveyed her in his carriage throughout this Journey. They came that night to George Broadheads of Jacksonbridge, were they took up their quarters.

On 2nd. and 4th. day of the week, at 7 o'clock in the evening, they had a meeting in the Methodists Meetinghouse at Jacksonbridge.

On 3rd. and 5th. of week, in the forenoon they attended the Weekday meeting at Wooldale, and at 7 o'clock in the evening, had a meeting in the Methodists Meetinghouse at Thursteland, and lodged at John Brooks of Wooldale.

On 4th. and 6th. of week, they came to our Weekday meeting at Highflatts, and altho' we had no expectation of them until they came, the meeting was considerably larger than usual, and very open and satisfactory. Isabella Harris had a pretty long testimony to bear therein first expressing the satisfaction she felt in coming to this meeting, in seeing friends coming from so many different parts to attend it, that it appeared to her something like primitive times; she had then to encourage friends to continued diligence, and conduct consistent of therewith, and with our religious profession. James Harrison had a short time next from Matt: C: 6. v: 10. Thy will be done. I had a pretty long time next from Psalms 116.

v: 12. What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits towards me. After meeting I din'd with the friends at Elihu Dickinsons, and she having a concern to have a meeting this evening at Cumberworth for the inhabitants of that village and places adjacent, I returned home, and after Tea went to Cumberworth and having received an invitation from Joshua Shaw to go to his house, I met with the friends there. The meeting began at 6 o'clock, and was held in Joseph Jackmans barn, William Taylor, Richard Mallinson, John Pickford, and Robert Wood were nominated to procure and prepare a place for the meeting and give notice that after the inhabitants, and it appeared they had done their work effectually. A good Gallery was erected, and the place well seated, notice was fully given to the inhabitants of both Cumberworths, and the adjacent houses, and a great number attended, the Barn being well filled, and many were out of doors, and in an adjoining Stable It was a remarkable still solid and solemn Meeting, the power of Truth being in great dominion. Isabella Harris had a long testimony to bear therein first from Isai: C: 49. v. 15, 16. Can a woman forget her sucking child, that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb? yea, they may forget, yet will I not forget thee. Behold, I have graven thee upon the palms of my hands, thy walls are continually before me. I next 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. Isabella Harris next from Matt: C: 5. v: 3. Blessed are the poor in spirit; for theirs is the kingdom. Afterwards I acknowledged our satisfaction with the very commendable behaviour of the People, expressing my belief that many could unite in testimony with us; that it had been a solemn meeting; and in order that they might be favoured to experience a growth in the Truth. I had in sundry exhortations to direct them unto him from whom the increase of all good comes. The meeting held 2 hours and a quarter. After which the friends came to my house to lodge, were we got about 9 o'clock.

On 5th. and 7th. of week, The friends spent most of the day very agreeable to me, at my house; In the afternoon we drunk Tea at John Mallinsons of Birdsedge.

On 6th. and 1st. of week, they was at our meeting at Highflatts, which was not much larger than usual, but a very open good meeting many been much broken and tendered therein. I had a long testimony to their first from Isai: C: 30. v: 15. In returning and rest shall ye be saved, in quietness and in confidence shall be your strength. Leah Kinsley had a short time next from Luke C: 13. v: 24. Strive to enter in at the strait gate. Isabella Harris next a long time from 1Tim: C: 6. v: 10. The love of money is the root of all evil; which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. James Harrison a short time next from Rev: C: 2. v: 10. Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life. I was next concerned in Prayer. After meeting we dined and drunk Tea at Richard Dickinsons. At 5 in the evening was a Publick Meeting in our Meetinghouse at Highflatts, and notice thereof being fully given to the inhabitants of Dykeside, Denby and Ing.Birchworth, by John Bottomley, John Priest and Jonathan Dickinson who were nominated for that purpose, also to the places adjacent to these, and I gave notice thereof at the close of the meeting at Cumberworth, and the Methodists there dropt their meeting appointment to begin at the same time; so that the concourse of People that attended was very great; For notwithstanding friends entirely, except a very few who were desired to attend, kept away, and gave place unto those on whose account it was appointed: yet not only the seats both below and above stairs, in the Meetinghouse, but every vacancy were any could stand were exceedingly crowded but it was supposed there were upwards of 300 without; the doors and windows being set open, so that no one living ever saw anything like such a number collected here before, and their behaviour was generally very becoming the solemn occasion. The Lords presence was near, his power brought conviction to many minds, the careless and unconcerned were warned of their danger, the humble zion traveller was encouraged and strengthened, and the testimony of Truth was exalted and a glorious meeting it was to the comfort and solid satisfaction of many minds. Isabella Harris had a very long testimony to bear therein first from 2 Cor: C: 13. v: 5. Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves, know ye your own selves, how that

Jesus.christ is in you, except ye be reprobates. I next from 2 Tim: C: 2. v: 19. The foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his; and, let every one that nameth the name of christ, depart from iniquity. Isabella Harris next a long time, principally to the youth from Eccle: C: 12. v: 1. Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth. I had a short time at the close of the meeting from Luke C: 19. v: 5. Zacchaeus, make haste, and come down; for to day I must abide at thy house. concluding with desiring them quietly to withdraw, and return to their respective habitations in a sober and becoming manner. The meeting held near 3 hours. After getting a little suitable refreshment at Richard Dickinsons, we returned to Newhouse.

On 7th. and 2nd. of week, at the desire of the friends a Publick meeting was appointed to be held this evening at Kirkburton, and Joseph Walker, William Bottomley and Henry Marsden were nominated to provide and prepare a place, and give information thereof to the People. They went on 7th. day and found both the Priest and Clerk disposed to make all the way they could for them; and the Priest attended the meeting, and the Clerk gave notice of it to the congregation in the Steeplehouse on first day. About 3 o.clock this afternoon the friends set out for Kirkburton 4 miles. John Firth being their guide; My leg which broke the day after I got home from my late journey continuing very bad, that I could not walk thither, and the friends being very desirous for me to attend, and I also feeling drawings thereto in my own mind, I found the horse and Mary Mallinson and my Charles Unsworth and me went together in her husbands cart. We left home about 4 o.clock and went by Shepley and Shelley to Kirkburton where we got about 5 and put up at the Clerks the Sine of the bunch of Grapes. The meeting began at 6 and was held within the walls of a School that was building which was got near the square, but not covered, and was 20 Yards long and 8 and a half wide a convenient Gallery was erected, and covered over, and the school was about half seated, the remainder being left to contain more People by them standing, and it proved a fine calm evening the place did very well; an amazing multitude of People came so that within the walls they were very much crowded, and it was supposed more stood without. There was amongst them a number of well disposed seeking minds I believe, but such a number of raw, unconcerned, uncivilised People as I never before saw collected together so that it was a very laborious meeting, yet Truth gained the victory, and the power thereof calmed the minds of those who might be very like the troubled sea, so that the meeting ended well. I was almost ready to sink under discouragement in the early part thereof the People appeared so ignorant, so unsettled, and so talkative one with another, but feeling something to arise, I stood up expecting only to drop a few words with a tendency to settle the People into stillness of body and quietude of mind, but Truth gradually arising, and the people becoming quiet and attentive, and matter opening I had a very long testimony to bear 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 ways, and the unrighteous man his thoughts and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. Afterwards Isabella Harris had a very long time from Mar: C: 8. v. 36, 37, What shall it profit a man if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? What shall a man give in exchange for his soul. The meeting held 2 hours and a half. At the close of I informed the People it was now over, and told them it would be much to our satisfaction if they would retire to their respective habitations in a quiet orderly manner, and might have a tendency to their own advantage. and as far as we saw this was strictly complyed with. After getting a little refreshment at the Inn we came with the friends and John Firth to his Sons, Joseph Firths of Shepley Lanehead, were the friends tarried all night, intending to return home the next day, we tarried a little with them and took a little refreshment, and then took a solemn Farewel of them, hoping the labours bestowed will prove a blessing to some minds, and that they will receive the reward of peace, for this act of dedication. We got home at about quarter before 11 o.clock.

An Account of my Journey to a Publick Meeting held at Burton in 8th. Mo. 1815.

Having a desire to attend our Monthly Meeting to be held at Burton, and my Leg are continuing very bad, I borrowed John Mallinsons little cart, and took one of my horses, and my Charles Unsworth to drive and set the part of the way; we left home about 1 o'clock in the afternoon, and went by Denby, Dakinbrook and Cawthorne to nearly the top of Redbrookhill, and then Charles Unsworth returned, and I walked to Barnsley, got to John Yeardleys about 4 o'clock on the 19th. of 8th. Mo. 1815 were I took up my quarters.

On 20th. and 1st. of week, I went to their meeting at Burton, which was fully attended by friends, and a pretty many of other Societies came in, Thomas Shillitoe had a pretty long testimony to bear therein first from Matt: C: 6. v: 10. Thy kingdom come. Afterwards I had a long time from 1 Thes: C: 5. v: 19. Quench not the spirit. At the close of this meeting the business of their Preparative was gone through. After which I returned to Barnsley where I din'd and drank Tea at William Bayldons. At 6 in the evening, I attended the meeting in Barnsley held in John Yeardleys room, which was well filled, several of other Societies coming in. I had a pretty long testimony to bear therein from 1 Thes: C: 3. v: 5. The Lord direct your hearts into the love of God, and into the patient waiting for Christ.

On 21st. and 2nd. of week, Our Monthly Meeting was held at Burton to day, and the largest number of friends I ever saw there before, and several other Societies came in; so that not only the Meetinghouse was crowded, but the chamber was nearly full. Thomas Shillitoe had a long testimony to bear therein from 1 Cor: C: 1. v: 26. Ye see your calling, brethren. At the close of this meeting was the meeting for discipline; we had a great deal of business to day, but being amicably conducted it was readily gone thro', amongst other things Joseph Pickard of Wakefield meeting laid before us his intentions in marriage with Jane Satterthwaite a member of Swarthmore Monthly meeting in Lancashire. The General Advices were also read. and I inform'd the meeting of my concern to have a Publick meeting here tomorrow evening for such of the inhabitants of this village, Mapplewell, Staincross, Carlton and Cudworth as might be disposed to attend, or from places adjacent. The Meeting having unity therewith, notice thereof was fully given this evening. Both meetings held 3 hours and a half. After which I returned to my quarters at Barnsley.

On 22nd. and 3rd. all the week. My Leg yet continuing bad, and in addition thereto, I had a violent bowel complaint came on in the night accompanied with a severe Lax which brought me very weak, and I got very low and discouraged in my mind, fearing I had missed the right time in appointing the meeting. People were very busy in their harvest and it was Barnsley feast and an abundance of country People were in the Town; however I endeavoured to keep as much in the quiet as I could, and kept in the house most of the day. It rained in the afternoon and entirely prevented the people from following their harvest work; in clearing up about 4 o'clock, it gave all who were disposed an opportunity to attend. After Tea William Bayldon kindly lent me his Chaise, and Thomas Yeardley his horse, and drove me to Burton and back. We got there just in time to the meeting which began at 6 o'clock and held 2 hours and a half. The Meetinghouse was well filled with People, and a considerable number stood without, soon after I sat me down I was fully convinced the meeting was held in the right time the Power of Truth gradually arose, and prevailed, many were much broken and tendered and a precious solemnity appeared to cover the whole assembly. It was indeed a glorious meeting, the varied states of the People were opened and spoke to in the authority of the Gospel of christ, and I trust found their way to many minds so as not to be easily forgot by some. I had a very long testimony to bear therein first from Jer: C: 8.v. 21, 22. For the hurt of the daughter of my People am I hurt; I am black, astonishment has taken hold of me. Is there no balm in Gilead? is there no physician there? Why then is not the health of the daughter of my People recovered. John Bottomley had a 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? Afterwards he was concerned in Prayer; and at the close of the meeting dropt the following exhortation 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. I returned to my quarters in a better state both body and mind, and when I left. Having been exceedingly oppressed in my spirit since I came to Barnsley in beholding the inhabitants so generally given up to vanity and the grossest wickedness which feasts have a great tendency to promote; but several of them being at the meeting I had a full opportunity to relieve my mind by bearing my testimony against the many evils attending those times, and the awful consequences of them.

On 23rd. and 4th. of week, I continued very unwell, and kept house most of the day; in the afternoon I went to Mary Waltons to Tea, and in my way thither called and sat a little at William Harveys, and in my return at Frances Yeardleys.

On 24th. and 5th. of week. I was yet very unwel but being desirous to get home, I left Barnsley about half past 9 in the morning, William Bayldon kindly conveying me in his Chaise to Cawthorne were we got a little past 10. I carried at Thomas Wests and din'd and until a little past 4 o clock in the afternoon, and then proceeded on foot, rested me about 1 hour at Ellen Waltons and then came by Dakinbrook to Joshua Morleys, of Dykeside, were I rested me a little, and then came to John Bottomleys of Wood were I took a little refreshment, and John Kirk junr. being here he kindly accompanied me home were I got a little past 9 o'clock, having been 5 hours in coming from Cawthorn, and was very much overdone with the walk.

An Account of my Journey to a Publick Meeting held at Barguh mill in the 10th. mo: 1815.

On the 15th. of ye. 10th. Mo. 1815 and 1st. day of the week, I left home in order to attend our monthly meeting to be held at Burton, I had had some thoughts of going by the way of Lumbroyd and sitting with the friends of that meeting but felt a stop in my mind, and an increasing concern to attend our own at Highflatts; It was a fine day and the said meeting was large of friends, and a few People of other societies came in; it was a memorable season of divine favour under a feeling sense of the renewed extendings of heavenly regard not only to some of the youth of our own Society but also to others, and in a particular manner I thought to William Fenwick who had been a wild youth, but coming the last year to live with Elihu Dickinson, he had since occasionally attended our meetings which I believe have been profitable unto him, and many times of late have I felt the visitation of Gods love to flow towards him, almost to the prevailing upon his mind to take up his cross and become a disciple of christ; but alas altho' the spirit may be willing, the flesh at other times is weak, may the Lord strengthened him to give up his will to the divine will, and enable him to forsake all and follow christ is the sincere desire of my spirit. In the early part of the meeting I was largely drawn forth in supplication and towards the close had a pretty long testimony to bear from Luke C: 17. v: 32. Remember Lots wife. After meeting I returned home to dine and about quarter past 2 proceeded on my journey, my beloved Charles Unsworth accompanying me about 2 miles and then returned; went by Dykeside, Dakinbrook, Cawthorne to Barnsley were I got a little past 6 o.clock in the evening, friends having been gone to meeting about quarter of an hour I stopt at William Harveys until it was nearly over and then went to John Yeardleys were I took up my quarters

On 16th. and 2nd. of week, I went to breakfast with Isabella Harris at William Harveys, and from thence went to Burton were our Monthly meeting was this day held. The meeting for worship has large been well attended by friends, the Meetinghouse was pretty full and many sat in the chamber. John Bottomley was first concerned therein in testimony a pretty long time from Isai: C: 40. v: 11. He shall feed his flock like a shepherd: he shall gather his lambs with his arm, and carry them in his bosom, and shall gently lead those that are with young. Thomas Shillitoe next from John C: 10. v: 27. My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I had a long time next from Eccle: C: 9. v: 4. A living dog is better than a dead lion. At the close of this was held the meeting for discipline, the business of

which was in the general agreeably conducted, upon one painful case before the meeting some considerable opposition appeared in one individual, but Truth got the victory at last. I also spread a concern that had been for some time upon my mind, before the meeting of having a Publick meeting with the inhabitants of the neighbourhood of Darton, and the village of Elsiker and its vicinity and friends having weightily considered the same left me at my liberty to proceed therein as Truth might open my way. Both meetings held 4 hours, after which I return'd to Barnsley were I din'd and drunk Tea at William Bayldons, and from thence went to my quarters.

On 17th. and 3rd. of week, This morning, Samuel Coward, Robert Harrison, and James Arthington Wilson, set out towards Dalton to procure and prepare a place for the meeting in that neighbourhood which I felt most easy to have this evening, And to give notice thereof to the inhabitants, they called to make enquiries of Richard Scorahs of Barguhmill, they told them they did not know of any place so likely as the large room in their house and was very desirous friends would accept of it, and it appearing the most central place for the People whom I was drawn to visit, they concluded for it to be held there, and proceeded to give information thereof to the inhabitants of Darton, Swowell, Barugh, Higham and places adjacent. In the forenoon I went to see Mary Walton who continues in a very weak state, and afterwards dined at William Harveys and drunk Tea at William Taylors; and after Tea had a pleasant walking company with John Yeardleys and his wife, William Taylor, James Arthington Wilson, and Mary Johnson and her sister Ann of Pontefract who were on a visit to Barnsley, through the fields and up the banks of the canal to Barughmill were we got about half an hour before meeting time, and just met there with our friend Thomas Shillitoe who had come the high road. Richard Scorah and his Wife received us very kindly, and they had seated the place very comfortably, and prepared every thing necessary for the accommodation of the meeting which began at 6 o'clock and held about 2 hours and a half. The room was crowded, and many were in two adjoining rooms, and the behaviour of the People was very still solid and attentive. It was a precious favoured meeting many being tenderly affected therein. I had a very long testimony to bear from Psalms 89. v: 15. Blessed is the people that know the joyful sound; they shall walk O Lord in the light of thy countenance. And near the close of the meeting had a pretty long time from 2 Thes: C: 3. v: 1. Brethren pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified. Concluding with reviving the language of the Apostle. The grace of our Lord Jesus.christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy ghost; be with you all always. Amen. I tarried here all night, and Robert Harrison stopt his supper on purpose to bear me company.

On 18th. and 4th. of week, After breakfast before we arose from the Table we was favourite to experience a solemn covering, and I had a pretty long testimony to bear. Left here a little before 10 o.clock and came Kexbro' to Hoyland were I rested me about half an hour at Mary Fishers, then came by Bagden to Dykeside called at Joshua Morleys and William Cockells sat a little at each place then came to John Bottomleys of Wood were I stopt upwards of an hour and I end and got home at about 3 o.clock in the afternoon, having been favoured to perform this journey comfortably.

An Account of my Journey to a Publick Meeting held at Elsiker in the 11 mo. 1815.

I left home ye. 25th. of ye. 11th. mo: 1815, and 7th. day of the week about 9 o.clock in the morning my beloved friend William Taylor going to Cawthorne about business accompanied me by Denby and Dakinbrook thither; and I then proceeded alone to Barnsley, got to my friend John Yeardleys about 1 o.clock were I took up my quarters. This afternoon I drunk Tea at Robert Harrisons, and then went and sat a little at Frances Yeardleys, and hearing my esteemed friends James Harrison and Isabella Harris were come to William Hardys in order to

attend the meeting at Elsiker, I was glad, and went immediately to see them there, were I believe our rejoicing in each others company was mutual. I stopt there a considerable time, and then James Harrison met me at my quarters, in our way thither we called at George Alletson's where we sat a little and took a glass of wine.

On 26th. and 1st. of week about half past 8 o'clock in the morning I set out for Elsiker 5 miles, my beloved friends Robert Harrison and John Wood accompanying me and John Yeardley and his Mother riding with the other friends. We went through Worsbro'dale, and by Blacker and Hoyland to Elsiker were we got to the Inn kept by John Hague about quarter past 10. It is a village lately risen up and grown populace from the great Iron works and colliery here and a canal coming up to it by which their goods and coals are conveyed to distant parts. The Foundries and the other buildings for carrying on their work are numerous and immensely large. It was in one of the large rooms belonging to the works of John Darwen the meeting was held who very freely gave it up for the purpose, a convenient Gallery was erected therein and the place was well seated and it was supposed that it would contain to sit and stand upwards of 500 People. The meeting began at 11 o'clock it was very large the place being very much crowded and many stood without. It was a blessed heavenly Meeting, The truths of the Gospel were largely and livingly declared and the way of life and salvation clearly opened to the meanest capacity, many were much broken and tendered and a precious solemnity overshadowed the assembly. I had a very long testimony to bear therein first from Eph: C: 2. v. 8, 9, 10. By Grace ye are saved, through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God. Not of works, lest any man should boast. For we are all Gods workmanship, created anew in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them. Isabella Harris next from Psalms 77. v: 9. Hath God forgotten to be gracious? hath he in anger shut up his tender mercies? She was first opened in an encouraging manner to some deeply tryed states, and afterwards to many different ones, and I thought was highly favoured. Afterwards I have a pretty long time explaining largely our motives in seeking such religious opportunities as these amongst our fellow professors of the Christian name, intermixt with sundry exhortations as they opened. Feeling my mind fully relieved, I stood silent for some time, and then acknowledged our satisfaction with the company and the commendable behaviour of the People in general, requesting them as the meeting was now about to conclude to retire in a sober and orderly manner, and petitioning that Grace and mercy and peace from God the Father might be multiplied and bound amongst them. The meeting held about 3 hours, many came to us and expressed their satisfaction, and desire they might be favoured with more such opportunities. We returned to the Inn where we din'd, and about half past 3 o clock I left Elsiker in company with my former companions, and we returned the way we went until we came opposite Darley hall in Worsbro' dale, when we kept up the valley, and came by the ruined castle to Barnsley were we got about half past 5 o clock having been favoured with a remarkable fine day for the time of the year. Robert Harrison took us to his house were we got Tea and tarried until 7 o'clock, and then he accompanied me to my quarters.

On 27th. and 2nd. of week, I went to Robert Harrisons and Mary Waltons sat a little at each place, and then went to William Harveys were I din'd. Left Barnsley betwixt 2 and 3 o'clock, and came by Cawthorn, Dakinbrook, and Denby home, were I got about half past 6 in the evening.

An Account of my Journey to a Publick Meeting held at Westerton in the 12th. mo. 1815

On 16th. of 12th. mo: 1815, and 7th. day of the week, I left home after breakfast, and went to John Pickfords of Parkhead to be Shaved; left there betwixt 10 and 11 o'clock in the forenoon, and went by Cumberworth and Skelmanthorpe to Parkgate, were I called to rest me at Elias Armitages, and it coming on a heavy shower of snow and hail which continued long I stopt 2

hours, and having brought my dinner with me I got it here, and then proceeded by Emley to Bretton were I rested me a little at Michael Buckleys and then went by Crigglestone to Dirtcar were I got about 5 o'clock and took up my quarters at my very kind friend Christopher Walkers.

On 17th. and 1st. of week, This morning it appeared a snow had fallen in the night shoe top deep, but the day proved pretty fine. I set out to attend their Meeting at Wakefield, having felt for sometime concern upon my mind to be at their Preparative Meeting. Christopher Walkers housekeeper Elizabeth Kaye who since she went to live with him hath began to attend friends meetings, and appears to be under convincement of our Principles, walked with me; we went through the fields were there was no trod and got to Wakefield in good time to the Meeting which was large the friends of Dewsbury uniting with them on the Preparative Mg. day, and several from about Batley who have lately begun to attend friends meetings duly were there. It proved a very open and satisfactory Meeting, many were much broken and tendered therein, and I had a long testimony to bear from Eph: C: 5. v: 8. Ye was sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord; walk as children of light. At the close of this meeting was held their Preparative meeting, besides other business, The Queries were read and Answers thereto drawn up approved and Signed; in order to be laid before the Monthly meeting. In the course of the business, divers weighty remarks were made and suitable counsel and advice communicated by divers friends. Both meetings held 2 hours and a half. After which I din'd at John Spence's were I took up my quarters. This afternoon I drunk Tea at Henry Soulbys; and at 6 in the evening attended our meeting for Ministers and Elders which was very small, there being only Christopher Walker, Leonard West, Isabella Harris, John Pickford and myself; the rest of our members being prevented through indisposition of themselves or in their families from attending: and altho' our number were few, the great Master was pleased mercifully to own us by his presence, whereby we were comforted in him, and one with another. Myself and Isabella Harris had each of us a short and encouraging testimony to bear. I in the forepart of the business, and she at the conclusion thereof. The Queries were read and answers to the 2nd. and 4th. prepared, approved and Signed, and directed to be laid before our ensuing Select Quarterly Meeting by our representatives. The meeting held 1 hour and half. After I was returned to my quarters, a message came from Joseph Wetheralds informing me there was two friends at their house who wished to see me, I went and found it to be William Midgley and James Taylor from Lancashire who were going to my house on 3rd. day to spend a few days; but I was likely to be disappointed in part of their company, for having for some years a concern upon my mind to pay a religious visit to the inhabitants of Lee near Woodkirk (a commonly called Lee Fair from two great fairs being annually held there) and the villages in the neighbourhood thereof and having the unity of my friends with my concern, they had procured the Methodists Meetinghouse at Westerton a village adjoining to hold the meeting in, and I believing the right time was now fully come had left it to two friends this day to give notice thereof who I believe is spared no pains in giving information to the neighbourhood for a considerable distance. I stopt as long as I thought suitable with the friends here and then return'd to my quarters.

On 18th. and 2nd. of week, our Monthly Meeting was held in this Town; the Meeting for Worship was not so large as usual owing to the fall of snow, and was held in silence. At the close thereof was the Meeting for discipline, the business of which was very agreeably conducted; amongst other things the Queries directed to be answered this quarter were read and Answers received from all our Preparative meetings viz. Pontefract, Burton, Highflatts, Ackworth, Wakefield and Wooldale, and read; and a General Answer prepared approv'd and Signed; and directed to be laid before our ensuing Quarterly meeting. Both meetings held 3 hours and a half. William Midgley and James Taylor concluded to stop all night in the Town, we went together to William Leathams to dine, and from thence to Joseph Wetheralds to Tea, afterwards they spent the evening with me at John Spence's, and then went to the Inn were they put up their horses to lodge, intending to set off to my house the next morning.

On 19th. and 3rd. of week, I left Wakefield betwixt 10 and 11 o'clock in the forenoon and went to Mark Brears of Alverthorp were I din'd, and tarried until near 3 o'clock in the afternoon, and then set out in company with Mark Brear for Lee 3 miles and a half, we got there about quarter before 4 o'clock, were we found William Wass and George Brearey waiting for us at the Inn the Sine of the Boot and Shoe, were we drunk Tea. The meeting began at 5 o'clock, we had about a quarter of a mile to walk from the Inn to Westerton and got there just in time to the meeting which was very large, the largest the People said they had ever seen there before on any occasion; The Meetinghouse being very full, and the behaviour of the People remarkable still solid and attentive throughout the whole time without any unnecessary going out, The most high was mercifully pleased eminently to own us together and prepare our hearts acceptably to Worship him: his word had free course, and he was glorified, and many were broken into tears and great tenderness, and a precious solemnity appeared to cover the most distant minds. I had a very long testimony to bear therein first from Eph: C: 4. v. 4, 5, 6, 7. There is one body, and one spirit, even as ye are called in 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 every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of christ. I had a short exhortation next. William Wass had a short testimony next from 1 Sam: C: 15. v: 22. Behold to obey is better than sacrifice; and to harken than the fat of rams. I next in Prayer. and at the close of the meeting which held upwards of 2 hours and a half. I acknowledged our satisfaction with the company and very commendable behaviour of the People, and saluting them in Gospel love bade them all Farewel. We return'd to the Inn at Lee, were many friends and friendly People who came at a distance came to us who appeared to be under convincement to get some refreshment, and as we sat together in the room a precious covering was experienced and after some time in silence I had a short testimony to bear from Psalms hundred and 16. v. 12, 13. They sung his praise. They soon forgat his works. About quarter before 9 we set out viz. Me and Joseph Brearey and Thomas Bromley with many others on foot, and came by Haybeck, Chichhill, and Hanging.heaton to George Breareys of Crackenedge near Dewsbury 3 miles, got there quarter before 10 were I took up my quarters.

On 20th. and 4th. of the week, much snow having fall'n in the night and it continuing snowing most of the day I rested here. In the afternoon I drunk Tea at John Fozards, and after Tea dear Joseph Brearey came to me and we went together to William Wass's were we supp'd and spent the evening.

On 21st. and 5th. of week. Before I left home, I felt a concern to be at the week.day meeting at Dewsbury, and to be there without the knowledge of the friends belonging it. But the friends from Lancashire being at my house I was desirous to get home as soon as I could and therefore concluded to go home yesterday, but was prevented by the weather. This proved a fine morning, but the Snow was very deep and therefore concluded to set out after breakfast and took my leave friends here; but immediately after I left the house a great weight came up on my spirits, but I durst not stop the meeting, and it being near the time of its gathering, I went and sat me down in the Meetinghouse without friends knowledge of my being there, 13 persons attended. It was a good meeting, and I was thankful I was there being favoured with strength fully to relieve my mind and to feel the sweet reward of Peace. William Wass had a short testimony therein first from Col: C: 3. v: 1. If ye then be risen with christ, seek those things which are above, where christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Afterwards I had a long time from 1 Cor: C: 8. v.1, 2, 3. Knowledge puffeth up but charity edifieth. And if any man think that he knoweth any thing, he knoweth nothing yet as he ought to know. But if any man love God, the same is known of him. After meeting I din'd at William Wass's, and about 1 o'clock I set out and came with a quiet peaceful mind by Briestfield, Roydhouse, and Shelley to my nephew Robert Woods of Moorbottom. The road I found difficult the snow being very deep; in some places there was a good trod, but there it was very slippery, in other places but little and in some none at all, so that I was obliged to go around which made the way longer, nevertheless I got on much better than I could have expected, and with much less weariness

reached my Nephews about 5 o'clock were I met with William Midgley come to see them, and to meet to me; altho' he had thought it almost impossible for me to get there. Soon after I got in my Charles Unsworth came to meet me with a Lanthorn. We all drunk Tea together here, and stopt near 3 hours, and then set out and went for better road by John Pickfords of Parkhead were we called and took a little Rum and Water, and got home about 9 o'clock, and found James Taylor not very well; The next day after dinner James Taylor went to Wooldale, and on 7th. day morning William Midgley set out to meet him at Huddersfield on their way home

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An Account of my Journey to a Publick Meeting at Dodworth in the 12 mo: 1816

At our Monthly Meeting held at Ackworth in the 9th Month 1816 our friend Thomas Shillitoe of Barnsley spread before us a concern that was upon his mind to pay a religious visit to the Publick houses in Barnsley and its neighbourhood, which after solid consideration, the meeting left him at his liberty to proceed therein as way might open. At this time I felt nothing towards it, but during the time of our ensuing Quarterly meeting held at Leeds, I thought I felt so much sympathy with the friend under his concern, as induced one to think whether it might not be right for me, if no other friend had offered, to propose accompanying him in that service, and before I left Leeds I enquired of him if any friend had offered to accompany him, he replyed no, but if I found freedom, he should be glad of it. I told him I had thought a little of it, but should be glad of more time to weigh it before I concluded upon it, he said he was not likely to proceed very soon as he was engaged in settling his daughters concerns, being the only Executor, and should wish that business to be compleated, before he moved therein, and when that was done he would inform me. After my return from Leeds I was taken very unwell so as to be pretty much confined to my house for several weeks, but got so much better as to be able to attend our Monthly Meeting held at Wakefield in the 11th Mo:

Before meeting I met with Thomas Shillitoe who informed me, that he expected all the affairs would be settled in the course of that week, and that he should be at liberty to move in his proposed concern the week following. Accordingly, I informed the meeting I felt liberty to accompany Thomas Shillitoe in the service he had in prospect, and also of a concern that was on my mind to have a meeting with the inhabitants of Dodworth and the neighbourhood thereof if friends felt unity therewith, many friends expressed their unity with both my prospects. and had to drop the language of encouragement to me, and the meeting left me fully at my liberty. After I returned home the time clearly opened for me to go to Barnsley, but after this I was brought very low, so as to call in question the rectitude of my prospects. But when the time came I felt bound in spirit to proceed, and left home ye 27th of ye. 11th mo. 1816 and 4th day of the week about 10 o clock in the forenoon, and went by Denby and Dakinbrook to Thomas Wests of Cawthorn were I stopt near 3 hours and din'd, then proceeded to Barnsley were I got betwixt 4 and 5 o clock, and drunk Tea at Frances Yeardleys, I then and took up my quarters at my beloved friend John Yeardleys.

On 28th and 5th of week, I attended their Week day meeting in Barnsley which began at 11 o clock. It proved a strengthening time to my poor exercised mind renewedly confirming me that I was thus far in the way of my duty. I had a long testimony to bear therein first from Acts C: 20, v: 22, 23, 24. Behold, I go bound in the spirit unto Jerusalem, not knowing the things that shall befall me there, Save that the Holy ghost witnesseth that in every city, saying, that bonds and afflictions abide me. But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry which I have received of our Lord Jesus christ to testify the gospel of the grace of God. and afterwards I had a pretty long time from Acts C: 26. v: 19. I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision. In the afternoon I drank Tea at George Alletsons.

On 29th and 6th of week. This morning I expected entering upon the visit with Thomas Shillitoe but on conversing with him I found he had not yet compleated his business, and his mind was so disturbed in some cross occurrences which had taken place, that it appeared in a very improper state to engage in so important a concern, but as the next first day had appeared to me to be the right time to have the meeting at Dodworth, and John Bottomley intending to come here the day before to accompany me thither, I saw no better way nor to stop here amongst my friends until that time, and Robert Harrison and William Taylor undertook the care of procuring the place and giving notice thereof to the inhabitants. This unexpected detention and the cause of it was very unpleasant to me and I was again plunged into deep distress and the suffering I had to pass through cannot be described, some misunderstanding had got in betwixt a friend and him about their affairs so as to cause a breach of love betwixt them, but I put friends into a way by which this was settled to both their satisfaction so that there appeared some service in my coming. In respect to the other engagement I was ready to conclude I might perhaps be liberated from it. This forenoon I went to see Joseph Listers of Bleachouse; and in the afternoon I drunk Tea at Thomas Shillitoes, and supp'd at William Harveys.

On 30th and 7th of the week, this afternoon I drunk Tea at William Taylors, and about 5 o.clock Charles Unsworth got here, with some clean linen for me, and was my acceptable companion the remaining part of this journey.

On 1st and 12th mo: and 1st of week at 11 o'clock we attended their forenoon meeting in Barnsley a pretty many People of other societies came in which enlarged the meeting considerably, John Yeardley bore a short but very acceptable testimony therein first from Judg: C: 6. v. 12, 13. The Lord is with thee, thou mighty man of valour. And Gideon said unto him, Oh my lord, if the Lord be with us, why then is all this befallen us. Afterwards I had a pretty long time 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 meeting we din'd at William Bayldons, and about half past 2 o.clock set out for Dodworth in company with John Bottomley and Robert Harrison, and in about an hours time got there to the house of John Thornley, Esqr. who had sent us a pressing invitation to come and take Tea with him, and

were we met with very kind reception, and generous entertainment. He and his Wife appear to be very pious People are in profession with the Methodists, and I understand he had been at the principal expence in building a Meetinghouse in this village for them; and I felt very comfortable under their hospitable roof. The meeting began at 5 o'clock and was held in the Methodists Meetinghouse which was extremely crowded and many could not get in; It proved an highly favoured meeting, the Lords presence eminently overshadowing us, the Truths of the Gospel were largely and powerfully declared, to the causing many for the present to confess thereunto. I had a very long testimony to bear first from 1 John C: 5. v: 12. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. John Bottomley had a long time next from Psalms 14. v: 7. When the Lord bringeth back the captivity of his People, Jacob shall rejoice, and Israel be glad. I next from Eze: C: 33. v: 11. Turn ye, turn ye, from your evil ways, for why will we die; O house of Israel. Concluding with expressing our satisfaction with the company and commendable behaviour of the People and after saluting them in the fresh flowings of Gospel love bade them all Farewel. The meeting held upwards of 2 hours and a half. After taking leave very affectionately of John Thornley and his Wife, who appeared so well satisfied with the meeting that he informed us, the place should be at liberty at any time for any of our friends under the like concern; we went to the Masons arms and got some suitable refreshment, and then return'd to Barnsley, in company with the friends that went along with us, and Samuel Coward, John Yeardley and William Taylor got there a little after 9 o'clock, were we rested us and took a little refreshment at Robert Harrisons and then went to our quarters.

On 2nd and 2nd of week, This morning Thomas Shillitoe came to my quarters, to inform me, that he had now setled all his daughters affairs, but his mind having been so hurried therewith, he thought it best to have a little time to compose himself before he moved in his concern, and expressing a strong desire for me to accompany him some time in the next week, I told him I would consider of it, and if any way clearly opened I hoped I should be enabled to give up to it, and so we parted. After calling to take leave of several of our friends, we went to Thomas Yeardleys were we din'd, and a little after 1 o'clock set out for home, James Arthington Wilson being going to Birdsedge accompanying us. We came by Cawthorn to Ellin Waltons were we rested us a little and then came by Dakinbrook and Denby to my house were we got about half past 5 o'clock.

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I left home ye. 10th of ye. 12th mo: 1816 and 3rd day of the week about 9 o'clock in the morning, in company with my William Taylor who was going to Cawthorn about business; we went by Denby and Gunthwaite to Thomas Wests of Cawthorn, were we din'd and stopt about 3 hours and a half, and then parting with William Taylor I proceeded to Barnsley were I got about half past 5 o'clock and drunk tea at Frances Yeardleys, and afterwards went to John Yeardleys were I took my quarters.

On 11th and 4th of week, Thomas Shillitoe came and Breakfasted with me, and after breakfast we entered upon the arduous engagement of visiting the Publick houses in this Town and neighbourhood, The most high graciously condescending to go before us, and prepare our way in the minds of the visited. We had in all 40 sittings which were performed in the following order viz.

We went first to the Plough, James Browns; next to the Black.Bull, Joseph Fletcher's; next to the Union-Inn, George Shaws; next to the Commercial.Inn, James Nixons: next to Wire-Trellis, Benjamin Masons: next to Dram.shop Hannah Atkins: next to Golden.Cup, Thomas Brays: next to Black.Boy William Wards: From thence we went to William Taylors were we

din'd, and after dinner went to Masons.arms, Joseph Lindleys: next to Bloodhall, White.Lyon Matthew Shawcross's: from thence we return'd to Barnsley and drunk Tea at William Harveys. and after Tea went to Duke of York, Thomas Balgue's: and next too Black.a.moors.head, Thomas Frudd's: next to Blue.Bell, Joseph Sedgwicks: and then I return'd to my quarters.

On 12th. and 5th. of week, we breakfasted at Robert Harrisons. and then went to Windmill, Thomas Halidays, I next to Travellers Inn, Isaac Armitage's: next to Old Windmill, Henry Proctors, From thence we went to John Listers were we took a little refreshment and then attended their weekday meeting which began at 11 o.clock, in which I had two pretty long testimonies to bear; the first very close and searching to an individual state from Gen: C: 25. v: 31. Behold I am at the point to die; and what profit shall this birthright do to me. The latter the language of encouragement to faithfulness unto some states flowed freely from John C: 15. v: 14. Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.

After meeting we din'd at William Bayldons and after dinner proceeded on our visit went first to the Oldmill, the Wheat.sheaf, Hannah Methleys and her daughter the Widow Dunn: next we went to Slip.Inn, the Windsor.Castle, Ann Thornhills; next to Burton the Volunteers.Inn, William Bedfords: next to the Sun, Mary Haighs. From thence we returned to Barnsley and drunk Tea at Thomas Yeardleys, and after Tea proceeded first to White.Bear, Benjamin Strutts, next to the Red.Lyon, William Burkenshaws: next to Star, Martha Parkins: next to Kings arms, Mary Bevers's: next to White.Swan, William Hawksworths: and from thence to my quarters.

On 13th. and 6th. of week we went first to the Volunteers Inn, Benjamin Smiles, next to Bleachers.arms, James Patricks: next to Kings.head Daniel Peech's: next to White.hart, Edward Ridsdales: next to Coach and horses, Thomas Ostcliffes: next to Royal.oak, John Winters: next to Wagon and Horses, James Leadmans: next to Three Cranes, Martha Whitworths: next to Royal Oak, Sarah Rycrofts: next to Lords Nelsons, John Wards: next to Bulls.head, James Hawksworths. From thence we went to William Harveys were we din'd, and after dinner went first to Talbot, William Lancasters: next to White.Bear James Broadbents, next to Cock William Hills. This finished what we apprehended our present commission extended to, about 3 o.clock in the afternoon, and in the conclusion we felt our minds comfortably relieved from that weight of exercise which we had felt, and a song of thanksgiving and Praise flowed in my heart unto him who hath the hearts of all men at his command. I may also add our view under the present concern was to discourage that great sin of drunkenness, which is an inlet to many other evils, and for this purpose our way opened to have an opportunity with the heads of families who sold Liquors. We informed them of the nature of our visit, endeavoured to dissuade them from filling more liquor to any than was necessary for present refreshment set before them our belief that if they suffered drinking to excess in their houses, they were equally culpable in the sight of the Almighty, being partakers with them in their guilt; and what further opened upon our minds in our waiting with them we were strengthened to communicate. They generally received us civilly, sat down with us quietly, and heard us patiently and attentively, most of them acknowledged the truth of our remarks, several were much broken and tendered, and some opportunities were so eminently favoured, as I trust will not easily be forgot by the visitors and visited, and all parted with us in a very loving and friendly manner. And it was a little remarkable we met with all of them at home. From William Hills the Sine of the Cock which was the last and one of the signally favoured opportunities, we went to William Taylors were we sat a little together, and then my companion went home, I went to Frances Yeardleys were I tarried Tea, and in my return to my quarters I called and sat a little at George Alletsons were I took a glass of wine.

On the 14th. and 7th. of week. Having had it on my mind for some time to have a Publick meeting with the inhabitants of Shafton and its neighbourhood, and having the unity of friends therewith, the next first day appeared to me to be the right time to accomplish it,

and Timothy Sykes being here on fourth day he undertook to prepare the place, and give information of the meeting to the inhabitants. The same day about noon there was a storm of thunder and lightning accompanied with heavy hail, and this was succeeded by frequent showers of snow until to day which proved very fine, altho' the snow was got pretty deep upon the ground, yet the roads were open. Betwixt 1 and 2 o'clock my Charles Unsworth got here with some clean linen for me, and to accompany me to Shafton; we left Barnsley about quarter past 2 and went by Burton, and Cudworth to Shafton where we got about quarter past 4. and took up our quarters at the Widow Ann Sykes's. Soon after we got in it began to snow, and continued all the evening.

On 15th. and 1st. of week, The morning was wet, and it continued thawing all the day, so that the roads were extremely bad. The meeting began at 11 o'clock and was held in the school which was comfortably seated, and the Masters seat being raised with a desk before it, it served for a Gallery, and notwithstanding the difficulty of the road and a burial in the village which happened at just the time, and prevented many from attending, the School was comfortably filled with People. It was a good meeting a great solemnity being over the minds of the people in the time of silence, by which they were prepared to receive what was verbally communicated. I having a very long testimony to bear therein from Jam: C: 2. v: 19, 20. Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well. the devils also believe, and tremble. But wilt thou know, O vain man that faith without works is dead. Towards the close of the meeting my mind was much exercised about having another meeting in this place about 6 o'clock this evening, which caused me no little conflict of spirit, having fully intended to be at our Meeting of Ministers and Elders held at Wakefield at the same time this evening, and therefore found it not easy to give up to what appeared to be my duty until my peace appeared so much concerned in it that I dare not but propose it unto the People, which was readily agreed to, many expressing their satisfaction therewith, and William Taylor of Barnsley being here, agreed to take the Select meetings Book, which I had with me to Wakefield and give it to some of the members of that Meeting. This Meeting held about 2 hours. Dear John Yeardley attended it and could not leave until after the evening meeting, his company was truly acceptable to me. The meeting in the evening was attended by double the number of People as the former altho' it was the dark of the moon and the roads extremely bad, so that the place was extremely crowded and many were in a dwelling house adjoining and the behaviour of the whole was becoming the solemnity of the occasion. It was an highly favoured meeting, the Power of Truth being in great dominion, and the testimony thereof was exalted. John Yeardley had a pretty long testimony therein first from Jer: C: 12. v: 5. If thou hast run with the footmen, and they have wearied thee, then how cannot thou contend with horses? And if in the land of peace wherein thou trustedst, they wearied thee, then how wilt thou do in the swelling of Jordan. I next a long time from 1 Cor: C: 2: v: 2. I determined not to know anything among you save Jesus Christ, and him crucified. Afterwards I was concerned in Prayer and near the conclusion of the meeting had a short exhortation to the People. The meeting held upwards of 2 hours.

On 16th. and 2nd. of week, I set out a little before 8 o'clock in the morning for our Monthly Meeting to be held this day at Wakefield. It having froze hard in the night the roads were very rough and slippery. Charles Unsworth and Samuel Race, Widow Sykes man, went along with me about 2 miles, the latter being going to Woolley and Bretton about business, Charles went along with him in his way home. I went by Felkirk, Cheviot, and Sandal and got to Wakefield just in time to get some suitable refreshment at the White Swan before meeting for which I paid 9d. The meeting was much smaller than usual owing to the snow which was deep in some places, and the roads difficult, yet it proved a good meeting. Thomas Shillitoe had a pretty long testimony to bear therein first from Isia:C:41.v:14. Fear not thou worm Jacob. James Harrison next from Judg: C: 7. v. 10, 11. If thou fear to go down, go thou with Pharah thy servant down to the host And thou shalt hear what they say, and afterwards shall thine hands be strengthened to go down to the host. Isabella Harris next a long time from Cant: C: 4: v: 12. A garden inclosed is my sister, my spouse. At the close of

the meeting for worship was held our Monthly Meeting for discipline in which we had a great deal of business which was very agreeably conducted. Amongst other things, Thomas Shillitoe reported to the following effect, "That agreeable to the liberty given him in the last 9th. mo: He in company with Joseph Wood who had the approbation of our last Monthly meeting to accompany him; had performed a religious visit to the Publick houses in the Town and neighbourhood of Barnsley. That we met with a very cordial reception from all, and had abundant cause to believe the Master went before and prepared our way. We were favoured to labour together very unanimously, and he believed were truly helpful to each other: and were strengthened fully to relieve our minds, so as in the close to feel the sweet reward of Peace." After which I expressed my concurrence with the report; and the Meeting made a minute of it expressive also of their satisfaction therewith. Thomas Shillitoe also informed us of a prospect he had of attending the ensuing Quarterly Meeting for London and Middlesex and of some other service he expected might open in his journey; The meeting made a minute and appointed a friend to give him a copy thereof, expressive of the meetings concurrence with him in his concern, and unity with him as a Minister. The Queries were also read, and Answers received from all our Preparative Meetings viz. Pontefract, Barnsley, Highflatts, Ackworth, Wakefield, and Wooldale, and read; and a General Answer prepared, approved and signed in order to be laid before our ensuing Quarterly meeting. Both meetings held 4 hours. After which I din'd at William Leathams, and from thence went to my quarters at John Spence's

On 17th. and 3rd. of week, I left Wakefield a little before 11 o'clock, the forenoon being Showery, and came by Ossett to Dewsbury where I got a little before 1 o'clock, and I din'd at William Wass's; afterwards I went to Tea to George Breareys of Crackenedge where I took up my quarters; many friends came there to spend the evening with me.

On 18th. and 4th. of week, After breakfast I went and sat a little at William Wass's and left Dewsbury a little after 10 o'clock in the forenoon. Joseph Brearey kindly accompanied me by Thornhill and Mugmill to Flockton and then he returned, and I came to my cousin Alexander Hampshires of Flockton.mill where I din'd and stopt about 2 hours, then came by Emley to Skelmanthorpe where I rested me about half an hour and got some refreshments at Charles Blackburns. I then proceeded by Cumberworth home. The snow wasting much yesterday and today made the roads exceeding bad and a Rheumatick complaint having seized my hip and thigh which affected all that side, the day I left home; and it continuing and the pain rather increasing, it made it very difficult getting on, yet by taking time I was favoured to reach home betwixt 5 and 6 this evening; and was agreeably surprized to find Joshua Schofield of Leeds there, he came on second day, and tarried until 2nd. day following, and his visit was acceptable unto us, and I hope not altogether unprofitable to him. From the very extraordinary visitation he was favoured with I might have expected him to have been by this time further advanced in the Truth. however I understand he is of a sober and orderly conduct and conversation, and that he mostly attends the Methodists meetings. But still retains a great love for friends under whose ministry he was so eminently visited.

An Account of my Journey to Publick Meetings held at Clifton, Hipperholme, Saltberebble, Luddenden, Warley, Deighton, Fartown, and Greetland in the 1st. and 2nd. Mos. 1817. and to Brighouse Monthly Meeting held there for the 2nd. Mo.

Having for a considerable time felt a concern upon my mind to pay a religious visit to the inhabitants of some places in the neighbourhoods of Halifax and Huddersfield, and being prevented from attending our Monthly Meeting in the 1st. Mo. thro' indisposition; and believing the time was come to cast my burden upon friends; I inform'd the meeting of my concern by letter, and in return received the following minute of said meeting viz.

Minute of Pontefract Monthly Meeting held at Wakefield the 20th. of 1st. mo: 1817.

"The following lines have been received from our esteemed friend Joseph Wood viz.

Dear Friends

Being prevented from attending the Monthly Meeting I take this method of informing You of a concern that hath been for a considerable time past increasing with weight upon my mind, to pay a religious visit to the Inhabitants of some places in the Neighbourhood of Halifax and Huddersfield. If the meeting after solid consideration feels unity therewith, I request a Minute of its approbation. With love I remain your affectionate friend,

1st. Mo. 16th. 1817

Joseph Wood

Which has been read, and after weighty and solid consideration, this meeting feels unity with the friend in his prospect, he being a Minister in good esteem amongst us, and leaves him at liberty to proceed in the service he has in view, as truth may open the way."

The Clerk is desired to give him a copy of this Minute.

I left home ye. 25th. of ye. 1st. mo: 1817 and 7th. day of the week betwixt 8 and 9 o'clock in the morning, and went by Shepley, Woodsommill and Almondbury to Huddersfield, in my way I called and sat a little at John Pickfords and John Haighs the latter accompanied me about 1 mile and then return'd; I got to Huddersfield about 12 o'clock, were I din'd at Robert Firths and stopt about 3 hours, then went by Rastrick to Brighouse were I got about half past 4 o'clock, and drunk Tea at James Lees's. I was very weary when I got there but better than I expected, the day being remarkably fine. In the evening I went to John Kings were I took up my quarters.

On 26th. and 1st. of week, I was at Brighouse meeting which began at 11 o'clock, and was pretty large many young friends belonging thereto. I had a long testimony to bear therein from Lam: C: 3. v: 24. The Lord is my portion saith my soul, therefore will I hope in him. Afterwards Mary Cooper was concerned in Prayer. At the close of this meeting was held their preparative meeting. Both meetings held 2 hours and a half. After which I took a little refreshment at John Earnshaws and then went to Thomas Coopers were I din'd and drunk Tea. This evening I had a Publick meeting at Clifton walked thither upwards of 1 mile in company with Thomas Cooper. The meeting began at 6 o'clock and was held in a School 12 yards long and 7 wide, a Gallery was erected and the room only about half seated to accommodate more People, it was exceedingly crowded, and proved an highly favoured meeting. I had a very long testimony to bear therein from Psalms 46. v: 10. Be still and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth, and afterwards had to acknowledge my obligation to the people for favouring us with their company, and our satisfaction with their very commendable behaviour, and after a pretty long exhortation concluded with saluting them in Gospel love and bidding them all Farewel. The meeting held about 2 hours. After which the Widow Greenwood took us to her house, where we got some suitable refreshment, She and her two daughters being exceeding kind, and as they freely refreshed our bodies, I had before we parted a little spiritual bread to hand unto them; We returned to Brighouse and I got to my quarters a little after 9 o'clock.

On 27th. and 2nd. of week . This evening I had a Publick meeting at Hipperholm, about 4 o'clock in the afternoon Thomas Cooper called upon me and we walked together thither 4 miles and a quarter, were we drunk Tea at James and Rachel Sharps and were kindly entertained she having been educated in our Society. The meeting began at 6 o'clock and was held in a dwelling house which had been for some time unoccupied, two rooms were laid together by removing a ceiling so that the place was 12 Yards long and 5 wide, a Gallery was erected and a few seats placed, but the People in general had to stand. It was exceedingly crowded, and many were in the chamber over and some out of doors who could not get in. They generally behaved as well as could be expected in so crowded a place, except a few men in liquor who was troublesome unto those who stood near them, and altho' it was attended with hard labour yet upon the whole it was a satisfactory meeting, and I believe some tender minds were profitably instructed therein. I had a long time in testimony first from Matt C: 10.

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 that field. Mary Cooper next from John C: 3. v: 3. Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. I had a pretty long time next from Eccle: C: 11. v: 9. Rejoice , O young man in thy youth; and let thy heart cheer thee in the days of thy youth, and walk in the ways of thy heart, and in the sight of thine eyes, but now thou that for all these things God will bring thee into judgment. The meeting held about 2 hours and a quarter. At the close I informed the People it was over, desiring them to go out as quietly as they could, which appeared to be strictly complyed with. I also added I believed it would be profitable for some to avoid entering into much conversation in their return to their respective habitations. After getting some suitable refreshment at James Sharps, I went with Robert Sutcliffe and his children Joseph and Mary in his carriage to his house in Halifax 2 miles and a half and William Stansfield John Kings apprentice a kind youth in the 21st. year of his age accompanied us thither we got there about 10 o.clock, were I took up my quarters. Robert was particularly kind to me, taking me in his carriage to all the Publick meetings I had in this neighbourhood.

On 28th. and 3rd. of week , After dinner I went and sat a little at John Pools, and returned to Tea. About 5 o.clock we set out for Salterhebble 1 mile and a half were I had a Publick meeting this evening, we put up there at Isaac Goodalls a man who is under some degree of convincement and who entertained us kindly. The meeting began at 7 o.clock and was held in a room under a School 16 yards long and 6 and a half wide. It was well fitted up with seats and a convenient Gallery was made. great was the concourse of People that attended, so that the room was not only much crowded, but many was in the school over and some out of doors. It was a glorious meeting Truth reigning over all. I was first concerned therein in supplication and afterwards had a very long testimony to bear from 1 Cor: C: 3. v: 9. We are labourers together with God: ye are Gods husbandry, ye are Gods building. At the close of the meeting which held about 2 hours and a half, I acknowledged our satisfaction with the company and very commendable behaviour of the People and after a short exhortation, saluted them in Gospel love and bade them Farewel. Samuel Hill of North dean was here and we rejoiced much to see each other again, he informed me he was got married and had one child. After getting some suitable refreshment at Isaac Goodalls, we return'd to Halifax and got to my quarters betwixt 10 and 11 o.clock.

On 29th. and 4th. of week this evening I had a Publick Meeting at Luddenden 5 miles hence. In the forenoon we called to see our ancient valuable friend Elizabeth Stansfield of Handgreen, we spent about an hour very comfortably with her, and then went to Joshua Stansfields were we din'd and tarried until about 3 o.clock in the afternoon and then proceeded to Luddenden were we put up at Murgatroids arms and got tea there. The meeting began at 6 o.clock and was held in the Methodists Meetinghouse which altho' very large was exceedingly crowded, it being supposed that from 12 to 1500 people attended, and he who had compassion upon the multitude formerly, was pleased to have compassion upon us by crowning this assembly with his presence, and renewing the visitations of his love unto many to the tendering of their hearts. I had a very long testimony to bear therein from Rom: C: 13. v.13,14. Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying. But put ye on the Lord Jesus christ, and make not provision for the flesh to fulfil the lust thereof. The meeting held near 2 hours and a half. At the close thereof I had to express our satisfaction with the commendable behaviour of the People concluding with sundry exhortations to them. After getting some suitable refreshment at the Inn we returned to Halifax were we got about half past 10 o.clock.

On 30th. and 5th. of week I was at their weekday meeting in Halifax which began at half past 10, 36 persons attended 8 of whom appeared to be people of other Societies. It was a solid good meeting and I had a long testimony to bear therewith from Acts C: 13. v: 13. Continue in the grace of God. In the afternoon I drunk Tea at Caleb Stansfields, and about 5 o.clock we set out for Warley 2 miles away were I had a Publick meeting this evening, we put

up there at an Inn kept by Thomas Murgatroyd. The meeting began at 6 o'clock and was held in the Independent Meetinghouse which was large and well filled with People more especially of the higher rank. It was a time of divine favour, the power of Truth being imminently manifested amongst us to the tendering of many hearts. I had a very long testimony to bear therein from 1 John C: 6.v. 20, 21. We know that the Son of God is come and hath given us an understanding that we may know him that it 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. Afterwards I was concerned in prayer, and at the close of the meeting had a short exhortation, concluding with expressing our satisfaction with the behaviour of the People, and bidding them all Farewel. The meeting held near 3 hours. After meeting the preacher took me aside expressed his satisfaction therewith, and good unity with what was delivered therein. He was very loving, and I believe is a pious man, and took great pains in going about to invite the People to attend the meeting. Samuel Hill was at this meeting and went with us to the Inn were we had an opportunity of conversing together to our mutual satisfaction. After getting some suitable refreshment we returned to Halifax were we got a little before half past 10. The 4 last meetings no friends living could remember any meeting of our Society being held at any of the places before.

On 31st. and 6th. of week, about half past 8 in the morning I set out to attend Brighouse Monthly Meeting to be held there to day, and had a very pleasant walk by Hipperholme to Brighouse were I got my usual quarters at John Kings a little after 10. The meeting for Worship began at 11 o'clock, it was larger than usual of friends and a few of other societies came in, so that the Meeting house was very full. It was a solemn meeting, I had a long testimony to bear therein first from 1 Pet: C: 4. v: 17. The time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God; and if it first begin at us; what shall the end be of that obey not the Gospel of God. Sarah Harris next in supplication. Barbara Hoyland had a pretty long time in testimony next from Isai: C: 32. v: 17. The work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness quietness and assurance for ever. John Thistlethwaite next from these words, A Saviour or I die, a redeemer or I perish. At the close of the meeting, the men and Women members of our society were requested to stop a little when Hannah Broadhead spread before us a concern which had been for sometime on her mind to pay a religious visit to families of friends in Leeds meeting and other meetings in the Monthly meeting if way should open, which after solid consideration, and many testimonies of unity born by sundry friends, she was left at liberty to proceed therein as way might open. The Women friends then withdrew, and the Men entered upon their business. This meeting consists of 5 Preparative meetings viz. Leeds, Bradford, Brighouse, Huddersfield and Gildersom. They had a great deal of business before the meeting to day which was agreeably conducted; amongst other things, my Minute was read, and a minute made of the meeting's satisfaction therewith, and with my company here. Both meetings held near 5 hours.

On 1st. of 2nd mo: and 7th. of week, This forenoon I went and sat a little at Thomas Darnallys and at James Lees's and then went by Rastrick to Joseph Firths of Toothill were I din'd, and tarried until betwixt 3 and 4 o'clock in the afternoon when John King called upon me, and took me in his carriage to Thomas Wilsons of Greenhouse were we got about half past 4 and were I took up my quarters, in about 1 hour after I got there my Charles Unsworth came to meet me and brought me some clean linen.

On 2nd. of 1st. of week we went to Huddersfield meeting which began at 11 o'clock, I felt a fear in going there, many painful failures having lately happened amongst them which had brought great reproach upon the Truth: The meeting was larger than I expected of such as usually attend it, and several of other Societies came in; and it proved a satisfactory meeting: I had a long testimony to bear therein 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 shall have treasure in heaven; and come, take up the cross, and follow me. At the close of the meeting the Yearly Meeting Epistle was read. In the course of my testimony in this meeting, I was lead to speak very particularly to one state who appeared

to be under a precious visitation, but had no apprehension unto whom it belonged, but believed it to be one not in profession with us, which was afterwards more fully confirmed. From hence we went to dine at John Fishers of Springdale, and a Publick meeting being appointed this evening at Deighton. John Fisher walked with us thither, we called by the way at Thomas Wilsons of Greenhouse and drunk Tea, then proceeded to Deighton 1 mile and a half got there just in time to the meeting which began at 6 o'clock and was held in the dissenting Methodists Meetinghouse which was very much crowded, and it proved a solid good meeting Mary Cooper had a pretty long time in testimony therein first from Isai: C: 45. v: 22. Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth. I had a long time next 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. Mary Cooper next a pretty long time from John C: 6. v: 12. Gather up the fragments which remain that nothing be lost. I next expressed our satisfaction with the company and very commendable behaviour of the People, expressing my desire that the word of the Lord might have free course and be glorified amongst them, concluding with recommending them unto him that is able to keep them from falling and to present them faultless before the presence of his glory, with exceeding joy. To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen. The meeting held 2 hours and a quarter. After which Miles Netherwood took many friends to his house, and he and his family were exceeding kind, entertaining us very generously with every thing needful for our present accommodation and from thence we returned in company with many friends to Greenhouse were we got betwixt 9 and 10 o'clock.

On 3rd. and 2nd. of week. After breakfast we went to Huddersfield having a little business, which being done, we went to my nephew Joseph Woods were we sat a little and took a Lunch, after which my Charles Unsworth and me parted very affectionately, he setting out for home, and I went to Robert Firths were I din'd; and after dinner his son Thomas Firth kindly accompanied me to Greenhouse This evening I had a Publick meeting at Fartown in a school very near my quarters. It was upwards of 12 yards long and upwards of 8 wide. The masters seat made a good Gallery. A number of seats were properly placed but the generality of the People stood to accommodate the more. It began at 6 o'clock the concourse of People that attended was very great the School being very much crowded, and the most high was mercifully pleased to crown the assembly with his presence and open the different states of the People, which were spoke to in the authority of the Gospel, which is the power of God; to the convicting of many minds. 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. After which I had to express our satisfaction with the very commendable behaviour of the People, and after sometime in exhortation, very affectionately bade them all Farewell. The meeting held 2 hours, and from thence I immediately returned to my quarters.

On 4th. and 3rd., of week. This evening I had a Publick meeting at Greetland, John King taking me thither in his carriage, we left Greenhouse about quarter past 2 o'clock in the afternoon and had a pleasant ride by Elland thither 5 miles and a half got to Greetland about a quarter before 4 and put up at the Golden.fleece, were we drunk Tea. The meeting began at 6 o'clock and was held in the Methodists Meetinghouse, which was very much crowded, it being supposed there was betwixt 10 and 1200 People there. Truth was mercifully in great dominion in this meeting, and the testimony thereof exalted, and many minds deeply bowed under the humbling power of the spirit of christ. Mary Cooper had a pretty long time in testimony therein first from John C: 15. v: 8. Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit. I 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 Father by the prophets. Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things; by whom also he made the worlds.? Afterwards I had a pretty long time from 1 Tim: C: 2. v: 12. I suffer not a

Woman to teach nor usurp authority over the man. The meeting held 2 hours and a quarter, at the close I had to express our satisfaction with the very commendable behaviour of the People, and after a short exhortation concluded with expressing my desire that the Grace of our Lord Jesus christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy ghost, might be with us all always. Amen. We return'd to the Inn to take some suitable refreshment, when a Man followed, wishing to speak with me alone; I went with him into another room. He then expressed in a tender frame of spirit his great satisfaction with the meeting, and what was delivered therein adding it corresponded with what he had experienced of the work of the spirit in himself, and the way was clearly pointed out for him to advance until he attained that state in which Christ is all and in all. I had not much to say unto him, believing his seeking mind was now mercifully turned the right way were I much wished it might continue centered, we parted very lovingly. Dear Samuel Hill was also at this meeting and came with us to the Inn, where he stopt a considerable time with us, and then we took a very affectionate Farewel of each other. We left here about 9 o'clock, it wet a little when we came from the meeting, and the rain kept increasing, they placed me in the carriage betwixt two young friends viz. Richard Wormall of Huddersfield and William Whalley of Lockwood, and John King sat before to drive, and cousin John Adamson rode behind on horseback. It was very stormy, being a high wind with rain and snow, but the wind was on our backs, and the road good so that we reached Greenhouse in about an hour and altho' I had put a cloak over my top coat I was wet through all to my skin; but taking proper care I do not know that I suffered from it. I now apprehended my present mission was at an end, and thankfulness covered my mind, that I had moved therein under the evidence of the right time. The weather was so fine as I never before saw at this time of the year, having had no rain nor snow since I left home before this evening. Many solid exercised friends attended different meetings as their way opened whose spirits were helpful to me; John King and James Lees was at all the Publick meetings, and was particularly useful in procuring and preparing places for them, and who with other young men that freely united with them, spared no pains in giving information thereof to the People. But above all the great Masters presence eminently accompanied us from place to place to our humbling admiration.

On 5th. and 4th. of week, I waked early this morning under strong impressions that I must have a Publick meeting this evening in friends Meetinghouse at Parrack in Huddersfield. This was a very unexpected turn, and a fresh tryal of my fidelity; I weighed it well, but finding no peace, without obedience, I resigned mine own will; and informing John King thereof, he set out immediately to assist in giving notice thereof to friends and others. In the afternoon John King and me walked by Huddersfield to John Fishers of Springdale to Tea, where I lodged to night. The meeting began at 6 o'clock, and held about 2 hours and a half. The meetinghouse when prepared for this purpose, will seat 500 People it was nearly full, but not quite; the evening proving unfavourable, and the moon being gone which had been particularly useful to People getting before. In this meeting after a time of close labour, Truth gradually arose into considerable dominion, and the meeting was crowned with a precious solemnity the People were remarkable still solid and attentive, and I trusted was a profitable time to many. 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 are ye saved. Afterwards I was concerned in prayer. After meeting I felt most easy to have a private opportunity with John Roberts a young man in the 23rd. year of his age who came from Moss near Snaith and who has lived part of a year with Thomas Wilson of Greenhouse. He was at the meeting at this place last 1st. day where I was particularly opened, and led to speak to his state, which so much impressed his mind, that he had attended all the meetings since, except that at Greetland. The opportunity was readily obtained in the Womens Meetinghouse where there was a fire. I felt great nearness unto him, and had to encourage him to faithfulness to divine manifestations, he was tender and loving, and we took a very affectionate Farewel of each other. After my return to John Fishers I had some conversation to satisfaction with Benjamin Sebochm from

Pyrmont in Germany, a young man and a member of our Society who has been some time in England and at present resides here. He informed me that there was about 60 members of our Society belonging to Pyrmont Meeting and about the same number at Minden, but many more frequently attended the meetings and that there were several small meetings in the country around held at friends houses.

On 6th. and 5th. of week, I set out for home about 9 o'clock in the morning. John Fisher accompanied me to Huddersfield and then return'd; I called and sat about half an hour at John Wommersleys, and then proceeded by Almondbury to Woodsommill had a wet walk hither, were I called at the 3 Crowns and got some refreshment, paid 10d, stopt upwards of half an hour and then it being fair I came by Kirkburton and Shelley to my Nephew Robert Woods of Moorbottom were I din'd and stopt about 2 hours, and then came by Cumberworth home were I got about 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

An Account of my Journey to Publick Meetings held at South Crosland, Berry brow,
Stainland and Skircoat in 3rd. Mo. 1817.

At the conclusion of my late visit in these parts I felt a concern towards the inhabitants of some other places, and on weighing the same it appeared to me the time was not yet come to perform the visit. At our last Monthly Meeting I apprehended the time was come to mention my prospect to friends, which I did, requesting the continuation of the minute another month, which was readily granted many frds. expressing their unity with my further concern. On 1st. of 3rd. mo: 1817 and 7th. day of the week after breakfast; I left home in company with Charles Unsworth, and called at John Pickfords to be shaved, left there about eight o'clock, and went to cousin Joseph Walker's of Shipley, stopt there about half an hour and then proceeded to Thursteland where I had some business, which being done, we went to William Pontefracts where we stopt about 2 hours and din'd, then went by Farnley to Lockwood, called by the way and stopt about half an hour at John Issotts of Ladyhouse, got to Abraham Kays of Lockwood a little before 3 o clock, where we sat a little, and then went to Joshua Whalley's where we drunk Tea and stopt about 3 hours, William Walley then set us to John Fishers of Springdale where we got about 7 in the evening, and were we took up our quarters. Soon after we got in John King and James Lees, returned hither from South Crosland were they had been with other frds. to procure and prepare a place for a meeting the next day, and to give notice thereof to the inhabitants of those parts.

On 2nd. and 1st. of week, we set out about half past 9 in the morning for South Crosland 3 miles, I went with Phebe Fisher, and Elizabeth Candler their childrens Governess in the Post.Chaise which John Fisher kindly provided for us, and Charles Unsworth went with John King in his carriage; we got to South Crosland in about 1 hours time. The meeting was held in a spare room at the Factory near Crosland.hall, belonging to John and David Harrison, and a little out of the village; we alighted at Jonathan Wilkinsons near the places who manifested much kindness unto us. The meeting began at 11 o'clock and held upwards of 2 of hours, the room was 28 Yds. long and 6 wide, a Gallery was erected therein: and the place well seated. The day was very fine, and the concourse of People that attended was exceeding great, the room being extremely crowded, and hundreds without that could not get in. I was enabled fully to relieve my mind to various states as they opened in this mixed multitude, and the Power of Truth was over all, to the soleminizing the minds of many; having a very long testimony to bear therein 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. Afterwards I acknowledged my obligation to People for favouring us with their company, and our satisfaction with their behaviour in general, expressing my hope that what had appeared to the contrary was more for want of room than any evil intention; then having a pretty long exhortation I concluded with saluting them all in the fresh flowings of Gospel love, and bade

them Farewel. After getting some suitable refreshment we brought with us at Jonathan Wilkinsons, we had a pleasant ride back to dinner. After dinner we went and sat a little at Abraham Mallinsons, and then returned to Tea, After Tea the children and servants were collected to the reading; when John Fisher had read a few chapters a solemn pause ensued before we seperated. We then went and sat a little at John Beaumonts and took a glass of wine, and then return'd to supper.

On 3rd. and 2nd. of week, we went to Huddersfield and breakfasted at my Nephew Joseph Woods, and After breakfast, Charles Unsworth and me took leave of each other, he returning home; and in my way back to Springdale, I called and sat a little at John Wommersleys. After dinner John King and me set out for Berry.brow 1 mile and a half on foot where a Publick meeting was appointed to be held this evening we called by the way at Abraham Kays of Lockwood were we drunk Tea, and then proceeded to Berry.brow, got there just in time to the meeting which began at 6 o.clock and was held in a School, and the dwelling house adjoining which communicated therewith, both places being 10 and a half yds. long and 5 wide; The seats were all removed out except a few chairs in order to accommodate more People, and a Gallery was erected, and notwithstanding the people generally stood both places were exceedingly crowded, and many were without that could not possibly get in and the behaviour of the whole without exception was very commendable. The meeting was in a very eminent manner overshadowed with the divine presence which brought an universal solemnity over the whole to the tendering many hearts. I had a very long testimony to bear therein 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. and afterwards had a pretty long time 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. Concluding with recommending them unto God, and to the teachings of his pure spiritual grace, that they might experience a being built up in the most holy faith and finally be favoured with an inheritance amongst the sanctified. The meeting held 2 hours. John Fisher and his Wife having a Post.Chaise, I return'd with them therein, which was a favour to me, as the afternoon was very stormy, and the evening quite tempestuous. The road we came back was about 2 miles.

On 4th. and 3rd. of week, We left here in the forenoon viz. John King and myself who was my companion through the remainder of this visit and conveyed me in his carriage. We went to Thomas Wilsons of Greenhouse were we din'd and about half past 2 o.clock in the afternoon set out for Stainland 6 miles and a half, were a Publick meeting was appointed to be held this evening, we went by Elland thither, were we got a little past 4 o.clock and put up at the Duke of York were we got Tea. The meeting began at 6 in the evening and was held in the Protestant Chapel which being built by subscription of the inhabitants, the Bishop has no authority over it and the Priest gave it up very freely, and attended there himself. According to their account it would seat comfortably 500 People, but the seats were not only very much crowded, but great numbers had to stand; notwithstanding the day throughout was stormy, being a high wind with showers of hail and snow, accompanied at times with Thunder and Lightning. It was a good meeting, and the People behaved remarkably well, a renewed visitation was extended unto many, and the necessity of joining in therewith was pressingly recommended, in order that they might be favoured to experience an establishment in the Truth, and many appeared to be deeply affected. I had a very long testimony to bear therein from Isai: C: 60. v: 18, 19. Violence shall no more be heard in thy land, wasting nor destruction within thy borders; but thou shalt call thy walls salvation and thy gates praise. The sun shall be no more thy light by day; neither for brightness shall the moon give light unto thee; but the Lord shall be unto thee an everlasting light, and thy God thy glory. Afterwards I was concerned in Prayer. At the close of the meeting which held near 2 hours and a half I briefly remarked my desire that the solemnizing Power of Truth which had mercifully covered many minds might be kept under, and that they might in private wait for the renewings thereof, whereby they might be favoured to experience an advancement in the Truth, then saluting them in the fresh flowings of Gospel love. I bade them all Farewel.

After getting some suitable refreshment at the Inn, we left Stainland about 9 o'clock Richard Wormall a valuable young man from Huddersfield going along with us in the carriage, went by Elland and Salterebble to Halifax 5 miles and a half were we got about quarter before 11 o'clock, and took up our quarters at Robert Sutcliffs.

On 5th. and 4th. of week, This evening we had a Publick meeting at Skircoat, and after Tea set out for that place 2 miles, got there about 5 o'clock and put up at Joseph Heys a pious man and a Preacher amongst the Methodists. The meeting began at 6 o'clock and was held in a school 8 yds long and 5 wide, a Pulpit being placed therein and most of the seats removed out in order to contain more People; The place was very full and some stood without and all behaved well. It was a highly favoured meeting, Truth being in great dominion, and the testimony thereof was exalted. I had a very long testimony to bear therein from 1 Tim: C: 1.v: 15. This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief. and afterwards I had a long encouraging time in testimony from Isai: C: 40. v: 31. They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength. After a short pause I informed the People the meeting was now over desiring them quietly to withdraw. The meeting held 2 hours. dear Samuel Hill was here and went with us to Joseph Heys and tarried while we di'd when we took an affectionate Farewel of each other. I also understood there was a Woman lived in this village who was convinced at the meeting I had at Salterebble; and hath since duly attended friends meetings at Halifax both on first and weekdays. After getting some suitable refreshment we return'd to Halifax and got to our quarters about 9 o'clock. It was a stormy evening but we had pretty fine going and returning.

On 6th. and 5th. of the week, we had a Publick meeting with such of the inhabitants of Halifax as were disposed to attend, and great pains were taken by friends in giving the People information thereof: It was held in friends Meetinghouse and began at 11 o clock. It was a very Snowy morning until near the time of the meeting when it cleared up and was fine and tho' the severity of the weather might prevent many from attending yet the Meetinghouse being laid open, both it and the Loft was very full, and their behaviour still solid and very attentive; Many different states were opened and spoke to in the power and authority of the Gospel, and 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 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. The meeting held 2 hours, after which we din'd and drunk Tea at our valuable friend John Pools, and after Tea Richard Wormall return'd home having been particularly useful in his assistance to frds. here, and in the evening we returned to our quarters.

On 7th. and 6th. of week, having now finished what I had in prospect, and feeling the sweet reward of peace, I turned my face homeward, and we left Halifax betwixt 9 and 10 o'clock this forenoon. and came by Salterebble and Elland to William Coopers of Fixby hall, were we stopt about 3 hours and din'd, then proceeded to Thomas Wilsons of Greenhouse, got there about 3 o'clock in the afternoon were I tarried all night. After Tea my kind friend and valuable companion John King and me took a very affectionate farewell of each other; he returning home. His kindness I trust will not easily be forgot by me not only in conveying me from place to place but in the great pains he with many other friends under his direction took in giving information to the People of the meetings, and in procuring and preparing places for their accommodation.

On 8th. and 7th . of week, Yesterday I heard of the death of Joshua Broadhead of Wooldale who departed this life on the 4th. of this month and 3rd. day of the week aged about 74 years, He had been disowned but continued to attend meetings and leave was obtained to bury him in friends burial.ground the 1st. day following the 9th. Inst. His death was rather sudden having been at the meeting on first day, and at two houses in the village on second, the day before he died. When I first heard of it a concern came upon my mind to be at the meeting, but being desirous to weigh it upon my pillow, my way appeared fully clear this morning, and I gave up thereto. I left Greenhouse after breakfast about 9 o'clock and came by Huddersfield to Joseph Whalleys of Lockwood were I stopt about half an hour and took a

little refreshment, and then came by Berry Brow to John Issotts of Ladyhouse, William Whalley kindly accompanying me thither and then return'd; When I got there John was about preparing to go with some pieces to near Thursteland, I desired him to let his son George an agreeable youth in the 19th. year of his age go with them and forward to my house with a Letter for Charles Unsworth to meet me with some clean linen at Wooldale this evening, which he readily complyed with and Geoge Issott got ready immediately, as I sat by him when he was preparing I thought I felt something very comfortable about him and afterwards understood from his worthy father he had lately been favoured with many presious visitations, and whilst I am writing I feel an earnest desire that he may be favoured to close in therewith, and strengthened to come forward in obedience to divine manifestations; for truly I felt a very particular nearness unto him. I stopt here upwards of 3 hours and din'd, then proceeded John Issott setting me on my way about 2 miles and then return'd; from Honley.bridge I came up the valley by Brockholes and Mythombridge to Wooldale were I got about 4 o.clock, and took up my quarters at Henry Swire's. Here I understood they had sent to my house to invite me to the burial; and after Tea I went to see the Widow of the deceased and the Corps, as I apprehended I should not go on before the Meeting in the morning, I sat sometime there, and then return'd to my quarters, were I found Charles Unsworth got here with my Linen, and we were truly glad to meet again.

On 9th.and of 1st. of week it was very Snowy in the morning, but it cleared up and was pretty fine the remainder of the day. They came with the corps in due time to attend the meeting after the interment. The meeting was very large a great concourse of People of other societies attending, so that the Meetinghouse and chamber was pretty well filled, and it proved a solemn meeting, and a time of renewed favour to many. Elizabeth Woodhead said a few words therein first. Afterwards I had a very long testimony to bear from Isai: C. 65. v. 1, 2. I am sought of them that asked not for me; I am found of them that sought me not; I said Behold me, behold me unto a nation that was not called by name. I have spread out my hands all the day unto a rebellious people which walketh in a way that was not good, after their own thoughts. The meeting held upward of 2 hours, after which I took a little refreshment at Henry Swires, and then went to dine at the deceased's house; and after dinner I called upon Charles Unsworth, and we went to John Brooks were we drunk Tea, and tarried until 6 o.clock, then came by Newmill home, were we got betwixt 7 and 8 in the evening.

An Account of my Journey to our Spring Quarterly Meeting held at Leeds; and to Publick Meetings held at Ovenden, and Elland in the 3rd. mo: 1817

I left home ye. 22nd. of ye. 3rd. mo: 1817, and 7th. day of the week betwixt 8 and 9 o.clock in the morning and went by Cumberworth to my Nephew Robert Woods of Moorbottom were I stopt near 2 hours, and before I set out took some refreshment then proceeded by Shelley, Roydhouse, and Briestfield to Dewsbury, got there about 3 o clock in the afternoon, were I stopt and drunk Tea at William Wass's; and after Tea went to George Breareys were I supp'd, but they being repairing their house after supper, I went to John Fozards to sleep were I breakfasted the next morning.

On 23rd and 1st. of week betwixt 8 and 9 o.clock in the morning I set out for Gildersom, Joseph Brearey kindly accompanying me thither, and returned home in the evening. We went by Hangingheaton, Soothill, Howley.hall, and Bruntcliff, and got to Gildersom a little after 10 o.clock were I took up my quarters at Joseph Horsfalls. We attended their meeting which began at 11 o.clock, 32 persons were there besides ourselves, and I was favoured to relieve my mind amongst them in a long testimony 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.

On 24th. and 2nd. of week, after dinner I went to John Ellis's were I spent the afternoon very agreeably, John Bottomley got here to Tea on his way to Leeds, after Tea I returned to my quarters.

On 25th. and 3rd. of week I left here betwixt 8 and 9 o'clock in the morning, and went to Richard Lindsays were I met by appointment with John Bottomley, stopt about 1 hour here, and then we proceeded together to Holbeck near Leeds were we got a little past 11 o'clock, and were I stopt and din'd at Joseph Shackletons; and after dinner went to Jonathan Shackletons where I took up my quarters. At 5 o'clock this evening began our Quarterly Meeting for Ministers and Elders which held 3 hours. We had the company of 1 stranger viz. Isaac Stephenson from the County of Durham. Before the business was entered upon Elizabeth Hoyland had a pretty long encouraging testimony to bear the Queries were then read and answers received from the Meetings of Ministers and Elders in all our Monthly Meetings except Settle where none is held: A general Answer was prepared, approved and Signed and directed to be laid before the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders. And Joseph Tatham, William Alexander, Ann Maud, and Elizabeth Fletcher were appointed to oversee the succeeding meetings and advise as occasion may require. The Advices to Ministers and Elders were also read.

On 26th and 4th. of week, at 10 in the morning was a Meeting for Worship, which altho' mostly select of friends was very large Thomas Shillitoe had a long testimony therein first from Cant: C: 2. v: 15. Take us the foxes, the little foxes, that spoil the vines: for our vines have tender grapes. Esther Clark, and Rachel Watts had each a short time in testimony next, Mordecai Casson a pretty long time next, William Baker short time next, and afterwards Isabella Harris had a pretty long time from Luke C: 5. v. 4, 5. Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a draught. And Simon answering said unto him, Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing; nevertheless, at thy word I will let down the net. At the close of this meeting was held a meeting for discipline, in which amongst other things , the 1st. 3 Queries were read and Answers thereto from all our Monthly Meetings, and general Answers to them were prepared. In an answer to the 2nd. Query account was given that there was some appearance of convincment since last year in Balby, Pontefract, Pickering and Hull Monthly Meetings but only 3 persons had been admitted into membership since last year viz. 1 in Pontefract and 2 in Hull monthly meetings. Both meetings held 3 hours and a half After which I din'd at James Arthingtons and drunk Tea at John Broadheads. At 5 in the evening was another Meeting for discipline. The remainder of the Queries were read and Answers thereto, and general Answers prepared, and the Clerk appointed to prepare a fair copy and produce it at the adjournment of this Meeting. In Answer to the 11th. Query it appeared that the Meeting of Welwick within the compass of Hull Monthly meeting was discontinued since last year A minute was also produced and read from Pickering Monthly Meeting respecting Hannah Hart a ministering friend deceased which was omitted bringing up last year, some other business was gone through, and then the meeting adjourned until next day at 10 in the forenoon, before the business was entered upon John Thistlethwaite had a short testimony to bear.

On 27th. and 5th. of week, at 10 in the forenoon met pursuant to adjournment, George Sanders and Thomas Shillitoe had each a pretty long testimony to bear. The business of the Meeting was then opened, and a great deal was gone thro' in this sitting, and amongst other things. The Committee appointed by this meeting some years ago to visit our Monthly and Preparative meetings, brought in a report that they had compleated the same and an account of their several movement therein was read. Also a fair copy of the Answers to the Queries was produced read approv'd and Signed and directed to be laid before the Yearly Meeting. This meeting held 3 hours and three quarters and then adjourned. At 5 in the evening met pursuant to adjournment, Thomas Wetherald bore a short testimony. The business was then entered upon and amongst other things, The new code of rules respecting removals and settlements sent down by the meeting for Sufferings, to be revised by the Quarterly and Monthly Meetings in order to make any remarks thereupon was read; and the several remarks which

had occurred to friends thereupon. This meeting held 4 hours, in which sitting the business of this quarterly meeting was finished, The whole having been pretty generally agreeably conducted. Having had a prospect of paying a religious visit to the inhabitants of the Township of Ovenden, a part where no friends could remember a meeting of our society being held, and having the unity of friends therewith; I thought I might probably take it before I return'd home, and for that end, immediately after this meeting I went with John Thistletonwaite to his house were I got some refreshment, and then John King and his Wife calling upon me they took me in their carriage by Beeston and Churwell to Bruntcliff were I alighted and walked to Joseph Horsfalls of Gildersom, were I got a little after 11 o'clock, just as the family were going to Bed, and altho' it might appear a little unreasonable I met with a very kind reception.

On 28th. and 6th. of week, I left here about 10 o'clock in the morning, Joseph Horsfall kindly accompanied me about 2 miles and then returned, came by Atherton, Birstall, Gommersall, and Cleckheaton to Robert Englands of Oldfieldnook, were I din'd, and stopt 2 hours and a half and then proceeded by Clifton to Brighouse, got there about 2 o'clock, were I rested me a little at John Coopers, and drunk Tea at Thomas Coopers, and afterwards went to John Kings my usual quarters in these parts.

On 29th. and 7th. of week my beloved friend Charles Unsworth got here betwixt 11 and 12 o'clock in the forenoon with some clean linen for me, and with intent to be my companion throughout the remainder of this journey. A little past 2 o'clock in the afternoon we set out John King taking us in his carriage by Elland, and Salterebble to Halifax were we got about half past 3 o'clock and took up our quarters at Robert Sutcliffes. After Tea John King went to Ovenden to procure a place for the meeting and to order information to be given thereof to the inhabitants, and from thence return'd to his own house, and we took a walk into different parts of the Town, and call'd and sat a little at John Pools, and then return'd to our quarters.

On 30th. and 1st. of week we attended their Meeting at Halifax which began at 11 o'clock some friends from Brighouse were there, on their way to the Meeting at Ovenden, and several were there who have duly attended friends meetings here since I have had the Publick Meetings in this neighbourhood who appear to be under convincement and divers People of other Societies came in so that the less Meetinghouse was well filled; and it proved a time of peculiar favour Mary Cooper had a long testimony to bear therein first from John C:20.v:26. Then came Jesus the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, Peace be unto you. I next 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. Mary Cooper had a short time next from John C: 16. v: 33. In me ye might have peace, in the world ye shall have tribulation. After meeting we din'd and drunk Tea at John Pools, and about 4 o'clock set out for Ovenden 3 miles and a half in company with many friends, we went, and return'd to Brighouse with John King and James Lees in their carriage went by Illingworth to Ovenden were we got just in time to the meeting, and as we rode along it was a beautiful sight to behold the People flocking in every direction towards the place, We put up at the Hare and hounds, and the Meeting began at 5 o'clock, and was held in the Dissenting Methodists Meetinghouse which was very large and would contain as they informed us 2000 People. It was exceedingly crowded, abundance having to stand throughout the time, and the whole behaved remarkably well, many tender well disposed minds were there who were encouraged to hold on their way, and others who had rejected the calls of divine Wisdom were intreated to close in with this renewed visitation of Gods love lest he should cease striving with them and the things that belong to their peace should be forever hid from their eyes. It was a time of eminent favour and many expressed their satisfaction after meeting, and the feeling sense they had of the Lords presence which is the crown and glory of our Assemblies. I had a very long testimony to bear therein first from Prov: C: 3.v: 5, 6. Trust in the Lords with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all they ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. Mary Cooper had a long time next from Acts C: 10. v: 34,35. I perceive that God is no respecter of persons; But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh

righteousness, is accepted with him. I next from Job: C: 21. v: 14. Depart from us; for we desire not the knowledge of thy ways. At the close of the meeting which held about 2 hours, I expressed my obligation to the People for favouring us with their company, concluding with a short exhortation to them, and I believe it was a time that will not soon be forgot by many. After getting some suitable refreshment at the Inn, we set out for Brighouse 8 miles and a half Thomas Cooper and his Wife accompanying us in their Chaise, we had a pleasant moonlight ride by Illingworth, Halifax and Saltberebble to Elland, and after passing this place we was overtaken with a heavy shower but got well to our quarters at Brighouse a little past 10 in the evening.

On 31st. and 2nd. of week. Yesterday after the meeting in Halifax being set alone in a room at John Pools I felt my mind very unexpectedly draw towards the inhabitants of Elland in such a manner as caused me to fear a visit to them might be required of me, which affected me much having always thought it to be an uncommon dark place; however after sometime it was removed and I thot. no more about it until it was again renewed this morning with an apprehension that this evening was the right time to accomplish the visit, which when friends were acquainted with it, they expressed their unity and set out immediately to procure a place and give notice of the meeting to the inhabitants, and Charles Unsworth set out towards home it was a tryal to us both thus to part having fully expected to have his company and assistance home this morning but resignation to the divine will is the only way to peace and this is usually in the way of the cross. In the afternoon I drunk Tea at John Coopers, and a little after 5 o'clock set out for Elland, John King and his Wife taking Mary Cooper and myself with them in their carriage thither and back. We got there just in time to the meeting which began at 6 o'clock, and put up at the Wheat.sheaf. The meeting was held in the Methodists Meetinghouse which is very large and was well filled with People, but it was thot. there was not so many as at Ovenden, the place not being as crowded and altho' I believe there were some well disposed minds attended, yet the generality of the People appeared raw and ignorant of the work of religion, nevertheless it was a satisfactory meeting; The power of Truth solemnizing the minds of the People and many different states were opened and spoke to in the authority thereof, and I believe it was a time of favour unto many, who were called upon to repent, believe and obey the Gospel which is the power of God unto salvation. I had a very long testimony to bear therein first from Luke C: 13. v: 4, 5. Those eighteen upon whom the tower in Siloam fell, and slew them, think ye that they were sinners above all men that dwell in Jerusalem? I tell you Nay; but except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish. Mary Cooper had a short time next from Jam: C: 1. v: 5. If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not. Afterwards I inform'd the People that their behaviour had been to their credit, and our satisfaction, and sundry other matters opening, I stood pretty long and fully relieved my mind, and then saluting them in Gospel love bade them all Farewel. The meeting held upwards of 2 hours. After getting some suitable refreshment at the Inn, we return'd and got to John Kings 2 miles and a half about 10 o'clock.

On 1st. of 4th. mo: and 3rd. of week, after breakfast I went and sat a little at Thomas Darnallys where John King called upon me and took me in his carriage part of the way towards home, before we set out I took a little refreshment. We left here about 10 o'clock, and came by Rastrick to Greenhouse were we stopt about 3 hours and din'd, then proceeded by Huddersfield to Almondbury, were my kind friend John King and me parted, and I found the benefit of his assistance, in walking home; I came by Woodsom.mill, Kirkburton and Shelley to my Nephew Robert Woods of Moorbottom, were I stopt about 1 hour and a half and drunk Tea, and then came by Cumberworth home were I got about 7 o clock in the evening.

An Account of my Journey to Publick Meetings held at Dodworth and Middlestow in the 4th. mo: 1817.

I left home ye. 26th. of ye. 4th. mo: 1817. and 7th day of the week, about 7 o.clock in the morning, and called at Elihu Dickinsons of Highflatts to take leave of his Sisters Ann Dent and Hannah Ellis of Mansfield who was about returning from the burial of his son. I stopt there about 1 hour and then went to Denby, were I called at Joseph Grayhams and stopt about half an hour and then proceeded to Dakinbrook to Cawthorn were I called to pay my rent at Thomas Wests, stopt upwards of 4 hours and din'd, then proceeded; on my way I was led to consider that this day I was 67 years of age, that many of my acquaintance much younger then myself were now mouldering in the silent Grave, and that in a short time according to the course of nature this must be my lot, which raised desires in my mind that my days work might keep pace with the day that so I might be prepared to receive the solemn summons with joy I reached Barnsley betwixt 4 and 5 o.clock and drunk Tea at William Harveys. After Tea George Horbury came in to see me, having a desire to have some conversation with me, he had been at my house this forenoon, and being informed that I was come to Barnsley he followed me hither, he was altogether a stranger to me only I had heard of such a person, he formerly lived at Cudworth and joined the Methodist society when young, and I having a Publick meeting at Burton, he and his Wife attended it, where he was measurably convinced of the Truth as professed by friends and since that time hath mostly attended friends meetings; afterwards he removed from Cudworth to Burton, and hath lately taken a farm at Middlestow where he is now setled. I was pleased with this opportunity with him, believing him to be a valuable man, at parting he told me he was going to stop all night at Cudworth, his Father living there, but intended being here at the meeting tomorrow, and I wished him not to leave until he spoke with me. From hence I went to my valuable friend John Yeardleys were I took up my quarters.

On 27th. and 1st. of week, I attended their forenoon meeting at Barnsley which began at 11 o.clock a pretty many People of other societies came in, and I had a long testimony to bear therein from Isai: C: 35. v. 3,4. Strengthen ye the weak hands, and confirm the feeble knees, say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not, your God will come with vengeance, even God with a recompence, he will come and save you. After meeting I informed George Horbury that I had sometimes looked towards the inhabitants of Middlestow and its vicinity with an apprehension that it might be required of me to pay them a religious visit, and since I came to Barnsley and conversed with him it had come more closely before me accompanied with an apprehension that the time was near for me to perform it, I then enquired of him if there was any place in the village likely to contain the inhabitants he replied his house was the largest room therein and he should be glad to give it up and make all the way in his power for it I told him at present I could not tell the time, but when I saw clearly I would let him know; we then for the present affectionately took leave of each other he setting out for home and I went to dine at Thomas Yeardleys. Having apprehended ever since the last meeting at Dodworth that I should have to pay the inhabitants of that place another visit and having apprehended the right time to be come and having the unity of friends with my concern, after dinner I set out for Dodworth having Robert Harrison for my companion, he and William Taylor having previously procured the place and given notice of the meeting to the inhabitants; we got to John Thornleys Esqr of Dodworth about half past 3 o.clock were we drunk Tea, and met with a very kind reception from this pious family. At 5 in the evening the meeting began and was held in the Methodists Meetinghouse which was extremely crowded and many were obliged to stand without. It was eminently favoured the Truths of the Gospel being largely opened and declared amongst them and many appeared to be deeply affected therewith John Yeardley had a short testimony to bear therein first from Rom: C: 12.v: 1,2. I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy acceptable unto God; which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed into 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. I had a very long time next 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. I was next concerned in Prayer, and at the close of the meeting which held near 3 hours, I expressed our satisfaction with the very commendable behaviour of the People and after a short exhortation informed them the meeting was now over and desired them quietly to withdraw. Thomas Brearey took us and some other friends to his house were we got some suitable refreshment and then set out for Barnsley in company with Samuel Coward, Thomas Yeardley, William Taylor and John Wood, got there about half past 9 o'clock were some of us took a little refreshment at Robert Harrisons, and afterwards John Wood who was this day 21 years of age went with me to my quarters, where he tarried and slept with me.

On 28th. and 2nd. of week, this morning my way clearly opened to have a meeting tomorrow evening at Middlestow and Robert Harrison rode over thither to inform George Horbury and assist him in giving notice thereof to the inhabitants. After breakfast I went a little out of Town to Samuel Cowards of Mount.Osbourn were I stopt until after dinner, and then return'd to Barnsley went and sat a little at George Alletsons and took a glass of wine then went to Frances Yeardleys were I drunk Tea and in my return to my quarters called and sat a little at William Harveys and William Taylors.

On 29th. and 3rd. of week, betwixt 9 and 10 in morning I set out for Middlestow 10 miles, William Taylor accompanied me, we went the foot way to Richard Schorahs of Barguh mill were we stopt upwards of 1 hour and took some refreshment, then proceeded by Darton and up the foot way by the waterside to Haighbridge a very pleasant walk, and from thence to Bretton were we stopt upwards of half an hour at Beaumonts.arms and got some refreshment paid 1/2. Then proceeded, in our way we went through Stonycliff a large Wood it was particularly beautiful travelling through it at this time of the year: We got to George Horburys of Middlestow about 3 o'clock in the afternoon where we was affectionately received and kindly entertained. After Tea his house was fitted up, a suitable Gallery was made and it was compleatly seated with forms and chairs. The meeting began at 6 and the inhabitants of the village and its neighbourhood pretty generally attended to the numbers as was supposed of about 200, none remembering a meeting of our Society here before. The house and a room adjoining which opened into it and which the people generally stood were both very much crowded. The Lords presence eminently overshadowed us, his power was eminently in dominion to the tendering of the spirits of many and I think it may be acknowledged that Truth reigned over all. I had a very 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 Yeardley had a pretty long time next from Isai: C: 21. v: 12. The morning cometh, and also the night: if ye will enquire, enquire ye: return, come. I next from Luke C: 19. v: 5. Zaccheus, make haste, and come down; for to day I must abide at thy house. The meeting held about 2 hours and a half and at the close thereof I had to express our obligation to the People for favouring us with their company, and our satisfaction with their commendable behaviour, and after a short exhortation concluded with saluting them in the fresh flowings of Gospel love, and I bade them all Farewel.

On 30th. and 4th. of week, after breakfast we went to see Dr. John Oldroyd he having kindly invited us the evening before to supper, which we declined but promised to call upon him this morning; he received us very kindly, expressed his great satisfaction with the meeting, and indeed I believe it was a time of extraordinary visitation unto him and many more, whose states were opened and spoke to in the authority of the Gospel. We sat a little and took a glass of wine, and about 9 o'clock left his house William Taylor returning to Barnsley, and I set out for Dewsbury 3 miles, went by Thornhill thither were I got a little past 10 o'clock and took up my quarters at George Breareys of Crackenedge. In the evening I went to see John Fozards and William Wass's sat a little at each place, and then returned to my quarters.

On 1st. of 5th. mo: and 5th. day at 10 o'clock in the forenoon I attended their Week.day meeting in Dewsbury, 14 persons attended besides myself, It was a suffering time to me, the enemy having prevailed over some, whereby a reproach hath been brought upon themselves, and the pure Truth; I had nothing given me to communicate unto them yet was favoured with some openings therein, and had to believe there was a few preserved in this place upon the right foundation. After meeting I din'd at William Wass's, and about half past 1 set out for home, Joseph Brearey accompanied me about 5 miles and then returned, came by Briestfield, Roydhouse and Shelley to my Nephew Robert Woods of Moorbottom were I drunk Tea and stopt near 2 hours and then came home were I got about 8 o.clock in the evening.

An Account of my Journey to a Publick Meeting held at Askron in the 5th. mo: 1817.

On ye. 8th. of ye. 5th. mo: 1817 departed this life Elizabeth Leatham wife of John Leatham of Pontefract, and was buried in friends burial.ground at Pontefract the 14th. of the same and 4th. day of the week, aged about 70 years. I being invited found my mind disposed to attend it, having also had for a considerable time past a prospect of other service in that part, but having been for sometime rather unwel, I apprehended myself not able to walk it, and accordingly borrowed John Mallinsons carriage and took my horse and Charles Unsworth with me to Ackworth. We left home ye. 13th. of ye. 5th. mo: 1817 and 3rd. of week about 12 o.clock at noon, and went by Denby, Dakinbrook, Cawthorne, Kexbro', Darton, Mapplewell, Royston, and Havercroft to Ackworth were we got about half past 4 o.clock and put up at the School, were we met with a very kind reception from the family. In the evening we attended the boys reading, a solemn silence ensued which was closed by a short exhortation I had to communicate.

On 14th. and 4th. of week, Charles Unsworth return,d home with the carriage early this morning and after breakfast I went in company with Leonard West, Isabella Harris and Hannah Whitaker in the School Sociolette to Pontefract, and Robert Whitaker went along with us, we got to John Leathams about half past 9 the time the invitation was to be at his house, and the meeting to begin at 11. After the company had partook of such refreshment as was provided and they chose, the corps was taken up and put into the hearse, and either 12 or 14 carriages of the Relations, Coaches, and Post Chaise, followed the Hearse. The Corps was interred before the meeting, and was surrounded by an immense crowd of spectators; most of the neighbouring Gentry and the high priest of the Town attended the meeting so that the Meetinghouse which was all laid open was crowded and many stood without in the court. When I sat me down in the Gallery and looked over this assembly my spirit was ready to fail me; but the most high was pleased in mercy to look down upon us, and imminently to overshadow us with his presence, so that it proved a very extraordinary meeting, many were much broken and tendered therein, and I believe a precious and powerful visitation was afresh extended to most, and the spirits of all appeared to be solemnized under the baptizing power of Truth. I had a very long testimony to bear therein first 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, and Hezekiah wept sore. Isabella Harris next a long time from Luke C: 14. v: 17. Come; for all things are now ready. I next in prayer and afterwards had to express our satisfaction with the very commendable behaviour of the People, and after a short exhortation saluted them in the fresh flowing of Gospel love and bade them all Farewel. The meeting held upwards of 2 hours and a half. After which iu din'd at John Leathams and spent the afternoon very agreeably with the family and their relations particularly their Nephew Luke Howard from London, whom I had never seen before, who is a valuable friend and an acceptable Minister. After Tea I went to Mary and Elizabeth Johnsons were I lodg'd.

On 15th. and 5th. of week. Our Monthly meeting being to be held here the next second day, and having long had a concern upon my mind to have a Publick meeting at Askron and having liberty from friends to accomplish it when way opened , I thought the next first day appeared to me to be the right time, and Thomas Hague undertook to prepare a place and give notice thereof to the inhabitants; this stop afforded me an opportunity of visiting some of my friends in this part to my satisfaction, and this morning after breakfast, I set out to attend the week day meeting at Ackworth which begins at 10 o.clock I got there a little after friends were collected, towards the close thereof I felt a motion to stand upon my feet, and was enlarged in testimony beyond my expectation from John C: 15. v: 14. Ye are my friends if you do whatsoever I command you. In the afternoon I went to James Harrisons of Hardwick, Robert Whitaker his Wife and daughter were at Tea there and returned in the evening.

On 16th. and 6th. of week I spent the day here, James Harrison being married about two weeks before to Hannah Applegarth of Staindrop in the county of Durham. She being an acquaintance of mine when in the North, I was glad to see her settled within the compass of our Monthly Meeting where I trust she will be of service.

On 17th. and 7th. of week, about 10 in the forenoon I left Hardwick, James Harrison going to Pontefract market took me with him in his carriage we alighted at Mary and Elizabeth Johnsons were we took some refreshment and afterwards went to dine at Barbara Priestmans and in the afternoon I return'd to Mary and Elizabeth Johnsons. After Tea Thomas Hague took me with him in his carriage to his house at Smeaton 6 miles, got there about 6 o.clock were I lodged.

On 18th. and 1st. of week, After breakfast I set out for Askron 3 miles in company with Thomas Hague junr. we had a pleasant walk by Norton thither were we got about 10 o.clock, and took a walk through the village which is pleasantly situated upon the side of a hill commanding a very extensive prospect, close at the foot of the hill is a large Pool of water with a Boat upon it; and nearly adjoining the Pool is the Spaw with a spacious building over it were the People bathe and drink the waters much company of late years resorting hither for that purpose whereby the village is become much changed, two large Inns having been lately built and the houses in general thoroughly repaired for accommodating the company. Friends put up at the White.Swan were I got a cordial having been rather worse this morning. The meeting began at 11 o.clock and was held in a large Barn belonging to William Coe which was well seated and notice thereof having been given not only to the inhabitants of this village and the company who were there, but also to the inhabitants of Campsall, Norton, Sutton and places adjacent, a great concourse People attended so that the Barn was very full, and many had to stand without, but the Gallery being erected to face the door it had a tendency to keep them more quiet, I sat down therein, in very great poverty and weakness; but Truth arising I was strengthened to bear a very long testimony from Luke C: 18. v. 24, 25, 26, 27. How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God? For it is easier for a camel to go through a needles eye than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God. And they that heard it said Who then can be saved? And he said, The things that are impossible with men, are possible with God. Isabella Harris next from Acts C: 26. v. 24, 25. And as he thus spake for himself Festus said with a loud voice, Paul, thou art beside thyself; much learning hath made thee mad. I am not mad, most noble Festus; but speak forth the words of truth and soberness. I had next to express our satisfaction with the very commendable behaviour of the People, and matter unexpectedly opening I had a pretty long testimony to bear from John C: 11. v: 28. The master is come, and calleth for thee, concluding with saluting them in Gospel love and bidding them all Farewel. It was upon the whole a satisfactory, and I believe a profitable meeting unto many, and held near 3 hours. After meeting we din'd at the Inn, and after dinner, I walked alone to Thomas Hagues of Smeaton and it coming on rain in the afternoon and growing heavier towards night, I concluded to stop again otherwise I purposed going to Carlton, and got here about 5 o.clock to Tea.

On 19th. and 2nd. of week, The morning was very fine and after breakfast, Thomas Hague took me in his carriage to Pontefract were we got a little before 10 o.clock, I went to

Ann Harrisons were I took Tea and stopt until the time of the meeting which began at 11. Barbara Priestman had a short testimony therein first. Afterwards I had a pretty long time from Psalms 68. v: 1. Let God arise, let his enemies be scattered; let them also that hate him flee before him. At the close of the meeting for Worship was held our Monthly meeting for discipline, and a great deal of business was before the meeting to day which was very agreeably conducted , amongst other things the friends appointed last month to prepare a Certificate on behalf of Thomas Shillitoe to visit the inhabitants of some parts of Russia produced a rough draught thereof which was read and with some alteration approved, and a friend appointed to produce a fair Copy thereof at our next meeting for signature. Both meetings held upwards of 3 hours and a half. After which I din'd at John Leathams, drunk Tea at James Wighams and lodg'd at Mary and Elizabeth Johnsons.

On 20th. and 3rd. of week, This morning I felt myself in a pretty good condition for walking, my health appearing to be considerably improved since I left home. After breakfast I set out and came to Ackworth, got to the School about 10 o'clock, din'd there and stopt until betwixt 2 and 3 o'clock in the afternoon , and then proceeded on my Journey, my dear friend Robert Whitaker accompanying me about 2 miles, and then return'd, I came by Hemsworth and Brierley to Cudworth were I stopt about 1 hour and a half at Samuel Lavers and drunk Tea, and then he accompanied me by Burton-grange to near Barnsley were we took leave of each other, and I got to my valuable friend John Yeardleys of Barnsley betwixt 8 and 9 o'clock were I lodg'd.

On 21st. and 4th. of week, I purposed returning home this afternoon, but it coming on very wet, I feeling something on my mind towards attending their weekday meeting next day, I concluded to stop; and after dinner went to Frances Yeardleys were I sat a little, and from thence to William Harveys were I drunk Tea, and from thence return'd to my quarters; John Wood that innocent youth came and spent the evening, and stopt all night and slept with me.

On 22nd. and 5th. of week, I attended their week-day meeting which began at 11 o'clock, 21 persons were there besides myself. It was held in silence, and to me in the forepart thereof was dull and heavy, but towards the close a precious solemnity cemented the spirits of a remnant sweetly together. After meeting I din'd at William Taylors and betwixt 2 and 3 o'clock in the afternoon left Barnsley, William Taylor kindly accompanying me and carrying my luggage. We came by Cawthorn to Tivydale were we called at his uncle John Listes's, they were very kind, and invited us to stop Tea, which we complyed with, and tarried upwards of an hour and then proceeded; William Taylor set me about half a mile further and then he return'd, and I came by Dakinbrook and Dykeside to John Bottomleys of Wood were I tarried a little and got home about quarter past 7 o'clock.

An Account of my Journey to a Publick Meeting held at Middopstones in the 6th. mo: 1817.

Having for a considerable time had a concern upon my mind to attend the Week.day meeting at Lumbroyd and to have a Publick meeting with the inhabitants in and about Middopstones, and having the unity of my friends with my concern , and having also a prospect of visiting some of my frds. and acquaintance in that part, and having deliberately considered the same, I thought the time for accomplishing the said visits appeared to me to be at the time when our People was making the annual cleaning of my house: accordingly I left home ye. 4th. of ye. 6th. mo: 1817 and 4th. day of the week, about 8 o.clock in the morning. It was a boisterous day the wind being very high accompanied with heavy showers of rain, I went by Ing. Birchworth to Thurlstone were I rested me a little at William Dickinsons and then went with him to their Week-day meeting at Lumbroyd were 11 persons attended to day besides myself, the meeting began at 10 o clock and held about 2 hours, I was well satisfied with being there, and had a long testimony to bear therein from Psalms 37. v: 25. I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread. After meeting

I went home with my valuable friend, Thomas Earnshaw of Judfield, were I tarried all night. After Tea we took a walk to John Arthington Paynes of Handbank were we stopt betwixt 2 and 3 hours and took a little refreshment. In the course of our visit we fell unintentionally into some conversation respecting a Testimony which we as a People believe we are called faithfully to bear, the propriety of which he reckoned not clearly to see, however we fully explained the matter unto him so as that he made no reply and I hope it may be profitably remembered by him in days that are yet to come.

On 5th. and 5th. of week, I set out about 9 o'clock in the forenoon and went to Sarah Leppingtons of Langsett were I din'd, and after dinner went to Jonathan Brammalls of Swinden were I tarried all night.

On 6th. and 6th. of week, after breakfast I returned to Thomas Earnshaws of Judfield to dinner, called by the way at Sarah Leppingtons of Langsett were I sat near an hour, and then had a pleasant walk down a beautiful valley to Middopstones, and from thence to Thomas Earnshaws of Judfield were I got about 12 o'clock, and were I again took up my quarters. At 6 o'clock this evening I had a Publick meeting at Middopstones, notice thereof being given the day before not only to the inhabitants of that village, but also to Middop, Langsett, Uden and places adjacent. Immediately after Tea Thomas Earnshaw went to prepare the place, and I followed and got there just at the hour appointed: It was held in a School, a Table being placed for the Gallery, and the room well seated, the only inconvenience was the place was too small being only 6 yards long and 4 wide, We sat I think upwards of half an hour in the meeting before any body came to us but after they began to collect the place was quickly filled and very much crowded, and the door being open and the evening fine many stood without, the Priest also of the Chapel in the village attended and all behaved well but I thought they appeared as raw and as ignorant of true spiritual religion as any People I ever sat amongst, yet there were amongst the crowd a few tender minds. The Almighty was graciously pleased in mercy to look down upon us, and I found a concern to stand upon my feet altho' in a state of great weakness; life gradually arose until it came into considerable dominion so as to solemnize the most if not all; and I was strengthened to bear a very long testimony 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, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus.christ. Afterwards I stood up and expressed our satisfaction with the very commendable behaviour of the People, except in not duly observing the hour appointed which I believed was for some time an hurt unto themselves, and to the meeting; as it is the Lords Power alone that can prepare the heart to worship him acceptably; and this is not at man's command, but ought to be humbly waited for in solemn silence; I was then largely opened in shewing the nature of true spiritual Worship, and who only had a right to call God Father, and then had to repeat the Lords prayer and to paraphrase upon it. I stood long and fully relieved my mind amongst them, and after a short pause, saluted them in the fresh flowings of Gospel love, and bade the all Farewel. The meeting held near 3 hours and I felt thankful for the opportunity, and many afterwards expressed to me their satisfaction therewith. I returned immediately after meeting with Thomas Earnshaw to his house.

On 7th. and 7th. of week, Having been previously invited, Thomas Earnshaw and myself went to Henry Jackson Sydney Paynes of Sheephause to Breakfast, and his Father William Payne at present residing with him, and there having lately been a great change taken place in him for the better; being now religiously disposed; we spent a few hours very agreeably there; and left betwixt 11 and 12 o'clock, Thomas Earnshaw set me a little on my way and then return'd home, and I came to Daniel Broadheads of Peniston were I din'd, and after dinner called and sat a little at cousin William Lockwoods, and then came by Ing.Birchworth home, were I got about quarter past 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

An Account of my Journey to General Meeting at Ackworth in the 7th. mo: 1817.

I left home ye. 26th. of ye. 7th. mo: 1817 and 7th. day of the week betwixt 8 and 9 o'clock in the morning and went by Cumberworth to my Nephew Robert Woods of Moorbottom were I stopt about 1 hour and a half, and before I set out took some refreshment; then proceeded by Shelley, Roydhouse and Briestfield to Dewbury, were I got to William Wass's about quarter past 3 o'clock in the afternoon. I stopt here 2 or 3 hours and drunk Tea, and then went to George Breareys were I took my quarters.

On 27th. and 1st. of week, I attended their meetings in Dewsbury, Fore and afternoon, the forenoon meeting began at 10, and the afternoon meeting at 3, 26 person attended the former and 30 the other besides myself; They were dull heavy times, I had silently to view the desolation which an enemy had made amongst a People who had been highly favoured; I was made to believe he had gained entrance amongst them by drawing out their minds after political matters and busying themselves therewith, had been led out of that state of inward watchfulness in which alone preservation is experienced, until other evils had overtaken some, who appeared to have lost the dew of former years, and to sit down at ease in the outward form, yet I believed there were a few preserved who still loved the truth and were concerned humbly to wait for the arisings thereof, altho' under great inward and outward discouragements; the living appearing this day scarcely able to bury the dead, so that I left these meetings with an aching heart, yet peaceful in mind from a clear apprehension I had been preserved in my proper place in silently mourning with those amongst them who were prepared to mourn for the loss others had sustained. I din'd at William Wass's, and drunk Tea at John Fozards, and after Tea returned to my quarters, were I found several friends come in to see me, and we closing in to silence I had a pretty long testimony to bear being opened from Gen: C: 49. v: 18. I have waited for thy salvation, O Lord.

On 28th. and 2nd. of week, I left Dewsbury betwixt 2 and 3 o'clock in the afternoon, George Brearey kindly accompanying me about 1 mile and then return'd, I had a pleasant walk down that beautiful valley through which the river Kalder runs, and went by Horburybridge to Christopher Walkers of Dirtcar, having twice to take shelter a long time from the rain so that it was betwixt 6 and 7 o'clock when I got there were I lodg'd.

On 29th. and 3rd. of week, I left Dirtcar betwixt 8 and 9 o'clock in the morning, and went to Robert Walkers of Milnethorp were I stopt near 2 hours and before I set out took a little refreshment, then proceeded by Sandal, Agbridge, Warmfield and Ackton to Featherstone were I sheltered about an hour and then the rain abating a little, I proceeded to Pontefract were I tarried betwixt 4 and 5 hours and drunk Tea at Mary and Elizabeth Johnsons, it raining heavily all the time, when it abated I proceeded and had a pretty comfortable walk to James Harrisons of East Hardwick were I got betwixt 8 and 9 in the evening and were I took up my quarters during the time of this General meeting.

On 30th. and 4th. of the week, The General Meeting at Ackworth began at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, and I got there just in time. It was opened with a meeting for Worship which was very large, many friends attending from different parts of the nation, and many of other societies came in; so that the Meetinghouse and Loft were very much crowded, and many sat in the two adjoining rooms. It was an highly favoured meeting, the Masters presence eminently overshadowing us to the comforting of many deeply tryed minds. Elizabeth Robson of Sunderland in the county of Durham had a long testimony to bear therein first from John C: 12. v: 26. Where I am there shall also my servant be. Ann Alexander of York next from Gen: C: 28. v: 16, 17. Surely the Lord is in this place and I knew it not. And he was afraid, and said; How dreadful is this place; this is none other but the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven. Jane Doncaster of Sheffield next from Eccle: C: 11. v: 9. Rejoice, O young man, in thy youth; and let thy heart cheer thee in the days of thy youth; and walk in the ways of thy heart, and in the sight of thine eyes; but know thou, that for all these things God will bring thee into judgment. William Baker of Gisbro' Mo. Meeting a pretty long time next from John C: 14. v: 15. If ye love me, keep my commandments. Ann Alexander next in

prayer. Charles Parker next from Yealand in Lancashire, had a pretty long exhortation, and afterwards Joseph John Gurney of Norwich was concerned in Prayer. At the close of this meeting the business was entered upon; the Men and Women friends sitting together until the Representatives names were read, and a little more business was gone thro'; and then the Women by minute were ordered to withdraw and enter upon that part of the business which properly belonged to them; and the men proceeded with theirs. A large Committee was appointed and divided into 8 different classes to examine the Boys in the state of their learning, the Boys having been previously classed into the like number, and the said Committee was directed to meet altogether the next day at 12 o clock, and produce an account of the state of the childrens learning in the different classes, and Prepare a general report thereof to be laid before the adjournment of this meeting. Some other business was gone thro' and then the meeting adjourn'd until next day at 4 o clock in the afternoon. Both meetings held upwards of 3 hours and a half. After which I din'd at Joseph Johnsons. At half past 3 in the afternoon the classes met to examine the Boys, and I being in the 8th. class we met in the Meetinghouse. The Boys were called up one by one and stood before us whilst such questions were proposed unto them for to answer as the committee thought proper, a specimen of their writing was also produced, and their accompts Book; when we had proceeded in the examination about 2 hours and a half we adjourn'd until 7 o clock next morning. After which I drunk Tea at the School, and in my return to my quarters called and sat a little at Robert Grahams, and at Joseph Johnsons.

On 31st. and 5th. of week, The classes met at 7 o.clock this morning, and proceeded in the examination, broke of to breakfast, and met again at 9, and finished about 11, I did not attend the examinations this morning not having been in a good state of health for sometime past, but got to Ackworth when they was about concluding. At 12 the classes all met together when their separate remarks made upon the state of the Boys learning were read, and a general report prepared therefrom and approved to lay before the adjournment of the General Meeting. This sitting held upwards of 2 hours. After which I din'd at the School, and before we arose from the Table, Ann Alexander had a long testimony to bear from Hos: C: 2. v. 14, 15. I will allure her, and bring her into the wilderness, and speak comfortably unto her. And I will give her her vineyards from thence, and the valley of Achor for a door of hope. At 4 o. clock the General Meeting met pursuant to adjournment. The Committee directed to chuse a friend for Clerk, proposed Joseph John Gurney of Norwich continuance for another year, who was acceptable to the meeting and appointed accordingly. The Committee for the present year was also proposed, approved, and appointed, and the report of the state of the Boys learning was read which was generally satisfactory. Some other business was gone thro' and then the Women friends were requested to attend, who brought in their report of the state of the childrens learning viz. the Girls, and the good order in which the several departments of the house were kept which were read and minuted, and the meetings satisfaction therewith. A time of solemn Worship then ensued, in which Ann Alexander had a pretty long testimony to bear first from Gen: C: 21. v: 10. Cast out this bond woman and her son; for the son of this bond woman shall not be heir with my son, even with Isaac. Elizabeth Robson had a long time next from Luke C: 9. v: 62. No man having put his hand to the plough, and looking back is fit for the kingdom. After which William Singleton of Sheffield Mg. and Joseph John Gurney had each of them a few words. This meeting held near 2 hours, After it I found myself very unwell, and went into Robert Grahams his Wife was affectionately kind to me, and prepared me a comfortable cordial, but not feeling much better, I return'd to my quarters, and in the evening I found myself relieved.

On 1st. of 8th. mo: and 6th. of week. This day I spent mostly at my quarters, having the acceptable company of Samuel Stephenson and Elizabeth Robson his Sister from the County of Durham and Isabella Harris. Elizabeth Robson being under a concern to have a Publick meeting this evening at Ackworth, I felt so much unity with her therein as to induce me to believe it was my duty to attend it. After Tea we all went to Ackworth, The meeting began at 7 o.clock in the evening and held 2 hours and a half, and notice having been fully given to the

inhabitants of this village and Hardwick it was very large, and eminently favoured Truth and its testimony being exalted, and the still solid behaviour of the People was very satisfactory. I had a pretty 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. Elizabeth Robson had a very long time next from John: C: 6. v: 35. Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life, he that cometh to me shall never hunger, and he that believeth on me shall never thirst. I had a long time next from Luke C: 10. v: 41, 42. Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things; But one thing is needful; and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her. Isabella Harris next in Prayer, and after a short time in silence Elizabeth Robson was concerned in Prayer. After meeting I went to the School were I lodg'd. At the table before supper Joseph John Gurney was concerned in supplication.

On 2nd. and 7th. of week, In the morning I took leave of many dear friends, and left Ackworth betwixt 9 and 10 o'clock in the forenoon, and came by Hemsworth and Brierley to Cudworth were I din'd at Samuel Lavers, stopt 1 hour and the came by Burton.grange to Barnsley, were I got betwixt 3 and 4 o'clock in the afternoon, and took up my quarters at John Yeardleys After Tea I went and sat a little at Thomas Yeardleys and at Frances Yeardleys and then return'd to my quarters.

On 3rd. and 1st. of week, I attended their meetings, Fore and afternoon. The forenoon meeting began at 11 o'clock, it was a very exercising time to me, having hard labour amongst them but was enabled to relieve my mind in very close doctrine to some, having a long testimony to bear therein first from Eccle: C: 9. v: 18. Wisdom is better than weapons of war: but one sinner destroyeth much good. and afterwards I had a short time from Jos: C: 7. v: 13. There is an accursed thing in the midst of thee, O, Israel; thou canst not stand before thine enemies, until ye take away the accursed thing from among you. Betwixt meetings John Sutcliffe of Dodworth came to see me, he is a well disposed man, and a particular acquaintance of Charles Unsworth they having had frequent opportunities of religious conversation together. I was well satisfied with his company believing he is enquiring the way to the kingdom with his face thitherward. The afternoon meeting began at 5 and altho' it was not so large as the former it was more open and satisfactory, things opening in an encouraging manner to the rightly exercised. John Yeardley had a short testimony to bear therein first from Heb: C: 3. v: 12. Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God. Afterwards I had two long times, the first from Prov: C: 9. v: 1. Wisdom hath builded her house, she hath hewn out her seven pillars, and the other from Cant: C: 2. v: 16. My beloved is mine, and I am his; he feedeth among the lillies. After meeting I took a little refreshment with Robert Harrison and supp'd at William Harveys.

On 4th. and 2nd. of week in the forenoon I went to see Susanna Alletson sat a little and took a glass of wine. In the afternoon I left Barnsley about 2 o clock and came to Cawthorn were I stopt betwixt 3 and 4 hours and drunk Tea at Thomas Wests then came by Gunthwaite and Denby home were I got about 9 o.clock in the evening.

Account of my Journey to a Publick Meeting held at Cudworth in the 8th. Mo. 1817.

I left home ye. 17th. of ye. 8th. Mo. 1817. and 1st. day of the week betwixt 9 and 10 o'clock in the morning my esteemed friend and servant Charles Unsworth accompanying me. We went by Denby and Gunthwaite to Richard Priests of Broadoak were we stopt upwards of 2 hours and din'd, then proceeded Nathaniel Priest accompanying us, by Elmhurst and Bankshall to Silkstone, and being very unwel in my Bowels, we called there at the Inn kept by Thomas Shaw, to get a little Brandy and water, and my companions got a Pint of Ale. I paid 11d for

both, we stopt near half an hour and then proceeded Charles Unsworth and me to Dodworth were we called ato see John Sutcliffe, but he was gone from home, so that we proceeded immediately to Barnsley were we got to Thomas Yeardleys a little before 4 o clock and drunk Tea there. The afternoon meeting began at 6 o.clock. It was considerably enlarged by friends who was come to attend the Monthly Meeting to be held here the next day; and a pretty many People of other Societies came in. I had a long testimony to bear therein first from Gal: C: 2. v: 20. I am crucified with christ; nevertheless I live; yet not I, but christ liveth in me, and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the son of God. James Harrison had a short time next, and afterwards I had a pretty long time from 2 Tim: C: 4. v: 2. Preach the word. After meeting we went to Robert Harrisons, were I took a little suitable refreshment and then we went to my usual quarters at John Yeardleys.

On 18th. and 2nd. of week, we breakfasted at William Harveys, at 11 o'clock the meeting for worship began, There was a pretty large appearance of friends and a few People of other Societies came in. It was rather a lowish time, Martha Dickinson and Elizabeth Preston each of them said a few words therein first. I had a pretty long time next from Matt: C: 12. v: 30. He that gathereth not with me, scattereth abroad. Afterwards Elizabeth Preston said a few words. At the close of this meeting was our Monthly meeting for discipline. John Firth junr. of Wooldale Mg. and Mary Dickinson of Highflatts Mg. laid before us their intentions of taking each other in marriage. The general advices were also read. And I informed friends of a concern that had been for sometime on my mind to pay a religious visit to the inhabitants of Cudworth, and that if the meeting had unity therewith, I might probably accomplish the same tomorrow evening; after solid consideration the meeting left me at my liberty. A great deal more business was before the meeting, and one case in which there was a difference of sentiments amongst friends which took up a deal of time and caused much painful exercise unto the rightly exercised but through much painful, patient deep wading, Truth got the victory. I have oftens lamented the multiplying of words without Life in our Meetings for discipline, and evil which the church labours under to the wounding of the cause of Truth, and the spirits of the faithful; Man supposing that he can do the Lords work in the same spirit in which he transacts his outward affairs, this is the foolish woman, who under the pretence of building is pulling down what the wise in heart are concerned to build. The meeting held 4 hours and a half. After which we din'd at Robert Harrisons, and after dinner Charles Unsworth took leave of me and set out towards home, and I went to William Harveys to Tea, and in my return to my quarters I called to see Susanna Alletson were I sat a little and took a glass of wine.

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Thomas Yeardley went over to Cudworth to prepare the place for the meeting; William Taylor and Robert Harrison having been the evening before to procure it and give information thereof to the inhabitants; and betwixt 2 and 3 o'clock I set out for there in company with John Yeardley, the day being fine we had a pleasant walk by Burton.grange to Cudworth, got there to our friend Samuel Lavers a little before 4 o'clock were we drunk Tea, and was very kindly entertained. The meeting began at 6 in the evening and was held in a Barn belonging to John Bamford which he freely offered for the service, after friends were refused the use of the Methodists Meetinghouse, through the influence of Joseph Stocks of Barnsley who is one of the Trustees and a zealous bigot, altho' it was to the great grief of most of the society there. The barn was compleatly fitted up with seats and a good Gallery erected; the inhabitants of the village attended as fully as they could, and many came from Neighbouring places, so that it was supposed betwixt 3 and 400 persons duly collected together, a precious solemnity mercifully overshadowed the assembly, many were much broken and tendered, and a time of solemn worship I believe many was favoured to experience and the praise thereof was rendered unto him from whom all our blessings do flow. I was first concerned therein in supplication, next had a very long testimony to bear from John C: 8. v: 12. I am the light of the world, he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life. Afterwards I had a long time from 1 Chron: C: 14. v: 15. 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. James Harrison informed the People when the meeting was over; desiring

them quietly to withdraw. Immediately I felt concerned to stand up, and commend the People for their good behaviour, withal desiring that as the Lord had been pleased to give the word, it might have its due course in each of our minds, and his great name might be glorified; concluding with saluting them in Gospel love, and bade them all Farewel. The meeting held near 2 hours and a half; after which John Bamford kindly invited us to his house, were we was generously entertained with what was necessary for our present refreshment. James Arthington Wilson having procured a covered cart and sent it with his horse to convey three Women friends hither and back viz. Frances Yeardley, and the two Elizabeth Yeardleys; I return'd with them therein, and James Atkinson his servant was our driver who I believe is a religiously disposed man, for as I sat by him in the carriage my mind was sweetly comforted. We went by Burton to Barnsley 3 miles, were we got betwixt 10 and 11 o'clock at night.

On 20th. and 4th. of week, In the forenoon I took leave of many friends at their houses and din'd at Thomas Yeardleys, left Barnsley a little after 1 o'clock, William Taylor setting me on my way about 1 mile and then returned. It was a Showery afternoon which made the roads much more difficult for me, I came by Cawthorn to Ellin Waltons were I rested me, and then came by Dakinbrook and Dykeside to John Bottomleys of Wood were I stopt upwards of an hour and drunk Tea, and got home betwixt 7 and 8 o'clock in the evening.

An Account of my Journey to Brighouse Monthly Meeting held at Brighouse in the 10th. Mo. 1817.

Having had it upon my mind for sometime to attend the Monthly Meeting to be held at Brighouse in the 10th. mo: of this year, but having been unwel for sometime I felt discouraged and gave up entirely the thoughts of it: But when the time came I could not feel easy without attempting to accomplish it and was favoured with strength to perform it far beyond my expectation, returning home better than when I set out. I left home ye. 16th. of ye. 10th. mo: 1817 and 5th. day of the week betwixt 8 and 9 o'clock in the morning, stopt some time at John Haighs of Shepley and took a little refreshment then proceeded by Woodsommill, Almondbury and Huddersfield to Mary Horsfalls of Greenhouse, were I stopt about 2 hours and din'd, then went by Netherroyd.hill and Rastrick to Brighouse were I got betwixt 4 and 5 o'clock and took up my quarters at John Kings. In the evening I went and sat a little at James Lees's and then return'd.

On 17th. and 6th. of week, the meeting for worship began at 11 o'clock. The Meetinghouse was pretty well filled with friends, and a few of other societies attended. I had a long testimony to bear therein first from Rom: C: 8. v: 14. As many as are led by the spirit of God, they are the sons of God. Hannah Broadhead had a short time next from John C: 12. v: 36. While ye have the light, believe in the light, that ye may be the children of light. Mary Cooper a pretty long time next from Luke C: 23. v: 44. And there was darkness over all the earth. At the close of this meeting was held their meeting for discipline which monthly meeting consists of 5 Preparative meetings viz. Leeds, Bradford, Brighouse, Huddersfield and Gildersome. Amongst other business before them today, Sarah Hustler who had had a Minute from this meeting in the last 8 months to attend the Half Yearly meeting in Scotland or any other religious service which might open in that part, return'd the same, accompanied with a letter expressing she had gone thro' the service she had in prospect to her own satisfaction, feeling the reward of peace in giving up thereto. In her return she was taken ill at Maryport in Cumberland from whence the letter was dated, but was now in an hopeful way of recovery. Also Joseph Heighington and Grace Walker both of Leeds Mg. and Joseph Whalley of Huddersfield Mg. and Margaret Shield of Leeds Mg. were cleared from all other engagements relating to marriage, and left at liberty to accomplish theirs when they and Leeds friends saw meet. Both meetings held upwards of 4 hours. This evening I supp'd at Thomas Coopers.

On 18th. and 7th. of week, finding myself better with traveling I was encouraged to proceed to our Monthly Meeting to be held at Barnsley next 2nd. day, and accordingly took leave of John Kings and went to James Lees's to breakfast he intending to accompany me a few miles. Whilst at breakfast it came on heavy rain and when it was over my kind friend John King was waiting with his carriage at the door to help me a little on my way thinking as the distance was 20 miles and the rain coming on I should hardly be able to get through on foot. We left Brighouse betwixt 8 and 9 o'clock, and soon after we got out of the village it cleared up and was a fine day; went by Colnbridge, Cockley.hill near Whitley.hall on to Grange.moor about 9 miles were my kind friend John King set me down and return'd and I proceeded by Flockton and Midgley to Bretton were I din'd at Beaumonts.arms paid 2s eating and liquor stopt upwards of 2 hours, and then had a very agreeable walk by Darton to Barnsley, feeling the sweet reward of peace to flow from this little act of obedience to apprehended duty. I got to Barnsley a little after 5 o'clock were I drunk Tea at Thomas Yeardleys, and afterwards went to my quarters at John Yeardleys were I met with Charles Unsworth who had brought me some clean linen.

On 19th. and 1st. of week, The forenoon meeting in Barnsley began at 11 o .clock, it was large open and satisfactory a pretty many sober People of other societies attending. I had a very long testimony to bear therein first from Rom: C: 11. v. 20, 21. Because of unbelief they were broken off and thou standest by faith, be not high minded, but fear. For if God spared not the natural branches, take heed lest he also spare not thee. I was next concerned in Prayer and afterwards had a pretty long testimony from 2 Sam: C: 22. v: 30. By thee I have run through a troop: by my God have I leaped over a wall. At the close of this meeting the business of their Preparative meeting was gone thro'. In my return to my quarters I took a little suitable refreshment at Thomas Yeardleys. After dinner my beloved frd. Charles Unsworth set out for home, to set William Taylor at liberty to come tomorrow. The afternoon meeting began at 6 o.clock, it was very large many more friends being there who were come to attend the Monthly meeting to be held here tomorrow, and a great many People of other Societies came in so that the Meetinghouse was well filled and it proved a time of renewed favour to the tendering of many minds. James Harrison had a pretty long time in testimony therein first from Isai: C: 1. v: 19. If ye be willing and obedient ye shall eat the good of the land. Afterwards I had a long time from Rom: C: 6. v: 23. The wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. After meeting I got a little refreshment at Robert Harrisons and then return'd to my quarters.

On 20th. and 2nd. of week, After Breakfast I went and sat a little at Frances Yeardleys and before I left took some refreshment. The meeting for Worship began at 11 o.clock, it was pretty large of friends and a few of other societies came in Elizabeth Woodhead appeared first therein in testimony, and afterwards in supplication. After which Barbara Priestman stood a pretty long time. A dry wind from the wilderness hurt this meeting. The faithful suffered under it, the stone remaining upon the wells mouth the poor of the flock could not be watered. At the close of the meeting our Monthly meeting for discipline was held. In the course of the business thereof, I spread a concern before friends which had been long on my mind to pay a religious visit to the meetings in Knaresborough Monthly Meeting, and a few adjacent meetings, also to have a few Publick meetings with People of other societies in those parts: After solid and weighty consideration and many friends expressing their unity therewith, and some droping the language of encouragement to me; The meeting issued a minute of their unity and concurrence and directed the clerk to give me a copy thereof. Both meetings held near 5 hours. After which I din'd and drunk Tea at Robert Harrisons, having the company of Joseph Pickering of Dodworth with which I was well pleased having felt a desire upon my mind for sometime to have such an opportunity with him. He set out for home about 6 o.clock, and in my return to my quarters I called upon Susanna Alletson were I sat a little and took a glass of wine, dear John Wood came to spend the evening with me at my quarters, were he tarried all night and slept with me.

On 21st. and 3rd. of week, I went and sat a little after breakfast at Thomas Yeardleys, and about 10 o'clock in the forenoon I left Barnsley, James Arthington Wilson kindly accompanied me to near Cawthorn and then returned, I called at Thomas Wests were I stopt about 1 hour and a half and din'd then came to Ellin Waltons were I sat sometime and then proceeded, soon after I left there it began to rain and continued all the way home, I came by Dakinbrook and Dikeside to John Bottomleys of Wood were I stopt about 1 hour and a half and drunk Tea, then came home, were I got about half past 5 o'clock

An Account of my Journey on a religious visit to the Meetings of friends in Knaresborough Monthly Meeting, and a few adjacent Meetings. also to Public Meetings held at Otley, Croshills in Glusburn, Addingham, and Knaresborough in the 11th. month 1817.

In the 10th. mo: 1817, I spread my concern before the friends of our Monthly meeting for their unity and approbation in the performance of the said visit, and received the following Minute therefrom viz.

Minute of Pontefract Monthly Meeting held at Barnsley, 20th. of 10th. Mo. 1817

"Our esteemed Friend Joseph Wood, hath laid before this Meeting a prospect, which for sometime, hath attended his mind, to pay a religious visit to the Meetings of Friends within Knaresborough Monthly Meeting, and to a few other Meetings in adjacent places, also to hold some Publick meetings in the same part with those not professing with us. After solid consideration of the subject, this meeting feels unity with the friend in his prospect, and expresses he is a Minister in good esteem among us; and we leave him at liberty to proceed in the service as way may open. The Clerk is desired to give Joseph Wood a copy of this Minute"

A true Copy, - Robert Whitaker, Clerk at this time.

I left home ye. 1st. of the 11th. mo: 1817, and 7th. day of the week about 8 o'clock in the morning. Charles Unsworth accompanying me to Halifax to carry my luggage, we went to Joseph Hinchcliffs of Whinney were we stopt about half an hour and then proceeded by Woodsommill, Almonbury and Huddersfield to Mary Horsfalls of Greenhouse were we stopt about 2 hours and three quarters and din'd, then proceeded by Netherroyd hill and Rastrick to Brighouse were we got betwixt 3 and 4 o'clock and drunk Tea at James Lees's. Afterwards we proceeded to John Kings were we lodged. Soon after we got in James Harrison came, he had the approbation of our Monthly Mg. to accompany and assist me in this journey, and he conveyed me in his carriage, and proved a very acceptable companion to me.

On 2nd. and 1st. of week about 9 o'clock in the morning we set out for Halifax, John King and James Lees accompanying us thither, Charles Unsworth and me going with James Lees in their carriage, and John King with my companion in his. We went by Cromblebottom, Elland and Saltberebble to Halifax got there about half past 10, and took up our quarters at Robert Sutcliffs. The meeting began at 11 many sober People of other societies attended so that the less Meetinghouse was well filled, amongst the number Samuel Hill was there, and spent the remainder of the day with us and we were much pleased with his company. The meeting proved a time of extraordinary favour, a time which I hope will belong profitably remembered by some. I had a very long testimony to bear therein from Luke C: 12. v: 37. Blessed are those servants to whom the Lord when he cometh shall find watching; verily I say unto you that he shall gird himself, and make them to sit down to meat, and will come forth and serve them. Afterwards I was concerned in Prayer. This afternoon we drunk Tea at John Pools, and after Tea we took leave of many kind friends. I set my dear friend Samuel Hill out of town were we took a very affectionate Farewel of each other, and then I return'd to my quarters.

On 3rd. and 2nd. of week, about 8 o'clock in the morning, we set out for Bradford 8 miles, John Pool being our guide and his Wife accompanying us, we got there a betwixt 10 and 11 o'clock and took up our quarters at William Mauds. The meeting began at 11, The minds of friends appeared to be generally covered with that sorrow which might indeed be felt upon the account of the removal of our valuable friend Sarah Hustler of this meeting, who was taken ill at the close of a religious visit at Maryport in Cumberland, and after a few weeks sickness died there the 26th. of ye. 10th. mo: 1817 in the 53rd. year of her age: her remains were brought to Bradford, and interred here yesterday ye. 2nd. of ye. 11th. mo: This prevented many of her near relatives from being at the meeting today on account of being engaged with some of their friends leaving to return home, others who had been at the burial came to the meeting to day which enlarged it a little. I had a long testimony to bear therein first from Jer: C: 22. v: 10. Weep ye not for the dead, neither bemoan him; but weep sore for him that goeth away; for he shall return no more. Afterward James Harrison had a short time from 2 Cor: C: 9. v: 15. Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift. After meeting I went to see the grave of our dear deceased friend Sarah Hustler and as I stood by it I had to mourn the loss the society had sustained in the removal of this devoted servant of Jesus.christ. This afternoon we drunk Tea at Barbara Hoylands.

On 4th. and 3rd. of week, in the morning I went and sat a little at my cousin Mary Smiths, and afterwards at Barbara Hoylands. About 10 o'clock in the forenoon we set out for Rawden 6 miles, Thomas Benson being our guide called at John Hustlers of Undercliff to see and take leave of the near Relatives of our deceased friend, with whom we felt much sympathy in this time of deep affliction. We got to Rawden about 12 o'clock were we took up our quarters at Richard Thompsonsons.

On 5th. and 4th. of week, we breakfasted at Jonas Thompsons and at 10 o'clock had a meeting at Rawden which was large and consisted principally of friends and mostly of the younger sort whose appearance was generally consistant with our religious profession. Various states were opened and spoke to in the authority of the gospel, I having a very long testimony to bear therein, being opened from Prov: C: 30. v: 26. The conies are but a feeble folk, yet make they their houses in the rocks. Afterwards Catharine Theaker dropt a few words in Prayer. About quarter before 3 in the afternoon we set out for Otley 4 miles Richard Thompson being our guide, reached there in about 1 hour, and took up our quarters at the White.horse. At 6 in the evening we had a Publick Meeting held in the Methodists Meetinghouse, which we understood would seat about 1000 People, it was pretty well filled but not crowded, and it proved a memorable time of divine favour. James Harrison had a short testimony to bear therein first 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 as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. I had a very long time next from 2 Cor: C: 4. v: 6, 7. 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. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the Power may be of God, and not of us. Afterwards I was concerned in Prayer, and at the close of the meeting which held upwards of 2 hours and a quarter, I had to commend the People for their good behaviour and after a short exhortation, saluted them in gospel love, and bade them all Farewel. After the friends of Rawden meeting had left us and returned home, Thomas Rhodes came and kindly kept us company until bed time.

On 6th. and 5th. of week, about half past 8 in the morning we set out for Addingham 9 miles, William Hustler of Rawden Meeting called upon us to be our guide, we reached there about half past 10, and took up our quarters at Joseph Smiths. Farfield meeting hath been for sometime past held in this village for the greater convenience of friends in a room which they have taken and fitted up for the purpose and began this day at 11 o'clock, 17 friends attended, when I thus mention the number at any meeting I reckon all but myself and companion. I thot. This meeting a favoured one, a renewed visitation being extended and more particularly to some of the youth, James Harrison had a short testimony to bear therein first from 1 Thes: C: 5. v: 19, 20. Quench not the spirit. Despise not prophesyings. Afterwards I had a pretty

long time from Cant: C: 8. v. 8, 9. We have a little sister, and she hath no breasts; what shall we do for our sister in the day that she shall be spoken for? If she be a wall, we will build upon her a palace of silver; and if she be a door, we will inclose her with boards of cedar.

On 7th. and 6th. of week, about 9 in the morning we set out for Skipton 6 miles and a half Ebenezar Lister being our guide. At the same time Joseph Smith junr. an hopeful youth in the 23rd. year of his age who felt very near unto us, set out for Kildwick to appoint a Publick meeting to be held this evening. I having felt drawings in my mind for a considerable time past to pay a religious visit to the inhabitants of that Parish, he with the assistance of John Stansfield a friend who is lately married and settled in that neighbourhood procured a place at Crosshills in Glusburn, being the most central for the inhabitants, and gave notice thereof to the surrounding villages and places adjacent. We got to Skipton about half past 10 and took up our quarters at David Binns's. The meeting began at 11, and 51 persons attended, 1 of whom appeared not to profess with us. I had two long testimonies to bear therein the first from 2 Cor: C: 6. v. 1, 2. We then, as workers together with him, beseech you also that ye recieve 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. And the other 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. Afterwards I had a pretty long exhortation, and I was favoured to leave fully relieved in mind, and believe it was a profitable meeting unto some. We left Skipton about 3 o'clock in the afternoon for Crosshills 5 miles. James Binns being our guide, got to John Stansfields of Greenhill adjoining the said village a little after 5 were we took up our quarters. The meeting began at 6 and was held in the Methodists Meetinghouse, and it was supposed upwards of 800 People attended, and many was prevented who would have liked to have been there. It being the dark of the moon and rather a wetish evening. It was a glorious meeting, Truth being in great dominion and the testimony thereof exalted. James Harrison had a pretty long testimony to bear therein first from Isai: C: 30. v: 15. In quietness and in confidence shall be your strength. I had a very long time next from Matt: C: 22. v: 14. Many are called but few are chosen. James Harrison a pretty long time next 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. Afterwards I had to express our satisfaction with the very commendable behaviour of the People, and after a short exhortation, succeeded by a solemn pause informed them the meeting was over and affectionately bade them Farewel. It held upward of 2 hours, dear Joseph Smith continued with us from here until we return'd to Addingham, his company was particularly acceptable and useful to us, and I hope the journey was profitable unto him, he being I am fully persuaded under a precious visitation of divine love, and if faithful and obedient to further manifestations will be prepared for usefulness in his day.

On 8th. and 7th. of week, a little after 2 o'clock in the afternoon we set out for Lothersdale 3 miles, Slater Stansfield came here to meet us and conducted us to his house at Dale-end in Lothersdale, were we got about 3 and were we took up our quarters.

On 9th. and 1st. of week we were at Lothersdale meeting which began at 11 o'clock. There are a considerable number who profess with us attend this meeting, and it being their Preparative meeting to day the few friends of Salterforth meeting attended, and many of their neighbours without invitation came in, also abundance of People from a considerable distance who had been at the meeting at Crosshills, so that the Meetinghouse both below and above stairs with the alleys, was very much crowded, and it proved a time of renewed favour unto many. I was first concerned therein in supplication, and next had a long testimony to bear from Cant: C: 4. v: 12. A garden inclosed is my sister, my spouse a spring shut up, a fountain sealed. James Harrison had a pretty long time next from Psalms.12.v: 5. For the oppression of the poor, for the sighing of the needy, now will I arise, saith the Lord. Afterwards he had a short time from 1 Cor: C: 4. v: 15. I have begotten you through the gospel. At the close of the meeting he commended the People for their good behaviour except an individual unto whom he gave a seasonable reproof, and concluded with a short exhortation. At the close of

this Meeting the business of their Preparative meeting was gone through amongst other things my Minute was read and minuted and the meetings satisfaction with our company and services amongst them. Both meetings held near 3 hours. About half past 3 o'clock we set out for Addingham 9 miles the way we went, Thomas Box was our guide to Otley, we reached Addingham to our former quarters a little before 6 in the evening where we met with a kind reception.

On 10th. and 2nd. of week, about half past 8 o'clock in the morning we set out for Otley in company with several friends who were going to attend their Monthly Meeting to be held there to day, we reached Otley about half past 10 and took up our quarters at Thomas Rhodes's, he having previously engaged us to do so. The Meeting for worship began at 11 o'clock, and a considerable number of friends were collected. Various states were opened and spoke to and I believe it was a profitable time unto many. I had a pretty long testimony to bear therein first from Isai: C: 28. v: 6. A spirit of judgment to him that sitteth in judgment, and for strength to them that turn the battle to the gate. James Harrison next from Lam: C: 1. v: 2. The ways of zion do mourn. I next from Gen: C: 42. v: 1, 2. Why do ye look one upon another? And he said, Behold I have heard that there is corn in Egypt: get ye down thither, and buy us for from thence, that we may live, and not die. James Harrison next from Psalms 40. v. 1,2. 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. Afterwards Sarah Marshal dropt a few words. At the close of this meeting was held the meeting for discipline which now consists of only 4 Preparative meetings viz. (Netherdale and Knaresborough,) (Rawden and Otley) Skipton, and Farfield. There was not much business before the meeting to day, amongst other matters my Minute was read, and minuted, and the meetings satisfaction expressed therein with our company and services amongst them. Both meetings held upwards of 3 hours. Not feeling our minds clear of the inhabitants of Addingham we concluded to return thither, and have a Publick Meeting in the village tomorrow morning, and accordingly went back with Joseph Smith and his daughter; we left Otley about half past 4 and got to his house about 6 in the evening.

On 11th. and 3rd. of week, This afternoon we drunk Tea at George Scots. The meeting began at 6 in the evening, and was held in the Methodists Meetinghouse. The people was nearly one hour in gathering, which hurt themselves and the meeting very much, before they was fully collected I found a concern to stand up, and altho' I had hard labour in a plain and close testimony, yet Truth gradually arose and the power thereof appeared to solemnize every mind; and I was strengthened to bear testimony amongst them for upwards of one hour from Heb: C: 4. v: 2. The word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it. At the close of the meeting which held upwards of 2 hours and a quarter, I had to commend the people for the solidity of their behaviour after they were collected together, and after a short exhortation to them, I informed them the meeting was now over, and requested them quietly to withdraw, which was duly observed. It was supposed above 400 persons were there and altho'; the forepart of the meeting was very discouraging the latter part was very satisfactory, Truth reigning overall. To this meeting came John and James Lunn two young men and Brothers who are under convincement and attend Skipton Meeting. I had a little of their company after meeting at Joseph Smiths he kindly inviting them to take some refreshment with him. I was pleased with the opportunity feeling a nearness unto them, more particularly to James Lunn the younger Brother whom I had observed at some Meetings before, and who I understand had applyed to be admitted a member of our society, we parted from each other in great tenderness, and nearness of affection. They came 8 miles to this meeting and returned the same evening being the dark of the moon, an instance of zeal I thought worthy of remarking in this day of ease and indifference of mind, when many can stop at home for a little wet or cold weather whose habitations are near the meeting.

On 12th. and 4th. of week about half past 8 in the morning we set out for Netherdale meeting 15 miles dear Joseph Smith junr. being our guide; got to Robert Walkers of Darley a little after 12 o'clock where we din'd and from thence went about half a mile to their meeting

which began at 3, 22 persons attended, one of which did not profess with us. I had a pretty long testimony to bear therein from Luke C: 12. v. 42, 43. Who then is that faithful and wise steward, whom the Lord shall make ruler over his household, to give them their portion of meat in due season? Blessed is that servant whom his Lord when he cometh shall find so doing. and I was favoured to leave in Peace. After meeting we went about 2 miles to the Widow Ann Spence's of Birstwith got there about half past 5 were we took up our quarters.

On 13th. and 5th. of week, In the forenoon we parted with our kind friend Joseph Smith junr. in much affection he returning home, and we went to Joseph Spences to dine, about 1 o'clock we left Birstwith for Knaresborough 9 miles were a Publick meeting was appointed to be held this evening; Edward Spence was our guide, we went by Ripley and got to Knaresborough about half past 3 were we took up our quarters at Robert Bainbridge's. the meeting began at 6 in the evening and was held in the Methodists Meetinghouse upwards of 1500 people attended, many of the principal inhabitants of the Town with others being there; When I looked over the meeting I was ready to shrink with fear lest the cause should suffer, being ready to say in the secret of my heart who is sufficient for these things; but endeavouring to center into true quietude, he who had compassion upon the multitude formerly was pleased to have compassion upon us, and eminently to manifest his power amongst us to the solemnizing the minds of this large assembly, and preparing us to offer unto him an acceptable evening sacrifice; and renewedly manifesting himself to be strengthened in weakness, riches in poverty and a present help in time of need. I had a very long testimony to bear therein first 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. James Harrison had a pretty long time next from Hab: C: 2. v: 20. The Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him. I next 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. After a short time in silence, I exprest our satisfaction with the company and very commendable behaviour of the People, and after a few words in exhortation, saluted them in the fresh flowings of Gospel love and bade them all Farewel. The Meeting held 2 hours and a quarter.

On 14th. and 6th. of week, In the morning we went to look at friends Meetinghouse which is got well cleaned and made very neat and comfortable. The meeting had been discontinued many years there being no members of our society left in the Town, but Robert Bainbridge and his family coming to settle here, and since that Robert Clemesha from Scarborough. The meeting hath been reestablished and the Meetinghouse opened both on first and week.days this summer, and I hope it may prove a blessing to some. Robert Bainbridge appears to be a valuable friend who sometime ago joined our religious society by convincement having before been 5 years in the Methodists connection. About 11 o'clock in the forenoon we set out for Leeds 18 miles, Robert Bainbridge being our guide, we had a wet journey the greatest part of the way which was the first rain we had been out in since we left home. We din'd at the Ship at Harwoodbridge stopt about 1 hour and a half, and then at our request our guide return'd home, and we proceeded to Leeds, got there about 5 o'clock were I took up my quarters at John Broadheads.

On 15th. and 7th. of week, In the morning I went to see Joshua Schofield. and the forenoon being very wet prevented our setting out as soon as we intended so that it was about 11 o'clock in the forenoon when we left Leeds and it then rained sharply but after we got a little out of Town it cleared up and was very fine the remainder of the day; we came the new road on to Tingley moor were my companion set me down, and return'd to Leeds; he inclining to be at their meetings the next day, and my mind was particularly drawn to attend theirs at Dewsbury. I then proceeded on foot the roads being extremely bad and in a very unfinished state so that it was very difficult getting along, and feeling myself much spent I called at the Boot and Shoe in Chidswell were I got some refreshment, and stopt about 1 hour paid 10d, and then proceeded to George Breareys of Crackenedge by Dewsbury, were I got about half past 3 in the afternoon, and were I took up my quarters. I had not been here much

above half an hour when Charles Unsworth came in with some clean linen etc. for me: we rejoiced to meet again, and he continued my very acceptable companion until we reached home.

On 16th. and 1st. of week, The forenoon meeting began at 10, and 32 persons attended. I had two pretty long testimonies to bear therein the first from 1 Cor: C: 11. v: 18. I hear that there be divisions among you, and I partly believe it. And the other 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. After meeting we din'd at William Wass's. The afternoon meeting began at 3 o clock 39 persons attended. I had a pretty long testimony to bear therein from Luke C: 23. v. 40, 41. Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation? And we indeed justly; for we receive the just reward of our doings, but this man hath done nothing amiss.

On 17th. and 2nd. of week, about 8 o.clock in the morning we set out for Wakefield where our Monthly Meeting was to be held to day, got there about quarter before 10, and took up our quarters at John Spence's. the meeting for worship began at 11 o.clock; It was large of friends the day being fine, and a few of other societies came in, and I believe it was a profitable time unto some, altho' held throughout in silence. At the close thereof was held the meeting for discipline. Amongst other business, Thomas Shillitoe inform'd us; That the Playhouse at Sheffield which had been for sometime shut had been lately opened again; whereupon he had found a concern upon his mind to pay a religious visit to the Protestant and dissenting clergy in Sheffield, also to the Committee of the Bible society in that Town; the meeting after considering the same concluded to leave him at liberty to pursue his prospects and directed the Clerk to give him a Copy of this Minute. Also I return'd the Minute, I received from the meeting last month and informed this; that I had been favoured to go through what I had in prospect and to feel in the conclusion the reward of peace in giving up thereunto. Which was minuted and the meetings satisfaction expressed therewith. Also the friends appointed to visit John Wood of Barnsley on his application to be admitted a member of our society, reported they had visited him a second time, and felt nothing in their minds to obstruct his being admitted a member of our society; and the meeting concurring in judgment therewith, he was admitted accordingly. There appeared a good degree of solemnity over the meeting, until towards the close when a friend from Whom one might had hoped better things, under the influence of a wrong spirit very improperly revived a subject in the meeting which had been settled by the meeting nearly two years before; This threw the meeting into a state of confusion, death and darkness covered the Assembly, and we seperated under a cloud. But the effects of this rending spirit was long painfully felt by some who were led secretly to petition that the most high might be pleased to arise by his power and fully manifest the same, and put a stop thereunto; that the precious cause of Truth nor no individual member of the society may not suffer loss thereby nor lay their services in the church, waste by giving way to a false zeal not tempered with a right knowledge. Both meetings held upwards of 3 hours and a half. About half past 5 o.clock we left Wakefield and in about 1 hours time reached Christopher Walkers of Dirtcar were we lodg'd.

On 18th. and 3rd. of week, betwixt 8 and 9 o.clock in the morning we set out in company with John Bottomley, came by Crigglestone to Bretton, were a heavy shower coming on we called at Michael Buckleys and stopt near an hour, then proceeded, until we got a little on this side of Emley were we parted with John Bottomley, and went to my cousin Charles Steads of Siver.Ing, were we din'd, and after dinner called upon cousin Benjamin Steads sat a little there and took a glass of wine; stopt at both places about 2 hours, and then proceeded my beloved cousin Charles Stead junr. accompanying us about 1 miles, after taking our leave very affectionately of him we came to my Nephews Robert Woods of Moorbottom were we tarried 3 hours and a half and drunk Tea, and got home about 8 o.clock the same evening. I may further remark respecting this journey that the prospect of it was very discouraging to me on account of the state of my health, having been for a long time very unwell of a complaint in my bowels, but finding there was no peace but through obedience , I

resigned myself into the Lords hands and altho' in the course of the journey I was mostly unwel and sometimes very ill, and many times was afraid to go to meetings from an apprehension I should be under the necessity of leaving them yet during the whole of the time I was out, I was as well in meetings as ever I was in my life according to my own feelings: This was surely the Lords doings, and marvellous in my eyes. The weather was also generally favourable so that I took no cold, and return'd home as well as when I left.

An Account of my Journey to Public Meetings held at Ossett and Dewsbury, and to Brighouse Monthly Meeting held there in the 2nd. mo: 1818.

I set out from home ye. 15th. of ye. 2nd. mo: 1818, about 10 o'clock in the forenoon, being the 1st. day of the week, in order to attend our Monthly Meeting to be held at Wakefield the next day. Charles Unsworth set me a little on my way and then return'd. I went by Cumberworth and Skelmanthorpe to Charles Blackburns of Parklane were I stopt about 2 hours and din'd then proceeded by Emley, Bretton and Crigglestone to Dirtcar were I got betwixt 4 and 5 o clock and took up my quarters at Christopher Walkers. In the evening the family being collected as usual to the reading and several other friends being present, we had a satisfactory opportunity together in which I had a pretty long testimony to bear from Eze: C: 18. v: 4. All souls are mine, and afterwards had a short exhortation.

On 16th. and 2nd. of week, I set out for Wakefield in company with my William Taylor who came here on seventh day, we got there in time to rest a little at Ann Thorps before the meeting which began at 11 o'clock. It was large and I thought eminently favoured, I had a pretty long testimony to bear therein first from 1 Cor: C: 10. v: 17. We being many are one bread. Isabella Harris next from Isai: C: 48. v: 18. O that thou hadst hearkened to my commandments! then had thy peace been as a river and thy righteousness as the waves of the sea. John Bottomley next from Matt: C: 7.v: 24. Whosoever heareth these sayings of mine and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock. Thomas Wetherald had a short time next from John C: 14. v: 1. Let not your heart be troubled, ye believe in God believe also in me. Isabella Harris testimony was here which through mistake is mentioned to be the second. Afterwards I had a long time from 1 Thes: C: 4. v: 11. Study to be quiet, and to do your own business. At the close of the meeting for Worship; The Men and Women members of our society were requested to stop a little together: The meeting for discipline being opened, John Bottomley spread before us a concern that had been for sometime on his mind to attend the Quarterly Meeting for Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire to be held at Nottingham, and the families of Friends in Nottingham meeting, also the meetings of friends within the said Quarterly meeting or the families therein as way may open and part of the meetings in Balby Monthly meeting; Which being solidly weighed and considered and many friends expressing their sympathy and unity with him and his concern, the meeting made a minute thereof and appointed 3 friends to prepare a Certificate for the approbation of our next meeting. The Women friends then withdrew, and we proceeded upon the further business of the meeting which was very agreeably gone through. Both meetings held upwards of 4 hours. After which the committee under whose care the case of Henry Soulby was left visited him in the Meetinghouse and nothing now appearing to us to obstruct his being admitted a member of our Society, we drew up a report agreeable thereto to be laid before our next Monthly Meeting. after which I din'd at William Leatham's and after dinner Charles Hinchcliff of Whinney came to me, and was my acceptable companion until we parted at Dewsbury on 4th. day afternoon. We went to Tea this afternoon to John Spence's where we took up our quarters.

On 17th. and 3rd. of week a Public meeting being appointed at my request this evening at Ossett, and having the unity of my friends therein and Isabella Harris uniting in a similar concern the prospect of her company there felt pleasant to me: and Christopher Walker,

Samuel Pickard and Thomas Wetherald had the care of procuring a place, and giving notice to the inhabitants thereof. After Breakfast we went and sat a little at Joseph Wetheralds, and din'd at William Leathams, and betwixt 3 and 4 o'clock in the afternoon my companion and me left Wakefield and in about 1 hours time reached Ossett, and took up our quarters at David Pickards were we with many other friends who came to the meeting met with a very kind reception. The meeting was held in the Independent Meetinghouse and began at 6 o'clock, it was very much crowded, and many were obliged to go away who could not get within hearing It was supposed about 1200 persons were within and about the doors. It was an highly favoured meeting Truth being in great dominion and the testimony thereof exalted, many minds being much broken and tendered therein. I had a very long testimony to bear first from Psalms C: 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 spirit; a broken and a contrite heart; O God, thou wilt not despise. Isabella Harris 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. I had a short time next from Rom: C: 9. v: 13. Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated. And after a short pause in silence, I expressed our obligation to the people for favouring us with their company and our satisfaction with their commendable behaviour and after a short exhortation unto them, affectionately bade them all Farewel. The meeting held 3 hours. Samuel Neal the preacher at this place who had been at the meeting came to David Pickards to see us, he appeared very loving and kind shook hands with us and said either us or any of our friends under the like concern should be welcome to the place at any other time.

On 18th. and 4th. of week, we left Ossett a little before 10 o'clock in the forenoon, and went by Chickenley and Earls.heaton to Dewsbury were we got betwixt 10 and 11 and I took up my quarters at George Breareys. My mind had been much exercised this morning in coming to this place about having a meeting this evening in the Independent Meetinghouse which had been repeatedly offered me, and my concern being principally towards the inhabitants of Earls.heaton and its vicinity and that part of the town where this Meetinghouse was situated, it appeared the most suitable place; but it being market day here, I was afraid whether it might answer so as to fully relieve my mind, but the concern for it increasing in weight, I thought altho' the meeting on that account might not be so large, yet all it was intended for might be there, so concluded after dinner to get a few friends together, and mention my concern to them, they united with it, the place was immediately procured, the meeting ordered to begin at 7 o'clock this evening, and two young men appointed to give notice to the inhabitants of those parts where my concern principally lay. At the time appointed we went to the meeting, and about 400 persons attended. It was to me for sometime very low and laborious, but after deep and patient wading, the Lord was pleased to arise for our help, opening the different states of the People, and favouring with ability to speak thereunto in the authority of the Gospel and I believe it was a time in which a renewed call was extended to many, in order that they might leave the many things, and come to the one thing needful that so they might be favoured to experience salvation to their souls. I had a very long testimony to bear therein from Eze: C: 18. v: 30. Repent, and turn yourselves from all your transgressions; so iniquity shall not be your ruin. At the close of the meeting William Wass commended the People for their civil behaviour, and expressed a desire that the present opportunity, with many other favoured ones might be duly improved by them, that so none might have to adopt the language, the harvest is past and they not gathered, then added the meeting is over, and desired them quietly to withdraw. The meeting held 2 hours and a half.

On 19th. and 5th. of week, I attended their week-day meeting in Dewsbury which began at 10 o'clock, 24 persons was there 2 being from Ossett, and 1 from Wakefield, It was a good meeting a renewed call being extended unto some who had widely deviated from manifest duty, and the danger of neglecting to close in with proffered mercy, lest the day of their visitation should pass over and the things belonging to their peace should be for ever hid from

their eyes. William Wass had a short testimony to bear therein first from Prov: C: 1. v: 24, 25, 26. Because I have called, and ye refused; I have stretched out my hand, and no man regarded. But ye have set at nought all my counsel, and would none of my reproof. I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh. Afterwards I had two pretty long times the first from Hos: C: 14. v: 4. I will heal their backsliding, I will love them freely: for mine anger is turned away from him. And the other from Numb: C: 13. v: 30. Let us go up at once and profess it; for we are well able to overcome it. After Meeting I din'd at William Wass's and betwixt 2 and 3 o'clock in the afternoon I set out for Brighouse to attend the Monthly meeting to be held there the next day and Joseph Brearey concluded to accompany me thither, we went by Mirfield and got to Brighouse betwixt 5 and 6 o'clock were we took up our quarters at John Kings, in our way hither we came near Colnbridge were we saw the ruins of the Factory which was burnt down the last 7th. day morning the 14th. Inst. Occasioned by a Boy going with a naked candle into a room for some Rovings in which a great quantity of waste cotton lay, and a spark falling as was supposed from the candle all was immediately on a flame, and so rapid was the progress thereof that the whole building was presently consumed, with all the machinery therein, 26 persons were at work therein 9 of whom escaped, and 17 all females perished. The following is an account of their names and ages viz. Betty Moody ages 18 years, Nancy Carter 18, Sarah North 18, Mary Laycock 15, Sarah Sheard 15, Mary Denton 14, Betty Healey 14, Mary Moody 13, Ellen Haylack 13, Mary Dullon 18, Ellen Stocks 12, Frances Sellers 12, Betty Stafford 11, Abigail Bottom 10, Mary Hey 9, Betty Drake 9, Martha Hey 9. Thus was many families very suddenly plunged into the greatest sorrow and distress, and as none know what hangs over us, may all of us be concerned to meet the Lord in the way of his judgments, if he should see meet to try us therewith, and if in mercy he is pleased to spare us therefrom may our hearts be filled with humble gratitude unto him for his compassionate regard unto us, and be prepared tenderly to sympathize with the afflicted.

On 20th. and 6th. of week, The meeting for worship began at 11 o'clock; It was large and favoured with the company of my beloved friend William Baker from Gisborough Monthly Meeting. It was a remarkable meeting many mouths were opened therein in testimony to the Truth, and some who had never appeared in Publick before. Robert Jowitt had a few words first from John C: 21. v. 21, 22. Lord and what shall this man do? Jesus saith unto him, if I will that he tarry until I come, what is that to thee? Follow thou me. Mary Cooper a pretty long time next concerning Davids concern when the Lords People were defied by the vaunting Philistine, and how he was made instrumental for their deliverance, not by the might and power of man, but by the Power of the Lord alone, and by the weapons which he had before proved. I next a long time from Matt. C: 9. v: 37, 38. The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will sent forth more labourers into his harvest. Sarah Harris next a short time from Isai: C: 51. v: 7, 8. Hearken unto me, ye that know righteousness, the People in whose heart is my law; fear ye not the reproach of men, neither be ye afraid of their revilings. For the moth shall eat them up like a garment; and the worm shall eat them like wool: but my righteousness shall be for ever, and my salvation from generation to generation. William Baker a long time next from Psalms 19. v: 7, 8, 9, 10, 11. The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple. The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes. The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey, and the honeycomb. Moreover, by them is thy servant warned; and in keeping of them there is great regard. Hannah Broadhead next in Prayer. I had a pretty long testimony next from Isai: C: 33, v: 13. Hear ye that are far off, what I have done; and ye that are near, acknowledge my might. Afterwards Elizabeth Thorp and Mary Lindsey each of them dropt a few words. At the close of this meeting was held their Monthly Meeting for discipline, amongst other business, Joseph Armistead junr. of Leeds meeting laid before this his

intentions of marriage with Hannah Wilson a member of Swarthmore Monthly Meeting in Lancashire. Also William Baker a member of Gisborough Monthly meeting and Sarah Ellis of Gildersom meeting laid before this their intentions of taking each other in Marriage. Also the Committee appointed to prepare a Testimony on behalf of Sarah Hustler deceased produced the same, which was read, and the second reading, and Signing deferr'd until next month. Also Barbara Hoyland returned the Minute of this meeting in 12th. mo: last expressive of their unity with her in her prospect to unite with Elizabeth Robson of Sunderland on a religious visit to the inhabitants of Pontefract and some adjacent places, and by a few lines inform'd the meeting she was prevented attending thro' indisposition, but was enabled to go through what she had in prospect, and favoured in her return with a peaceful mind. Also the committee under whose care the case of Richard Lindsey of Gildersom was left, after compounding with his creditors; reported, that thro' industry and great exertion he had been enabled to pay his debts to the full which was minuted and the meetings satisfaction therewith. Both meetings held upward of 4 hours.

On 21st. and 7th. of week, After breakfast my kind companion Joseph Brearey and me parted he set out for home, and I went to Thomas Coopers and Thomas Darnallys sat a little at each place and then went to James Lees's were I din'd. about 2 o'clock in the afternoon I left Brighouse, and came by Rastrick and Netherroydhill to Mary Horsfalls of Greenhouse, got there betwixt 3 and 4 o'clock were I took up my quarters, after resting me a little I went to Huddersfield having a little business there and return'd to Tea, when I got back I found my Charles Unsworth come with some clean Linen for me, who was my acceptable companion until we reached home.

On 22nd. and 1st. of week, This morning my kind friend John King of Brighouse came here, and favoured us with his company until evening when he return'd home; We went in company with the family to their meeting at Huddersfield which began at 11 o'clock. A pretty many of other societies came in having heard of my intention of being there, which enlarg'd the meeting considerably, and it proved a solid satisfactory one, I had a very long testimony to bear therein from Rev: C: 22. v: 1, 2. He shewed me a pure river of water clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb. In the midst of the street of it, and on each side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month, and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. After meeting we dind and drunk Tea at John Fishers of Springdale, spending the afternoon very agreeably John Fisher having been in America the last summer entertained us with may singular anecdotes he met with in his journey, and shewed us many curiosities he had brought from thence, as a piece of wood which he cut from the tree under which William Penn and the Indians ratified their treaty, and a plant of tobacco in its natural state, a Slave drivers whip, a Beesom which was wholly made of Hickery wood, and several kind of Locusts in a Box, one kind which only make their appearance every 17 years, and happened to be the year he was there. In the evening we returned to our quarters.

On 23rd. and 2nd. of week, we came to Huddersfield, and called at Abraham Mallinson, John Wommersleys, and William Whalleys sat a little at each place, and din'd at my Nephew Joseph Woods, and after dinner came to Richard Wormalls of Mouldgreen were we sat a little and I took a glass of Rum and Water, Left here about 2 o'clock and came by Almondbury, and Woodsommill to Kirkburton were we called at Thomas Seniors, he and his family having lately settled here having formerly lived at Kendal where he had some acquaintance with friends, and hath been several times at our meeting he appears thoughtful and religiously inclined, we stopt about 1 hour and a half and drunk Tea, then came by Shelley to my Nephew Robert Woods of Moorbottom were we stopt about 2 hours, and took a little refreshment and got home a little past 9 in the evening.

An Account of my Journey to our spring Quarterly Meeting held at Leeds and to a Publick
Meeting held at Mirfield in the 3rd. Mo. 1818.

I left home ye. 23rd. of the 3rd. mo: 1818 and 2nd. day of the week betwixt 8 and 9 o.clock in the morning and went by Cumberworth and Skelmanthorp to Charles Blackburns of Parklane were we stopt about 1 hour and took some refreshment, then proceeded by Emley and Midgley to Netherton, were I stopt about an hour and a half at cousin John Woods and din'd, and then went by Horburybridge to Ossett, were I got about 3 o.clock in the afternoon and took up my quarters at David Pickards. In the evening Thomas Milner, Peter Hewitt and Mark Phillip came to see me of whose company I was glad, believing them to be in a growing state in the Truth especially the two former, and strong are the desires I feel for their preservation I had a comfortable opportunity this evening with them and this family in which I had a long testimony to bear 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.

On 24th. and 3rd. of week I left Ossett about 9 o.clock this morning, David Pickard set me on my way about half a mile and then returned, I went by Gawthorp, Chidswell and Woodkirk to Leeds, a heavy shower of snow coming on I sheltered by the way at a Tollbar-house near an hour, and got to Leeds about 1 o.clock were I din'd at John Thistlethwaits; and after dinner went to Jonathan Shackletons of Holbeck were I took up my quarters. At 5 this evening began the Quarterly Meeting for Ministers and Elders, before the business was entered upon Joseph Yarbury was concerned in testimony, and Jane Doncaster in supplication. Amongst other business, the Queries were read. Also the advices of the Yearly Meeting to Ministers and Elders and Answers thereto received and read from all the Select Meetings in our Monthly meetings where such meetings are held, and a General Answer was prepared, approv'd and Signed; and directed to be laid before the ensuing Yearly Meeting to Ministers and elders was read, also John Yeardley of Pontefract Monthly Meeting, and Sarah Harris of Brighouse Monthly Meeting being acknowledged Ministers in unity by their respective Monthly Meetings, were reported here in order to their being recorded as such. Also Thomas Cooper, Jonathan Taylor, Rachel Spence and Ann Maud were appointed to oversee the succeeding meetings, and advise as occasion may require. The meeting held upwards of 3 hours.

On 25th. and 4th. of week I went to Breakfast at Elizabeth Thorps. At 10 in the forenoon was a Meeting for Worship which was not quite so large as usual owing I believe to the storminess of the weather. Ann Broadhead was first concerned therein in supplication. Mary Cooper next a pretty long time in testimony from Mark C: 13. v: 37. What I say unto you I say unto all, Watch. Thomas Shillitoe next 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. Isobel Richardson and William Buckley had each a few words next George Sanders a pretty long time next from Mark C: 11. v: 22. Have faith in God. Mabel Hipsley next from Isai: C: 6. v: 5,6,7. 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. Then flew one of the seraphims unto me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the alter. And he laid it upon my mouth, and said, Lo this hath touched thy lips; and thy iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged. Afterwards John Baker and Thomas Wetherald had each of them a short testimony. At the close of this Meeting was held a Meeting for discipline. The 1st. and 2nd. Queries were read and Answers thereto from all our Monthly Meetings, and Answers therefrom prepared for the Yearly Meeting. In Answer to the 2nd. Query it appeared there was some little appearance of convincement since last year in Pontefract, Pickering and Hull Monthly Meetings. And that 8 persons had been united unto the society thereby viz. 1 in Balby, 2 in Pontefract, 3 in Brighouse, 1 in Pickering, and 1 in Hull Monthly meetings. Some other business was gone through, and then the meeting adjourn'd until 5 in the evening. Both meetings held 3 hours and a half. This day I din'd and

drunk Tea at James Arthingtons . At 5 in the evening met pursuant to adjournment, The remainder of the Queries were read and Answers thereto, and Answers prepared for the Yearly Meeting. In Answer to the 11th. Query from Knaresborough Monthly Meeting account was given that a meeting for Worship had been resettled in Knaresborough since last year. And from Hull Monthly Meeting that the meeting at Shipton was discontinued the friends belonging thereto being removed into another meeting. Some other business was gone thro', and then the meeting adjourn'd until 10 o.clock next morning having held near 3 hours and a half.

On 26th. and 5th. of week, At 10 in the forenoon met pursuant to adjournment. Before the business was entered upon, Joseph Yarbury and Thomas Shillitoe had each of them a pretty long testimony to bear. A fair copy of the Answers to the Queries was then read and Signed in order to be laid before the ensuing Yearly Meeting. From Brighouse Monthly meeting account was given that one Public friend was deceased since last year viz. Sarah Hustler, and a testimony from the said Meeting was produced concerning her and read and approv'd by this meetings indorsement therefrom, and Signed on behalf thereof by the Clerk. The remaining part of the business of this meeting was gone thro' in this sitting, the whole thereof having for the most part been agreeably conducted. The meeting held about 4 hours and a half. After which I din'd and drunk Tea at Robert Arthingtons. At 6 in the evening was the parting meeting for worship which was considerably larger than the former many people of other societies attending, Joseph Yarbury had two long testimonies to bear therein first; The first from Rom: C: 1. v: 16, 17. I am not ashamed of the gospel of christ; for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth, to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, the just shall live by faith. And the other from Mark C: 8. v: 38. Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the son of man be ashamed when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy Angels. Isabella Harris had 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 Baker next from 2 Cor: C: 6. v: 2. Behold, now is the accepted time: behold now is the day of salvation. Ann Alexander a long time next from Phil: C: 1. v: 29. Unto you is given in the behalf of christ, not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for his sake. Daniel Wheeler next from John C: 13. v: 17. If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them. The meeting held 2 hours and a half.

On 27th. and 6th. of week. My beloved friend William Baker of Castleton in Danbydale, and Sarah Ellis daughter of my long esteemed friend John Ellis of Gildersom intending to accomplish their marriage to day at Gildersom and I having received an invitation to attend it, and John Hartas of Kirbymoorside meeting being also an invited guest we concluded to go together, and I called upon him early this morning at Joseph Shackletons were he quartered. After breakfasting there we set out about 8 o.clock, and John Robinson of Wakefield and John Wommersley of Huddersfield inclining to be at the meeting went along with us. We got to Gildersom about half past 9 and after taking some little refreshment at John Elliss's went to the meeting which began at 10 and held about 3 hours and a quarter. Many friends attended from different meetings, and a great many People of other societies came in so that both ends of the Meetinghouse was very full and the behaviour of the People was worthy of commendation. It was an highly favoured meeting, the presence of him who formerly turned water into wine being eminently experienced amongst us to the comfort and solid satisfaction of many minds. John Baker was first concerned therein in supplication. I had a very long testimony next from, John C: 4. v: 10. If thou knewst the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou would'st have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water. The fds. Took each other in marriage next. I had a long testimony next 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. John Robinson had a short but very acceptable exhortation next, and afterwards my dearly beloved friend William Baker had an extraordinary favoured time in prayer. The marriage

certificate was then read and Signed, and friends and the People separated under a precious covering. The marriage dinner was at an Inn in the village, and after dinner we went immediately to John Elliss's were we was favoured with a precious opportunity together in which John Baker and myself had each a short testimony to bear, and afterwards Mary Hartas had a long and highly favoured time in Prayer. After Tea I came to Joseph Horsfalls were I lodg'd, dear William Baker accompanying me most of the way thither were we took a very affectionate Farewel of each other.

On 28th. and 7th. of week I left here a little before 10 o'clock in the forenoon, Joseph Horsfall set me on my way about 2 miles and then returned. I came by Bruntcliff, Batley, Ricemill and Hangingheaton to George Breareys of Crackenedge by Dewsbury, got there about half past 11 were I took up my quarters. In the afternoon I went to William Wass's were I drunk Tea.

On 29th. and 1st. of week, I was at their forenoon Meeting at Dewsbury, 33 persons attended, 3 of whom appeared to be people of other societies. I had a long laborious time in silence, and afterwards was favoured with ability to divide the word, to different states as they opened to the full relief of my own mind; having a long testimony to bear from Eccle: C: 9. v: 4. To him that is joined unto all the living there is hope; for a living dog is better than a dead Lyon. And afterwards I had a short exhortation. After meeting I din'd at William Wass's. having had for sometime a concern upon my mind to pay a religious visit to the inhabitants of Mirfield, and having obtained the concurrence of our Monthly Meeting therewith, and this evening appearing to me to be the right time to accomplish the said visit, The frds. of Brighouse meeting undertook the care of providing a place and giving notice thereof to the inhabitants. After we had din'd John King and James Lees of Brighouse came here in their carriage to convey me thither, and about half past 3 we set out for Mirfield; myself, James Lees and Jane Hawk a young woman who lives servant with William Wass and appears to be under convincement went in the carriage, and John King and William Wass walked; we got there betwixt 4 and 5 o'clock and put up at Samuel Walkers a person of considerable property there, who had kindly sent us an invitation, and where we were liberally and freely entertained. After Tea we went to the Meeting which was held in the Methodists Meetinghouse and began at 6 o'clock. The concourse of People that attended was very great it being supposed that upwards of 1000 crowded into the place, and many stood without doors, and he who had compassion upon the multitude formerly was mercifully pleased to have compassion upon us; crowning the assembly in an eminent manner with his presence to the tendering of many minds, and causing a precious solemnity to overshadow the whole. I had a very long testimony to bear therein from 1 John C: 3. v: 8. He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the begining, for this purpose the son of God was manifested that he might destroy the works of the devil. Afterwards I was concerned in prayer. At the close of the meeting which held upwards of 2 hours and a quarter, I exprest my obligation to the People for favouring us with their company, and our satisfaction with their very commendable behaviour, considering the excessive crowd; and after a short exhortation concluded with saluting them in Gospel love and bidding them all Farewel. We returned to Samuel Walkers were we got every necessary refreshment; stopt upwards of an hour, and then set out for Brighouse, John King James Lees and myself in the carriage and Joseph Breary kindly accompanying us on horseback. The evening was very dark but having a Lanthorn and travelling slow we got well to John Kings about 11 o'clock, were Joseph Breary and me lodg'd

On 30th. and 2nd. of week, After breakfast Joseph Breary returnd home, but I stopt until betwixt 3 and 4 o'clock in the afternoon, then taking leave of this very kind family, I went to Thomas Coopers and James Lees's sat a little at each place and took some refreshment at the latter, then proceeded, James Lees accompanying me about 1 mile and then returned: I came by Rastrick and Netherroydhill to Mary Horsfalls of Greenhouse, got there about 6 o'clock, were I lodg'd.

On 31st. and 3rd. of week, I left here about half past 10 in the forenoon, and came by Huddersfield to Richard Wormalls were I stopt about 1 hour, and before I set out took a little refreshment, then proceeded by Almondbury and Woodsommill to Kirkburton, were I din'd at Thomas Seniors stopt about 1 hour and a half, and then came by Shelley to my Nephew Robert Woods of Moorbottom were I stopt about 1 hour and a half and drunk Tea, then came by Cumberworth home were I got about 6 in the evening.

An Account of my Journey to a Public Meeting held at Burton-dean in the 4th. mo: 1818.

Having a concern upon my mind for a considerable time past to pay a religious visit to the inhabitants scattered upon Burton.dean and the neighbourhood thereof, also the village of Highburton, and the Methodists having lately erected a Meetinghouse in a very convenient situation for the inhabitants, I had a prospect towards, and they freely offering the said place for our service at any time, my way seemed clearly to open, to accomplish the said visit on the 5th. of the 4th. mo: 1818 and 1st. day of the week in the forenoon. Accordingly John Bottomley, Robert Wood, and John Brook went over the day but one before in the afternoon to give information thereof to the inhabitants, and the same morning about 8 o.clock, I set out to attend it having Charles Unsworth for my companion, we met with John Pickford and his daughter Elizabeth going thither, and they went with us by Shepley and Thunderbridge there being from my house betwixt 4 and 5 miles, we got there about half an hour before the time, and rested us in an house near the Meetinghouse. The Meeting began at 10 and held 3 hours, great was the concourse of People that attended so that the place was exceedingly crowded and many stood without who could not get in, and tho' many of them appeared raw and ignorant of religious experience, yet it appeared to be a time in which a powerful awakening call was extended unto these that they might break their sins by repentance and unto those who had in some degree closed in with the heavenly call they were directed unto Christ within that they might find rest and experience an establishment in the Truth, by their faithful obedience to his divine manifestations. Indeed it was a time of peculiar favour, the Lords power being eminently over all. I had a very 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. I speak this to your shame. John Bottomley 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, and ye have overcome the wicked one. I was next concerned in prayer, and afterwards stood up to acknowledge our satisfaction with the company and very commendable behaviour of the People, and feeling an enlargement of heart was largely drawn forth in Gospel Love, in sundry exhortations unto the People, warning them to prize the present renewed call mercifully extended, and flee from the wrath to come, concluding with recommending them unto God and the teachings of his pure spiritual grace in the secret of their own hearts, that they might experience a being built up in the most holy faith and finally be prepared for an inheritance amongst the sanctified, then saluting them in Gospel love, I bade them all Farewel. We return'd with John Haigh and John Brook to Shepley were we din'd at John Haighs, and after dinner came to my beloved friend Joseph Firths of Shepley Lanehead to Tea. Our worthy friend William Forster from Dorsetshire in the course of his religious visit to the meetings of Friends in these parts, proposed being at our meeting at Highflatts this evening at 5 o.clock, having been at Wooldale in the forenoon. After Tea we set out to attend it in company with Joseph Firth, and got to Highflatts about the hour appointed. The meeting was large the friends of Lumbroyd meeting being requested to attend here, and altho' no notice was given to People of other Societies many attended so that the Meetinghouse below was crowded, and a number sat upstairs. It proved a time of eminent favour, William Forster 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. He first

expressed the near unity he had felt with some who were settled under the teaching of this anointing, encouraging them in perseverance, and afterwards was led to speak in a very particular manner to many different states, and very encouragingly to some preciously visited youth exhorting them to continue faithful to the divine teacher, and then he believed some would be called to advocate publickly the cause of Truth. The meeting held upwards of 2 hours and a half. After which I spent the remainder of the evening with him at John Firths, after supper Charles Unsworth came to accompany me home, we sat about half an hour longer, and then taking our leave of William Forster and the family we got home betwixt 9 and 10 o'clock.

An Account of my Journey to a Public Meeting held at Hoylandswain in the 4th. mo: 1818.

Having felt my mind drawn in Gospel love to pay a religious visit to the inhabitants of Silkstone and Hoylandswain and parts adjacent; and it appearing to me that it might be done with one meeting,, yet for some time I could not see whether village might be right to fix it in. I looked at Silkstone but there did not appear a place there likely to accommodate the People; in the mean time the dissenting Methodists at Hoylandswain of their own accord offered the Meetinghouse there, which upon solidly weighing I felt most easy to accept of, and they undertook to give notice to the inhabitants of both villages and the vicinity thereof. Accordingly the meeting was appointed to be held on the 19th. of the 4th. mo: 1818 and 1st. day of the week at 10 o clock in the forenoon, and I set out for Hoylandswain 4 miles to attend it about 8 o clock the same morning having for my companion thither my beloved friend Charles Unsworth. In our walking along I was led to remember, that it was 27 years this day since my Father departed this life, and 25 years since my Mother was buried, that at the time of their dissolution they was both in the 72nd. year of their age, and that I now was hastening fast towards the same time of life, and knew not that I might live to attain it, and as these things passed my mind an increasing desire prevailed that I might be favoured to experience my days work to be done, and be rightly prepared to meet the final summons whensoever it may be sent. We went by Denby and Gunthwaite, and got to Hoylandswain about half past 9 o.clock, and rested us at Joseph Swifts a preacher amongst the dissenting Methodists where we met with a very kind reception. The meeting was large, the meetinghouse being very well filled notwithstanding they had made every accommodation in their power by placing seats which they fetched from a school in every vacancy. It proved a satisfactory Meeting, Truth being in considerable dominion and the testimony thereof exalted to the reaching of the pure witness for God, in the hearts of this mixed multitude in which there was a great variety of states opened and spoke unto in the authority of the Gospel which is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth. I was first concerned therein in supplication and next had a very long testimony to bear 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 acknowledged our satisfaction with the company and very commendable behaviour of the People and after a pretty long time in exhortation concluded with bidding them all Farewel. The meeting held 2 hours and a half. I brought a considerable number of Pamphlets with me which I put into Charles Unsworths hands to distribute amongst the People after meeting, which appeared to be kindly received by them. Indeed the hearts of the people seemed much opened towards us, several of them kindly inviting us to dine with them; but we returned to Joseph Swifts were my companion Thomas Earnshaw and his Nephew din'd, but I was so much spent with the exercise of the meeting that I could not eat anything, but got some suitable refreshment for the present. Immediately after dinner I took an affectionate Farewel of Charles Unsworth and Thomas Earnshaw they returning home, and I intending for our Monthly Meeting to be held the next day at Barnsley, and

John Earnshaw of Thurlstone was my companion thither. We went to Silkstone were we called at Thomas Shaws the Sine of the Pack-horse were we stopt about 1 hour, and were I din'd, when I called for my bill, the Landlord who had been at the meeting refused to have anything but wished me to call upon him any other time and I should be always kindly welcome. We proceeded from hence to Barnsley were we got a little past 4 o'clock and drunk Tea at Robert Harrisons. At 6 in the evening we attended their afternoon meeting which was enlarged by friends who was come to attend the Monthly meeting next day, and considerably so by People of other societies coming in. I had a pretty long testimony to bear therein from Matt: C: 1. v: 21. Thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins. After meeting we returned to Robert Harrisons were we took a little suitable refreshment and then went to Thomas Yeardleys were we took up our quarters.

On 20th. and 2nd. of week, The meeting for worship began at 11 o'clock and was large of friends and a few of other societies came in. John Donbavand had a short testimony to bear therein first, and afterwards Isabella Harris had a pretty long time from Joel C: 2. v: 15, 16, 17. Sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly; Gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders; gather the children, and those that suck the breasts; let the bridegroom go forth of his chamber, and the bride out of her closet. Let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep between the porch and the altar, and let them say, Spare thy people, O Lord , and give not thine heritage to reproach, that the heathen should rule over them. Wherefore should they say among the people, Where is their God? At the close of the meeting for Worship the Men and Women who were members of our Society were requested to stop a little together, and after the meeting for discipline was opened, I spread before them a concern which had been for a long time upon my mind to pay a religious visit to the meetings of friends in Lancashire, Settle Monthly Mg. in Yorkshire, and a few other meetings, also to have some Meetings with the inhabitants of some places as way may open. After being solidly weighed and many friends expressing their unity therewith, and near sympathy with me under my present prospect a minute was made leaving me at liberty to proceed therein and James Harrison, Joseph Johnson of Pontefract, and John Donbavand were appointed to prepare a Certificate for me for the approbation of next meeting. The Women friends then withdrew, and the men proceeded upon the further business of the meeting which was very agreeably conducted. Both meetings held 3 hours and a quarter; after which we din'd at Robert Harrisons and after dinner John Earnshaw set out for home; This afternoon I drunk Tea at Frances Yeardleys, and in my return to my quarters called upon William Taylors, and afterwards sat a little with Susanna Alletson and took a glass of Wine. Jame Arthington Wilson and John Wood came and spent the evening with me and the latter stopt all night with me.

On 21st. and 3rd. of week, I breakfasted at William Bayldons, and then went and sat a little at William Harveys and before I left took a little refreshment, from thence I went and sat a little at Frances Yeardleys, and then went to Robert Harrisons were I din'd. about 2 o'clock I left Barnsley, James Arthington Wilson and Robert Harrison accompanied me about five miles and then returned. I came by Higham, Banks hall and Elmhirst to Richard Priests of Broadoak were I drunk Tea, and tarried about 3 hours, then Nathaniel Priest came with me by Gunthwaite and Denby about half way to my house, were we parted and I got home about 9 in the evening.

An Account of my Journey to a Public Meeting held at Horbury in the 5th. Mo. 1818.

My mind having been for sometime past drawn under the precious influence of Gospel Love to pay a religious visit to the inhabitants of Horbury; and the time to accomplish it appearing to fix upon the 3rd. of the 5th. mo: 1818 and 1st. day of the week; I acquainted the friends of Wakefield meeting with my prospect at our last Monthly meeting who undertook to provide a place and give the necessary notice thereof to the inhabitants. I set out for Horbury 11 miles

the same morning about 8 o'clock having Charles Unsworth for my companion this journey. we went by Cumberworth and Skelmanthorpe to Charles Blackburns of Parklane were we rested us about half an hour and then proceeded by Emley and Midgley to Netherton were we din'd at my cousin John Woods, stopt there about 1 hour and a half and then went by Horbury bridge to David Pickards of Ossett were we got about half past 2 o'clock, and were we met with a very kind reception, they invited us to return in the evening and lodge with them which we accepted of. After Tea we set out for Horbury about 1 mile and a half in company with David Pickard and his son George an hopeful youth, we got there just in time to the meeting which began at 6 o'clock and was held in the Methodists Meetinghouse, we found the People pretty fully collected when we got there, and we went immediately in. The meeting was very large the place being extremely crowded and some stood all the time without altho' the evening was wet. It proved a time of very extraordinary favour and after it was over many People acknowledged to the feeling of that divine Power which so eminently overshadowed this large Assembly. William Briggs the Methodist Preacher who gave up his meeting this evening to accommodate friends, came to me in a very friendly manner, expressed his full satisfaction with the meeting, in language beyond what I feel a freedom to revive, withal adding his belief that the Truths communicated would prove a blessing unto many minds. I had a very long testimony to bear therein first from Col: C: 1. v. 26,27. The mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints. To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is christ in you, the hope of glory. Afterwards I had a pretty long time from Hos: C: 2. v. 14, 15. I will allure her, and bring her into the wilderness; and speak comfortably unto her. And I will give her her vineyards from thence and the valley of Achor for a door of hope. At the close of this testimony I stood and paused a little, when feeling my mind fully relieved. I informed the People I was much obliged to them for favouring us with their company, and their behaviour considering the excessive crowd and heat of the place had appeared to me worthy of commendation, then saluting them in the fresh flowings of Gospel love I bade them all Farewel, withall desiring that as many were very much heated, they might use a little prudent care to prevent catching cold when they went out into open air. The meeting held about 2 hours and a quarter. After which we went to the Sine of the Wool-pack in company with many friends were we got some suitable refreshment, and after tarrying about 1 hour, we took leave of our kind friends, and set out in company with David Pickard who tarried to take us with him to his house were we got a little before 10 o'clock, and were we found Thomas Milner, Peter Hewitt and Mark Philip, who stopt with us about 1 hour, and whose company was very acceptable.

On 4th. and 2nd. of week, about half past 9 in the morning we left Ossett and set out for home, about 11 miles, came by Horbury.bridge, Middlestown, New.hall and through Stonycliff a very large and beautiful Wood. The great variety of Birds warbling forth their varied notes, appeared to raise a general chorus in sounding forth their makers praise, and made our journey through it very delightful and animating. From thence we came to Emley were we stopt about half an hour at the White.horse, and got some refreshment paid 6d, and then came to my Cousin Charles Steads of Siver.Ing in Emley.Park were we stopt 4 hours and Din'd and drunk Tea. After dinner we went and sat a little at my cousin Benjamin Steads, and after Tea proceeded on our journey, cousin Charles Stead junr. accompanying us about 1 mile and then return'd. we came to my Nephew Robert Woods of Moorbottom were we stopt about 1 hour and before we set out I took a little refreshment, and we reached home a little before 9 o'clock.

An Account of my Journey on a religious visit to the Meetings of Friends in Lancashire, Settle Monthly Meeting in Yorkshire and some adjacent Meetings; also to Public Meetings held at Sowerby and Salterforth in Yorkshire, and at Hardshaw, Whitworth, Burnley and Colne in Lancashire in the 5th. 6th. and 7th. Months 1818.

At our Monthly Meeting held at Barnsley in the 4th. mo: 1818, I laid my concern before friends, respecting the aforesaid visit; and from our Monthly Meeting in the 5th. mo: following received the following Certificate of the Meetings unity and concurrence therewith viz.

To the friends in the County of Lancaster, and those within Settle Monthly Meeting.
Dear Friends,

Our esteemed Friend Joseph Wood, hath spread before us (the women friends being present) a concern which hath for a considerable time past attended his mind, to pay a religious visit to the Meetings of Friends in the County of Lancaster , and those within Settle Monthly Meeting in Yorkshire; Also to have a few other Meetings with Friends in places adjacent, and some Publick meetings in the aforesaid Districts as Truth may open the way.

The concern having come weightily before us, much unity and sympathy have been expressed; and this meeting concludes to leave him at liberty to proceed on the service, he being a Minister in good esteem amongst us.

We sincerely desire on his behalf that by a faithful reliance on that holy Arm, which on similar services we believe, hath been graciously extended for his support, he may be enabled to perform what may be required of him, so that he may be permitted to return unto us, with the Answer of Peace in his own bosom.

We are with love your Friends.

Signed in, and on behalf of Pontefract Monthly Meeting, held at Pontefract, the 18th. of the 5th. Mo. 1818.

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| Joseph Firth | Sydney Payne |
| Samuel Coward | Benjamin Jowitt junr. |
| Thomas Wetherald | David Stead |
| Joseph Donbavand | Joseph Lister |
| James Wetherald | William Bottomley |
| John Wood | William Taylor |
| Thomas Firth | William Leatham |
| James Lister | Leonard West |
| Joseph Dickinson | John Pilmer |
| John Archard | Robert Swire |
| Thomas Hague | Henry Swire |
| John Donbavand Clerk | John Lister |
| Joseph Johnson | Robert Harrison |
| Robert Whitaker | Michael Pilmer |
| John Bottomley | John Leatham |
| John Robinson | |
| Christopher Walker | Isabella Harris |
| Benjamin Jowitt | Hannah Whitaker |
| James Harrison | Barbara Priestman |
| John Pickford | Ann Harrison |
| Elihu Dickinson | Hannah Wigham |
| William Doeg | Ann Thorp |
| William Hayward | Elizabeth Bland |
| Thomas Brown | Susanna Dickinson |
| Samuel Woodhead | Hannah Harrison |
| Henry Jackson | Jane Stickney |

Mary Sharp
 Elizabeth Yeardley
 Mary Graham
 Susanna Alletson

Susanna Lister
 Mary Taylor
 Margaret Walton
 Phebe Fozard

I left home to perform the said visit, on the 23rd. of 5th. mo: 1818 and 7th. day of the week, about 7 o.clock in the morning, my beloved friend Charles Unsworth accompanying me as far as Halifax to assist me in carrying my Luggage. We went to Shepley were we rested us a little at John Haighs, and then proceeded by Woodsommill and Almondbury to Richard Wormalls of Mouldgreen, were we rested us a little, and then went by Huddersfield to Mary Horsfalls of Greenhouse, were we stopt betwixt 2 and 3 hours and din'd, then went by Netherroydhill and Rastrick to Brighouse were we got betwixt 3 and 4 o.clock and drunk Tea at James Lees's and afterwards went to John Kings were we lodg'd.

On 24th. of 1st. of week, This morning my worthy friend John King united with me as my companion, and conveyed me in his carriage until we reached Oldham meeting in Lancashire. We left his house a little before 9 o.clock, and got to Halifax a little after 10 were we took up our quarters at Robert Sutcliffs. Before we reached his house, Alexander Cophney, a friend who with his family were lately settled in this Town met me in the street and very affectionately shook hands with me, appearing uncommonly pleased to see me; he afterwards told me he was convinced under my ministry at a Public meeting I had at Broomsgrove in Worcestershire about 5 years ago. The meeting at Halifax began at 11 o.clock, and was a large open and satisfactory Meeting a considerable number who are under convincement, and many of other societies attending I had a long testimony to bear therein from Matt: C: 15. v: 13. Every plant which my heavenly Father hath not planted shall be rooted up. Afterwards I was concerned in Prayer. Amongst the number who attended this meeting were 2 Methodist Preachers. After dinner my beloved Charles Unsworth and me took an affectionate farewell of each other, he returning home. And afterwards most of those who are under convincement came here to see me. As Alexander Cophney his Wife and son William. Samuel Hill and Wife, Jonathan William and James Walsh three Brothers who were all convinced at the Publick meeting I had at Ovenden. James Nutter, and James Bedford, the last five all live at Kingcross. After Tea we had a favoured opportunity together in which I had a long testimony to bear from John C: 13.v: 17. If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them.

On 25th. and 2nd. of week, This evening we had a Public Meeting at Sowerby about 4 miles from this town, none could remember a meeting of our Society being held here before. After breakfast my companion with other friends went to give notice of the said meeting, and I went and sat a little at John Pools. After dinner I went with Robert Sutcliffe and his Wife in their carriage to Joshua Stansfields of Handgreen were my companion came to Tea, and took me in his carriage to Sowerby, we got there a little before meeting time, and put up at the Blazing Star. The Meeting began at 7 o.clock and was held in the Methodists Meetinghouse, which was very large and extremely crowded, and many could not get in, it being supposed that upwards of 1500 people attended. It was a time of extraordinary favour, the power of Truth eminently overshadowing us to the tendering of many hearts. I had a very long testimony to bear therein from Luke C: 16. v: 16. The law of the prophets were until John: since that time the kingdom of God is preached, and every man presseth into it. Afterwards I had a long time from Psalms 66, v: 16. Come and hear, all ye that fear God, and I will declare what he hath done for my soul. At the close of this testimony after a short pause, I had to commend the people for their good behaviour, and after a short exhortation concluded with saluting them in Gospel love and bidding them all Farewel. The Meeting held near 3 hours. After getting a little suitable refreshment at the Inn, we return'd to Joshua Stansfields about 2 miles and a half, got there about 11 o.clock, were we lodged.

On 26th. and 3rd. of week, betwixt 9 and 10 in the forenoon we set out for Todmorden in Lancashire 10 miles got there a little past 12 o'clock, and took up our quarters at Samuel Fieldens. At 6 in the evening we had a Publick Meeting for friends and others in friends Meetinghouse here which was large many of different professions attending and amongst the number a young Clergyman from Whitworth, and all behaved well. It was a solid satisfactory meeting, and held about 2 hours and three quarters. I had a very long testimony to bear therein 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 had a short time from 1 Thes: C: 5. v: 17,18. Pray without ceasing. In every thing give thanks.

On 27th. and 4th. of week, we set out about 7 o'clock in the morning for Leaven.Greave near Whitworth about 9 miles where a few friends having sometime ago settled in the neighbourhood are allowed to keep a meeting on week.days, and on first.days they attend at Rochdale. We went by Bacup thither were we got a little before 10 o'clock, and took up our quarters at James Kings. The meeting began at 10, and was held in his parlour, 15 persons attended, and I had two pretty long testimonies to bear therein, the first from Matt: C: 5. v: 14. Ye are the light of the world: a city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. and the other from 3rd. of John v: 4. I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in the truth. I was well satisfied with my visit to this newly settled meeting. Yesterday I received a Letter from James Midgley informing me of the death of his Wifes Mother Elizabeth Haworth Wife of James Haworth of Shuttleworth.hall, and that she was to be buried at Crawshawbooth in Rossendale to day, the meeting being appointed to begin at 4 o'clock in the afternoon; withal requesting me to attend there if I felt liberty; upon solidly weighing the same I felt something more than a liberty, even a necessity to be there; accordingly we set out immediately after dinner for Crawshawbooth 9 miles, and got there betwixt 3 and 4 o'clock were we put up at Daniel Binns's, and took Tea there. The family living at a great distance, it was later than they expected when they got here with the corps, so that it was about 5 o'clock when the meeting began and it held near 2 hours. A great concourse of People of other Societies, and friends from many parts attending. Both ends of the Meetinghouse being very much crowded, and great numbers stood in the yard the windows being set open. It was a solemn meeting, and I was fully satisfied my being there was in the ordering of best Wisdom. Truth was in great dominion, and in the authority thereof I had a long testimony to bear from 1 Pet: C: 4. v: 18. If the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and sinner appear. After meeting the corps was interred, and after the interment we went to Richard Binns's were we got some suitable refreshment; and about 8 o'clock wet out for William Midgleys of Buersill 13 miles in company with many friends. I came in a Post.Chaise with James Midgley Wife and daughter, which was a favour to me preventing me from taking cold by the evening air after being much heated in the meeting. We came by Rochdale and got to William Midgleys a little before 11 o'clock were we took up our quarters.

On 28th. and 5th. of week, we had a meeting at Rochdale, there was a considerable number of friends, and several of other societies attended. I had a long testimony to bear therein from 2 Sam: C: 20. v: 9. Art thou in health, my brother, and afterwards I had a short time from Luke C: 12. v: 50. I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how am I straitened till it be accomplished. After meeting we din'd at Henry Ecroyds, and drunk Tea at Widow Midgleys and afterwards went to sup at James Midgleys of Springhall.

On 29th. and 6th. of week, about 9 o'clock in the morning we set out for Oldham meeting 4 miles, John Midgley being our guide, and taking me thither and back in his Fathers carriage. We got to James Taylors of Heighside about 10 o'clock were we took up our quarters. The meeting began at 11 a considerable number of friends and a few of other societies attended I was strengthened fully to relieve my mind unto many different states as they were opened, having a long testimony to bear therein from 2 Chron: C: 6. v: 41. Arise O Lord God into thy resting place, thou, and the ark of thy strength: let thy priests O Lord God, be clothed with salvation; and let thy saints rejoice in goodness. After dinner John King my

truly acceptable companion and me took leave of each other he returning home and after Tea we return'd to Buersill were we got about half past 6 o.clock.

On 30th. and 7th. of week, about half past 1 o.clock in the afternoon, I left Buersill my kind friend William Midgley now uniting with me as my companion, and proposing to convey me through most part of the journey in his Chaise, we went by Bury to John Ashworths of Birtinshaw, 13 miles, got there about half past 4 o.clock were we took up our quarters.

On 31st. and 1st. of week, after breakfast we set out for Bolton 2 miles and a half John Ashworth junr. a hopeful young man about 21 years of age being our guide thither and back, we got to Bolton about half past 9 o.clock and took up our quarters at Robert Croslands. Their forenoon meeting began at half past 10, and 41 person attended; It was a low laborious time in silence, and also hurt by the publick appearance of a confident Female whose conduct I afterwards understood is far from being consistent with her profession. Towards the close of the meeting I was enabled to cast of my burden having a pretty long testimony to bear 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 your father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him. The afternoon meeting began at half past 2, and 34 persons attended, In the forepart thereof it was more heavy and laborious than the former, but the Almighty in his own time was pleased to arise for our help, and enabled me fully to relieve my mind in a long testimony from Heb: C: 11. v: 6. Without faith it is impossible to please him, for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him. After meeting we sat a little at George Binks's and took a glass of Wine, and then went to Thomas Mulliners to Tea. My mind felt nearly united unto dear Thomas, and at parting I had just to observe unto him; That I had been much pleased to see him. And to feel the help of his spirit, and wished him to be encouraged. We return'd to John Ashworths were we got about 7 o.clock.

On 1st. of 6th. Mo. and 2nd. of week, After Breakfast we set out for Edgworth 3 miles, got there just in time to the meeting which began at 10 o.clock, 29 persons attended 5 of whom appeared to be people of other Societies. It was a precious season of divine favour to the tendering of the spirits of many of the beloved youth unto whom a divine visitation was renewed and the language of encouragement flowed freely I had a long testimony to bear therein from Mark C: 10. v: 21. 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. Afterwards I had a short time from Luke C: 10. v: 42. One thing is needful, and Mary hath chosen the good part. After meeting we din'd at Thomas Tommysons, and about quarter past 1 o.clock set out for Colne 22 miles dear John Ashworth junr. set us on our way about 2 miles and then returned. We drunk Tea at Richard Binns's of Crawshawbooth stopt about 1 hour and a half and then went by Burnley to Colne, were we got a little past 8 in the evening, and took up our quarters at John Halls.

On 2 of 3rd. of week, we walked to their Meeting at Trawden about 1 mile and a half which began at 11 o.clock. There are but few friends belonging to this meeting, but very many People of other Societies attended, without any invitation to my knowledge, so that the Meetinghouse and a room adjoining was crowded, and several stood without doors. It was a time of great favour, the Power of Truth eminently overshadowing us to the tendering of many hearts; and the testimony thereof was exalted. I had a very long time 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, establish strengthen settle you. and afterwards I was concerned in prayer. After meeting I went to dine in the village with James Wilson, having a particular desire to have an opportunity with his son Benjamin, who when I was last here was a very hopeful young man, but for want of persevering in a state of humble watchfulness, the twisting serpent had got entrance, and so far blinded his better judgment as

that he hath joined himself in marriage with a Woman of another society by a Priest. He din'd with me, and after dinner accompanied me to Colne, which afforded me an opportunity to relieve my mind fully unto him, and thankful I was to find him sensible of his error, and the meeting this day being a time of renewed visitation, he was in a very tender frame of spirit; and we parted from each other in much nearness of affection. Afterwards I went in company with several friends, to John Robinsons of Park house to Tea.

On 3rd. and 4th. of week, we left Colne about 8 o.clock in the morning for Marsden 3 miles, got there about 9 o.clock and took up our quarters at James Haworths. The meeting began at 11, and 38 persons attended, 4 of whom appeared to be people of other societies. It was a time of heavy labour before the stone was removed from the wells mouth, but when this was effected the different states of the flock was fed with food most convenient for them. I had a long testimony to bear therein 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; Surely after that I was turned; 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. Afterwards I had a short prophetic testimony for the encouragement of the faithful. Benjamin Wilson of Trawden was at this meeting, and dind'd with us, when I parted with him he was much broken and tendered, and the secret breathing of my spirit was that he may be enabled to improve by the present renewed visitation eminently and mercifully extended unto him. We left here about half past 3 o.clock, and went by Gisburn in Yorkshire to William Tippings of Dockbrow 12 miles, got there about 7 in the evening were we took up our quarters.

On 4th. and 5th. of week, we walked about 1 mile to their Meeting at Sawley, which began at 11 o.clock, 20 persons attended most of whom appeared to be people of other societies. The Lords presence in which there is life was eminently manifested amongst us, and I had a long testimony to bear therein from Rev: C: 14. v: 13. Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the spirit, that they may rest from their labours;; and their works do follow them. Afterwards I had a short time from Jam : C: 1. v: 5. If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not. After meeting I had some conversation with Thomas Chadburn a young man who is under convincement and attends this meeting; very much to my satisfaction. We left Dockbrow a little before 4 o.clock and came by Gisburn to Richard Wilsons of Thornton 9 miles, got there a little before 7 o.clock were we lodged.

On 5th. and 6th. of week, we set out for Lothersdale about 8 o.clock in the morning, Richard Wilson being our guide, and taking most of his family with him in his cart. The way was mostly mountainous and the road rough so that we got slowly on being 2 hours and a half in going 5 miles, we took up our quarters at Slater Stansfields of Dale.end. The meeting began at 11 o.clock and was large many being there who usually attend meetings, and many of other societies coming in the Meetinghouse was well filled. I sat for a considerable time under a feeling sense of great weakness, and in this state found a concern to stand up, matter gradually opened, and I had a long testimony to bear from Jer: C: 31. v: 15,16. A voice was heard in Ramah, lamentation, and bitter weeping; Rachel weeping for her children, refused to be comforted for her children, because they were not. Thus saith the Lord; Refrain thy voice from weeping, and thine eyes from tears; for thy work shall be rewarded saith the Lord; and they shall come again from the land of their enemy. Afterwards I had a pretty long time from Eze: C: 33. v: 31. They come unto thee as the people cometh, and they set before thee as my people, and they fear thy words, but they will not do them: for with their mouths they shew much love, but their heart goeth after their covetousness. Various states were spoke to in gospel authority, and I was favoured to leave in peace. After Tea my companion went home with John Stansfield and William Stansfield walked with me about 2 miles to Carlton.Biggin, got there a little before 7 o.clock, and took up my quarters at Daniel Binns's; having a strong desire to be in this family, and more particularly to see their servant James Lund, a young

man who is under convincement, and who felt particularly near to me when in these parts the last 11 month.

On 6th. and 7th. of week, In the forenoon I wrote a Letter to my William Taylor. At noon John Duckworth an ancient friend belonging to this meeting, viz. Skipton in the 76th. year of his age, came here to see me, he had appeared in Publick in meetings, when younger but friends not being then satisfied therewith, he took their advice and declined it, but sometime ago in advanced years he appeared again to the satisfaction of friends; He stopt the afternoon and his company was very agreeable to me; and I was well pleased with my visit to this family, feeling much as if at home. After Tea I set out for Skipton 2 miles, James Lund walked with me thither which was very agreeable to us both feeling an increasing regards for each other, got there about 7 o.clock, and took up my quarters at David Binns's.

On 7th. and 1st. of week, After breakfast my companion met me here. The meeting in Skipton began at 11 o.clock, there was a large collection of friends attended, and many People of other Societies, so that both ends of the Meetinghouse was crowded and some stood without, and the Lord was pleased eminently to favour us together, and I had a very long testimony to bear therein from Deut: C: 33. v: 29. Happy art thou O Israel; who is like unto thee, O people saved by the Lord. Afterwards I was concerned in prayer. At the close of this meeting was held their Preparative meeting in which my Certificate was read and minuted, and the meetings satisfaction expressed therewith, and with my company. Betwixt 3 and 4 o.clock in the afternoon we set out for Thornton 6 miles. James Lund was our guide, we got there about 5 and again took up our quarters at Richard Wilsons. After Tea James Lund and me had an agreeable opportunity together in an Arbour in their garden, and when he returned I set him a little on his way were we parted, but not without tears.

On 8th. and 2nd. of week, A Publick meeting being appointed at my request to be held this day at Salterforth, we set out about 9 o.clock this morning to attend it, Richard Wilson his wife, children and servants accompanying us thither. We got there about 10 and put up our horses at a farm house, having travelled from Thornton about 3 miles: The meeting began at 11 o.clock and was held in friends Meetinghouse a large and good building, but no meeting hath been regularly held there for many years. The Meetinghouse when laid open would contain abundance of People, but so great was the concourse that attended to day that it was not only exceedingly crowded but many were obliged to stand without doors, and it proved a very open and satisfactory meeting. I had a very long testimony to bear therein from 1 Cor: C: 3. v. 11, 12, 13, 14, 15. Other foundation can no man lay, than that is laid, which is Jesus christ. Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious

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On 9th. and 3rd. of week, we had a Publick meeting with the few friends, and people of other Societies in friends Meetinghouse, which began at 11 o'clock and held 2 hours and a quarter. A pretty many People of other societies attended but they appeared mostly to be very raw unthoughtful People, nevertheless the Lord was pleased in mercy to look down upon us and favoured us with a satisfactory meeting, the pure witness for Truth in many minds being reached and a renewed visitation of divine Love eminently extended, and ability received to

open unto them the way of Life and salvation. I had a very 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, he God heareth. Near the close of the meeting, I acknowledged our satisfaction with the company and commendable behaviour of the People, except in some not duly observing the hour appointed, which was a hurt unto themselves, and to the meeting. I then opened up to them the nature of spiritual Worship, and concluded with endeavouring to settle them under the teaching of the Grace of God. We breakfasted this morning at James Nodeles, and after meeting din'd at the Inn, and about 3 o'clock set out for Settle 14 miles, went by Slaiburn to Topside-Chapel were we got something to drink in the carriage. The country here about is very high, and we had at once a fine prospect of the 3 highest hills in the North of England viz. Pendlehill, Penigent and Ingleborough. We reached Settle about half past 6 in the evening, and took up our quarters at Mary Birkbecks a worthy friend, and an acceptable minister.

On 10th. and 4th. of week, Settle Monthly meeting was held here to day, and the meeting for worship began at 11 o'clock, It was not large, altho' I understood considerably larger than usual, and I had a pretty long testimony to bear therein from Matt: C: 20: v: 6. Why stand ye here all the day idle. Afterwards Mary Birkbeck had a concurring testimony, being opened from Matt: C: 18. v: 16. In the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established. At the close of this meeting was held the meeting for discipline, which consists of 3 Preparative meetings viz. Settle, Bentham, and Lothersdale, They had not much business before them to day, amongst other things my Certificate was read, and the meetings satisfaction therewith, and with my company expressed by minute. Also Slater Stansfield of Lothersdale meeting was cleared from all engagements relating to marriage except with his friend Jane Fryer of Brighouse Monthly Meeting, and to whom the further care therein and of the accomplishment thereof was referred. At the close of the business I have a pretty long testimony to bear from John C: 11. v: 28. The master is come, and calleth for thee. I felt thankful in being here to day, believing it was a time of renewed favour to many minds and more particularly so, to some of the youth. Both meetings held 3 hours and a half. After dinner we went and sat a little Benjamin Birkbecks, and return'd to our quarters to Tea. A little after 5 o'clock, we set out for Bentham 11 miles, Jonathan Stordy and his Wife, of that meeting, who had been at the Monthly meeting being our guide. We passed through a very curious rocky country, and by the ebbing and flowing well in Giggleswick Scar, in our way, we reached my beloved friend John Yeardleys house in Bentham about half past 8 o'clock, were we took up our quarters, and were we was favoured with a renewed feeling of that love which had many times nearly united our spirits together.

On 11th. and 5th. of week, We spent this day very comfortably with these long beloved and truly valuable friends, and in the evening had a Publick meeting appointed for friends and People of other Societies in their Meetinghouse at Bentham about 1 mile and a half from their house, we walked thither it being very pleasant thro' the fields. The meeting began at half past 6 and held 2 hours and a quarter A pretty many who usually attend meetings, and a great concourse of people of other societies attended so that the Meetinghouse both above and below stairs was well filled, and several were in the passage, and in an adjoining room. A precious solemnity mercifully overshadowed us, whereby the minds of many were prepared to receive what the Lord was pleased instrumentally to communicate, to the many different states, and O that they may individually profit thereby, for surely it was a time of favour unto 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 the 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 Yeardley had a pretty long time next from John C: 2. v: 4. Woman, what have I to do with thee? mine hour is not yet come. I next from 1 Cor: 14. v: 19. I had rather speak five words with my understanding, that by my voice I might teach others also, than ten thousand words in an unknown tongue.

After meeting we sat a little Joshua Huddlestomes near the Meetinghouse, and then returned to our quarters.

On 12th. and 6th. of week, about 9 o'clock in the morning we set out for Wray in Lancashire 5 miles, John Yeardley being our guide, and taking his Wife and Ann Stordy along with him in a Taxed.cart. We had a very pleasant ride thither, down a beautiful valley through which the river Wenning runs, had on our right hand a fine view of Hornby.castle, now in part gone to decay. Got to Wray about half past 10, and put up our horses at the George and dragon were we found John Mason a friend who lives in the village waiting for our coming, who took us to his house were we got some refreshment, and then went to the meeting, which began at 11 o.clock, 23 persons attended 1 of which appeared to be of another Society, I sat therein for a considerable time in a very low state, but feeling a concern to stand up, I gave up altho' in great weakness, different states opened and was spoke to, in the authority of the Gospel, and I had a long testimony to bear from Luke C: 15. v: 8. What woman having 10 pieces of silver, if she lose one piece, doth not light a candle and sweep the house, and seek diligently till she find it. John Yeardley had a pretty long time next from Lam: C: 3. v: 26. It is good that a man should both hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the Lord. Afterwards I was concerned in Prayer, and felt truly thankful for this renewed mark of divine favour, and secretly rejoiced that my lot was cast here. My companion and me stopt and got a little refreshment at the Inn, and dear John Mason stopt with us, unto whom I felt my spirit very nearly united in the covenant of Life, he accompanied us a little out of the village were we parted under the same precious covering. and came about 2 miles to Thomas Barrows of Wennington.hall, were we din'd and drunk Tea, tarried until about half past 6, and then came to Bentham were we reached our former quarters about 7 o.clock, and afterwards went to sup at Jonathan Stordys.

On 13th. and 7th. of week, about 10 o.clock in the forenoon we set out for Kendal in Westmoreland 28 miles John Yeardley being our guide, got to Kirby Lonsdale in Westmoreland were we din'd at the Rose and Crown, stopt about 2 hours and then proceeded to Kendal were we got about 4 o.clock in the afternoon, and took up our quarters at Robert Bensons. It was with difficulty we got into the Town for the crowd of People. The parliament being dissolved and a new election of members about to take place, and there being an opposition in this County Henry Brougham the favourite candidate with the People against the Lonsdales, they were waiting his arrival in the Town to canvas for votes. After Tea I went to Thomas Wilsons his house was nearly opposite the Inn were Henry Brougham put up, when he arrived the populace took his horse from the carriage and hurried him into the Town, and to the Inn 4 flags flying and a band of musick went before him, after he alighted he went into an upper room and addressed the largest meeting of people that I ever saw collected from the window for about an hour in a very impressive manner, and so great was the crowd in the street, that many fainted, all was quiet, and after he had done separated in a becoming manner.

On 14th. and 1st. of week, we attended their meetings in Kendal the forenoon meeting began at 10 o.clock It is large, and was pretty open and satisfactory I had a long testimony to bear therein first from John C: 15. v: 14. Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you. John Yeardley had a pretty long time next being opened from these words, O thou the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob manifest myself, that thou yet reignest in Israel. I next from Prov: C: 9. v: 12. If thou be wise, though shalt be wise for thyself; but if thou scornest, thou alone shall bear it. After meeting we went and sat a little at Samuel Marshals were I took some refreshment, and then we went to dine at Isaac Wilsons. Afternoon meeting began at 3 o.clock, It was dull and heavy and held in silence, except a few words dropt towards the close by Jane Emery. After meeting we drank Tea at our ancient valuable friend Deborah Braithwaits, and supp'd at William Dilworth Crewdsons. After supper we closed into silence, and had a precious cementing opportunity together in which William Dilworth Crewdson and myself at each a few words to communicate.

On 15th. and 2nd. of week, we breakfasted at Thomas Wilsons, and left Kendal between 2 and 3 o'clock in the afternoon for Hawkshead in Lancashire 19 miles Isaac Wilson being

our guide, went through a very curious and rocky country beautifully adorned by places with wood, passed by Calgarth the palace of the late Bishop of Llandaff, and for a considerable way on the banks of Windermere-water a very large and beautiful state with several Islands in it stopt about half an hour at Low-wood Inn and got some refreshment, and then passed over the top of the Lake and got to John Braggs of Hawkshead about 7 o'clock in the evening were we took up our quarters.

On 16th. and 3rd. of week, we walked about half a mile to their meeting at Colthouse which began at 10 o'clock, 22 persons attended, and I had a long testimony to bear therein from Rev: C: 3. v: 2. Strengthen the things which remain that are ready to die, for I have not found thy works perfect before God. and afterwards I had a pretty long exhortation ,different states were opened and spoke to, and I was favoured to leave in peace. After meeting I got a little suitable refreshment at Michael Satterthwaits and then return'd to our quarters. Having particularly noticed a man in the meeting, upon enquiry now I found his name was Matthew Brockbank that he had joined our society by convincement a few years ago, and lived only a little out of the Town, After dinner I thought I should like to see him, and he being informed thereof quickly came hither were I had a private opportunity with him to my satisfaction and his profit I hope. About 3 o'clock in the afternoon we set out for Ulverstone 17 miles Edward Satterthwaite a young man being our guide, we rode through a very delightful mountainous country with excellent roads, and for about 8 miles by Coniston.lake having this beautiful lake on our right hand, and very high rocky mountains clothed with wood on our left got to Ulverstone about 7 o'clock in the evening were we took up our quarters at Joseph Goads.

On 17th. and 4th. of week, we walked 1 mile to their meeting at Swarthmore, went a little before the time, and called at Swarthmore.hall formally the seat of Judge Fell, and afterwards the residence of George Fox, who married his Widow; we were shown into the apartments which are left standing, a great part of the building being taken down: But the hall where friends Meetings were held, until the Meetinghouse was built is entire, and several of the rooms into which we were shewn. From thence we went to the meeting which began at half past 10, 36 persons attended, It was a time of peculiar favour the precious visitation being extended afresh unto many, who were much broken and tendered especially some of the youth. I was first concerned therein in supplication and afterwards had a very long testimony to bear 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 from thee, it shall be so unto thee; but if not, it shall not be so. Betwixt 2 and 3 o.clock in the afternoon we set out for Newton in Cartmel 14 miles, Thomas Brockbank being our guide, crossed the bottom of Windermere-water at Newby.bridge, and called John Harrisons of Ayside were my companion tarried all night and I stopt about 2 hours and drank Tea, and afterwards walked 1 mile to Newton, got there at about 7 o'clock were I took up my quarters.

On 18th. and 5th. of week, I walked with them to their meeting at Height about 1 mile and a half. The meeting began at 10 o'clock, and 22 persons attended 1 of whom appeared not to profess with us, different states were opened and spoke to, and I felt thankful, for the renewed extension of divine favour, and hope it was a profitable time unto many. I had a long testimony to bear therein from 2 Cor: C: 1. v: 12. For our rejoicing is this, the testimony of our conscience, that in simplicity and godly sincerity, not with fleshy wisdom but by the grace of God, we have had our conversation in the world. After meeting we return'd to my quarters to dine, in our way I had a little conversation with William Charnley a friend who hath joined our society by convincement from amongst the Methodists, and hath since removed from Liverpool and settled near Flookborough, within the compass of this meeting being a due attender of thereof altho' 5 miles distant. About 2 o'clock we set out for Yealand 16 miles, John Rawlinson an agreeable young man in the 20th. year of his age being our guide, in our way we came down a very long and remarkable steep hill called Towtop, descending by a very curious winding zig zag road, but kept in a very good repair, and then over a plain and so under a very long and surprizing higher rock called Whitbarrow, which in some places

appeared to hang over the road, and by Milnethorp in Westmoreland to Yealand in Lancashire were we got about 5 o'clock, and took up our quarters at Charles Parkers. After Tea our guide returned home, and before he set out I had some private conversation with him to my satisfaction, and we parted in nearness of affection. After which we took a walk upon an high hill under which this village is situated which screens it from the west winds. From the top of this hill we had a beautiful and extensive prospect over the surrounding country, and the sea.

On 18th. and 16th. of week, we had a meeting at Yealand which began at 10 o'clock, 43 persons attended, and it was a satisfactory meeting Charles Parker had a pretty long testimony to bear first from Matt: C: 8. v: 19, 20. A certain scribe came, and said, Master, I will follow thee whithersoever thou goest. And Jesus said unto him, The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests; but the son of man hath not where to lay his head. This opened the way for me to relieve my mind in a long testimony from 2 Tim: C: 2. v: 19. The foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal. The Lord knoweth them that are his. After meeting we din'd at Robert and William Waithmans. In this village in the early part of friends lived Richard Hubberthorn, and at Kellet a village we passed through in our way to Lancaster lived Robert Withers, who also belonged this meeting. After Tea we set out for Lancaster 9 miles William Ord being our guide, we got there about 6 in the evening and took up our quarters at the Widow Elizabeth Wadkins; in our way hither we had a most violent storm of wind and rain, such as I never remember to being out in before in the summer season. 6 men who were out in a boat fishing for pleasure upon the River Wire were all drowned the violence of the storm driving the Boat under

On 20th. and 7th. of week, in the forenoon I wrote to Charles Unsworth. After dinner we took a walk thro' several parts of the Town, and around the Castle where there is a beautiful elevated walk, which commands an extensive, and beautifully variegated prospect. From thence we went to George Crosfields to Tea.

On 21st. and 1st. of week, we attended both their meetings in Lancaster, before the meeting began at 10 o'clock when we got there we was agreeably surprized to find dear John Yeardley who had walked this morning 15 miles to meet us. The meeting was large of friends and it proved a time of renewed visitation unto many who were afar of, and of encouragement unto those who were nigh. I had a very long testimony to bear therein from Matt: C: 22. v: 12. Friend, how camest thou in hither, not having a wedding garment. John Yeardley had a short but very acceptable time next from Est: C: 4. v: 14. If thou altogether holdest thy peace at this time, then shalt their enlargement and deliverance arise to the Jews from another place, but thou and thy Fathers house shall be destroyed. Afterwards I was concerned in Prayer. After meeting we din'd at George Barrows. Afternoon meeting began at 3, not so large as the former it being very wet. I sat for sometime therein in a low state of mind, but strength was manifested in the great weakness, and I had a long and encouraging testimony to bear 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. 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. After meeting we drunk Tea with Sarah Braithwaite and Elizabeth Forster two valuable friends who live together the latter having been lately acknowledged as a Minister in unity.

On 22nd. and 2nd. of week, we set out for Wyersdale, James Jackson being our guide, we got to William Dilworths of Ortner 8 miles were we left our carriage and horses and walked about 1 mile and a half to the Meetinghouse got there just in time to the meeting which began at 10 o'clock. It is a large meeting of plain country friends, and several of their neighbours came in, so that the Meetinghouse was pretty well filled, and I believe it was a time of profit unto many, various states being opened and spoke to, and a precious visitation was renewed unto some more especially amongst the youth who were much broken and tendered, I had a long testimony to bear therein first from Isai: C: 43. v: 21, 22, 23. This people have I formed for myself; they shall shew forth my praise. But thou hast not called upon me, O Jacob; but thou hast been weary of me O Israel. Thou hast not brought me the

small cattle of thy burnt offerings; neither hast thou honoured me with thy sacrifices. Afterwards I had the long time from John C: 16. v: 12. I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. After meeting we din'd at Joshua Kelsalls near the Meetinghouse, and after dinner feeling something upon my mind to Joshua Kelsall, and being about to return to William Dilworths I desired the other friends to go before and Joshua accompanied me about half a mile, at parting I communicated unto him what was upon my mind by way of encouragement to faithfulness, and we took leave of each other in much brokenness of spirit, he shedding many tears. At William Dilworths we took some cake and a glass of wine, and betwixt 2 and 3 o'clock set out for Preston 18 miles, in company with Joseph Jackson and his Wife, came by Garstang to their house at Birith were we stopt about 2 hours and drunk Tea, then proceeded to Preston, got there about 8 o'clock, and took up our quarters at Ralph Aldersons.

On 23rd. and 3rd. of week, the meeting at Preston began at 10 o'clock, 43 persons attended, It was a low time in the forepart thereof, but ended comfortably. I had a long testimony to bear therein from Phil: C: 4. v: 13. I can do all things through christ which strengtheneth me. and afterwards had a short time from 2 Tim: C: 2. v: 12. If we suffer, we shall also reign with him. I had plain and close labour with several different states, but the language of encouragement flowed freely, unto the poor in spirit, a little deeply exercised and tryed remnant. About half past 2 in the afternoon we set out for Blackburn 11 miles Michael Satterthwaite being our guide. The meeting was appointed for the day following but being market day it was agreed to be held this evening. We got to Blackburn about half past 4 and took up our quarters at Thomas Swithenbank. The meeting began at 6, and 30 persons attended the larger number being People of other societies, It was eminently owned by the divine presence to the tendering of many spirits, and I had a very long testimony to bear therein from 1 Sam: C: 15. v: 22. Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice; and to harken than the fat of rams. Afterwards I was concerned in Prayer. Peter Little and John Bradshaw, two of the persons who were convinced at Harwood about the time when I was last here were at this meeting and came to our quarters and stopt with us until 10 o'clock, altho' Peter had 7 miles to walk home, they being both removed from Harwood.

On 24th. and 4th. of week, in the forenoon I went and sat a little at Benjamin Abbots; and then took a walk through the market which I was surprized to find so crowded with People and so abundantly stocked with most kinds of marketable wares. Betwixt 1 and 2 o'clock in the afternoon we set out for John Ashworths of Birtinshaw 11 miles, and got there about quarter before 4, were we lodg'd.

On 25th. and 5th. of week, about 8 o'clock in the morning we set out for West Houghton 8 miles went by Bolton thither, and got there about 10 o'clock were we put up at Isaac Hirsts from thence we walked about a quarter of a mile to the meeting which began at 11 o'clock, I found they had got a much larger place to meet in since I was last here, and their numbers were considerably increased, about 60 persons attended to day altho' the forenoon was very wet; some of these appeared to be persons who do not regularly attend. I had a very long testimony to bear therein from 2 Cor: C: 11. v. 2, 3. I am jealous over you with godly jealousy; for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to christ. But I fear lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtlety, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. It was a time of extraordinary favour, Those who had kept their minds chaste unto their beloved were encouraged to persevere, those who had departed from their first love were invited to return, and those who were visited with the dayspring from on high were exhorted to faithfulness; and all states was shewed the necessity of watchfulness, that none might fall in the hour of temptation. After meeting we return'd to Isaac Hirsts were we partook both before and after meeting of some refreshment which our kind friends John Marsden and his Wife had prepared and brought hither for us. Afterwards we set for Wigan 4 miles and a half in company with Joseph Nevill son of James Nevill whom his father had sent to meet us here and conduct us to his house; we got there betwixt 2 and 3 o'clock to dine were we took up our quarters.

On 26th. and 6th. of week as we were taking a walk this morning I had a fine view of Parbold.hall 5 or 6 miles distant were my Charles Unsworth once lived in the station of a footman, It appears to be beautifully situated on an eminence commanding an extensive prospect and overlooking a fine country. This day we were at their meeting at Standish 3 miles and a half from Wigan got there a little before the time, and took up our quarters at John Kirshaws. The meeting began at 11, and 42 persons attended, several of them appearing to be people of other societies I had a long testimony to bear therein from Isai: C: 40. v. 1, 2. Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God. Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished; that her iniquity is pardoned; for she hath received of the Lords hand double for all her sins. It was a good meeting many were much broken and tendered therein a powerful visitation being extended unto the youth; and the elders were encouraged to maintain the warfare until they experienced the full accomplishment of thereof. After meeting in shaking hands with a young man, I felt Gospel love to flow in my heart unto him, I asked his name he told me it was Thomas Waring. I bade him Farewell not then expecting to see him any more, but before I got to my quarters, I found the way for me to be favoured with peace was to follow him home, before dinner I enquired about him and found he was a young man about 20 years of age who had attended friends meetings sometime, that he was the son of Richard Waring a Farmer at Standish Wood, in the foot way betwixt Wigan and Standish, and that his Sister Ellin was to come to dine here, who with other two sisters and their Father and Mother, were joined to our Society by convincement. In the afternoon my companion returned to our quarters at Wigan, and I went with Ellin Waring to her Fathers Margaret Kirshaw accompanying us thither, were we drunk Tea, and after Tea Thomas Waring walked with me to Wigan which afforded me an opportunity for me to relieve my mind unto him to our mutual satisfaction. We got to James Nevill's about 7 o.clock, Thomas Waring tarried the evening with us, and after supper returnd home, I set him a little on his way, and at parting he shed many tears, O how cementing is the love of God.

On 27th and 7th. of week, we set out for Liverpool 22 miles taking Ashton meeting in our way thither, 4 miles and a half from this Town. We left Wigan betwixt 9 and 10 in the morning James Nevill and his son William being our guides, in about 1 hour time we reached Ashton; The meeting began at 11 o.clock, There are not many friends belonging it, but pretty many sober neighbours came in, and it proved a very satisfactory meeting different states were opened and spoke unto, and the language of encouragement flowed freely unto some whom if faithful would become more fruitful, and many were much broken and tendered. I have a long testimony to bear therein from 1 John C: 3. v. 4, 5. Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law, for sin is the transgression of the law. And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins: and in him is no sin. Afterwards I had a pretty long time 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. Thomas Waring was at this meeting, and I believe it was a profitable time to him, we had a short but sweet opportunity together in the Meetinghouse before we parted: and afterwards we got a little suitable refreshment which our kind friend James Nevill brought for us, and then Joshua Birchall who was our guide to Liverpool conducted us to his house at Mossbank 3 miles were we din'd, and stopt about 1 hour and a half, and then proceeded by Prescot to Liverpool were we got betwixt 6 and 7 in the evening and took up our quarters at Isaac Hadwins. After we got here we was agreeably surprized with the information, that our friend Benjamin White from Pennsylvania in America had landed here this morning being about to proceed upon a religious visit to this nation. And Hannah Field from New.York state in America came here this afternoon, being about to return to her native land, having paid a very acceptable visit to this nation, and Elizabeth Fry from Essex, and John Pym of London accompanied her hither, and all of them attended the meeting here the next day.

On 28th. and 1st. of week, we attended both their meetings in this Town, The forenoon meeting began at 10, and was very large Friends and a few of other societies came in

Benjamin White had two pretty long testimonies to bear therein, expressing the near sympathy he had felt with the seed which was in a state of affliction in the hearts of many, and that the Lord saw it, and was in mercy visiting it; pointing out the way for its deliverance with indubitable clearness; and I trust it was a time of favour unto many. After meeting we called at Samuel Horrocks who is under commencement, and his Wife Mary is accepted a member of our society, we took a little suitable refreshment with them, and then went to our quarters, where we found all the other Strangers, and we all din'd together to our mutual satisfaction, being made joyful in the company one of another. The afternoon meeting began at 3 o clock, which proved a time of extraordinary favour a precious and powerful visitation being extended to many, and the way was clearly pointed out by which alone it might prove effectual for the redemption of the soul. John Pym had a short testimony therein first from 1 Pet: C: 3. v: 21. The like figure whereunto, even baptism, doth now save us, not the putting away the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience towards God, by the resurrection of Jesus christ. I next from Luke C: 9. v: 11. And healed them that had need of healing. Almost immediately after I sat down Benjamin White arose and enlarged upon the foregoing subjects for about an hour and afterwards Hannah Field had an extraordinary time in Prayer. After meeting all the Strangers and me took a very solemn Farewel of each other, and in my return to my quarters I called and drunk Tea at Samuel Horrocks.

The 29th. and 2nd. of week, A Publick meeting being appointed at my request to be held this day at Hardshaw we went this morning to Samuel Blains to breakfast he being our guide, and his Wife accompanying us, we left Liverpool for Hardshaw 12 miles about 7 o.clock in the morning, and went by Prescott thither, were we got about 9 o.clock, and put up at the Raven. Here we found dear Thomas Waring come to meet us which afforded us another private opportunity together to our mutual rejoicing. The meeting began at 10 o.clock, and was held in a very large Meetinghouse built on purpose for the accommodation of Hardshaw Monthly Meeting, there never being a meeting of friends regularly held here, The Meetinghouse being laid open would accommodate abundance of People but so great was the concourse that attended, that it was not only very much crowded, but many had to stand without; and it proved a time of extraordinary favour many being very much broken and tendered therein. I had a very long testimony to bear from 2 Kin: C: 5. v: 12. Are not Abana and Pharpar, rivers of Damascus better than all the waters of Israel? may I not wash in them and be clean. The meeting held 2 hours, and at the close thereof I acknowledged my obligation to the People for favouring us with their company, and our satisfaction with their very commendable behaviour; and after a short exhortation, saluted them in Gospel Love and bade them all Farewel. We din'd at the Raven, and after taking a very affectionate Farewel of dear Thomas Waring and other friends, we set out for Warrington 10 miles about 2 o.clock in the afternoon, William Hewitt of Ashton meeting being our guide, got there about half past 3, were we took up our quarters at Richard and John Oddies.

On 30th. and 3rd. of week, The meeting at Warrington began at 10 o.clock 54 persons attended 5 of whom were people of other societies and one of them an Independent Preacher. It was rather a lowish time, but matter opened, and was delivered as I apprehend suitable to different states, at least it felt to the full relief of my own mind having a long testimony to bear therein 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. After meeting we din'd at Ann Gilpins and about quarter past 2 in the afternoon we set out for Weaverham in Cheshire 9 miles, Samuel Foster being our guide, we got there to our dear friend Ralph Neilds about quarter past 4 were we took up our quarters.

On 1st. of 7th. mo: and 4th. of week we went to their meeting at Newton.by.forest 6 miles in company with several of the family. The meeting began at 11 o.clock, and was pretty large the greatest number being people of other societies. It was upon the whole a satisfactory meeting, altho' I had close labour with some who were desirous of making sacrifices acceptable unto God in the room of obeying his revealed will. I had a very long testimony to bear therein from Matt: C: 7 .v: 21. Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter

into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. After meeting we came to John Frodshams of Kingsley were we sat a little and took some suitable refreshment and then came to our quarters to dine. After dinner I wrote a letter to my esteemed friend James Lund of Carlton.biggin near Skipton.

On 2nd. and 5th. of week, we set out for Frandley 6 miles, Ralph Neild are being our guide, and Mary Harpur his Wifes Mother accompanying us thither; we left here about 9 o.clock in the morning, I walked over the fields to have a little of William Yeardleys company who went along with me, he is a precious youth about 20 years of age, who I was glad to find settled here as a servant, he having suffered much from a cruel Master in the early part of his convincement but he hath been mercifully preserved through all, and is I believe in a growing state, this little opportunity was much to our satisfaction, and our parting was a very solemn one. The friends coming up, I stepped into the carriage, and we proceeded to John Walmsleys of Whitley, got there about half past 10 were we took up our quarters, after getting a little refreshment we went about half a mile to Frandley, The meeting began at 11 o.clock, 30 persons attended, 1 of which appeared to be of another society. It was a comfortable meeting, and I had a long testimony to bear 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. A few choice friends attend this meeting, unto whom the language of encouragement freely flowed, and the careless was warned of their danger, and exhorted to obey this renewed call that they might obtain mercy. After meeting we return'd to John Walmsleys, and about 3 o.clock set out for Penketh in Lancashire 8 miles and a half William Darbyshire being our guide, he is a valuable friend who joined our society by convincement, having formerly been in profession with the Methodists, when we had come about 1 mile and a half we called at his house at Stratton, were we sat a little and took a glass of wine, and then proceeded to Warrington in Lancashire; were we stopt and took Tea at Richard and John Oddies; and got to Penketh about half past 6 in the evening, were we took up our quarters at John Davies's.

On 3rd. and 6th. of week, had a meeting at Penketh which began at 10 o.clock, 33 persons attended 11 of which appeared to be people of other societies. The Lords power was eminently manifested, whereby I was enabled fully to relieve my mind to different states as they were opened before me in a long testimony from 1 Thes: C: 5. v: 6. Let us not sleep, as do others; let us watch and be sober. and afterwards I was concerned in Prayer. After meeting we return'd to our quarters, were we got some suitable refreshment. Being previously engaged to dine at Samuel Fosters of Warrington we set out immediately for there 3 miles in company with Richard Oddie, who met us at this meeting, After dinner we left Warrington about 2 o.clock, and got to John Wadkins of Pendleton about half past 5, (having stopt at an Inn by the way to get a little matter to drink) 16 miles; here I took up by quarters, but after Tea my companion went home. I met with a letter here from my Charles Unsworth and this evening I walked about 2 miles to see his Grandmother, but found she departed this life ye. 13th. of last 1st. mo: in the 94th. year of her age.

On 4th. and 7th. of week, in the forenoon I wrote to my William Taylor, and to my kind friend John Hall of Colne. About 7 o.clock this evening my dear friend Thomas Waring got here being desirous to see me again before I left these parts, he was a truly acceptable companion to me during my stay here, and we sleeping together it afforded as much opportunity of private conversation.

On 5th. and 1st. of the week, we walked to Manchester 2 miles and attended both their meetings which were large open and satisfactory; different states were opened and spoke to, a renewed call was extended unto many, and the way pointed out for them to be chosen in Christ; the careless and negligent were warned, and the language of encouragement flowed freely unto the Lords poor. The forenoon meeting began at 10 and I had a long testimony to bear therein from Matt: C: 22. v: 14. Many are called but few are chosen. After meeting we

din'd at William Thorps. Afternoon meeting began at 3 o'clock, It was not quite so large as the former of friends but many more of other Societies came in, and I had a long testimony to bear therein 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. Afterwards Elizabeth Olverston dropt a few words. After meeting we drunk Tea at John Rothwells. and I return'd to our quarters with John Wadkin in his Chaise

On 6th. and 2nd. of week, This morning after a private opportunity with Thomas Waring in which he was much broken and tendered, I having a few words to communicate unto him; we took a very affectionate leave of each other, and about half past 9 I left here John Wadkin being my guide and conveying me in his Chaise, we went by Middleton and Rochdale, to my kind friend William Midgleys of Buersill, got there a little before 11 o'clock 12 miles, were I again took up my quarters.

On 7th. and 3rd. of week, This morning William Midgley again joined me as my companion, and conveyed me in his Chaise, We set out for Whitworth 4 miles and a half it looks to 9 and 10 o'clock, where we had a Publick meeting appointed, went by Rochdale and got to Whitworth a little before 11 o'clock, and took up our quarters at Thomas Capsticks a friend who hath lately removed with his family and settled there. This village hath been longer noted for its Doctors, who by the very extraordinary cures they have performed, have spread their fame throughout the nation. The meeting began at 11 o'clock and was held in a School, which was well seated, and a convenient gallery erected, and was supposed it would contain about 200 People; it was well filled and some in an adjoining room, A great solemnity covered the minds of the People, and I believe it was a precious time unto many, Truth reigning over all. I had a very long testimony to bear therein from Isai: C: 65. v: 1. I am sought of them that asked not for me; I am found of them that sought me not; I said, behold me, behold me, unto a nation that was not called by my name. And afterwards had a short time from John C: 1. v: 46. Can any good thing come out of Nazareth? Philip saith unto him, Come and see. Concluding with expressing my satisfaction with the company and very commendable behaviour of the People, and after saluting them in Gospel love bade them all Farewel. The meeting held upwards of 2 hours. About half past 2 we set out for Shuttleworth. hall 13 miles and a half, went by Bacup to Durplay, were we rested us about half an hour and got a little refreshment at the Stag and hounds, and then proceeded, soon after we left here came on very unexpectedly a very severe storm of Thunder and Lightning, with a very heavy rain and hail, we were upon the high mountains exposed without shelter to the fury of the storm; at length we came to a poor cottage were we alighted and sheltered, but the poor horse, was obliged to bear it, they having no shelter for him; when the storm abated, we proceeded, and got to James Haworths of Shuttleworth.hall about 7 o'clock were we took up quarters.

On 8th. and 4th. of week, betwixt nine and 10 this morning we set out for Burnley 4 miles, where we had a Publick meeting got there about a quarter past 10, and alighted at John Smiths, were I took a little refreshment. The meeting began at 11 o'clock and was held in the Methodist Meetinghouse; It was not so large as might have been expected from the number of inhabitants in this Town, and those who did attend collected rather in a scattering manner, yet, upon the whole it was a comfortable meeting, and I with many others were truly thankful for the opportunity. I had a very long testimony to bear therein from Isai: C: 55. v: 6. Seek ye the Lord while he may be found. and afterwards I had several exhortations to communicate to the people stood long, and I hope the remarks made will be profitably remembered by some. The meeting held upwards of 2 hours. After which I got a little suitable refreshment at John Smiths, and then went to dine at the Widow Elizabeth Holgates. She is not a member of our society, having been disowned for marrying a man of another persuasion; but she had previously sent us an invitation to dine with her, and she was remarkably kind. We set out for Colne 6 miles a little after 3 o'clock, and got there a little before 5 were I again took up my quarters at John Halls. After Tea my kind companion took leave of me, being under a necessity to return towards home. I felt the parting nearly, but the loss I felt in being thus separated from my kind companion; was abundantly made up, by the coming of another

beloved friend to meet me here this evening viz. James Lund of Carlton Biggin near Skipton, I rejoiced much when I saw him coming, and we sleeping together it afforded us an opportunity of private conversation to our mutual satisfaction and edification

. On 9th. and 5th. of week, at 10 in the forenoon I had a Publick meeting in Colne, which was held in the Methodist Meetinghouse. It was large, very open, and highly favoured by the extendings of divine regard, amongst the numbers that attended was a Baptist preacher, an Independent Preacher, and two Methodist preachers. I had a very long testimony to bear therein from Eccle: C: 5. v. 1, 2. 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. Be not rash with thy mouth, and let not thine heart be hasty to utter anything before God; for God is in heaven, and thou upon earth; therefore let thy words be few. Afterwards I had a pretty long time having sundry remarks and exhortations to communicate, concluding with acknowledging my satisfaction with the company and very commendable behaviour of the People, and saluting them in the fresh flowings of Gospel Love bade them all Farewel. The meeting held 2 hours and a quarter. After dinner James Lund and me had a private opportunity together in our lodging room, in which I had a little matter to communicate to him, and we took leave of each other in great tenderness and brokenness of spirit. About 2 o'clock, I set out for Halifax in Yorkshire 20 miles, John Hall being my guide thither and conveying me in John Robertsons carriage; we had a very pleasant ride over the high moors and mountains to Heptonstall in Yorkshire were we stopt about 1 hour at the Sine of the cross and got some refreshment, then proceeded to Halifax, got there a little after 8 o'clock in the evening were I lodg'd at Robert Sutcliffs.

On 10th. and 6th. of the week, I went to John Pools after Breakfast were I spent most of the forenoon except going to see Alexander Cophneys, and return'd there to dinner. A little after 3 o'clock in the afternoon I left Halifax and went the foot way to Brighouse 4 miles, William Cophney an agreeable youth who is under convincement, and is in the 19th. year of his age walked with me thither to assist me in carrying my luggage we got there about quarter before 5, and I took up my quarters at John Kings. After Tea I went and sat a little at Thomas Coopers.

On 11th. and 7th. of week, after dinner I went and sat a little at James Lees's and about 3 o'clock set out for Greenhouse 3 miles, John King kindly accompanying me most part of the way and carrying my luggage I got there to Mary Horsfalls about 4 o'clock were I took up my quarters. Betwixt 6 and 7 my Charles Unsworth got here, being come to assist me with my luggage, and now joined me as my truly acceptable companion. After he got his Tea, we took a walk to Huddersfield and after having done our business there we return'd immediately to our quarters

On 12th. and 1st. of week, we attended Huddersfield meeting which began at 11 o'clock 64 persons were there 2 or 3 of whom appeared to be people of other societies. I had a long testimony to bear therein from Isai: C: 9. v: 2. The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light; they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them has the light shined. I felt the reward of peace for the discharge of apprehended duty; and as it was an open so I believe it was a profitable meeting to some. At the close thereof the business of their Preparative meeting was gone through. After which we din'd at John Fishers of Springdale; and about 4 o'clock set out for Wooldale, where our Monthly meeting was to be held the next day, being one week sooner than the usual time, William Hattersley of Ackworth who had been at this meeting to day accompanied us thither, in our way we stopt about half an hour at Abraham Kays of Lockwood and took a glass of wine, soon after we met with John Issott upon the road, who went with us about 2 miles and then return'd; we got to Wooldale about half past 6 in the evening, and took up our quarters at Henry Swires's, having walked from Greenhouse hither about 7 miles.

On 13th. and 2nd. of week, The meeting for Worship began at 11 o'clock, It was very large a great many People of other Societies attending as Protestants, Independents Baptists, and Methodists, and their Round Preacher; and the Lord was pleased to favour us together

with an open good meeting to the comfort of many minds, and honour of his great Name. I had a very long testimony to bear therein from Rev: C: 19. v: 13. He was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood; and his name is called The word of God. John Bottomley had a pretty long testimony next from Isai: C: 55. v: 3. Hear, and your soul shall live. and Afterwards James Harrison from John C: 20. v: 22. He breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy.Ghost. At the close of this meeting The men and women members of our society were requested to keep their seats, after those of other societies were withdrawn. The meeting was then opened, and I delivered up the Certificate received from this meeting in last 5th. month and informed friends that through many deep and humbling Baptisms, I had been enabled to go through what I had in prospect, so as to be favoured with the reward of Peace. which was minuted, and the meetings satisfaction expressed therewith. The Women friends then withdrew, and the men proceeded upon the further business of the meeting; amongst other business, Joseph Jackson Lister and member of Grace.church.street Monthly meeting in London, and Isabella Harris junr. of Ackworth meeting were cleared from all other engagements relating to marriage, and left at liberty to accomplish theirs when they and Ackworth friends saw meet. At the close of the business printed Yearly Meeting Epistle was read. Both meetings held 4 hours. After meeting we went George Broadheads of Jackson bridge to Tea were we tarried all night.

On 14th. and 3rd. of week, Charles Unsworth arose about 5 o'clock, and went home they being busy in the hay. Feeling weary I lay until 7 and then got up. Left here betwixt 9 and 10, called in my way at Richard Thorps of Haddenley, to see Susanna Taylor who by a fall had broke her thigh; I sat a little with her and partook of some Wine and Water, then came home were I got about 11 o'clock in the forenoon. I have abundant cause in this journey to acknowledge divine support, having been for a long time before I set out in a poor state of health and most of the time I was away, and I do not know except at night or two that I got more than 3 or 4 hours sleep of a night and many times not so much, yet I was enabled to get forward, and always when in meetings felt as if I was quite well. I travelled in this journey betwixt 5 and 600 miles.

An Account of my Journey to the General Meeting at Ackworth; and to a Publick Meeting held at Knottingley, in the 7th. and 8th. mos.1818.

I left home ye. 26th. of ye. 7th. Mo. 1818, and 1st. day of the week about 3 o'clock in the afternoon; my dear friend Charles Unsworth accompanied me by Denby and Gunthwaite to Elmhirst were for the present we took an affectionate Farewel of each other, he returning home; and I preceeded by Bankshall and Higham to Barnsley, It was very hot, and I felt very weary and overlaid with the heat, and thirst, whereupon I called at Bloodhall, and rested me about half an hour and got something to drink, paid 6d, and got Barnsley a little before 7 o clock were I sat some time at Robert Harrisons, and took some refreshment, and then he accompanied me to Thomas Yeardleys were I took up my quarters.

On 27th. and 2nd. of week, Our friend John Dymond from Exeter in Devonshire, being on a religious visit to the meetings of friends in this county, and when with us being desirous for me to meet him here to day, and the meeting being then ordered to be in the forenoon, caused me to come here last night, but when I got here, I found it was altered to be in the evening. After Breakfast I went and sat a little at Robert Harrisons, and thence went to William Harveys were I din'd. After dinner I went to William Taylors of Windmill were I drunk Tea, and from thence went to the meeting, which began at 6 o'clock; 56 persons attended, 16 of whom appeared to be people of other societies: It was a pretty satisfactory meeting, altho' it was attended with close labour, and plain truths suitable to different states were delivered in gospel authority. John Dymond had a long testimony to bear therein first from Psalms 12. v: 5. For the oppression of the poor, for the sighing of the needy, now will I

arise, saith the Lord. I next from Col: C: 3. v: 1. If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. James Harrison had a short time next from Heb: C: 13. v: 22. Suffer the word of exhortation. He had accompanied John Dymond to a few meetings and conveyed him in his carriage. After meeting I went with the friends to William Bayldons were I tarried supper and then returned to my quarters.

On 28th. and 3rd. of week, after breakfast I called upon the friends at William Bayldons, and about half past 8 o'clock we set out for Ackworth, Samuel Coward was our guide, and took John Dymond in a single horse chaise, and James Harrison took me in his carriage; we had a pleasant ride together, by Burton, Cudworth, Brierley and Hemsworth; and got to Ackworth about quarter before 11 o'clock I stopt dinner at the School, and after dinner Samuel Coward took me in his chaise to James Harrisons of Hardwick were I took up my quarters during the time of the General meeting.

On 29th. and 4th. of week, after meeting I went with Samuel Coward in the chaise to Ackworth. The General Meeting opened at 10 this forenoon with a meeting for Worship which was very large of friends from different parts of the nation and abundance of People of other societies attended; so that altho' abundance of additional seats were put into the Meetinghouse, the whole both above and below stairs, and the two rooms through which People pass into the meeting house were crowded, and many went away who could not get in. The friends who were concerned in Publick in the meetings for Worship this General meeting were, John Dymond, from Devonshire, Charles Parker and James Collinson from Lancashire, Mordecai Casson of Thorne, George Sanders of Whitby, Myself, Abigail Pym from London, and Hannah Broadhead of Leeds. This was a remarkable favourite meeting, the Power of Truth evidently overshadowing us. John Dymond had a long testimony to bear therein first from Psalms 137 v: 1. Except the Lord keep the city, the watchmen waketh but in vain. Charles Parker had a pretty long time next from 1Cor: C: 12. v: 7. The manifestation of the spirit is given to every man to profit withal. Mordecai Carson twice next the first time from Mic: C: 6. v: 6. Wherewith shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before the high God. And the other time from Prov: C: 16. v: 1. The preparations of the heart in man, and the answer of the tongue is from the Lord. George Sanders next 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. James Collinson next from 2 Pet: C: 1. v: 4. Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises, that by these we might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. I next from Eph: C: 4. v: 7. Unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ. John Dymond next in Prayer. At the close of this meeting, The Men and Women members of our Society sat a little together; until the representatives names from the several Quarterly Meetings were read, and a minute made directing the Women friends to withdraw into the Committee room, to appoint Committees to examine the state of the Girls learning, and the different departments of the house, and any other business that might properly come before them. The Men then proceeded with theirs. A committee was directed to meet and consider of a suitable friend for a Clerk to this meeting. Also another to leave out 7 names of the country committee and propose other 7 in the room thereof to be added to the remaining 21. A large number of names were then put down who with the Representatives to this meeting, the Agents, and the members of the London and country Committees now present were appointed a Committee to examine into the state of the Boys learning. This committee was then divided into 8 different classes. Both meetings held near 4 hours. After which I din'd at the School. At half past 3 the classes met in different apartments and entered upon the examination of the Boys ordered for each class. I was in number 4 and we met in the Matrons room, and sat at this time near 3 hours, and then adjourn'd. After which I drunk Tea at Robert Grahams. And in my return to my quarters called and sat a little Joseph Johnsons and took a glass of wine, and then he accompanied me to Hardwick and then return'd.

On 30th. and 5th. of the week, The classes met at 7 in the morning, and sat 1 hour, and then adjourned until 9 in this sitting they finished the examinations. But I was so poorly I

apprehend with the extreme heat in part that I did not attend this morning; but being better, I went to Ackworth betwixt 10 and 11 in the forenoon. At 12 all the separate classes met together, and sat upwards of 2 hours; the several reports were read, and a general one prepared therefrom to be laid before the General Meeting. After this sitting I din'd at the School. At 4 this afternoon the General meeting met again. The Committee appointed to consider of a suitable friend for a Clerk to this meeting proposed Samuel Gurney of London who was approv'd and appointed accordingly. Also the committee appointed to leave out 7 of the members of the country Committee, and nominate 7 others to be added to the remaining 21, proposed 7 friends for that service who were approved and appointed accordingly. A little more business was gone through, and then the Women friends were requested to attend. The report of the General Committee of Men friends was then read, and afterwards the Women friends report both of which in the general gave a satisfactory account of the state of things. The business was gone through; a time as solemn Worship ensued, in which Charles Parker and Mordecai Casson had each of them some advice and exhortation to communicate and stood pretty long. Hannah Broadhead was next concerned in Prayer. Mordecai Carson had a short testimony next and afterwards Abigail Pym had a long time. Precious indeed was cementing streams of divine love which flowed from vessel to vessel, to the solemizing of the minds of all, and causing the humble followers of a suffering Saviour to rejoice in the Lord, and in the company one of another. This sitting held near 2 hours. After which I drank Tea at the School, and in my return to Hardwick called and sat a little at Joseph Johnsons and took a glass of wine, and then he accompanied me nearly to my quarters.

On 31st. and 6th. of week, I having a concern to have a Publick meeting at Knottingley next first day, James Harrison and Joseph Johnson of Pontefract went thither this morning to procure a place and give notice thereof to the inhabitants. John Dymond coming to sleep here last night, we spent this forenoon very comfortably together, and after dinner we walked together to Ackworth, he having a meeting appointed there for the friends of that meeting, we spent the afternoon very agreeably in the family, and at 6 in the evening the meeting began. John Donbavand had a few words therein first John Dymond had a short testimony next from Matt: C: 13. v. 31, 32. The kingdom of heaven is like to a grain of mustard seed, which a man took and sowed in his field: which indeed is the least of all seeds; but when it is grown, it is the greatest among herbs, and becometh a tree, so that the birds of the air come and lodge in the branches thereof. Abigail Pym had a long time next from Isai: C: 66. v: 2. To this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word. Charles Unsworth being returning from Knottingley where he had been for Lime, and hearing of this meeting came to it, we were truly glad to see each other, and I went with him a little towards his quarters, and in my return took a little refreshment at the School, and then went to lodge at James Harrisons.

On 1st. of 8th. mo: and 7th. day of the week, betwixt 10 and 11 o'clock in the forenoon, I took my leave of this family and went by Carlton to Pontefract were I took my quarters at Mary and Elizabeth Johnsons. Afterwards I went to John Leathams to dine, and returne'd to Tea. Thomas Atkinson of Knottingley came here to invite us to take up our quarters the next day at his house, and appeared very friendly indeed, which was some encouragement to my poor tryed mind.

On 2nd and 1st of week, John Johnson of Newcastle upon Tyne, being here on a visit to his relations, very kindly offered to take me in his carriage to Knottingley and back: we left Pontefract about 9 o'clock, and got there 3 miles in about half an hours time, were we met with a very kind reception at Thomas Atkinsons. The meeting began at 10 and was held in the Independent Meetinghouse which they said would seat 500 People and was comfortably filled, The Preacher himself attended, and made himself very useful in directing strangers to seats. It was a solid solemn meeting the Power of Truth being in great dominion, and appearing to make considerable impression upon most minds. I had a very long testimony to bear therein 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. Stood nearly 2 hours, and after a short but very solemn time in silence, I stood up again and express my obligation to the People for favouring us with their company, and our satisfaction with their very commendable behaviour. But above all our thankfulness that the most high had been mercifully pleased to crown the Assembly with his presence, and after a short exhortation concluded with saluting them in Gospel love and bade them all Farewel. The Meeting held near 3 hours. After getting some suitable refreshment at Thomas Atkinsons we returned to Pontefract to dine and got there to my quarters about 2 o'clock. Pontefract friends having put off their afternoon meeting on my account until 5 o'clock, 52 persons attended, 11 or 12 of which appeared to be People of other societies; It was a satisfactory meeting a divine visitation being renewed unto many, more especially unto the youth, and I had a long testimony to bear therein 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. Luke Howard from Tottenham in Middlesex was at this meeting, and after meeting I drunk Tea with him at his Uncle John Leathams, and was much pleased and edified with his agreeable company and conversation.

On 3rd. and 2nd. of week I left Pontefract about 10 o'clock in the forenoon, and came by Featherstone, Ackton, Warmfield, and Heath to Sandal, were I stopt upwards of half an hour at the Cock and bottle, got some refreshment paid 9d, and then came to Christopher Walkers of Dirtcar, got there about 3 o'clock in the afternoon, were I tarried all night.

On 4th. and 3rd. of week, I set out about 9 o'clock in the morning, and came by Netherton, and Midgley to Emley were I called and rested me near an hour at Thomas Silverwoods, and looked at my young Beasts which are Agisted there, then came to cousin Charles Stead of Siver-Ing were I din'd, and afterwards sat a little cousin Benjamin Steads stopt at both places betwixt 2 and 3 hours, then came to my Nephew Robert Woods of Moorbottom, were I stopt upwards of 2 hours, and drunk Tea; and then came by Cumberworth home were I got between 6 and 7 in the evening.

An Account of my Journey to a Publick Meeting held at Lumbroyd in the 8th. mo: 1818

Having felt a concern upon my mind for a considerable time to have a Publick meeting in friends Meetinghouse at Lumbroyd, and Thomas Earnshaw undertaking to give the necessary information thereof to the inhabitants of that neighbourhood, and I also having a desire to see some of my friends and acquaintance in those parts: I left home with the 14th. of ye. 8th. mo: 1818, and 6th. day of the week about 2 o'clock in the afternoon the day was fine and cloudy and I had a very pleasant walk over the Moors, by Broadstone, Middlecliff, Hazlehead ware, and Swindenwalls to Swinden were I got about 5 o'clock and lodged at the Widow Elizabeth Brammalls.

On 15th. and 7th. of week In the afternoon I drunk Tea at the Widow Sarah Leppingtons of Langsett, and afterwards went to Henry Jackson Sydney Paynes of Aldermanshead were I stopt a considerable time and took some refreshment and then Henry kindly accompanied me to Judfield were I got about half past 8 o'clock, and took up my quarters at Thomas Earnshaws, and in about half an hour after, Charles Unsworth came, we having before appointed for him to meet me here.

On 16th. and 1st. of week, the meeting at Lumbroyd began at 11 o'clock, it was not large, altho' a considerable number of People of other societies attended who appeared to be well disposed and behaved well, and some of them were tenderly affected. I had a long testimony to bear therein from Isai: C: 1. v:16. Wash you, make you clean; put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes; cease to do evil. Afterwards I was concerned in Prayer. The meeting held 2 hours and a quarter. and I felt well satisfied with this opportunity of relieving my mind to such of the inhabitants of this neighbourhood as were disposed to attend. After meeting we'dined at Daniel Broadheads of Penistone, and about 3 o'clock I set out for

Barnsley in order to attend our Monthly Meeting to be held there the next day, Charles Unsworth accompanied me about 2 miles and then returned home. I went by Hoylandswain and Silkstone, and got to Barnsley just in time to attend their afternoon meeting which began at 6 o'clock, after taking a cup of Tea at Robert Harrisons; I had no expectation of getting in time to this meeting until I reached the Town but was thankful I did; It was very large more People of other societies than usual attending without invitation, and I thought it was a time of favour unto many whose states were opened and spoke unto in Gospel authority. I had a long testimony to bear 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. Afterwards I had a short time from Phil: C: 1. v: 15. Some indeed preach christ even of envy and strife; and some also of good will. The one preach christ of contention, not sincerely; supposing to add affliction unto my bonds; but the other of love, knowing that I am set for the defence of the gospel. What then? Notwithstanding every way, whether in pretence, or in truth, Christ is preached, and I therein do rejoice; yea and I will rejoice. After meeting I took a little suitable refreshment at Robert Harrisons, and then went to Thomas Yeardleys were I took up my quarters.

On 17th. and 2nd. of week, The meeting for Worship began at 11 o'clock, and was very large friends, and such as usually attend our meetings; but very few of other societies came in. We had also the very acceptable company of our friend Mary Tricket of Sheffield. William Wass had a short testimony to bear therein first from Psalms 77. v. 8, 9. Is his mercy clean gone for ever? Hath God forgotten to be gracious? Mary Tricket had a long time next from John C: 14. v: 1. Let not your heart be troubled; ye believe in God believe also in me. John Robinson a short time next from John C: 15, v 4. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. Isabella Harris had a long time next from Psalms 11. v: 3. If the foundations be destroyed, what shall the righteous do: At the close of this meeting, The men and women members of our society were requested to keep their seats, and after others were withdrawn, the meeting of business was opened; When I spread before it a concern which had been for sometime upon my mind to pay a religious visit to the inhabitants of different places in Derbyshire, and some places within the compass of Balby Monthly Meeting in Yorkshire, and a few places adjacent; which being weightily considered, and many friends expressing their unity therewith, and sympathy with me therein, The meeting concluded to leave me at liberty to move therein as way may open, and appointed, Joseph Johnson of Pontefract, Robert Whitaker, and Leonard West to prepare a Certificate for me, for the approbation of our next meeting. The General advices were read, and then our Women friends withdrew, and the Men proceeded upon the further business of the meeting. Amongst other things John Archard a member of Balby Monthly Meeting and Hannah Wigham of Pontefract meeting laid before this their intentions of taking each other in marriage. Both meetings of 3 hours and a quarter. After which I din'd at Robert Harrisons and drunk Tea at William Harveys, and from thence return to my quarters.

On 18th. and 3rd. of week, After breakfast I went to William Taylors of Windmill were James Arthington Wilson called upon me and took me with him to his house at Redbook were I stopt dinner, and about half past 2 o'clock set out for home James set me on my way by Higham and Bankshall to Elmhirst and then I preceded by Gunthwaite and Denby, called at several places to rest me and shelter, it being a Showery day, and got home about 7 o'clock at night.

An Account of my Journey to a Publick Meeting held at Wooldale in the 9th. mo: 1818.

Having felt drawings in my mind to have a Publick meeting with friends and People of other societies in friends Meetinghouse at Wooldale, I wrote to Henry Swire desiring him to give the necessary information of my intention of being there on 1st. day of ye. 6th. of ye. 9th. Mo.

1818. Accordingly I set out about 8 o'clock the same morning having Charles Unsworth for my companion; we called upon Joseph Firth of Shepley Lanehead who had previously proposed to accompany us, stopt sometime there, and then proceeded together, and had an agreeable walk by Newmill to Henry Swire's of Wooldale got there about half past 10 were we took up our quarters. After getting a little refreshment we went to the meeting which began at 11 o'clock and held about 2 hours and a quarter. It was large many People of other societies attending the Meetinghouse below stairs being pretty well filled, and the chamber nearly so, and the whole of them behaved in a very commendable manner. It was an open favoured meeting the power of Truth soleminizing the minds of many, and I had a very long testimony to bear therein 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. Afterwards I was concerned in Prayer. and after meeting we return'd to our quarters; and before Tea Joseph Firth set out intending to return by the way of Foulstone; we tarried until 6 o'clock, and then came by Newmill home were we got about half past 7 in the evening, and found my Nephew Robert Wood at my house, and with him Thomas Wetherald of Wakefield, and Mark Brearer of Alverthorpe, who kindly came to see us, and stopt supper and then return'd with my Nephew to lodge. Also Joseph Brearey of Dewsbury came to my house the evening before and rode to day to the meeting at Wooldale and return'd here this evening and tarried until next day after dinner.

An Account of my Journey on a religious visit to Derbyshire, some parts of Balby Monthly Meeting in Yorkshire and places adjacent; and to Publick Meetings held at Wragby, Norton, Swinefleet, and Braithwaite in Yorkshire. Crowle in Lincolnshire, Eyam, Ashford, Winster, Baslow, Bradwell, Rowsley, Edale, Matlock, Belper, Ilkeston, Selstone, Normanton, Pilsley, Ashover, and Mosborough in Derbyshire. and to our Autumn Quarterly Meeting held at York in 1818.

In the 8th. month 1818, at our Monthly meeting held at Barnsley, I spread before friends a concern which had been upon my mind for sometime to pay a religious visit to the inhabitants of different places in Derbyshire as a way might open; some places within the compass of Balby Monthly Meeting in Yorkshire, and a few adjacent places, and in the 9th. Month received the following Certificate, from our Monthly Meeting held at Ackworth viz.

To Friends of the Quarterly Meeting of Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire and parts adjacent.

Dear friends

Our Friend Joseph Wood, who is a Minister in good esteem amongst us, and of consistent Life and conversation, hath laid before this meeting a concern which hath for a considerable time past, weightily impressed his mind, to pay a religious visit to the Inhabitants of different places in the County of Derby, also in Balby Monthly Meeting and places adjacent, and this meeting having had the subject very weightily under its consideration, and much unity and sympathy having been felt for him under his concern, we leave him at liberty to proceed on his service as way may open.

We desire that he may be enabled to go through the service required of him to the edification of those he is called upon to visit, and to return with the consoling evidence of divine Approbation.

Signed in and on behalf of Pontefract Monthly Meeting held at Ackworth the 21st. of the 9th. Mo. 1818.

Samuel Woodhead
Joseph Johnson
Isaac Wormall

Robert Whitaker
James Harrison
Benjamin Jowitt

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| John Faulder | Christopher Walker |
| John Donbavand Clerk | William Wass |
| James Arthington Wilson | George Brearey |
| Thomas Wetherald | Elihu Dickinson |
| John Brook | James Wigham |
| John Spence | Samuel Coward |
| John Pickford | John Robinson |
| Robert Harrison | William Taylor |
| Thomas Earnshaw | John Firth junr. |
| William Pickard | Benjamin Jowitt junr. |
| David Stead | Leonard West |
| William Cooper | Joseph Donbavand |
| Mark Brearer | Henry Swire |
| William Bottomley junr. | John Lister |
| Michael Pilmer | Isaac Lister |
| John Pilmer | William Bayldon |
| William Harvey | Robert Wood |
| Thomas Yeardley | Samuel Pickard |
| Joseph Brearey | Joseph Pickard |
| Timothy Pickard | Thomas Firth |
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| Isabella Harris | Isabella Brearey |
| Hannah Whitaker | Ann Thorp |
| Hannah Wigham | Mary Johnson |
| Elizabeth Dickinson | Susanna Dickinson |
| Elizabeth Woodhead | Sarah Hunter |
| Elizabeth Johnson | Mary Bayldon |
| Susanna Harvey | Frances Yeardley |
| Susanna Lister | Ann Walker |
| Elizabeth Bland | Mary Dumbleton |
| Sarah Pickard | Rachael Snowden |
| Ann Wass | Jane Mason |
| Mary Firth Clerk to the Womens Meeting. | |

I left home to perform the said visit through divine assistance the 19th. of the 9th. mo: 1818, and 7th. day of the week, about 8 o clock in the morning, and called at John Pickfords of Parkhead to be shaved, then went to my Nephew Robert Woods of Moorbottom were I stopt sometime, and then proceeded to Charles Steads of Siver.Ing in Emley.park were I din'd, before dinner I went and sat a little at Benjamin Steads. My beloved friend and servant Charles Unsworth called upon the after dinner to carry my Luggage, and was my acceptable companion to Ackworth. We left here about 3 o.clock in the afternoon cousin Charles Stead junr. accompanied us about 1 mile and then return'd. We went by Emley, Midgley and Netherton, the Christopher Walkers of Dirtcar got there about half past 6 o.clock were we lodg'd.

On 20th. and 1st. of week, we set out about 9 o.clock in the morning and went by Newmillerdam to Walton.hall the seat of Charles Watterton Esqr. very pleasantly situated on an Island surrounded with a large and deep reservoir of water over which there is an Iron bridge; as we were standing looking at the house and its situation, the Master thereof observing us through the windows came to us, and in a very friendly manner asked us how we did, and after a little free open conversation with us, he invited us to walk over the bridge and look about us on the Island which we did, at the end of the bridge is a small part of a building which he told us was what escaped the ravages of Oliver Cromwell. The Island contains the house which is a neat modern building, and some other necessary appurtenances, adjoining a

green garden adorned with a variety of shrubs and plants, with gravel walks, after looking about us and admiring the beauty of the place, we crossed the water again at the bridge, and proceeded on our journey, went by Foulby to Wragby well we got a little refreshment at the Spread Eagle, and then proceeded by Hazle to Ackworth got there a little before 2 o'clock, and took up our quarters of the School. At 3 o'clock we attended their afternoon meeting which was held in silence except a few words dropt by John Donbavand. At 6 in the evening was our meeting for Ministers and Elders which held about 1 hour and a half. All our members attended except Thomas Shillitoe who was in the South and John Bottomley who was prevented by indisposition in his family. The Queries were read, and the answers thereto prepared approved and Signed, and directed to be laid before our ensuing Select Quarterly Meeting by our representatives.

On 21st. and 2nd. of week, Our Monthly meeting was held here to day, and the meeting for Worship began at 11 o'clock, which was very large, I had a long testimony to bear first from Isai: C: 42. v: 19. Who is blind but my servant? or deaf, as my messenger that I sent. James Harrison had a pretty long time next from Matt: C: 5. v: 3. Blessed are the poor in spirit; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. I next from Isai: C: 53. v: 1. Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the Lord revealed. At the close of this meeting was held the meeting for discipline, amongst other business which was before it to day. The friends appointed to visit Charles Unsworth on his application to be admitted a member of our Society reported they had visited him a second time to good satisfaction. The meeting after solid consideration concluded to admit him a member of our society. Also the committee appointed last month to prepare a Certificate of the meetings unity with my intended visit produced the same, which was read approved and Signed. Also John Archard a member of Balby Monthly Meeting and Hannah Wigham of Pontefract meeting were cleared from all other engagements relating to marriage and left at liberty to accomplish theirs when they and Pontefract friends see meet. Also the Queries were read and Answers received from all our preparative meetings viz. Pontefract, Barnsley, Highflatts, Ackworth, Wakefield and Wooldale. and a General Answer prepared therefrom to lay before our ensuing Quarterly Meeting. Both meetings held 5 hours. After Tea we went to James Harrisons of Hardwick were we lodgd.

On 22nd. and 3rd. of week, after breakfast I took an affectionate Farewel of Charles Unsworth he returning home, and after dinner I went to Ackworth were I stopt and drunk Tea at the School, here Williams Read Son of John Read of Ackworth-hall, an agreeable youth in the 16th. year of his age joined me with his Parents consent as my companion and conveyed me in their carriage. He appeared to be an innocent youth, and his company whilst with me was very acceptable to me, and I hope the journey was profitable unto him. This evening we had a Public Meeting at Wragby 3 miles hence, having the company of Robert Whitaker, Isabella Harris and James Harrison, we got there just in time to the meeting and put up at the Spread Eagle. The meeting began at 6 o'clock, and was held in a School which was well seated and a convenient Gallery erected. The Clergyman and the inhabitants of the village and places adjacent generally attended, the School was crowded, and it was supposed nearly as many stood without doors that could not get in, and all behaved well, It was an open and I trust a profitable meeting unto many I have a long testimony to bear therein first from Psalms 58. v. 11. Verily there is a reward for the righteous; verily he is a God that judgeth in the earth. James Harrison had a short time next from Isai: C: 30. v: 15. In quietness and in confidence shall be your strength. Isabella Harris had a long time next from Rom: C: 12. v: 15, Rejoice with them that do rejoice; and weep with them that weep. Afterwards I exprest my thankfulness for the present opportunity, and the divine favour extended unto us therein, and after a short exhortation to the People affectionately bade them all Farewel. The meeting held 2 hours and three quarters. After getting some suitable refreshment at the Inn, we return'd to Ackworth, but it being very dark, some danger was apprehended upon the road, but Robert Whittaker borrowing a Lanthorn and riding opposite the carriages we got safely and comfortably to Ackworth about a quarter before 10 were I lodg'd at the School.

On 23rd. and 4th. of week, we had a Publick Meeting at Norton, and set out for there 7 miles about quarter past 8 o'clock in the morning went by the way of Hardwick to Thomas Hagues of Little.Smeaton, were we stopt and took some refreshment, and then proceeded to Norton were we put up at the George and dragon, got there just in time to the meeting which began at 11 o'clock and was held in the Methodists Meetinghouse Many people of this and the neighbouring villages attended altho' the Meetinghouse was not quite full. It was a solemn good Meeting and held 2 hours and a quarter. I was first concerned therein in supplication, and afterwards had a very long time in testimony from Rom: C: 8. v: 1. There is therefore now no condemnation to them that are in Christ.Jesus, who walk not after the flesh but after the spirit. At the close of the meeting I expressed my satisfaction with their company, and very commendable behaviour, and in that love which many waters cannot quench nor distant separate, bade them all Farewel. After dining at the Inn we left here a little past 3 o'clock, and in about 2 hours time reached Thorne 10 miles and a half, and took up our quarters at Mordecai Cassons.

On 24th. and 5th. of week, had a meeting at Thorne which began at 10 in the morning 23 persons attended 2 of which appear to be People of other Societies. It was a comfortable meeting to me, and I had two short testimonies to bear therein the language of encouragement flowing freely to the aged, and unto the youth, some of whom appeared to me to be brought under the forming hand so as to afford a hope that instead of the Fathers there will be the children in this place. My prospect opening to have two meetings with the inhabitants of Marshland a district below Thorne very much resembling Holland or the Fenns in Lincolnshire, being a very low level and flat country, almost surrounded by Rivers which are much higher than the ground and kept from overflowing by high and strong banks; The land was formally principally a bog or morass but being drained around the Closes which are the principal fences it is now become fruitful rich and valuable ground both for corn and pasture but more particularly the latter. We having considered about the most suitable places for holding the said Meetings at, Crowle just within Lincolnshire, and on the south borders of Marshland was thought upon for one place, and somewhere on the North side for the other and Mordecai Casson junr' set out this morning to procure places for the meetings and to give notice thereof to the inhabitants. Betwixt 3 and 4 o'clock this afternoon Mordecai Casson accompanying us, we set out for Crowle 6 miles got there about quarter before 5 o'clock, and took up our quarters at the White.hart were we was agreeably accommodated. Soon after we got in Mordecai Casson junr., having finished his business came to us, and he and his Father continued with us until we return'd to Thorne and their company and services were very agreeable. The meeting began at 6 this evening and was held in the Methodist Meetinghouse which was well filled with People, and many stood without, It was an open satisfactory Meeting, the power of Truth prevailing to the soleminizing the minds of most present. I had a very long testimony to bear therein first from Eph: C: 2 . v: 8. By grace are ye saved, through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God. Mordecai Casson had a pretty long time next from Acts C: 17. v: 11. These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind; and search the Scriptures daily, whether these things was so. Afterwards I expressed our satisfaction with the commendable behaviour of the People, and our obligation unto them for favouring us with their company; and after communicating unto them sundry exhortations, concluded with saluting them in Gospel love and bade them all Farewel. The meeting held upwards of 2 hours.

On 25th. and 6th. of week, we had a Publick meeting on the opposite side of Marshland with the inhabitants of five villages and places adjacent, situated near the river Ouse, viz.Goole, Swinefleet, Reedness, Whitgift, and Ousefleet, and Swinefleet appearing the most central and being the best accommodations there Samuel Laverack a man of good property, and one of the people called Methodists having at his own expense and built a Meetinghouse there and sometimes preaches in it himself, and he freely offering it to friends for the service, they accepted thereof, and appointed the meeting to begin at 11 o'clock to day and gave notice thereof to the places beforementioned. After breakfast we set out for Swinefleet which the

way we went was 6 miles, crossing Marshland in Yorkshire upon the banks of the drains, which are altogether impassible for wheels in winter, but having been a long drought and the day very fine, it was pleasant traveling through this part and we had a delightful prospect of the country; got to Swinefleet about 10 o'clock, and took up our quarters at the Granbys.head, which is beautifully situated upon the banks of the Ouse and fronting that noble river which is here half a mile over; we had a fine prospect of the vessels passing upon it from the windows, and was surprized how quick and smoothly the Steam packets sail. We went a little before the hour appointed to the meeting; The Meetinghouse we understood would seat betwixt 4 and 500 People, it was nearly full when we got there, and the people were set as orderly as if it had been a meeting of friends, It was soon as full as the place could contain Justice Egremonts family of Reedness came in their carriage, and many of the principal inhabitants of Marshland, and others attended. It was a time of very extraordinary favour, the Lord's presence and power being eminently manifested amongst us, to the tendering of the spirits of most present, as soon as I set me down therein, I was broken and tendered in such a manner as I never before experienced so early in any meeting. Mordecai Casson soon stood up and had a pretty long testimony to bear 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 very long time next from 1 Pet: C: 1. v. 24, 25. All flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man, as the flower of grass; the grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away; But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. and this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you. Afterwards I had a pretty long time from John; 10. v: 16. Other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd. At the close of this glorious meeting which held two hours, I acknowledge my obligation to the People for their company, which had afforded me an opportunity to discharge of debt, I believe due unto them, and in the right time, concluding with cordially, and most affectionately saluting them in Gospel love and bidding them all Farewel. After dinner the two Mordecai Cassons went with Samuel Laveracks to acknowledge his kindness for the use of his Meetinghouse, they found him in a very tender frame of mind, he expressed his great satisfaction with the meeting, enquired my name and place of abode, sent his best love to me, and desired if ever I came that way again, I would take up my quarters at his house and the Meetinghouse doors should always be open to me. Betwixt 3 and 4 o'clock in the afternoon, we set out for Thorne 12 miles came upon the banks of the Ouse to Goole, crossed the Don at Goole.bridge just above where it empties itself into the Ouse, came upon the banks of the Don to Rawcliffe.bridge were we recrossed it and came thro' a very level country to Thorne were we got to my former quarters about 6 o'clock.

On 26th. and 7th. of week we din'd and drunk Tea at Mordecai Casson junr.

On 27th. and 1st. of week, we had a Publick meeting at Braithwaite in friends Meetinghouse but no meeting hath been regularly held there for many years, we left Thorne in company with Mordecai Casson, his daughter Hannah and many other friends, and got to Braithwaite 3 miles and a half about half past 10, rested us in the house belonging to friends adjoining the Meetinghouse until 11 o'clock when the meeting began. The Meetinghouse was well filled with People, and many stood in the yard, the door and windows being open, and all behaved remarkably well. It proved a time of extraordinary favour, and I had a very long testimony to bear therein from Luke C: 7. v. 22, 23. To the poor the Gospel is preached. And blessed be he whosoever shall not be offended in me. Afterwards Mordecai Casson appeared from Matt: C: 18. v: 20. Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them. and as he believed his presence mercifully had crowned this Assembly, he desired we might individually profit by it by waiting for the renewings thereof, that so we might be prepared for our final change, he stood pretty long having different weighty exhortations to communicate. The Meeting held 2 hours and a quarter. After which we din'd in the Meetinghouse with many friends of provisions they had brought with them. After dinner and taking an affectionate farewell of many near and dear friends, we set out for Hardwick 11 miles in company with Thomas Hague and his daughter as far as their house at

Little Smeaton were we rested us a considerable time and took some refreshment, then came by Wentbridge to James Harrisons of Hardwick where we got about 6 o'clock, and found him and his Wife gone to Staindrop in the County of Durham to the burial of her Father. My companion proceeded immediately home, but I stopt here all night being well acquainted with the two servants which was all the family that was at home at present, and we were very comfortably together, a Bed was provided for me, but for some reasons I chose to sleep with Thomas Broadhead their servant he being a clean decent young man in the 21st. year of his age.

On 28th. and 2nd. of week, this morning I walked to John Reads of Ackworth.hall to breakfast about 2 miles, and after Breakfast went to Pontefract about 3 miles got there about half past 10 where I stopt upwards of 4 hours at Mary and Elizabeth Johnsons and din'd then set out for Sherburn about 9 miles, intending for our Quarterly Meeting to be held this week at York; got to Sherburn a little before 6 in the evening where I took up my quarters at Simeon Hunters.

On 29th. and 3rd. of week, This morning I felt very weary with my walk the day before, being also unwel, so that I know not how to proceed, but Susanna Dickinson saying if I would stop until noon and go in one of the Coaches, she would go with me, and although I have always had an objection to travelling in Coaches on account of the poor horses being often so ill used but as I could not get forward any other way I concluded to accompany her, about half past 12 we set out for York 15 miles having taken an outside passage on the High Flyer for which we paid 4s 6d a piece, The Coach both within and without was very full of passengers, both friends and People of other Societies, but being agreeable company and the day fine we had a pleasant passage by Tadcaster to York, where I got to John Lee's in Coppergate about half past 2 o'clock, and where I met with a very kind reception, being previously engaged to take up my quarters at their house. The Quarterly Meeting for Ministers and Elders began at 6 this evening and held 2 hours and a quarter. We were favoured with the company of several strangers, viz. Benjamin White from Pennsylvania in America, Jonathan Hutchinson from Lincolnshire, George Richardson from Newcastle upon Tyne, Joseph John Gurney from Norfolk, Isaac Hadwin from Lancashire and Elizabeth Joseph Fry from Essex. The Queries belonging this meeting were read and Answers thereto received and read from all the meetings consisting it. Also the Certificates of friends who were travelling in the work of the Ministry were read and minuted. Also Sarah George Baker was reported from Gisborough Monthly Meeting as an acknowledged Minister. And Joseph Tatham, John Hipsley, Susanna Clark and Rachel Spence were appointed to oversee the succeeding meetings and advise as occasion may require. In the course of the business of this meeting Jane Doncaster was concerned in supplication, Benjamin White, Elizabeth Fry, and Benjamin Wright again in testimony. and Joseph John Gurney in Prayer!

On 30th. and 4th. of week; at 10 in the morning was a meeting for Worship which was very large friends and more of other Societies came in than usual Elizabeth Fry was first concerned therein in supplication, Ann Alexander had a pretty long time next in testimony from Luke C: 4. v. 18, 19, 20, 21. The spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor, he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering the sight of the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised. To preach the acceptable year of the Lord. And he closed the book, and he gave it again to the Minister, and sat down, and the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him. And he began to say unto them, This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears. Benjamin White had a long time next from Prov: C: 23. v: 26. My son, give me thine heart. Joseph John Gurney a pretty long time next from 1 Cor: C: 1. v: 23. We preach Christ crucified, to the Jew a stumbling block, and unto the Greeks foolishness. Thomas Wetherald a short time next from Lam: C: 3. v. 19, 20. Remembering mine affliction and my misery, the wormwood and the gall. My soul hath them still in remembrance, and is humbled in me. Elizabeth Fry a pretty long time next from Psalms 42. v: 1. As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God. Ann Alexander next 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 and read, and many weighty remarks were made upon the deficiencies which appeared; and a lively exercise prevailed in the meeting that the causes of complaint might be removed. Some other business was gone through and then the meeting adjourned until 5 in the evening. Both meetings have near 4 hours and a half. At 5 in the evening met pursuant to adjournment. In the last sitting The representatives from our Monthly Meetings would direct to consider of two suitable friends for Clerks to this meeting, who reported to this that they had met, and had to propose William Alexander of York for Clerk and John King of Brighouse Assistant who were appointed accordingly. Elizabeth Fry came into this meeting under a concern to pay a visit accompanied by Martha Smith, Ann Fairbank and Susanna Clark. It was a time of singular favour Elizabeth Fry, Ann Fairbank and Martha Smith, had each of them pretty long testimonies to bear and afterwards Elizabeth Fry was concerned in Prayer. Several weighty matters was considered and concluded upon in this sitting which held 4 hours, and then adjourned to the close of the meeting for Worship next day. Before the business of this sitting was entered upon Joseph John Gurney had an acceptable testimony to bear.

On 1st. of 10th. mo: and 5th. of week, I breakfasted at Caleb Fletchers junr. At 10 in the forenoon was a Meeting for Worship which was larger than the former more of other Societies attending. Elizabeth Fry was first concerned therein in supplication. Jonathan Hutchinson had a long time next in testimony from Matt: C: 11. v: 3. Art thou he that should come or do we look for another. Joseph John Gurney next from Eph: C: 4. B: 1, 2, 3. Walk worthy of the vacation wherewith ye are called. With all lowliness and meekness, with long suffering, forbearing one another in love; Endeavouring to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace. Elizabeth Fry next from Rev: C: 2. v: 9 I know thy works, and tribulation, and poverty; but thou art rich. Jonathan Hutchinson had a short exhortation next. Joseph John Gurney was next concerned in prayer, and afterwards Elizabeth Fry had a short Farewel exhortation. At the close of this meeting was a meeting for discipline, amongst other things which came before this sitting, Thomas Shillitoes concern to visit Russia or some parts thereof which had been upwards of a year before the meeting was again solidly considered, and there not appearing sufficient light upon it to liberate him it was dismissed from the books, and the Certificate directed to be returned to Pontefract Monthly Meeting with a copy of this Minute, and the Clerk was ordered to send another copy to Thomas Shillitoe. Both meetings held 3 hours and a half, and this meeting adjourn'd unto 4 o'clock this afternoon. At 4 o'clock met pursuant to adjournment, This sitting held 3 hours and a half in which the business of this Quarterly Meeting was finished. And I think I may observe that considering the abundance of business that was before the meeting this quarter, the whole was pretty agreeably conducted; The Masters presence eminently overshadowing the several sittings thereof both for Worship and discipline.

On 2nd. and 6th. of week, I left York at 6 o'clock in the morning in company with my beloved friend William Taylor of Barnsley, been previously engaged, we walke 4 miles to Hartas Headleys of Askham.field to breakfast, stopt there about 2 hours, and then he kindly sent his Little cart and horse, and a Boy with us by Tadcaster to within about 1 mile of Sherburn; after he return'd I was taken extremely ill of the Cholick accompanied with a violent Lax, we called at Simeon Hunters of Sherburn, were we stopt three hours and my companion din'd, but I was so ill that I could not take any meat nor bear the smell thereof; The family was very kind, and made me some suitable gruel, and after I had taken it I felt a little better, and we proceeded on our journey, and thro' the assistance of my kind companion, with great difficulty to myself we reached Pontefract about 6 o'clock in the evening; after tea William Taylor went to Badsworth but I took up my quarters at Mary and Elizabeth Johnsons by whose kindness and care in preparing things suitable for my complaint, I felt much relieved, and the next morning to my humbling admiration was pretty well, but felt weak and much exhausted by the violence of the complaint.

On 3rd. and 7th. of week, After breakfast I went and sat a little at Thomas Firths, and at John Leathams. After getting a lunch at my quarters, and taking leave of several dear friends I met with in the market, I left Pontefract about 12 o'clock, and walking slowly and resting me at times came by Crofton, Walton and Milnethorp to Standbridge, were I rested me and took a little refreshment at Robert Walkers; then came to Christopher Walker's of Dircar, got there about 5 o'clock were I lodged. Soon after I got in my Charles Unsworth came, having ordered him to meet me here to carry my luggage home, and he was my acceptable companion until we reach'd there.

On 4th. and 1st. of week, after breakfast we set out for Wakefield, feeling my mind particularly drawn to attend the meeting, got there about 10 o'clock and took about quarters John Spence's, after getting a little refreshment there we went and sat a little William Awmacks. The meeting began at 11 o'clock. It was considerably enlarged of late several serious People of the Town and neighbourhood having begun to attend it. 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. and afterwards had a pretty long time in exhortation. Many states were opened and spoke to, to the full relief of my own mind, and I hope to the profit of some. After dinner we went accompanied by Thomas Wetherald to Mark Brears of Alverthorp were we stopt Tea, and then set out for Dewsbury, Thomas Wetheralds and Mark Brear set us on our way about 1 mile and then return'd we called at Ossett to see Thomas Milner and found Peter Hewitt with him we sat a little with them, and then they accompanied us on our way about 2 miles; we got to Dewsbury between 6 and 7 o'clock and lodg'd at George Breareys.

On 5th. and 2nd. of week, After breakfast we went to William Wass's were we stopt a considerable time, and took a Lunch before we set out. Left Dewsbury about 11 o'clock and came by Briestfield, Thorncliff, and Shelley to my Nephew Robert Woods of Moorbottom, stop there about 2 hours and got Tea and reached home about 6 o'clock the same evening. I rested at home 4 days, preparing things necessary for my accommodation through the unfinished part of this visit.

On 9th. and 6th. of week in the afternoon, William Wass of Dewsbury came to my house prepared to accompany me, and convey me in his Chaise through the remainder of this visit. He was to me a very kind and affectionate companion, and having had for sometime, at times a few words to drop in meetings, he mentioned his prospect of accompanying me to some of the Elders of our Monthly meeting who encouraged him therein.

On 10th. and 7th. of week, we left Newhouse betwixt 8 and 9 o'clock in the morning, and went by Birchworth, Peniston, and Thurgoland to Wortley were I stopt a little at the Inn and got some refreshment; then proceeded my Wadsleybridge and Owlerton to Sheffield got there about half past 12 o'clock were we took up our quarters at my Brother Daniel Doncasters, after dinner my Sister Jane Doncaster accompanied us to William Hargreaves, his Wife was in a very poor state of health, and we had a comfortable opportunity with her, in which my Sister Jane Doncaster, William Wass and myself had each a short testimony to bear. From thence we went to Jane Colleys were we drunk Tea and in the evening returned to our quarters.

On 11th. and 1st. of week, we had a Publick Meeting at Eyam in Derbyshire, we left Sheffield about 8 o'clock in the morning in company with my Nephew John Doncaster, William Hargreaves his son William and Mary Tricket, got to Eyam about 10 o'clock 12 miles, and took up our quarters at the Bulls.head. The meeting began at 11 It was held in a large room over a cotton Factory, belonging to Joseph Bardsley who freely gave it up for the service, and after meeting informed friends they should be welcome to it at any future time. It was about half seated and a convenient Gallery was erected, but the place was well filled with People, which held the more so many having to stand. The Truths of the Gospel were largely and livingly declared amongst them, many were much broken and tendered and a precious solemnity appeared to cover the whole Assembly. I had a very 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 exalted itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ. Mary Tricket had a long time next from Prov: C: 9. v: 10. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; and the knowledge of the Holy is understanding. William Wass a short time next from Acts C: 24. v: 25. Go thy way for this time when I have a convenient season, I will call for thee. Afterwards I expressed our obligation to the People for favouring us with their company, and our satisfaction with their commendable behaviour, and after communicating several exhortations as they opened, unto them, I concluded with saluting them in the fresh flowings of Gospel love and bade them all Farewel. The meeting held upwards of 2 hours. After dinner we took leave of our kind friends from Sheffield and set out for Bakewell 7 miles in company with John Bowman and William Gantley and his Wife, leaving Eyam we came down a very curious narrow valley betwixt rocks to Stony Middleton, got to Bakewell about half past 4 o'clock were we took up our quarters at our very kind friends William Gantleys.

On 12th. and 2nd. of week, we had a Publick meeting at Ashford. betwixt 3 and 4 o'clock in the afternoon, we set out for there 1 mile and a half, John Bowman accompanying us, got to Ashford about 4 o'clock, and put up at the Thorn.tree, and having received an invitation from Robert Marshal to take Tea at his house, we went immediately thither, were we met with a very kind reception, He is measurably convinced of the Truth, but being in the excise, I believe it is hard for him to give up faithfully to manifest duty. I was kindly entertained at his house when I was at Bolsover, from which place he was removed hither about 1 year ago. The Meeting began at half past 6 this evening, and was held in the Presbyterian Meetinghouse, which was very much crowded. It was a very open satisfactory meeting truth and its testimony been greatly exalted therein. I had a very long testimony to bear from John C: 1. v: 16. Of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace. At the close of the meeting which held 2 hours and a quarter William Wass commended the People for their good behaviour, tenderly exhorting them to take heed to the Truths delivered at this time amongst them, and endeavour to profit thereby, that they might not arise against them in the day of judgment. After meeting we got some suitable refreshment at the Inn, and then returned to our quarters at Bakewell were we got about half past 9 o'clock.

On 13th. and 3rd. of week, we attended Chesterfield Monthly Meeting held at Furnace 15 miles from here, John Bowman accompanied us thither, we left Bakewell about 7 o'clock in the morning, and got to Washington about 10, were we put up at the Horse and Jockey, and after getting some refreshment we walked to Furnace about 1 mile and a half, got there just in time to the meeting which began at 11 o'clock, It was larger than usual of friends and 5 sober looking People of other societies came in, so that the Meetinghouse was pretty well filled, and we were favoured with a good meeting together, I had a long testimony to bear therein from 1 Sam: C: 7. v: 12. Hitherto hath the Lord helped us. At the close of their meeting for Worship was held the meeting for discipline, which consists of 4 Preparative meetings viz. Breach, Chesterfield, Furnace, and Monyash. The business of this meeting was very agreeably conducted. Amongst other things my Certificate was read therein and minuted, and the meetings satisfaction expressed with my and companions company. Both meetings held 3 hours and a half. After meeting we din'd at Jonathan Johnsons who now lives adjoining the Meetinghouse, and after dinner walked to Washington were we got some refreshment at the Inn, and then set out in company with William Gantley and Wife and Ebenezer Bowman and Wife, came to Rowsley were we drunk Tea at George Blounts a steward of the Duke of Rutlands who had given us a kind invitation the day before, and at his house we were met with a very kind and generous entertainment. After tea Ebenezer Bowman and Wife and their Son John set out for home, but the rest of us tarried supper, and spent the evening agreeably here, and got to our quarters at Bakewell about 11 o'clock.

On 14th. and 4th. of week, we had a Publick Meeting at Winster, set out for there betwixt 3 and 4 o'clock in the afternoon, William Gantley and Wife accompanying us, got to Winster a little before 5, 7 miles were we put up at the Angel. The meeting began at 6 and

was held in the Methodist Meetinghouse which was extremely crowded and abundance stood in the street. He who had compassion on the multitude formally was mercifully pleased to have compassion on us crowning this very large Assembly with his presence in a very eminent manner, to the tendering of many hearts, and causing an awful solemnity to cover the whole in a very extraordinary manner. I had a very long testimony to bear therein from Matt: C: 15. v. 8, 9. This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips, but their heart is far from me. But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrine the commandments of men. Afterwards I had to acknowledge our satisfaction with the very commendable behaviour of this crowded Assembly, except a few who in the time of silence was whispering together, whom I tenderly cautioned to avoid that practice in future, and after a short exhortation unto them concluded with bidding them all Farewel. The meeting held 2 hours and a quarter, and the People seemed as if they was unwilling to depart when they was informed of the meeting was over, but when they did go out it was in a remarkable quiet and orderly manner. Great was the exercise of my mind before this meeting, understanding there had never been one of our Society there, and that the inhabitants were noted for being addicted to folly vanity and licentiousness and a rough uncouth behaviour. William Brittlebank an eminent Attorney, and a man of very affluent circumstances, and looked up unto as the head of the Town, he interested himself much on the occasion, not only in procuring the place for us but in giving information of the meeting to the inhabitants, and apprehending the Meetinghouse would not contain the People he ordered a Constable to attend in the street to prevent any noise or disturbance without doors, he also paid for the use of the Meetinghouse and lighting of it, and came to invite us to take Tea at his house before meeting, but it was previously preparing for us at the Inn, and after meeting he came again to the Inn, were we was getting a little suitable refreshment before we set out and expressed his satisfaction with the meeting, and took leave of us all very affectionately. We had a very pleasant moonlight ride to Bakewell, descended a long hill from the Town by an easy zigzag road into a very deep and narrow valley, beautifully cloathed with wood, through which pleasant and curious vale we came about 4 miles, and got to our quarters a little before 10 o'clock.

On 15th. and 5th. of week, we had a Publick meeting at Baslow, left here after Tea in company with William Gantley and Wife and Ebenezer Bowman, got to Baslow 4 miles and a half, about half past 5 o'clock and put up at the Peacock. The meeting began at 6 and was held in the Methodist Meetinghouse which was exceedingly crowded, and it proved a very open satisfactory meeting, I was first concerned therein in supplication, and next had a very long testimony to bear from Psalms 118. v. 22, 23. The stone which the builders refused is become the headstone of the corner. This is the Lords doing, it is marvellous in our eyes. William Wass had a short time next from 2 Cor: 5. v: 20. We are ambassadors, for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us; we pray you in Christs stead, be ye reconciled to God. Afterwards I expressed satisfaction with the company and very commendable behaviour of the People, and after a short time in exhortation concluded with recommending them to him who is able to keep them from falling, and to present them faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy. To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever, Amen. The meeting held upwards of 2 hours and a quarter. After getting some suitable refreshment at the Inn we returned to our quarters at Bakewell were we got a little before 10 o'clock.

On 16th. and 6th. of week, we had a Publick meeting at Bradwell, set out from there about 8 o'clock in the morning 10 miles; Ebenezer Bowman accompanying us, got to Bradwell about half past 10, and put up at the Bulls.head. The meeting began at 11, and was held in the Methodist Meetinghouse, which is very large and was nothing near full, yet I believe upwards of 300 people attended, It was rather a laborious time, but the power of Truth gradually arose until it was in great dominion reigning over all. I had a very long testimony to bear amongst them from Psalms C: 40. v. 6, 7, 8. Sacrifice and offering thou didst not desire; mine ear hast thou opened; burnt offering and sin offering hast thou not required. Then said I,

lo, I come, in the volume of the book it is written of me. I delight to do thy will, O my God; yea, thy law is within my heart. Afterwards I had to express our satisfaction with the company and very commendable behaviour of the People, and after a pretty long exhortation, concluded with affectionately bidding them all Farewel. The Meeting held upwards of 2 hours and a quarter. After dinner we returned a different way back to Wardley-myers, which made our way about 1 mile shorter. Leaving Bradwell we came for about half a mile up a very curious narrow valley on each side of which was very high and inaccessible rocks; at Ashford we parted with Ebenezer Bowman he going directly home, and we got to our quarters in Bakewell about quarter before 5 o'clock.

On 17th. and 7th. of week, we had a Publick meeting at Rowsley, set out to attend it betwixt 2 and 3 o'clock in the afternoon 3 miles and a half, got there in under an hours time and put up at George Blounts. The meeting began at 4 o'clock, and was held in an upper room at the Peacock.Inn, 7 yards long and 6 broad which was well seated and a convenient Gallery erected. The village is but a small one, but the inhabitants there, and in the vicinity of thereof pretty generally attended. The room was well filled and many stood in an adjoining passage. They appeared to come together in a very solid manner, and to sit under a solemn covering, and separated under the same, It was a precious meeting, the Lord gave the word, and under the delivery thereof,

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On 18th. and 1st. of week, we had a Publick meeting in Edale, left here about quarter past 7 o'clock in the morning for Edale 16 miles, William Gantley and Ebenezer Bowman accompanied us, we went by the way of Castleton, and up a winding road on the south side of Mam.Torr and over the west end thereof and down the North side, a very long descent into Edale, and by a road exceeding difficult for the horses and carriage to get down with us walking, and altho' leave was obtained for us to have the Methodist Meetinghouse to hold our meeting in the friends did not know in what part of the dale it was situated, The valley being as we understood 5 or 6 miles long and 1 or 2 wide surrounded with very high mountains which makes it extremely difficult to get into except on foot, But when in it, it is a most delightful vale. At length we arrived at Barberbooth, a small village where the Meetinghouse is, but when we got there, there was no Inn, and both ourselves and horses were ready to faint,

and very weary. We applyed at a Farm house, but there was only servants at home however they concluded to put up our horses and provide for them which we esteemed a favour, and we got a little we had brought with us ourselves, which afforded us some relief. After resting about half an hour we went to the meeting which began at 12 o'clock and held about 2 hours. The Meetinghouse was well filled with an innocent sober looking People who I believe are pretty much strangers to some of those vices which so much abound in more populous and manufacturing parts, as soon as I sat me down in the meeting my mind felt so comfortable as to cause me to forget my weariness of body, and it proved throughout a solid good meeting the presence and powers of the most high being eminently manifested amongst us, so as to fill our hearts with thankfulness that we was there notwithstanding the difficulties we found in getting. I had a long testimony to bear therein first from 1 Cor: C: 15. v: 10. By the grace of God I am what I am: and his Grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain. William Wass had a short time next from Mark C: 10. v:17. Good Master, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life. I had a pretty long time next from Luke C: 19. v. 3, 4, 5. He sought to see Jesus who he was; and could not for the press, because he was little of stature. And he run before, and climbed up into a sycamore tree; to see him for he was to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and saw him, and said unto him, Zacchaeus, make haste and come down; for to day I must abide at thy house. Afterwards William Wass had a short exhortation in the cause of which he informed the People the meeting was over, and affectionately bade them Farewel. After meeting we return'd to the Farm house were we had left our horses, Their names are Carringtons, The Master was gone into Cheshire but the Mistress was got home, and was very affectionately kind to us, saying we was welcome to anything they had in the house and we took some Bread and Butter with her, and Cheese. Our horses had also plenty of good hay, and as much Corn as they would eat, and would not take anything for what we had, but said she should be glad to see us again at her house at any time. After being comfortably refreshed we took leave of this kind family and set out for Oneash¹⁶ miles. A Farmer and a religious Man who had been at the meeting stopt with us here until we left, and then kindly accompanied us up the hill, taking us a different and shorter way than we came, and assisting us all that lay in his power up the mountain until we got to the West end of Mam.Torr. when he apprehended we were out of all danger, he then very affectionately took leave of us expressing his satisfaction with our visit. We went by Perryfoot and Dam.of forest to near Tideswell were William Gantley left us going directly home. We went thro' Tideswell and Millers.dale a very curious and rocky valley to Taddington, and from thence to Monyash, were our kind friend Ebenezer Bowmans Servant met us, and assisted us in getting to his house at Oneash, were we got about 7 o'clock very well, his man leading our horse through the Gate ways, it being very dark; and we was affectionately received and kindly entertained. At Barberbooth in Edale a man in the 96th. year of his age walked upwards of half a mile to the meeting, he stopt with us at the Farm house until we left there and appeared very glad he had been enabled to get to meeting, I thought it was a pity for this instance of lively zeal to be lost; he told me he had attended all the meetings friends had held in Edale.

On 19th. and 2nd. a week, we had a Publick meeting, for friends and others who might be disposed to attend in friends Meetinghouse in Monyash, 1 mile and a half from this place. Left here in company with the family, and got to Monyash just in time to the meeting which began at half past 10 o'clock, 27 persons attended, 7 of whom were People of other Societies, It was a precious meeting in which many were much broken and tendered William Wass had a short testimony to bear therein in first from Jno. C: 16. v: 33. In the world ye shall have tribulation; but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world. I had a long time next from Matt: C: 5. v: 6. Blessed are they that do hunger and thirst after righteousness for they shall be filled. Afterwards I was concerned in Prayer: After meeting we took a little refreshment in the Meetinghouse which Ann Bowman had prepared for us, and then came with William Gantley and his Wife to their house in Bakewell got there about half past 2 o'clock, were we again took up our quarters.

On 20th. and 3rd. of week, we had a Publick Meeting at Matlock, left here betwixt 8 and 9 o'clock in the morning, William Gantley and his wife accompanying us, we got to Matlock about quarter past 10, 8 miles and put up at the Horse.Shoe. The meeting began at 11, and was held in a large cotton.Factory, belonging to Thomas Brown who freely offered it for the service. It was sufficiently seated, and a convenient Gallery erected The meeting was large, altho' the place was not quite full, and it was eminently favoured with the extendings of divine regard, and many were very much broken and tendered therein. I had a very long testimony to bear first from 1 Cor: C: 14. v: 8. If the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself to the battle. I had next a pretty long time from Rom: C: 18. v: 26. We know not what we should pray for as we ought; but the spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. At the close of the meeting which held 2 hours, I acknowledged our satisfaction with the company and very commendable behaviour of the People except in some coming so much behind the hour appointed, and they were tenderly advised to guard against it in the future, I then affectionately bade them all Farewel, expressing my desire that Grace mercy and Peace from God the Father, might be multiplied and abound amongst them. After dinner at the Inn, before we separated from our friends here, we had a precious opportunity together in which William Wass had a short testimony to bear first from Numb: C: 10. v: 29. Come thou with us, and we will do thee good; for the Lord hath spoken good concerning Israel. and afterwards myself from John C: 4. v: 38. Say not ye, there are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold I say unto you, lift up your eyes and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest. Afterwards we set out for Belper 10 miles, our kind friends Ebenezer Bowman and his Wife were our companions thither, and from thence to Derby, we went by Matlock.Bath and Cromford and so through a very beautiful wooded valley upon the banks of the River Derwent and got to Belper about quarter past 5 o'clock, and took up our quarters at the George and dragon and found to our satisfaction it was the People who had accommodated friends with a room for the Meeting, and we met with very agreeable accommodations there.

On 21st. and 4th. of week, The meeting began at 11 o'clock, and was held in a very large Club room over the Stables which was fully seated, and a gallery erected, and was well filled with People, many well disposed minds attending, and some from a considerable distance several from the neighbourhood of Wirksworth, who had been awakened as they said at the meeting I had thereabout 7 years ago. This was a glorious meeting, Truth and its testimony was greatly exalted therein to the comfort and solid satisfaction of many minds. I had a very long testimony to bear therein from Acts C: 10. v. 34, 35. Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons; But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him. Afterwards I had pretty long time from 1 Cor: C: 14. v: 15. I will pray with the spirit; and I will pray with the understanding also; I will sing with the spirit and I will sing with the understanding also. At the close of the meeting which held 2 hours I had to express our satisfaction with the very commendable behaviour of the people in general, but had to remark my sorrow at the very unsettled behaviour of a few, in keeping going in and out to their own hurt, and the disturbance of others. Then informing them the meeting was over in the fresh flowings of Gospel love affectionately bade them Farewel. About 3 o'clock we set out for Derby 8 miles, continuing our course by the Derwent down that beautiful valley which kept growing wider, until we reached Derby; got there about quarter before 5 o'clock were we took up our quarters at the Widow Martha Longdons. After Tea we went and sat a little at John Stears.

On 22nd. and 5th. of week, we had a meeting in this Town which began at half past 10 o'clock 48 persons attended 4 of which appeared to be People of other Societies. It was a profitable meeting the states of many being opened and spoke to in the authority of the Gospel which is the power of God, and I hope to the advantage of some. William Wass had a short testimony to bear therein first from Heb: C. 4. v: 1. Let us therefore fear lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it. Afterwards I had two pretty long testimonies the first from Numb: C: 13. v: 30. And Caleb stilled the People

before Moses, and said, Let us go up at once, and possess it, for we are well able to overcome it, and the other from Prov: C: 11. v: 24. There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty. I was next concerned in Prayer. This afternoon we drunk Tea with three Sisters who live together, and are all convinced of the Truth as professed by us, and become members of our Society. They are the daughters of one Tyson a Clergyman of the Church of England, who had a living in Lincolnshire where he formerly resided. Their names are Alicia Ann, Henrietta Barbara, Catharine Elizabeth. The middle sister hath lately been married to Benjamin Hegan a friend of this Town who at present resides with them.

On 23rd. and 6th. of week, we had a Publick Meeting at Ilkeston, left Derby about a quarter before 8 o'clock in the morning, Thomas Allen accompanying us thither, we got to Ilkeston 11 miles the way we went about a quarter past 10 o'clock, and put up at the Kingshead. The meeting began at 11 and was held in the Methodists Meeting House, It was very large, the place being very well filled with People, and it proved a time of very extraordinary favour, Truth being in great dominion to the tendering of many hearts. I had a very long testimony to bear therein 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. At the close of the meeting which held 2 hours, I had to acknowledge our satisfaction with the company and very commendable behaviour of the People, and after some time in exhortation, saluted them in the fresh flowings of Gospel love, and very affectionately bade them all Farewel. Many friends din'd with us at the Inn, and at Table before we ate I was concerned in supplication. After meeting the Independent Preacher in this Town, who had been at the meeting came to the Inn to see us, he was very loving, expressed his satisfaction with the meeting, and kindly invited me to take up my quarters at his house if ever I came to this place again. This afternoon we came with William Harrison of Codnor to his house 6 miles, where we got about quarter before 5 o'clock and were we took up our quarters. My dear Friend Francis Tantun Howitt also accompanied us hither and stopt until after supper, and his company was truly acceptable unto us.

On 24th. and 7th. of week, we rested here, and in the forenoon I wrote to my Charles Unsworth.

On 25th. and 1st. of week we attended their Meeting at Breach 1 mile from here, we expected to have had this meeting mostly select of friends, but many attended from different meetings and some from a very considerable distance, and a very great concourse of People of other Societies knowing of our being in these parts attended also, so that it was a very large Meeting and began at 10 o'clock. The Meetinghouse both above and below stairs was exceedingly crowded, and many stood without who could not get in, the door and window being set open, and all behaved well. The most high was pleased eminently to crown this Assembly with his presence, to the tendering of the hearts of many, and enabling us to worship him in the beauty of holiness and in the fresh risings of divine life. I had a very long testimony to bear therein first 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. William Wass had a few words next, and afterwards I had a long time from Matt: C: 12. v: 42. The queen of the South shall rise up in the judgment with the men of this generation, and condemn it; for she came from the uttermost part of the Earth, to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and behold a greater than Solomon is here. After meeting we came 2 miles to Thomas Howitts of Heanor to dine, I walked thither with his son Francis a kind hopeful youth, and we were both of us much pleased with the opportunity. After dinner we came with my much beloved friend Joseph Sutton to his present abode at Felley.mill 5 miles, his Mother riding behind him; got to his house about half past 4 o'clock where we took up our quarters. With him at present my dear friend Daniel Sutton boards, who was convinced by me as an instrument in the Lords hand when in this County about 3 years ago, he is now become a member of our society, and appears very likely at present to be a very useful one. Also Henry Bowman boards here who at that time was my very acceptable companion through part of this

county. I was truly glad to meet with these three choice young men together, and we were made joyful in the company one of another.

On 26th. and 2nd, of week, we had a Publick Meeting at Selstone, we set out a little before 4 o'clock in company with most of the family who went on foot got to Selstone 2 miles and a half to just in time to the meeting which began at half past 4 we alighted were the Meeting was held which was in a large Presbyterian Meetinghouse. Joseph Sutton took our horse and carriage to the Bull and Butcher, and we went directly into the meeting, the Meetinghouse was exceedingly crowded and a school adjoining which opened into it. It was a time of extraordinary favour many were reached, and some convinced of the Truth, whether they may be favoured with strength to make publick profession thereof or no time will determine, it will depend upon their faithfulness. I had a very long testimony to bear therein from Psalms C: 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 close of the meeting which held 2 hours I acknowledged our satisfaction with the company and very commendable behaviour of the People, and after dropping a few remarks unto them, affectionately bade them Farewel. Being exceedingly heated with the crowd and exercise of the meeting I sat a little in an house hard by, and took some suitable refreshment which our kind friends of Felley.mill brought along with them, and during that time Joseph Sutton fetched our carriage from the Inn; and when we set out he walked by us it being dark, until we left the Publick road, then he led the horse over the common to his house were we got about 8 o'clock.

On 27th. and 3rd. of week, we had a Publick Meeting at South .Normanton, left here in company with my very dear friends Joseph and Daniel Sutton, and Samuel Hunt Josephs servant in husbandry walked, he was powerfully reached unto in the meeting last evening, and readily obtained leave of his master to attend this to day, and it proved a time of renewed favour unto him. O that the Lords mercies so eminently extended unto him may never be forgotten, but may he be concerned to love the Lord with his whole heart and manifest the same by obeying faithfully all his commands, It was about 9 o'clock when we set out from Felley.mill, and we got to Normanton 5 and a half miles about half past 10, and put up at the Miners.arms, The meeting began at 11, and was held in the Methodists Meetinghouse which was not large, but very much crowded, the day being very fine a considerable number of forms from an Inn was placed without and the door and a large window set open, so that many were pretty comfortably accommodated, but a considerable number had to stand all the time, there appearing to be more without doors than within. It was a remarkable favoured meeting the Power of Truth eminently overshadowing the whole Assembly to the solemnizing the most distant minds, I was first concerned therein in supplication, William Wass had a short testimony next. I had a very 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. At the close of the meeting which held near 2 hours, I had to express our great satisfaction with the very commendable behaviour of the people, and after some time in exhortation, very affectionately bade them all Farewel. After getting some suitable refreshment at the Inn we went with Edward Walters and his Wife to their house at Pyebridge to dine 3 miles and a half, got there about half past 2 o.clock were we took up our quarters this night, being accompanied thither by William Harrison, Joseph Sutton, and 3 neighbours who had been at the meeting. After Tea I set my beloved Friend Joseph Sutton a little on his way towards home, were we took a most affectionate farewell of the each other, not expecting to meet again in the course of this visit.

On 28th. and 4th. of week, we had a Publick meeting at Pilsley, the place of my companions birth, and residence in early life, altho' I knew it not until after I had fixed to have a meeting there. We left Pyebridge about 8 o'clock in the morning accompanied by Samuel Walters an agreeable young man, and we went by Alfreton, and got to Pilsley about 10 o'clock, were we was kindly entertained at John Parkers an opulent Farmer in the village, having travelled this morning the way we came hither 9 miles. The meeting began at 11 o'clock and was held in a Club.room over the kitchen at the Sine of the Horse-Shoes. The room was not very large, but was well seated, and well filled with People, some having to

stand all the time. The People in general appeared to be much strangers to vital religion or the experimental knowledge of the Truths of the Gospel, yet it was a time of extraordinary favour, many being awakened, and powerfully reached unto, to the tendering of their hearts. William Wass had a short testimony to bear therein first from 2 Cor: C: 5. v.14. The love of christ constraineth us, because we thus judge, that if one died for all; then were all dead. I had a very long time next from 1 Cor: C: 6. v: 9. Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived. William Wass had a long and very affectionate exhortation next, to his old neighbours, and more particularly unto those who had united with him in the follies of youth. At the close of the meeting which held upwards of 2 hours, I had to acknowledge our satisfaction with the very commendable behaviour of the People, and after a short exhortation, concluded with the petitioning, that as the Lord had been pleased to give the word, his spirit might so apply it to the respective states unto whom it did belong, that each individual might be profited thereby; After dinner we set out for Chesterfield 6 miles, Daniel Sutton and Samuel Waters accompanying us thither, got there about quarter after 4 o'clock were we took up our quarters at our worthy friend Joseph Storrs's.

On 29th. and 5th. of week. After breakfast we went and sat a little at William Bowers, and then went to the meeting in Chesterfield which began at 10 o'clock, 21 persons attended besides ourselves, nearly one half of the number being from other meetings. It was a comfortable and I hope a profitable meeting to many, I had two pretty long testimonies to bear therein, the 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. and the other time from Heb: C: 11. v: 25. Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the People of God than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season. After dinner I went and sat a little at William Bowers, and went from thence to William Brantinghams were we drunk Tea, and return'd to our quarters in the evening.

On 30th. and 6th. of week, we had a Publick Meeting at Ashover, left Chesterfield about quarter past 8 o'clock in the morning, Thomas Dyson a choice young man who is lately admitted a member of our society accompanied us thither and back, we got to Ashover a little past 10, 7 miles; and took up our quarters at the White Lyon, were we met up with Daniel Sutton and Samuel Waters, and just before we set out for meeting, came up my beloved friend Joseph Sutton, our joy at this unexpected meeting was mutual. This village is situated on an hill, in a fruitful and beautiful vale in which are many hills, cloathed with charming fields, and the hedges decorated with plenty of trees; the whole being surrounded by high mountains and some rocks, and that valley very populous, and variegated with beautiful prospects. The meeting was held in the Methodists Meetinghouse and began at 11 o'clock, It was very large, the house being much crowded, but most of the People got within doors, It was a good meeting, the everlasting Gospel was preached unto them, in its own authority. Those who were afar off, was made to hear what the Lord had done, in order that they might be brought near; and those who were nigh were encouraged to persevere, and acknowledge the Lords might. I had a very long testimony to bear therein first from Matt: C: 18. v: 3. Except ye be converted and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. William Wass had a pretty long time next from Luke C: 12. v: 32. Fear not, little flock; for it is your Fathers good pleasure to give you the kingdom. I was next concerned in prayer, and at the close of the meeting which held about 2 hours and a half, I expressed our satisfaction with the very commendable behaviour of the People in general; and after making sundry remarks unto them as they immediately opened, concluding with expressing my desire that Grace mercy and Peace from God the Father might be multiplyed and abound amongst them. After dinner we had a precious parting opportunity together, at the Inn, a little before we separated in which I had a long testimony to bear, and our Spirits were much broken and tendered together, and after taking a very solemn Farewel of each other; we return'd to Chesterfield, and got there to our quarters about 5 o'clock.

On 31st. and 7th. of week, about 9 o'clock in the morning we set out for Sheffield in Yorkshire 12 miles, Thomas Dyson accompanying us thither, we went by Dronfield and got

to Sheffield a little before 12 o'clock, and took up our quarters at my Brother Daniel Doncasters.

On 1st. of 11th. mo: and 1st. day of the week, we attended their Meetings in Sheffield both fore and afternoon, that in the forenoon at began at 10 o'clock, There is a large number of friends belonging this meeting, and there being a burial of a friend this forenoon viz. Elizabeth Smith Wife of Joseph Smith of this Town, and daughter of Henry Dickinson of Strines in Highflatts meeting, The meeting was considerably enlarged not only by the relations of the deceased, but by the neighbours and People of other Societies who came in. I had a long testimony to bear therein first from Matt: C: 24. v: 44. Be ye also ready, for in such an hour as ye think not the son of man cometh. Elizabeth Hoyland next from Jer: C: 3. v: 23. Truly in vain is salvation hoped for from the hills, and from the multitude of mountains; truly in the Lord our God is the salvation of Israel. Jane Doncaster next from Luke C: 18. v: 8. When the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth. Afternoon meeting began at 3 o'clock, It was very much short of being as large as the former, and we had closish exercise therein, but was favoured with strength fully to relieve our minds. I had a long testimony to bear first from Isai: C: 49. v: 4. I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strength for nought, and in vain; yet surely my judgment is with the Lord, and my work with my God. William Wass had a short time next from Gal: C: 6. v. 7, 8. Be not deceived; God is not mocked; for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh, shall of the flesh reap corruption, but he that soweth to the spirit shall of the spirit reap life everlasting. I had a pretty long time next from Matt: C: 8. v.19, 20. Master, I will follow thee wheresoever thou goest. And Jesus said unto him. The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests; but the son of man hath not where to lay his head. After meeting we went to Mary Fairbanks to Tea, and many friends coming in to have a little of our company. Before we parted we had a comfortable opportunity together, in which I had a short testimony to bear by way of encouragement unto faithfulness.

On 2nd. and 2nd. of week, we had a Publick meeting at Mosborough in Derbyshire, we set out for that place betwixt 8 and 9 o'clock in the morning 6 miles, my Brother and Sister Doncaster accompanying us thither and back, went to Edward Hobsons of Birley were we stopt and got some refreshment, and then proceeded to Mosborough one mile and a half, got their just in time to the meeting, and put up our horses at John Grays a Farmer there. The meeting began at 11 o'clock, and was held in a School, and a room adjoining which opened into it, and both places were well seated, and the School well filled with People, and a many in the other room. The People collected in a remarkable sober and orderly manner, and sat as if some of them knew where to wait and what to wait for; and it proved to be a time of extraordinary favour unto many minds, and the language of encouragement flowed freely unto some who appeared not to be far from the kingdom. Sister Jane Doncaster had a long testimony to bear therein first 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. I had a very long time next from John C: 17. v: 3. This is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus.christ whom thou has sent. Jane Doncaster next in Prayer. Afterwards I had a pretty long testimony from Jno. 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. At the close of the meeting which held about 2 hours and a half I exprest our satisfaction with the company and very commendable behaviour of the People, and after dropping a few words more unto them, Saluted them very affectionately in Gospel Love, and bade them all Farewel. After taking some suitable refreshment at John Grays who were affectionately kind to us, we returned with Edward Hobsons family to Birley to dine, and several other friends accompanied us thither. Sometime after dinner we set out for Sheffield, and got to our quarters there betwixt 5 and 6 o'clock

On 3rd. and 3rd. of week, After breakfast I went to see John Heppenstalls, and Mary Tricket who lives with her Sister Catharine Naish. From thence I went to Zaccheus Dysons were we drunk Tea and spent most of the afternoon on 7th. day he was then very unwell, but I was glad now to find him much better, and after a little agreeable conversation with him I return'd to my Brothers, were we got a Lunch; we left Sheffield betwixt 10 and 11 o'clock in the forenoon, and came by Owlerton and Wadsleybridge to Wortley were we din'd at the Inn, and then came by Thurgoland, Penistone and Ing.Birchworth to Newhouse, were we got betwixt 4 and 5 o'clock in the afternoon. Next morning my kind friend and truly acceptable companion William Wass set out for home. I believe with a sweet reward of Peace, for this dedication of his time, to the promotion of the cause of Truth. I have further to remark that in the course of this visit I had 20 Publick meetings in places were Meetings are not usually held, and 8 of these no friends could remember any meetings of our Society, being ever held in those places before vis. Ashford, Winster, Rowsley, Ilkeston, Selstone, Normanton, Pilsley and Ashover in Derbyshire, and may acknowledge, that he who sendeth forth his servants not at their own charge, was pleased to supply us with such a portion of spiritual subsistence as to cause us to acknowledge our strength was daily sufficient for the exercise of the day, and though some part of the time I was very ill, and most part of it had little sleep and a very poor appetite, yet I was not thereby hindered in my Journey, and altho' the meetings were very large and the exercise therein great yet I was enabled to go through the service required without being sensible of my infirmities. The weather was also remarkable fine all the time which was a peculiar favour, and broke the day we got home and for 2 or 3 days after was very heavy rain. I travelled in this journey 458 miles

An Account of my Journey to a Publick Meeting held at Gawthorp in the 11th. mo: 1818

I left home ye. 14th. of ye. 11th. Mo. 1818, and 7th. day of the week about 9 o'clock in the morning, having Charles Unsworth for my companion this journey; we went by Cumberworth and Skelmanthorpe to Charles Blackburns of Parklane were we rested us some time, and then proceeded by Emley to my cousin Alexander Hampshires of Flockton.mill, were we stopt and din'd, then went by Flockton, Mugmill, and Thornhill to Dewsbury were we got about 3 o'clock in the afternoon, stopt a considerable time at William Wass's and drunk Tea, and then went to George Breareys of Crackenedege were we took up our quarters.

On 15th. and 1st. of week we was at their forenoon meeting in Dewsbury which began at 10 o'clock, 25 persons besides ourselves attended. It was an exercising meeting to me but ended comfortably, being favoured with the ability to relieve my mind, so as to feel that peace which christ promised to give unto his faithful followers. William Wass had a short testimony therein first from Luke C: 19. v: 40 If these should hold their peace, the stones would immediately cry out. Afterwards I had a long time from Matt: C: 6. v: 15. If ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. Having felt concern upon my mind for some time to pay a religious visit to the inhabitants of Gawthorp, and it now appearing to me to be the right time to accomplish it, Joseph Brearey and Thomas Abel set out early this morning to procure a place there and give notice thereof to the inhabitants, A little before 4 o'clock this afternoon we set out for there in company with William Wass and George Brearey, had a pleasant walk, and got to Gawthorp about 2 miles and a half about 20 minutes before 5 o'clock, and took up our quarters at Richard Jessops an acquaintance of George Breareys who was very kind and friendly unto us. The meeting began at 5 o'clock and was held in a School 9 yards long and 4 and a half wide It was part seated, but most of the people stood in order to accommodate a larger number, and it was supposed betwixt 2 and 300 people crowded in, and it was thought more stood without doors the evening being fine. I had a short exhortation in the very early part of the meeting tending to settle the people in a state of true quietude which appeared to have the desired effect; and after some time in

silence I had a very long testimony to bear from Gal: C: 5. v: 16. Walk in the spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. John Robinson had a short but acceptable time in exhortation next. William Wass next in testimony from 1 Cor: C: 14. v: 8. If the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself to the battle. I had a pretty long time next from Job: C: 42. v. 5, 6. I have heard of thee by the hearing of the ear; but now mine eye seeth thee, Wherefore I abhor myself and repent in dust and ashes. In the cause of this testimony I had to express our satisfaction with the very commendable behaviour of the People, and to recommend them unto God, and to the teachings of his pure and spiritual grace in the secret of each heart. and in the conclusion thereof affectionately bade them all Farewel. The meeting held 2 hours and a quarter; and was indeed a memorable season of the extension of divine favour unto this large Assembly; the word preached being evidently attended with that gospel power which reached the witness in most minds, and caused many to acknowledge to the truth. After meeting we return'd to Richard Jessops were we got some suitable refreshment, and then came with David Pickard to his house at Ossett, got there a little past 8 o'clock, were we lodg'd.

On 16th. and 2nd. of week, we left Ossett about 9 o'clock this morning, and got to Wakefield about 10, were a Monthly meeting was this day held, stopt at one Oates were we called to bespeak each of us an hat until meeting time, The meeting for Worship began at 11 o'clock and was very large of friends, and a few of other Societies came in William Wass had a short testimony to bear therein first from Mic: C: 6. v: 6. Wherewith shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before the high God. Isabella Harris had a pretty long time next from Matt: C: 26. v: 40. What, could ye not watch with me one hour. I had a long time next from Mark: C: 8. v. 24, 25. 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 the Men and Women members of our Society were requested to stop together, after others were withdrawn. The meeting for business was then opened, when I delivered up my Certificate given me from this meeting in the last 9th. mo: and gave some account of my Journey, and that I was favoured in the course thereof, and in the conclusion with the consoling evidence of divine approbation, which was minuted, and the meetings satisfaction exprest therewith. The Epistle of the Yearly Meeting on the subject of education was then read, and it was agreed that Committees of Men and Women friends should be appointed in each meeting to unite together, and visit the families of friends who had children under the age of 14 years, and to move and act therein as way may open, and report to this meeting at the conclusion of their visit. Afterwards Isabella Harris and myself laid before friends a concern which rested weightily upon our minds to pay a religious visit to the prisoners in the house of Correction in this Town, altho' we had no knowledge of each others concern until we was in the Meeting, After being weightily considered the meeting expressed their Unity therewith, and left us at our liberty to perform the same; recommending us to move therein together which was quite agreeable unto us. The Women friends then withdrew, and the Men proceeded with their business which was agreeably conducted. Both meetings held upwards of 4 hours and a half. After which we din'd at William Leathams, drunk Tea at John Spence's, and called and sat a little at Ann Thorps and left Wakefield betwixt 7 and 8 o'clock in the evening, and had a moonlight walk up the meadows to Dirtcar, were we got betwixt 8 and 9, and lodg'd at Christopher Walkers.

On 17th. and 3rd. of week, we tarried at Christopher Walkers until after dinner; then came to William Pickards were we stopt some time, and then proceeded by Crigglestone to Bretton, were we rested us at Michael Buckleys, then came by Emley to Charles Backburns of Parklane, were we stopt a considerable time and drunk Tea, then came to Skelmanthorpe were we called to see Thomas Archer a civil man who appeared pleased that we called upon him, he accompanied us near half a mile, and then returned, and we came by Cumberworth home were we got about half past 8 in the evening.

An Account of my Journey to a Publick Meeting held at Barnsley in the 12th. mo: 1818.

Having felt drawings in my mind to pay a religious visit to friends of Barnsley and also to have a Publick meeting with some of the inhabitants, I left home the 5th. of the 12th. mo: 1818, and 7th. day of the week betwixt 8 and 9 o'clock in the morning, called at John Bottomleys of Wood were I sat a little, and then proceeded by Dykeside and Dakinbrook to Ellin Waltons, were I rested me, and then went to Thomas Wests of Cawthorn were I stopt upwards of 4 hours and din'd, then proceeded to Barnsley, got there about 5 o'clock drunk Tea and supp'd at Frances Yeardleys, and being very much fatigued with my Journey, in part from the state of my health, which had been in general for a considerable time past but very indifferent; I concluded to stop at Robert Harrisons tonight, and my dear friend John Wood came here and slept with me.

On 6th. and 1st. of week, I went to their forenoon meeting which began at 11 o'clock, betwixt 50 and 60 persons attended, several of them appearing to be people of other societies many of that description frequently coming in to this meeting of late years, my Charles Unsworth met me here having come from home this morning, he was my acceptable companion throughout the remainder of this journey. I had a long testimony to bear in this meeting from Ex: C: 20. v. 5, 6. I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me. And showing mercy unto the thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments, At the close of this meeting I informed friends, that I had for sometime felt my mind drawn to pay some of the inhabitants of this place a religious visit in gospel Love, and it now appeared to me to be the right time to accomplish it if the friends here felt no objections, to put of their afternoon meeting until 6 o'clock in the evening and in the mean time to give partial notice to their neighbours, as there would not be accommodation in the Meetinghouse for the People, if the inhabitants were pretty generally informed. The proposition appeared to be very cordially united with; and afterwards we went to William Harveys were we din'd and drunk Tea. At 6 in the evening agreeable to appointment the Publick meeting began and held upwards of 2 hours and a half, and notwithstanding the partial notice given a very great crowd assembled. The Meetinghouse was laid open, and it with a cottage adjoining was very much crowded, great numbers having to stand up all the time, and many went away who could not get in, and considering the excessive crowd the behaviour of all was very worthy of commendation. The Truths of the Gospel were largely and powerfully declared amongst them to the reaching of the pure witness for God in the secret of most hearts whereby many were prepared to worship him in the newness of the spirit and of Life, and to offer unto the Lord the sacrifice of thanksgiving and praise, under a feeling sense of his mercies in graciously condescending imminently to crown this Assembly with his divine presence. I had a very long testimony to bear therein from Gen: C: 3. v: 19. Dust thou art, and unto dust thou shalt return. I was next concerned in Prayer, and after a very solemn time in Silence appealed unto the People if some of them under this precious covering had not been ready to acknowledge, that the best wine had been reserved until the last, and after recommending them to wait for the renewings thereof that they might thereby be strengthened to experience an advancement in the Truth; I saluted them in that love which is stronger than death, breaking the bonds thereof asunder and setting the captive soul at liberty, that love which many waters cannot quench, nor distance separate, nor time wear out, and very affectionately bade them all Farewel sincerely desiring that Grace mercy and Peace from God the Father through his beloved son Jesus.christ our Lord might be multiplied and abound amongst them. After Meeting feeling very much spent, we went immediately to Robert Harrisons were I got some suitable refreshment and then we went to sup at Thomas Yeardleys were we lodg'd

On 7th. and 2nd. of week, After breakfast we called to take leave of several friends, and left Barnsley betwixt 10 and 11 o'clock, and came to James Arthington Wilsons of Redbrook were we stopt upwards of 2 hours and din'd. James then accompanied us to near Cawthorn, when he returned, and were we call'd at Thomas Wests, stopt about 1 hour and took a little

refreshment, then came to Ellin Waltons, and they being at Tea we got some with them, and then came by Dakinbrook and Denby.hall, were we called upon William Fenwick who is newly hired there, having a little business to do with him; he is a good natured young man, and hath at times been favoured with divine visitations, but being unwilling to take up his cross and deny himself, the seasons have proved to him as the morning cloud or the early dew which soon passeth away; he came with us to Dykeside, and then return'd, we rested us about one hour at John Woods, and took some refreshment then came to John Bottomleys of Wood were we sat a little and I got home betwixt 9 and 10 in the evening.

An Account of my Journey on a religious visit to the prisoners in the house of Correction in Wakefield; in company with our friend Isabella Harris of Ackworth in the 12th. month 1818.

I left home ye. 18th. of ye. 12th. Mo. 1818, and 6th. day of the week about 9 o.clock in the morning, and went by Cumberworth to my Nephew Robert Woods of Moorbottom, were I sat a little, and then proceeded by Shelley, Roydhouse, Flockton Grangehall, Demby, Briestfield, and Thornhill to Dewsbury were I got about 3 o.clock, having dined upon the road of provisions, I brought with me from home I travelled very slowly, feeling the infirmities of advancing years increasing up upon me, and more so through a long continuance of bodily indisposition. The day was also wet, and the roads very dirty, so that I travelled in great weariness of body, yet had no cause to complain, being helped along beyond my expectation. I drunk Tea at William Wass's and tarried until evening, and then went to George Breareys of Crackenedge were I took up my quarters.

On 19th and 7th. of week, After dinner I left here, Joseph Brearey walking on with me about 3 miles and then returned, went by Ossett to Mark Breaers of Alverthorp I stopt 1 hour, and then proceeded to Wakefield were I got about 5 o.clock, and drunk Tea at William Leathams, were I met with Isabella Harris, agreeable to our appointment the last month, we being united in concern to visit the prisoners in the House of Correction, and William Leatham kindly undertaking to make way for our performance of it. We understood from him, that when Rogers the Priest of Wakefield heard of our intended visit he being also officiating clergyman at the Chapel in the house of Correction, had intended to have prevented it, and threatened the Governor if he permitted it. But when the magistrates heard thereof, they having before given leave, they were offended with the priest and determined he should not prevent it. Whereupon they sent the following order to William Leatham to take to the Governor of the House of Correction viz.

11th. Decr. 1818

Sir

We have given permission to Mrs Harris to go to the House of Correction to exhort, and hold communication with the Prisoners when she shall feel disposed. You will therefore let her have such convenience and accommodation as she may require. and let Mr Rogers know that we have so done in our Character of sitting Magistrates

for Mr. Shepherd

J: P: Heywood
Benjn. Dealtry
J: Egremont

The reason my name was not mentioned in the order was, William Leatham had applied to the Magistrates at Isabella Harris request to know if she might have liberty before she mentioned her concern to the Monthly meeting, and it was only at the meeting that my concern was known, and William had not had an opportunity to mention it unto them before he received the Order, which they thought would be altogether sufficient for both as if my

name had been inserted therein. After stopping here about 2 hours, I went to John Spence's were I took up my quarters.

On 20th. and 1st. of week, we had a meeting with the Female prisoners betwixt 50 and 60 in number which began at 10 o'clock and held 2 hours and a half. From the great increase of Prisoners of late years, the Women were obliged to be removed to another place some distance from the Men, which was taken and prepared for their reception, and the meeting was held in a large upper room were they usually met for the performance of Worship. I went to breakfast at William Leathams, and after breakfast, we proceeded to the meeting being accompanied in this visit by William Leatham and his Wife, and Hannah Harrison. Benjamin Gaskells Wife of Thorns.house had intended to have given us the meeting there but was prevented however she sent her carriage with 2 Women who was on a visit at her house and were desirous to be there. After meeting these 2 great Women took leave of us very affectionately, and with many tears expressed their great satisfaction with their visit. Indeed the Lord was pleased eminently to favour us, the states of the prisoners were clearly opened and spoke to in the authority of the Gospel, caution counsel and admonition was plentifully communicated; and mercy freely offered, unto those who sincerely repented and forsook the evil of their ways, by believing in Christ Jesus, and faithfully adhering to the precepts of his Gospel. A solemnity appeared for the present to cover most if not all minds ; and many were much broken and tendered. Isabella Harris had a short time first, informing them of the nature of our visit, and the necessity of waiting in silence to be endued with Power from on high, and that so we might be enabled to worship God acceptably. I had a long time next from Mic: C: 7. v: 18. Who is a God like unto thee, that pardoneth iniquity, and passeth by the transgression of the remnant of his heritage? He retaineth not his anger for ever, because he delighteth in mercy. Isabella Harris had a long time next from the parable of the labourers in the vineyards. Matt: C: 20. I next a long time from Eph: C: 4. v: 28. Let him that stole steal no more; but rather let him labour working with his hands the things which is good. Isabella Harris was next concerned in Prayer. Afterwards I had short time in exhortation, concluding with acknowledging our satisfaction with their behaviour, and bidding them all Farewel. I return'd to William Leathams were I took some refreshment and stopt a considerable time, and then returned to my quarters. The next day our Monthly Meeting was to be held in this Town, in its usual course. The Meeting for Ministers and Elders being held at 6 o'clock this evening; all our members attended, The Queries were read, and Answers to the 2nd. and 4th. drawn up approv'd and Signed, and directed to be laid before our ensuing Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders by our Representatives. Also the Advices of the Yearly Meeting to Ministers and Elders was read. It was a precious Meeting, and John Bottomley, myself, and Isabella Harris had each a short testimony to bear. The meeting held about 1 hour and a half.

On 21st. and 1st. of week, Charles Unsworth got here when we were at breakfast, having walked from home this morning, he was my acceptable companion the remainder of this journey. After breakfast we went and sat a little at Joseph Wetheralds and took a glass of wine. This was the shortest day, and a remarkable fine one, more like a day in summer than the depth of winter. The Meeting for worship was large of friends, and several of other societies came in, I had a long testimony to bear therein from John C: 6. v. 66, 67, 68. Many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him. And 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. At the close of the meeting for worship was the meeting for discipline, amongst other business John Spence of Wakefield Meeting laid before us his intentions of marriage with Deborah Smith a member of Thirsk Monthly Meeting. Also James Poulter of Wakefield Meeting laid before us his intentions of marriage with Hannah Perry a member of Reading and Warborough Monthly Meeting. The Queries directed to be answered this quarter were also read and Answers thereto received and read from all our Preparative Meetings viz. Pontefract, Barnsley, Highflatts, Ackworth, Wakefield, and Wooldale. and a general Answer was prepared therefrom to be laid before our ensuing Quarterly Meeting.

Both Meetings held 3 hours and a half. After which we din'd at William Leathams, and drunk Tea at Thomas Wetheralds of Eastmoor, and in the evening return'd to our quarters.

On 22nd. and 3rd. of week, we had a meeting with the Male prisoners in the house of correction upwards of 280 in number which began at quarter past 9 and held nearly 2 hours and a half. We Breakfasted at William Leathams, and afterwards proceeded to the house of correction, the Governor and his Wife received us very kindly, and his Wife conducted us into the Chapel, were we found the Prisoners collected and set down together in an orderly manner. We were accompanied on this visit by James Harrison and his Wife Christopher Walker, and Charles Unsworth, and several of other societies who were not prisoners attended. We were deeply affected in beholding so many of our fellow creatures confined in Prison, for breaking the Laws of both God and man; yet was humbly thankful in feeling ability afforded to labour with them for their present and future welfare; and altho' many appeared to be in a dark and hardened state, yet the pure witness for the present was reached; and some were broken and tendered. I had a short time therein first, informing them of the nature of our visit, withall requesting them to endeavour to get into stillness of body and quietude of mind, that they might be favoured to feel that Power which can prepare the heart to worship God in spirit and in truth. After some time in silence I had a long testimony to bear from Rom: C: 6. v: 23. The wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus.christ our Lord. Isabella Harris next 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 shalt eat it. She first address the youth, and afterwards was opened in suitable matter to many other different states. I next from Rev: C: 2. v. 21, 22. I gave her space to repent of her fornication; and she repented not. Behold, I will cast her into a bed, and them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation, except they repent. James Harrison had a short exhortation next and afterwards Isabella Harris had a long time having sundry suitable exhortations to communicate unto them. At the close of the meeting, I informed them we felt thankful of being enabled fully to relieve our minds amongst them and sincerely desired that what had been communicated might prove profitable unto them, and after dropping some more advice as it immediately opened; I on the behalf of myself, and friends present affectionately bade them all Farewel. We return'd to William Leathams were we drew up the following report of our visit to be laid before our next Monthly meeting viz.

Agreeably to the liberty given us by our Monthly Meeting in the 11th. mo: last, we have perform'd a religious visit to the Prisoners confined in the house of correction at Wakefield; and have thankfully to acknowledge, that we have been favoured with ability to discharge what we believe to be required of us, so as to feel in the conclusion thereof the consoling evidence of Peace, in the discharge of apprehended duty. We first visited the Women betwixt 50 and 60 in number, This was a memorable season of divine favour, under the influence whereof we was enabled to labour amongst them, and a precious solemnity appeared to cover the whole. and many were much broken and tendered. Afterwards we sat with the Men about 280 in number; we were deeply affected in beholding such a number of our fellow creatures confined in prison; and altho' we had to mourn over the hardened and depraved state of many, yet had comfortably to believe that the pure witness was reached, and some for the present appeared to be tendered; and a hope attended our minds, that the visit may prove profitable unto some even as bread cast upon the waters which may be found after many days. We have also to acknowledge the kindness of our friends in Wakefield in affording us every assistance in their Power; and of the Magistrates there in preparing the way for the accomplishment of our visit

Joseph Wood
Isabella Harris

Wakefield 12th. mo: 22nd. 1818.

We din'd together here, and then taking an affectionate farewell of our friends, we went to John Spences, were we sat a little and took a glass of wine; Afterwards we called at

William Awmacks, and Ann Thorps sat a little at each place and then came to Christopher Walkers of Dirtcar, got there betwixt 4 and 5 o'clock were we lodg'd. After Tea Christopher Walker and me went and sat a little at William Pickards and return'd for supper.

On 23rd. and 4th. of week, we set out about half past 8 o'clock in the morning, it being very hard froze, it was pleasant walking. We had had no snow this winter and this was the first frost of any account, it having been a remarkable fine open time thus far, generally very mild and still, such as is seldom known in this land, at this time of the year. We came by Netherton, Midgley, and Emley to Cousin Charles Steads of Siver.Ing, were we din'd, and after dinner went and sat a little at Cousin Benjamin Steads stopt at both places near 3 hours, and then proceeded cousin Charles Stead junr. came with us near a mile and then return'd, and we came to my Nephew Robert Woods of Moorbottom, were we drunk Tea, and stopt 4 hours and then came home were we got about 8 o'clock in the evening.

An Account of my Journey to a Publick Meeting held at Pontefract; and to Brighouse
Monthly Meeting held at Brighouse in the 2nd. mo: 1819

I left home ye. 30th. of ye. 1st. mo: 1819 and 7th. of week, betwixt 9 and 10 o'clock in the morning, and went by Denby and Gunthwaite to Cawthorn were I stopt about 1 hour and half at Thomas Wests and took some refreshment; then proceeded to James Arthington Wilsons of Redbrook were I stopt about 1 an hour and took a glass of wine, and then got to Barnsley betwixt 3 and 4 o'clock in the afternoon were I drunk Tea at Frances Yeardleys, and afterwards went and sat a little at William Harveys, and from thence went to Thomas Yeardleys were I took up my quarters. James Harrison came to Barnsley this evening, having before engaged to meet me here and take me to his house in his carriage.

On 31st. and 1st. of week, Christopher Walker, Samuel Coward and myself, being under appointment of our last Monthly meeting to visit George Sedgwick a young man of this Town who had attended friends Meetings many years, and had applyed to become a member of our Society; Having previously agreed to meet together at their forenoon meeting to day, which began at 11 o'clock, it was held in silence except a short testimony towards the close thereof by James Harrison from Luke C: 22, v: 42. Not my will, but thine be done. After meeting we sat in the Meetinghouse with George Sedgwick, and after the opportunity prepared the following report of our visit to be laid before our ensuing Monthly Meeting viz.

"We have visited George Sedgwick, and believe that his application to become a member of our Society, proceeded from an apprehension of duty; and as far as we were favoured to feel, believe he is fully convinced of the Truth of our religious Principles; and was further confirmed therein by his own testimony; and understand his conduct and conversation is quite consistent therewith. The opportunity with him was particularly satisfactory unto us".

Christopher Walker

Samuel Coward

Joseph Wood

Barnsley 1st. mo: 31st. 1819

Afterwards we din'd at George Alletsons. Afternoon meeting began at 3 o'clock several sober People of other societies attended, and I had a long testimony to bear therein from John C: 21. v. 5, 6. Children have you any meat? They answered him, No. And he said unto them, Cast the net on the right side of the ship, and ye shall find, they cast therefore, and now they were not able to draw it for the multitude of fishes. After Meeting I drunk Tea at Robert Harrisons, and after Tea return'd to my quarters, where several friends came to spend the evening with me, and John Wood came and slept with me both nights.

On 1st. and 2nd. mo: and 2nd. day of the week, James Harrison and me met at William Bayldons were we breakfasted, and left Barnsley a little before 10 o'clock and went by Burton to Cudworth, were we called to see Samuel Lavers, sat a little with them and then proceeded by Brierley and Hemsworth to Ackworth, were we din'd at the School, and after dinner I went and sat a little at Robert Grahams; stopt at Ackworth betwixt 2 and 3 hours, and then we proceeded to my companions house at Hardwick, got there a little after 4 o'clock were I lodged.

On 2nd. and 3rd. of week, having for sometime past had a concern upon my mind to have a Publick meeting with such of the inhabitants of Pontefract as might be disposed to attend, and having the unity and approbation of friends therewith, and it appearing to me now to be the right time to accomplish it, information thereof was sent to the friends there, requesting them to give the necessary notice to the inhabitants which they readily complyed with and this morning after breakfast I walked over to Pontefract, called there at John Leathams were I sat a little, and then went to Mary and Elizabeth Johnsons were I took up my quarters; After dinner I went and sat sometime at Barbara Priestmans and took a glass of wine and then return'd to my quarters to Tea. The meeting began at 6 in the evening and was held in friends Meetinghouse which was wholly laid open, and both ends was well filled with people, and a considerable number sat upstairs, It was a solid good meeting, the power of Truth eminently overshadowing us, and the people afterwards generally expressed their satisfaction therewith, and some friends remarked that it was the most solemn Publick meeting they ever sat in that Town I was very much enlarged in testimony therein from Phil: C: 3. v: 3. We are the circumcised, which worship God in spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh. At the close of the meeting which held about 2 hours and a half, I acknowledged my obligation to the People for favouring us with their company, and our satisfaction with their very commendable behaviour, and after several more communications of matter opened; concluded with saluting them all in Gospel Love and bade them Farewel. I returned to my quarters with an humble and thankful heart, for this renewed instance of divine regard, so mercifully and eminently extended in the needful time, having been almost ready to sink under the weight of discouragement I felt before the meeting came on but now in the abasedness of self could say, Bless the lord O my soul for all his mercies, who in the needfull time is cloathing his poor Ministers with salvation, and causing his humble followers to sing for joy of heart;

On 3rd. and 4th. of week, feeling my mind drawn to go from hence to Brighouse to attend their Monthly Meeting to be held there on sixth day, James Harrison concluded to accompany me, and convey me thither in his carriage, and after breakfast this morning he called upon me, We called to take our leave of John Leathams, and after sitting a little with them, we left Pontefract betwixt 9 and 10 o'clock in the forenoon, and came by Pursten, Crofton and Agbridge to Wakefield were we din'd at John Spences, stopt about 2 hours and a half, and then went by Ossett to Dewsbury were we got about half past 4 o'clock and took up our quarters at George Breareys.

On 4th. and 5th. of week, we attended their Meeting at Dewsbury which began at 10 o'clock 18 persons beside ourselves were there; It was an exercising time to me but ended pretty comfortably, being favoured with ability fully to relieve my mind, so as to leave with the reward of peace, and I hope it was a profitable time unto some. James Harrison had a short testimony therein first from Luke C: 12. v: 47. That servant which knew his Lords will, and prepared not himself, neither did according to his will, shalt be beaten with many stripes. Afterwards I had a long time from 1 Sam: C: 15. v: 30. I have sinned, yet honour me now, I pray thee, before the elders of my people, and before Israel, and turn again with me, that I may worship the Lord thy God. Before meeting I went and sat a little at Mary Armitages, and after meeting we din'd at William Wass's. and about 2 o'clock we left Dewsbury and went by Mirfield to Brighouse got there about half past 4 o'clock, and took up our quarters at John Kings. About 7 o'clock in the evening Charles Unsworth got here, having brought me some clean linen to put on, he was my acceptable companion the remainder of this journey.

On 5th. and 6th. of week, we attended the Monthly meeting held here, the meeting for Worship began at 11 o'clock; It was large of friends the Meetinghouse being pretty well filled. Mary Witchell was first concerned therein in supplication (She and her husband removed from Pennsylvania in America the last summer and settled within the compass of this Monthly Meeting) Ann Darnley had a few words in testimony next Mary Cooper had a long time next from John C: 21. v: 15. Jesus saith unto Simon Peter, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; than knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my Lambs. Afterwards James Harrison had a short time. At the close of this meeting was the meeting for discipline which consists of 5 Preparative meetings viz. Leeds, Bradford, Brighouse, Huddersfield and Gildersom, a great deal of business was before the meeting to day, which in general was agreeably conducted, yet there appeared to me to be a want in some of deeply centering unto that which ought to be the spring of action in all religious movements, which caused some cases to be long in setting; and was rather a discouraging time unto the rightly exercised, yet I was comforted with a belief that the number of these was increasing in this meeting and I humbly trust will increase in strength, if they are but preserved humbly trusting in the Lord, and not daring to lean to their own understanding. Both meetings held 5 hours. This afternoon we drunk Tea at Thomas Coopers.

On 6th. and 7th. of week, After breakfast we went and sat a little at James Lees's, and left Brighouse betwixt 10 and 11 o'clock in the forenoon, and came by Rastrick and Netherroydhill to Mary Horsfalls of Greenhouse were we din'd, and stopt about 1 hour and a half, then came to cousin Abraham Mallinsons of Huddersfield, and from thence to Richard Wormalls of Mouldgreen, sat a little at each place, and took some refreshment, then proceeded by Almondbury, Woodsommill and Shepley to my beloved friend Joseph Firths of Lanehead, were we stopt 1 hour and a half and took some refreshment, on leaving them we called at John Pickfords of Parkhead were I got shaved, and we got home about 9 o'clock in the evening.

An Account of my Journey to a Publick Meeting held at Thornhill-edge; and to our Spring Quarterly Meeting held at Leeds in the 3rd. mo: 1819.

I left home ye. 20th. of ye. 3rd. mo: 1819 and 7th. day of the week about 8 o'clock in the morning, called at my Nephew Robert Woods of Moorbottom were I sat a little and then proceeded to my cousin Charles Steads of Emley.park stopt there upwards of an hour and got an early dinner, then proceeded by Emley to cousin Alexander Hampshires of Flockton.mill were I rested me a considerable time and then went by Flockton, Mugmill, and Thornhill to Dewsbury, got there about half past 3 o'clock, were I drunk Tea at William Wass's, and in the evening went to George Breareys were I took up my quarters.

On 21st. and 1st. of week, Having had for a considerable time a concern upon my mind to have a religious meeting with inhabitants of Whitley, Briestfield and Thornhill, and places adjacent, but there not appearing any place likely to contain the number of People that was supposed might attend it was from one time to another put by. and I had cause to believe until the right time. The Baptists having lately built a Meetinghouse upon Thornhill.edge in a central situation to the beforementioned villages. and upon application, they gave it up, to the service of friends for this afternoon; accordingly the meeting was appointed and notice thereof fully given. Charles Unsworth came from home this morning to meet me here, and return'd in the evening. In the forenoon we attended their meeting in Dewsbury which began at 10 o'clock, 32 persons were there besides ourselves 4 of which appeared to be such as do not usually attend. I had two pretty long testimonies to bear therein; the first from Luke C: 12. v. 47, 48. That servant which knew his Lords will, and prepared not himself, neither did according to his will, shall be beaten with many stripes. But he that knew not, and did commit things worthy of stripes, shall be beaten with few stripes. and the other from Rev: C: 2. v. 2,

4. I know thy works, and thy labour, and thy patience, and how thou can'st not bear with them that are evil, and thou hast tried them which say they are Apostles, and are not; and has found them lyars. Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love. Afterwards Charles Unsworth dropt the following 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. After meeting we din'd at William Wass's, and about 2 o'clock set out for Thornhill.edge in company with William Wass, and George Brearey, got there about 3 at which hour the meeting was appointed to begin, we found it fully gathered when we got there, and great was the concourse of People that attended, The Meetinghouse being exceedingly crowded, and abundance had to stand without, and all behaved well. John Bottomley met us here, and accompanied me from hence to Leeds. This meeting was eminently favoured, the Truths of the Gospel being largely and livingly declared therein, to the reaching the pure witness in many minds. I had a very long testimony to bear therein first from Isai: C: 9. v. 5, 6, 7. Every battle of the warrior is with confused noise, and garments rolled in blood; but this shall be with burning and fuel of fire. For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder; and his name shall be called, Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end. John Bottomley had a pretty long time next from Isai: C: 55. v: 3. Hear and obey and your soul shall live. I next a long time from Isai: C: 1. v. 16, 17. Wash you, make you clean, put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes; cease to do evil. Learn to do well. After a short pause at the conclusion of this testimony, I acknowledged my obligation to the People for favouring us with their company, and our satisfaction with their commendable behaviour, and affectionately bade them Farewel. The meeting held 3 hours. After meeting the Baptist Preacher appeared very friendly with us, and I understood expressed to some friend that he had been edified therein, I was glad to hear it, having been led in the course of my testimony to shew the difference betwixt the true and the false Ministry, and the inconsistency with the Gospel dispensation of sending men to academys to learn to preach as other people go apprenticed to learn trades, and then sell it unto the people contrary unto the command of christ, who when he sent forth his Ministers said unto them Freely have ye received, freely give. At parting with Charles Unsworth we returned to Dewsbury. James Nevill of Wigan in Lancashire being at Barnsley upon business, and hearing of my being here return'd this way on purpose to see me, and met us on our entering the Town, I was truly glad to see him, and spent upwards of an hour very agreeably with him at William Wass's, were I drunk Tea and then went to my quarters. On 22nd. and 2nd. of week, we set out about 10 o'clock in the morning, and went by Hangingheaton, Soothill, Howley.hall to Bruntcliff to Joseph Horsfalls of Gildersome, got there about quarter before 12 were I took up my quarters. After dinner we went to John Ellis's were we spent the afternoon very agreeably, and after Tea, I returned to Joseph Horsfalls.

On 23rd. and 3rd. of week, This morning we met at Gervas Elams were we breakfasted, and my dear friend William Baker and his Wife coming to their Fathers last night after I left came here to see me; From hence we went to Richard Lindsays were we sat a little, and left Gildersome about 10 o'clock, got to Jonathon Shackletons of Holbeck near Leeds at about half past 11 were I took up my quarters. After dinner I went to Leeds, and called upon Mary Fridge Charles Unsworth's cousin were I stopt a little, and then went to Isaac Fields were I drunk Tea. At 5 this evening began our Quarterly Meeting for Ministers and Elders which held 2 hours and three quarters. We had only one Stranger viz. Jonathan Hutchinson from Lincolnshire. The Queries were read and Answers received and read from all our meetings constituting this, and a general Answer prepared approv'd and Signed, and directed to be taken to our ensuing Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders by our representatives. Also the advice of the Yearly Meeting to Ministers and Elders was read, and Robert Whitaker, Thomas Cooper, Ann Maud, and Catharine Elam were appointed to Oversee the succeeding meetings

and advise as occasion may require. At conclusion of the business Martha Smith had a pretty long and encouraging testimony to bear.

On 24th. and 4th. of week, at 10 in the morning was a meeting for Worship, and tho' mostly select of friends it was very large Martha Thornhill was first concerned therein in supplication. Jane Doncaster had a pretty long testimony to bear next from Acts C: 26. v. 9, 10. I verily thought with myself, that I ought to do many things contrary to the name of Jesus of Nazareth. Which thing I also did. Hannah Broadhead next 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 world lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world: Mordecai Casson next from Luke C: 17. v: 21. Neither shall they say, Lo here! Lo there! for behold the kingdom of God is within you. William Singleton next from Luke C: 19. v: 13. Occupy till I come, William Baker next from Neh: C: 2. v: 2. Why is thy countenance sad, seeing thou art not sick. And the close of this meeting was one for discipline. The 1st. and 2nd. Queries were read and Answers thereunto from all our Monthly Meetings, and general Answers prepared. In Answer to the 2nd. Query information was received that there was a little appearance of conviction since last year in Pontefract, Pickering and Hull Monthly meetings, and that 6 persons had been admitted into membership thereby since last year viz. 1 in Balby, 3 in Pontefract and 2 in Brighouse Monthly meetings; some other business was gone thro', and then the meeting adjourned until 5 in the evening. Both meetings held near 4 hours. After which I din'd at James Arthington's, and drunk Tea at Jonathan Patchet's. At 5 in the evening met pursuant to adjournment. The remainder of the Queries were read, and Answers thereto, and General Answers prepared, and a friend appointed to prepare a fair copy, and produce it at the adjournment of this meeting. Account was given that one Publick friend was deceased since last year viz. Joseph Yarbury of Balby Monthly Meeting, a testimony from the said Meeting was read concerning him, and put into the hands of a Committee to revise etc some other business was gone through, and then the meeting adjourned until 10 o'clock the next morning, having held about 4 hours.

On 25th. and 5th. of week, at 10 in the morning met pursuant to adjournment. Before the business was entered upon Mordecai Casson, George Sanders, and William Smith had each a short testimony to bear. The General Answers to the Queries was then read and Signed, and delivered to the Representatives to take to the Yearly Meeting. The Committee appointed to revise the Testimony concerning Joseph Yarbury reported they had not gone through the business, it was therefore concluded to be referred until next quarter; The business of this quarter was finished in this sitting which held 4 hours. In the several sittings thereof, it was conducted in much harmony and condescension, and many lively Testimonies were borne unto the truth in the course of the business, to the edifying of the body together in love, one instance excepted which was also the case by the same person in the first meeting for worship who appeared to have a zeal not rightly tempered with knowledge, and whose offering did not appear to be accompanied with Salt which seasons every acceptable sacrifice. I understand he was tenderly admonished by the friends appointed to oversee the meetings which was a great relief to my mind having suffered much under his appearances, both in the meeting for Worship and discipline under a fear lest he should think himself too wise to receive advise which appeared to be the case in the opinion of those who visited him, But I am persuaded if any of us get above the advise of our brethren we are in a dangerous state, A haughty spirit preceeding a fall, but it is the humble diffident mind the Lord teacheth of his ways immediately and instrumentally, and these profit by the kind advice of their friends. After meeting I din'd at John Cudworths and drunk Tea at Elizabeth Thorps. At 6 in the evening was the parting meeting for Worship which was larger than the former more of other Societies attending, The Meetinghouse and Lofts being very full. Isabella Richardson had a long testimony to bear therein 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 judgments, and his ways past finding out. Jonathan Hutchinson had a short time next from 2 Cor: C: 4. v: 5. We preach not ourselves, but Christ.Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake. Isabella

Harris 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 any thing that is common, or unclean. And the voice spake unto him again the second time, What God hath cleansed call not thou common. William Smith next from Mark C: 9. v: 23. If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth. Jane Doncaster next from the Zech: C: 11. v: 1. Open thy doors, O Lebanon, that the fire may devour thy cedars. William Bleckley a short time next from Heb: C: 12. v: 25. If they escaped not who refused him that spake on earth, much more shall not we escape, if we turn away from him that speaketh from heaven. Barbara Hoyland a pretty long time next from John C: 6. v. 28, 29. What shall we do, that we might work the works of God? Jesus answered and said unto them, this is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent. George Sanders next from Isai: C: 45. v: 22. Look unto me, and be ye saved, all ye ends of the earth. The meeting held 2 hours and a half.

On 26th. and 6th. of week, I went to Leeds and breakfasted at John Thistlethwaites, stopt there until about 10 o'clock and then came by Hunslet, Thorp and Newton to Wakefield got there about 1 o'clock were I din'd at John Spences's, stopt about 3 hours, and then came to Christopher Walkers of Dircar, got there about 5 o'clock were I tarried all night.

On 27th. and 7th. of week, After breakfast I went and sat a little at William Pickards, and before I set out took a little refreshment; left Dircar about 10 o'clock and came to Crigglestone and were I stopt about half an hour at George Earnshaws and then came to Bretton, and it coming on very wet I stopt some time at Michael Buckleys, and then proceeded it continuing very wet all the way to Parkmill, were I took shelter and rested me a while, when it cleared up and was fair all the way after, but the roads were very dirty with the rain; I called at Skelmanthorp to see Thomas Archer stopt a while and took a little refreshment and then came by Cumberworth home were I got about 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

An Account of my Journey to a Publick meeting held at Thurlstone in the 5th. mo: 1819

Having had a concern upon my mind for some time to have a religious meeting with the inhabitants of Thurlstone and parts adjacent, and having the full unity of Friends therewith, a Meeting at my request was appointed to be held there on the 2nd. of the 5th. mo: 1819 and 1st. day of the week at 5 o'clock in the evening; and notice thereof fully given. The same day our beloved friend Joseph Firth of Lanehead, came with us from our meeting at Highflatts, to dine, and about half past 2 o'clock, he and Charles Unsworth and myself, set out and went by Ing Birchworth to Thurlstone, were we got to Askham Eyres a little before 4 o'clock, he having previously engaged us to take up our quarters there, and were we was very kindly received and generously entertained. After Tea we went to the meeting which was held in the Methodists Meetinghouse, and was very large being much crowded, many having to stand all the time, and some out of doors: the Lords presence mercifully overshadowed us to the tendering of many minds, and bringing a good degree of solemnity over the whole and many after the meeting expressed their satisfaction therewith, and thankfulness for the opportunity. I had a very long Testimony to bear therein first from Eccle: C: 5. v: 2. Be not rash with thy mouth, and let not thine heart be hasty to utter anything before God; for God is in heaven, and thou upon earth; therefore let thy words be few. 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. Charles Unsworth a pretty long time time next from Zeph. C: 2.v.1,2,3.Gather yourselves together, yea, gather together, O nation not desired; Before the decree bring forth, before the day pass as the chaff, before the fierce anger of the Lord come upon you. Before the day of the Lord's anger come upon you Seek ye the Lord, all ye meek of the earth, which have wrought his judgement; seek righteous, seek meekness; it may be ye shall be hid in the day of the Lords anger. I was next concerned in Prayer; and afterwards had a pretty long

exhortation, concluding with saluting them in that love which continues to breathe peace on earth and goodwill to all mankind and bade them all Farewel. I then inform'd them the meeting was now over, withall desiring those who were near the door would quietly withdraw, and that all would retire to their respective habitations in a sober orderly manner, endeavouring to keep under the solemnity which had mercifully covered many minds. The meeting held 2 hours and a half; after which we stopp'd and supp'd at Askham Eyres, and left there a little before 10 o'clock, so returning the same way as we went; upon Birdsedge.hill we parted with Joseph Firth, and got to my house as it was striking 11 o'clock.

An Account of my Journey on a religious visit to Friends of the City of Norwich, the county of Norfolk, and the south part of Lincolnshire; etc. and to Publick Meetings held at Dronfield in Derbyshire. at Ely, Mepal and March in Cambridgeshire. At Pakefield in Suffolk, at Runceton in Norfolk. and at Leak and Wragmarsh in Lincolnshire. also the Quarterly Meeting for Norfolk and Norwich held in Norwich in the 6th. mo: 1819.

At our Monthly Meeting held at Barnsley in the 4th. mo: 1819 I spread a concern which had been for sometime on my mind, before Friends of paying a religious visit to friends of the city of Norwich, the county of Norfolk, and part of Lincolnshire etc. When after solid consideration, the meeting appointed Robert Whitaker, James Wigham, James Harrison, and John Donbavand to prepare a Certificate of the meetings unity therewith, and produce it at our next Monthly Meeting which was held at Pontefract in the 5th. mo: when the friends produced the following Certificate, which being read, was approved and Signed. vis.

To the Friends in the city of Norwich, and the County of Norfolk, and to those in the south part of Lincolnshire.

Dear Friends

Our esteemed friend Joseph Wood, hath spread before our Monthly Meeting,(the Women friends being present) a concern which hath for a considerable time past impressed his mind, to pay a religious visit to friends of the City of Norwich, and County of Norfolk, and to those in the south part of Lincolnshire: also to have some Meetings with friends in adjacent Counties, on his way to those parts, and on his return home, as well as some Publick Meetings with persons not in religious profession with us.

This may inform you, that he is a Minister in good esteem; and the concern having come weightily before us much unity and sympathy have been expressed with him in his prospect.

We therefore leave him at liberty to proceed on this service of the great Master, as truth may open the way; desiring that he may be enabled so to perform what may be required of him, as, on his return, to feel, as before time, the sweet reward of peace in his own mind.

Signed in, and on behalf of Pontefract Monthly Meeting held at Pontefract, the 17th. of the 5th. mo: 1819.

Benjamin Jowett junr
Thomas Hague
Thomas Firth
John Wood
Samuel Woodhead
John Spence
William Hattersley
Thomas Ball
George Sedgwick
James Arthington Wilson

Christopher Walker
Leonard West
John Leatham
John Pickford
Robert Whitaker
Joseph Donbavand
William Leatham
John Robinson
Joseph Whetherald
Benjamin Jowitt

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| Thomas Brown | Joseph Johnson |
| David Stead | James Wigham |
| John Firth | Joseph Lister |
| Joseph Pickard | Henry Swire |
| Thomas Earnshaw | Robert Harrison |
| William Taylor | |
| Elizabeth Johnson Clerk | |
| Ann Thorp | Mary Wetherald |
| Barbara Priestman | Ann Harrison |
| Mary Johnson | Elizabeth Dickinson |
| Elizabeth Preston | Mary Brook |
| Margaret Leatham | Elizabeth Bland |
| Barbara Priestman junr | Hannah Donbavand |
| Elizabeth Thomas Yeadley | Mary Hallam |
| Hannah Dickinson | Mary Wetherald |
| Susanna Dickinson | Hannah Firth |
| Jane Mason | Mary Golder |
| Sarah Pickard | Mary Polley |
| Mary Dumbleton | Mary Ridet |
| Ann Wass | |

After I had spread my concern before the Monthly Meeting in the 4th. Month, George Brearey of Dewsbury informed friends of his intention to accompany me the said Journey if the meeting approved thereof, and a Minute was prepared of the Meetings unity therewith; he having previously acquainted me of his intentions to provide a Horse and Carriage to convey us through the said journey. I had a copy of his Minute sent me, for him to take along with us, and the day was fixed upon for our setting out, and a few meetings previously appointed. But near the time when I was expecting him at my house, to call upon me, prepared to set forward early the next morning; came a man with a Letter from him informing me, that on account of his Wifes indisposition he had wholly declined accompanying me. I was struck with surprize, and knew not what to do: A Public meeting was appointed at Dronfield the evening following. I had not strength to get there on foot, neither could I ride on horseback on account of a complaint I laboured under, There was no carriage and horse to be hired anywhere in our parts, My own horses were not entered for Riding that if I could have met with a little cart it would not have been safe to have taken one of them, and altho' I knew many friends would willingly have assisted me yet they were at a distance, and there was no time to inform them of my situation, which indeed seem to me a very trying one, I endeavoured to keep in the stillness, and a hope was raised that the Lord would open a way for me, when I could see none which he did in a very wonderful manner, raising me up friends in the very time of need. Elihu Dickinson and Elizabeth his Wife of Highflatts being informed of my situation, kindly offered me their Gig and Mare for a day or two, and I took my beloved Charles Unsworth with me to drive, and bring them back. Thus was I renewedly convinced, That it is good to trust in the Lord with all our heart, and not lean on our own understanding.

On ye. 4th. of ye. 6th. Mo. 1819 and 6th. day of the week, about 6 o.clock in the morning, we left home, and went by Ing.Birchworth, Peniston, Thurgoland, Wortley, Wadsleybridge, Sheffield and Owlerton, 17 miles were we got to my Brother Daniel Doncasters about 10 o.clock. After getting some refreshment we went to see Zaccheus Dysons, and Catharine Naishs sat a little at each place and then return'd to my Brothers to dine. About half past 2 o.clock, we set out for Dronfield in Derbyshire, 6 miles, Brother and Sister Doncaster, Hannah Walton, and John Rountree junr. of Scarborough accompanying us thither, and several other friends from Sheffield walked on foot, we got to Dronfield a little before 4 o.clock, and put up at the Blue.posts were we took Tea. Friends have a good

Meetinghouse here, altho' no meeting hath been regularly held here since I can remember. The meeting this evening began at 5 o'clock and held 2 hours and a half, and notice thereof having been given to the inhabitants the Meetinghouse was pretty well filled, and the people behaved remarkably well, the power of Truth solemnizing most minds; I had a long testimony to bear therein first from Isa: C: 1. v: 3. The ox knoweth his owner, and the ass his Master's crib; but Israel doth not know, my people doth not consider. Jane Doncaster next from Jer: C: 17. v. 7, 8. Blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord, and whose hope the Lord is. For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, and that spreadeth out her roots by the river; and shall not see when heat cometh; but her leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit. Charles Unsworth a short time next from Psalms 135. v. 15, 16, 17, 18. The idols of the heathen are silver and gold, the work of men's hands. They have mouths, but they speak not; eyes have they, but they see not. They have ears but they hear not; neither is there any breath in their mouth. They that make them are like unto them; so is every one that trusteth in them. Afterwards I expressed our satisfaction with the very commendable behaviour of the People, and our thankfulness for the precious covering which had mercifully overshadowed this Assembly, concluding with a short testimony 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. After getting a little suitable refreshment at the Inn, and taking leave of our friends from Sheffield, we set out immediately with William Brantingham for Chesterfield 6 miles, and got there a little before 9 o'clock, where we took up our quarters at Joseph Storrs's.

On 5th. and 7th. of week, After breakfast we went and sat a little at William Bowers, and about 9 o'clock Charles Unsworth and me took a solemn leave of each other, he returning home, and in about half an hour after I preceded on my journey Thomas Dyson being my guide, and taking me in a Gig. we went by Alfreton to William Harrisons of Codnor 17 miles, got there a little before 1 o'clock where I took up my quarters.

On 6th. and 1st. of week, I walked about 1 mile to their Meeting at Breach which began at 10 o'clock, and was very large abundance of People of other Societies flocking thereto, so that the Meetinghouse both above and below stairs was exceedingly crowded, and abundance stood in the yard the windows being open. It was a glorious Meeting, Truth and its testimony being exhalted therein to the tendering of many minds. I having a very long testimony to bear from Jer: C: 2. v: 13. My people have committed two evils, they have forsaken me the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns that can hold no water, and afterwards I had a pretty long time from Psalms 66. v: 16. Come and hear, all ye that fear God, and I will declare what he hath done for my soul. Many friends din'd with me at my quarters, and before we arose from the Table, we had a precious tendering season together, in which I was concerned in Prayer and thanksgiving for this days renewed favour mercifully extended unto us.

On 7th. and 2nd. of week, I set out for Nottingham 12 miles betwixt 8 and 9 o'clock in the morning; William Harrison being my guide and taking me in his carriage, we called and sat a little at Thomas Dunns of Langley Mills and took a glass of wine; got to Nottingham about 12 o'clock, and took up my quarters at Joseph Whitlarks. This afternoon I drunk Tea at William Fox's. The meeting began at 5 o'clock, and being at an unusual time many sober People of other Societies attended so that the Meetinghouse below stairs was well filled, and many sat in the Lofts. It was an open good meeting, and I had a very long time to bear therein from Psalms 39. v. 3, 4, 5. My heart it was hot within me, while I was musing the fire burned: then spake I with my tongue. Lord, make me to know mine end, and the measure of my days, what it is; that I may know how frail I am. Behold thou hast made my days as an hand-breath; and mine age is as nothing before thee; verily every man at his best state is altogether vanity. After meeting I took a little suitable refreshment at Samuel Fox's, and in my return to my quarters called to see our ancient friend Hannah Storer.

On 8th. and 3rd. of week, several valuable friends came to breakfast with me at my quarters and after breakfast we set out about 9 o'clock for Oakham 30 miles, viz me and

Joseph Whitlark he having concluded to accompany me as far as Kettering and take me in a Gig; we din'd at the Bunch of grapes at Broughton in the Vale of Belvoir Leicestershire; stopt there about 2 hours and a half and then went by Melton.mowbray to Oakham in Rutlandshire, got there about 5 o.clock in the afternoon, and took up our quarters at the Widow Susanna Halleys.

On 9th. and 4th. of week, I breakfasted at William Clarks, and after breakfast, the family being collected whilst a chapter in the Scriptures was read; I had an opportunity after of communicating some advice both to the parents and children, The Meeting began at 10 o.clock, and when I mention the number at any meeting I reckon all that attended except myself and companion, 19 persons attended this meeting, and I had a long testimony to bear therein from 1 Cor: C: 15. v: 10. By the grace of God I am what I am; and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I have laboured more abundantly than they all; yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me. I was favoured fully to relieve my mind to very different states as they were opened, and I believe it was a profitable meeting to many. In our return to our quarters we got some suitable refreshment at William Clarks. At half past 2 o.clock we set out for Kettering 21 miles Thomas Robinson a young man in the 25th. year of his age being our guide we went by Uppingham to Rockingham in Northamptonshire, were we drunk Tea at the Rockingham.arms, stopt 1 hour and a half, and then proceeded from the village up a very steep hill, near the top of which is Rockingham.Castle, the seat of him called Lord Sons, from hence we had a most beautiful and very extensive prospect, when we got to the summit of the hill we entered upon a forest belonging to the King called Rockinghamshire. It is 20 miles around and 3 miles over the way we crossed it, is very fruitful and well stocked with Cattle and Deer. The ride over it was remarkably pleasant; we got to Kettering about 6 o.clock in the evening and took up our quarters at George Warners.

On 10th. and 5th. of week, This morning Joseph Evatt of Castle.Donington in Leicestershire got here with his carriage, prepared to assist me forward a little on my journey, he having heard how I was situated in been disappointed of my expected companion It certainly was a manifestation of his love to me and to the cause of to come 46 miles to meet me with no other view than to assist a poor pilgrim on his journey; may the Lord reward him for it, he now being my very acceptable companion. At 11 o'clock we had a meeting in this Town 25 Persons attended one of which was of another society. It was a good meeting, Truth being in a great dominion therein I had a long testimony to bear first from Jam: C: 1.v: 8. A double minded man is unstable in all his ways. and a pretty long time next from Numb: C: 13. v: 30. Let us go up at once and possess it: for we are well able to overcome it. Afterwards I was concerned in Prayer. After meeting we din'd at Samuel Cooks.

On 11th. and 6th. of week, betwixt 8 and 9 o.clock in the morning, after taking leave of my dear friend Joseph Whitlark, we set out for Huntingdon 26 miles, Thomas Bayes a young man about 30 years of age being our guide. We went by Thrapston to Bythorn in Huntingdonshire, were we din'd at the Stag, stopt upwards of 2 hours, and then proceeded to Huntingdon, and went about half a mile further to William Bleckleys of Godmanchester, were we put up and drunk Tea there. After which we return'd to the meeting at Huntingdon which began at 5 o.clock, 24 persons attended 2 of which appeared to be people of other societies. It was a low time with me, but Truth arose for our help, and I was enabled to relieve my mind to different states in a long tes: from 1 Thess: C: 5. v. 16, 17. Rejoice evermore, pray without ceasing. William Brown of Houghton, and John Mayfield a young man who at present lives with him met us here, and we went with them to their house 3 miles, I went with William Brown in his Chaise, and John Mayfield took my seat, we got there a little before 8 o.clock were we took up our quarters.

On 12th. and 7th. of week, I have been in a fairly low tryed state ever since I came to this place, seeing no way to proceed aright. After breakfast this large family was collected as usual to the reading. In this opportunity a little light arose, and I was strengthened to bear a short and encouraging 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. Afterwards I was quite closed up

again, we went to see Robert Searles a servant of William Browns who lives in the village, he had formerly been in profession with the Independents, and strong in the Calvinistical tenets, but being convinced of the Truth and joined our society, he is become a very acceptable minister amongst us, we sat about an hour at his house, and he had a sense of my tryed state and spoke encouragingly unto me, but still the cloud seemed to remain upon the Tabernacle, and my safety appeared in endeavouring to keep in my tent. In the afternoon way seemed to open a little towards Earith, and about 6 o.clock we set out for there 7 miles William Brown junr a youth about 17 years of age being our guide, we got there in an hours time and took up our quarters at John Browns, and they having pulled down their old Meetinghouse and built a large new one we went to look at it and whilst we were viewing it, I was confirm'd our moving to this place was right, and it clearly opened to me, that I must go to Chatteris next morning and be at their forenoon meeting without any notice, and return from thence to a Publick meeting in the evening which when I had informed my friends of they cordially united with.

On 13th. and 1st. of week, betwixt 7 and 8 o.clock in the morning we set out for Chatteris in Cambridgeshire. John Brown was our guide thither and back and his son Richard accompanied us, We got to Chatteris 8 miles betwixt 8 and 9 o.clock and took up our quarters at William Batemans, were we met with Thomas Cooper and his Wife from Brighouse in Yorkshire to our mutual satisfaction being truly glad to see each other, They being on a visit to her relations in these parts, we met with them several times and had their company very acceptably at several meetings. The Meeting at this place in the forenoon began at 10 o.clock, and betwixt 50 and 60 persons attended mostly of them being under or having joined our society by convincement, and we had a satisfactory meeting amongst them. I had a very long testimony to bear amongst them first from 1 Pet: C: 5. v: 10. The God of all grace and who hath called us to his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you. Mary Cooper next from 2 Thess: C: 3. v: 5. The Lord direct your hearts into the love of God, and into the patient waiting for christ. Afterwards I had a short time from 1 Cor: C: 4. v: 4. I knew nothing by myself; yet am not I hereby justified. After meeting I took a little suitable refreshment at Elizabeth Batemans, and then we went to our quarters, after dinner we return'd to Earith in Huntingdonshire were we got to John Browns about 4 o.clock. Robert Searle and John Mayfield of Houghton having heard of the meeting to be held here this evening, came to meet us of whose company I was glad. The meeting began at 6 and was the first Publick meeting held in the new Meetinghouse it was laid open, and was very much crowded abundance of People of other Societies attending many were obliged to stand without who could not get in. It was a time which we were mercifully and eminently favoured with the extendings of divine regard and I had a very long testimony to bear therein from Isai: C: 42. v: 16. I will bring the blind by a way which they knew not; I will lead them in paths that they had not known; I will make darkness light before them and crooked things straight, these things will I do unto them, and not forsake them. Afterwards Robert Searle was concerned in Prayer, The meeting held 2 hours and a half and at the close thereof I had to acknowledge our satisfaction with the company and commendable behaviour of the People, and after a short time in exhortation concluded with saluting them in the fresh flowings of Gospel Love, and bade them all Farewel. In the evening being set in John Browns Kitchen with his men servants I felt the flowings of Gospel love in my heart towards them, and had to communicate the feelings of my mind in a short testimony unto them.

On 14th. and 2nd. of week, we breakfasted at Lovell Squires and a little before 9 o'clock set out for Sutton in Cambridgeshire 5 miles, Lovell Squire being our guide got there a little before 10, and took up our quarters at William Wrights. After taking a little refreshment we went about 1 mile to dine at William Bridge Tomsons of Mepal, and return'd to Sutton in the afternoon, William Golding of March hearing of my being here came to see me, and truly I was glad to see him, and to believe he was mercifully preserved alive in the Truth he walked with us to Sutton, and returned in the evening after the meeting there. The meeting began at 6

o'clock, and notice thereof being given to the inhabitants, a great number of People of other societies attended, which with the few friends belonging to this meeting, and some from other meetings, so crowded the Meetinghouse which was laid open that many were obliged to stand without. I went to it in a very low state both of body and mind but Truth arose for our help, and crowned this Assembly, and I was thereby enabled to bear a very long testimony Among them from Luke C: 24. v: 45. Then opened he their understandings, that they might understand the scriptures. Afterwards Mary Cooper was concerned in Prayer. The meeting held 2 hours and a half.

On 15th. and 3rd. of week, we had a satisfactory opportunity with the family here, they having 10 children, It was a time of favour a precious visitation was extended to the beloved youth, and the language of encouragement flowed freely unto them. I had a pretty long testimony to bear first and afterwards Mary Cooper had a pretty long time. Having for a long time had a prospect upon my mind that it would some time be required of me to pay a religious a visit to the inhabitants of the city the Ely and this appearing to me to be the right time to accomplish it, this forenoon Thomas Cooper and 3 other friends went to Ely to procure and prepare a place for a meeting, to be held this evening and to give notice thereof to the inhabitants. My companion and me left Sutton about half past 3 o'clock this afternoon, and in about one hours time we reached Ely, and met with our friend at the Sine of the Lamb, were we took up our quarters. The meeting began at 6 o'clock and was held in the Independent Meetinghouse, the preacher himself attending, and a great number of the inhabitants of different denominations, so that the Meetinghouse was very much crowded, and it proved a remarkable favoured time, many being tenderly affected, the power of Truth eminently overshadowing us. I had a very long testimony to bear therein from Mark C: 1. v. 15 The time is fulfilled, and the Kingdom of God is at hand; repent ye and believe the Gospel. Afterwards I had a pretty long time from 1 Thes: C: 5. v: 17, 18. Pray without ceasing. In every thing give thanks. At the close of the meeting which held 2 hours and a quarter, I expressed my obligation to the People for favouring us with their company and our satisfaction with their very commendable behaviour, and saluting them in Gospel Love bade them all Farewel, and we separated one from another under a precious solemn covering, and some of us with thankful hearts, for this days peculiar favour. The friends all returned in the evening, except our valuable friend William Bridge Tomson who is an acceptable Minister, he tarried with us all night and was our guide the next day to Mildenhall meeting.

On 16th. and 4th of week, We left Ely about half past 7 o'clock in the morning and went by Soham to Mildenhall in Suffolk 14 miles, and from thence to Holywell. Rowes 2 miles were the Meetinghouse is, and were Charles Barritt an ancient friend lives, he and a Woman friend who lives at some distance being all the members that are left belonging to this meeting. We got there about 10 o .clock, the friend was gone from home, but we were kindly received and entertained by his descendants. The meeting began at 11 o'clock and many sober people of other societies attended with whom we had a open good meeting. William Bridge Tomson had an acceptable testimony to bear therein first from Phil: C: 2: v: 12 Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. I had a long time next from 2 Kin: C: 5. v:11 Behold, I thought, He would 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. Afterwards I was concerned in prayer. After meeting we took a little refreshment here, and then returned to Mildenhall were we din'd at the Bell-Inn. In this Town lived that noted Apostate Francis Bugg, who after his fall wrote so many Lyes and slanders, against Truth and the friends thereof, which were fully and fairly manifested and reflected by divers friends. Betwixt 4 and 5 o.clock we took an affectionate leave of our kind friend William Bridge Tomson he being under the necessity of returning home; and Charles Barritt junr. tho' not a member of our society, called upon us, and accompanied us to Thetford 11 miles the country from here thither is mostly open and very barren I thought the most so I ever travelled through. We got to Thetford in Norfolk a little after 6 o'clock, and took up our quarters at the Bell.Inn there being only one poor aged

Woman friend belonging the Meeting viz the Widow Mary Humphrey who lives in the house adjoining the Meetinghouse, whom we went to see after Tea.

On 17th. and 5th. of week, After breakfast we went to see Mary Humphreys, and at 10 o'clock went into the Meetinghouse, and sat down with the ancient friend and her daughter who usually sits with her Mother in this place on first days, 3 friends from Harling came in soon after, and a pretty many serious people of the Town. and we were favoured with a very comfortable meeting together in which I had a long testimony to bear 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 has no light, let him trust in the name of the Lord, and stay upon his God. Afterwards I had a pretty long time from Matt: C: 5. v: 3. O Blessed are the poor in spirit; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. After dinner we came with John Everett and his Nephew and Niece Edward and Mary Ann Everett to Harling 9 miles, left Thetford a little after 3 o'clock when we had got a little out of the Town we saw two closes of Rye cut, got to Harling a little past 4 were we took up our quarters at Thomas Everetts my old Schoolfellow, and I believe our rejoicing was mutual in seeing each other again now in our declining years.

On 18th. and 6th. of week we had a Meeting here which began at 11 o'clock, There was not many friends but a considerable number of people of other Societies came in, more particularly of the higher rank both of the Town and neighbourhood, so that the meeting was well-filled, a few sat in an adjoining room, It was a solid meeting, The precious visitation being afresh extended unto many. I had a long testimony to bear therein from Heb: C.11. v: 6. Without faith it is impossible to please him, for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of those that diligently seek him. Afterwards I had a short time form Eccle: C: 9.v: 4. A living dog is better than a dead Lion,

On 19th. and 7th. of week about half past 8 o'clock in the morning we set out for Diss 10 miles, Edward Everett an agreeable youth about 18 years of age being our guide, we got to Diss about 10 o'clock and alighted at William Colebys, were we got a little refreshment, The meeting began at 11 o'clock, and 13 persons attended, It was a very exercising time, and held long in silence; but a little matter opening, I stood up and had a long testimony to bear 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, and Hezekiah wept sore. Afterwards I had a short time. Different states were opened and spoke to, and I believe it was a profitable time to some. After meeting we din'd at the Kings.head, and in walking up the street I had some conversation with Andrew Hart Muskett a young man who told me he had married out of the society, and I believe was now sensible of the loss he had sustained thereby having been powerfully reached unto in this meeting, and was now in a tender frame of mind, he came after dinner and sat a little with us at the Inn, and I was pleased with his company, and had privately to exhort him to faithfulness from a hope that he might yet become fruitful. About half past 3 o'clock we left Diss, Robert Holme being our guide, and in about 1 hours time reached Tivitshall and took up our quarters at John Holme's a valuable friend and Minister. My mind was indeed comforted and encouraged by beholding the lively zeal of this our ancient friend, and his greenness in old age.

On 20th. and 1st. of week, we walked to their Meeting at Tivitshall 2 miles, which began at 11, betwixt 50 and 60 persons attended, all except one been such as usually attended meetings, and I believe it was a profitable time unto many who states were opened and spoke to in the authority of the Gospel. I had a pretty long testimony to bear therein first from John C: 12. v: 36. Believe in the light, that ye may be the children of the light. John Holme next from Psalms 119. v: 9. Wherewith shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto to thy word. I had a long time next from Prov: C: 9. v: 12. If thou be wise, thou shalt be wise for thyself; but if thou scornest thou alone shall bear it. Afterwards I had a short time from Mic: C: 5. v: 7. The remnant of Jacob shall be in the midst of many People as a dew from the Lord, as the showers upon the grass, that tarrieth not for man, nor waiteth for the sons of men. After dinner we went and sat a little at Robert Dix's, were we took a glass of wine, and then return'd to our quarters. Towards evening Andrew Hart Muskett and his Wife who had been at

this meeting to day called here to take leave of me, and several other friends being present we had a precious opportunity together in which divine love eminently overshadowed us, Myself and John Holme had each of us to bear testimony therein.

On 21st. and 2nd. of week, about 9 o'clock in the morning we set out for Tasborough 6 miles and a half, John Coleby Holme a young Man about 20 years of age being our guide thither and his Mother and Sister accompanying us, We went by Stratton to Tasborough, and got there just in time to the meeting which began at 10 o'clock, It was rather small but a satisfactory meeting and I had a long testimony to bear therein from Deut: C: 6. v. 4, 5. Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is one Lord. And though shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, with all thy Soul, and with all thy might. After meeting we came 1 mile, din'd at Shepherd Bells. At half past 2 o'clock we set out for Norwich 9 miles, Benjamin Holme of Tivitshall being our guide, and his Wife and daughter going along with us, we got there about 4 o'clock and took up our quarters at Joseph Page's. At 6 in the evening the Quarterly Meeting began for Ministers and Elders which was attended by several Strangers beside myself viz. William Byrd and Rebecca his Wife from Dorsetshire, Hannah Braithwaite from Westmorland, Sarah Abbott from Devonshire, and Martha King from Suffolk. Joseph John Gurney was concerned therein supplication. The Certificates of us who were travelling in the work of the ministry was then read and minuted. The Queries was next read and answers to the 2nd. and 4th. received and read from the 4 Monthly Meetings in this County viz. Lynn, Tivitshall and Wymondham, Yarmouth, and Norwich. After the business was finished, Rebecca Byrd and Joseph John Gurney had each a long testimony to bear, and the Meeting closed under a very precious solemn covering, having held 2 hours.

On 22nd. and 3rd. of week, at 10 in the forenoon was a meeting for Worship which was held at the great Meetinghouse in Gildingclose, which was very large of friends, and a pretty many people of other Societies came in, so that it was pretty well filled below, and it proved an open satisfactory meeting Martha King was first concerned therein supplication. First I had a short testimony next from Luke C: 12. v. 35, 36. Let your loins be girded about you, and your lights burning; And ye yourselves like unto men that wait for their Lord. Rebecca Byrd a pretty long time next from 1 Chron: C: 16. v: 11. Seek the Lord and his strength. Joseph John Gurney next from two Kin: C: 5. v: 14. Then went he down, and dipped himself seven times in Jordan, according to the saying of the man of God; and his flesh came again like unto the flesh of a little child, and he was clean. William Byrd next from Lam: C: 3. v. 27, 28, 29. It is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth. he sitteth alone and keepeth silence, because he hath born it upon him. He putteth his mouth in the dust; if so be there may be hope. Joseph Gurney next setting forth the oppressed state of the seed in the hearts of many, and the cause of its oppression, and livingly pointed out the way by which it might be delivered. Sarah Abbott was next concerned in Prayer. The meeting held 2 hours. After which I din'd at Joseph Gurney's at the Grove a little out of the city. At 3 o'clock in the afternoon was the Meeting for discipline which was held at the Meetinghouse in Goatlane, before the business of the meeting was entered upon Joseph John Gurney was concerned in supplication, and William Byrd and myself had each of us a pretty long testimony to bear. The business of the meeting was then opened and satisfactorily conducted, amongst other things our Certificate was again read, and the Minutes and Printed Epistle of the Yearly Meeting, and at the close of the business Joseph John Gurney had a short testimony to bear, and Joseph Gurney had a pretty long time. The Meeting held 3 hours and a half.

On 23rd. and 4th. of week, we set out early in the morning for Attleborough 15 miles, Joseph Page accompanied us to Joseph John Gurney's at Earlham Hall 2 miles, where we breakfasted; after we got there the family was collected when Joseph read 2 chapters in the Scriptures, and after some time in silence he was concerned in Prayer. His house is a most magnificent place and the grounds about it most beautifully laid out in walks and adorn'd with Shrubberies, Summerhouses, Seats, harbours and Grottos, yet here we found as much humility as in the meanest cottage, his sister Priscilla lives here and is a valuable Minister, and a pattern of true Piety and virtue. We left here quarter before 9 o'clock, dear Joseph John

Gurney being our guide and very acceptable companion this day, went by Wymondham to Attleborough, got there about half past 10, and put up at the Cock were we got a little refreshment and went to the meeting which began at 11. There were but few friends but many sober People of other Societies came in, and it was a precious Meeting, Joseph John Gurney had a long testimony to bear therein first from Isai: C: 61. v. 1, 2, 3. The spirit of the Lord God is upon me; because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the broken hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn; To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for Ashes, and oil of joy for mourning, and the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called Trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that he might be glorified. I next from Matt: C: 5. v: 14. Ye are the light of the world, a city set upon an hill cannot be hid. Afterwards Joseph John Gurney was concerned in Prayer. After dinner we din'd at William Musketts, and after dinner had an opportunity with the family to the relief of our minds, I having pretty long testimony to bear first and afterwards John Joseph Gurney appeared twice. From hence we returned to Wymondham 6 miles, were we had a Publick Meeting appointed this evening, got there a little past 4 o'clock, and alighted at William Lanes. After Tea we walked a mile to friends Meetinghouse were the meeting was held which began at 6 o'clock and held about 2 hours and a half. It was a large meeting of friends and people of other societies and highly favoured. Joseph John Gurney was first concerned therein in supplication. I had a long testimony next from John C: 8. v: 24. If ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins. Joseph John Gurney next from Tit: C: 3. v. 3, 4, 5. We ourselves also were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice, and envy, hateful and hating one another. But after that the kindness and love of God

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On 24th. and 5th. of week, a little before 8 o'clock in the morning, we set out for Norwich 9 miles, William Lane being our guide. We got to our quarters there about quarter past 9. The meeting began at 10, there is a pretty large number of friends in this city, and several of other Societies attended the meeting to day, we were also favoured with the company of our friends William and Rebecca Byrd, Hannah Braithwaite and Sarah Abbot who yesterday entered upon a visit to the families of friends in this meeting. The meeting was a satisfactory one, and I was favoured with ability fully to relieve my mind therein. Joseph John Gurney had a short testimony to bear first from Luke C: 3. v: 7. Flee from the wrath to come, I had a pretty long time next from a 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. Joseph Gurney next from Eze: C: 18. v: 25. Ye say the way of the Lord is not equal. Hear now, O house of Israel; is not my way equal? Are not your ways unequal? William Byrd had afterwards a pretty long time in exhortation, expressing his belief that the witness in many minds had been reached, and tenderly exhorting those not too close conviction, but improve by this renewed visitation. This afternoon I wrote to my William Taylor.

On 25th. and 6th. of week, This morning after breakfast Martha King and her husband being about to return home we had an opportunity together in which she had an acceptable

time in Testimony. A little before 9 o'clock we set out for Lamas 10 miles, Edward Oxley being our guide, and two of his Brothers, Joseph Page and his Wife, and their Neice, and Robert Toll and his Niece accompanying us, we got there about half past 10, and put up at Francis Dix's were we took a little refreshment. The meeting began at 11 o'clock, and 22 persons attended, 4 of which were people of other Societies. It was a laborious meeting, and I had very close matter to communicate therein to some, but was enabled fully to relieve my mind, had a long testimony to bear first from 1 Thess: C: 5. v: 6. Let us not sleep as do others; but let us watch and be sober. Afterwards had a pretty long time from Heb: C: 3. v: 12. Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God. After meeting we came to John Wrights of Buxton 1 mile, were we din'd and betwixt 4 and 5 o'clock, set out and got to our quarters at Norwich about 6 o'clock. Immediately after we alighted we went to drink Tea at Theodosia Wagstaffs, and after Tea returned to our quarters, were many dear friends came to take leave of us, previous to our finally leaving the city on the present visit.

On 26th. and 7th. of week, early this morning I took a walk in company with Robert Page an agreeable youth about 18 years of age, to see the Castle, which is now made use of for the County Gaol, it is situated on a very high round hill in the centre of the city, commanding a very fine prospect over the whole thereof, and the adjacent country for a great distance. It was formerly surrounded with a deep trench, which is now made into gardens, with a beautiful gravel walks, surrounded on both sides towards the city and the castle with Iron pales, we passed over the bridge made over the trench into the Castleyard around which is a Publick gravel walk. The City is very large containing 36 Parishes and I suppose as many Steeplehouses, and a great number of dissenting Meetinghouses, and it covers a great space of ground not being close built, but beautifully interspersed with gardens, and abundance of trees, which not only contribute much to the beauty of the place, but very much to the health of its numerous inhabitants. After walking around the yard, we went thro' different parts of the city to our quarters; and about half past 9 o'clock we set out for Pakefield 26 miles William King being out guide, and our very kind friends Joseph Page and his Wife, and Kezia Scales of Pakefield who was returning home from Quarterly Meeting accompanying us. We went by Loddon to Beccles in Suffolk 17 miles were we din'd at the Kings.head, stopt about 2 hours and then proceeded to Pakefield a fishing village upon a high cliff, close to the German Ocean, the inhabitants being principally employed in the taking of Herrings and Mackarel which are very numerous in this Sea. We got here a little before 4 o'clock and took up our quarters at Abraham Scales's and believing it right for me to have a Publick meeting with the inhabitants of this village this evening, and friends being acquainted therewith they applyed immediately to Francis Cunningham the Priest of the place for the use of his School for the purpose, which he readily granted, and he and Richenda his Wife came to see me at Abraham Scales's (whilst friends were busily employed in giving notice of the meeting and preparing for it) They stopt a considerable time but said they could not attend meeting on account of the indisposition of his Mother, but their family was there, and the Priest of a neighbouring village. They appeared very loving and kind and shook hands very friendly at parting. The meeting began at 7 and held 2 hours. The school was well seated, and a convenient Gallery was made, and more people attended than might have been expected from the shortness of the notice, and the evening on which it was held, and it was a very solid satisfactory meeting. I had a very long testimony to bear therein from 2 Tim: C: 2. v: 19. The foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, the Lord knoweth them that are his; and let every one that nameth the name of christ depart from iniquity. After which I expressed our satisfaction with the very commendable behaviour of the people, and after a short time in exhortation, informed them we purposed to sit with friends in their Meetinghouse in this village the next day at 10 in the forenoon, and if any of them inclined to sit with us their company would not be unacceptable to us.

On 27th. and 1st. of week, It was a very fine Morning and walking on the Cliff of the sea, I had a delightful prospect of the Ships sailing in every direction to a great distance. The

Meeting began at 10, and there was but few friends, but a pretty many sober neighbours came in, and we were favoured with a good meeting. I had a long testimony to bear therein from Acts C: 13. v: 43. Continue in the grace of God. And afterwards was concerned in Prayer. About quarter past 2 o'clock in the afternoon we set out for Yarmouth 12 miles, Joseph Page and his Wife going along with us, and he undertaking to be our guide, we had a very pleasant ride having frequently the mighty ocean in our view with the ships passing and repassing thereupon; we went by Lowestoft and got to Yarmouth about 4 o'clock where we alighted at Joseph Huntons and drunk Tea there tarrying until Meetingtime. The friends here at my request had put off their afternoon meeting until 6 o'clock in the evening. This being an unusual time, People of other societies flocked in, abundantly so that the Meetinghouse both below and above stairs was very much crowded, and the behaviour of the People was worthy of commendation, many being impressed with a present feeling of the Power of Truth; and I was enabled to relieve my mind fully both to friends and others; Truth being in great dominion and the power thereof exalted. I had a very long testimony to bear therein from 2 Cor: C: 5. v: 16. Henceforth know we no man after the flesh: yea though we have known christ after the flesh, yet now henceforth known we him no more. Afterwards I had two short times in exhortation, and felt thankful for this opportunity with friends and others in this place. After meeting I took a little suitable refreshment at Abraham Sewels, and then went with his Father Williams Sewel my old Schoolfellow to his house where I took up my quarters. Yarmouth is a great Seaport, and a populous and beautiful Town having the largest and handsomest market place I ever saw: In crossing the bridge where we had a charming prospect of the Ships in the harbour, the Quay which is said to be the most extensive in all England, and also of the Custom house which is an elegant building.

On 28th. and 2nd. of week we set at about 9 o'clock this morning for North.Walsham 25 miles, David Nash being our guide and his sister Lydia accompanying us, we called at the Crown Inn at Catfield, and got some refreshment then proceeded and got to North.Walsham a little before 2 o'clock, where we took up our quarters at Thomas Nash's. After dinner we went to see William Frary and his Wife two ancient friends who were unable to attend meetings, had an opportunity with them in which I had a short testimony to bear. This afternoon Joseph Gurney sent his servant with our horse and to take his back which we had had since we left Norwich to ease ours. After Tea we walked about 1 mile to the Meetinghouse; The meeting began at 5 o'clock 17 persons attended 2 of which appeared to be people of other societies. The forepart of this meeting was to me very dull and heavy but keeping up the warfare, victory was obtained, and the language of encouragement flowed freely. I having a long testimony to bear from Rev: C: 2. v: 10. Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of Life. Afterwards I had a pretty long time 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.

On 29th. and 3rd. of week and about half past 10 o'clock we set out for Wells 28 miles, Thomas Nash being our guide, and his Wife accompanying us, got to Holt 16 miles where we din'd at the Feathers, in our way hither we passed beside the seat of Baron Sheffield. At Holt we distributed many Pamphlets which Joseph Gurney had furnished us with for that purpose, which appeared to be very favourably received by the inhabitants. Stopt here two hours and then proceeded to Wells, got there about 4 o'clock, and took up our quarters at Rebecca and Phebe Ransomes. Wells is a Seaport and much noted for the taking and curing of Oysters which abound in this sea, our quarters fronting the dock, we had a pleasant view of the harbour and Shiping. At 6 in the evening we had a meeting here, there are but few friends, and things amongst them appeared to be in a low state, but a number of People of other societies coming in who appeared to be enquiring the way unto Zion with their faces thitherward. I had to declare the way of Life and salvation unto them in Gospel authority, having a very long testimony to bear from 1 Sam: C: 15. v: 22. 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 hearken, than the fact of rams. Afterwards I had a short time from John

C: 16. v: 24. Hitherto ye have asked nothing in my name, ask, and ye shall receive. At the close I felt thankful for this renewed manifestation of divine regard. At supper before we ate I was concerned in supplication and thanksgiving.

On 30th. and 4th. of week, We breakfasted at the Widow Abigail Haycocks, and about quarter before 10 o'clock we set out for Lynn 20 miles went by Burnham and Bircham 14 miles in our way hither we came to Holkham.hall, the seat of Thomas William Coke Bart: Member of Parliament for this County, it is the noble edifice, had a delightful ride through his Park for 2 miles. Joshua Gales a youth about 16 years of age was our guide, he is not a member of our society, but conducts himself agreeably and attends meetings of duly; and we were much pleased with his company. We din'd at Bircham at the Kingshead stopt 2 hours and a half and then proceeded to Lynn a large town and considerable Sea port and from there went 3 miles further to Thomas Gales of Runeton were we got a little before 5 o'clock, were we took up our quarters having travelled 31 miles to day. Thomas Nash and his Wife accommodated us hither and very kindly, and return'd home the next day.

On 1st. of 7th. mo: and 5th. of week, After breakfast I walked over to Lynn in company with Joshua Gales 3 miles, were the Monthly Meeting was this day held. The meeting for Worship began at 11 o'clock and was small only 27 persons attending and several of these appeared to be people of other societies. I had a long testimony to bear therein from Psalms 40. v: 7. When the Lord bringeth back the captivity of his People, Jacob shall rejoice, and Israel be glad. Afterwards I had short exhortation, and was favoured with the ability to relieve my mind unto very different states. After the close of this meeting was a meeting for discipline which is constituted of 3 particular meetings viz. Lynn, Downham and Wells. My Certificate was read therein, also the written minutes of the Yearly and Quarterly Meetings, and the printed Yearly Meeting Epistle were read, and not much more business was before the meeting to day, at the conclusion I had a short testimony to bear. Both meetings held 2 hours and a half. After which I returned to my quarters with Thomas Gales and his Wife in their Chariot. At 7 o'clock this evening we had a Publick meeting at Runeton in Thomas Gales Barn which was fully seated and a convenient Gallery erected, and there never having been one there before, it was very fully attended by the inhabitants of the village the Priests Wife, and the Clerk of the Parish was there, and some from several miles distant. It was a good meeting the power of Truth eminently prevailing to the solemnizing for the present the minds of all, and I had two long testimonies to bear therein the first from Gal: C: 6. v: 15. In Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creature. and the other from 1 Cor: C: 15. v: 34. Awake to righteousness, and sin not. for some have not the knowledge of God. The meeting held 2 hours.

On 2nd. and 6th. of week, we set out betwixt 8 and 9 o'clock in the morning for Downham 9 miles, Thomas Gales being our guide and riding with my companion, and I with his Wife in their Chariot, and Joseph Gales his nephew rode with the coachman upon the Box, we got to Downham a little after 10 o'clock were we put up at the Widow Susan Clarks, The meeting began at 11 o'clock, and 22 persons attended, 5 of which were people of other societies. It was a time of extraordinary favour, a precious visitation being renewed unto many, who were much broken and tendered therein. I was first concerned in supplication, and afterwards had a very long testimony to bear from John C: 5. v: 17. My Father worketh hitherto, and I work. After which I had a short time in exhortation; After meeting I took some suitable refreshment at John Adys, and then we return'd to Sarah Clarks were we din'd. After dinner we went about 1 mile to Robert Muskets of Bexwell were we lodg'd. John Ady rode with my companions thither, and I with Hannah Clark in one of their carriages drawn by a fine Ass.

On 3rd. and 7th. of week, about 9 o'clock in the morning, we set out for Mepal in Cambridge in 19 miles, Charles Muskett a kind youth about 19 years of age being our guide, we came through Downham, and having travelled about 3 miles we entered upon the Fens, and came about 16 miles in a straight course by the banks of a navigable river on our right hand, the waters in which are far higher than the land, but held in by strong banks, and on our

left hand was a deep drain. The day was remarkably fine, and the ride particularly pleasant to me through this dead Level which I understand in winter is quite impassible for carriages. We got to our worthy friends William Bridge Tomsons of Mepal about 12 o'clock were we took up our quarters. I informed him of the concern I felt to have a meeting with the inhabitants of this place the next day in the forenoon, he accordingly procured a Barn for the purpose, and got it well seated and a Gallery erected; and notice was fully given thereof to the inhabitants.

On 4th. and 1st. of week at 10 in the forenoon the meeting began and held about 2 hours and half. It was very large being well filled with People, and some stood without doors, and though in general they appeared to be a thoughtless people respecting religion, yet a precious visitation being renewedly extended unto them a great solemnity appeared to overshadow the whole, and it was a good meeting. I had a very long testimony to bear therein 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. Afterwards I had a short time from John C: 7. v: 6. My time is not yet come: your time is always ready. About 3 o'clock this afternoon we set out for Chatteris 4 miles William Wright being our guide, and Elizabeth and Ann his daughters accompanying us; we got there quarter before 4 and took up our quarters at William Batemans. The friends here at my request had put off their afternoon meeting until 5 o'clock, It was very large of friends, and other people their neighbours flocking in abundantly, so that the Meetinghouse both below and above stairs was well filled with people, and it proved a time of eminent favour, I had a very long testimony to bear therein from Acts C: 4. v: 32. The multitude of them have believed were of one heart and of one soul; neither said any of them, that ought of the things that he professed was his own. Afterwards I was concerned in Prayer.

On 5th. the 2nd. of week, about quarter before 2 o'clock in the afternoon we set out for March 8 miles, James Burgess being our guide, and William Wright of Sutton called upon us, and was our guide after we left March until we got to Gedney. We got to March a little past 3 o'clock, and I took up my quarters at William Goldings. This evening we had a Publick meeting in this Town which was held in the Baptist Meetinghouse and began at 7 o'clock, It was supposed about 300 persons attended and amongst the number the Preacher and his family, just as we were collecting there came on a very violent storm of Thunder and Lightning accompanied with heavy rain which continued for near three quarters of an hour, with very little intermission, and it was believed it prevented many from attending who intended it. But the people who were assembled did not appear to be moved thereby; but sat remarkable still; and it was a remarkable favoured meeting. I had a very long testimony to bear therein from Gen: C: 19. v: 17. Escape for thy life; look not behind the, neither stay there in all the plain; escape to the mountain lest thou be consumed. Afterwards I had two short exhortations. The meeting held 2 hours and a quarter, when it broke up it was a very fine evening.

On 6th. and 3rd. of week, we left March a little before 8 o'clock in the morning, and got Wisbeach 11 miles, about quarter before 10 o'clock and took up our quarters at Jonathan Peckovers. The meeting began at 10 and 9 persons attended, I had an encouraging testimony to bear unto the youth provided that they were but willing to seek after and faithfully follow that Wisdom which is profitable to direct from 1 Kin: C: 3. v: 9. Give therefore thy servant an understanding heart. About quarter past 2 o'clock we set out for Gedney in Lincolnshire 12 miles, and got to Jonathan Hutchinsons about 4 o'clock were we took up our quarters. At 6 in the evening we had a Publick meeting in Friends Meetinghouse at Gedney, which was very large the Meetinghouse being extremely crowded and many stood without. It was a solid good meeting many being made feelingly sensible of that divine Power which so eminently overshadowed us, and I understood that a Methodist preacher gave up his own meeting as he and the people might attend ours. 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. Afterwards I had to express our satisfaction with the company and very commendable behaviour of People,

and after a pretty long time in exhortation, concluded with saluting them in that love which changeth not, and bade them all Farewel The meeting held 2 hours and a quarter. We had come through the rain 1 mile back to our quarters, yet by taking care I was preserved from taking cold which I esteemed a favour, being very much heated with the crowd and exercise of the meeting

On 7th. and 4th. of week, about 9 o.clock in the morning we set out for Wainfleet 36 miles were their Monthly meeting was to be held the next day, Jonathan Hutchinson was our guide, and his daughter Rachel and son Proctor accompanied us, we went by Fosdyke.wash, were many lives have been formally lost in crossing, but now they have at great expense raised a strong and high bank, and bridge of about half a mile in length, and well secured with rails on each side, which having passed over we called at the Ship Inn having travelled 10 miles, were we took some refreshment, stopt 1 hour, and then proceeded to Boston 9 miles, were we din'd at Isaac Reckitts, stopt 3 hours and then proceeded to John Pearson's of Leak 8 miles were we got about 6 o.clock, and friends apprehending that the friends of Wainfleet might be overstocked with lodgers my companion and me concluded to stop here all night and after taking Tea the other Friends went forward.

On 8th. and 5th. of week we set out for Waingfleet 9 miles about half past 8 o.clock in the morning John Pearson accompanying us, we got to Wainfleet about 10 o.clock, and took up our quarters at Elizabeth and Deborah Reckitts; Attended Spalding and Wainfleet Monthly Meeting held here today; The Meeting for Worship began at 11 o.clock, and 33 persons attended I had a long testimony to bear therein from Mic: C: 7. v: 1 Wo is me? for I am as when they have gathered the summer fruits, as the grape.gleanings of the vintage; there is no cluster to eat; my soul desired the first ripe fruit. The language of encouragement flowed freely unto the poor and hungry; and to some of the youth to come forward in faithfulness and to the manifestations of duty, they were, and if obedient would be more abundantly favoured with, and I believe it was a profitable time unto many different states. At the close of this meeting was the meeting for discipline, the Representatives names, or some of the members from each of their particular meetings present were entered viz. Spalding, and Gedney, Wainfleet, Leak and Boston, My certificate was read therein and minuted. Also the Yearly and Quarterly Meetings minutes were read and properly attended to, and at the close of the business the printed Yearly Meeting Epistle was read. Both meetings held 3 hours and a quarter. A little after 4 o.clock, we left Wainfleet with a quiet and peaceful mind being particularly satisfied with attending this meeting, and came with John Pearson to his house at Leak, got there about half past 5 were we took up our quarters.

On 9th. and 6th. of week, In the forenoon whilst my companion was assisting in preparing John Pearson's Barn for a Publick Meeting, I have wrote a letter to my Charles Unsworth The said meeting was appointed to begin at 6 o.clock this evening, the Barn was completely seated and a Gallery erected and notice of the meeting pretty fully given to the inhabitants around and a great concourse of People attended, some from many miles distance; and he who had compassion upon the multitude formerly was graciously pleased to have compassion upon us, eminently overshadowing this Assembly with his divine power and presence to the tendering of many hearts, and for the present soleminizing the most distant mind; I had a very long testimony to bear therein from 2 Cor: C: 5. v. 14, 15. The love of Christ constraineth us, because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then we are 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. Afterwards I had a pretty long time from Rom: C: 8. v: 26. The Spirit also helpeth our infirmities, for we know not what we should pray for as we ought; but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. At the close of the meeting which held 2 hours and a quarter, I had a short exhortation to the People withall expressing our satisfaction with the company and very commendable behaviour of all, and finally bidding them Farewel.

On 10th. and 7th. of week, a little before 10 o.clock in the forenoon, we set out. Spalding 24 miles, John Pearson being our guide, came to Boston where we took a little

refreshment at Isaac Reckitts, here I met with a letter from my beloved Charles Unsworth which was very acceptable to me, After reading it I went and sat a little at William Perkins. We then went to Thomas Reckitts were we din'd. Stopt in Boston about 4 hours and a half and then proceeded to Spalding were we got about 6 o'clock and took up our quarters at William Masseys.

On 11th. and 1st. of week, we breakfasted at William Thornton Simmons, and attended both their meetings in Spalding. The forenoon meeting began at 10, and 43 persons attended, 4 of which appeared to be people of other societies. I had a very long testimony to bear therein from Jer: C: 6. v: 16. Stand ye in the ways and see, and I ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest to your souls. Afterwards I had a pretty long time from Gen: C: 18. v: 19. I know him, that he will command his children, and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord, to do justice and judgment, that the Lord may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him. It was a favoured meeting, differing states were opened and spoke to in the authority of the Gospel, and I believe it was a time of renewed and precious visitation unto many, may they truly profit thereby. afternoon meeting began at 3 o'clock, It was much larger than the former many People of other societies attended unto whom the Lord was pleased to open the way of life and salvation by Christ the promised seed. I having a long testimony to bear therein from John C: 6. v. 28, 29. What shall we do that we may work the works of God. Jesus answered and said unto them, this is the work of God, that ye believe in him whom he hath sent. Afterwards I was concerned in Prayer. After Tea Joseph Evatt and me parted he setting out towards home, he had been a truly kind and affectionate companion to me, and I was fully satisfied he was of the Lords providing, and as we had travelled together in much Love and unity we parted in the same, although it seemed trying to us, but both of us had for some time before been favoured to see clearly that this was the place for us to separate, and he to return to his family, and the Lord was pleased to put it into the heart of William Thornton Simmons a young man of this Town about 31 years of age who had joined our society by convincement to accompany me, and he was a kind and acceptable companion to me. and our worthy friend Jonathan Hutchings sent his son John this morning hither with his horse and Chaise to assist us in our Journey and to keep them without any limitation of time. What abundant cause have I to trust in the Lord who hath in this journey provided so wonderfully for me. We had the very agreeable company of dear John Hutchinson until third day morning, and we found his company not only pleasant but profitable unto us willing to lend every assistance in his Power, indeed I felt very nearly united unto him in that Love which changes not, and hope he may be a valued member of our society, he is now about 25 years of age.

On 12th. and 2nd. of week, a Publick meeting was appointed to be held this evening at Matthew Mairs of Wragmarsh a member of Spalding meeting but 6 miles from it, I had had a prospect of it from the time of my crossing Fossdyke.wash for as I was set in the Ship Inn, I felt a draft of Love to flow in my heart towards the inhabitants thereaway, but looking over the country I could see very few houses; however my concern to have a meeting there increasing, I gave up thereto, and informed friends thereof, accordingly the meeting was appointed for this evening and notice thereof got into circulation the day before. We left Spalding about quarter past 10 in the forenoon, John Pearson continuing to accompany us as our guide until we reached Boston and John Hutchinson went early this morning to give some further information to the People. We went thro' a very low, marshy and fruitful country, with high banks raised for the road and most of the way; and for some time of rode upon the banks of the river Willand the Tide being up vessels were passing and repassing upon it and the day being very fine the ride was particularly pleasant. We got to Matthew Mairs of Wragmarsh about quarter past 11 o'clock, were we took up our quarters, It is a lone house, and no other very near it, and the country around appears to be very thinly inhabited. Matthew Mair and friends got his Barn seated and a convenient Gallery erected and the meeting began at 6 o'clock and to my great surprise the barn was comfortably filled with People many coming at a great distance by cart loads, and on horseback, and altho' they were very much ignorant of

us, and our way and manner of worship, there never having been a meeting of our society in this part before that any can remember of; they also appeared to be much strangers to the experimental work of religion in themselves, yet they sat down in a very quiet and becoming manner, and it proved a time of extraordinary favour. I had a very long testimony to bear therein from 1 Cor: C: 15. v: 34. Awake to righteousness, and sin not, for some have not the knowledge of God. Afterwards I acknowledged our satisfaction with the company and very commendable behaviour of the People and after sometime in exhortation concluded with petitioning That the grace of our Lord Jesus.Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy.ghost, might be with us all always. Amen. The meeting held 2 hours and a quarter.

On 13th. and 3rd. of week about half past 10 in the forenoon, we set out for Boston 11 miles, dear John Hutchinson accompanied us to miles over the marshes, which are rather difficult crossing for a stranger, and therefore he propose riding with me in the carriage, and my companion riding his horse, whereby we had an opportunity of private conversation together very agreeable unto us both; at Foss.dyke wash we took a very Affection and leave of each other he returning home, and we again crossed the bridge, it being now high-water the sea came up to the edge of the banks all the way, and we had a beautiful prospect of the vessels passing up and down the channel. We got to Boston about quarter past 12 o.clock, were we din'd and drunk Tea at Isaac Reckitts. The meeting began at 5 o.clock this evening, and was held in a room which friends had taken and fitted up for a Meetingplace at present; 21 one persons attended, I had a long testimony to bear therein from 1 Chron: C: 16. v: 11. Seek the Lord and his strength. And afterwards 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. Henry Soulby and his family being at Skegness for the benefit of the waters, but being inform'd of my being here came from thence to this meeting, and took me with him after meeting to his house were I took up my quarters during the remainder of my stay in Boston.

On 14th. and 4th. of week, we spent the day in Boston principally at my quarters. After breakfast we went to William Perkins, and before we left there, we took a lunch with them. From thence we went to the widow Elizabeth Silence's, she had formerly been in profession with the Methodists, and she gave us an interesting account of her exercise in leaving that people, and of her convincement of the Truth as professed by friends, and the solid satisfaction of mind she now enjoyed. From thence we went to Isaac Reckitts, were we met with several friends, and I had some remarks to make which I trust will be profitably remembered by some. Afterwards we called at Thomas Racketts, and from thence return to my quarters to dine at 3 o.clock.

On 15th. and 5th. of week, we breakfasted at Thomas Reckitts, and about half past 8 o.clock set out for Broughton 34 miles, Isaac Reckitt was our guide, of which I was glad, having felt my spirit to be nearly united unto a seed in him, from the first of my coming to Boston in this journey, with a firm persuasion of mind that if he is but coming up faithfully to the manifestations of duty, he will be eminently prepared for usefulness in the Lords hand. We came to Sleaford 18 miles were we din'd at the White.Lyon, stopt near 3 hours, and then proceeded to Welbourn 12 miles were we got about 5 o.clock and took up our quarters at John Burts whose mother Alice Burtt a valuable Elder received us with affectionate kindness, expressing her gladness at seeing me once more under her roof. After Tea I went and sat a little at Joseph Burts.

On 16th. and 6th. of week, we went with friends here to their meeting at Broughton which began at 11 o.clock, There was a pretty many friends attended, and many serious people of other societies came in and it proved a time of eminent favour a door of utterance being opened, which I believe found entrance in the minds of many for the present, so far as to cause them to acknowledge to the Truth of what was delivered. I had two long testimonies to bear therein first from John C: 15. v: 14. Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you, and the other 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. Afterwards I was concerned in Prayer. After meeting we din'd at Jonathon Dickinsons and drunk Tea at Joseph Jallands; Alice Burtt and her son John favouring us with their company until we left this village which was about 7 o'clock, when we came to Joseph Jallands junr. of Coddington in Nottinghamshire 6 miles, got there a little after 8 o'clock were we lodg'd.

On 17th. and 7th. of week we set at about 7 o'clock in the morning, and came by Newark to Tuxford 16 miles; were we din'd at the Sine of the Fox, stopt about 2 hours and a half, and then proceeded to Blyth 12 miles and a half, were we got about 3 o'clock and took up our quarters at Joseph Woolleys. Afterwards we went and drunk Tea at Judith Wilsons, and in the evening I wrote a letter to William Taylor and Charles Unsworth.

On 18th. and 1st. of week, we was at the meeting at Blyth which began at 11 o'clock, and 13 persons attended, I had a pretty 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. Afterwards I was concerned in Prayer. This afternoon we drunk Tea at Judith Wilsons. At 6 in the evening we had a Publick meeting in friends Meetinghouse, which was all laid open an abundance of People attended, so that the Meetinghouse both below and above stairs was very much crowded. I had a very long testimony to bear therein from Luke C: 16. v: 16. The law and the prophets were until John; since that time the kingdom of God is preached, and every Man presseth into it. Afterwards I had to acknowledge our satisfaction with the company, and very commendable behaviour of the People and after short exhortation concluded with saluting them in Gospel love and bidding them all very affectionately Farewel. The meeting held 2 hours and a quarter after which I took a little suitable refreshment at Judith Wilsons, and then we returned to our quarters.

On 19th. and 2nd. of week when I awoke this morning my mind felt calm and peaceful, being relieved with yesterdays exercise, having long before I left home had a prospect of this place, and believe it was a time of extraordinary visitation both to friends and People of other societies. After breakfast I took leave of my kind companion William Thornton Simmons he returning home. Joseph Whitlark of Nottingham hearing of my intention of being here came to this place on seventh day night prepared with a horse and carriage to take me to Mansfield, I was truly glad of his company being a kind sympathizing friend and much devoted to the promotion of the cause of Truth in the sphere in which he is called into. About 9 o'clock we set out for Mansfield 19 miles but the way we came to avoid some heavy sands it was 21 miles, Joseph Woolley took his horse and rode with us a few miles and then returned. We came by Worksop and got to Mansfield about 1 o'clock and took up our quarters at George Ellis's, we had some heavy sands to pass through betwixt Worksop and here which we could not avoid, and in one place had to walk 2 miles the sand being so deep that it was hard work for the horse to hurry the carriage through but most of the way there was the good footpath through the fields and plantations which was very pleasant. After dinner we went to Ann Dents were we drunk Tea, and after Tea I took leave of my kind friend Joseph Whitlark he being under the necessity of getting home this evening. At 6 o'clock I had a Publick meeting in friends Meetinghouse in this Town which was very large several Derbyshire friends hearing of my being here gave me the meeting, and many people of other societies attended, and upon the whole it was a satisfactory meeting; altho' I thought Truth was not in that dominion as I had experienced in some places on similar occasions, but I was favoured with so much strength as to fully relieve my mind amongst them, having a long testimony to bear from Matt: C: 18. v: 3. Except ye be converted and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. Afterwards I had a pretty long time in exhortation. The meeting held upwards of 2 hours and a half and the people behaved well. After meeting I got some suitable refreshment at Ann Dents and then returned to my quarters.

On 20th. and 3rd. of week, I spent the day with friends here feeling a want of a little rest, and our worthy friends Joseph Storrs and Daniel Sutton, who came kindly to meet me here last evening stopt all night, and spent most of the day with me of whose company I was

particularly glad. We breakfasted at Dorothy Johnsons, and afterwards went and sat a little at Mary Harkers, and at Elizabeth Beesleys, and took some refreshment at the former place. Din'd together at my quarters and after dinner we had a religious opportunity together in which I had a pretty long testimony to bear, after which Joseph Storrs return'd home in the coach. and after Tea my dear friend Daniel Sutton took leave of me and returned home. and in the evening I went and sat a little at William Ellis's.

On 21st. and 4th. of week, I set out for Woodhouse in Yorkshire 18 miles, about half past 10 in the forenoon John Ellis being my guide, and taking me in his Gig. It had rained very fast all the night and continued all the morning, which prevented our setting out so early as we intended, but being a little better we set forward, but had got very little out of the Town before it began again and we had a very wet journey all the way, we passed through a corner of Derbyshire, and got to Woodhouse in Yorkshire, about half past 12 o'clock, and took up our quarters at Ruth Bowers. After dinner my Brother and Sister Doncaster and William Wright of Sheffield came to meet me here of whose company I was glad, and we spent a very comfortable afternoon together. At 6 in the evening had a Publick meeting in friends Meetinghouse here, which was very much crowded, both below and above stairs, and some had to stand without doors. I had a long time to bear therein first from Rom: C: 6. v: 16. Know ye not that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness. Jane Doncaster next from 1 Tim: C: 3. v: 16. Without controversy great is the mystery of godliness; God was manifest in the flesh, justified in this Spirit, seen of Angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory. I had a pretty long time next from Matt: C: 12. v: 42. The Queen of the South shall rise up in judgment with the men of this generation, and shall condemn it; for she came from the uttermost parts of the earth to hear the wisdom has Solomon; and behold a greater than Solomon is here. Jane Doncaster next from Psalms 4. v: 6. Who will show us any good. The meeting held about 2 hours and a half. After which I took my leave of Brother and Sister Doncaster very affectionately they returning home immediately.

On 22nd. and 5th. of week, I breakfasted with Rachel Watts a pious friend who hath of times a testimony to bear in meetings. About 9 o'clock set out for Barnsley 16 miles Richard Hotham a friend about 80 years of age being my guide and taking me in his carriage, we called at his Son John Hothams of Handsworth, were we stopt about 1 hour, and before we set out took a lunch, then proceeded by Darnall, Brightside, Ecclesfield and Worsborough to Barnsley were we got about 2 o'clock, and took up our quarters at Thomas Yeardleys, and having a prospect of a Publick meeting in this Town this evening, altho' I could not fully conclude upon it until I got here, but now found I should not be easy to omit it. We therefore sent for some of the friends in the Town and they being hearty in the cause, we got the notice thereof immediately in circulation. The meeting was held in the Meetinghouse both ends being laid open and it began at half past 6 o'clock, and held for 2 hours and a half, when we were just set down in the meeting came in Charles Unsworth whom I was glad to say, having sent for him to meet me here tonight, to assist me in taking my Luggage home, but he knew nothing of the meeting until he got to the Town and saw the people collecting, whereupon he came in immediately without stoping to get any refreshment. Many people of other societies attended so that the Meetinghouse was comfortably filled, with a sober looking people many of whom appeared to be enquiring the way unto Zion, with their faces thitherward; and the Lord was eminently pleased to favour us with the lifting up of the light of his glorious countenance upon us, to the tendering of many hearts. I had a very long testimony to bear 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. Charles Unsworth had a short time next from 1 John C: 2. v. 15, 16, 17. Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eye, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof but he and

he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever. Afterwards I had to express our satisfaction with the company and very commendable behaviour of the People and after a short time in exhortation very affectionately bade them all Farewel.

On 23rd. and 6th. of week, we Breakfasted at Robert Harrisons, and about 10 o.clock we left Barnsley Robert Harrison accompanying us to James Arthington Wilsons of Redbrook, and then returned, we took a little refreshment here, stopt about an hour, and then proceeded James Arthington Wilson accompanied us near 2 miles, and then returned; we came to Thomas Wests of Cawthorn were we din'd, stopt 2 hours and a half, and then came to Ellin Waltons were we rested us about half an hour, and then came by Dakinbrook and Dykeside to John Bottomleys of Wood were we drunk Tea and stopt upwards of an hour, and then got home at about 8 o.clock in the evening. Having travelled in this journey upwards of 717 miles, and being favoured with my health to accomplish it far beyond my expectation.

N.B. At March in Cambridgeshire there are 15 persons appear to be under convincement and meet together but only one of them is admitted a member of our Society. With the assistance of some friends they have prepared and fitted up a comfortable Meetinghouse.

An Account of my Journey to a Publick Meeting held at Hoylandswain in the 8th. mo. 1819.

I left home ye 15th. of ye. 8th. Mo. 1819, and 1st. day of the week, betwixt 7 and 8 o.clock in the morning, my beloved friend Charles Unsworth accompanying me we went to Ing. Birchworth were we rested us about half an hour at Thomas Haighs, and then proceeded to Hoylandswain were we got about 9 o.clock, and took up our quarters at Joseph Swifts were we was kindly received and generously entertained. He is a preacher among the dissenting Methodists, had been at my house about a week before, and told me if I felt anything upon my mind towards the inhabitants of their village, their Meetinghouse would at any time be at liberty for me, and a visit from me would be very acceptable to the people: I then informed him, I had felt a concern upon my mind towards the inhabitants of that part, and had looked towards the present day for the accomplishing of it, he replyed he was glad of that, and added he thought it would be the most suitable time, as it was their Feast that day it would give many an opportunity of being at the meeting from distant parts; after he had mentioned this I doubted in my mind at first, of the propriety thereof, but on considering I had no knowledge of the feast when the day was first pointed out to me, I believe it best to be resigned to it and was afterwards fully satisfied it was the right time; and Joseph Swift undertook to give the necessary information to the People. The meeting began at 10 o.clock and held about 2 hours and a quarter. It was large many attending from a considerable distance altho' the Meetinghouse was not quite full the People was remarkably solid, and the Truths of the gospel was largely and livingly declared amongst them to the tendering of many minds I having a very long testimony to bear therein 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, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus.christ. Afterwards I was concerned in Prayer. At the close of the meeting feeling not fully relieved in my mind I informed them, that if the place would be at liberty, I found freedom to propose having another meeting with them this afternoon. The man who had come from Barnsley with an intent to preach there in the afternoon being in the meeting immediately gave it up, and people generally gave it up with apparent satisfaction. The meeting began at half past 3 and held upwards of 2 hours and a half. It was larger than the former the Meetinghouse being comfortably filled, and it proved a very solemn edifying meeting unto many, the Lords power being eminently manifested amongst us, under the influence of which I had a very long testimony to bear therein from Isai: C: 58. v. 1, 2, Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and show unto my people their transgressions, and the 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. Charles Unsworth had a pretty long time next from Eph C: 5. v: 14. Awake thou that sleepest, arise from the dead and Christ shall give thee light. Afterwards I expressed our satisfaction with the very commendable behaviour of the People, and after a pretty long time in exhortation, affectionately bade them all Farewel. and I believe many united with me in thankfulness for this days extraordinary favour so eminently manifested to us. Our Monthly Meeting being to be held at Barnsley the next day, and we intending to be there, we left Hoylandswain about 7 o.clock and went by Silkstone and Higham to James Arthington Wilsons of Redbrook got there betwixt 8 and 9 o.clock were we lodg'd, Robert Harrison of Barnsley met us at Hoylandswain this morning and accompanied us from thence thither, and after resting him a little he went home.

On 16th. and 2nd. of week, we went to William Bayldons of Barnsley to Breakfast and afterwards went and sat at Robert Harrisons until Meetingtime. The meeting for Worship began at 11 o.clock. There was a large appearance of friends but I thought not so many as usual in this month in former years. Martha Dickinson, said a few words therein first, John Donbavand next. Afterwards John Bottomley had a long time from Job: C: 38. v: 22. Hast thou entered into the treasures of the snow? or hast thou seen the treasures of the hail. At the close of this meeting the Men and Women who were members of the Society were requested to stop a little together. When I delivered in the certificate given me from this meeting in last 5th. Mo and informed friends, That I had been enabled to go through what I had in prospect, and to feel solid satisfaction in conclusion thereof in my own mind in giving up to duty therein. I then informed friends more particularly of the state of things as they appeared to me where my lot had been cast concluding with sundry advices as they opened to friends present in which I was followed by Isabella Harris, Martha Dickinson, John Robinson and Charles Unsworth, and I thought it was a time of favour, and of profit to some minds. The substance of my report was minuted, and the meetings satisfaction expressed therewith. I then informed friends that my mind had been impressed with a concern to pay a religious visit to friends in the East Riding and part of the North.Riding of this County, and to have a few Publick meetings with the inhabitants of some places in those parts as way may open. Many friends expressed their unity and sympathy with me and my concern, and James Harrison James Wighams and John Donbavand were appointed to prepare a Certificate of the Meetings unity therewith against our next meeting. The Women friends then withdrew, and the Men proceeded with the further business of the meeting which was concluded about half past 3 o.clock After which we din'd at Robert Harrisons, and after dinner Charles Unsworth and me took leave of each other very affectionately he returning home. I stopt Tea here, and then called upon Susanna Alletson were I sat a little and took a glass of wine, and then went to Thomas Yeardleys were I lodg'd, many friends came to spend evening with me and John Wood stopt all night and slept with me.

On 17th. and 3rd. of week, I went to Samuel Cowards of Holemill to breakfast, and after breakfast Samuel Coward accompanied me to Mark Walkers of Stonycliff were we sat a little and then came by Burton and Smithies, and up the Navy.bank to Richard Scotts of Barugh.mill, were I took leave of Samuel Coward he returning home but I called here and stopt upwards of half an hour and took some refreshment, then came to Cawthorn and got there betwixt 2 and 3 o.clock, called at Thomas Wests, they were just set down to dinner, I sat me down with them and din'd, and it being extremely hot at their request I stopt Tea, and left there about 7 o.clock in the evening, called at Ellin Waltons and rested me, then came by Dakinbrook to Denby were I had to call at John Priests about some business, stopt near an hour, and took a little refreshment and got home at about 11 o.clock.

An Account of my Journey on my religious visit to the Meetings of Friends in the East Riding and part of the North Riding of Yorkshire, and to Publick Meetings held at Sinnington, Danbyend, Hornsea, Patrington, and Welbeck, and to our Autumn Quarterly Meeting held at York in the 10th. Mo. 1819.

I left home ye. 2nd. of ye. 10th. Mo. 1819 and 7th. day of the week about 8 o'clock in the morning, Charles Unsworth accompanying me to Huddersfield to assist me in carrying my luggage, we went by Cumberworth to my Nephew Robert Woods of Moorbottom were we stopt a considerable time and took a little refreshment, and then proceeded by Shelley, Kirkburton Woodsommill and Almondbury to Richard Wormalls of Mouldgreen were we rested us a little and took some refreshment, here we met with William Midgley from Buersel near Rochdale in Lancashire, having received a letter from him to meet him at Huddersfield at 12 o'clock to day he intending to convey me in his Chaise throughout this journey and he was to me a very kind and affectionate companion, and truly I felt very thankful to divine Providence for having me such a one. From hence we proceeded to Robert Firths were we din'd.

In the 8th. Month I spread my concern up before our Monthly Meeting held at Barnsley; and at our Monthly Meeting held at Ackworth in the 9th. Month I received the following certificate of the meetings unity and concurrence therewith viz.

To the Friends in the East Riding, and part of North Riding of Yorkshire.

Dear Friends

Our esteemed friend Joseph Wood, having spread before our Meeting, the Women friends being present, a concern which has for a considerable time past impressed his mind, to pay a religious visit to the Meetings of Friends in the East Riding, and part of North Riding of this County, and also to have some Publick Meetings with persons not professing with us, in those parts, this is to certify, that he is a Minister in good esteem amongst us; the concern having come weightily before us, and much unity and sympathy expressed.

We therefore leave him at liberty to proceed on the service, as truth might open the way, desiring that he may be favoured with ability so to accomplish the same, as on his return, to feel the consoling evidence of peace

Signed in and on behalf of Pontefract Monthly Meeting, held at Ackworth, the 20th. of 9th. Mo. 1819.

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| William Taylor | Christopher Walker | William Hattersley | Thomas Ball |
| John Pickford | John Bottomley | Thomas Brown | Thomas Earnshaw |
| John Robinson | Leonard West | Joseph Brearey | Henry Brady |
| William Bottomley | Joseph Johnson | James Arthington Wilson | |
| James Wighams | James Harrison | John Donbavand Clerk | |
| Elihu Dickinson | Joseph Donbavand | | |
| John Fozard | William Wass | Mary Firth Clerk | Isabella Harris |
| John Archard | Thomas Firth | Ann Harrison | Molly Wetherald |
| Henry Swire | George Sedgwick | Elizabeth Johnson | Mary Johnson |
| Thomas Yeardley | Benjamin Jowitt | Hannah Harrison | Hannah Archard |
| Samuel Coward | Joseph Lister | Elizabeth Bland | Mary Dumbleton |
| Robert Harrison | Charles Unsworth | Rachel Snowden | Hannah Firth |
| Charles Stead junr. | Joseph Firth | Sarah Wood | Jane Woodhead |
| John Firth junr. | James Wetherald | Elizabeth Woodhead | Susanna Lister |
| John Wood | David Stead | Ann Wass | Sarah Pickard |

We left Robert Firths about 3 o'clock in the afternoon Charles Unsworth set us out of the Town, when after affectionately taking leave of him, we proceeded to Leeds 15 miles got there about 7 o'clock in the evening, and took up our quarters at James Arthingtons.

On 3rd. and 1st. of the week we breakfasted at John Broadheads, and attended their Meeting at Leeds to day, the forenoon meeting began at 10 o'clock, It was large of friends and several of other Societies attended, I had a long testimony to bear therein from Prov: C: 27. v: 7. The full soul loatheth an honeycomb; but to the hungry soul every bitter thing is sweet. Afterwards Robert Jowitt was concerned in Prayer. After meeting we din'd at the Widow Sarah Walkers. Afternoon meeting began at 3 o'clock, and not so many friends attended as in the forenoon, but many more people of other societies came in, I had a pretty long testimony to bear therein first from Rev: C: 3. v: 16. Because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spew thee out of my mouth. Afterwards I had a long time from Mark C: 10. v: 17. What shall I do that I may inherit eternal life. In these meetings I was enabled fully to relieve my mind to different states as they opened so as to feel the consoling reward of peace. After meeting we drunk Tea at Joseph Tathams, and in returning to our quarters I called to have seen Joshua Schofield but found he had been removed by death a few months before, I felt a little affected with the account having retained value for him from the first of our acquaintance with each other.

On 4th. and 2nd. of week, we spent this day in visiting several of our friends. After breakfast I went to see Charles Unsworth cousin Mary Fridge, and from thence to the Widow Elizabeth Thorps, and from thence to John Thistlethwaites, and sat a little at each place, then went to Susanna and Martha Shackletons were we took a little refreshment, and afterwards went to Robert Jowitts to dine, and in the afternoon drunk Tea at John Broadheads and in the evening returned to our quarters.

On 5th. and 3rd. of week, we set out betwixt 7 and 8 o'clock in the morning for York 24 miles, went by Tadcaster to Streethouses, where we got some refreshment at the Sine of the Wildman, stopt there upwards of an hour, and then proceeded to York, where we got about 1 o'clock, and took up our quarters at John Lee's At 6 this evening began our Quarterly Meeting for Ministers and Elders, the Queries for this Meeting were read, and Answers thereto from all of the meetings constituting the same; Thomas Cooper, Caleb Fletcher, and Maud and Mary Fairbank were appointed to oversee the succeeding meetings and to extend advice as occasion may require. Afterwards Rachel Rountree was concerned in Testimony. The meeting held 1 hour and a half.

On 6th. and 4th. of week, at 10 in the forenoon was a meeting for Worship, there was a large appearance of friends, and several People of other societies attended Ann Coning had a short testimony to bear therein first from Isai: C: 17. v: 5. It is a day of trouble, and of treading down, and of perplexity, by the Lord God of hosts, in the valley of vision. Robert Jowitt next from Deut: C: 33. v: 25. As thy days, so shall thy strength be ye. Mabel Hipsley had a long time next from Psalms 103. v. 1, 2. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless his holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits. Hannah Broadhead next from Psalms 25. v: 9. The meek he will guide in judgment; and the meek will he teach his way. Isabella Richardson was next concerned in supplication. Mary Cooper had a pretty long time in testimony next from John C: 10. v: 27. My sheep hear my voice and I know them, and they follow me. William Blakeley a short time next from Jer: C: 9. v: 1. O that my head were waters and mine eyes a fountain of tears, that I might weep day and night for the slain of the daughter of my people. Rachel Rountree had a longer time next from Mark C: 14. v: 38. Watch ye and pray, lest ye enter into temptation. At the close of this meeting was one for discipline in which the Queries were read, and Answers thereto from 6 of our Monthly Meetings of viz. York, Balby, Pontefract, Brighouse, Knaresborough, and Settle. Some other business was gone through and then the meeting adjourned at 6 o'clock, Both meetings held about 4 hours. At 6 in the evening met pursuant to adjournment. The representatives being directed the last sitting to meet together and consider of two suitable friends for Clerks to this meeting, proposed to this sitting the continuance of William

Alexander of York for Clerk, and John King of Brighouse assistant who being acceptable to the meeting were appointed accordingly. The Answers to the Queries from the other 4 Monthly meetings were read viz. Thirsk, Gisborough, Pickering and Hull. A great deal more business was gone thro' in this sitting, and then the meeting adjourn'd until the next day at 10 in the forenoon having held about 3 hours.

On 7th. and 5th. of week, This morning we breakfasted at William Blakeleys, and at 10 in the forenoon met pursuant to adjournment; a great deal of business was gone thro' in this sitting which held upwards of 3 hours and a half, and then adjourn'd unto the close of the meeting for Worship this evening. At 5 this afternoon was a meeting for Worship which I thought was rather larger than the former. Isabella Richardson had a long testimony to bear therein from Isai: C: 24. v: 16. From the uttermost part of the earth have we heard songs, even glory to the righteous, but I said my leanness, my leanness, and wo unto me. Isabella Harris next from Heb: C: 10. v: 25. Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together as the manner of some is. Ann Coning had a short time next from Jer: C: 12. v: 5. If thou hast runest with the footman, and they have unwearied thee, then how canst thou contend with horses? and if in the land of peace, wherein thou trustedst, they wearied thee, then how wilt thou do in the swelling of Jordan. At the close of this meeting was a meeting for discipline in which the business of this Quarterly Meeting was finished the whole having been conducted in great harmony. At the close of the business are General advices were read. Both meetings held 4 hours.

On 8th. and 6th. of week, a little after 8 o'clock in the morning we left York in company with Thomas Hartas and his Wife for their house at Sinnington.grange 26 miles, called at the Inn at Castle Howard and got some refreshment stopt about 1 hour and then proceeded had a beautiful ride through the Park and a fine view of the noble mansion a house of the Earl of Carlisle with the Summerhouses walks and ponds in different parts of the grounds belonging thereto; got to Thomas Hartas about 2 o'clock were we took up our quarters.

On 9th. and 7th. of week we rested with our very kind friends here both in body and mind most of the day. In the afternoon accompanied by Thomas Hartas and his Wife we took a walk to William Rowntrees upwards of a mile were we drunk Tea and afterwards returned.

On 10th. and 1st. of week, we went in company with the family to their meeting at Kirbymoorside 4 miles, we alighted at Lydia Hartas's were we took a little refreshment before meeting which began at 11 o clock, It was pretty large of friends and a few People of other societies came in. I had a long testimony to bear therein from Gen: C: 35. v. 2, 3. Put away the strange Gods that are among you, 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. and afterwards I had a pretty long time from Psalms 46. v, 10. Be still and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth. After meeting we din'd at Caleb Fletchers and then came to John Scars of Kildhome were we drunk Tea and after Tea John Scars accompanied us to Sinnington about 3 miles were a Publick meeting was appointed to be held at 5 o'clock this evening in the Methodist Meetinghouse. We got there just in time to the meeting, and put up our horses at William Stables a very kind Farmers in the village and went immediately to the meeting which was exceedingly crowded, and many could not get in, and through divine mercy it was a time of eminent favour. I had a very long testimony to bear therein first from John C: 12. v: 46. I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness. Mary Hartas had a long time next from John C: 6. v: 68. To whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life. Afterwards I expressed our satisfaction with the company and very commendable behaviour of the People, and after a short time in exhortation, very affectionately bade them all Farewel. The meeting held about 2 hours and a half. After taking some suitable refreshment at Williams Stables's, I walked with Thomas Hartas about 1 mile to his house were we got about 8 o'clock in the evening.

On 11th. the 2nd. of week in the morning we set out for Helmsley 10 miles and went by Kirkbymoorside to Helmsley about quarter past 10 and took up our quarters at Simon

Hutchinsons. The meeting began at 11 o.clock and 46 persons attended 4 of which appeared to be People of other societies. Mary Hartas had a pretty long time therein in testimony first 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. I had two pretty long times next the 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. and the other from Prov: C: 20. v: 23. Buy the truth, and sell it not. Afterwards Mary Hartas had a short 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; and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren. We left Helmsley about half past 3 o'clock and return'd with Thomas Hartas and his Wife to their house were we got about half past 5 o.clock. This evening and the following after we got to Castleton were we much entertained with Mary Hartas reading us the Journal of Isaac Taylors manuscript when he accompanied John Pemberton, Thomas Cash and other friends on a religious visit to Scotland and the Orkney Islands. It giving a very full and particular account of the said visit, the manner of their reception, and the places where they have meetings, with an account thereof, and other remarkable occurrences they met with in the said visit, which was not only pleasant but edifying unto us.

On 12th. and 3rd. of week, This morning I had an opportunity privately in the Stable of imparting a little advice to one of their servants which afforded some relief to my mind he had paid much attention unto us during our stay here, and I believe is well disposed, his name is James Dunning and he told me he was in the 18th. year of his age. A little before 10 o'clock we set out for Castleton 17 miles, Thomas Hartas being our guide and his Wife accompanying us; and we went to Jonathan Taylors of Oxclose near Hutton in the Hole were we din'd, this is the house were that valuable friend John Richardson lived in the latter part of his time, and where he finished his course. We stopt here about 2 hours and then proceeded, after we left Hutton in the Hole we entered upon the Moors and went over them all the way to Castleton the road was bad for carriages, and it was a very close mist with small rain which made it more unpleasant travelling over them, however we got well to my beloved friend William Bakers house at Castleton about half past 5 o'clock were we took up our quarters.

On 13th. and 4th. of week we had a meeting at Castleton which began at 10 o'clock, 50 persons attended 3 or 4 of them appearing to be people of other societies, It was a precious meeting, I had a very long testimony to bear therein first from Luke C: 7. v. 22, and 23. To the poor the gospel is preached. And Blessed is he whosoever shall not be offended in me. Mary Hartas had a long time next from Matt: C: 20. v. 21, 22, 23. Grant that these my two sons, may sit the one on thy right hand, and the other on the left, in thy kingdom. But Jesus answered and said, Ye know not what ye ask. Are ye able to drink of the cup that I shall drink of, and to be baptised with the baptism that I am baptized with? They say unto him, we are able. And he saith unto them, ye shall drink indeed of my cup, and be baptised with the baptism that I am baptized with, but to sit on my right hand and my left is not mine to give, but it shall be given to them for whom it is prepared of my Father. Afterwards I had a long time from Mic: C: 5. v: 7. The remnant of Jacob shall be in the midst of many people as a dew from the Lord, as the showers on the grass, that tarrieth not for man, nor waited for the sons of men. After meeting I took a little suitable refreshment at John Halls, and then we returned to our quarters. After dinner we parted with our kind friends Thomas Hartas and his Wife they returning home, their company had been particularly acceptable unto us since we came into these parts.

On 14th. and 5th. of week, we set out for Whitby 14 miles, my beloved friend William Baker being our guide thither. We had a Publick meeting in our way at a village called Danbyend in the Methodist Meetinghouse; we left Castleton about 9 o'clock in the morning many friends accompanying us to Danbyend were we rested us a little before Meeting at our friend Robert Piersons The meeting began at 10 o'clock and held upwards of 2 hours and a half. It was very large, the Meetinghouse being exceedingly crowded, and the meeting was

eminently favoured, with the presence and power of the most highly, the truths of the Gospel were largely declared amongst them, and the power accompanying the word, reached the hearts of many, and brought an extraordinary solemnity over the whole Assembly. I had a very long testimony to bear therein first from Eph: C: 2. v: 10. We are his (Gods) workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works. John Baker had a short time next from Psalms 108. v: 24. This is the day which the Lord hath made. We will rejoice and be glad in it, saith the Psalmist. William Baker had a long time next from Jer: C: 33. v: 11. The Lord is good; for his mercy endureth for ever. Afterwards I expressed our satisfaction with the company and very commendable behaviour of the People; and matter unexpectedly opening I had a pretty long time to bear from Rom: C: 8. v: 26. We know not what we should pray for as we ought; but the spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. concluding with affectionately saluting them in Gospel love, and bidding them all Farewel. After meeting we got some suitable refreshment at Robert Piersons which our kind friend William Baker had brought with him, and then went about five miles on our way to George Peacocks of Woodale-house, a Farm beautifully situated in a valley upon the middle of the high moors, were we had previously engaged to dine, and George Hartas accompanied us hither. We stopt here about 1 hour and a half, and then had a very pleasant ride to Whitby, we got a little before 6 o'clock in the evening, and took up our quarters at Jonathan Sanders, valuable friends and have some hopeful children, who appeared very kind to us, and I believe there is a good thing at work in their son Andrew a young man unto whom I felt my mind nearly drawn in Gospel love, and believe our visit to this place was profitable to him.

On 15th. and 6th. of week, we had a meeting with the friends of this Town at 10 in the forenoon, and a considerable number attended, also a few of other Societies came in. William Baker had a long testimony to bear therein first from Luke; 2. v: 48. Unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required. I 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. Elizabeth Galilee said a few words next. Afterwards I had a short testimony from Prov: C: 3. v. 5, 6. Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not to thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him and he shall direct thy paths. At the close of this meeting not feeling easy without proposing a meeting with the inhabitants of this Town, which was readily agreed to be held this evening and friends were requested to give notice thereof to their neighbours throughout the Town. After dinner Andrew Sanders a promising youth of 22 years of age, and with some other friends took a walk with us through their gardens situated behind their house, on the side of an high and steep hill, ascending from one to another by steps and from the uppermost we had a most beautiful view of the town, the Ships in the harbour, the Sea, and the adjacent country, then passing through a door at the top of the gardens into a field we went into see the Abbey which is now part in ruins, and returned through the Steeplehouse yard situated on the cliffs of the sea, and from it to the street we came down 194 steps, with then a pass through several parts of the town which is very large and populous, across the bridge, and went to the end of the new Pier which is built a long way into the Sea, and is thought to be the finest in England. Afterwards we went to Jonathan Halls to Tea. At half past 6 this evening the public meeting began, it was holding friends Meetinghouse, which being all laid open would contain abundance of People but it was not only extremely crowded but great number stood without doors, and many I understand went away who could not get near. Many of the higher rank of the inhabitants of the Town attended, one Priest of the Church of England and several dissenting Preachers of different Societies, and the Lord was pleased to furnished with matter suitable to their various states, and with ability to publish the same, and it was a good meeting. Truth reigning over all, I had a very long testimony to bear there inner first from a first John C: 5. Thee. 20, 21. 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. This is the true God and eternal life. Little children, keep yourselves from Idols. William Baker had a long and lively exhortation next. George Sanders had a short

testimony next from John C: 17. v: 3. This is life eternal that they might know the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent. Afterwards I express our satisfaction with the company and truly commendable behaviour of the People, and after short exhortation, saluted them in Gospel love and very affectionately bade them all Farewel. The meeting held about 3 hours, and this very large Assembly separated in a manner becoming the occasion, a solemnity being generally visible in their countenance. We called at Martha Thornhills were I took a little suitable refreshment, and sat a little, and then we return'd to our quarters.

On 16th. and 7th. of week, This morning I took an affectionate Farewel of my much beloved friend William Baker, and about 8 o'clock we set out for Scarborough 21 miles, Jonathan Sanders and his brother George accompanying us thither. I walked a little out of Town and Jonathan Hall a valuable friend who joined as society by convincement, and dear Andrew Sanders whom the longer I was with the more nearly I felt united, went along with me until the carriage came up with us, when we very affectionately took leave, I believe with mutual desires for all our preservation in the line of duty, and I got into our carriage and we proceeded to William Puckerings of Hawksers about 3 miles, where we stopt a little, and then set forward William Puckering being out guide, called at the Flask-Inn upon the Moors where we got a little refreshment, here George Sanders and me changed carriages I rode with his Brother and he with my companion to Scarborough where we got betwixt 12 and 1 o'clock and took up our quarters at John Rountrees. This afternoon we drunk Tea at Isaac Mennells.

On 17th. and 1st. of week, was at their meeting in this Town, the forenoon meeting began at 10 o'clock, there was a considerable number friends, and a pretty many People of other societies came in. I had a long testimony to bear therein first from John C: 8. v. 31, 32. If you continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. Afterwards I had a pretty long time from 1 Chron: C: 4. v: 10. Oh that thou wouldest bless me indeed, and that thine hand might be with me, and that thou wouldest keep me from evil, that it may not grieve me. and God granted him that which he requested. Afternoon meeting began at 3 o'clock, not quite so many friends attended as in the forenoon, but rather more of other Societies came in. I had a pretty long testimony to bear therein first from Matt. C: 25. v: 8. Give us of your Oil, for our lamps are gone out. Afterwards George Sanders had a short time from Psalms 139. v: 23, 24. Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me; and know my thoughts; and see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting. After meeting we drunk Tea at Robert Tindall, and his sisters, Ann and Jane 3 young people in affluent circumstances who had joined our society by convincement. I was pleased with our visit to them, and comforted in their company feeling a desire for their preservation and growth in the truth.

On 18th. and 2nd. of week, we left Scarborough a little before 9 o'clock, John Park being our guide, and Jonathan Sanders and his brother George continuing very acceptably with us, I rode with Jonathan Sanders in his carriage, and George Sanders with my companion. In 2 hours and half we reached Bridlington 17 miles and took up our quarters at Robert Halls a choice friend. At 5 o'clock this evening we had a Publick meeting of friends and others in friends Meetinghouse in this Town there are but a few members of our society here, that several attend meetings who appeared to be under convincement and there is a considerable degree of openness amongst the inhabitants in general towards friends. The meeting this evening was large the Meetinghouse being well filled with a serious enquiring People both below and above stairs; and it was a time of very extraordinary favour to the tendering of most if not all present. I had a very long testimony to bear therein first from Acts C: 17. v: 3. Christ must needs have suffered, and risen again from the dead; and that this Jesus, whom I preached unto you is Christ. George Sanders had a pretty long time next, from Isaiah: C: 45, v: 22. Look unto me, and be ye saved all the ends of the earth. I was next concerned in Prayer. and afterwards had a short testimony from Psalms 27. v: 14. Wait on the Lord; be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart. After a short pause I informed the People the meeting was over, and we separated under a precious covering. The meeting held 2 hours and a half. In the evening Edward Hunter a choice youth about 18 years of age

came to see me at my quarters, he is under convincement and duly attends friends meetings. I was pleased with his visit feeling nearly united unto him.

On 19th. and 3rd. of week, we breakfasted at William Johnsons and about 8 o clock set out for Hornsea 15 miles, I walked thro' the Town, and Jonathan and George Saunders accompanied me were we took a very affectionate leave of each other, their company having been both pleasant and profitable unto us. Robert Hall now becoming our guide, and kindly accompanied us to all the meetings in Holderness, and rendering us every assistance in his Power the roads in this part were remarkably good, we got to Hornsea about quarter past 10 and put up at the New.Hotel, there being no friends in or near this Town. Two friends went very early this morning from Bridlington to procure a place from Meeting and give notice thereof to the inhabitants. The said meeting was held in the Methodist Meetinghouse and began at 11 o'clock, but on account of the short notice it was not large but very open and satisfactory. 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 to perfection. At the close of the meeting I had a short exhortation, concluding with saluting them in Gospel Love and bidding them all Farewel. The Meeting held upwards of 2 hours. After dinner before we parted with the two young men from Bridlington we had a comfortable opportunity together in which I had a short testimony to bear. About 3 o.clock we left Hornsea and went to Joseph Fosters of Fitling 11 miles, got there about 5 o.clock, were we took up our quarters, but after supper Robert Hall and me went to lodge at Joseph Smiths of Owstwick-hillhouse, several other friends being at Joseph Fosters on a visit.

On 20th. and 4th. of week, we had a meeting at Qwstwick which began at 11 o.clock, 27 persons attended 5 of which appeared to be people of other societies. The state of this meeting appeared to me to be very low, yet I believe it was a time of renewed favour unto them for their help and recovery if duly prized. I had a very long testimony to bear therein first from John C: 3. v: 7, 8. Marvel not that I said unto thee, ye must be born again. The wind bloweth where it listeth; thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and wither it goeth; so is everyone that is born of the spirit. Afterwards I had a long time from Am: C: 3. v: 2. You only have I known of all the families of the earth; therefore I will punish you for all your iniquities. The state of many were opened and spoke to in the authority of the Gospel, which is the power of God to the full relief of our mind, and I hope to the profit of many After meeting we returned 1 mile and a half to Joseph Fosters, and after Tea, Robert Hall and me came up to our former lodgings at Joseph Smiths.

On 21st. and 5th. of week, my companion Joseph Foster came here to breakfast, and a little after 8 o.clock we set out for Patrington 10 miles, and got there about 10 o.clock, were we took up our quarters at John Chessmans, his Wife was the only member of our Society near here. They both of them received us kindly and entertained us generously, Patrington is so delightfully situated being a small market Town in a very rich and fruitful country not level but gentle rises and falls the ground here being about 4 miles over in a direct line from the Sea to the great river Humber which opposite here is 7 miles over, the ground keeps narrowing for 10 or 12 miles below here until it terminates in a very narrow point where a Lighthouse is built, Having a concern to have a meeting with the inhabitants of this Town my companion and Robert Hall with John Chessman went to look out for a place and readily obtained the Methodists Meetinghouse, and the inhabitants were invited to attend this evening. Being invited we went this afternoon to drink Tea at Thomas Pearces, one of the Itinerant Preachers amongst the Methodists, his Wife being Richard Thorps daughter formerly of Shelley a family I was particularly acquainted with her grandfather William Thorp being a Local Preacher amongst the Methodists and a very pious man, he lived at Paddock near Shelley in a house belonging to my Grandmother and frequently came to see me in the early part of my life, and we had much religious conversation together, and I had a great value for him. She was very kind, and appeared particularly pleased to see me, and to have the opportunity be inquiring after her friends and relations in our parts. The meeting this evening began at 6 o.clock and held upwards of 2 hours and a half It was very large the Meetinghouse being

very much crowded, and a glorious meeting it was the presence and power of the most high eminently overshadowing us in a very extraordinary manner. I had a very long testimony to bear therein 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 was next concerned in Prayer, and afterwards acknowledged my satisfaction with the company, and very still solid and attentive behaviour of the People, and matter unexpectedly opening I had a pretty long testimony to bear from Acts C: 13. v: 43. Continue in the grace of God. and at the conclusion thereof saluting them in that love which changeth not I bade them all Farewel.

On 22nd. and 6th. of week, I was surprized when I looked out this morning to see the ground covered with snow. After breakfast we set out for Welwick 2 miles, were a Publick meeting was appointed to be held this forenoon, and notice thereof was given to the village and its neighbourhood the day before. We had a stormy ride this morning, and put up our horses at Joseph Roberts's he having sent us an invitation the day before, he was uncommonly kind to us, and I believe him to be a religious man and is in profession with the Methodists. Friends have a pretty good Meetinghouse in this village in which the meeting was this day held, but the friends belonging to it being mostly removed, the meeting had been for some time discontinued, It began at 10 this forenoon and held 2 hours and a quarter. It was not very large many being prevented attending by the storminess of the morning so that the larger end of the Meetinghouse was not quite full, But it was a precious time of divine favour, I had a very long testimony to bear therein 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. Afterwards I had a pretty long time from Psalms 46. v: 10. Be still, and know that I am God. After meeting we went and sat a little at Joseph Roberts and took a glass of wine, then taking an affection leave of him and his Wife we returned to John Chessmans of Patrington to dine, and after dinner before we arose from the Table we had a precious tendering opportunity in which I was concerned in supplication. After which our much beloved friend Robert Hall took a very affectionate farewell of us, he proposing to reach home to night, his company had been truly acceptable, and his services during our engagements in Holderness singularly useful unto us. May he from whom more blessings flow richly reward him for it. William Stickney met us at Welwick conducted us to his house at Ridgmont 7 miles, we left Patrington about quarter before 3 o clock this afternoon and got to Ridgmont about 4 o'clock were we took up our quarters.

On 23rd. and 7th. of week, about half past 9 o'clock in the morning we set out for Hull 11 miles, Joseph Stickney being our guide, and Joseph Backhouse of York who had been on a visit here accompanying us, we got to Hull about quarter past 11 were we took up our quarters at John Wilsons. After dinner I wrote a Letter to Charles Unsworth; and afterwards we took a walk through several parts of the Town which is extremely populous, and took a view walk of the noble docks and the Shipping therein, also of the fine river Humber and all the vessels passing and repassing thereupon, This evening we supp'd at George Kitchings, and John Wilson being from home, and his wife confin'd I took up my quarters there.

On 24th. and 1st. of week, we attended their meeting in Hull. The forenoon meeting began at 10, and was pretty large a considerable number friends belonging thereto, and I had a long testimony to bear therein from, Matt: C: 5. v: 4. Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted. Afternoon meeting began at 3 it was larger than the former of friends and more of other societies came in, Isabella Richardson was concerned therein in supplication. After meeting we drunk Tea at Edward Rheams a kind and valuable friend who with his family have joined our society by convincement. Many friends came to see us here whose company was acceptable. From hence I returned to my quarters, and after supper the family being collected to read the Scriptures, after they had done reading I was enabled to relieve my mind to their children and servants in a pretty long exhortation

On 25th. and 2nd. of week, we breakfasted at Leonard Wests, and betwixt 8 and 9 o'clock set out for Beverley 9 miles Leonard West being our guide, and his Wife accompanying us, we got to Beverley about 10 and took up our quarters at Joseph Dickinsons. The meeting began at 11 o'clock, and 22 persons attended. It was a good meeting the power of Truth prevailing to the tendering of the minds of some, 2 of those who attended appeared to be People of other societies. I had two pretty long testimonies to bear therein, the first from Isai: C: 65. v: 1. I am fond of them that sought me not. And the other from Prov: C: 3. v: 5. Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; lean not to thine own understanding. Afterward I was concerned in Prayer. After dinner we had a satisfactory opportunity, and I left this family in a tender frame of mind, the daughter being under a precious visitation, and her Father wept much when I took leave of him. About 3 o'clock we set out for North.Cave 10 miles, Thomas Bennington being our guide, in our way we crossed over part of the Woulds, from which we had a most beautiful and extensive prospect around the adjacent country, and of the River Humber; we reached North.Cave about 5 o'clock and took up our quarters at John Beltons. The Meeting the next day was appointed for friends only, but after I got here my mind was strongly drawn towards the inhabitants of this village and its neighbourhood, and when I had informed friends of my concern they readily acquiesced therewith and gave full notice thereof to the inhabitants this evening.

On 26th. and 3rd. of week, After breakfast we went and sat a little at George Holborns, and before we went to meeting took a little refreshment. The meeting began at 10 o'clock the Meetinghouse was all laid open, and would contain a great number of People, friends generally attended, and I supposed might be betwixt 30 and 40 in number, and a great many People of other Societies also, so that the Meetinghouse was very full below stairs, and a few sat above. It has a time of very extraordinary favour many being much broken and tendered, I had a very long testimony to bear therein 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, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ. And afterwards I had a long time 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. A friend shewed me from the burial.ground the house where that valuable servant in his day John Richardson was born, I also saw in the course of this Journey the place where he lived when he set up in business for himself at Bridlington. and din'd in the house where he lived and ended his days after his second marriage at Oxclose near Hutton in the Hole. and our guide shewed us after leaving this place where he saw that wonderful appearance like a man on horseback as he was coming over a large common which is now inclosed, and after riding with him sometime on the road and attempting to do him an injury but had not power, went into a window of an house in a large flame of fire, called the 48 house, which house is now part in ruins. About 2 o'clock this afternoon we set out for Selby 20 miles, Timothy Harrison an agreeable young man about 26 years of age being our guide, we stopt at Benjamin Barrons door of Cheapside, and took a glass of wine and some cake and then proceeded by Howden to Loftsomebridge were we got a little refreshment, and then came to Selby, got there about 6 in the evening and took up our quarters at Thomas Proctors.

On 27th. and 4th. of week, the meeting in this Town began at 10 o'clock, 23 persons attended, 2 of which appeared to be People of other societies. I had a long testimony to bear there in from Rom: C: 12. V: 1. I beseech you therefore, brethren, but the mercies of God, so that you present yourself bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which she all reasonable service. Afterwards I had short time from time Hos: C: 12. v: 4. I will heal their backsliding, I will love them freely; for mine anger is turned away from him. After meeting I sat a little and took some suitable refreshment at John Armitages, and then returned to my quarters. About 2 o'clock in the afternoon we set our for Pontefract 14 miles, John Hutchinson a valuable young man in the 22nd. year of his age being our guide, we got there about half past 4 o'clock, and took up our quarters at Mary and Elizabeth Johnsons.

On 28th. and 5th. of week, we had a meeting at Pontefract which began at 11 o'clock, 28 persons attended 1 of which appeared to be a person of another society. I had a long testimony to bear therein from Isai: C: 55. v: 3. Incline your ear, and come unto me; hear, and your soul shall live. I thought a renewed call tending to strengthen the minds of some in faithfulness was powerfully extended. After dinner we went and sat a little at John Leathams and took a glass of wine, and from thence went to Barbara Priestmans were we took Tea. and after Tea I went and sat a little at Ann Harrisons, and then returned to my quarters.

On 29th. and 6th. of week, having received a letter from Robert Whitaker Superintendent of Ackworth School, when I got to Pontefract informing me that Mary Ann Taylor daughter of Thomas Taylor of Stourbridge in Worcestershire one of the Girls in the school departed this Life last 2nd. day and was to be interred to day the meeting to begin at 11 o'clock, withal expressing that our company would be acceptable there. She was in the 12th. year of her age. When I read the Letter I was a little surprized having felt my mind for some time past strongly impressed with an apprehension that it was right for me to be at Ackworth on this day and had thought of writing to Robert Whitaker to request him to hold their weekday meeting on this day, this week; to afford us an opportunity of being there, but on considering how inconvenient it was for the family to alter the times of their usual meeting I dropt it, but not my concern and so in a way that I could have no apprehension of, an opportunity afforded on the very day I thought of which I embraced, and felt thankful for the relief I experienced after being there. This morning after breakfast we set out for Ackworth 3 miles, got there a little before 10 o'clock and took up our quarters at the School. The meeting began at 11 o'clock and was a very solemn one, the power of Truth greatly prevailing, to the tendering the minds of many, and having before our eyes an instance of the great uncertainty of time, it had a reaching effect for the present upon the minds of the children; O that it may prove lasting. Isabella Harris had of the long testimony to bear therein first from Job: C: 1. v: 21. The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord. I next from Psalms 39. v: 5. Behold thou hast made my days as an hand-breadth; and mine age is as nothing before thee; verily every man at his best state is altogether vanity. Afterwards John Donbavand had a short time. From the Meetinghouse we proceeded with the corps to the burial.ground, but it being very wet when the meeting broke up, prevented the children and many other friends from going thither. A solemn silence ensued when we got into the burial.ground, and Afterwards Elizabeth Preston dropt a few words. and after the corps was put into the grave I had a short testimony to bear. From hence we returned to the School to dine, and after dinner I was concerned in Prayer. This afternoon we drunk Tea at James Harrisons.

On 30th. and 7th. of week, we left Ackworth between 9 and 10 o'clock in the morning, James Harrison being out guide, we came by Havercroft, and Notton, Staincross and Mapplewell to Darton were we call'd at the Inn, stopt about 1 hour and a half and got a Lunch, then proceeded by Kexborough, Cawthorn, Dakinbrook and Denby to Newhouse 18 miles were we got about 4 o'clock in the afternoon. Having travelled since I left home in this journey upwards of 308 miles, and tho' I had several attacks therein of my complaint, yet not so as to hinder me therein, from pursuing my course, and feeling now great satisfaction of mind I can do nothing than acknowledge that the Lord is a rich rewarder of all who endeavour to serve him faithfully. And being now in the 70th. year of my age, I may expect that travelling long journeys with me will pretty much cease, but whether it may be to do or to suffer, if the Lord is pleased to support I desire to be resigned to his will, that in the conclusion I may be rightly prepared to receive the answer of well done, and for an admittance if it be but into the lowest place of that city whose walls are salvation and whose gates are praise, where there is no need of the sun, nor of the moon, to shine in it; for the glory of God doth lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof.

On 31st. and 1st. of week, we attended our meeting at Highflatts, and James Harrison, Joseph Firth and Joseph Walker being appointed by our last Monthly Meeting to collect the account of friends sufferings, and to enquiry into their faithfulness in respect to our testimony

against Tithes, Priest demands, those called Church rates, and the Militia and to advise friends to an annual inspection into the state of their affairs, were here today, and Lumbroyd friends being as usual requested to attend here, it increased our meeting a little. Martha Dickinson said a few words therein first. I was next concerned in supplication. James Harrison had a short testimony next. I had a long time next from Rom: C: 18. 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. Martha Dickinson, had a few words next. James Harrison and Charles Unsworth had each a pretty long time next and afterwards I had a short testimony from Psalms 105. v: 15. Teach not mine anointed, and do my prophets no harm. At the close of this meeting the Men and Women who were members of our society were requested to stop after others were withdrawn. The account of Sufferings were collected and the usual enquiries made; and Answers given or received from all the heads of families in our Preparative meeting except one, a friend was appointed to visit him and report to the adjournment of this meeting. Both meetings held upwards of 3 hours. After which several friends went to dine with us appearing glad to see me at my return, as I was to see them, we spent the afternoon comfortably together. And about 9 o'clock next morning William Midgley set out for home.

An Account of my Journey to a Publick Meeting held that Ing.Birchworth in 2nd. mo: 1820

Having had a prospect for a considerable time of paying a religious visit to the inhabitants of Ing.Birchworth and the neighbourhood thereof, and waiting patiently until I apprehended the time was clearly pointed out unto me to accomplish the same which was upon the 27th. of the 2nd. mo: 1820, and 1st. day of the week at 6 o'clock in the evening. I then acquainted friends with my concern and had they unity and approbation therewith which I have always found to be strengthening and encouraging to me in these weighty concerns, and therefore I do very cordially unite with the practice of our Society therein. The next thing was to procure a place, there being no Meetinghouse or School in the village likely to contain the inhabitants. Joshua Wood of Dalton in his lifetime having purchased an Estate there and which remains to be occupied by the family, and there being in the house a large room called the Hall, without any furniture in, it was thought to be the most likely place in the village; and upon application to the Widow Wood and her Sons, it was readily granted for the purpose, and word sent to the servants to assist in preparing the place, and do everything in their Power to make it comfortable. Before the time came Charles Stead and Charles Unsworth went to Birchworth and with the assistance of Benjamin Marsden (a young man who had frequently attended our meetings of late, and who appeared very hearty in the cause), and Jonathan Greaves the familys servant they erected a convenient Gallery, and got the room compleatly seated with planks and chairs, and Benjamin Marsden undertook the care of giving information to the inhabitants which he did effectually and lighted the place at his own expense. Indeed he spared no pains nor expense to accommodate friends in his power, and I hope the Lord will reward him for it with those blessings which make truly rich, and wherewithall no sorrow is added. On the day appointed I left home about 5 o'clock to attend the said meeting in company with Joseph Firth, Charles Stead and Charles Unsworth, we got to Jonathan Greaves of Ing.Birchworth about 1 mile and a half from my house about half an hour before 6 o'clock were we rested us until the time of the meeting which was very large the place being exceedingly crowded and many were accommodated in two adjoining rooms, The inhabitants of the village and its neighbourhood pretty generally attending. The Lord was graciously pleased eminently to overshadow us with his love and life giving presence, and to be mouth and wisdom, tongue and utterance, giving the word, and ability to publish the same in the demonstration of the spirit and power, to the reaching of the pure witness for God in the secret of many minds, whose different states were opened and spoke to in the authority of the Gospel. I had a very long testimony to bear therein first from John C: 5. v. 39, 40. Search the

scriptures, for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me. And ye will not come to me, that ye might have life. Afterwards I had a long time from Eccle: C: 12. v. 33, 34. Fear God, and keep his commandments; for this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every work into judgement, with every secret thing whether it be good or whether it be evil. After some time in silence I expressed my obligation to the People for favouring us with their company, and our satisfaction with their very commendable behaviour, and after a short time in exhortation, matter unexpectedly opening I was under the necessity of taking off my hat and bearing a long testimony against an hireling and lifeless ministry exercised in the will and wisdom of the creature, shewing largely the difference betwixt the true and the false ministry the one gathering souls unto God and setting them under the teachings of Christ, the other gathering into outward forms and setting them under the teachings of fallible man who are seeking their gain from their quarter, being opened from 1 Thess: C: 1. v: 5. Our Gospel came not unto you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance. Concluding with recommending them unto God, and unto the teachings of his pure and spiritual grace in the secret of their own hearts, that so they might be favoured to experience being built up in the most holy faith and finally receive an inheritance amongst them that are sanctified, then saluting them in Gospel Love, I bade them all Farewel, desiring that Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father through his beloved son Jesus christ our Lord might be multiplied and abound amongst them. The meeting held 3 hours, and the people departed under a solemn covering, and a song of thanksgiving and praise was raised in some of our hearts unto the most high for this days extraordinary favour We sat a little at Jonathan Greaves's whose heart and house appeared to be open unto us, and kindly disposed to lend us every assistant in his power. I took a little refreshment there which we had brought with us from home, and which I stood in much need of altho' I had been supported under the exercise of this meeting far beyond my expectation I return'd in company with the friends that went with me, and John Pickford and Thomas Firth of Huddersfield. Benjamin Marsden set us a little on our way and then affectionately taking leave of us he return'd. We got to Newhouse about quarter past 10 o'clock, cousin Charles Stead tarried all night with us, and went home the next morning.

An Account of my Journey to our Spring Quarterly Meeting held at Leeds in the 3rd. mo:
1820.

I left home ye. 27th. of ye. 3rd. mo: 1820, and 2nd. day of the week a little before 8 o.clock in the morning, and went by Cumberworth to my Nephew Robert Woods of Moorbottom were I stopt 1 hour and got some refreshment, then proceeded by Shelley, Kirkburton, Lepton, Liley, and Shepley bridge to Dewsbury; got there about 1 o.clock, were I din'd at William Wass's and went to Tea to George Breareys my usual quarters; in my way thither I called upon William Whalleys, and sat a little there, they are newly married, and removed directly after to settle in this Town.

On 28th. and 3rd. of week, I set out betwixt 9 and 10 o.clock in the forenoon, and went by Hangingheaton and Woodkirk to Leeds, Henry Bromley kindly accompanying me about 6 miles and then return'd, he also slept with me at Dewsbury, both in my going and returning which afforded us an opportunity for private conversation to an mutual satisfaction. I got to Leeds about 1 o.clock, were I din'd at John Thistleswaites, and afterwards went to Jonathan Shackletons of Holbeck were I took up my quarters. At 5 o.clock this evening began the Quarterly Meeting for Ministers and Elders which was much smaller than usual, altho' we had the company of 2 Strangers Viz. Thomas Shillitoe from Hertfordshire and Isaac Hadwin from Lancashire. The Queries were read and Answers thereto from all our meetings constituting the same and a General Answer was prepared approv'd and Signed, and ordered to be laid before the Yearly Meeting of the Ministers and Elders. The advices to Ministers and Elders

were also read, and David Priestman, Thomas Cooper, Mary Fairbank and Ann Maud were appointed to oversee the succeeding meetings, and advise as occasion may require. At the close of the business, several friends were concerned in testimony, and afterwards Isabella Richardson in Prayer, and the Meeting closed under a solemn covering, having held near 4 hours.

On 29th. and 4th. of week, at 10 in the forenoon was a meeting for Worship which tho' mostly select of friends was very large Mary Cooper had a pretty long testimony to bear therein first from John C: 15. : 5. I am the vine, ye are the branches, he that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit; for without me ye can do nothing. Jane Doncaster next from John C: 5. v: 17. My father worketh hitherto, and I work. I next 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. Sarah Harris next in supplication, Mary Witchill next a pretty long time in testimony from Isai: C: 49. v: 4. I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strengths for nought, and in vain; yet surely my judgment is with the Lord, and my work with my God. William Bleckley next from Isai: C: 40. v: 21, 22. This people have I formed for myself, they shall shew forth my praise, But thou hast not called upon me, O Jacob; but thou hast been weary of me, O Israel. Thomas Shillitoe next from Gen: C: 32. v: 26. I will not let thee go, except thou bless me. Abigail Dockray of Manchester had a few words next. George Sanders a short time next from Psalms 33. v: 12. Blessed is the nation whose God is to Lord. Hannah Broadhead next in Prayer. At the close of this meeting was one for discipline in which the 1st. three Queries were read, and the answers from all our Monthly Meetings. And General Answers prepared. In Answer to the 2nd. Queries, account was given that there were some appearance of convincement since last year in Balby, Pontefract, Brighouse, Knaresborough and Pickering Monthly meetings, and that 7 persons had been admitted into membership thereby since last year viz. 1 in Balby, 4 in Brighouse, 1 in Knaresborough, and 1 in Pickering Monthly meetings. Some other business was gone through and then the meeting adjourn'd both meetings having held 4 hours. After which I din'd and drunk Tea at Joshua Kayes. 5 o'clock met pursuant to adjournment. The remainder of the Queries were read and Answers thereto, and General Answers prepared and approved. Account was also given that 2 ministering friends were deceased since last year viz. Jane Colley concerning whom a Minute of Balby Monthly meeting was produced and read. Also John Bottomley concerning whom a testimony from Pontefract Monthly Meeting was produced and read; they were both committed unto a Committee to revise etc. Some other business was gone thro' and then the meeting adjourn'd having held 4 hours.

On 30th. and 5th. of week, at 10 o'clock this morning met pursuant to adjournment. Before the business of the meeting was entered upon Thomas Shillitoe had a short testimony to bear. The committee then produced the Minute of Balby Monthly Meeting concerning Jane Colley. Also the testimony of Pontefract Monthly Meeting concerning John Bottomley both of which were read and approv'd, and the latter Signed by order of this meeting. Also a fair Copy of the General Answer to the Queries was produced read approv'd and Signed, and directed to be laid before the Yearly Meeting. A great deal more business was gone through in this sitting, and then the meeting adjourned having held 4 hours. Afterwards I din'd at John Cudworths. At 4 o'clock this afternoon met pursuant to adjournment. the business of the Quarterly meeting was finished in this sitting and at the close thereof a Epistle from Daniel Wheeler now resident near Petersburgh addressed to friends of Balby Monthly Meeting was read, the friends settled in Russia continuing members of that meeting, and sends Answers to the Queries twice in the year. This meeting held upwards of 2 hours After which I took Tea at Joshua Kayes At half past 6 this evening was a Publick meeting for Worship which was very large, pretty many People of other Societies attending. Elizabeth Copeland was first concerned therein in supplication. Robert Jowitt had a pretty long testimony to bear next from Ez: C: 34. v. 6, 7. The Lord, the Lord God, merciful and gracious, long suffering, and abundant in goodness and truth. Keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity transgression and sin, and that will by no means clear the guilty. Isabel Richardson next from

Isai: C: 33. v. 20, 21, 22. Look upon Zion the city of our solemnities, thine eyes shall seek Jerusalem a quiet habitation, a tabernacle that shall not be taken down; not one of the stakes thereof shall be removed, neither shall any of the chords thereof be broken. But there the glorious Lord will be unto us a place of broad rivers; and streams; wherein shall go no galley with oars, neither shall gallant ship pass thereby. For the Lord is our judge, the Lord is our lawgiver, the Lord is our King; he will save us. Isabella Harris for a long time next from Luke C: 24. v: 49. Behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you; but tarry ye in the City of Jerusalem until ye be endued with Power from on high. James Harrison had a short time next. William Wass next from Deut: C: 32. v: 29. Oh that they were wise, that they understood this, that they would consider their latter end. Ann Coning had a few words next. I had a pretty long time next from 2 Cor: C: 6. v. 17, 18. Come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord; and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, and I will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty. The meeting held upwards of 2 hours. And I may observe, that the meetings throughout had been very eminently favoured both those for Worship and for discipline; and friends separated under a precious solemn covering, and many with thankful hearts, under a sense of the Lords continued regard towards us. After meeting I took a little refreshment at Elizabeth Thorps.

On 31st. and 6th. of week, I breakfasted at James Arthingtons, and then called at John Broadheads were I took a Lunch, and din'd at John Thistlethwaites. Betwixt 2 and 3 o'clock in the afternoon I set out for Dewsbury in company with William Wass and George Brearey, in passing over Tingley.moor we had a heavy shower of rain, which caused us to call at the Cardigans Arms at Woodkirk were we got some Brandy and water paid 1s 4d stopt a half hour and then proceeded, got to George Breareys about 6 o'clock were I again took up my quarters.

On 1st. of 4th. mo: and 7th. day of the week, in the forenoon I went and sat a little at David Fox's and William Wass's, and got a Lunch at the latter place. In the afternoon I went to see John Fozard, and drunk Tea at William Whalleys. In the evening Charles Unsworth came here to meet me and accompany me home which was truly acceptable to me and Henry Bromley having slept with me, he went to sleep at William Wass's.

On 2nd. and 1st. of week, After breakfast we went to see Mary Armitage, and whilst there Jonathon Furnish of Chickenley came in, he hath lately begun to attend friends Meetings, and appears to be a serious solid man. Afterwards we was at their forenoon meeting which began at 10 o'clock, and was a very open favoured meeting, 43 persons attended besides ourselves; some of them being people who do not usually attend. I had a long testimony to bear therein first 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. Charles Unsworth a pretty long time next from Rev: C: 18. v: 4. Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues. Afterwards I had a long time from Ex: C: 20. v: 25. If thou wilt make me an altar of stone, thou shalt not build it of hewn stone; for if thou lift up thy tool upon it, thou hast polluted it. After meeting we din'd at William Wass's, and about half past 1 o'clock we set out for home, David Fox, James Willan, Henry Bromley and William Wass junr. accompanied us about 2 miles. and then returned; we came by Shepleybridge, Liley, and Lepton to Kirkburton, were we rested us about half an hour at the Bunch of Grapes, and got 6 pennyworth of Rum and water, then came by Shepley to Joseph Firths of Lanehead were we stopt about 1 hour and a half and got our drinkings, and reached home about 8 o'clock in the evening.

An Account of my Journey to the Welsh Half Year meeting held at Coalbrookdale in Shropshire in the 4th. mo 1820. And to the Meetings of Friends in Shropshire, Balby Monthly Meeting in Yorkshire, and some other Counties; and to Publick Meetings held in Wolverhampton, Wednesbury, Longnor in Staffordshire, Sutton Colefield in Warwickshire, Castle donington in Leicestershire, Tickhill and Conisbrough in Yorkshire.

At our Monthly Meeting held at Wakefield in the 2nd. Mo. 1820, I spread my concern before Friends, and they uniting therewith, appointed 4 friends to prepare a Certificate expressive thereof against our next meeting, At our Monthly Meeting held at Barnsley in 3rd. mo: the said friends produced the following Certificate which was read approved and Signed viz.

To Friends in Shropshire, and those within Balby Monthly Meeting in Yorkshire and others where this may come.

Dear friends

Our esteemed friend, Joseph Wood, has spread before our Monthly Meeting, a prospect he has of attending the next Half Years Meeting for Wales, of visiting the Meetings of Friends in Shropshire, and a few in other Counties, those within Balby Monthly Meeting in Yorkshire: also of having some Publick Meetings with the inhabitants of the few places, as way may open. And the subject having obtained the solid consideration of the meeting, the sympathy and unity of friends were fully expressed, and we leave him at liberty to pursue his prospect.

We certify he is a Minister in good esteem with us, and of exemplary life and conversation; and we commit him to the care and keeping of the great Head of the Church, with desires, that by close attention to his divine pointings, he may be enabled to perform the service in prospect to the edification of the visited and be favoured with the answer of peace.

Signed in and on behalf of Pontefract Monthly Meeting, held at Barnsley, 20th. of 3rd.

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| Charles Unsworth | Leonard West | John Fozard | George Brearey |
| Samuel Coward | Christopher Walker | David Stead | Charles Stead |
| Robert Harrison | William Wass | Joseph Brearey | John Firth junr. |
| Elihu Dickinson | John Robinson | Henry Swire | Joseph Walker |
| John Firths | Joseph Johnson | William Bottomley | John Lister |
| James Harrison | William Bayldon | Joseph Firth | John Wood |
| John Donbavand | John Pickford | Hewitson Dearman | John Brook |
| Samuel Pickard | Thomas Yeardley | James Lister | John Mallinson junr. |
| Robert Ward | William Taylor | | |
| Thomas Ball | | James Arthington Wilson Clerk | |
| Isabella Harris | Frances Yeardley | Elizabeth Swire | Hannah Harrison |
| Jane Stickney | Mary Johnson | Susanna Alletson | Sarah Pickard |
| Mary Taylor | Elizabeth Yeardley | Susanna Lister | Mary Firth |
| Elizabeth Woodhead | Mary Brook | Sarah Pickard | |

James Harrison having obtained leave of our Monthly Meeting to accompany me, and to assist me in this journey; he came to my house prepared with his carriage to convey us in it, on the 11th. of the 4th. mo: 1820, which I esteemed a great favour that the Almighty had thus opened his heart so kindly to provide for me, which as well as his company were truly acceptable to me and demands my grateful acknowledgment of his favours. The next morning being the 12th. of 4th. mo: and 4th. of week, we left my house about 8 o'clock this morning and went by Milnhouse Bordhill and and Salterbrook to Woodhead in Cheshire, were we din'd at the George and dragon, stopt about 2 hours and then proceeded by Tinsel, Mottram, and Geecross to Stockport, got there about 5 o'clock, having travelled this day 27 miles, and took up our quarters at George Jones's. After Tea I went see my cousin Sarah Chapman who appeared to be as well as for some years past, but before I had got through this journey, I heard she was removed by death.

On 13th. and 5th. of week, we had a Meeting at Stockport which began at 11 in the forenoon 39 persons attended, I had a long Testimony to bear therein from Psalms 123, v: 2. As the eyes of servants look unto the hand of their masters, and as the eyes of a maiden unto the hand of her mistress; so our eyes to wait upon the Lord our God, until that he have mercy upon us. Afterwards I had a short exhortation; The states of many were opened and spoke unto in the authority of the Gospel, and it was a good meeting. About 2 o'clock in the afternoon we set out for Macclesfield 12 miles. I walked about 2 miles George Jones accompanying me, when the friends came up with us he returned, and we proceeded, Samuel Sims being our guide.

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On 14th. and 6th. of week, we had a meeting at Macclesfield which began at 11 o clock, 37 persons attended, several of whom appeared to be people of other Societies. I had a very long testimony to bear therein from Jam: C: 1.v: 12. Blessed is the man that endureth temptation; for when he is tried he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him. Afterwards I was concerned in Prayer. After meeting we din'd at Thomas Aireys, and about 2 o'clock set out for Shrewsbury 54 miles, James Frost being our guide, I walked about 1 mile, and Richard Hine a choice young man who hath joined our society accompanied me, we were brought very near and dear to each other, and I felt deeply interested for his preservation and growth in the Truth, and we parted from each other in much nearness of affection. Went by Congleton to Hallgreen were we stopt about 1 hour, and drunk Tea at the Golden.Lyon, then proceeded by Talk. oth. hill in Staffordshire to Newcastle under line, got there about 8 o.clock in the evening: and took up our quarters at the Three.Tons, having travelled this afternoon 21 miles.

On 15th. and 7th. of week, we set out betwixt 8 and 9 o'clock in the morning, and went to Drayton in Shropshire, were we din'd at the Star, stopt upwards of 2 hours, and then proceeded to Shawbury were we drunk Tea at the Elephant and Castle stopt upwards of an hour, and then proceeded to Shrewsbury were we got about 8 o.clock in the evening, and took up our quarters at Esther and Margaret Phillips's.

On 16th. and 1st. of week we attended their meetings in Shrewsbury. The forenoon meeting began at 11 o'clock, 14 persons only attended all of whom were Females except our guide and 3 men friends who came from other meetings. It was a low time in the forepart but ended comfortably. James Harrison had a short testimony therein first from Isai: C: 66, v; 9. Shall I bring to the birth, and not cause to bring forth? saith the Lord. Afterwards I had a pretty long time from Psalms 119. v: 17. Deal bountifully with thy servant, that I may live, and keep thy word. At the close of this meeting, I proposed to friends that their afternoon

meeting which usually begins at 3 should be put off until 5, and notice thereof be given to the inhabitants which was agreed unto, and the 3 Men friends stopt all night, and took great pains in giving information to the People. The Town is very large, and friends Meetinghouse is very commodious, and when laid wholly open will contain abundance of People, but of late there hath not appeared much disposition in the inhabitants to attend on these occasions, owing in part as it is supposed to the misconduct of some professors who resided there, and removed from thence a few years ago, leaving many sufferers by them. The larger end of the Meetinghouse was not quite full, and yet we understood there was more attended than usual when equal pains have been taken in giving information. It proved a very open good meeting, and held near 2 hours and a half. I had a very long testimony to bear therein first from 2 Cor: C: 5.v: 21. He hath made him to be sin for us who knew no sin, that we might be made the righteousness of God in him. James Harrison had a short time next. Afterwards I expressed our satisfaction with the very commendable behaviour of the People, and after a pretty long exhortation, I saluted them in Gospel love and bade them all Farewell, and we separated under a very solemn covering, leaving I believe a door opened for other faithful labourers who may be drawn in a similar manner to visit them.

On 17th. and 2nd. of week, betwixt 7 and 8 o'clock in the morning we set out for Newdale 13 miles, Samuel Simkin of that place being our guide, who came to meet us here the day before; he took us to his Fathers house at Newdale viz. Edward Simkins a friend in the Ministry; got there about half past 10 were we took up our quarters. The meeting began at 11 o'clock and 17 persons attended, caution and encouragement was plentifully communicated, and it was a precious tendering time to most present. I had a long testimony to their first from Matt: C: 25. v: 8. Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out. Edward Simkin next from Psalms 116. v: 12. What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits. Afterwards I had pretty long time from 1 Cor: C: 3. v: 7. Neither is he that planteth anything, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase. In the afternoon we drunk Tea at Samuel Simkins.

On 18th. and 3rd. of week, we set out about 8 o'clock in the morning for Coalbrookdale Edward Simkin being our guide and his Wife accompanying us, we called by the way at William Stanleys of Horsehay were we breakfasted, then proceeded to Sarah Darbys of Sunnyside in Coalbrookdale 4 miles, she having sent us an invitation to Shrewsbury to take up our quarters at her house, were we got a little past 10 o'clock. Shropshire Monthly Meeting was held here to day, and the meeting for Worship began at 11 o'clock, It was much increased by friends who were come here to attend the ensuing Half Years Meeting, and it proved a time of renewed favour unto many minds, I had a pretty long testimony to bear therein first from Lam: C: 1. v: 16. For these things I weep; mine eye mine eye runneth down with water, because the comforter that should relieve my soul is removed far from me. Edward Simkin next from Isai: C: 1. v: 26. I will restore thy judges as at the first, and thy counsellors as at the beginning. Isaac Crewdson a short time next from Psalms 125. v: 1. They that trust in the Lord shall be as mount Zion, which cannot be removed. Mary Capper had a long time next in setting forth the work of the power of religion in the mind. James Harrison had a short time next, and afterwards I had a pretty long and affectionate address unto the youth from Gal: C: 5. v: 16. Walk in the spirit; and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. At the close of this meeting was held a meeting for discipline which consists of 3 particular meetings viz. Shrewsbury, Coalbrookdale and Newdale The Queries were read and Answers thereto from 2 of their meetings, there being only one man friend left in Shrewsbury meeting, and he at this time so unwel as not to be able to attend Meetings. A General Answer was prepared, and directed to be laid before the ensuing Half years meeting. My Certificate was also read, and Mary Capper and Hannah Evans's who were on a visit to the Families of friends in this County and others as way may open and all of them were minuted, some of the business was gone through and both meetings held near 4 hours. At 6 this evening began the Half Years Meeting for Wales, of Ministers and Elders, and many ministering friends Strangers attended viz. Stephen Grellet a Frenchman from the State of New York in North America.

William Allen of London, Isaac Hadwin and Susanna his Wife, Isaac Crewdson, and Elizabeth Bludwick from Lancashire. Richard Burlingham from Worcestershire, Mary Capper and Hannah Evans from Warwickshire. Mary Trusted from Herefordshire, and myself from Yorkshire. In 4 of the Monthly meetings belonging this Meeting no meetings for Ministers and Elders are held. The Queries were read and Answers received and read from the other 2 viz. (Carmarthenshire and Glamorganshire) and Shropshire. and General Answers were prepared approved and Signed and directed to be laid before the ensuing Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders in London, some of the business was gone thro' and before it was entered upon Edward Simkin had a short Testimony to bear, and after it was concluded Stephen Grellet had two long Testimonies. The Meeting held 2 hours and a quarter.

On 19th. and 4th. of week was a Meeting for Worship which I thought was attended by abundance of Friends for this part of the country, many having to come at a great distance and many People of other Societies came in, so that the Meetinghouse which is large was well filled both below and above stairs, and it proved a time of peculiar favour Mary Capper had a pretty long Testimony to bear therein first directing us to an inward and spiritual exercise in our respective gifts. Stephen Grellet had a long time next from Psalms 39. v: 3, 4. While I was musing the fire burned; then spake I with my tongue, Lord make me to know mine end, and the measure of my days, what it is; that I may know how frail I am. Afterwards Susanna Bigg was concerned in Prayer. At the close of this meeting was held one for discipline. Our Certificates which were read in the Monthly meeting were again read, also Stephen Grellets which was address'd to Friends, and the inhabitants of Europe more particularly to Russia. They were all minuted and the meetings satisfaction with them, and our company expressed in the minute. Afterwards Mary Capper accompanied by her companion Anne Evans and Susanna Bigg came under a concern into the Men's meeting, where she had an acceptable testimony to bear. The Queries were then read and Answers to 6 of them, from all their Monthly Meetings which 6 in number viz. (Carmarthenshire and Glamorganshire) (Merionethshire and Montgomeryshire) Radnorshire, Monmouthshire, Pembrokeshire, and Shropshire. and Answers thereto was prepared. In Answer to the 2nd. Query, it appeared there was some little appearance of convincement in Carmarthenshire and Glamorganshire, and in Radnorshire Monthly Meetings, and that one person had been admitted into membership thereby since last year. Both meetings held 4 hours and a half. The Meeting for discipline adjourn'd until 5 in the evening. After which we din'd at Robert Barnards, and drunk Tea. At 5 in the evening met pursuant to adjournment. The other 5 Queries were read, And the Answers thereto prepared. The whole of the General Answers was then read, approv'd and Signed, in order to be laid before the Yearly Meeting a great deal more business was gone through in this sitting which finished the business of this Half years meeting. Towards the close thereof Stephen Grellet mentioned a concern he felt to have a meeting for Worship the next morning at 9 o'clock if the meeting united therewith, more particularly for the youth, which was readily agreed and appointed accordingly. This meeting held near 4 hours.

On 20th. and 5th. of week, met according to appointment at 9 in the morning. This meeting was not quite so large of Friends as the day before, and fewer of other the societies came in, but it was a most memorable season of divine favour, the pure Life flowed from vessel to vessel, and so nearly cemented our spirits together that when the meeting was over, it felt trying to separate from each other. Edward Simkin was first concerned therein in supplication. I had a short testimony next 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. Susanna Bigg had a pretty long time next from Job C: 28. v: 12. Where shall wisdom be found! and where is the place of understanding. Stephen Grellet had a long time next from Isai: C: 49. v: 13. Sing, O heavens; and be joyful O earth; and break forth into singing, O mountains; for the Lord hath comforted his People, and will have mercy upon his afflicted. William Allen a long time next from Psalms 50. v: 5. Gather my saints together unto me, those that have made a covenant with me by sacrifice. Isaac Crewdson and Richard Burlingham had each a short time next and Afterwards Stephen

Grellet was concerned in Prayer. The meeting held 2 hours and a half, and was the most eminently favoured throughout of any I ever remember to have sat. After meeting me went to Barnard Dickinsons were we took a very affectionate Farewell of our dear friends Stephen Grellet and William Allen they being about setting out immediately for Dublin to attend the Half years meeting there. We then return'd to our quarters, and after getting an early dinner there betwixt 12 and 1 o'clock set out for Wolverhampton in Staffordshire 18 miles where a Publick meeting was appointed at my request to be held this evening Edward Simpkin was our guide, and continued with us until we got to Sutton-Colefield, and his company and united labours were truly acceptable unto us. We went by Shifnal to Whiston cross Inn were we took a little refreshment stopt about half an hour and then proceeded to Wolverhampton, got there about 5 o'clock, and took up our quarters at the Swan. The meeting began at 6 .clock the same evening, and was held in the Methodist Meetinghouse which would accommodate abundance of People, but it was very much crowded, and many were obliged to stand without doors It was a time of extraordinary favour to the tendering of many minds. I had a very long testimony to bear therein first from John C: 5. v. 39, 40. Search the Scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life; and they are they which testify of me. And ye will not come to me, that ye might have life. Edward Simpkin next from Acts C: 10. v. 34, 35. Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him. James Harrison had a short time next, Afterwards I had to express our satisfaction with the behaviour of the People, and matter unexpectedly opening I had a pretty long testimony to bear from Luke C: 10. v. 41, 42. Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things. But one thing is needful; and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her. concluding with saluting them in Gospel love and bidding them all Farewel. The meeting held 2 hours and a half. After meeting a Woman who had been much reached unto therein, came to see us at the Inn, she appeared to be in a very tender frame of spirit, and some suitable advice was afresh communicated to her, and after sitting some time she took leave in a very solemn manner, and we parted very affectionately.

On 21st. and 6th. of week, we set out about 7 o.clock in the morning for Dudley in Worcestershire 6 miles, and got there about quarter past 8, and took up our quarters at Joseph Cowdry's. The meeting in Dudley began at 11 o.clock, and 28 persons attended 3 of whom appeared to be people of other societies. It was a very laborious meeting, but being strengthened to discharge our duty faithfully we was favoured with the reward of peace. Edward Simkin had a pretty long testimony to bear therein first from Prov: C: 14. v: 27. The fear of the Lord is a fountain of life, to depart from the snares of death. James Harrison had a short time next and Afterwards I had a long time from Cant: C: 8. v. 8, 9. We have a little sister, and she hath no breasts; what shall we do for our sister in the day that she shall be spoken for. If she be a wall, we will build upon her a palace of silver; and if she be a door, we will inclose her with boards of cedar. At Table before dinner I was concerned in supplication, and after dinner some young Women coming to take leave of us, we had a tendering opportunity together in which Edward Simkin and myself had each of us a short testimony to bear. About 3 o.clock we set out for Wednesbury in Staffordshire 6 miles, where a publick meeting was at my request appointed to be held this evening, my dearly beloved friend Job Pitt was our guide, we reached there about a quarter before 5 o.clock and took up our quarters that my much beloved friends Samuel Lloyds junr. who is the only member of our Society in this place, and he hath not been long settled here. The meeting began at half past 6, and held 2 hours and a half, The Methodists Meetinghouse was readily obtained for the purpose and we were told it would accommodate nearly 2000 People however it was very well filled, and proved to be a time of eminent favour The Gospel was preached with power and authority, many were much broken and tendered, and a precious solemnity appeared to cover the whole. I had a very long testimony to bear therein first from Psalms 8. V. 3, 4, 5. When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers; the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained; What is man, that thou art mindful of him? And the son of man, that thou visitest him? For thou hast

made him a little lower than the angels; and hast crowned him with glory and honour. Edward Simkin had a long time next from Matt: C: 11. v: 28. Come unto me, all ye that labour weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest. I was next concerned in Prayer. Afterwards James Harrison informed the People the Meeting was over, and had a short exhortation unto them, but a little matter arising I immediately stood up, and acknowledged our satisfaction with the company and very commendable behaviour of this very large Assembly, and after a short exhortation concluded with saluting them in the fresh flowings of Gospel Love, and bade them all Farewel.

On 22nd. and 7th. of week, we spent the forenoon at my beloved friend Samuel Lloyds jun.r who at present is setled here, and whose example I humbly trust may prove a blessing to the richly visited inhabitants of this place. After dinner before we arose from the Table we had a precious opportunity in which myself and Edward Simkin were concerned in Testimony the language of encouragement flowing freely unto dear Samuel; and I believe it was a strengthening time unto him. Betwixt 3 and 4 o clock in the afternoon we set out for Birmingham in Warwickshire 8 miles, Samuel Lloyd being particularly engaged, Edward Simkin undertook the care of us, from Birmingham we went about 2 miles further to Samuel Lloyds Senr. Country house got there a quarter before 6 o.clock were we took up our quarters.

On 23rd. and 1st. of week, we attended their meetings at Birmingham, early this morning dear Samuel Lloyd junr. came to us, and took me in one of his Fathers carriages to Birmingham. The forenoon meeting began at 10, and was very large open and satisfactory, being a time of renewed visitation unto many. Edward Simkin had a short testimony therein first, I had a very long time next from Jer: C: 4. v: 14. O Jerusalem, wash thine heart from wickedness that thou mayest be saved: how long shall thy vain thoughts lodge within thee. Edward Simkin next in Prayer. Afterwards I had a pretty long exhortation to some not to despise the day of small things, but to bring up the small cattle of their burnt offerings for sacrifice, as the only way for them to be made rulers over more. After meeting we din'd at Samuel Lloyds house in Town. Afternoon meeting began at 3, It was smaller than the former and dull and heavy in the forepart, but ended well under a precious covering. James Harrison had a short testimony to bear therein first from Matt: C: 6. v: 10. Thy will be done. Edward Simpkin next from Gen: C: 32. v: 26. I will not let thee go, except thou bless me. Samuel Lloyd Senr. next from 1 Cor: C: 16. v: 34. O give thanks to the Lord: for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever. I was next concerned in Prayer, and afterwards had a pretty long testimony from 1 Kin: C: 18. v: 21. How long halt ye between two opinions? if the Lord be God follow him; but if Baal, then follow him. After meeting we drunk Tea at Benjamin Evans's in company with many friends, and in the evening return'd to our quarters.

On 24th. and 2nd. of week, This morning my much beloved friend Job Pitt and me took a very solemn Farewel of each other, we first met at Coalbrookdale in this journey, and he undertook the care of preparing the place for the meeting at Wolverhampton, and went guide with us from Dudley to Wednesbury, and met with us again at Birmingham, at these 3 last places we slept together to our mutual satisfaction it affording us an opportunity of private conversation which otherwise would have been difficult to have come at. Feeling my mind engaged to have a meeting this evening with the inhabitants of Suttoncolefield my dear friend Samuel Lloyd junr. with some others, set out this morning to procure and prepare a place, and give notice thereof to the inhabitants. This forenoon I wrote to my Charles Unsworth. About a quarter before 3 o.clock in the afternoon we set out for Sutton.colefield 8 miles, James Baker being our guide thither, and from thence to Lichfield in Staffordshire we got to Sutton.Colefield about half past 4 o.clock and took up our quarters at the Three.Tons. The meeting began at 6 o.clock, and was held in the Towns.hall which friends had got well seated and a convenient Gallery erected therein, and it was well filled with People. Through merciful condescension, it proved a very open satisfactory meeting; The power of Truth greatly prevailing therein, to the solemnizing of the minds of the People. Edward Simkin had a pretty long testimony to bear therein first 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. I had a long time next from

Acts C: 17. v. 30, 31. The times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men everywhere to repent; Because he hath appointed a day in 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. Edward Simkin had a pretty long time next from Eccle: C: 11. v: 9. Rejoice, O young man in thy youth; and let thy heart cheer thee in the days of thy youth and walk in the ways of thy heart, and in the sight of thine eyes; but know thou, that for all these things God will bring thee into judgement. At the close of the meeting which held 2 hours I expressed unto the People our satisfaction with their company and commendable behaviour, and after sometime in exhortation, concluded with saluting them in Gospel love and bidding them all Farewel. Two young Men, and one rather more advanced in years attracted my attention in this meeting, and one of the young men in a more particular manner, the solemn awful state of mind in which he appeared to sit throughout the whole of the meeting begot a desire in me to speak with him after the close thereof, accordingly I kept my eye upon him until he went out but when I got out I could see nothing of him; The next morning I arose early and as I was walking alone in the yard at the Inn the young man whom I felt so desirous to speak with came to me, from whom I learnt that they three were servants of the Earl of Derby, had been with the family at their house in the South, and were returning to his seat at Knowsley in Lancashire having each of them 2 horses under their care. I afterwards heard that when Elizabeth Fry was in the North about 2 years ago she paid a visit to the Earl of Derby's family, and had a religious opportunity with the servants which had a reaching effect upon many of them, and upon one young man in particular, and it was thought the young man whom I so particularly noticed was he. This evening my dearly beloved friend Samuel Lloyd junr. and me took leave very affectionately of each other he returning to Birmingham with several other friends who had been at this meeting.

On 25th. and 3rd. of the week, after breakfast we took a solemn leave of our valuable friend Edward Simkins whose company and united Gospel labours had been truly acceptable unto us; turning towards home, and about 8 o'clock we proceeded on our journey, got to Lichfield in Staffordshire about 10, and took up our quarters at Thomas Langleys. There is a meeting regularly settled in this City now, friends having got a pretty large room well seated, and a gallery prepared therein. The meeting to day began at 11 o'clock and was an open comfortable meeting, 9 persons attending. James Harrison had a pretty long testimony to bear therein first from John C: 2. v: 16. Take these things hence? Make not my Fathers house an house of merchandize. I had a long time next from Luke C: 22. v. 28, 29. Ye are they which have continued with me in my temptations. And I appointed unto you a kingdom. Afterwards I was concerned in Prayer. In the afternoon we drunk Tea at John Langley. My esteemed Friend William Masters formerly of Doxey but now of Rugeley met us here, and spent the afternoon with us, tarried all night, walked with me about 1 mile on our way in the morning, and then returned home.

On 26th. and 4th. of week, this day I attained the 70th. year of my age. Which is accounted the age of a man, and is an age that but few in comparison live to see; may the remainder of my days be so devoted unto the Lords service, as when the solemn message of death is sent to me, I may have nothing to do but to render up my accounts with joy. About 8 o'clock this morning we set out for Castle.donnington in Leicestershire 27 miles, Thomas Langley being our guide, and his Wife accompanying us, got to Ashby.de.la.zouch in Leicestershire 18 miles were we din'd at the Queens.head, stopt 2 hours and then proceeded to Castle.donnington 9 miles, got there about 4 o'clock, were we took up our quarters at my kind friend Joseph Evatts. At 6 in the evening we had a Publick meeting here, which was held in the Methodists Meetinghouse. It was very large, the place being very much crowded, and many were obliged to stand without doors. It was a remarkable open favoured meeting, the presence of the most high eminently overshadowing us to the tendering of many minds, and apparently bringing a precious solemnity over the whole. I had a very long testimony to bear therein first from Luke C: 16. v: 16. The law and the prophets were until John; since that the kingdom of God is preached, and every man presseth into it. Afterwards James Harrison had a

pretty long time from John C: 4. v: 24. God is a spirit; and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth. At the close of the meeting I expressed satisfaction with the very commendable behaviour of the People, and after a pretty long exhortation unto them, concluded with saluting them in Gospel love and bade them all Farewel. The meeting held 2 hours and a half.

On 27th. and 5th. of week, we rested here to get our Linen washed; and din'd at Benjamin Evatts, drunk Tea at Samuel Rouths, and afterwards went and sat a little at Thomas Ellis's, and then returned to my quarters.

On 28th. and 6th. of week. The meeting at Derby was appointed to begin at 11 o'clock to day, but when we got here understanding it was their market day, we got a friend to write and appoint the meeting at 6 in the evening. After breakfast I went to see Samuel Evatts, and Elizabeth Youngs, sat a little at each place and then returned. After dinner we set out for Derby 9 miles, Joseph Evatt being our guide, and taking me in his carriage, We left here about 1 o'clock and got to Derby about half past 2, were we took up our quarters at Robert Longdons he was gone to London to be married, but his mother Martha Longdon entertained as very kindly. We went to John Stears and sat a little and then return'd to our quarters to Tea. The meeting began at 6 in the evening, and 44 persons attended 6 of whom appeared to be people of other societies. I had a long testimony to bear therein from Gen: C: 19. v: 17. Escape for thy life; look not behind thee, neither stay thou in all the plain; escape to the mountain lest thou be consumed. It proved a time of renewed favour unto many, and I felt thankful in being favoured with the ability to relieve my mind, so as to feel the sweet reward of Peace. Charles Eaton from near Ashborn was at this meeting and stopt all night in the Town; he and several other friends came to see us at our quarters with whom we had a favoured opportunity, in which I had to speak to different states as matter opened, and I believe what was communicated may prove profitable unto some, even as bread cast upon the waters.

On 29th. and 7th. of week, about half past 8 o'clock this morning we set out for Leek in Staffordshire 28 miles, Joseph Evatt continuing our guide and conveying me in his carriage, we got to Ashborn about 11 o'clock 13 miles were we din'd at the Green. Man stopt upwards of an hour and a half, and then proceeded to Waterhouses in Staffordshire, were we drunk Tea at the George and dragon, stopt upwards of 1 hour and a half, and got to Leek a little after 6 o'clock in the evening were we took up our quarters at Toft Chorleys.

On 30th. and 1st. of week, we attended their meeting at Leek which began at 11 o'clock, and 50 persons were there, several friends from other meetings met us here, and amongst the number dear Richard Hine from Macclesfield, and John and Joseph Shipley from Uttoxeter meeting all of whom I was much pleased to see, and to have a little of their company this afternoon. Also several People of other societies came in. It was accompanied with heavy labour but being favoured to relieve my mind therein, as matter opened it was a pretty satisfactory meeting. I had a long testimony to bear therein from Gen: C: 49. v: 10. The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the People be. At the close of this meeting I felt a concern to propose another to be held this evening, and that friends should inform their neighbours thereof, and that such as might be disposed to attend their company would be acceptable; which was readily agreed to and appointed accordingly. Afterwards the business of their Preparative meeting was gone through, Both meetings held 2 hours and a half, and in the latter my Certificate was read. The Publick meeting began at 6 and held 2 hours. It was large, the Meetinghouse being well filled, and a considerable number sat upstairs, and all behaved well the pure witness being reached in many minds. It being an open solid and satisfactory meeting. I had a very long testimony to bear therein 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. Afterwards I had a short exhortation concluding with expressing my earnest desire, That the Grace of our Lord

Jesus.christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy.Ghost, might be with them all, always. Amen.

On 1st. of 5th. mo: 2nd . day of the week Having a concern to have a Publick meeting at Longnor James Dix a friend of this Town went on 7th. day to procure a place and give notice thereof to the inhabitants of the Town and its neighbourhood. The Priest of the Town and the Wardens very freely offered the Steeplehouse, and gave notice of the meeting to be held therein the next day, on first.day, but when the friend acquainted us we thought it was best to decline it, lest any evil disposed person should inform the Bishop and he should put them to trouble; accordingly James Dix set out early this morning and expressed our obligation to them for their kindness and informed them of our reasons for not accepting it which when they heard, they replyed if we would accept it, they would venture the hazard, but he informed them he believed the friends could not feel easy to subject them to any hazard. The Clerk who had been making some convenience for the meeting in the Steeplehouse, wept and said what a pity it is we are under such shackles. The friend then procured a very large and convenient room for the purpose at an Inn having an out door into the yard; and got it seated and a good Gallery erected. About a quarter before 8 o.clock we left Leek, Toft Chorley sent his Footman William Toor to be our guide he is not a friend but a very agreeable man, and we was much pleased with his company. I set out on foot and Toft Chorley walked with me near 2 miles, until they came up with us, when William Toor rode with me in the carriage and my companion rode his horse we got to Longnor 10 miles about quarter past 10, and took up our quarters at Harpurs.arms, but the meeting was held in a room at the White.horse Inn, The dinner being ordered at the other house on 7th. day was the reason we were there, yet these People did not appear to take it amiss, but did everything in their power for our accommodation. The Meeting began at 11 o.clock, and was large the room being very much crowded, and many were obliged to stand without, it was a very memorable meeting, the power of Truth eminently overshadowing us in the early part thereof, so that many were much broken and tendered before a word was spoken, and when the spring of ministry was opened, this tenderness became more general, there being many serious enquiring People there whose states were opened and spoke to in the authority of the Gospel. I had a very long testimony to bear therein first from Acts C: 22. v: 16. Why tarriest thou? arise and be baptized and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord. James Harrison had a pretty long time next. Afterwards I acknowledged our satisfaction with the company and very commendable behaviour of the People and after a pretty long time in exhortation, concluded with saluting them in Gospel love, and bade them Farewel. The meeting held upwards of 2 hours many of the People took leave of us very affectionately, and I believe more than express'd it were truly thankful for the visit. Ebenezer Bowman and his Wife, and son Henry, met us here, and we came with them to their house. We left Longnor about quarter past 3 o.clock, and came by Monyash in Derbyshire to Oneash, got there about a quarter before 5 o.clock 6 miles and a half were we took up our quarters. This days travel was through deep and curious valleys, and over high and lofty mountains, and the weather been fine it was particularly pleasant unto us.

On 2nd. and 3rd . of week, At 5 o.clock this evening we had a Publick meeting in their Meetinghouse at Monyash 1 mile and a half hence, many people of other societies attended, so that the Meetinghouse was well filled, and many sat in the chamber, It was a good meeting a precious visitation being afresh extended unto many. I was first concerned therein in supplication, and afterwards had a very long testimony to bear from Rom: C: 8. v: 13. If ye live after the flesh, you shall die but if ye through the spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live. James Harrison had a pretty long time next from Jer: C: 17. v. 9, 10. The heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked; who can know it? I the Lord search the heart, I tried the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings. The meeting held near 2 hours and a half. After which we got some suitable refreshment at the Miners.arms, and then came with William Gantley and his Wife to Bakewell 5 miles got there about quarter before 9 and took up our quarters at their house.

On 3rd. and 4th. of week, After breakfast I went and sat a little John Gantleys and Henry Walls and then returned to my quarters. About half past 1 o'clock we set out for Chesterfield 12 miles Henry Bowman being our guide, got there about 4 o'clock, and took up our quarters at Joseph Stors's At 6 in the evening we had a Publick meeting in friends Meetinghouse in this Town, a great many People of other societies attended, especially of the more genteel sort, and amongst the number a Priest of the Church of England, a Unitarian Preacher, and a Methodist preacher. The meeting was eminently overshadowed with the power of Truth, apparently to the soleminizing of the minds of the whole assembly. I had a very long testimony to bear therein from John C: 1. v. 11, 12, 13. 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. Which were born not of blood nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. Afterwards I had a short time 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. After a short pause having before acknowledged our satisfaction with their company and solid behaviour; I saluted them in the fresh flowings of Gospel love and bade them Farewel. At the close of this meeting as I was coming down steps out of the Gallery one called a Gentleman and who had the appearance of one, came in a very friendly manner and shook hands with me, offering at the same time to make me a present of his walking stick, which I refused, but he appeared unwilling to be denied, and pressing it upon me, and believing he offered it out real kindness, I accepted thereof. His name is James Dowland of Cuckney in Nottinghamshire, and happening to be in this Town he came to the meeting, and I understood was very well satisfied with being there. My beloved friend Joseph Sutton met us here, and favoured us with his company until sixth day morning, and we slept together which afforded us an opportunity of private conversation very much to our satisfaction. He hath lately appeared in the work of the ministry, and I hope will prove a valuable Instrument in the Lords hand. his company at this time was truly acceptable to me.

On 4th. and 5th. of week, before breakfast I went and sat a little at William Bowers. and after breakfast we had a favoured opportunity, several friends being present, in which I had to convey the language of encouragement to the youth. A little after 9 o'clock we set out for Handsworth Woodhouse in Yorkshire 11 miles, and Joseph Sutton being going along with us he undertook to be our guide, I walked about 1 mile, and our ancient valuable frd. Joseph Storrs accompanied me, when we took a solemn leave of each other for the present; we went by Eckington to Woodhouse got there about 12 o'clock, and took up our quarters at Ruth Bower and her son Thomas. In the afternoon we drunk Tea at Rachel Watts's. At 5 in the evening we had an appointed meeting here for friends, but many People of other Societies attended which is usual at this place when they see any strangers, so that the Meetinghouse was well filled and several sat in the chamber, and I believe it was a profitable and instructive time unto many. Joseph Sutton dropt the following short testimony therein first viz. If any man will be my disciple he must take up his cross and follow me. I thought the offering was seasoned with that salt, which makes all religious sacrifices acceptable. Afterwards I had two long testimonies to bear, the first from Eccle: C: 9. v: 4. A living dog is better than a dead lion. and the other from Psalms 4. v: 6. There be many that say, Who shall shew us any good? Lord lift thou up the light of thy countenance upon us. After meeting I took a little suitable refreshment at Rachel Watts's, and then we returned to our quarters.

One 5th. and 6th. of week, dear Joseph Sutton and me took a tendering and very affectionate Farewel of each other he setting out very early this morning for home; and I went to Breakfast at Peter France's. From hence we went to Blyth in Nottinghamshire 16 miles Edward Hobson junr. being our guide, the time appointed for our leaving here was 9 o'clock which I observed and set out on foot. My companion being subject to be rather dilatory on these occasions, and our guide not duly attending to the time appointed, I had got about 6 miles on my way before they came up with me. We got to Blyth about half past 12 o'clock, and took up our quarters at Joseph Woolleys. This evening we had a Publick meeting in

friends Meetinghouse in this Town, which began at 6 o'clock, and held upwards of 2 hours, The Meetinghouse was all laid open and pretty well filled with People, both below and above stairs, whose behaviour was very commendable, suitable to the solemnity of the occasion, the Truths of the Gospel were largely opened amongst them, and Christ the substance exalted above all outward Types and Shadows. I had a very long testimony to bear therein from Acts C: 19. v. 2, 3, 4. Have ye received of the Holy.Ghost since ye believed? and they say to 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 that should come after him, that is, on Christ.Jesus. After meeting we called at Judith Wilsons, were I took a little suitable refreshment, and several friends being present we had a religious opportunity together, in which I had affectionately to address the youth, encouraging them to come forward in faithfulness to divine manifestations.

On 6th. and 7th. Of the week, It suiting the friends who was to guide with us to stop until the afternoon, we had a little leisure time this forenoon, and accordingly we went with Joseph Woolley to his Landlords, Henry Walkers of Blyth.hall he was not at home, being a Justice of the Peace, and his Wife was confined in child bed, but she hearing of our being there sent a message to John Sowerby the Butler a very agreeable young man who had been at the meeting the evening before, and other 6 of the servants, and appeared remarkable kind to us, He shewed us thro' the house which is large and most elegantly furnished. Also thro' the Gardens, Shrubberies and hothouses, which abound with many curious foreign plants, and fruit trees of different kinds. In the gardens and pleasure grounds there are many pleasant Summerhouses, curious Arbors, and seats, the whole fronting a large and beautiful water with several small islands upon it and a fine Swannery the whole is indeed a very beautiful place; he also took us into his room and treat us with wine or ale, and behaved with the greatest civility unto us and took leave of us very affectionately. Betwixt 1 and 2 o'clock in the afternoon we set out for Thorne in Yorkshire 18 miles, Joseph Woolley being our guide. It was a wet afternoon which was a favour to us as it laid the dust which would otherwise have been very troublesome. We came to Bawtry in Yorkshire, and from thence to Thorne 14 miles all the way a dead level, got there are about 5 o'clock and took up our quarters at our worthy friends Mordecai Casson's.

On 7th. and 1st. of week, we attended both their meetings in Thorne, The forenoon meeting began at 10, and 38 persons attended. It was a good meeting, the language of encouragement flowed freely unto many different states, more especially unto those who were oftens ready to be dismayed, James Harrison had a pretty long testimony to bear therein first from John C: 21. v: 17. Simon son of Jonas, lovest thou me? Peter was grieved because he said unto him a third time , Lovest thou me? and he said unto him, Lord thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee. Jesus saith unto him Feed my sheep. I have two long times next, the first from Jer: C: 9. v: 2. Oh that I had in the wilderness a lodging place of wayfaring men; that I might leave my people and go from them; for they be all adulterers, an assembly of treacherous men. and the other 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. Afterwards I have a short time. The afternoon meeting began at 2 o'clock and 40 persons attended. The forepart was heavy, but the power of Truth prevailed, and it proved a time of renewed favour, more especially unto the youth. I had a long testimony to bear therein from Mark C: 10. v: 17. What shall I do that I may inherit eternal life. After meeting we drunk Tea at Mordecai Cassons junr.

On 8th. and 2nd. of week we set out for Doncaster 10 miles Mordecai Casson being our guide, and his daughter Hannah a pious young Woman accompanying us. We left Thorne a little after 8 o'clock in the morning and got to Doncaster a little past 10, and took up our quarters at Richard Cockins. Here we met with our friend John Kirkham from Essex, returning from a religious visit to Friends in Ireland and had been at the meeting here the day before, and John Nicholson a young man from Ireland who accompanied him, they was both

taken ill here and John Nicholson was confined to his bed, John Kirkham was so as he sat up with us in the afternoon and was very agreeable company to us. The meeting began at 11 o'clock, and with the Girls of a friends boarding school in this Town was pretty large, and proved an open satisfactory meeting, James Harrison had a pretty long testimony to bear therein first from Matt: C: 5. v: 3. Blessed are the poor in spirit; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. I have a long time next from John C: 15. v: 14. Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you. Sarah Brady had a pretty long time next tenderly exhorting friends not to put off the present favoured opportunity to a more convenient season but close in faithfully with this renewed visitation of divine love. I had a short time next from 2 Cor: C: 4. v: 5. We preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord. Mordecai Casson next from Phil: C: 2. v: 13. It is God that worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.

On 9th. and 3rd. of week we breakfasted at Susanna Clarks, and after breakfast called upon Sarah Brady, Mary Yarbury, Esther Clark and Frances Thompson and Mary Rutherford sat a little at each place, and then went to William Smiths were we din'd Betwixt 2 and 3 o'clock this afternoon we set out for Tickill were we had a Publick meeting this evening William Smith was our guide thither and back, and his daughter Mary accompanied us and William Dent; we got to Tickill 7 miles about half past 4 o'clock and put up at the Red.Lyon. The meeting began at 6 o'clock and was held in the Methodist Meetinghouse which was very much crowded, so that many were obliged to stand without. The Lord was mercifully pleased to crown this Assembly with his presence to the tendering of many minds, and bringing a precious solemnity over most present. I had a very long testimony to bear therein from John C: 15. v: 16. Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit and that your fruit should remain. Afterwards I acknowledged our satisfaction with the company and the commendable behaviour of the People in general, and after a pretty long time in exhortation saluted them in Gospel Love, and bade them all Farewel. Immediately William Smith stood up and had a pretty long and acceptable testimony to bear from Mark C: 14. v: 38. Watch ye and pray, lest ye enter into temptation. The meeting held near 2 hours and a half. After getting a little suitable refreshment at the Inn we return'd to Doncaster, Timothy Clark and Jonathan Wragg in addition to our former company accompanying us, we got there about 10 o'clock and on account of our being the late, and our friends illness at our quarters, we lodg'd this night at William Smiths.

On 10th. and 4th. of week, we attended their week.day meeting at Doncaster which began at half past 10 o'clock Their members pretty generally attended, and John Kirkham got out to this meeting, It was a time of renewed favour Ellin Cockin had a long testimony to bear therein from Psalms 118. v: 28. Thou art my God, and I will praise thee; thou art my God, I will exalt thee. Afterwards Sarah Brady had a short time. After meeting we din'd at Mary Yarburys, and in our way thither called to see my relations Matthew Brook and Wife were we sat a little. After dinner we returned to our quarters were we took leave very affectionately of the family, and of John Kirkham and John Nicholson who was now got so well that the Doctor told them they might safely proceed on their journey the next day; at parting John Kirkham told me he was glad to have the opportunity of meeting with me here, which was some encouragement to my poor and often times deeply tryed mind. Betwixt 3 and 4 o'clock we set out for Conisburgh 5 miles, were we had a Publick meeting this evening, William Smith was our guide thither, and from thence until we reach'd Sheffield. We got to Conisburgh about quarter before 5 o'clock and took up our quarters at the Free.masons.arms. It is a large and populous village, beautifully situated upon the top and side of a limestone hill with part of the ruins of an ancient Castle situated upon a mount at the bottom of the village. The meeting this evening began at half past 6 o'clock, and was held in the Methodist Meetinghouse, many friends from Doncaster attended, and a great concourse of People of other societies, so that the Meetinghouse was very much crowded; and the Lord was pleased to favour us in a very eminent manner to the reaching of the pure witness in most minds. I had a very long testimony to bear therein from Mark C: 1. v: 15. The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent ye, and believe the gospel. William Smith had a short time

next. and afterwards I expressed our satisfaction with the company and very commendable behaviour of the People, and after a pretty long exhortation, I saluted them in gospel love and bade them all Farewel.

On 11th. and 5th. of week, about 8 o.clock in the morning we set out for Newhill 7 miles, got there at about half past 9 and took up our quarters at John Paynes, soon after we got there Mordecai Casson and his daughter came in, whom I was truly glad to see; they knowing of our being here to day, took the meeting in their way to their Monthly Meeting. The meeting is held in a room in John Paynes house altho' he is not a member and none but this family and one Woman usually sit down together and she was not here to day. The meeting began at half past 10 there was 11 persons there to day reckoning as usual all who attended besides my companion and me, and we found much more openness amongst them, than I believe any of us expected, and for my own part I may acknowledge I was glad I did not pass by this small meeting, It appearing to be a time of renewed visitation unto them, which I hope had some good effect being for the present manifested by their remarkable open and kind behaviour afterwards. James Harrison had a pretty long testimony to bear therein from Tit: C: 2. v 11. The grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared unto all men. I had a long 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. from Psalms 1. v: 2. His delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law do he mediate day and night, was the subject William Smith had a pretty long testimony to bear from next Mordecai Casson next from Prov: C: 23. v: 26. My son, give me thine heart. Afterwards I had a short time principally addressed to the heads of this family. Betwixt 3 and 4 o.clock in the afternoon we set out for Sheffield 11 miles, Mordecai Casson and his daughter Mary going along with us, we went by Rotherham and got to Sheffield about 6 o.clock were we took up our quarters at my Sister Jane Doncasters. After Tea I went and sat a little at Zacchaeus Dysons, and then returned to my sisters.

On 12th. and 6th. of week Balby Monthly Meeting was held in this Town, the meeting for Worship began at 10 o.clock in my way thither I called and sat a little at Zacchaeus Dysons, and before I left took a little refreshment. The meeting was not so large as I should have expected from the great number of the members of our society belonging this particular meeting, but it was a little increased especially by People of other Societies Mary Gurney a young woman about 28 years of age daughter of Edmund Gurney, being buried to day and the People attended the meeting for Worship James Harrison had a pretty long testimony to bear therein first from Prov: C: 9. v. 10. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; and the knowledge of the holy is understanding. I next from Job: C: 22. v: 21. Aquaint now thyself with him, (God) and be at peace. William Smith had short time next from John: C: 13. v: 35. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another. Mordecai Casson next from Matt: C: 10. v: 37. He that loveth Father or Mother more than me, is not worthy of me; and he that loveth son or daughter more than me, is not worthy of me. afterwards William Singleton dropt a few words, It was to me a very low and discouraging time but strength was mercifully afforded to relieve my mind, and I believe what was sown in great weakness was raised in Power so as to be profitable unto some. At the close of this meeting was their Monthly meeting for discipline which consists of 4 Preparative meetings viz. Doncaster, Sheffield, Thorne and Woodhouse. My Certificate was read therein and minuted and the meetings satisfaction expressed therewith my company. A great deal more business was gone through and the whole was agreeably conducted. Both meetings held 4 hours and a quarter. This afternoon we drunk Tea at John Heppenstalls of Upperthorp

On 13th. and 7th. of the week, I went and sat a little with Mordecai Casson at his son Joseph Broadheads, and afterwards went and stopt a little with Mary Tricket. We left Sheffield for Ackworth 23 miles about 9 o.clock this morning, and went on the Barnsley road a few miles and then turned to our right, and came by the house of the Earl of Effingham at the Grange, and the Earl Fitz. Williams of Wentworth house stopt near an hour in viewing this noble mansion, and looking about us in the Park, then came by the Stables and on the coach

road leading from Brampton to Wentworth.house, stopt at Bulls.head in Brampton and din'd, tarried upwards of an hour and a half there, and then proceeded to my companions house at Ackworth, got there about 5 o'clock in the evening were I took up my quarters.

On 14th. and 1st. of week, Feeling my mind drawn to attend their meetings at Pontefract to day, I left here betwixt 8 and 9 o.clock in the morning, my dear friend John Donbavand kindly walking with me thither. We got to Pontefract about half past 9 o.clock, and took up our quarters at Mary and Elizabeth Johnsons. Their forenoon meeting began at 11 o.clock and 33 persons attended, 3 of which appear to be people of other societies. We had cause of thankfulness in being here believing it was in the ordering of best wisdom, and we were favoured with ability to relieve our minds to the different states as they were opened. John Donbavand had a short testimony to bear therein first from Gen: C: 17. v: 1. I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect. I had a long time next 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 Donbavand was next concerned in prayer. and afterwards I had a pretty long time in testimony from Eze: C: 37. v: 3. Son of man, can these bones live, and I answered, O Lord God, thou knowest. After dinner John Donbavand returned home, and soon after my beloved friend Charles Unsworth got here to meet me and assist me in taking my things home, and also to attend our Monthly meeting to be held at Pontefract tomorrow, he now became my truly acceptable companion until I reached home. And with him came my cousin Charles Stead whom I was pleased to see, he also lodg'd at our quarters, and return'd home the next day after meeting. Their afternoon meeting began at 4 o.clock, and 25 persons attended, 1 of which appeared to be of another society; The forepart thereof was dull and heavy, but afterwards more comfortable; Life arising into dominion, I had a pretty long testimony to bear therein from 1Tim: C: 6. v: 6. Godliness with contentment is great gain. After meeting we drunk Tea at Ann Harrisons, and in returning from thence to our quarters called and sat a little at Joseph Johnsons.

On 15th. and 2nd. of week, we breakfasted at Barbara Priestmans, and after breakfast Barbara had a pretty long and acceptable exhortation to communicate, addressed unto my Charles. From thence we went to Thomas Firths were we sat sometime, and before we left took a good glass of wine. The meeting for Worship began at 11 o.clock, and there was the largest collection of friends I ever saw before in this place and the great Masters presence was mercifully near, I had a long testimony to bear therein first 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. Charles Unsworth had a pretty long time next from Eze: C: 33. v: 31. They come unto thee as the people cometh, and they sit before thee as my people, and they hear thy words but they will not do them. John Donbavand had a short time next from Matt: C: 7. v: 26. Every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not; shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand. Afterwards Elizabeth Preston and William Wass had each a short time. At the close of this meeting the Men and Women members of our society were requested to stop a little together, and after the meeting was opened, I return'd the Certificate given me in the last 3rd. mo: and informed friends that I had been enabled to go through what I had in prospect, had met with a very kind reception both amongst friends and others in all places where my lot was cast, and was favoured in the conclusion to feel the consoling evidence of peace in my own mind; which was minuted, and the meeting's satisfaction expressed therewith. The Women friends then withdrew, and then proceeded upon the further business of the meeting which was agreeably conducted. Both meetings held near 4 hours. After which we din'd at John Leathams, and after dinner went and sat a little at John Archards and from thence went to Benjamin Jowitts of Carlton were we drunk Tea and in the evening came to James Harrisons of Ackworth got there about half past 8 o.clock, were we lodg'd.

On 16th. and 3rd. of week, After Breakfast we spent the remainder of the forenoon at the School, with the family in the different apartments, and with John Broadhead and his Wife of Leeds, and Martha Smith of Doncaster who were on a visit there, we all Din'd there, and

before we arose from the table after dinner I had a short testimony to bear from Heb: C: 10. v: 35. Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath greater recompence of reward. Afterwards we returned to James Harrisons, and betwixt 2 and 3 o'clock we set out Charles Unsworth on foot and James Harrison took me in his carriage and kindly conveyed me by Wragby, Foulby and Crofton to Walton, where William Latham hath taken a neat house ready furnished, and at present resides at it for the benefit of his family's health, and they having given us a kind invitation the day before to call upon them, we complyed therewith, and stopt about 1 hour and a half there and drunk Tea, then taking leave very affectionately of James Harrison, he returning home. And Charles Unsworth and me came by Milnþorp to Christopher Walkers of Dircar, got very little before 7 o'clock were we lodg'd.

On 17th. and 4th. of week, After Breakfast we went and sat a little at William Pickards, and left Dircar a little after 9 o'clock in the morning and came by Crigglestone to Bretton were we rested us about half an hour at Michael Buckleys, and then came by Emley to cousin Charles Steads of Siver. Ing in Emley.park were we din'd, After dinner we went and sat a little at cousin Benjamin Steads and took a glass of wine. Stopt at both places about 2 hours, and then came by Cumberworth home were we got about half past 4 o'clock in the afternoon. Having travelled in this journey upwards of 408 miles.

An Account of my Journey to the General Meeting at Ackworth, the Monthly Meeting of Brighouse held at Huddersfield; and a Publick meeting held at Allbower in the Township of Almondbury in the 7th. Mo. 1820.

I left home ye. 20th. of the 7th. Mo. 1820, and 5th. day of the week, after breakfast, and went to John Pickfords of Parkhead to be shaved, left very little before 10 o'clock in the forenoon and went to cousin Joseph Walkers of Shepley were I stopt about half an hour and took a little refreshment, then proceeded to Thursteland were I stopt betwixt 2 and 3 hours at William Pontefracts and din'd; then William accompanied me to Farnley, were we parted, he returning home, and I went to John Issotts of Ladyhouse were I drunk Tea and tarried near 3 hours, then John accompanied me to Newsom, and then return'd, and I went to Lockwood, were I got about 7 o'clock, and took up my quarters at Joseph Whalleys.

On 21st. and 6th. of week, I attended Brighouse Monthly meeting held near Huddersfield. The Meeting for Worship began at 11 o'clock, and was considerably enlarged by the burial of Edward Irving a child of upwards of 4 years of age, the only son of William Irving of Lockwood. They were not members of our society, but attended meetings and had obtained leave of friends to bury the child here, and they got in time to inter the corps before the meeting began. The Meetinghouse was nearly full of Friends and People of other societies, and it proved a time of peculiar favour unto many minds I had a long testimony to bear therein first from Psalms 119. v: 67. Before I was afflicted, I went astray; but now I have kept thy word. Mary Witchill a pretty long time next from Psalms 139. v: 14. I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well. Sarah Marshall of Rawden meeting a few words next. Mary Cooper next in Prayer, Ann Darnally had a short but lively testament next. John Thistlethwaite a pretty long time next, expressing his belief that many had been this day sensible of the fresh extendings of divine regard under the solemn Truths delivered, but he would not have any to rest satisfied with being made sensible that the Lord still continued at times to crown our Assemblies with his presence, but wait for the renewings of divine help to enable us individually to come up in obedience to divine manifestations so that we may be in a state of preparation for our final change whensoever the solemn message may be sent to summons us from works to rewards. I next from Rom: C: 5. v: 3, 4, 5. Tribulation worketh patience; And patience, experience; and experience, hope; And hope maketh not ashamed. At the close of this meeting was held their meeting for discipline, which consists of 5 Preparative meetings

viz. Leeds, Bradford, Brighouse, Huddersfield and Gildersome. They had a great deal of business before them to day which was agreeably conducted, amongst other things, William Chapman of Bradford meeting and Sarah Wilson of Gildersome meeting were cleared from all other engagements relating to marriage and left at liberty to accomplish theirs when they and Gildersome friends saw meet. and at the conclusion of the business the printed Yearly Meeting Epistle was read. Both meetings held 4 hours and a half. After which I din'd at John Fishers of Springdale, and after dinner went by Huddersfield to Greenhouse to see our ancient friend Mary Wilson who by a fall had broke her arm; were I tarried all night.

On 22nd. and 7th. of week, Having had a concern for sometime on my mind, to pay a religious visit to the inhabitants about Castlehill near Almondbury, and having unity and approbation of friends of our Monthly meeting to move therein as Truth may open my way. I apprehended tomorrow might be the right time for me to accomplish the said visit; and John Issott and George Gill two valuable friends, altho' neither of them are admitted members of our Society, undertook very willingly to procure and prepare a place and give notice thereof to the inhabitants. They procured a large new School near the village of Allbower a small village under the edge of Castlehill and in a very central situation of the inhabitants whom I was drawn to visit; The School was well seated and it was supposed would accommodate 300 people. Accordingly I spent this forenoon here, and in the afternoon came to Huddersfield and called at Thomas Firths Grocer, Abraham Mallinsons, and John Wommersleys stopt a little at each place, and then came to John Fishers of Springdale were I stopt betwixt 2 and 3 hours and drunk Tea, and then came to Lockwood got there about 8 o'clock, and took up my quarters again at Joseph Whalley's.

On 23rd. and 1st. of week, after breakfast I went by Newsom to John Issotts of Ladyhouse were I met by appointment with Charles Unsworth who had brought me some clean linen. After changing my shirt etc. we went to the meeting, and tho' we got there before the hour appointed, the School was quite full of People, and it was thought there was above double the number out of doors; whereupon we concluded the day being very fine for the purpose, to erect a Gallery just without the School door, there being a large court before it. The School, and court was crowded with People, and many stood in the Lane. He who had compassion upon the multitude formally, was graciously pleased to have compassion upon us, crowning this large Assembly with his presence to the solemnizing of the minds of most present; and a glorious meeting it was, the Truths of the Gospel being largely and livingly declared amongst them so as to gain for the present the assent of the People in general, I had a short exhortation therein first which had the desired tendency of settling the People into stillness of body and quietude of mind. Afterwards I had a very long testimony to bear from Mark C: 7. v: 37. He hath done all things well: he maketh both the deaf to hear, and the dumb to speak. Charles Unsworth had a short time next from Matt: C: 5. v. 34, 35. Swear not at all: neither by heaven; for it is Gods throne; Nor by the earth; for it is his footstool; neither by Jerusalem for it is the city of the great King. I had a long time next setting forth the necessity and advantage of silence in order to experience a right preparation to Worship God acceptably; and our utter inability to pray publickly unto him, until renewedly led thereto under the immediate influence of the spirit given to lead us into all truth. After a short pause I commended the People in general for their still solid and attentive behaviour, and after saluting them in Gospel Love bade them all Farewell, desiring that Grace and mercy and Peace from God the Father through his beloved son Jesus.christ our Lord might be multiplied and abound amongst them. The meeting held upwards of 2 hours and a quarter. and the People dispersed apparently under a very solemn covering. We went by Newsom to Joseph Whalley's of Lockwood were we din'd. After dinner I took leave of Charles Unsworth he returning home, and my kind friend Joseph Brearey having been at the Meeting, brought a Gig with him as far as Huddersfield on purpose to convey me to Dewsbury. We left Lockwood betwixt 3 and 4 o'clock and walkt to Huddersfield and whilst Joseph Brearey fed the horse and got him Harness'd I stopt at Robert Firths near an hour and took a little refreshment, we then proceeded by Cooperbridge and Mirfield to Dewsbury, got there about a

quarter past 6 o'clock, were I drunk Tea at William Wass's; and afterwards went to my usual quarters at George Breareys, and slept with my beloved friend Henry Bromley.

On 24th. and 2nd. of week, betwixt 2 and 3 o'clock in the afternoon, I set out for Wakefield my dear friend Joseph Brearey set me on my way about 2 miles and then returned; I called at Ossett to see Thomas Milner sat with him about half an hour, and then proceeded to Wakefield were I got betwixt 5 and 6 o'clock and took up my quarters of John Spence's After Tea I went to see George Benningtons and Joseph Wetheralds sat a little at each place; and took a glass of wine at the latter. Afterwards I return'd to my quarters.

On 25th. and 3rd. of week, Henry Bromley being going to Hull called upon me this morning, and accompanied me to Pontefract, which was very acceptable to me, his company being pleasant, and his assistance not only in carrying my bundle but in lending me his arm, demands my grateful acknowledgement of his kindness. We left John Spence's about 10 o'clock, and called to see Samuel Holdsworths, he and his Wife having been formally in profession with the Independents, but being measurably convinced of the truth of friends principles, had for upwards of one year past attended our meetings; we sat a little there, and then proceeded by Heath, Warmfield, Ackton, and Featherstone. It being Showery we had to take shelter by the way, and got to Pontefract betwixt 1 and 2 o'clock were I took up my quarters during the time of this General meeting at Mary and Elizabeth Johnsons, who hired a coach to take themselves, and me, with other two relations backward and forward to Ackworth during the time of the meeting. After dinner Henry Bromley proceeded on his journey. and I went to see Barbara Priestman were I stopt Tea, and then called and sat some time at Ann Harrisons were I took a glass of wine, and then return'd to my quarters.

On 26th. and 4th. of week, after breakfast we set out for Ackworth, The meeting for Worship began at 10 o'clock many ministering friends attended from different parts of the nation and our friend Willott Hicks from the state of New York in America. The meeting was very large of friends, and many People of other societies attended. The Meetinghouse both below and above stairs with two adjoining rooms were very much crowded, and through mercy it was a time of extraordinary favour Joseph Steel had a few words therein first. Samuel Lloyd had a pretty long time next from Gen: C: 48. v. 15, 16. God which fed me all my life long unto this day. The Angel which redeemed me from all evil, bless the lads. Willott Hicks next from 2 Cor: C: 13. v: 14. The grace of the Lord Jesus.christ, and the love of God, and communion of the Holy.Ghost be with you all always After a short time in silence he affectionately addressed the children in a pretty long testimony 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. if thou seek him, he will be found of thee; but if thou forsake him, he will cast thee off forever. Joseph John Gurney next from 1 Cor: C: 6. v. 19, 20. Ye are not your own. For we are bought with a price. Elizabeth Dudley next in Prayer. James Wetherald and John Donbavand had each of them a short testimony next. Willott Hicks had a pretty long time next been opened in sundry exhortations to different states. William they can next from Isai: C: 2. v: 3. 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. Mary Dudley next from Heb: C: 12. v: 25. See that ye refuse not him that speaketh, for if they escaped not that had refused him that spake on earth; much more shall not we escape if we turn away from him that speaketh from heaven. William Baker next in several suitable exhortations. At the close of this Meeting, the Men and Women members of our society sat a little together until the Names of the representatives and Agents present from the several Quarterly Meetings were taken down; and then by Minute the Women friends were requested to withdraw and proceed upon their proper business; and the Men that went on with theirs, amongst other things a large Committee was appointed to examine into the state of the Boys learning, and this Committee was divided into 8 Sub committees, and I was in the 8th. which met in the Meetinghouse Both these meetings held near 4 hours After which I din'd at the School. At 4 o'clock the Sub Committee met in their different apartments, and proceeded upon the examination of the Boys in their respective Classes, ours sat about 2 hours and a half and then adjourned until 7 o'clock the next morning.

After which I got some refreshment at Robert Grahams, and then return'd in the Coach to my quarters, got to Pontefract betwixt 8 and 9 o'clock in the evening. My dear friend Joseph Sutton from Derbyshire came with us, and slept with me, of whose company I was glad.

On 27th. and 5th. of week, This morning we return'd to Ackworth. The Sub.Committees sat twice this forenoon, when they finished the examination, but being unwell I did not attend At 12 o'clock the general committee met, and sat about 2 hours and a half. The reports of the Sub.committees were read respecting the state of the childrens learning etc. and a general report prepared therefrom to lay before the adjournment of the General Meeting. Some other business was gone through, and afterwards I din'd at James Harrisons. At 4 o'clock this afternoon the General meeting met pursuant to adjournment. The Committee appointed to chuse two friends for Clerks to this Meeting proposed Samuel Tuke of York, and Josiah Foster of Tottenham in Middlesex for that service who were acceptable to the meeting and appointed accordingly. Also the Committee appointed to consider of suitable friends for the country Committee for the ensuing year, proposed the continuance of the last 21 upon the List, and the names of the 7 other friends to be added thereunto who were acceptable to the meeting, and accordingly appointed. A little more business was gone through and then the Women friends were inform'd we was ready to receive their report. After they had united with the Men, their report was first read, and afterwards the Mens again. A time of solemn Worship then ensued which was eminently crowned with the divine presence. Willott Hicks had two pretty long Testimonies to bear therein first, Joseph John Gurney was next concerned in Prayer. Afterwards Isabella Harris, Myself and Joseph Sutton had each a few words in testimony. Samuel Lloyd had a pretty long time next, and afterwards William Baker had a short time. This sitting held 2 hours. After which I drunk Tea at James Harrisons, and in order we might not be limited to our time, we had ordered that the Coach not to come for us to night; accordingly we walked to Pontefract were we got about half past 9 this evening.

On 28th. and 6th. of week, I was engaged here until the afternoon in endeavouring to settle a matter in dispute betwixt two friends. Betwixt 3 and 4 o'clock I left here in company with James Harrison who kindly brought his carriage and conveyed me to Ackworth School, where I drunk Tea, and spent a considerable time in the agreeable company of Joseph John Gurney, Mary Dudley and her Daughters, and some other friends to our mutual satisfaction. At 7 o'clock I attended along with the beforementioned friends, the Boys reading and examination of their knowledge in the Scriptures. The opportunity concluded with a very affectionate address to the children from Elizabeth Dudley, and afterwards from Joseph John Gurney. It held upwards of 1 hour. After which I went to James Harrisons where I lodg'd.

On 29th. and 7th. of week, I set out about 7 o'clock in the morning and came by Hemsworth, and Brierley to Cudworth where I tarried 4 hours and din'd at Samuel Lavers. Afterwards he accompanied me to Burton.grange and then return'd, and I got to Barnsley about 4 o'clock, where I took up my quarters at Thomas Yeardleys. About 7 o'clock in the evening my beloved friend Charles Unsworth got here, he came to assist me in getting home.

On 30th. and 1st. of week, we attended both their Meetings in Barnsley; The forenoon meeting began at 11 o'clock, and 52 persons attended, some of them appearing to be People of other Societies. Charles Unsworth had a short testimony to bear therein first, and afterwards I had a long time from Heb: C: 6. v. 4, 5, 6. For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost. And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come. If they shall fall away, to renew them again to repentance; Seeing they crucify to themselves the son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame. After meeting we din'd and drunk Tea at Robert Harrisons. Afternoon meeting began at 5, and 44 persons attended, a few of them appearing to be people of other societies. I had a long testimony to bear therein from Mark C: 4. v: 24. Take heed what ye hear. Afterwards I was concerned in Prayer. After meeting we call'd and sat a little at William Bayldons and took some refreshment and then return'd to our quarters.

On 31st. and 2nd. of week, This morning after breakfast Charles Unsworth returnd home and took my bundle with him; but I was unexpectedly detained a little longer: Mary Alletson daughter of George Alletson of this Town a young woman in the 22nd. year of her age, departed this life on 7th. day, and her Mother being a member of our Society, and having brought up her children in the attendance of Meetings on first days, and had obtained leave to bury her in friends burial ground at Burton tomorrow; and having invited me to attend the burial, upon solidly weighing the same, I felt most easy to comply therewith and attend the interment, and was well satisfied in doing so. This afternoon I drunk Tea at William Harveys.

On 1st. of 8th. mo: and 3rd. of week. I went to George Alletsons to breakfast, and a little after 10 o'clock in the forenoon we set out with the corps to Burton, 4 Post.Chaise were provided to take the Relations and some particular friends there and back, I with Sarah Lister from Derbyshire and Susanna Harvey went in one. At the Oldmill we met with James Harrison and Wife and with them Isabella Harris who was not invited but found a concern to attend, which was very acceptable I believe unto the family and particularly so to me. When we got to Burton, we found a large number of People collected in the burial.ground The corps was placed upon stools by the grave, and a number of chairs were set for a few individuals to sit down upon. The occasion was solemn, and the Lords presence and power eminently overshadowing us, very much increased the solemnity, so that it appeared measurably to reach unto all who were grown to years of understanding. We had not been long collected in silence before Isabella Harris mouth was opened, and she had a pretty long testimony to bear from Isai: C: 40. v: 6. The voice said, Cry. What shall I cry? all flesh is grass, and all the goodliness thereof as the flower of the field. I next from 2 Pet: C: 3. v: 9. The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness, but is long suffering to us.ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. Isabella Harris was next concerned in Prayer. The corps was then let down into the grave. Afterwards I had a short testimony to bear from Psalms 106. v: 12, 13. They sang his praise. They soon forgot his works; they waited not for his counsel. Isabella Harris next from Jer: C: 22. v: 10. Weep ye not for the dead. We got back to Barnsley about 1 o.clock and alighted at George Alletsongs were we din'd. About 3 o.clock in the afternoon I set out for home, William Taylor accompanied me to James Arthington Wilsons of Redbrook were we stopt upwards of half an hour and took some refreshment and then I proceeded, James Arthington Wilson accompanying me by Higham to Cawthorn, then he return'd and I called at Thomas Wests, were I stopt upwards of an hour, and before I set out took some refreshment, came by Ellin Waltons were I rested a little, and then came by Dakinbrook to Dykeside were I stopt a little at Joshua Morleys, and got home about half past 9 o.clock in the evening.

An Account of my Journey to a Publick Meeting held at Wath in the 8th. mo: 1820.

Having the unity of the friends of our Monthly meeting in my concern to having religious Meeting with the inhabitants of Wath and places adjacent, and Richard Cockin of Doncaster having kindly undertaken to procure a place, and give notice thereof to the inhabitants; It afterwards appeared he did the same very effectually. I left home in order to accomplish the said visit the 19th. of 8th. mo: 1820, and 7th. day of the week, about 8 o.clock in the morning and went by Dykeside, and Dakinbrook to Ellin Waltons of Hollingroid were I rested me a little, and then proceeded to Thomas Wests of Cawthorn were I stopt about half an hour and took a little refreshment, then went by Higham to James Arthington Wilsons of Redbrook were I din'd, stopt upwards of 2 hours, and then went to Barnsley, what I got between 3 and 4 o.clock in the afternoon, and drunk Tea at Robert Harrisons. Afterwards I went to my usual quarters at Thomas Yeardleys. In the evening several friends came to see me, and George Sedgwick stopt all night and slept with me. He is a choice youth, but at present is under a very

deeply trying and humiliating dispensation; I felt much sympathy with him, and had to communicate the language of encouragement unto him believing if he did but keep in the faith, and in the patience he would in due time be favoured to experience all things to work together for his good. We got but little sleep, but in the morning he said he felt himself more comfortable in mind.

On 20th. and 1st. of week, Charles Unsworth, and Charles Stead got here to breakfast, and walked with Robert Harrison to Wath, and return'd to Barnsley in the evening when Charles Unsworth became my companion throughout the remainder of this journey., Thomas Yeardley kindly conveyed me in his Gig to day, we left here a little before 9 this morning and went by Stairfoot, Wombwell, and Brampton to John Paynes of Newhill 7 miles were we took up our quarters, got there about half past 10 o'clock, after taking a little suitable refreshment we walked with the family to Wath. The meeting began at 11 o'clock and was held in the Methodist Meetinghouse. A great concourse of People attended from this and the neighbouring villages so that the Meetinghouse both below and in the Lofts was very much crowded, and many were obliged to stand without doors. The Lord was pleased eminently to manifest his Power amongst us, the truths of the Gospel were largely and livingly declared, many were much broken and tendered, and a glorious meeting it was which I hope will long be profitably remembered by many. I had a very long testimony to bear therein first from Luke C: 1. v. 78, 79. Through the tender mercy of our God; whereby the day spring from on high hath visited us. To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace. Isabella Harris next from Matt: C: 11. v. 3, 4, 5. Art thou he that should come, or do we look for another? Jesus answered and said unto them? Go and shew John again those things which ye do hear and see: the blind receive their sight, 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. William Smith had a short time next from Isai: C: 66. v: 2. To this man will I look,, even to him that is poor, and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word. Charles Unsworth next from Jer: C: 10. v: 23. It is not in man that walketh to direct his steps. I next from John C: 5. v: 14. Sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee. concluding with expressing our satisfaction with the company and commendable behaviour of the People, and after saluting them in the fresh flowings of Gospel Love bade them all Farewell, withal desiring that in their return to their respective habitations, they might endeavour to keep under the solemn covering many had been favoured with and not hurt themselves by improperly entering into conversation one with another. The meeting held 2 hours and a half. After which we returned to John Paynes to dine, with many other friends, he and his family being very kind and keeping open house for friends on this occasion. After dinner we had a precious opportunity with this family and friends present It appearing to be a time of renewed visitation, both to the Parents and the children here who are now grown up to young Men and Women, I was first concerned therein in supplication and next had a short testimony to bear William Smith next Isabella Harris a long time next. James Harrison next in Prayer, and afterwards William Smith had two short testimonies. After Tea we left here about half past 6 o'clock and had a wet ride in company with James Harrison and Isabella Harris to Barnsley were we got about 8 o'clock in the evening, and I again took up my quarters at Thomas Yeardleys.

On 21st. and 2nd. of week, our Monthly Meeting was held in this Town and we were favoured thereat with the company of Mary Dudley and her daughter Elizabeth from London, and Joseph Steel from Croydon in Surry. The meeting for Worship was unusually large of friends many from other Monthly Meetings attending, and a considerable number of People of other societies coming in, It was a time of peculiar favour to the tendering of many minds Joseph Steel was first concerned therein in supplication. I had a short testimony next from 2 Chron: C: 6. v: 41. Arise, O Lord God, into thy resting place, thou, and the ark of thy strength: let thy priests, O Lord God, be clothed with salvation, and let thy saints rejoice in goodness. Mary Dudley had a long time next from Matt: C: 4. v: 25. There followed him (Christ) great multitudes of People from Galilee, and from Decapolis, and from Jerusalem,

and from Judaea, and from beyond Jordan. Elizabeth Dudley had a longer time next from Eph: C: 3. v. 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19. For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus christ. Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named. That he would grant you according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his spirit in the inner man. That Christ made dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye being rooted and grounded in love. May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that we might be filled with all the fulness of God. Charles Unsworth a short time next from Isai: C: 28. v: 10. Precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line; line upon line; here a little, and there a little. Isabella Harris next from Heb: C: 1. v. 1, 2 God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the Fathers by the Prophets. Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds. Afterwards William Wass and James Harrison had each a few words. At the close of this Meeting was the meeting for discipline amongst other business, John Poulter of Wakefield Meeting was cleared from all other engagements relating to marriage except with his friend Elizabeth Pace a member of Devonshirehouse Monthly Meeting in London; a notification thereof was sent to the friends of said Meeting unto whom the further care therein, and of the accomplishment thereof was deferred. Mary and Elizabeth Dudley accompanied by Hannah Whitaker and Isabella Harris came into the Mens Meeting when after a short time in silence, Mary Dudley had a very long and encouraging testimony to bear unto different states as they were opened before her. Joseph Steel a short time next. Elisabeth Dudley was next concerned in Prayer, and afterwards had a short but very affectionate Farewel exhortation. After they was return'd, Mary and Elizabeth Duddleys Certificate from Southwark Monthly Meeting, address'd to the friends of Pontefract Monthly Meeting in Yorkshire, and elsewhere in that part where the bearers might come; was read, and the Meetings satisfaction therewith expressed by minute and with their company and services amongst us. Both meetings held 3 hours and half, After which we din'd and drunk Tea at Robert Harrisons, and in returning to our quarters we called and sat a little with Susanna Alletson and took a glass of wine.

On 22nd. and 3rd. of week, we breakfasted at William Bayldons and a little after 10 o'clock in the forenoon we left Barnsley Robert Harrison set us on our way about 3 miles and then return'd we came by Higham to John Beatsons of Synderhill were we stopt upwards of 5 hours and din'd and drunk Tea, then came by Tivydale to Ellin Waltons of Hollingroid were we stopt a little and then preceded by Dakinbrook to Dykeside stopt a little at Joshua Morleys, and got home about 8 o clock in the evening.

An Account of my Journey on a religious visit to the Meetings of Friends in Thirsk Monthly Meeting, some in the West Riding of Yorkshire, and a few in Lancashire; and to Publick Meetings at Sherborn, Hornby, Burrowby, Ripon, Boroughbridge, Settle, Slaidburn, Gildersome, and Batley in Yorkshire, and at Downham in Lancashire, also to our Autumn Quarterly Meeting held at York in the 10th. mo: 1820.

In the 9th. Mo: 1820, I laid before our Monthly meeting my beforementioned concern, which after being weightily considered, The said meeting gave me the following Minute. James Harrison also proposed to the said Meeting his prospect of accompanying me on the said journey to assist me therein which met with the meetings approbation.

Minute of Pontefract Monthly Meetings held at Ackworth, the 18th. of 9th. Mo. 1820. Our esteemed friend Joseph Wood has laid before this Meeting, a Concern that has accompanied his mind, to pay a religious visit to the Meetings of Friends within the compass of Thirsk Monthly Meeting, and to some within the West Riding of Yorkshire, and a few in some parts of Lancashire; also to hold Publick Meetings in some of those parts, as truth may

open the way: The said concern having been solidly considered, and much unity and sympathy having been expressed with him in the prospect, this Meeting leaves him at liberty to proceed therein, he being a Minister in good esteem amongst us, his life and conversation being consistent with this station.

John Donbavand is appointed to give him a Copy of this Minute.

James Harrison has also informed us of his intention to accompany and assist our said friend in his journey, which is agreeable to this Meeting A true Copy — — John Donbavand. I left home the 30th. of the 9th. mo: 1820, and 7th. day of the week Charles Unsworth accompanying me to Wakefield, to assist in conveying my Luggage; we went to cousin Charles Steads of Sivering in Emley.park to dine, got there about half past 11 o'clock, and stopt 2 hours, then preceded by Emley, Midgley, and Netherton to our worthy friend Christopher Walkers of Dirtcar got there a little before 5 o .lock were we lodged; After Tea we went and sat a little at William Pickards junr. and then return,d to our quarters.

On 1st. of 10th. mo: and 1st. of week, we attended their Meeting at Wakefield, James Harrison and me having before concluded to meet there, he purposing to convey me in his carriage throughout this journey, but having no horse of his own he found it difficult to meet with one suitable; and being in Pontefract in search of one he accidentally met with Thomas Atkinson of Knottingley a Man who had manifested much kindness to me when I had a Meeting in that village, and he enquiring very kindly after me, James informed him that I had been unwell but was got better and was going to be a considerable time from home on a religious visit, and he was going to take me in his carriage, and was in search of a horse to hurry us; Thomas bid him make no further enquiry, he had one very suitable for the purpose, and we should freely have it, and so indeed we found it, for it performed very well throughout the whole of the journey. This unexpected and extraordinary act of kindness, I thought was worthy to be left upon record, and will be I trust oftens gratefully remembered by me. Cousin Charles Stead called of us this morning, and walked with us to Wakefield, we got there about 10 o.clock, sat a little at Ann Thorps, and afterwards at Samuel Holdsworths, and from thence went to the meeting which began at 11 o.clock, William Wass and Henry Bromley out of respect to me, and the cause in which I was engaged came from Dewsbury this morning to meet me here and to take leave of me. The meeting was much larger than I expected many having begun to attend it, who appear to be under conviction, and at present seem hopeful. I went to it in a very low discourage state of mind, not having the least expectation of being favoured with ability to relieve myself of a concern I had for sometime felt towards them. But after sitting a considerable time in great poverty of spirit, that Power began to arise which remains to be the crown and glory of our Assemblies, and increasing it proved to be a time of singular favour to the tendering of many minds whose states were opened and spoke to in the authority of the Gospel. This tended much to my encouragement being the first meeting in this journey. James Harrison had a short testimony therein first. I had a long time next from 1 Pet: C: 5. v: 10. The God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory; by Christ.Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, establish, strengthen, settle you. Charles Unsworth had a short time 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. After meeting we din'd John Spence's, and after dinner several more friends came in to take leave of me, and we had a solemn parting opportunity together, in which I had a few words to communicate concluding with bidding them all Farewel. From thence I went to Ann Thorps were James Harrison called upon me, Samuel Houldsworth came here to meet me, we walked about half a mile together, and then I got into the carriage with James Harrison and rode to Purston, from whence he went home and I walked to Pontefract. We left Wakefield about 4 oclock and I got to Pontefract about 6 and I took up my quarters at Mary and Elizabeth Johnsons.

On 2nd. and 2nd. of week, after breakfast, I went and sat a little Barbara Priestman, took a glass of wine and then return'd to my quarters; soon after I got there James Harrison came fully prepared for the journey, and a Publick meeting being appointed to be held at Sherborn

this evening at my request: we left Pontefract about 2 o'clock in the afternoon, I got to Sherborn about 4 where we took up our quarters at Simeon Hunters. The Meeting began at 6 o'clock this evening, and was held in the Methodists Meetinghouse, which was pretty well filled with People, who behaved remarkably well excepting some not being so careful in attending at the hour appointed which is always hurtful to meetings. It was to me in the forepart thereof a very low and discouraging time, I seem to have no ability to dig but was not ashamed to beg, and the Lord was pleased to hear my cry; Truth arose for our help, and in its arising a concern to stand upon my feet, and I was enabled to point out the way of Life and salvation in a very long testimony from Eph: C: 5. v: 8. Ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord; walk as children of light. James Harrison had a pretty long time next from John C: 8. v: 21. I go my way, and ye shall seek me, and shall die in your sins, whither I go, ye cannot come. Afterwards I had a long exhortation concluding with saluting them in Gospel Love, and bade them all Farewel, and I believe it was a profitable time to many and we separated under a precious solemn covering. The meeting held 2 hours and three quarters.

On 3rd. and 3rd. of week, we left Sherborn about 9 o'clock in the morning and went by Tadcaster to York, got there about 11, where I took up my quarters at my kind friend John Lees's After dinner I went to William Alexanders, where I spent the afternoon and drunk Tea. At 6 o'clock this evening began our Quarterly Meeting for Ministers and Elders, which held 2 hours and a quarter. We was favoured therewith the company of several Strangers viz. Willott Hicks from New York in America, Isaac Stephenson from Durham, George Jones and Ann his Wife from Cheshire, Huldah Sears from Virginia in America and Mary and Elizabeth Dudley from London. Before the business was entered upon Ellin Cockin, Huldah Sears, and Ann Jones were concerned in testimony. The Queries were then read and Answers thereto from all the Meetings of Ministers and Elders in our Monthly Meetings, and Thomas Cooper, John Hipsley, Mary Fairbank and Phebe Fisher were appointed to Oversee the succeeding meetings and advise as occasion may require. After the business was gone through William Smith, George Jones and Huldah Sears were concerned in testimony and Isabel Richardson in Prayer.

On 4th. and 4th. of week, at 10 in the morning was a Meeting for Worship, which altho' mostly select of friends was very large the house below being quite full and many sat in the Lofts. Robert Jowitt was first concerned therein in supplication. Mary Dudley had a long testimony to bear next from Isai: C: 26. v: 20. Come, my people, enter thou into thy chambers, and shut thy doors about thee; hide thyself as it were from a little moment, until the indignation be overpast. Willott Hicks next from the Parable of the ten virgins. Huldah Sears next from the Parable of the Pharisee and the Publican who went up together to pray. Ann Jones next from Gen: C: 28. v: 16, 17. Surely the Lord is in this place; and I knew it not. And he was afraid, and said, How dreadful is this place, this is none other but the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven. Huldah Sears next a short time from John C: 17. v: 15, 20. I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil. Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word. After a short time in silence she had a pretty long and lively exhortation. and Afterwards Elizabeth Dudley was concerned in Prayer. At the close of this meeting was a meeting for discipline in which the Queries were read and Answers thereto from York, Balby, and Pontefract Monthly Meetings. some other business was gone through and then the meeting adjourn'd until 6 o'clock in the evening. At 6 o'clock met pursuant to adjournment, before the business of the meeting was entered upon Willott Hicks had a long and highly favoured time in testimony. At the close of the last sitting the Representatives from all our Monthly Meetings met to consider two suitable friends for Clerks to this meeting for the ensuing year, and they proposed to this John King of Brighouse, for Clerk and William Hargreaves of Sheffield for Assistant who were acceptable to the meeting and appointed accordingly. The Answers to the Queries from the rest of our Monthly Meetings were next read viz. Brighouse, Knaresborough, Settle, Thirsk, Gisborough, Pickering and Hull.

Afterwards Ann Jones and Mary and Elizabeth Dudley accompanied by Mary Fairbank came into our Meeting, when the three first had each of them a long and weighty testimony to bear. Some other business was gone through and then the meeting adjourn'd until next day having held about 2 hours and a half.

On 5th. and 5th. of week, I breakfasted at William Bleckleys in company with many friends and after breakfast we had a solemn opportunity together in which George Jones Ann Jones and Mary Cooper had each a long testimony to bear and afterwards George Jones had a short exultation. At 10 this forenoon met pursuant to adjournment before the business of the meeting was entered on Willott Hicks had a long testimony to bear and afterwards William Smith and James Wetherald had each a short time The business was then entered upon, and finished in this sitting the whole having been very agreeably conducted. At the conclusion of the business some Women friends sent a message into the Meeting informing us of their concern to come and sit with the Men, which was readily admitted. A time of solemn Worship ensued, and Huldah Sears and Ann Jones had each a long testimony to bear, and afterwards Huldah Sears was concerned in Prayer. After they was withdrawn Willott Hicks had a long testimony to bear. This meeting held 4 hours and a quarter. After dinner I went to see Phebe the Widow of John Bottomley at the Retreat were I took Tea. At 6 in the evening was the parting Meeting for Worship which was larger than the former more of other societies attending. Mary Tricket had a short testimony to bear therein first from Cant: C: 4. v: 8. Come with me from Lebanon, my spouse, with me from Lebanon; look from the top of Amana, from the top of Shenir and Hermon, from the Lions dens, from the mountains of the Leopards. Elizabeth Dudley had a long time next from Joel C: 2. v: 15, 16. Blow the trumpet in Zion, sanctify a fast, call a solemn Assembly; Gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders. Mary Dudley next from John: C: 7. v: 37. In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, if any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. Ann Jones next from John C: 13. v: 14. If I then, your Lord and Master have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one anothers feet. Willott Hicks next from John C: 13. v: 8, 9. If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me. Simon Peter saith unto him, Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head. Huldah Sears next a short time from Luke C: 19. v: 5. Zacchaeus, make haste, and come down; for to day I must abide at thy house. Mary Dudley next from Matt: C: 22. v: 4. All things are now ready: Come. Sarah Baker next in Prayer. Elizabeth Dudley had a long time in testimony next from Joel C: 2: v: 16. Gather the children. Huldah Sears next from John C: 21. v: 15. Simon son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these? he saith unto him, Yea Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. he saith unto him, Feed my lambs. William Baker had a short time next, and afterwards Mary Dudley was concerned in Prayer. The Meeting held 3 hours. and I may just observe, that the several sittings of this Quarterly Meeting were in a very extraordinary manner favoured, to the gladdening of the hearts of the rightly exercised, and I hope will be long profitably remembered by many.

On 6th. and 6th. of week, we set out for Huby 9 miles a little before 8 o'clock in the morning, Mary Lees accompanying us thither, we got to John Johnsons of Sutton a little after 10 were we took up our quarters. After resting a little we walked about 1 mile to Huby. The meeting began at 11 o'clock and 38 persons attended and upon the whole it was an open satisfactory Meeting. I was first concerned therein in supplication, James Harrison had a pretty long time in testimony next from Psalms 68. v: 1. Let God arise, let his enemies be scattered. I had a long time next from Psalms 40. v: 17. I am poor and needy: yet the Lord thinketh upon me. And afterwards had a pretty long and affectionate address to the youth from Prov: C: 1. v: 10. My son if sinners entice thee, consent thou not. After meeting we returned to our quarters, and in the afternoon drunk Tea at George Coates's in the same village, and in the evening returning to our quarters, we called and sat a little at Thomas Wheatleys.

On 7th. and 7th. of week, about 9 o'clock in the morning we set out for Bilsdale, William Coates a visited youth in the 20th. year of his age being our guide, and Thomas Richardson another agreeable youth accompanying us. About 2 miles on our way we called

and sat a little at John Wheatleys, and then proceeded passing through Gilling we had a fine view of the Castle adjoining were General Fairfax lived who was an officer in Cromwells army. At Hemsley we stopt about 3 hours and din'd at Simon Hutchinsons, after dinner we took a walk to see the ruins of a large Castle adjoining the Town, and afterwards we set out for Bilsdale, drunk Tea at Mary Conings of Newgatefoot the house were that valuable friend and Minister William Coning once inhabited. We stopt about 1 hour and then went to Francis Dixons of Timberholm, got there about 6 o'clock were we took up our quarters having travelled about 21 miles to day.

On 8th. and 1st. of week, we attended their meeting in Bilsdale which began at 10 o'clock my dear friend William Baker of Castleton met us here, and he continued with us until after the Monthly Meeting at Thirsk, and then returned home, of his company I was glad he being a valuable minister, and I but in a poor state of health, having taken a bad cold at York which remained with me most part of this journey accompanied with a slight Fever. 46 persons attended the meeting to day, several of them being seeking People of other societies and I believe as it was a favoured, it was also a profitable time to many. I had a long testimony to bear therein first from Rom: C: 10. v: 1. Brethren, my hearts desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved. James Harrison had a pretty long time next from John C: 2. v: 4. Woman, what have I to do with thee? Mine hour is not yet come. I next from Gen: C: 3. v: 15. Her seed, it shall bruise thy head. William Baker next from the Rev: C: 3. v. 1, 2. I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead. Be watchful and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die; for I have not found thy works perfect before God. At the close of this meeting was held their Preparative meeting, but I felt so unwel that I did not stop it, but returned to my quarters about half a mile from the Meetinghouse. At dinner I was concerned in supplication before we ate. At 6 o'clock this evening we had a Publick meeting at Hornby a village about 2 miles from our quarters, we walked thither in company with several friends, and got there about half an hour before the time were we was very kindly received by one Jane Hewdall in whose house we rested until the appointed time. The meeting was held in the Methodist Meetinghouse which was extremely crowded and many were obliged to stand out of doors. I had a long testimony to bear therein first from Mark C: 16. v: 16. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved. James Harrison had a short time next, William Baker had a long time next from Rev: C: 3. v. 20, 21. 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 him with me. To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcome; and am set down with my Father in his throne. I was next concerned in Prayer. and afterwards had a short exhortation, concluding with expressing our satisfaction with the company, and very commendable behaviour of the People, and saluting them in gospel love bade them all Farewell. The Meeting held 2 hours and a half; It was a time of extraordinary favour to the tendering of many minds, and apparently overshadowing the whole with a precious solemnity. After meeting we returned to Jane Hewdalls were we sat a little and took some suitable refreshment which she very freely administered unto us, and then taking leave of her very affectionately we return'd to our quarters and tho' our travelling was in the dark we got well there about 10 o'clock.

On 9th. and 2nd. of week, about 9 o'clock in the morning we set out from Burrowby 10 miles, George Coning being our guide, he was in the 24th. year of his age, and a very kind affectionate young man having paid much attention to us since we came into Bilsdale. It was a fine day, and we had a pleasant ride through beautiful valleys surrounded with high hills, crossed Hambleton from the top of which we had an extensive prospect and went through a fine country to William Dunnings of Gracethornhill about half a mile from Burrowby, got there about 12 o'clock, were we took up our quarters. At 6 in the evening we had a Publick meeting at Burrowby which was held in the Methodist Meetinghouse which was crowded with People, and many had to stand without doors. It was a good meeting, the power of Truth eminently prevailing therein to the soleminizing of the minds of most, and tendering the

spirits of many. I had a very long testimony to bear therein first from John C: 17. v: 3. This is life eternal, that they might know the only true God, and Jesus christ whom thou hast sent. William Baker had a pretty long time next from John C: 4. v: 21. Woman, believe me, the hour cometh when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem worship the Father. I next from John C: 4. v: 29, 42. Come, see a man, which told me all things that ever I did; is not this the Christ. 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. William Baker was next concerned in prayer. Afterwards I acknowledged our satisfaction with the commendable behaviour of the People, and after a few words more bade them all Farewel. The meeting held 2 hours and a half. After which we got a little suitable refreshment at James Awmacks and then returned to our quarters; were we have the company of Lancelot Marshall of North.Allerton, a person formerly of profession with the Methodists, but hath for several years past attended friends meetings, and appears fully convinced of our religious principles, he stopt with us about 1 hour, and I was pleased with the opportunity of seeing him, and feeling a little with him under his exercises.

On 10th. and 3rd. of week, about 9 o.clock in the morning we set out for Thirsk 6 miles William Coning being our guide, we got there a little after 10, and took up our quarters at Francis Arnitts. The meeting began at 11, and 29 persons attended. It was a most painful distressing time, but after a long deeply baptizing season into death, a little Life arose, and ability was afforded to relieve our minds in very close doctrine, but I believe suitable to the state of the meeting. William Baker had a pretty long testimony to bear therein first from Lam: C: 1. v: 4. The ways of Zion do mourn, because none come to her solemn feast; all her gates are desolate; her priests sigh, her virgins are afflicted, and she is in heaviness. I next from Rom: C: 9. v: 3. I could wish that myself was accursed from Christ for my Brethren my kingsmen according to the flesh. James Harrison next a short time. I had two short testimonies next the first from Luke C: 22. v: 36. He that hath no sword let him sell his garment and buy one, and the other from 1 Thes: C: 4. v: 11. Study to be quiet and to do your own business William Baker next from the passage of the wise and foolish builders: This afternoon we drank Tea at John Smiths.

On 11th. and 4th. of week, This evening we had a Publick meeting at Ripon and my being unwel Francis Arnitt hired a Post.Chaise, and me and James Harrison and William Baker rode therein, and Francis Arnitt rode upon the Dickey, being our guide, we left Thirsk about 2 o.clock in the afternoon, and got to Ripon 11 miles about half past 3 were we put up at the Black.Bull At 6 o.clock in the evening the meeting began, and was held in the Methodist Meetinghouse, a large place, and it was very well filled with People. The Lords presence very eminently crowned this Assembly, his power tendered the spirits of most present; and many afterwards expressed their satisfaction with the meeting. I have a very long testimony to bear therein first from Col: C: 1. v. 26, 27. The mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints: To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you the hope of glory. James Harrison had a pretty long time next from John C: 3. v: 3. Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. William Baker a long time next 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 had a short time next from Jer: C: 10. v: 23. It is not in man that walketh to direct his steps. Concluding with expressing our obligation to the People for favouring us with their company, and our satisfaction with their very commendable behaviour; and after saluting them in Gospel love bade them all Farewel. The meeting held 2 hours and a half. After geting some suitable refreshment at the Inn we left Ripon about 9 o.clock, returning in the same Chaise, and it being a fine starlit night and having a careful driver we had a pleasant ride to Thirsk, and got well to our quarters there about half past 10 o.clock, were we met with our kind friends, Thomas Hartas and his Wife of Sinnington.grange, come to see us of whose company we was truly glad.

On 12th. and 5th. of week, Thirsk Monthly Meeting was held in this Town to day; The meeting for Worship began at 11 o'clock, There was a considerable number of Friends attended, and it proved more satisfactory than I expected from the hard labour we had met with in this place before; but indeed the faithful in this Monthly Meeting are to be much felt with and for, and the beloved youth a number of whom appear to be hopeful, altho' hurt and wounded, but I hope the principal cause is now removed, and Truth may revive amongst them, and I believe it will, if some of them are but favoured to bear patiently under the forming hand. In this meeting Francis Dixon was first concerned in supplication. I had a pretty long testimony next from Phil: C: 3. v. 13, 14. Forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before. I press towards the mark, for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ.Jesus. James Harrison next Matt: C: 5. v: 3. Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Mary Hartas next from Isai: C: 55. v: 1. Ho every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters. I 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 that is one inwardly and circumcision is that of the heart. William Baker next in Prayer. At the close of this meeting was held their meeting for discipline, which consists of 4 Preparative meetings viz. Thirsk, Bilsdale, Hemsley, and Huby. The affairs of which was this day agreeably transacted. Amongst other things My Minute was read and minuted; and the meeting satisfaction expressed therewith, and with my company. Both meetings held 4 hours. This afternoon we drunk Tea at John Smiths

On 13th. and 6th. of week, we left Thirsk about 2 o'clock in the afternoon for Boroughbridge 11 miles, having felt a concern to have a Public Meeting with the inhabitants of that place Thomas Ward was our guide, and Thomas Hartas and his Wife, and Mary Arnitt accompanied us thither, we got there about 4 o'clock and met in the street with Robert Bainbridge of Knaresborough who was come to procure a place for the meeting and to give notice thereof to the inhabitants. He took us to the Three Greyhounds were we took up our quarters. The Meeting began at 6 o'clock and was held in the Methodist Meetinghouse a little out of the Town adjoining to Aldborough. It was very large the place being much crowded, and it proved a very open satisfactory meeting, The testimony of Truth was exalted, different states were opened and spoke to in the authority of the Gospel, which is the power of God, and the way of Life and salvation clearly pointed out, I had a long testimony to bear therein first from Acts; 3. v. 22, 23. Moses truly said unto the Fathers, A Prophet shall the Lord your God raised up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; he shall ye hear in all things whatsoever he shall say unto you, And it shall come to pass that every soul which will not hear this Prophet shall be destroyed from among the People. Mary Hartas next from Luke C: 11. v: 1. Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples. James Harrison next 1 Cor: C: 13. v: 1. Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels and have not charity, I am become as a sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal. I next from Eccle: C: 9. v: 4. A living dog is better than a dead lion. Concluding with expressing our obligation unto the People for favouring us with their company, and our satisfaction with their commendable behaviour, and after a few words in exhortation, saluted them in that Love which continues to breathe peace on earth and goodwill unto all men; and bade them all Farewel. The Meeting held 2 hours and a half. Afterwards the Friends who came with us from Thirsk, returned thither. But Robert Bainbridge stopt with us all night at the Inn and was our guide the next day to his house at Knaresborough.

On 14th. and 7th.of week. We breakfasted with James Flintoft and his Sister at their house, members of our society, but not consistent in their conduct, yet they manifested much kindness unto us. About half past 9 o'clock, I set out on foot and James Flintoff accompanied me 3 miles and a half, until the friends came up with us, and then he returned, and I got into the carriage, and Robert Bainbridge walked to Knaresborough were we got about 12 o'clock 7 miles and took up our quarters at his house. About 1 mile from the Town we came thro' a Tollgate, where they have a dog of the Water spaniel kind who will not let people pass through the Gate, except they first give him the Toll, and when he hath received the money,

he will not deliver it to the keeper of the Bar, until he give him a piece of bread. In the afternoon we went to look at the ruins of Knaresborough Castle, and from the yard which is situated on an eminence we had an extensive and beautiful prospect.

On 15th. and 1st. of week, we was at Knaresborough meeting which began at 11 o'clock, 8 persons attended, I had two pretty long testimonies to bear therein, the first from 2 Sam: C: 20. v: 9. Art thou in health, my Brother. and the other 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. About 3 o'clock this afternoon we set out for Darley 11 miles Robert Bainbridge being our guide we went by Ripley and got to Joseph Spence's of Birstwith 9 miles about 5 o'clock were we alighted and took Tea, and in the evening went to his Mothers the Widow Ann Spence's were we lodged.

On 16th. and 2nd. of week we went 2 miles to their meeting at Darley which began at 11 o'clock, 18 persons attended 2 of whom appeared to be people of other societies. I had a pretty long testimony to bear therein from 1 Cor: C: 15. v: 10. By the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all; yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me. Afterwards I had a short but encouraging time to the rightly exercised who at times were ready to faint in their minds. After meeting we went about 1 mile and din'd at Joseph Walkers. At little after 2 o'clock we set out for Skipton 16 miles, William Spence a hopeful youth in the 22nd. year of his age being our guide: we had a cold ride over a Moorish hilly country, and got to Skipton about 6 o'clock, were we alighted at James Wilsons. After Tea I walked 2 miles to Daniel Binns's of Carlton.Biggin, John Chapman going along with me to show me the way, here I met with a very kind reception, and here I took up my quarters, and slept with my much beloved friend James Lund, who is become a member of our society since I saw him before. I was glad of this opportunity with him, our conversation being to mutual edification, and I much desire his preservation and growth in the Truth.

On 17th. and 3rd. of week, after breakfast I returned with James Lund to Skipton, and at 11 o'clock we had a meeting there, 50 persons attended 3 of whom were people of other societies It was time of extraordinary favour, various states were opened and spoke to with divine authority, and a time of peculiar visitation it was to many. John Duckworth had a short time in testimony therein first from John C: 11. v: 28. The master is come, and calleth for thee. James Harrison a long time next from Prov: C: 23. v: 26. My son give me thy heart. I had a very long 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. I was next concerned in Prayer. and afterwards had a pretty long time in testimony 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. After meeting we din'd at James Wilsons, and after dinner we rode to my quarters, and in the evening my companion returned to his quarters at James Wilsons.

On 18th. and 4th. of week early this morning James Lund and me walked together to Skipton, and breakfasted at James Wilsons, and about half past 9 o'clock we sent out for Settle 16 miles my beloved friend James Lund being our guide we got to Settle about half past 12 o'clock and took up our quarters at Mary Birkbecks. We spent most of the afternoon with our valuable friend Joseph Birkbeck who appeared to be fast drawing towards the close of a well spent Life, much dedicated to the promotion of the cause of Truth, being now pretty much confined to his room, and very weak in body, but in a very quiet composed frame of mind; his love to friends, and the precious cause of Truth appearing to be uppermost, which was manifested by his conversation, and his gladness to see us, and the satisfaction he expressed for the opportunity of enjoying our company, and desire for the prosperity of the work in which we were engaged. We took a solemn leave of him the next morning in bed not expecting to see him any more in mutability. He had spent much time very usefully at Ackworth so that we had frequently his company at our Monthly meetings to the friends of which he oftens expressed his great attachment, and he was very much beloved by us. We drank Tea this afternoon at John Tathams, and my concern at this time towards the inhabitants

of this Town, a Publick meeting was appointed this evening, and notice thereof fully given to the inhabitants. The said meeting was held in the Methodists Meetinghouse, and began at 6 o'clock, It was very large the place being well filled with People, and it proved an open solid meeting a precious solemnity mercifully overshadowing us, particularly in the time of silence towards the close thereof. I had a very long testimony to bear therein 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. After a very solemn time in silence. I had a pretty long time in testimony from 1 Chron: C: 4. v: 10. Oh that thou wouldest bless me indeed and enlarge my coast, and that thine hand might be with me, and that thou wouldest keep me from evil, that it may not grieve me. and God granted him that which he requested. Concluding with expressing my obligation to the people for favouring us with their company, and our satisfaction with their commendable behaviour, and saluting them in the fresh flowings of Gospel love bade them all Farewel. The Meeting held about 2 hours and a quarter. After which I took a little refreshment at John Tathams, and we returned to our quarters. James Lund stopt the meeting and slept with me, and returned the next morning

. On 19th. and 5th. of week, we set out for Bentham 12 miles about half past 7 o.clock in the morning, William Birkbeck being our guide, got to our beloved friend John Yeardleys about 10 were we took up our quarters. After getting a little refreshment we walked to their meeting about 1 mile and a half which began at 11 o.clock, 39 persons attending 5 of which appeared to be people of other societies. James Harrison bore a pretty long testimony therein first. I had a long time next from Matt: C: 20. v: 16. Many be called, but few chosen. and afterwards had a short but encouraging time to an exercised state. After meeting we returned to our quarters.

On 20th. and 6th. of week, about 3 o.clock in the afternoon, we set out for Wray in Lancashire 5 miles our beloved friend John Yeardley being our guide, we called by the way at Thomas Barrows of Wennington.hall in Lancashire, and drunk Tea, and then proceeded to Wray, got there just in time to the meeting, which began at 6 o.clock. There are but few friends here, but they have a very large ancient Meetinghouse, and my concern being principally towards the inhabitants

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And proper information thereof being given, abundance attended, so that the Meetinghouse both above and below stairs was pretty well filled, and their behaviour was deserving of commendation. The Lords presence eminently crowned the Assembly, the Truths of the Gospel were largely and livingly declared amongst them, and it was a time of extraordinary favour to many. I had a long testimony to bear therein first from Luke C: 4. v: 41. And devils also came out of many, crying out, and saying, Thou art Christ the Son of God. And he rebuking them suffered them not to speak: for they knew that he was Christ. A pretty long time of silence then ensued, and great was the solemnity which appeared to cover the Assembly, after which John Yeardley stood up and said, some were ready to say there was no Worship without words, but from the precious solemnity which he believed had covered many minds since the former communication, he was ready to conclude many were feelingly convinced to the contrary, he was then pretty largely led forth in opening the advantage of silently waiting upon God. I had a pretty long time next from Isai: C: 54. v. 11, 12, 13. Oh thou afflicted, tossed with tempest, and not comforted, behold, I will lay thy stones with their colours, and lay thy foundations with sapphires. And I will make thy 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. James Harrison 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 that field. John Yeardley was next concerned in Prayer. The meeting held about 2 hours and a half. After which my companion returned with Thomas Barrow to his house, but I lodged at my valuable friend John Masons in this village.

On 21st. and 7th. of week, about the middle of the day my companion called upon me, and betwixt 12 and 1 o clock we left here for Lancaster 10 miles, Thomas Barrow being our guide, and his Wife, Charlotte Russell, and Emma Hodgson accompanying us. Emma Hodgson is the daughter of a Clergyman of Rochdale, she had been sometime on a visit at Thomas Barrows, and went with the family to the meeting at Bentham when we were there and was much reached and tendered therein; and attending the meeting at Wray last evening, she declared after her return that she was fully convinced of the Truth. When we had got about 2 miles from Wray, Thomas Barrow and his Wife would have me to get in with them into

their Irish Carr, and the two young Women rode with my companion in his carriage, the day was very fine, and the country all the way was remarkably pleasant and beautiful, a little before we got to the Town we passed under the Kendal Canal, and a little on our right hand we observed it carried across the River Lone, by a long aqueduct. We got to Lancaster about half past 2 o clock, and took about quarters at the Widow Elizabeth Wadkins.

On 22nd. and 1st. of week, we attended both their meetings in Lancaster, the forenoon meeting began at 10, It was large many friends belonging thereto, and it proved a very open satisfactory Meeting. The states of many being opened and spoke to in the authority of the Gospel. I had a long testimony to bear therein first from Psalms 51. v: 6. When God bringeth back the captivity of his People, Jacob shall rejoice, and Israel be glad. Afterwards I had a pretty long time from Heb: C: 10. v. 24, 25. Let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works not forsaking the assembling of yourselves together, as the manner of some is. After meeting we din'd with many friends at George Barrows, and before we arose from the Table I was concerned in supplication. Afternoon meeting began at 3 o clock. It was not so large as the former, a heavy shower preventing some from attending. It was rather heavy in the forepart thereof, but Life arising it proved a time of peculiar favour, and ended under a precious covering. James Harrison had a short time in testimony therein first I had a long time next 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 Elizabeth Foster was concerned in Prayer.

On 23rd. and 2nd. of week we set out for Wyersdale 6 miles about 8 o'clock in the morning Robert Dean being our guide, we got to the Meetinghouse about 10 were we got some refreshment our kind friend Elizabeth Wadkin had sent along with us, there being now no friend living near the Meetinghouse. The meeting began at 11 o clock, It was a large meeting many friends belonging thereto, and several sober people of other societies attending so that the Meetinghouse was well filled and it was a time of great favour many being much broken and tendered therein and a precious solemnity appearing to cover the whole I had very long testimony to bear therein first from Rev: C: 3. v: 11. Behold, I come quickly; hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown. James Harrison had a pretty long time next from Matt: C: 7. v: 21. Not everyone that saith unto me Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. I next from John C: 6. v. 9. There is a lad here which have five barley loaves, and two small fishes; but what are they among so many. After meeting we dined in the Meetinghouse of provisions we had brought with us from Lancaster, and a little after 2 o clock we set out for Slaidburn in Yorkshire 15 miles, Joshua Kelsall a valuable friend set me on a foot path, and we walked together 2 miles very comfortably when my companion and William Labrey our guide came up with us, Joshua Kelsall and me then took a very affectionate leave of each other, he returning, and we proceeded through a very mountainous country, particularly in passing through the trough of Bowland a curious place with very high hills, and just room for a road to pass betwixt them. After we had passed the trough the road goes on the side of an high mountain, with a steep precipice on our right hand, and no fence, we rode until my companion durst ride no farther; we then alighted and walked until we got into different road, past by Newton and got to Slaidburn about half past 5 o'clock; and took up our quarters at the Hare and hounds were we met with excellent accommodations. A Publick meeting was appointed to be held here the next day, and we understood that there was very few living that could remember one of our Society being held here.

On 24th. and 3rd. of week, This morning John Tatham and William Birkbeck and his Footman from Settle came here, of whose company and kind assistance I was glad. The meeting began at 11 o'clock, and was held in a School the largest I ever saw, which was well seated, and the Schoolmasters seat being raised, made a good Gallery. The concourse of People that attended was very great, and some came from a considerable distance perhaps curiosity might draw many but some I am perswaded attended from better motives, The Rector at this place was very kind , and made way very much for the meeting, he also sent us

a pressing invitation to go and dine with him, we acknowledged his kindness, but did not accept his invitation having ordered our dinner at the Inn. His Curate the Rectors Sister and most of his family attended the meeting. The School was exceedingly crowded, and it proved a time of extraordinary favour, the glory of the Lord eminently overshadowing us, and his Truth and the testimony thereof was exalted. The pure witness in many minds was so reached as to cause them secretly, and some more Publicly to acknowledge to the Truth, I had a very long testimony to bear therein first from Joel: C: 2. v: 1. Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in my holy mountain; let all the inhabitants of the land tremble; for the day of the Lord cometh, it is nigh at hand. James Harrison had a pretty long time next from Psalms 51. v: 15. O Lord, open thou my lips; and my mouth shall shew forth thy praise. I next from Eccle: C: 11. v: 9 Rejoice, O young man in thy youth; and let thy heart cheer thee in the days of thy youth and walk in the ways of thy heart, and in the sight of thy eyes; but know thou that for all These things God will bring thee into judgment. Concluding with expressing our obligation to the People for favouring us with their company, and our satisfaction with their commendable behaviour, and after saluting them in Gospel love bade them all Farewell. The meeting held 2 hours and a half, and the people appeared to separate under a very solemn covering. The afternoon was very wet being a continued rain, we set out for Sawley about 3 o'clock 7 miles, William Labrey a very kind friend continuing our guide until we got to Crawshawbooth in Rossendale; from Sawley we had 1 mile further to go to William Tippings of Dockbrown, got there about 5 o clock, wet and weary were we took up our quarters.

On 25th. and 4th. of week, this evening we had a Publick meeting in friends Meetinghouse at Sawley, there being only 3 or 4 members of our society left in this meeting, and they far advanced in years. The said meeting was large, the Meetinghouse being well filled below and a considerable number sat above stairs, and I believe it was a profitable meeting to many who states were spoken to in the authority of the Gospel. I had a long testimony to bear therein first from Jer: C: 8. v: 32. 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 I had a pretty long time from John C: 13. v: 8. If I wash thee not thou hast no part with me. The people behaved well, and the meeting held 2 hours. After which we returned to our quarters.

On 26th. and 5th. of week, having felt my mind in a particular manner drawn towards the inhabitants of Downham a village in Lancashire, about 2 miles from this place, the footway; but nearly as much more the horse way; some friends went the day before to procure a place for a meeting, there never having been one that any could remember of our society there. They obtained the Methodists Meetinghouse and gave notice of the meeting to be held here at the 11th. hour this forenoon, William Labrey and me walked thither, and William Tipping sent Henry Airton his servant with us to be our guide, and he rode thither with my companion. Henry Airton was very kind and appeared to take a pleasure in assisting me with the help of his arm. At Downham we put up at the George and dragon; it is a pretty village, pleasantly situated at the foot of Pendle hill, we went pretty directly to the meeting which was attended by abundance of People, altho' the Meetinghouse was not quite full, a heavy shower of rain, preventing some from being there who lived at a distance. It was a precious meeting, divine good eminently overshadowing us, in the gathering thereof, and in the increase of the manifestation of the divine life which flowed from vessel to vessel, the spirits of many were much broken and tendered, and the Truths of the Gospel were largely and livingly declared amongst them. I had a very long testimony to bear therein first from Isai: C: 38. v: 17. Behold, for peace I had great bitterness; but thou hast in love to my soul delivered it from the pit of corruption; for thou hast cast all my sins behind thy back. James Harrison had a pretty long time next from Mark C: 4. v: 39. Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. Afterwards I was concerned in Prayer. The meeting held 2 hours and a quarter, and at the close thereof, I informed the People it was over, and after saluting them in Gospel Love bade them all Farewell; expressing my desire that Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father through his beloved son, Jesus christ our Lord might be multiplied and abound

amongst them; and as their behaviour had been very satisfactory throughout the meeting, so we separated under a precious feeling of the continuation of divine favour. and we return'd to the Inn were we got some suitable refreshment, and then returned to Dockbrow to dine. Several People who had been at the meeting came with us upwards of a mile on their way home, at parting I had a few words to express unto a young man the solidity of whose countenance had attracted my notice as we came along, and I believe they reached the pure witness in him and I trust may be profitably remembered by him, and perhaps the effects thereof may be seen after many days. We left Dockbrow about half past 3 o clock this afternoon, and went by Gisburn to Coln 12 miles got there about half past 6 in the evening and took up our quarters at John Halls.

On 27th. and 6th. of week we had a meeting at Trawden which began at 11 o clock, we walked thither 1 mile and a half in company with the friends of this Town, 20 persons attended, the larger number being people of other societies James Harrison had a short testimony to bear therein first from John C: 21. v: 17. Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee. Afterwards I have two pretty long times, the first from 2 Cor: C: 13. v: 14. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost be with all. Amen. and the other 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. This afternoon I wrote to my Charles Unsworth.

On 28th. and 7th. of week, this forenoon my kind friend of William Midgley of Buersel came here to meet us, and conveyed me from hence to his house in his Chaise which was a peculiar favour to me having been poorly ever since I left York. About 2 o clock in the afternoon we set out for Crawshawbooth 11 miles, we called and sat a little at Benjamin Townsends in Marsden and took some refreshment, and then proceeded by Burnley to Crawshawbooth, got there about half past 4 o clock and took up our quarters at Richard Binns. In the evening my beloved friend James Lund of Carlton Biggin came here to meet us, and I was truly glad to see him, we slept together during our stay which afforded us an opportunity of private conversation to our mutual satisfaction.

On 29th. and 1st. of week, we was at their meeting in this village. I had felt a particular concern to be at this meeting on a first day, but had no other prospect than sitting with friends but the people observing us come the evening before, and there having lately appeared considerable openness in many to attend friends meetings, so that notwithstanding it was an exceeding wet day, the people flocked to the meeting until they filled the Meetinghouse below stairs, which was laid open the Mens and Womens together, and a great number were obliged to sit up stairs in the Loft. It proved an highly favoured Meeting and I believe will be long profitably remembered by many seeking minds who attended, their states being remarkably opened and spoke to. I had a very long testimony to bear therein first from Hos: C: 5. v: 13. When Ephraim saw his sickness, and Judah saw his wound, then went Ephraim to the Assyrian, and sent to King Jareb; yet could he not heal you, nor cure you of your wound. Afterwards I had a pretty long time from Jer: C: 31. v: 18. 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. At the close of this meeting was held their Preparative meeting, but I was so spent with the exercise of the foregoing meeting that I retired to my quarters, when a fresh exercise came upon me, respecting having a meeting with the members of our society selected by themselves, which I laid before friends when they came from the meeting who readily agreed thereunto, and it was appointed to be held in Richard Binns house and to begin at 3 o'clock. Friends exerted themselves, and informed all the members before they set out for home except two, who were got off, and lived at a considerable distance. At the time appointed the members generally attended being 23 in number with whom I had a solemn and I hope profitable opportunity, different states were opened and spoke to, very much to the relief of my own mind, I having a long testimony to bear therein, being opened 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 was concerned in prayer. and I felt truly thankful for this opportunity. Afterwards we drank tea with Joseph Binns at his Brothers house.

On 30th. and 2nd. of week, about 9 o clock in the morning we took an affectionate Farewel of our kind friends William Labrey and James Lund they returning from here to their respective habitations, and William Midgley was our guide by Rochdale to his house 13 miles, were we got about 1 o clock and were we took up our quarters.

On 31st. and 3rd. of week, in the forenoon we went to Rochdale, and sat a little at James Taylors, and then went to the widow Malley Midgleys were we din'd. At 3 o'clock in the afternoon we had a Publick Meeting in friends Meetinghouse in this Town, which was all laid open, and abundance of People attended, and some of the principal inhabitants of the Town and all behaved well, and I understood many expressed afterwards their satisfaction with being there. It was a good meeting, the power of Truth eminently prevailing to the reaching of the pure witness in many minds. I had a very long testimony to bear therein from Zech: C: 13. v: 1. In that day there shall be a fountain opened for the house of David; and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, for sin and for uncleanness. Afterwards I had a short time 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 after which I took a little suitable for refreshment at James Taylors, and then rode with William Midgley in his Chaise to his house to Tea.

On 1st. of 11th. mo: and 4th. day of the week, After breakfast we set out for Halifax in Yorkshire 18 miles James Taylor being our guide, we went by Rochdale and over Blackstone edge to Ripponden were we called at the Prince of Orange, stopt about 1 hour and refreshed ourselves and horses. After which we prevailed upon James Taylor to return, he being obliged to be at home to night, and we went alone to Halifax were we got about quarter before 3 o clock and took up our quarters at Robert Sutcliffes.

On 2nd. and 5th. of week, we had a meeting at Halifax which began at half past 10 in the forenoon, 30 persons attended, 1 of which was a person of another society. James Harrison had a short testimony to bear therein first from John C: 21. v. 21, 22. What shall this man do? What is that to thee? follow thou me. I had a long time next from 2 Cor: C: 12. v: 10. When I am weak; then am I strong. Afterwards I had two pretty long times the first from Phil: C: 1. v: 29. Unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe in him, but also to suffer for his sake. and the other from Job: C: 32. v. 7, 8. Days should speak, and multitudes of years should teach wisdom. But there is a spirit in man, and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth him understanding. Various states were opened and spoke to with divine authority, and it was a good meeting, and I left it in sweet peace. About 2 o'clock we set out for Brighouse 5 miles, dear John Pool was our guide, we got there about half past 3 and took about quarters at John Kings.

On 3rd. and 6th. of week, we got an early dinner and about half past 12 o'clock set out for Gildersome 9 miles our worthy friend John King being our guide thither, we got there about 3 o clock in the afternoon, and took up at quarters at John Ellis's. At 6 o'clock this evening we had a Publick meeting in the Baptists Meetinghouse here, previous notice having been given thereof to the inhabitants of the village, and places adjacent, and great numbers of People attended considering the evening was dark yet the Meetinghouse was not quite full, the Baptist preacher, and a preacher amongst the Methodists was there, and all behaved with remarkable solidity, yet I did not think the power of Truth arose so high as in some places on those occasions, neither did I feel that openness amongst the People: But ability was afforded fully to relieve my mind amongst them, having a very long testimony to bear from 1 Pet: C: 1. v: 25th. The word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the Gospel is preached unto you. Afterwards I had to express our satisfaction with the company and very commendable behaviour of the People, and matter opening I had a long time in exhortation, concluding with saluting them in the fresh flowings of Gospel Love and bade them all

Farewell. The meeting held upwards of 2 hours, and I believe the people were genuinely satisfied with being there.

On 4th. and 7th. of week, we left Gildersome about half past 1 o'clock in the afternoon for Leeds 6 miles Gervas Elam sent his servant William Pullon with us for guide. We reached Leeds a little before 3 o'clock, and I went to John Thistlethwaites having wrote to my beloved friend Charles Unsworth to meet me here, he got here a little after 4 o'clock and our satisfaction was mutual in being favoured to meet together again, and he was my acceptable companion the remainder of this journey. After taking Tea here, we went to John Broadheads were we took up our quarters.

On 5th. and the 1st. of week, we attended their meetings in Leeds, The forenoon meeting began at 10 o'clock and was very large a great number of friends belonging thereto. I had a long testimony to bear therein first 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 has 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. Charles Unsworth had a short time next from Gal: C: 6. v. 7, 8. Be not deceived, God is not mocked; for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh, shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the spirit, shall of the spirit reap life everlasting. I had a pretty long time next 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. After meeting we dined at the widow Sarah Walkers. Afternoon meeting began at half past 2 o'clock. It was not so large as the former being exceeding wet. Robert Jowitt had a short testimony to bear therein first from Psalms 116. v: 12. What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits toward me. Charles Unsworth next from 1 Sam: C: 15. v: 22. Behold to obey is better than sacrifice, and to harken than the fat of rams. Afterwards I had a pretty long time from Matt: C: 25. v: 29. Unto everyone that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance; but from him that hath not, shall be taken away, even that which he hath. After meeting we drunk Tea at Joseph Tathams, and afterwards called upon Jarvis Bradys, and John Liveseys a relation of Charles Unsworth's sat a little at each place, and then returned to our quarters.

On 6th. and 2nd. we had a meeting appointed to begin at 6 o'clock this evening at Dewsbury, and after dining at John Thistlethwaites, James Harrison and me set out for there about half past 1 o'clock, 9 miles, Charles Unsworth walking we got to Dewsbury a little after 4 o'clock and alighted at William Wass's where we drank Tea. and at the time appointed went to the meeting, which was pretty well attended by such as usually attend meetings, and several other societies came in so that the Meetinghouse was pretty well filled; and I believe it was a profitable time unto many, Truth being mercifully experienced to be inconsiderable dominion amongst us, and the testimony thereof was exalted. I had a long testimony to bear therein first from Rev: C: 21. v: 5. Behold, I make all things new. Charles Unsworth had a pretty long time next Setting forth the necessity there was for all to bear their cross faithfully as the only way to inherit the crown. I next from 2 Sam: C: 23. v: 5. Although my house be not so with God, yet he hath made with me an everlasting covenant, ordered in all things, and sure. After meeting we got some suitable refreshment at William Wass's, and then went to our usual quarters at George Breareys.

On 7th. and 3rd. of week, this evening we had a Publick meeting and Batley a village about 2 miles from Dewsbury James Harrison took William Wass and his daughter thither in his carriage, and Charles Unsworth and me walked; Joseph Brearey was to have been our guide thither, but we setting out rather sooner than he inclined to go, we had to walk alone; We left our quarters about 5 o'clock and got to Batley about half past 5, and took up our quarters of the Bull and Butcher. The meeting began at 6, and was held in a very large School, the same we had when I was there before, which was well seated, and crowded with People. It was a solid good meeting, the Life was eminently manifested, the multitude generally felt the power thereof to the soleminizing of their spirits. 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 transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins. Yet they seek me daily, and delight to know my ways, as a nation they did righteousness, and forsook not the ordinance of their God. Charles Unsworth had a pretty long time next from Numb: C: 23. v: 10. Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his. William Wass next from Isai: C: 48, v: 18. Oh that thou hadst harkened to my commandments! then had thy peace been as a river, and thy righteousness as the waves of the sea. I next from Gen: C: 28. v. 16, 17. Surely the Lord is in this place, and I knew it not. This is none other but the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven. After a short pause I expressed our satisfaction with the company and commendable behaviour of the People, and after a few words in exhortation saluted them in Gospel love, and bade them all Farewell, and the people separated under a precious covering of good. and several expressed their satisfaction with the meeting; 2 Methodist preachers attended who appeared particularly kind, and one of them expressed to me the sense he had of the divine presence being eminently amongst us. The meeting held 2 hours and a half. After getting some suitable refreshment at the Inn, we returned in company with several friends from about Dewsbury, and got George Breareys of Crackenedge about half past 9 o'clock.

On 8th. and 4th. of week, After breakfast we went to William Wass's were we stopt until betwixt 11 and 12 o'clock, when after getting a lunch we set out towards home, James Harrison accompanied us a little out of the Town, and then taking leave of us he returned, and we preceded by Shepley bridge to Liley were we called and rested us about half an hour and then taking leave of our kind friend Henry Bromley who had set us thus far on our way, we came by Lepton to Kirkburton were we got some refreshment at the George Inn, pad 10d stopt half an hour, and then came by Shepley to our beloved friend Joseph Firths of Lanehead were we drunk Tea, and stopt 2 hours and a half, and got home between 7 and 8 o'clock in the evening, having travelled in this journey upwards of 347 miles.

An Account of my Journey to Publick Meetings held at Wooldale and Highflatts, in the 12th. mo: 1820.

Our valuable friend Nathan Hunt from North Carolina in America, in the course of his religious visit to Friends, and the inhabitants of this Nation, was drawn in Gospel love to have a Publick meeting at Wooldale on the 12th. of the 12th. Mo. 1820 and 3rd. day of the week, and feeling inclined to attend there, I left home the same day after dinner, and went to John Pickfords of Parkhead, left there betwixt 2 and 3 o'clock. It was very heavy rain throughout the day, but being pretty well provided against the weather, I got to Wooldale betwixt 3 and 4 o'clock, better than I expected, and took up my quarters at Henry Swire's; after putting of my wet clothes and taking Tea, I went to see the friend at John Brooks and with him I found Edward Wilson formerly an apprentice with my cousin Tobias Mallinson of Wood and afterwards removed and settled at Philadelphia in America, he came over last summer to see his relations and friends in England and purposing to tarry until next spring he had accompanied Nathan Hunt through Scotland and Ireland, and some part of England. I was particularly glad to see them, and they both of them expressed their great satisfaction at meeting with me here. The meeting began at 6 o'clock and held 2 hours and a half and notwithstanding the evening was very wet, great number of People of other societies attended, and amongst the number the Unitarian Preacher at Lidget Chapel. The Meetinghouse was very well filled both above and below stairs, and it proved a time of extraordinary favour Nathan Hunt had a very long testimony to bear therein first from John C: 18. v. 37, 38. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world that I should bear witness unto the Truth, every one that is of the truth heareth my voice. Pilot saith unto him, What is truth? After some time in silence, he had another pretty long testimony to bear, concerning the manna with which the Lord fed Israel with in the wilderness which was to be gathered fresh every morning, and not kept to be used on another day, for if it was it bred worms and stank,

as mentioned in Ex: C: 16. which he spiritualized in a very beautiful and instructive manner. Afterwards Charles Unsworth had a short testimony 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 the meeting I acknowledged our satisfaction with the company and very commendable behaviour of the People, and believing most of them had been favoured to feel in the present opportunity the power of Truth to solemnize their spirits. I exhorted them to wait for the renewings thereof, for altho' the Lord may see meet at times to make use of Instrumental means, Paul may plant and Apollos may water yet the increase of all good cometh from God. As soon as I sat down Nathan Hunt stood up, and said he was pleased with the acknowledgement his Brother had made and after some little addition thereunto he observed that such was the love he felt unto them, that he could take them all by the hand, and cordially embrace them, and then he bade them all Farewell. After meeting I spent the remainder of the evening with the friends at John Brooks, and then went to Henry Swire's to lodge, were I slept with David Binns a hopeful young man who is lately come out of Lancashire to live with them, and this opportunity with him was acceptable to me, and I believe profitable unto him.

On 13th. and 4th. of week, This evening Nathan Hunt had a Publick meeting appointed at Highflatts; when I arose this morning and looked out of the window, I observed the hills at a distance covered with snow. About 10 o clock I left Henry Swires, and went to Joseph Broadheads were I sat about half an hour, and then came by Tottis and Scholes to George Broadheads of Jacksonbridge, got there is a little past 11 were I tarried upwards of 3 hours and din'd, and then set out for Highflatts, as I ascended the hill I found some snow, and when I got to the top and entered upon the Moor it was shoe top deep. This was the first snow I had seen this winter, it having been a remarkable open time; I came down Long.moor, and as I came nearer to Highflatts it was less, and when I got there I found very little. I got to John Firths of Highflatts between 3 and 4 o.clock were I again met with the friends, and we drunk Tea together there. The meeting began at 5 o.clock and held near 3 hours, the day was fine and it was a clear moonlight night, and previous notice having been given to the inhabitants around we expected the meeting being very large but understood afterwards, there was several burials to day which prevented many from attending. Friends generally sat in the chamber, leaving below for the accommodation of People of other societies, and although a very considerable number attended, the Meetinghouse was not full. I thought in the forepart thereof the pure life of Truth was low, but this gradually arising, in time came into great dominion, so as to reign over all, and it was a glorious meeting, the states of the people were remarkably opened and spoke to in the authority of the Gospel which reached to the pure witness in most minds, and the way to life and salvation were clearly pointed out by Christ the promised seed in whom all the nations of the earth were to be blessed, and all were invited to come unto him to learn of him, and to be taught by him, who is the true teacher of his People and the alone way unto God. Nathan Hunt had a very 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. I had a short time next from Eze: C: 33. v: 11. As I live, saith the Lord, God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way, and live. Charles Unsworth next from Matt: C: 3. v: 12. He will throughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the garner, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire. Nathan Hunt had afterwards a very long and highly favoured time from Mark C: 9. v: 7. This is my beloved son: hear him. After meeting I spent the remainder of the evening with the friends at John Firths, and after supper the family and friends who were there being collected, we had a memorable opportunity together, that I hope will not soon be forgotten. The Lords power eminently overshadowed us, our different states were opened, and spoke to; and the language of encouragement flowed freely unto the different states as they were opened to come up in faithfulness to manifest duty, as the only way to be found faithful unto God. Nathan Hunt had a pretty long testimony to bear therein being opened from 1 Sam: 15. v: 22. 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. Afterwards we had three

short testimonies, the first directed to a young man who was under a precious visitation and who was very much broken and tendered; the next unto Charles Unsworth 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, and the last to two young Women. After the opportunity we affectionately took leave of the friends and Charles Unsworth and me came with Elihu Dickinson and Wife to their house were we stopt half an hour, and got home about 11 o'clock.

An Account of my Journey to a Publick Meeting held at Wakefield in the 12th. mo: 1820

I left home to attend our Monthly Meeting to be held at Wakefield the 17th. of the 12th. mo: 1820 and 1st. of the week about half past 8 o'clock in the morning, having for my companion my beloved friend Charles Unsworth. We had a difficult journey to day a deep snow having fallen the evening before so that we had to wade through it most of the way up to the middle of the leg, and very little trod in any part, and in some none at all; yet I was favoured with the assistance of my companion to get through far beyond my expectations; we went by Cumberworth to Skelmanthorp were we rested us about half an hour and took a little refreshment at Jonathan Archers, and then proceeded to Parkmill were we rested a little, and then went to Bretton, were being much fatigued with travelling in the snow and feeling in want of some refreshment we called at Beaumont Arms and got some paid 9d stopt about half an hour and then proceeded by Crigglestone to Dirtcar, were we din'd at Christopher Walkers, stopt about 1 hour and a half, and then went to Wakefield got there at about half past 4 o clock and took up our quarters at John Spence's. At 6 this evening I attended our meeting of Ministers and Elders which held about 1 hour and a half It was small there only being 6 of our members there our friend Nathan Hunt having a meeting this evening at Ackworth prevented most of our members there from attending, and the others were prevented by indisposition so that 6 were absent viz. Robert Whitaker, Isabella Harris, Hannah Whitaker, Hannah Harrison, Isabella Brearey, and Mary Brook. When I got to the meeting and saw the fewness of our numbers I felt discouraged but endeavoured to look unto him who hath promised to be with the two or three who gather together in his Name, his presence was mercifully pleased to be near unto us, enabling us to go through the business thereof unto a good degree of satisfaction. The Queries were read and the 2nd. and 4th. considered and Answers thereto drawn up approv'd and Signed, and directed to be laid before our ensuing Select Quarterly meeting. Also the Advices of the Yearly Meeting to Ministers and Elders was read.

On 18th. and 2nd. of week, Nathan Hunt and Edward Wilson came here this morning, and I believe our quartering at one place was to mutual satisfaction. The meeting for Worship began at 11 o clock and was very large considering the inclemency of the weather, we was favoured thereat with the company of one Stranger viz. Nathan Hunt from North.Carolina in America. The meeting was in a very eminent manner favoured the Truths of the Gospel were largely and livingly declared, the careless and unconcerned were powerfully called unto to turn unto the principle of our profession and walk consistent therewith that they might become as lights in the world; and the language of encouragement flowed freely unto the rightly exercised, whether aged middle-aged or youth, and I hope it was a time that will long be profitably remembered by many Nathan Hunt had a very long testimony to bear therein first from Rev: C: 2. v: 7. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the spirit saith. Charlotte Dudley a short time next 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. Nathan Hunt had a long time next from Isai: C: 30. v: 21. This is the way, walk ye in it. After the close of this Meeting was held our Monthly Meeting for discipline and amongst other business which came before us to day, The Queries were read and Answers thereto from all our Preparative meetings viz. Pontefract, Barnsley, Highflatts, Ackworth Wakefield, and Wooldale. and a general Answer prepared

therefrom to be laid before an ensuing Quarterly Meeting. Also John Hinchcliff of Pontefract Mg. was cleared from all other engagements relating to marriage except with his friend Mary Thompson of Balby Monthly Meeting, information thereof was sent to the friends of said meeting, leaving the further care therein and of the accomplishment thereof unto them. Also Nathan Hunts Certificates were read and minuted, and the meetings satisfaction expressed therewith and with his company and Gospel labours amongst us. Both meetings held 4 hours and a quarter.

On 19th. and 3rd. of week, we breakfasted at George Benningtons, and afterwards returned to our quarters. A Publick meeting being appointed at the request of Nathan Hunt to begin at 11 o'clock to day in friends Meetinghouse, and friends having taken a great deal of pains the evening before to give notice thereof to the inhabitants and this morning in arranging the seats to accommodate them expecting it would be much crowded, but contrary to all our expectations the larger end of the Meetinghouse was not full, nevertheless it was upon the whole a satisfactory meeting, a solemnity being felt to cover many minds. Nathan Hunt had two pretty long testimonies to bear therein first, the one from Luke C: 17. v. 20, 21. The kingdom of God cometh not with observation. Neither shall they say, Lo, here; or, lo there; for behold, the kingdom of God is within you. And the other 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. Charlotte Dudley was next concerned in Prayer. and afterwards Charles Unsworth had a pretty long time in testimony from 1 Cor: C: 3. v: 18. If any man among you seemeth to be wise in this world, let him become a fool that he may be wise. The meeting held about 2 hours and at the close thereof I acknowledged our satisfaction with the behaviour of the People in general, except some coming in so much behind the time appointed which was always a hurt to meetings, and a loss to themselves, as if that power which alone can prepare the heart for worship is not felt to be arisen in themselves, preaching unto these is in vain. After dinner before we separated we had a precious opportunity together the Lords power being eminently manifested amongst us, to the tendering of all our spirits, Nathan Hunt was led to speak very particularly to our different states, and the language of encouragement flowed freely through him unto all. After taking a very solemn leave one of another, the strangers set out for Leeds, Charles Unsworth for home, and I went with Henry Bromley whose kind assistance to me is gratefully remembered by me, we left Wakefield about 3 o'clock and went by Ossett to Dewsbury were we got about 5 in the evening and I took up my quarters at George Breareys.

On 20th. and 4th. of week, after breakfast I went to William Wass's, having a little business with him, I stopt dinner there, and in my return to my quarters called and sat a little at Mary Armitages, and at William Whalleys. And having felt a concern on my mind to sit with friends in their meeting here, I proposed to them the holding of their week day meeting at 6 o'clock this evening which was very readily agreed to and 33 persons beside myself attended, several of them being people of other societies It was an open satisfactory meeting, and I felt thankful I gave up in obedience to what appeared to me a divine intimation. I had a long testimony to bear therein from Isai: C: 63. v: 16. Doubtless thou art our Father, though Abraham be ignorant of us, and Israel acknowledge us not; thou, O Lord, art our father, our redeemer, thy name is from everlasting Afterwards I had pretty long time, being led in a very plain close manner to some state from Jer: C: 2. v. 18, 19, 20. What hast thou to do in the way of Egypt, to drink the waters of Sihor? or what hast thou to do in the ways 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. For of old time I have broken thy yoke, and burst thy bands, and thou said'st, I will not transgress; when upon every high hill, and under every green tree, thou wanderest, playing the harlot. After meeting I sat a little with Mary Armitage and then returned to my quarters, were Henry Bromley came to sleep with me both nights.

On 21st. and 5th. of week, after breakfast I went and sat a little William Wass's, and before I set out took a little refreshment. Left Dewsbury about 10 o'clock, my beloved friend Joseph Brearey accompanying me by Thornhill and Mugmill to Flockton, when he returned, It was a fine day for the shortest in the year but a very high wind, and the roads very dirty, the Snow being entirely gone. I called at cousin Hannah Hampshires of Flockton mill, and found she had lately buried her husband, I stopt here about 1 hour and a half and dined then came by Emley to Charles Blackburns were I rested me about half an hour and took a little refreshment, then came by Skelmanthorp to my Nephew Robert Woods of Moorbottom were I drunk Tea and stopt about 3 hours, Charles Unsworth met me here to accompany me home were we got about 8 o clock in the evening having been enabled to perform this journey much better than I expected.

An Account of my Journey to a Publick Meeting held at Coldheindley in 1st. mo: 1821.

I left home the 14th. of ye. 1st. mo: 1821, and 1st. day of the week betwixt 9 and 10 o.clock in the forenoon, in order to attend our Monthly meeting to be held the next day at Wakefield, Charles Unsworth being my companion; we went by Cumberworth and Skelmanthorp to Charles Blackburns were we stopt about half an hour and took a little refreshment, and then went by Emley, and through a large Wood called Stonycliff, which was very pleasant the day being remarkably fine for the time of the year, to Middlestown were we stopt upwards of half an hour at the White Swan and got some refreshment paid 9d, and then proceeded by Horbury bridge to David Pickards of Ossett; got there about 3 o.clock to dine were we tarried all night. In the evening we had a religious opportunity with the family and Mark Phillips to our satisfaction, and I believe to the profit of some Charles Unsworth had a pretty long testimony to bear therein first being led in a very affectionate manner to address the youth I had a long and encouraging time next, unto a deeply tryed state from Prov: C: 14. v: 10. The heart knoweth his own bitterness; and a stranger does not intermeddle with his joy. Afterwards Charles Unsworth had two short exhortations addressed to the youth.

On 15th. and 2nd. of week, After breakfast we went to Wakefield, got there in good time to the meeting for Worship which began at 11 o.clock and was very large of friends, and several of other societies came in Charles Unsworth 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. Elizabeth Preston next. and afterwards I had a long time from John C: 10. v: 1. He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some of the way, the same is a thief and a robber. At the close of the Meeting for Worship was held our Monthly meeting for discipline the business of which was readily and agreeably conducted. Both meeting held upwards of 3 hours. Having had for a considerable time concern upon my mind to have a Publick meeting with the inhabitants of Coldheindley and places adjacent, and the time appearing to me to be come to perform the same I gave the necessary information to some of our Elders, who concurring in unity therewith, I concluded to have it tomorrow evening and there being a young Man at meeting, who is under convincement from there, and hath for most part of a year past pretty duly attended Wakefield meeting. I got to speak with him and some other friends upon the subject at the close of the meeting for Worship, and he, and William Taylor and Robert Harrison of Barnsley undertook the care of procuring a place of holding the said Meeting, and giving the necessary notice of thereof. We din'd to day at George Benningtons and after dinner called and sat a little at Ann Thorps. and then came to James Poulters of Sandall were we drank Tea, and afterwards called at my old servants Enoch Gouldthorpes of Milnþorp were we stopt a little and then came to Dirtcar, got there about 7 o.clock were we lodged at Christopher Walkers.

On 16th. and 3rd. of week, after breakfast I went and sat a little at William Pickards junr. and then returned to my quarters. About 2 o.clock in the afternoon we set out for

Coldheindley which I think is about 4 miles we went by Newmillerdam and Cheviot to Coldheindley, got there about half past 3 o'clock, and went as we were directed to Thomas Hinchcliffs a Farmer there who kindly took us in and a very generously entertained us, here we met with friends from Barnsley returned from giving notice of the meeting. and here William Rhodes lives the young man beforementioned who is about 23 years of age, his Master took him an Infant having no children of his own, not having been married and gave him a good education, and he hath continued with him ever since, and he behaves to him as if he was his own Son in every respect, committing the whole of the management of his affairs unto him, and an excellent character he gave him, for honesty, uprightness and fidelity; and added he could never do to much for him, for he was deserving of all he could do. I understood that he was much addicted to pleasure and the follies of youth in early life but being favoured with a divine visitation he became seriously thoughtful and joined himself in society amongst the Methodists, and was very active and zealous in the performance of what they esteem religious duties, and was for two years or upwards a Class leader in great esteem amongst them; but not feeling satisfied, and falling in company with a friend by conversing with him and reading some books which he lent him, his understanding became more and more opened into the Truth of friends principles and about a year ago he left the Methodist society, and half since attended friends meetings at Wakefield have 5 miles from his home. I never knew him before yesterday, but as soon as I cast mine eyes upon him, I felt nearly united unto him and do believe if he keeps faithful and obedient to divine manifestations he will in due time be a valuable member of our religious Society. After Tea 3 friends of Wakefield Mg. came here of whose company I was glad, for altho' we did not think it prudent to inform many lest there should be a want of room, yet a few friends on these occasions are particularly useful. The meeting began at 6 o'clock and was held in the dwellinghouse of Isaac Banks two rooms which had a communication with each other being well seated with forms and chairs; notice having been given to the inhabitants of this village, Wintersett and Ryal or Ryhill 3 villages which are adjacent to each other, they attended as fully as could be expected so that the seats in both rooms were filled and several had to stand. The Lord was graciously pleased to manifest his power amongst us to the enabling of us to open the way of Life and salvation unto the people through Christ the promised seed, many were much broken and tendered therein and all behaved well. It was a good meeting a precious solemnity appearing to cover the whole. I had a pretty long testimony to bear therein first from John C: 8. v: 12. I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life. Charles Unsworth had a pretty long 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. James Wetherald had a short time next 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: 10. v: 8. Freely ye have received, freely give. Charles Unsworth had two short exhortations next. The meeting held 2 hours and a quarter. At the close thereof, I informed the people The meeting was over, and saluting them in Gospel love bade them all Farewell. At Table before we got supper I was concerned in supplication. After the other friends were gone we spent the remainder of the evening in agreeable conversation with William Rhodes and his master, and truly the Masters kindness and great hospitality to friends on this occasion will I believe be long gratefully remembered, and I hope he will not lose his reward.

On the 17th. and 4th. of week, Christopher Walton of Barnsley, who had formerly been in the Army, and a member of the Methodist Society but being dissatisfied had left them and for many years duly attended friends Meetings, applyed to our last Monthly Meeting to be admitted a member of our Society, the said meeting appointed Christopher Walker, William Taylor of Barnsley, and myself to pay him a visit and report to our next meeting, and we concluded to meet at their week day meeting at Barnsley tomorrow. Betwixt 9 and 10 o'clock this forenoon we left Coldheindley, dear William Rhodes accompanying us about one mile, and then we parted Charles Unsworth going for home and William Rhodes accompanied him several miles further and then returned, and I went by Royston to Carlton to Joseph Listers of

Bleachhouse near Barnsley got there at about 11:30 were I rested me a little and then went to Thomas Yeadleys of Barnsley to dine where I took I quarters. After dinner I went and sat a little Robert Harrisons, and afterward drunk Tea at William Harveys, and then returned to my quarters were several friends came to spend the evening with me, and John Wood tarried all night and slept with me.

On 18th. and 5th. of week, we met agreeable to appointment at their week day meeting at Barnsley which began at 11 o'clock 24 persons attended besides us who were strangers. I sat in the forepart there of in a very low and stripped state of mind, but afterwards was favoured with ability to bear two pretty long testimonies the first from Psalms 42. v: 5. Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted in me? hope thou in God, for I shall yet praise him for the help of his countenance. and the other 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. After meeting we sat with the friend on his application to be a member of the society, and after the opportunity with him drew up the following report to be laid before our next Monthly Meeting viz.

We have visited Christopher Walker, who gave us a satisfactory account of his convincement of the Truth; and of our religious principles. And we understand he hath duly attended our religious meetings for a considerable number of years, during which time his conduct hath manifested the sincerity of his convincement. We feel quite at liberty, fully to leave it to the Monthly Meeting to determine whether or no it may be right to accept him a member of our society

Christopher Walker

Barnsley 1st. mo: 18th. 1821.

Joseph Wood

William Taylor

Christopher Walker and me din'd together at Robert Harrisons and in the afternoon I went and sat a little at William Taylors and he accompanied me to James Arthington Wilsons of Redbrook got there about 5 o'clock were I tarried all night, but William Taylor returned home in the latter part of the evening.

On 19th. and 6th. of week, I left here about 10 o'clock in the forenoon, James Arthington Wilson accompanying me about 2 miles and then return'd, I came to Thomas Wests of Cawthorne were I din'd and stopt betwixt 3 and 4 hours, then came to Ellin Waltons of Hollingruid were I sat a little, and then came by Dakinbrook to Joshua Morleys of Dykeside were I stopt betwixt 2 and 3 hours and took a little refreshment, Charles Unsworth met me here and accompanied me home were we got betwixt 8 and 9 o'clock.

An Account of my Journey to a Publick Meeting held at Shafton in the 2nd. mo: 1821.

I left home on the 17th. of the 2nd. mo: 1821. and 7th. day of the week about 8 o clock in the morning and went to Samuel Dickinsons of Dykeside, Charles Unsworth being my companion, were we stopt a little, and then went by Dakinbrook to Ellin Walters of Hollingruid, here we rested us sometime and then proceeded by Norcroft and Higham to James Arthington Wilsons of Redbrook were we din'd stopt upwards of 2 hours, and then went to Robert Harrisons of Barnsley, were we found him very ill in Bed, and sat with him some time, and then I went and sat a little at George Alletsons and took a glass of wine. Afterwards we drank Tea at William Harveys, and then after Tea we left Barnsley and had a pleasant walk over the Aqueduct and upon the banks of the canal to Mark Walkers of Cliffwood, got there between 6 and 7 o.clock in the evening were we was received with marks of sincere affection and freely and generously entertained. He and his Wife are under convincement having attended our religious meetings many years, and having frequently

invited me to go and stop a night with them, we embraced the present opportunity, and was very well satisfied with our visit, spending a very comfortable evening with them.

On 18th. and 1st. of week, we set out about half past 8 o'clock in the morning Mark Walker accompanying us, we went by Burton grange and Cudworth to Shafton were we got a little before 10 o'clock, and took up our quarters at Timothy Sykes's, who set his house open for the entertainment of friends on the present occasion. The Meeting began at 11 o'clock and was held in the Methodists Meetinghouse, notice having at my request been fully given to the inhabitants this village and South.Heindley, great numbers attended; the Meetinghouse was crowded many having to stand the whole of the time. The Lord was pleased in mercy eminently to crown this Assembly with his presence, and not only to give the word, but ability to publish the same in the demonstration of his own spirit and Power, and a great solemnity appeared to cover the whole Assembly, may the Lord have the Praise of his works and all flesh for ever be silent before him. I had a pretty long exhortation therein first chiefly tending to settle the People into stilness of body and true quietude of mind that so the Lord might be pleased to manifest his power amongst us, and we might thereby be prepared to worship him in an acceptable manner. Charles Unsworth had a pretty long time in testimony next 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. I had a very long time next from Jer: C: 48. v: 11. Moab hath been at ease from his youth, and he hath settled upon his lees, and hath not been emptied from vessel to vessel, neither hath he gone into captivity; therefore his taste remained in him, and he scent is not changed. Charles Unsworth had a pretty long time next from Jer: C: 13. v: 15. Hear ye, and give ear, be not proud. I was next concerned in Prayer. and afterwards had to acknowledge our satisfaction with the company and commendable behaviour of the People and matter unexpectedly opening I had a short testimony to bear from Isai: C: 30. v: 15. In returning and rest shall ye be saved, in quietness and in confidence shall be your strength, concluding with very affectionately saluting the People, and bidding them all Farewell. The meeting held 2 hours and a half. After dinner Charles Unsworth and me took leave of each other he returning home to set William Taylor at liberty to attend our Monthly Meeting to be held at Wakefield tomorrow. Williams Rhodes met us here, and brought me a kind invitation from his Master to go lodge at his house which I very gladly accepted of, William and me left Shafton betwixt 3 and 4 o clock and went by Felkirk and Coldheindly got their betwixt 4 and 5 were I met with a very kind reception from his Master Thomas Hinchcliff who appeared much pleased with my company. And I spent a very agreeable evening there and slept with William Rhodes which afforded us an opportunity of private conversation much to our comfort and edification feeling an increase of that love which cements the whole body together, even as the heart of one Man.

On 19th. and 2nd. of week, about half past 8 o'clock, I set out for Wakefield in company with dear William Rhodes we had a pleasant walk by Cheviot and Sandal, and got to Wakefield about quarter past 10, where we rested us at Ann Thorps. The Meeting for Worship began at 11 o'clock and was very large mostly of friends, but a few of other societies came in. I had a short testimony to bear therein first from Psalms 68. v: 1. Let God arise, let his enemies be scattered; let them all so that he can flee before him afterwards Willott Hicks from New York in America whose company we was favoured with at this Meeting had a very long and highly favoured time from Eph: C: 4. v: 30. Grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption. At the close of this meeting was our Monthly Meeting for discipline the business of which was agreeably conducted. Our friend Willott Hicks produced a Minute from New.York Monthly Meeting in North.America, certifying that altho' his principal business in coming to England was upon the account of Trade, yet as he might probably feel his mind drawn to attend some meetings in this land, they certified he was a member of our religious Society, and a Minister in good esteem with them. The said Minute was read, and the Meetings satisfaction expressed therewith by minute, and with his company and gospel labours amongst us. Both meetings held 3 hours. My William Taylor met me at Ann Thorps before meeting and was my acceptable companion the

remaining part of this Journey. We din'd at John Spence's, and after taking leave of Willett Hicks, Charlotte Dudley who was about to return home to London, and other dear friends who din'd there we went to George Benningtons were we stopt Tea and afterwards called and sat a little at Ann Thorps, and came to Christopher Walkers of Dirtcar, got there between 6 and 7 o clock were we lodg'd.

On 20th. and 3rd. of week, After breakfast we came to William Pickards were we stopt some time and before we set out took a little refreshment. We left Dirtcar a little after 10 o clock and came by Crigglestone to Bretton were we rested us a little at Michael Buckleys, and then came by Emley to Charles Blackburns of Parklane stopt near 2 hours there and din'd, then came to Skelmanthorp were we had a little business with Jonathan Archers, which after we had finished we came to Cumberworth where I had to stop about some business with my Tenants, and so we got home betwixt 6 and 7 o clock in the evening.

After his death the following Testimony was written in this Notebook, the writer in not known

The testimony of Pontefract Monthly Meeting concerning Joseph Wood deceased

This our esteemed friend was born at Newhouse near Highflatts, within the compass of this Monthly Meeting. On the 26th. of 4th. Month 1750.

His Parents Samuel and Susanna Wood members of our society were concerned for the best interest of the children. In his youth he gave way to some of the vanities incident to that period of life; but when approach manhood, he was happily brought under the restraining power of Truth and often humbled in deep inward exercise, once being in the fields in the night season, he exclaimed! "Lord what shall I do, or whither shall I go?" The answer in the secret of his own heart was as intelligible as if spoken to his outward ear; "whether wilt love go have not I the words of Eternal life." Soon after this he attended a neighbouring Meeting when a ministering friend, who was a stranger stood up with the very words which he had received as an answer to his enquiry and enlarged upon the subject in a manner united to his tried state of mind

In the year 1779 in the 29th. year of his age was his first appearance in the ministry, in great fear and brokenness of Spirit, but being obedient to the manifestations of Truth he experienced an advancement therein and was a good example adorning his profession by a circumspect life

His testimony was not with the enticing words of mans wisdom but in demonstration of the spirit and of power neither was he forward to offer his gift patiently abiding in the deep till he felt the holy fire burn. He was at times laid in a plain, close manner to the unfaithful professors of Truth, but had the word of consolation to the rightly exercised and to whom he was indeed a nursing Father, he was especially useful to such as the Lord was gathering from the barren mountains of an empty profession to the knowledge of the truth and he was frequently in solemn supplication for these and for the awakening of those who were at ease in Zion. His had been enlarged in costs will love, he was anxious for the salvation of all and was frequently engaged to appoint Meetings amongst those not in profession with us. For this service he was eminently gifted and his ministry on these occasions was often attended with the powerful baptizing influence of the Spirit to the convincement of many. He was concerned to impress on the minds of his friends the necessity of a due attendance of weekday Meetings, believing that such as were negligent in this duty never experienced an attainment to the state of strong men in the truth.

That our dear friend was a zealous for the proper support of discipline in our religious Body, was sufficiently evident from the part he took in the exercise of it in his own Monthly Meeting For active service in this important branch of church government he was eminently gifted.

In the course of his religious labours he visited the meetings of friends generally in most of the Quarterly Meetings in England and many Meetings within the principality of Wales, and divers of them repeatedly.

During the latter period of his life feeling his bodily strength decline, he was anxiously desirous that no service required of him should be omitted; his zeal increased with his years, and he became more abundant in labour for the promotion of Christian cause. In a memorandum made about a year before his death he writes, "This day I attained the 70th. year of my age. Made the remainder of my days be so devoted to the Lord service, as, when the solemn message of death is sent, I may have nothing to do but to render up my account with joy."

In the last Monthly Meeting he attended he expressed amongst us, that he had seen, in the vision of life that day, that there were of the Youth their present, who if they were faithful and kept in their innocent sea would become instruments of good, and finally would shine as the stars forever and ever.

The day before his death, the first day of the week; his appearance in his own meeting at Highflatts in a powerful testimony beginning with these words of Moses to Hobab Numbers 10 chap 29 verse "we are journeying into the place of which the Lord said I will give it to you", come down with us and we will do the good, for the Lord has spoken good concerning Israel." and in the course of his testimony he had in strong terms to urge the necessity of a preparation for an awful Eternity

In the afternoon of the same day he complained of pain in his breast and arms, but was not considered in danger he retired to bed at his usual hour, but he slept little and quietly departed about five o'clock the following morning, the 26th. of 3rd. month 1821.

And was buried at Highflatts the 31st. of the same many friends and others attended the meeting on this solemn occasion which was eminently owned by the presence of the great Shepherd of Israel.

Aged nearly 71 years in ministry about 42

Signed in and on behalf of Pontefract Monthly Meeting held at Barnsley 18th. of 3 Month 1822

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