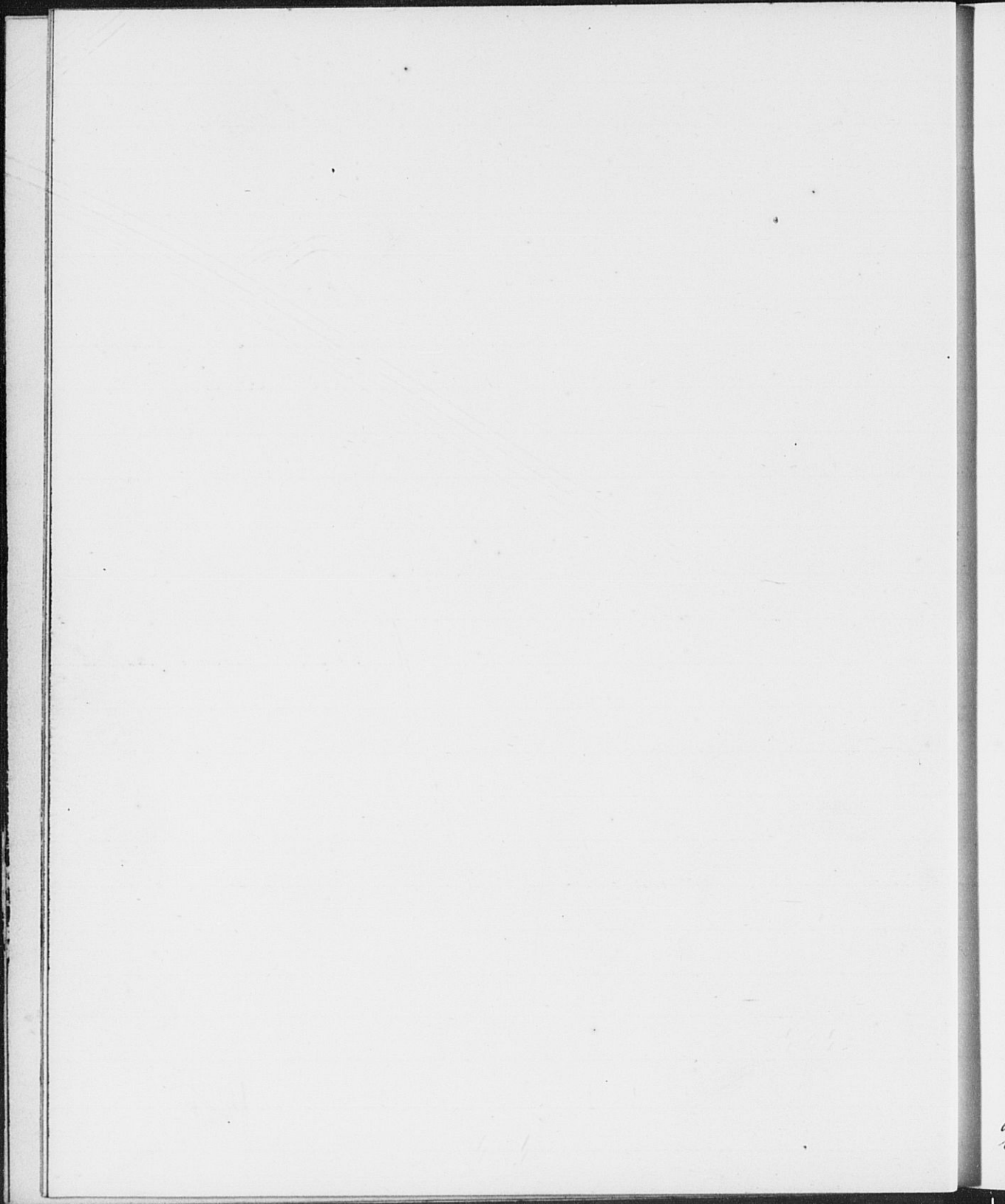


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Mother Ann's closing Address

to the Second Family

New Lebanon Jan^y 4th 1842.

The following, is, in substance, the last verbal communication which Mother Ann caused to be delivered at the Second family, which is her closing & farewell address unto them, - Delivered in the presence of a part of the Ministry, and all of the Elders Brethren and Sisters, constituting that order, including both families.

Mother Ann's Words.

Beloved Ministry and Elders, says Mother Ann, is it in your union that I now address these little Ones who have here assembled to hear my last & parting word (Yea, Mother.) Then, dear children, give ear and understand; for you are now hearing the sound of your kind and tender Parents voice, for the last time; nay, I know not that any of you will ever again hear the sound of my voice, in this line, while you remain in time.

And, as a kind, and watchful Parent, I feel it my duty to impart much good instruction, and many words of solemn warning unto you, (my little flock in this place,) before I close this communication

Almost four years of time have now rolled away, since I, your Mother, did first sound aloud my solemn voice of warning, in this sacred place of worship where you are now assembled; and many have been the precious, and sacred gifts of Heaven, which you have been continually receiving from day to day, untill the present time; and can ye not all bear witness of this, beloved Elders, Brethren and Sisters? (Yea Mother, we can.)

Then consider, dear children, how exceedingly thankful you ought to be, for the days of that bright manifestation of God, thro' which you have been passing; yea, and furthermore, how very careful you ought to be, not to lose one crumb, nor one precious gift, that has been handed forth unto you, in these days of God's bright manifestation from the heavens above.

Mother's special word to the Elders.

I have now, words of instruction, consolation & comfort, to those who stand as Elders, or watchmen in this part of Zion; for great has been the gain and the increase of your little flock in my pure and holy gospel, since the days of this late manifestation began.

2. And now, O ye beloved Elders, it is the greatest concern of your kind, and tender Mother, that your little flock keep what they have already gained, and improve

upon the same, day by day; I say, this is the greatest concern of your Mother, who has now, for ^{more than} three long years been anxiously labouring for the good of her children in this part of Zion, as well as in others.

3 No pains have been spared on the part of your Heavenly Parents, beloved Elders, to establish the feet of your little flock upon that sure, and immovable foundation, that no raging billows, or angry storms of persecution, can overthrow: and for this purpose, have we dealt with our little Ones in plainness, and in loving kindness. And I do strictly charge you, beloved Elders, that when you hear the sound of your Mother's voice no more, as ye now hear it, ye would deal with them, in like manner, as your Heavenly Parents have for four years past, that is in plainness, and loving kindness.

4. Suffer not your members to trample upon, slight, or neglect to keep, the sacred orders of God that have, are, or may hereafter be established, for their souls' protection. Suffer them not again to blend with, and bring in the forms and fashions of the children of this world, - Hearken ye not to the pleadings of any one, or ones, that may hereafter plead for liberty to introduce this thing or that, which has not been owned nor blessed in this manifestation, or that shall not, hereafter be owned, sanctioned and blessed by the visible head that shall remain.

5. Remember, beloved Elders, I warn you in season of these things, for the adversary, that seeks to destroy the protection of my people, will again strive hard in this line, to throw stumbling blocks, in the way of Zion's children. But remember your Heavenly Parents have cast up the high way, and cleared out the stones; that our children may go safely, and stumble not; and I do require you, O my beloved Elders, as faithful laborers in the house of your God, to labor, in the strength of your souls, to keep this high way clear, that Zion's children stumble not.

6. Yea, says Mother, I have looked upon the sincerity of your hearts, O ye Leaders of my children in this place, your hours of humble supplication, your days of deep, and heavy tribulation, have in no wise passed unnoticed by your Mother; nay, but I have drawn near, and fed you with the bread of heaven, and supported you with my strength and power; for you have been true unto God, to your own souls, and to your Mother.

7. You have prized the sound of her voice from the beginning of this manifestation, as the most precious of all sounds; and the gifts which she has brot forth, as the most precious jewels of Heaven, — You have believed in the power and gifts of God, and have been willing to

receive them, whether in words of sharp rebuke, or in messages of loving kindness, thro' such means, as God, in his own wisdom, saw fit, (thro' us, your Heavenly Parents) to send them forth to you.

8. Therefore, have ye honored God, and me, your Mother, with the rest of your Parents in heaven above, and God will honor you, my dear children, thro' his holy Angels, and me, your Mother, whose voice you now do hear, and the rest of your Heavenly Parents. Yea, I say, while walking in the path of true obedience to that order of God which is before you, and placed for your protection, by us you shall be honored thro' time, and in the endless ages of eternity.

9. So be ye comforted, my little Ones, who have borne a heavy burden in this part of Zion, You have spent your days and strength in laboring to build up and support the cause of God, you have been satisfied, ye, reconciled and thankful, to spend and be spent in doing good, in that part of the vineyard where God hath called you to work, and a rich treasure you have gained thereby in the mansions of heaven, into the full enjoyment of which, O ye beloved Leaders, or Elders in this part of Zion, some of you will shortly be called to enter, and enjoy the sweets of a well spent life with me, your Mother, in a long and never ending eternity.

10. You have supported my work from the beginning; you have received my gifts with clean hearts and thankful hearts; tho' in many cases strange they have appeared, and concealed from mortals understandings in many respects; yet ye have not indulged a spirit of unbelief, or harboured a cavelling sense against the order of God's work in this manifestation, or the givings of your heavenly Parents.

11. Therefore hath Holy and Eternal Wisdom, spread her mantle of free and full blessing over you, my little ones; and I, your Mother, can now behold you with delight and pleasure, and speak peaceable words of consolation, unto your weary souls: yea, I can clothe you with my mantle of everlasting love, and blessing, and part with you in peace, my faithful laborers in this part of Zion; for you have been good children.

12. And now, comfort ye one another, in the good way of God, * and deal with them, as we have dealt with you; teach them plainly their duty, and reprove them, when they disobey their most holy faith; and if they will hearken and obey your voices, they will be thankful three times, and in the endless ages of eternity.

* and lead my little lambs in the path of purity & peace.

Mother's Words to her first Born Children

I will now address my dearly beloved first born children, who dwell in this lovely part of my vineyard; for many faithful, - yea, true and honest hearted souls do I find, of my first born children, residing in this place, who have assembled here this day, to hear the last, and parting words of their kind, and tender Mother: a Mother whose face they did behold while on earth, and in possession of an earthly tabernacle; a Mother from whose mouth they did receive the words of everlasting life, and treasured them up into a good and honest heart and have walked by the same unto the present day.

2. Ye are the objects of my love, in whom my soul delights; ye who did receive my gospel in the beginning, and have faithfully maintained and supported the same unto the present day, come the nearest unto me, your Mother, of any souls.

3. It's matter in what part of my vineyard you have been called to work; your faithfulness, has gained you a birth right of nearness to your Mother, and the rest of your Heavenly Parents, who labored with her in tribulation while upon earth, that no soul in time, nor spirit in eternity, can ever take from you. Tho' you have been called to dwell, and ^{to} spend your time & strength in

labouring in different parts of my vinyard; and have seen the rising and falling of many, both upon your right hand, and upon your left, yet, has my pure and holy gospel, thro all these heart rending & trying scenes of darkness, been the first object of your pursuit.

4. And do you suppose that a kind, and tender feeling parent has but slightly noticed the zealous labours and true devotedness of such souls? Nay, by no means, but I have watched you as the apple of my eye, or jewels most precious in my sight. And, from the first of this manifestation, I have ever found you with hearts the most open, willing and thankful, to receive from me, your Mother, thro' whatever medium I might be pleased to send it unto you, of any clasp, among my children.

5. You have not spurned at my gifts, or disclaimed to receive my words of counsel, or instruction, because I sent them forth to you, thro the mouths of such as were but infants, and babes in the gospel, compared with your own travel and privilege.

6. You have not set yourselves as judges of the order & manner, in which God, or your Heavenly Parents should work: but to our will ye have bowed, with thankful hearts

in perfect reconciliation; and such, are the souls that holy, and Eternal Mother Wisdom, delighteth to pour her everlasting love and blessing upon, and clothe them with a mantle of her everlasting brightness, to strengthen their feeble bodies, and cheer their weary spirits their few remaining days in time.

7. And such are the ones, that I, your Mother, should be thankful, at this time, (if it were God's will) to take you in my arms, away from the troubled scenes of time, to dwell with me, in the peaceable mansions of rest, beyond the reach of mortal things. But the will of God, not mine, be done in these things.

8. Therefore, dear children, be ye comforted with a Mother's richest love, and blessing; and know ye, for a certainty, that your fervent cries, and humble supplications have ascended to your God; and often times, within four years past, O ye lovely objects of a Mother's care, have I, with the rest of your heavenly Parents, put forth our hands of power and strength to comfort your weary souls, and steady your feeble frames: and many are the times that we have sent our little Angels, loaded with the precious things of heaven, to bestow upon you, and ye have always received them with grateful and thankful hearts.

9. O ye little Ones, your Mother's first born, for so I

do delight to call you; for you are children which I can not ashamed to own here on earth; and in my Father's Heavenly Kingdom, I will confess you before his throne. For many have been the dark and trying scenes that you have passed thro' since you received this gospel of salvation, from me, your Mother; since the day that I laid down my earthly tabernacle, and left you, clothed with mortal bodies, to keep the gospel for yourselves, and for all others, who might, in your day, desire to find the way of life.

10. And this you have done; thro' all trying scenes you have not denied me, nor denied my gospel. Tho' many who have come in to be numbered within Zion's walls, since the day that I left you on earth, have striven very hard, to convert this sin destroying gospel into something else, and set up the idols of time, the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eye, and the pride of life, in the temple of my God upon earth, (or within Zion's walls,) I say, tho' this they have, in times past striven hard to do, and that too, against your most kind & hearty entreaties to the contrary; yet have I, your Mother ever found you, even in the days of this greatest darkness, true to me, true to your own souls, and true to that gospel which I did give unto you when I was upon earth -

11. For unto no other God have ye bowed, but unto the God of life, light and truth; and unto no other gospel have ye cleaved, but unto the sin destroying & soul saving gospel, which ye received from your heavenly parents when they were upon earth, therefore, are ye blessed in my sight.

12. Draw near in spirit, all ye my first born children, for the time is now come that I must make my last communication to you in the line of inspiration. I know not, that God will ever again suffer me, or any of your Heavenly Parents, to speak unto you again in this world, in the line of inspiration, as we are now speaking; for we are now commanded to finish our work in this part of Zion, that the avenues of communication, by inspiration, between those in time, and those in eternity, might again ^{for a season} be closed.

13. And now, unto all of you, my most dearly beloved and first born children, do I send my kind and hearty thanks, for that support and strength, which you have so zealously administered both unto me, & unto my chosen instruments, thro' this late manifestation; I say, as a small recompense, receive my everlasting thanks, love and blessing, and be ye comforted with the same, the few remaining days you have to stay in time.

14. For you shall soon meet me in eternity, and there we will converse face to face, and no veil shall be spread between us. There you shall enjoy with me, and the rest of your Heavenly Parents, in the mansions of your God, the reward of well doing.

15. There you shall be released from the pains and sufferings of your mortal bodies; and there your souls shall rest in the kind embraces of your Mother: there you shall find, that the reward of a well spent life, is very great, yea, greater than mortal tongue can express or pen describe: there you shall find that all the promises of your Mother, and Heavenly Parents, shall be more than fulfilled and verified to every faithful soul.

16. Therefore, be ye of good cheer, for the time is short that remaineth, before I shall meet you, face to face, as I have before said. Grieve not, that I, your Mother, and the rest of your Heavenly Parents, and the rest of the ministering spirits must now cease to sound forth words to our children in this place, as we have done: for ye, who are my first-born children, are living witnesses that enough has been given, if all will hearken and obey: the road is made clear, and the way marked of safety established: none need to run as uncertain, for the lamp of eternal brightness doth clearly shine,

and giveth light, in the one straight and narrow way, and all who walk therein, walk in the midst of this light, and are clothed with this eternal brightness; therefore they cannot stumble, nor grope their way in darkness, while walking in this beautiful path that leadeth to the pure and heavenly mansions, in the kingdom of their God.

17. And now, once more, I again I say unto you, all ye first born children of me, your Mother, who have stood in my gospel, by day and by night, and have made it the first object of your pursuit, receive ye a double portion of my love and thanks, and a mantle of my everlasting blessing, which I now spread over you, forever to remain, for I can part with you in peace, and in the tenderest feelings of a Parents love and blessing.

Mother's Word to the Deacons & Deaconesses.

And now, beloved Ministry & Elders, is it in your union that I now speak unto those who are called to bear a heavy burden in temporal things, I mean, those who live at the office in a particular manner? (Yea, Mother.)

2 Beloved Deacons and Deaconesses, do you want to receive the kind, and tender instructions of a loving

Mother, that you may be able, at all times, to feel a blessing in your lot and calling, as faithful stewards in the house of God? (Yea Mother, we should.) Then I will bestow upon you as objects of my love, for ye have truly many trying scenes to meet, and much tribulation to pass thro' for the good of the whole; & you are worthy of much love and blessing for your faithful labors,

3. And now, dear children who stand as Elders in temporal things, I do request you to see that those of my first born children who yet remain among you, should be objects of your peculiar care and attention the few remaining days they stay with you in time. Will you see and provide that for them that will make them comfortable in their few declining years? (I do not mean that ye should provide any thing that the gospel does not allow, for my children, will not want any thing of that kind)

4. But that which will render them as comfortable as they can be, in their few declining days: for I say unto all who are now in the hearing of the sound of my voice, that the blessing which my faithful first born children are able to bestow, while they are yet suffered to remain among you, is greater, far, than many of you have any idea of.

5. So prize the few remaining days that they are suffered to stay with you, as a special notice and blessing of God in your behalf, and if you treat them in that way that their spirits can breathe forth a blessing upon you, as they leave the things of time, it shall be as a shield, and a protection unto you, in the days of God's judgments upon the wicked inhabitants of the earth.

6. All ye who are called to bear a burden in outward things, and stand as a door thro which all that goeth out, or cometh in, from the children of this world, must pass, see that ye bring in nothing but what is plain and simple, and can be owned by your visible head. Let not the forms and fashions of the children of this world creep in among you; all that you do, let it be done in singleness of heart, and labor to support the true order of God in its purity.

7. And it is also your duty, so far as you have means, and it is in your power, to be faithful in providing those things which are needful & necessary for the comfort of your beloved brethren and sisters; and use all the property that is entrusted in your hands, in the sincerity of your heart, to build up, and adorn in gospel plainness, that part of the vineyard of Christ, wherein you are called to labor;

8. And when your duty calls you out among the children of this world, keep the fear of God, as a separating line between your souls, and theirs, and in so doing, my love and blessing shall never depart from you.

9. But do remember, my dear children, the solemn warnings of your kind, and tender Mother, which I now give unto you, in the last, and parting communication you will ever receive from me, directly in this line. See that you are saving, prudent & careful of all that God has blessed you with; let nothing be lost thro carelessness or neglect on your part, and teach the members in your family to do likewise.

10. And in all that you put your hand to, whether at home or abroad, let the orders of God, which are established for the safe going of Zion's children, be the unerring line by which you steer; and in so doing, my little Angels of protection shall never depart from you, but shall be your constant companions, whether at home or abroad, and the blessing of God, shall smile forth upon all your labors.

11. But if ye again blend in with the spirit, the forms and the fashions of the children of this world, and rely upon their friendship, it shall become unto you as a gnawing canker worm, that shall destroy your

treasures, and substance, of both the soul and body;—
 And the heavy judgments of God will surely follow the
 disobedience of Zion's children; but if you are faithful
 and truly obedient, all his promises of blessing and pro-
 tection shall be verified to the full extent.

12. And now, my dearly beloved children, remem-
 ber that a kind, and tender parent, has watched over
 you for good;—Yea, I have beheld you with delight, and
 blessed you with my blessing, of peace, and everlasting
 love, for the sincerity of your hearts, in cleaving to me, your
 Mother, and to my word, and work.

13. And in all the trying scenes of darkness and trib-
 ulation, which you have passed thro' you have not de-
 nied my gospel; therefore, I will not deny you, before
 God, my Heavenly Father; but I will confess you be-
 fore the same, as objects of my peculiar love, favor & blessing.

14. Let all your gain in temporal things, be acqui-
 red by the unerring line of truth, and principles of
 true honesty: this I require of all my children, in ev-
 ery part of Zion, for by so doing, their works will be pros-
 pered and blessed,

15. I am your Mother, and ye are my children,
 And now, can you all promise me that you will keep
 the good counsel that I have given you? (Yea, we will

Mother,) Then you shall receive a double portion of the love and blessing of your kind and tender parent.

16. And it is my desire, beloved Ministry & Elders, that all the Brethren and Sisters would love & bless those in outward care, and labor to make it easy for them. This I do require, says Mother, that all my children should labor to make the way of God easy, one for another. And as Holy Wisdom hath spread her mantle of love and blessing over you, so do I, your kind & tender Parent, thankfully do the same.

Mother's word, to those who had been chosen as
Instruments,

Draw near, listen and understand my word, all ye little Ones of my choice; ye whom your Heavenly Parents have chosen as instruments to make known their will, bow low your spirits, and receive the last, and parting words of a kind & tender feeling Parent.

2. The time has now come, that I, your Mother, must sound forth my words of consolation and solemn warning unto you, for the last time, my little Ones. By your Mother, was you called to this sacred

and holy calling, & being used as instruments, or mouths, for me, your Mother, and the rest of your Heavenly Parents, to convey our holy and sacred gifts, in messages, verbal & written, both to the Elders, and to the people,

3. And all such of my instruments as cleansed their hands, and purified their hearts, according as I did require at the beginning; and have, since the day that I called them, been strictly obedient to their visible Lead, and true unto me, their Mother, do now, this day, stand before me, as objects of my peculiar love and delight.

4. I well know, and consider the youthful age, & inexperienced travel, of the most part of you who have been called, (or such of you as obeyed my call,) to labour in the line of inspiration, in this, my late manifestation to my children in this place.

5. And I now say unto you, and unto all who are in the hearing of the sound of my voice, blessed have you been, and blessed shall you be, in walking in perfect obedience to your visible Lead; and this, you have, my little Ones, as a body, laboured to do, according to the best of your understanding; and to obey the voice of your Mother, and the rest of your Heavenly Parents, you have been willing to pass thro' suffering

sorrow, and tribulation of spirit; yea, and furthermore to pass thro the mortifying scenes which I have placed upon all my instruments, that they might become subdued in their spirits, and divested, in a great measure, of that proud, haughty and self exalted feeling, that is natural to all untill they have crucified and subdued the same, by virtue of this pure and holy gospel.

6. I say, for this reason, I have caused my instruments to pass thro scenes of mortification, & true tribulation, and unto all such of my instruments as have been wise, and will, hereafter, continue so to be, these scenes of which I have been speaking may answer a twofold purpose, in their souls, that which they never will forget, thro time, nor in eternity.

7. Firstly, to show them that true obedience to their visible head, is the only way to please God, or their Heavenly Parents; and secondly, that they might be convinced, that there is nothing that can wash the soul from the nature, and stains of sin, but an honest confession, and, withall, sufferings & true tribulation of soul, and that in this situation the power, and temptations of the adversary, rapidly

decrease, while that of heavenly sensations, divine, and sublimely pure, daily increase; and this much, every true and faithful instrument of mine has had an opportunity to learn, in this late manifestation; and this may be an everlasting gain to them, if they are wise.

8. And for that obedience of spirit, and devotedness of soul, that I have found in you, my little Ones, thro' the many trying scenes that you have had to pass within four years, I do now clothe you with my mantle of everlasting love, my thanks and my blessing, and nought can destroy this mantle, which your Mother does now place upon you, but unfaithfulness, by disobeying your faith, and disobeying your visible Head,

9. But if you will be good, faithful and obedient children thro' time, and never deny your Mother, her word, nor her work; you shall enter eternity clothed with this garment, and meet your Mother in peace, rejoicing in these promises which I now have given unto you, my little Ones.

10. I furthermore warn you, as a kind, and tender Mother, against that danger to which you will hereafter be exposed, — Some of you may think, that because

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this gift of inspiration, ^{in a measure} now ceases, you are in a great degree released from laboring for the gifts of God, but not so; altho you are ^{measurably} released from the gift of inspiration, or from being taken and absented from the scenes of time, and are required to come home, I gather to your Elders, put your hands to work, and your hearts to God; yet, by no means are you released from laboring, day by day, for the beautiful gifts of God, both in heavenly songs, and powerful testimonies against every evil; and these testimonies, (Beloved Elders, says Mother,) should be borne, when your little flock assemble together to worship God, at such times and seasons, as your wisdom may direct.

11. And I furthermore solemnly warn you, my little Ones, to be exceedingly careful, and strictly keep the order that is given you, respecting these sacred gifts dont talk together about them, or to your Brethren & Sisters, - Remember that this, your Mother does strictly forbid, talk to none respecting the precious givings of God, and your Heavenly Parents, in this manifestation, save ^{unto} your Elders, and what you may feel a gift to speak in meeting (with their union and approbation, respecting the work of this great day of Gods condescension, thro which you have been

passing); if this is done, you will be able to walk in the fear of God, and profit by every gift that has been given you.

12. And always remember, that innocent simplicity, is the most precious jewel in your Mother's sight, and that, at all times, when you will go forth and exercise in the simple gifts of God, in this spirit, I will cause my little Angels, that I have left with you, and with all my true and honest-hearted children, to bear me tidings of the same; and I will return unto you, by the little Angels, a ball of love and blessing.

13. But remember my solemn words of warning, if any of you that have been called by the powers of heaven above, and used as instruments, thro which to convey the holy and sacred treasures to the people, reject your faith, and turn against, to serve the law of sin and death, you can never meet my face in peace, in the endless ages of eternity: for by so doing you will betray the Lord's Christ; and of all states, yours will be among the most miserable.

14. And I, as a tender Parent, do now give you warning in due season, that you may all escape that awful situation if you will. So farewell, my little Ones, as holy and Eternal Wisdom hath blessed you, for your

faithfulness, in the late manifestation, so do I, your Mother, bless you for the same.

Mother's words of ^{consolation,} Counsel & Instruction, with her solemn warnings, to all present, and, in a special manner, to all under the age of sixty years.

O my beloved Children, each one, and all of you present, who are in the hearing of the sound of my voice
Are all of you, my dear children, now prepared to part with your Mother in peace,?

2. I have not come, at this time, to admonish & chastise you; I have not come to cause your spirits to feel grieved, or troubled; but I have come to speak my last, and parting words to you, and to finish my work, which God, my heavenly Father, hath given me to do in this part of Zion.

3. Therefore do I call upon you all, my dear children, as the last call that ye will ever receive in this line, from my mouth, to listen with patience and attention to the last and parting words of a Mother's kind instruction.

4. Now, all who have prepared themselves, according to the appointment of Holy Wisdom; have been able, to receive a full blessing, at her hand; and I

would to God that this was the situation of every one now present; — Yea, says your kind and tender Mother, this has been the anxious labors of your Heavenly Parents, for four years past, to bring each, and every one, into that situation, that we could, when it should be God's will, part with them in perfect peace.

5. And now, dear children, this time has come, and I am sorry to say, yea, from the bottom of my heart I regret, that there are any here present, who have not prepared themselves, according as Holy Wisdom has previously directed; and I, your Mother, with the rest of your Heavenly Parents, have spared no pains to enable all to come to this requirement, if they would; that her eternal brightness, might not pass them lightly over.

6. There has nothing unreasonable been required of any who pretend to be my children, nothing but what each, and every one, (who has been in any degree faithful thro' this late manifestation, and have believed in the power and gifts of God,) would have embraced with a thankful heart. — And shall those few, who have not been as faithful to prepare themselves as Holy Wisdom did require, destroy the gift of my blessing to those who have been true and faithful to come to judgment, according to the requirement of the late gift? Nay, by no means, this would be unjust. —

7. So be ye comforted, my little Ones, and not throw yourselves away, because you can now see where you have missed it in times past. I again repeat my word, that all my dear children present, may understand.

8. Holy and Eternal Wisdom, has not come looking for perfection, in every sense of the word; neither have I, your Mother, come with that expectation; but we have come, hoping to find you with hearts cleansed, & purified, by a free, and honest confession & ~~of~~ of every thing sinful in your knowledge; and seated in the vale of humiliation, and true repentance, -

9. And all such as have obeyed from their heart, the late gift, in this manifestation, are now, before the eyes of their kind and feeling Mother, seated in this pleasant valley: I do not find them soaring high in their own self exalted wills and feelings,

10. Hear my voice, O ye little Ones of a Mother's love, all that is past, which has been honestly confessed, in the true line and order of God, whether by old or young, with a determination to leave it off forever, is forgiven of God, of your Mother, and Heavenly Parents; therefore you need no longer to feel buffeted, any of you, on the account of your past lives, if you have been honest and true to confess and repent of the same, according to the late requirement.

11. And to all such as have done this, do I, your
 Mother, send forth words of encouragement, and loving
 kindness; for you are lovely in my sight; and, as a
 body of people, you have been faithful in the late
 work which you have been called to; and if there is
 any that have not fully come into this work, and
 they will repent, and come to judgment before the going
 down of the sun this day, I will leave my everlasting
 blessing in the hands of their Elders, with that of Holy
 Wisdoms to bestow upon them.

12. For I cannot bear to have any of my little Ones
 left without the golden chain of our eternal blessing:
 but it is my desire, and prayer, that each and every
 one may be gathered, if possible, within this chain,
 for if there be any who are left out, from this time
 henceforth, they will dwindle and die.

13. The greatest love, that a kind, and tender
 Mother can show to her children, is to plainly teach
 them the path of their duty, wherein they can walk
 with safety, — And this, beloved Elders, brethren &
 Sisters, is that kind of love, that your Mother feels
 it to be her duty, to bestow upon her children in this
 place, before she closes her last, and parting word unto
 them.

14. I would now call the attention of all, to look back, and consider, with serious contemplation, the many blessings, and precious gifts of God, that I, your Mother, with the rest of your Heavenly Parents, have handed forth unto you from the Heavens above, within four years past, together with all the heavenly teaching, and divine instruction, which you have received from the same source; and let it awaken your souls, to seriously consider what manner of lives ye are called henceforth to live, in order that ye may show forth a grateful and thankful heart unto God, for all that ye have received from the hands of your Heavenly Parents, in the late manifestation

15. And in no way can ye do it, only by walking in strict obedience, to that which we have taught you, says Mother,

16. And I will now again, in my last, and parting communication, to you, my little Ones, (who are under the age of sixty, in a special manner,) briefly instruct you how to walk, how to conduct, that ye may keep the way of God, that ye may be able to keep yourselves from all sinful abominations, and subdue the nature of evil, by walking in the paths of purity and peace.

17. I have no new gospel to sound forth to my children; but the same I did sound forth, when first my little flock was established in this land. The first step that any one can take in my gospel, is, honestly to confess their sins to God's witnesses, just as they committed them, and then, labour to repent of the same, in tribulation and sorrow; and by so doing, they begin to take their first steps right, and enter into a travel in the work of regeneration, understandingly and if they would always continue faithful and true in this respect; that when they were overcome with any sin or wrong, honestly to confess it, they would never loose the true sight, or fall out of the pure way of God.

18. And the awful abominations which have been printed against Zion, and found within the hearts of many of her children, would never exist within her sacred borders.

19. And now, beloved Elders, I will give you a criterion, by which you may know those who do not honestly confess their sins; but conceal, and labor to keep covered their filthy and hidden works of abomination.

20. Whoever you see among your members, whether middle aged, youth or children, that are rough, noisy,

boisterous and harsh, slam doors, and walk heavily in their dwellings; and when they come into meeting are numb, stiff and stupid, bound, and starched up in their pride and lust, and can bear no testimony against sin and wickedness, or speak of their love and thankfulness, to the way and work of God,

21. Then know ye for a certainty, O ye faithful watchmen, that they have neither clean hands or justified hearts; therefore, give yourselves no rest, untill you have brought them to judgment, according to truth: altho they may assert their innocency in this state, but rest not, I say, untill their works, bring forth fruit to prove it; for by the fruit shall all be judged, both in time, and in eternity.

22. And when any members get into that situation that they are not easy to be entreated, or to receive counsel from their Elders, then, know for a certainty that such souls, are not standing on gospel ground.

23. O my dear children, could you sense the love that I feel for you when you do well, and walk in the path of true obedience, and the grief and distress I feel, when you depart therefrom, I am sure you would never again transgress your faith, and violate the sacred orders of your God; much has been given you

and much God will hereafter require at your hands; & when ye hear no more my voice as ye now hear it, remember my last, and parting words to you, my little Ones; you have a privilege now, while in the prime of your life, and in the strength of your days, to lay up an everlasting treasure in the Kingdom of your God, to go to, when you have done with things of time; but this treasure can only be gained, by a daily cross of self denial.

24. And now, my little flock, my little Lambs, in whom my soul delights, you are lovely and precious in my sight, and never before, did I behold you so clean and pure, as you are this day, and never before were you so well prepared to receive the parting words, the love and the blessing of your kind and tender Mother, who has many, and many times within four years past, walked hand in hand with you, and sounded aloud her voice throughout your dwellings, clearly showing you the way, and inviting all to prepare and not faint.

25. — So now I say unto you all, watch and pray that ye may not, hereafter be overcome by temptation. Keep a close union to your Elders, and never stray therefrom.

26. Be free and simple, in the works and worship of God, and to spiritual things, always pay a serious

and solemn reverence, Love and bless each other, dwell together in peace, and the God of peace will dwell with you, — Keep your hands clean, your lips from guile, and your heart unstained by any willful sin.

27. And always unite, with every feeling of your soul, with that testimony that strikes against the nature of sin. Keep ye the sacred orders and statutes of Heaven, that are placed before you, for your soul's protection.

28. And now unto you all do I render my kind, and hearty thanks, says Mother Ann, and spread my mantle of everlasting love and blessing, all over you, forever to remain. So fare ye well in love; fare ye well in a Mother's peace.

The foregoing communication was recommunicated to the writer, (a Instrument thro whom it was first spoken,) by one of Mother Ann's little reading Angels, whom she had left to communicate in the line of inspiration, untill all the writing necessarily connected with the closing of her work, should be finished.

Inw^t Philimon Stewart.

Chapter III

Father William's closing verbal
communication, to the Second Family; Jan^y. 4th 1842.

Beloved Ministry and Elders, are you willing that I should once more speak to this beloved little flock, which I feel much love and blessing for? (Yea.)

2. My dear gospel friends, you have now heard the last words from your blessed Mother, yea, the last you will receive from her, ^{in this tone} while you remain in time. And I am also called to leave you, my beloved Friends, no more to speak my words unto you as I have done for a long time past. — I must leave you, and return to my heavenly mansions with my blessed Mother; and no more remain with you, no more speak my word unto you, as I have done.

3. But, my dear friends, how can I leave you, without expressing, in some measure, that which I feel for you; yea, that love which I have gained for you, is more than you can sense; altho you know that I have much love for you. But, dearly beloved children, never, before, could I view you with that pleasure and satisfaction, that I now can.

4. And, as your blessed Mother, has bestowed the richest of her love and blessing, upon each, and every faithful soul, who is striving to increase in the pure way of God, even so will I, your Father, bestow my love & blessing. For that which your holy & Eternal Mother can bless, and your blessed Mother Ann does bless, I do, with every feeling of my soul, love and bless.

5. I have many times called you to listen to my word in times past, which often has been mortifying and trying to your spirits; yea, and with sharp words of reproof, have I spoken to you many times.

6. But, dearly beloved, it was in love, yea, pure love, that I have spoken as I have, thro' crossing to my own feelings. And now, do any who are present, feel that I have been too plain, or too hard? Have I grieved any of you, my dearly beloved friends? I wish to part with you in peace, love & blessing, and this I can freely do; and can you part with your Father in peace?

7. Truly, beloved, this is a trying scene with me, to part with those that I so dearly love; but I must go, in obedience to the call of my Heavenly Father, and bid you farewell, dear children.

8. You have now been shown your duty in all things you have been shown the path wherein you can travel

safe and sure; and if you will walk in obedience to the blessed counsel and instruction that has been given you in times past, and cleave to your beloved Elders, you will never again fall back on to that ground which you have now left; but you will increase, and travel on in the way of God, untill you have gained that which your souls now desire.

9. But, my beloved young friends, you cannot travel in the way of God, in an easy, indifferent, and careless sense: you must remember it requires your whole souls, all your time and strength to serve God to his acceptance.

10. Even as it requires a daily labor with your hands to gain your temporal support, so it requires a daily labor, and earnest desire, to gain that which will feed & nourish your souls, and enable you to travel in the pure way of God.

10. But remember, my dear young friends, this will require your whole souls labour, in humiliation, and tribulation, walking day by day, and step by step, in the true fear of God, and a faithful improvement of all your precious time, in doing good, and building up Zion upon earth.

11. Remember, if you are faithful to improve all

your precious moments, in doing good with your hands, you are laying up a treasure for your souls, when you have done with things of time.

12. Therefore, beloved children, be encouraged to press on; tho you will not receive from the hands of your heavenly Parents, as you have in times past; if you are faithful, and walk in obedience to the many words of counsel, and instruction that have been given you, you will ever have the blessing of your Parents in heaven, and be protected, and strengthened, thro all trying scenes, that may come in your way, while on your journey thro time.

13. And unto you, most dearly beloved, and faithful first born children, of your blessed Mother, you who have ever been ready, and willing, at all times, to listen to the word of your Father, and have, in truth, supported the same, thro trying, and dark hours of tribulation: unto you do I return my most hearty thanks, for supporting the word of your Father, and the work of your blessed Mother; also receive the richest of my love and blessing at this time, for this is the last, untill we meet in the heavenly worlds above; and know that the love and blessing of all your Parents in heaven, does rest upon you.

14. And O ye little Ones of your Mother's love, ye children of my delight and pleasure, you who have bowed your spirits to speak the word of your Father, remember I have not forgotten you; but upon you will I bestow my purest love and blessing: also my thanks, for bowing your spirits to do my will, and the will of your heavenly Father, in speaking the words which were given to you.

15. And remember, if you are faithful to walk in strict obedience to your visible Lord, to your beloved Elders you will be safely protected thro' time, and again meet your Heavenly Parents in peace in eternity.

16. But remember, great will be your tribulation, and many are the dark and trying hours you will surely have to pass thro'; and when you feel bowed down in your spirits, go to your beloved Elders, there seek for help and strength; remembering you have the love and blessing of your heavenly Parents, which will feed and support you, in the hour of trial.

17. And unto each and every one of you, my beloved children do I say; reflect, and wisely consider the many precious privileges you have had, of receiving rich stores from the heavenly world for a long time past. Gather up all that has been given you, for you will in time feel

the need of these things, more than you now do; when you can no more receive from the heavenly world as you have received in times past.

18. So, my dearly beloved gospel friends, remember these last words of your Father; also treasure up in your hearts the good counsel and instruction that your blessed Mother has, at this time, bestowed upon you.

19. And may you ever farewell, farewell, dear gospel friends, in my blessing, love, and peace, untill we again meet in a never ending eternity; where I hope to meet with each and every one, — Farewell, farewell, untill I again meet you in heaven above; there in love I will greet you, and in peace I will meet you, & still be your Father and friend —

Wm^t Benjamin Gatis.

Chapter III

The closing words of Father James to the
Second Family.

Jan^y 4th 1842. —

Dearly beloved Elders, brethren and Sisters, will you again listen to the voice of your Father James, and hear my parting word that I am now called to speak unto you.

2. My dear gospel Friends, I am also called to leave you, and no more walk with you; I am called to speak my last word unto you, and bid you farewell; this is certainly a heart trying scene, to part with you my beloved, you that I have spent so many days, and hours with, both in times of rejoicing and times of tribulation; you whom I have felt and labored so much for; but this I am called to do; and in obedience I must return, as in obedience I came.

3. But, my beloved friends, it is my greatest prayer, yea, the sincere desire and prayer of my soul, that you do, each and every one, treasure up in your hearts the blessed words of counsel and instruction, that you have this day received from your blessed Mother Ann; that you do really consider the blessings that you have received, & have been continually receiving for a long time past, from the hands of your heavenly Parents, and those ministering spirits that have been sent, to administer these blessed gifts to you, and to lead you into that sure path that will carry you safely thro' time.

4. Remember you have now heard the last word from your blessed Mother, also of your beloved Father William, which, if you treasure in your hearts, and walk in obedience to, will be a support and strength to your souls

in time to come; when scenes of heavy sorrow and affliction roll upon you, which surely lay in your path, and that not far distant; when these last words of your heavenly Parents, will feel of great worth to you: then you will feel that thankfulness which many of you do not and cannot now feel.

5. My dear young friends, there are some of you, I fear do not at this time, sense the great privilege you have, but with an indifferent and stupid feeling, hear the words that are sounded in your ears, & do not treasure them up in your hearts with that eagerness which you need to feel and possess, in order to find an increasing travel in the work of God, and this blessed gospel, which you are made partakers of.

6. You must remember that you have but just stepped into the right path; you have now begun the right work, which, if strictly pursued, will lead you to abiding peace and happiness, both in this world, and in the world to come; but suffer not your spirits to lull into ease, and security, thinking that you have gained the gospel, and have no need of further labor.

7. This, you will be exposed, many of you, my dear young friends, to feel, as the communication, in this line ceases, and thus lose that which you have gained, and

again fall into a dead, and lifeless state, — Beware of that spirit that will say within your hearts, "We can now live in peace and satisfaction; we shall not be continually hearing from the spiritual world, as we have done, we can now live in pleasure, and enjoy the comforts of life."

8. Al now, my beloved, this spirit, will lead you to deny your precious faith, and deny the word, and work of your Heavenly Parents, and thereby, cause you to fall from the way of God.

9. You will sense a great change, when this line of spiritual communication ceases; you will then be left more to yourselves; and you will have to labor more earnestly for your own support; — You will not have that help and strength which you have had in times past.

But, my beloved children, be not discouraged, for no true hearted soul, will be left destitute of the blessing of God,

10. Tho your Heavenly Parents leave you, remember their love, blessing and strength, remains with every faithful child. But remember you cannot be carried to heaven without your own exertions, and daily labor; — You have blessed Elders, to lead and direct you, and in obedience to their counsel, and instruction, you will be able, at all times to see the path of your duty, and feel the blessing and protection of God, thro his chosen and anointed ones.

11. And when you feel surrounded by trials and tribulation, remember the parting words of your blessed Mother Ann, and all your heavenly Parents; remember the hours of tribulation that they have passed thro' for you, in laboring to plant this blessed gospel which you have been made partakers of. — Yea, in times of rejoicing, and times of affliction, remember your blessed Mother, from whom you have received so many rich treasures, and blessed gifts, also, the never ending love and blessing, which she has, at this time, bestowed upon you.

12. And unto you, my beloved young friends, do I, your Father James, say, listen to these last, and parting words of your Father, who, in love and blessing, can now part with you, for truly you have gained much in the late work of cleansing, which has been going on among you. Keep that which you have gained, and still go on in this blessed path which you have now entered: and when you come into the worship of God, show forth that life and zeal, which has been given to you.

13. And in your temporal employment, let every step be taken in the fear of God, and your precious moments be spent in doing good, with your hands, and pondering upon the things of God; upon those blessed treasures that have been given you in times past.

14. In this way, you will gain a blessing, and you will have no time to ponder upon the vain pleasures of time, or be led aside by the alluring charms of the adversary, that ever stands ready to lead your souls aside into by and forbidden paths.

15. It is in blessing and love that I can now look upon you; and the richest of my blessing, will I pour upon you, and in peace I must now part with you, and bid you farewell; desiring and praying, that you may increase, and gain, in the blessed work and way of God, and again meet with your Father, in eternity.

16. So in my peace and my blessing, I bid you farewell. farewell, most dearly beloved children, untill we again meet in the mansions of heaven. Farewell, farewell, in love, blessing and peace.

Father James. —

Inst Benjamin Gates —

Chapter IV.

An Introduction to the closing word of the Angel of Almighty power to the people of the Second Family; by the Witnessing Angel. — January 4th 1842.

Thus saith the witnessing Angel of holy and eternal Wisdom. Harken, O ye people, ye indwellers of Zion,

to my word, for I am the chosen Angel, of your holy and eternal Mother; I bear witness, on earth and in heaven, - I am ready, I can bear witness to the words that ye have now heard and received.

But my word I will withhold, untill the Angel of Almighty power hath spoken, the word that is to be sounded forth unto you at this time; and untill your Holy Mother Wisdom hath spoken her last word ^{in this visitation} unto you, O ye people of her delight, while ye remain in time, thro' instruments of mortal clay and does even now, pour forth the remainder of her ready, and well prepared Messing, and her holy love, upon you in a body together, while you are here assembled.

So be ye not weary, but give attention, and labor to understand aright; yea, listen with pleasure and receive with true thankfulness, the word of the holy Angel of Almighty power, also, that of your holy and Eternal Mother Wisdom, and then will I sound forth my word unto you, in obedience to the God of heaven and earth, your Almighty Father.

Just Adah Zillah Potter.

The closing word of the Angel of Almighty power to the
Second Family. Jan 11th 1842.
Hearken, O ye children of Zion, ye who now stand

acceptable before God, your Holy Mother, and your heavenly Parents, give ear unto my word, and once more listen unto me.

Many of you, who are now in the hearing of my word, have received in very deed, a full, and free blessing, from the hand of holy, and eternal Wisdom; yea, very few are present, but what have fully received a full blessing; ye have also received a blessing from your Heavenly Parents, which ye well understand is their last, and parting word to you.

So now I say, ye children of Zion, press forward and fear not; for surely your God has not forgotten you, neither are ye in any wise forsaken by him; for thus was the word of my God to me as I bowed before him;

"O thou holy Angel of my power, when the people have indeed received a blessing from Holy Wisdom. and when their heavenly Parents have finished their word unto them, then, stretch forth over them, this, the mantle of their blessing which I now give unto thee.

So now I cover you, O ye people, with a mantle of the eternal blessing of your God, and encircle you, O beloved, in a band of his holy love; and ever remember, the blessing of your God, will not be taken from you neither will his protecting arm be withdrawn while ye remain faithful, & abide by the counsel of your

Heavenly Parents, So now, beloved, ye, each & every one who has received the blessing of Holy Mother and is in truth owned by their Elders, receive ye, this once, my love, my blessing, my peace, comfort and consolation; and never forget this day, nor the blessings which ye have, at this time received.

So listen ye, now, to the word of your Eternal Mother, for my word is now finished, my mission is fulfilled; may heaven bless you, in peace I leave you, in love, I bid you farewell, farewell, ye, a long long, and lasting farewell.

Inw. Anna Dodgson

Chapter. V.

The closing Address of Holy, Holy Wisdom to the Second Family
Spoken at the time of the closing word of our Heavenly Parents, Jan^y 4th 1842.

I am that I AM, the holy and eternal Wisdom of God, whose dwelling place is upon the throne of the most high, with whom I am as one, and I have now come, even for the last time, to speak my word unto you; ye even as ye have now heard the last and parting words of your Heavenly Parents, (Mother Ann, Father William and Father James, so are ye about to hear, also, my last words unto you.

Now ye, O ye people, it was by the word of my command, and the sound of my voice, that the heavens were opened, & the avenues of communication between those dwelling in the spiritual world, and you, who now reside in this; and it is also by my command & by the sound of my voice, that they are now again to be shut up.

And now, O ye people of my name, who have received a free blessing from my hand, hearken and consider my words, which I am now, about to sound forth in your hearing. Yea, open your ears to hear, and your hearts to understanding, for by the mouth of truth speak I unto you.

Well do ye know, O ye children of Zion, that the windows and doors of Heaven, have been widely opened unto you, and ye have received rich blessings therefrom, without number, count, weight, or measure; yea, not anything that is in the heavens, that ye could ask or desire, for your present, and I may say, future welfare, and comfort, has been withheld from you.

And all who have, in this great harvest, been truly wise and prudent, to gather up every crumb that has fallen from the heavens, however small, considering every one precious, and worthy of observation, will have wherewith to feed upon, and more than this, to feed other hungry souls.

in days of scanty, which are yet to come upon you, and ye may know, O ye people, that I have blessed every one now present, each one, according to their merits, and the blessing which I have given you, will remain with you thro' time, if you continue faithful, increasing forever with an everlasting increase, to every honest and upright soul, thro' the endless ages of eternity. Yea, even as you do increase in love, purity, obedience and simplicity this store of love and blessing which I have now given you, will also increase.

So take ye courage, and press ye on, thro' scenes of heavy tribulation which surely await you, and in the hour of trial remember my word unto you; never, in any way, deny my holy word and work, neither that holy power, with which I have blessed you, for if ye do this, I will deny you, your inheritance in my holy Kingdom, & every blessing which is in the Heavens, I will withhold from you, — If you do not continue faithful & true witnesses for your blessed Mother Ann, and Heavenly Parents, concerning their work, in the great manifestation of God thro' them, unto you, in this, your day upon earth.

And those of you who have been called and chosen as Instruments, to work for your Heavenly Parents, hearken, give ear, and understand my word. Know ye, it was by me, Holy Wisdom, that ye were called and chosen.

in this work of the Lord, thro your blessed Mother, and the Holy Angels, and Saints in my Kingdom, in this, their late manifestation unto you; and now, it is by the same voices, that ye are called home, and the present manifestation, is now to cease among you; Yea, I say I have come, in my wisdom, to finish this, my work in — this place.

Wherefore do I say unto you, all ye chosen instruments of Mother Ann, each, and every one, come home, come home come home, put your hands to work, and your hearts to God; yea, I say gather home, to your beloved Elders, and when ye desire the blessings of Heaven, the gifts of love, charity, humility, patience, reconciliation, simplicity and obedience, and furthermore, that of peace, comfort & consolation, strength and courage; and moreover, if ye desire to hear the word of God, and your Heavenly Parents, go to them, and humbly seek, and ye shall surely find, for thro them, shall the heavenly blessings of God, hereafter flow to you; and when ye desire the love, blessing, strength and power of your blessed Mother, and Eternal Holy Wisdom, seek at their hands, and ye shall surely find; for unto them, have I given these blessings for you; in their hands, have I placed them.

So when your Heavenly Parents are gone from this place, (as they will surely be, ere the setting of the sun.)

Then, you must go to them, for strength, comfort and support, for you will many times, at their departure feel great leanings, and very destitute, for the want of their holy blessings, of which ye have, for so long a time been freely partaking.

And now, my little Lambs, I warn you to keep close within the fold of Zion; for truly when this great work does cease, there will many prowling wolves enter in to destroy my little flock. So watch ye, watch ye, I say, watch, ye, watch and pray continually, that ye may not be left to deny the work of your Mother, and your faith, in the late manifestation of God unto you; for whosoever shall do this thing, I say unto them, beware, beware; for woe, woe, woe, I say unto that Soul, that shall do this thing: yea, woe, woe, woe unto them three times, and woe unto them in Eternity.

Now ye have heard, O ye people, my word, therefore, treasure up my sayings, into pure, honest and sincere hearts, that my blessing may ever rest upon you. I do now, with a mantle of my blessing cover you over, and with a chain of my holy love, I bind your souls together, my wings of light I spread over you, and every faithful soul that remaineth in Zion, shall, in the days of the furious judgments of the Lord, when pouring forth

upon the wicked inhabitants of earth, safely be secured under my holy wings of protection.

So now receive from my holy hand, once more and again, a bountiful and rich store of my love and blessing, while the same is now stretched out over you, O ye chosen Ones of my name, and farewell, farewell, yea, I say forever fare ye well, in well doing. Amen, my word unto you is now finished.

Inst^t Mirianda Barber

Chapter VI

The word of the Witnessing Angel; closing the work.

Hear ye again, the word of the Witnessing Angel. Now, O ye Holy Anointed, are ye not satisfied with the word that has been now sounded forth, & are ye not ready that I speak my word, and finish, yea, and close the work? Think ye not that there has been sufficient given, and in very deed, as much as mortals can receive to their gain. (Answer, Yea.) And O ye Elders in Zion, are ye not satisfied? Think ye not that there has been sufficient bestowed upon these, the children of your blessed Mother, for whose protection, strength and comfort ye daily labor?

I say, are ye not satisfied with the loving kindness and never ending goodness, of your heavenly & loving

Parents unto you all here present this day, or do ye still desire more? (Answer, Yea, we are satisfied.) And do ye not, O ye holy chosen and anointed Ones, and ye Elders of the people, in very reality think and believe, that the doors and windows of Heaven have been kept open, & the blessings from the mansions of the Heavenly Kingdom, be showered daily upon the inhabitants of Lion, so long as will be for their real gain? Or how think ye, or what say ye, speak freely, that I may bear witness for you, when I can no more bear witness on earth. (Answer, We are thankful for all that we can receive; but we can only say the will of Heaven, and of our Eternal Parents, be done.

Then hearken, yea, listen ye to my word, yet a little longer, for I am now ready to sound forth the last word unto you, O ye little Ones of your ever blessed Mother Ann, and your Heavenly Parents, have, at this hour, finished their work, closed their word, and have now gone and left you.

O yea, listen unto me, for surely I am the witnessing Angel of Holy Wisdom, your Eternal Parent. I bear witness, on earth, and in Heaven; I was sent forth at her command, even upon the first morn that your Heavenly Parents obtained permission to come upon earth to administer unto you, their dear children. I have ever had knowledge of all that has been received from the mansions of the Heavenly Kingdom above, and of the same

have I borne witness in the heavens above, and in Zion on earth; I bear witness of all that ye have now received at this time from your ever blessed Mother, Ann, Father William and Father James; both the written word, and that which has now been communicated; and, also, that of your Holy, and Eternal Mother Wisdom, and the Angel of Almighty power; and of my own word unto you, will heaven itself bear witness, that it is, and must be, the last that ye can or will receive in this line of inspiration, ^{in this way} while ye remain in time. I also bear witness of all the use that mortals have made of all that has been sent forth, and bestowed upon them, yea, of the sacred givings of God to his people on earth.

Now, O ye little Ones, who have been called, and chosen to be instruments in the work of your blessed Mother Ann, to sound forth her word, and do her will for the last four long years, listen a moment unto my word.

Do ye all, well understand that ye are now called home, and that ye are no more to receive from the heavens as ye have done; and know ye not, ye little ones of your Mother's love, that your Holy Mother, even Eternal Wisdom, hath freely blessed you, for your true faithfulnes, and promised you a glorious reward for the same, when you have done with time, if you will now gather home, yea, gather to your beloved Elders, and thankfully receive

from them, as you have received from your blessed Mother Ann, Your Heavenly Parents, the holy Angels and justified spirits.

O ye, do forever prize the privilege you have had, & now, from this time, walk in obedience to the counsel, and blessed instruction which ye have received from your Holy Mother Wisdom, and the last, and parting word of your Heavenly Parents, even at this hour. This is my word unto you.

And now come, come home, gather into your Mother's fold, join with your dear brethren and sisters, walk humbly keep low, and all shall be well with you.

And now, O ye people, one and all, that are in the sound of my voice, hearken, for so, at this moment by the command of eternal wisdom, are the holy Angels of her throne sounding aloud their trumpets, and calling the ministering spirits and Angels, into their mansions above, and solemn is the moment indeed, for surely I must now say, O let there be silence in heaven and on earth, while I now draw ^{for a season} the separating line between ^{those in} the mansions of Heaven, and the dwellings of Zion's inhabitants.

Yea, while by the power, and at the word of eternal wisdom, the windows and doors of Heaven ^{measurably} are closed; and while I say, Of ari an sa na nan, — The work is done and the word is now finished unto you, O ye people,

and heaven beareth witness of this, And Amen. —

Trist Adah Lillah Potter.

Chapter VII.

The following pages, comprehend in substance the parting and farewell communication of Mother Ann, verbally delivered by inspiration, at the East Family, at the close of Holy Mother's work, thro' an Instrument living in the Church, 1st Order, whom she had chosen to finish her work in this part of her vineyard.

Mother's Words.

Beloved Ministry & Elders, is it in your union that I now speak my last and parting words to your little flock in this place? (Yea, Mother.)

I have come with words of warning, counsel, and instruction, says Mother, for those who dwell in this part of my vineyard; and I have also come with a Parents blessing, in streams of loving kindness, to shed forth and distill upon their souls, as the dews of Heaven, (or upon all such as have freely received a blessing from Holy Mother Wisdom,) Yea, upon all such, I can freely bestow my everlasting love and blessing.

But such as have not humbled themselves, and hearkened, and obeyed the voice of their Heavenly Parents which has been sounded forth unto them of late, & honestly confessed with their tongues, and bro't to light

all their hidden and filthy works of abomination & repented of the same, from the bottom of their hearts, they cannot receive my blessing: my peace cannot rest upon them, neither can they receive the blessing of any of the heavenly hosts, untill they faithfully do his work, which they have put off, and put off, notwithstanding our most solemn warnings; untill the hour of our departure is come.

And my spirit would have rejoiced with exceeding great joy, could I have found, at this time, every one in this family, with clean hands, and hearts well purified by an honest confession, with true repentance, so that there could have been no obstacle, in the way of their receiving a full and free blessing, from their eternal Parents. I say, that this situation with each and every one of you, without any exception would have greatly delighted the spirit of your kind and tender Mother, at this, the hour of her departure from her children in this place.

But I have not come at this time to reprove and admonish you, or to weigh down the spirits of my faithful children, with tribulation and sorrow, but I have come to speak my last and parting word of comfort and consolation to you: for I find in this place, many honest hearted, and sincere souls, who

have fought the good fight of faith, and have been faithful and true, since the day that they received this gospel from my mouth, when I was upon earth: for which, I have many words of comfort, and true consolation, to bestow upon them, before I close this communication.

I have also words of encouragement to every class and age that is in the hearing of the sound of my voice; & with this, good counsel, and solemn words of warning, which no true child of mine, will ever forget, neglect, or disobey.

Therefore, be patient, dear children, for you are now, hearing the last communication, direct from the mouth of your Mother, that you will ever receive; for I know not, that God will ever again, suffer me to speak in this line unto you: for the time has come, that inspiration must cease, in the order of God's wisdom.

Mother's words to those who stand as Elders, or watchmen
in this part of her Vinyard.

Draw near, and understand my words, O ye little Ones, who stand as faithful watchmen in this part of my vinyard, and who have labored in tribulation and sufferings, with hearts truly sincere, to protect my little flock in this place. I say, draw near in spirit, and receive the comforting words of a Mother, and the

instructions of a kind Parent. — Great has been my notice to this family, Here is where I did first begin my work, in this late manifestation, when I came to the holy mount. Many have been the mouths and instruments, whom I, and the rest of your Heavenly Parents, have used in this part of our vineyard to sound forth the sacred givings of God.

And all who have been truly faithful and obedient, to use these sacred and holy gifts according as they were taught in the beginning, and did purify themselves according to my commandment, now stand before me clothed in garments of true justification, as objects of my peculiar love and blessing.

And the many days and weeks, of tribulation, prayer and supplication, thro which you have passed, beloved Elders; laboring with the strength of your souls, that all the members in your family, might make a wise and godly use, of these sacred, and holy things, have not passed unnoticed by me, but I have recorded the same, on my eternal record, forever more to stand: You have been true, and faithful, according to the best of your knowledge, and understanding, to support the word, and work of your Mother.

And I have ever found you, faithful and true to your trust, willing to spend and be spent, and in

reconciliation and obedience), to work in that part of the vineyard where the gift and order of God, hath cast your lot, and remember, dear children, you are not to work in vain; but you are laying up a treasure in the kingdom of your God, where neither moth nor rust, can destroy.

So be ye not discouraged, but receive, in bountiful measures, the thanks, love and blessing of a kind and tender Parents; for you have received a full blessing from Holy and Eternal Wisdom; and your Heavenly Parents from you, in no wise will withhold the same. for I say unto you, my beloved, they who have not, and will not, forsake my sin destroying gospel, I will never forsake them in spirit, thro' time, nor in eternity; and ye are of this number who have stood steadfast, firm, and unshaken.

And the most part of you, have long since, passed the meridian of your lives, and have spent your previous days, in building up the cause of God; you have patiently waded in tribulation, thro' the dismal and gloomy clouds of darkness, which have, in times past, been spread over Lion's inhabitants; you have cleaved unto my gospel, and denied me not, in days when adverse winds did blow, and angry billows rolled and beat against your little bark,

Therefore, be ye comforted with your Mother's love, for you have labored to do your duties faithfully, as it respects your own souls, and those of my little flock in this place.

— But, as a kind, and tender Parent, I must now impart words of solemn warning and instruction unto you, respecting those little Ones, for whose good, and protection, you are daily called to labor.

Much good has been gained, by the greatest part, in this family; but, beloved Elders, you must closely watch, my little Lambs in this place; for when you no longer hear the sound of my voice; the adversary of the welfare and prosperity of the souls of my children, will strive, with the power of his might, to destroy the precious seed which I have sown therein.

The time has now come, that I, and the rest of your Heavenly Parents, must cease to administer in this line of inspiration; and I do require, that every one, who is in the hearing of the sound of my voice, should this day, set out, with an increased zeal, and energy, to be alive and awake, and according to what strength they have to do with, should put their hands to work, and give their hearts to God. as I taught my children, when I was upon earth; & to this teaching, some of you, now present, can bear witness.

I do require you, Beloved Elders, to see that every one is engaged, that belongs to this family, doing some good, & see that they improve their time faithfully during the day, and not idle away their mornings, and evenings.

and by this, shall you be enabled to know those who are in a true gift of God, laboring to do the will of their Mother, and those who are not; for those who are not will be seeking after ease and indulgence, seeking after the flesh.

Those who can, in this great day of God's condescending mercy to his people, seek to indulge their appetites, whether in eating or drinking, and seeking ease and indulgence to their mortal bodies, whether in working or sleeping, do not, and cannot, in this sense, ever belong to the Lion of God; but they will wither, and die, and if they should hang along thro' time, amongst my children, professing this kind of a sense; when they enter eternity, they will have no treasure to go to for their support, but they will be in a far worse condition, than those who have never been called by this gospel.

It is high time, that this part of my vineyard was brot up in its proper order, and rectitude. I am not willing, says Mother, to have it any longer remain in the situation in which it has been, for some time past, for there is no longer any need of it, if every one would cleanse their souls from all uncleanness, and then put their hands to work, and their hearts to God, as they have been taught.

The general aspect of things, and sensation of a great part of those who dwell in this place, would be greatly

changed. You would soon become clothed with the blessing of God, in all things, spiritual and temporal. and in all your pursuits, the smiles of divine providence would distill like the morning dew upon you.

I am not willing that my faithful first-born children, and those who have faithfully kept my gospel, should any longer be the suffering subjects, by reason of the wickedness & unfaithfulness of others, who pretend to be their Brethren and Sisters: far better would it be, for the rest of my children, says Mother, to have such false, and rotten hearted pretenders withdrawn from Zion's habitations.

And now, beloved Elders, remember the last, and parting words of your kind and tender Parent, which she now speaketh unto you at this time: I require you faithfully to watch the goings of my Little Ones in this place, and ye must reprove and admonish them when they do wrong, and bless and encourage them, when they do right.

See that they keep the fear of God, as I have taught it unto them, and a solemn and heavenly reverence to sacred things. Will you be faithful in these things, beloved Elders? (Yea Mother, we will.) Then my mantle of everlasting blessing, and loving kindness shall, thro' time rest upon you; and the protecting and anointing power of God, which is given both for the

safety of your own souls, and that of others, shall never be taken from you.

But when you have done your work on earth, I will gather you home in peace, to dwell with me, in the mansions of my God, where you shall receive the just, and due reward of a well spent life.

I look not at the name of the order or place, wherein any of my children are called to work, in order to determine the greatness of the blessing due; but I look at their devotedness, and true faithfulnes, in the place where the gift, and order of God hath called them, and this is the criterion by which all shall be judged when they enter eternity.

To lead and protect my little Lambs from the prowling wolves, that will gather round, and seek to destroy the innocent of the flock, when our voices shall cease to sound in your habitations.

Just. Philemon Stewart

Mother's Words of comfort & consolation to her faithful first born children

I have ever watched, and looked upon my faithful sons and Daughters, who received the gospel from me, when I was upon earth, and have never since departed therefrom, or turned their backs to the way of God, but have kept it unspotted, to the present day, - I say, upon

all such, I have looked, and still do, as the objects of my greatest delight and pleasure. For if such as have forsaken all for Christ's sake and the gospel, & have obeyed their Mother's voice from the beginning, are not the souls with whom I can delight, and take comfort, then, surely there can be none found on earth or in eternity with whom I can.

But I say unto you all, that such souls are they of my Father's Kingdom, and the flowers of Paradise, & of this sort, I find a goodly number in this family, who are as simple babes in my presence, and precious jewels in my sight: for you have been pleased, and thankful, to receive the least crumb, from me, your Mother. thro whatever medium I have been pleased to send it unto you, and you have treasured them up, as the most precious morsels from the Heavens above.

Your days and years of tribulation and sorrow have not passed unnoticed by me, your kind, and tender Mother, but by my hand, when ye knew it not, many times have your weary souls been refreshed, and your troubled spirits cheered with enlivening rays of light & hope. Yea, and moreover, often, and often have I sent my ministering angels of strength, to stay and support the feeble frames of my dearly beloved and first born children, and this I will continue to do, the few re

remaining days you sojourn on earth.

So be ye comforted, my little few, in this, the cheering promise of your Mother, altho I go hence, no more to sound my voice unto you, as I now do, yet remember the number of days are but few, before you will bid adieu to that house of clay which you now inhabit, and will join in the sweet embraces of the rest of my dear children, who are now rejoicing with me, in a long, but sweet eternity, to every faithful soul.

But, so long as you can remain on earth to strengthen and bless Zion's children, so long, your life is a blessing to yourselves, and to others; and so long, you are laying up a rich treasure, in the heavenly mansions of peace.

Therefore, be ye not anxious to lay down your earthly tabernacles, untill the time, in God's own wisdom has come, for those who do not count it a privilege, to spend and be spent, to make my faithful first born children comfortable, in their declining stage of life, are not my children and never, in this sense, can meet my face in peace.

But the time will come, that such will be in distress, and they will cry for help, but no one will hear, or lend a helping hand. — I do require you, beloved brethren and sisters, to be kind and charitable to those who are far advanced, and in a decrepit stage of life. Will you all promise your Mother, that this you will do. That

you may be able to receive their blessing, and meet my face in peace hereafter? (Yea, Mother, we will.) —

Many of you, my dear children, have not, as yet, learned how to prize, or rightly appreciate the inestimable value of that blessing which true, and faithful souls, who have spent a long life in serving God, both with their heart and hands, are able, on leaving this world, to bestow upon those that remain.

Now see, that you all treat my first born, in that way that when their bodies go down to the grave, their spirits may breathe upon you, an everlasting blessing, for, as is the measure which you meet unto them, so shall it again be measured unto you, when you arrive to the same advanced, and decrepit stage of life.

So with my mantle of everlasting love and blessing I now clothe you, my dearly beloved first born children and let these, the last, and parting words of your kind, and tender Mother, be constantly with you thro time, "Live in peace, Love each other, and bles Zion, and the inhabitants thereof, and you shall not lack for a blessing, when you come to enjoy the mansions which I have prepared for you. —

Inst. Philemon Stewart

Chapter VIII

Mother's Counsel, instruction & solemn Warning to those
who have been called as Instruments; also her words of consolati-
on to the same.

Many have been the precious gifts of God that have been brought forth thro' mortal Instruments in this family; and these, have been instruments of my own choosing; and all such as were truly obedient unto my word at the commencement of this manifestation, to cleanse their hands, and purify their hearts, and have since that period walked in a true state of justification, and in obedience to their visible head, have run with safety, and handled the sacred gifts of God, in obedience to my command; and all such, now stand before me, as objects of my delight & pleasure.

But such as did come forth as instruments in this work, and did, (by reason of their own carnal natures which bore rule and influence over their rational minds,) run astray, and made shipwreck of their faith, perverted the sacred gifts of God by their own deceitful hearts, I say, all such as have done this, and lost their souls thereby, lost their day, and lost their privilege, have done it with their eyes wide open, knowing that they

were disobeying the most sacred word of their Mother, and their daily instruction from their visible Lead.

But unto you who have been faithful from the beginning to devote your strength, in the sincerity of your hearts and souls, to do my work, and the work of the rest of your Heavenly Parents, accordingly as you were directed, and have walked in strict obedience to your visible Lead, I say, such have been protected from the influence of all false and wicked spirits, & such are the ones that I have now come to speak words of comfort, and consolation to, and to impart a Mother's kind instructions for their welfare and prosperity in the gospel hereafter, when they no longer can hear the sound of their Mother's voice, as they have, for four long years past.

Come nigh unto me, ye little babes, ye innocent Lambs in my sight, altho I have of late caused you to pass thro severe mortification, is there any of you present that do think it was because I did not love you, therefore I did not care how bad you had to feel? If there are any who have these throts or feelings, they are greatly mistaken. For that which I have called you of late, to pass thro, I have done in the tenderest feelings of a Mother's love, for your own souls' good and protection, that you might be prepared to receive a full blessing from your holy and Eternal Parents; and, also, that I might, at

this time, be able to bestow upon you, as a kind, and tender Parent, my last and parting words, in peace & blessing.

Do you think, my Little Ones, that a kind & loving Mother, has forgotten the many scenes of sorrow and tribulation which you have passed thro, in obedience to her will since the days of this manifestation began? Do you think that in all this your time has been lost, and you have gained no good to your own souls by the means?

Do you think that I, your Mother, or any of your heavenly Parents, would be so unfeeling towards any of our children, and especially towards those whom we had used as mouths, or Instruments in this manifestation, which required them to pass thro so much mortification and tribulation to prepare them for the holy calling to which we had called them, and then not notice and bless such as had been truly obedient, and done the best they knew, before we took our last farewell of them?

Nay, in no wise, says Mother, none of your Heavenly Parents would do this, for no greater love could be possessed by any spirit, than that which is possessed by your Heavenly Parents towards every honest and sincere hearted soul. and upon all ye little ones of my choice, who have walked as I directed, ye are specially noticed by me, your kind and tender Mother, as children of my love, delight & pleasure. —

For I have often found you bowed low in humble supplication and prayer, that you might be able to do your Mother's will in truth, and not your own, and often have I comforted your weary souls, when laden heavily with tribulation: you have cleaved unto me, your Mother, and have not denied my word or my work; and to all such, I return my most hearty thanks, and clothe you with my love, and my everlasting blessing for the same.

You have been my good and obedient children, and that love and blessing, that every such obedient and sincere soul has gained, and with which I now clothe them, notwithstanding but their own unfaithfulness, will ever cause to depart from their souls.

Therefore, my Little Ones, you are all, ^{now} required to gather close to your visible Head, and walk in strict obedience, and live together in peace and love, in the purity of my gospel; build up each other in their most holy faith, join with every testimony against the nature of sin, and often bear testimony to the truth of your Mother's word, and work, and of your love to the pure way of God.

Altho you are ^{at this time} released from inspiration, yet you are not released from laboring for the gifts of God in your own souls, and bearing testimony by the power of the same. Always remember, dear children, to keep your souls unstained from all actual sin, but if, in an unguarded ^{ed}

how you should yield to the adversary, so far as to corrupt your own souls, again cleanse them, before you sleep by an honest confession and true repentance.

Remember that I strictly forbid you, dear children from holding any conversation together, or with your brethren and sisters respecting the bringing forth of any of these gifts that have been given for four years past, thro' whom, to whom, or in whatever manner they may have come; but all your conversation in this line, must be done in presence of your beloved Elders; and when you assemble together to worship God, at such times you may speak the feelings of your soul, in union with your Lead.

And now, my beloved little Ones, will you promise your kind and affectionate Parents, that you will forever keep her last and parting words to you? (yea, Mother we will,) Then when you have done with the fleeting things of time, you will be able to meet my face in peace, and you will enter eternity rejoicing in the God of your salvation.

But if any of you that have been called as instruments to hand forth the sacred things of heaven, to my children should hereafter, deny me, your Mother, deny my work, turn again to live in the filthy pollutions of sin and wickedness, and cut off your souls from this gospel, of all states in which souls have to suffer in eternity, yours will

be among the most awful and miserable. Therefore, I warn you, in due season, as a kind and tender parent, should, that you may all shun that awful state, if you will.

But if there are any, now, at this late period among you, whose souls have not been cleansed, washed, and baptized, agreeable to the late gift, and who still stand off from this work, they will, from this date, henceforth wither and die. -- So in my everlasting love, my little Ones, farewell.

Inst. Philemon Stewart.

Chapter IX

The last, and parting words of Mother Ann to all the Brethren and Sisters at the East Family; with kind and plain instruction that all might understand.

My dearly beloved brethren and sisters, each one and all of you who are now in the hearing of the sound of my voice; (and especially those under seventy years of age,) are you now ready, and prepared to receive with a thankful heart, the last, and parting instruction of a kind Parent? and withall, to treasure up the same, into a good, and honest heart, and put it in practice in all your goings forth? (Yea, Mother.)

Then understand, my beloved, that the greatest love

and tenderest kindness, that a Mother can show to her dearly beloved children, is to plainly teach them the path of their duty, wherein they must strictly walk, if they would be clothed with her love and blessing, or the blessing of God, the creator of all; and this I will now do to my children who live in this part of Zion; for I have many chosen, and precious souls in this place, whose hands are clean, and hearts well purified in the sight of their Mother, as I have before spoken: but still, I must plainly tell you, that there has been, for many years past, a sense in this part of my vineyard, that cannot be owned and blessed of me, or of God, your Heavenly Father.

And the time has now come, that I, your Mother, must make my last, and parting communication to you, and I feel it my duty, at this time, to require you all to unite with heart and hand, in one united body, with the gift which I have now for you. Is this in your union, beloved Ministry? (Yea, Mother, we should be thankful.)

The gift that I feel, is this, that every one should labor together hold of the life and power of God in their own souls, and put their hands faithfully to work, and their hearts in tribulation, laboring for mortification to both soul and body, and feel alive, and zealous to build up this part of Zion in its proper order.

There has been, for a long time, a slack, dull, stupid &

sleepy sense, that was drawing more to the flesh than to any thing that belonged to my gospel, - I say, that this sense of seeking for ease and indulgence to a carnal and unvirtified nature, has greatly prevailed for a long time, in a certain number who have remained in this family, and by this means, the blessings of God have been greatly withheld, from what they otherwise would have been, had all felt that degree of Zeal, and subjection to their Lord, that God, and their Heavenly Parents require them to feel.

Therefore, I do kindly entreat of all such as have been in this kind of a state, to take hold, from this time, hence forth, and build up the work and order of God, with both heart and hands, and labor to feel a lively interest and an element in doing good, both to yourselves and to others.

I do also require you to build up and support each other, in their proper lot, and calling, and to yield yourselves, subject to that order which is placed for your protection. You must firstly love, bless, build up and support your Elders, according to the gift of God, and gather unto them in nearness of feeling, and walk in obedience to their counsel and instruction.

You must also reverence, love, and bless, those who are placed in temporal care, and labor to lighten their burdens, by being faithful yourselves, to do all in your power

with what strength you are blessed with, and they that are of the middle aged, and younger class, ought to labor every morning when they arise from their beds, to feel the power of God, and this will give them strength, to go forth and put their hands to work zealously thro' the day, that they may be able to keep a gift of God in their own souls, and keep the flesh out,

This is what I taught my children when I was upon earth, and the same is as necessary now, as it was then; & by so doing, you would soon, become a prosperous, and flourishing family; and you would arise triumphant out of that state which I cannot bless, says Mother.

There is also, a wasteful, and extravagant sense in this family, that I do not own. The gift of God, requires you, my dear children, to be prudent, and saving of every blessing that you have been blessed with, in a spiritual and temporal sense. Let nothing which God has blessed you with for your comfort and support, that is in your power to save, be lost, thro' your carelessness and neglect; if you do, the time will certainly come, that you must suffer, for the want of these very things, that you have, thro' carelessness destroyed yourselves, or suffered others so to do.

This I find, is one of the greatest sins that is numbered against the inhabitants of Lion generally; therefore, I solemnly warn you, against this sin of ingratitude, all

ye who dwell in this part of Zion; if all our children would walk in strict obedience to that which we have taught them, from the beginning in these things; the blessings of God, even in a temporal sense, would never be withdrawn from them; but they would be blessed in their outgoings and incomings, in their basket, and in their store.

So understand, all ye my children, and let this, my instruction, sink deeply into your hearts; for this is the last, for aught I know, that you will ever receive from me, your Mother, while you sojourn in time below. Therefore, treasure it up, put it in daily practice, and it will keep you in the way and work of God, and shield you from the power of the adversary of your souls.

And I do furthermore require that each, and every one, should be careful not to have any thing in their possession that is unnecessary, and superfluous, or that does not become that gospel like plainness which should, at all times, adorn the possessions of my children,

See that ye bring nothing in from without, only in the true line of order; that is, thro' the medium of your Seed; as that which they do not own and bless, if held in your possession, will surely become a log and a snare to your souls.

In all of these things, my dear children, I earnestly

entreat of you to be wise; learn to make the travel of
of your souls easy, prosperous, and fruitful, by traveling
in the one straight and narrow path which I have given
for all my children to travel in; and in this path, the
yoke of Christ is easy, and his burden is light. —

But those who are turning this way and that, some-
times going forward, and sometimes turning back,
may spend a long life within Zion's walls, and scarcely
begin a travel in the real work of redemption; and when
they leave this world, they are in a miserable condition;
for their summer is past, and the harvest is ended, and
their souls are not yet saved: Therefore, take warning my
dear children, and wisely improve your day and time
while you have it.

'Tis those who hear my sayings and keep them, that
shall be blessed of me; but remember my words, none of
my children will ever prosper in the way and work of God,
who possess a lavish, wasteful, and careless sense. But if
you will all be united, love and bless each other, learn to go
together, and cleave unto your visible Head, you will soon
glow with the blessings of God, as the morning of beauty
in spring.

You have gained much, my dear children, in this
late manifestation; your time has not been lost, therefore,
be ye not discouraged, for all good is on your side, to help you,

if you will be faithful, and do your duty).

The floods of tribulation should roll on upon you, yet in true obedience, God will notice you, in mercy with his protection, as he has heretofore promised.

Can any of you, my dear children, grieve the spirit of your kind and affectionate Mother, by disregarding her kind instruction, and that holy teaching which she, with the rest of your Heavenly Parents have sounded in your ears for four years past, my dear children? I hope there will none of you be so unwise; but treasure up, and put in practice the precious, and sacred givings of God which we have sent forth unto you; and they will be as wells of living water in your souls, springing up into everlasting life; for they are the sacred oracles of God, and you will all yet find them so, says Mother.

And if those of you who come next to my first-born children are truly faithful, and treasure up and sacredly keep that which has been handed forth unto you in the days of this great manifestation, you will be unto those who come after you, as my first-born are unto you; or measureably so: and so will your birthright be reckoned in eternity if you are truly faithful, from the date of this manifestation. And will you all now promise your Mother, that you will be so faithful that I can bestow upon you this birthright when you meet me

in eternity? Yea, Mother, we will. Then I shall delight to receive you, with open arms, when your work on earth is done: and you shall find a place of rest for your weary souls, in the mansions of your God.

Think not, dear children, that because I have spoken plain, I have not much love for you. Nay, tongues cannot tell, or pen describe, the love that I feel for you, dear children; neither can the sorrow and grief of my spirit be told when I see any of my children taking the road that will bring misery, sufferings and sorrow, upon their own souls, which will destroy their comfort in my gospel while in time, and forever eclipse their glory and beauty in eternity.

Yea, dear children, I would gladly support you in my arms, and daily feed you with my own hand until your work on earth was done, if this was the will of my God, but remember, dear brethren and sisters, that every soul has got a work to do, that none else can do for them.

Your Heavenly Parents have labored in tribulation and sufferings for more than four years past, to help their dear children on earth, that they might gain that strength in the gospel, that love to the way and work of God, and to the Heavenly hosts that have been conversant with them, that no scene of tribulation or sufferings

that they might hereafter be called to pass thro, would in any way, cause them to faint, or give back from pursuing the way of life.

I now find you, dear children, as a body, in a far better situation to receive my last, and parting words of instruction, love and blessing, than what I have ever before found you. I find you seated in the vales of humility, where my blessing and love can rest upon you: yea, I can part with you in peace, and spread my wings of everlasting blessing over you. and when I am gone, and have finished my word unto you, then will I pray unto God, my Heavenly Father, for you, that you may be protected from the evil that is in the world. I say not that I shall pray, that you may be taken out of the world; but that you may be protected from the evil that is therein.

I now excite your minds, dear children, to consider the great condescension and goodness of God, which has been manifested to you within four years past; consider how near the spiritual world has been brot and displayed before you, and how thrilling the animations and sensations which you have received therefrom: and also remember, dear children upon all such as it has pleased God to bestow much in this late manifestation, much good fruit will be again require at the

hand of the same. And those who have been faithful, in this day of harvest, which has been very great, to treasure up, and lay in store a bountiful, and rich supply of the good things of God which we have handed forth unto you: tho' a famine should follow this plentiful harvest, yet, you will have wherewithall to feed and subsist upon in these days of scarcity; therefore, be prudent, and saving, let nothing be lost.

And will you now, dear Brethren & Sisters solemnly promise your Mother, who has labored so much for your good, that you will never forsake this gospel, nor deny her word and work? Can you, dear Brethren & Sisters make this promise unto me before I leave you from the bottom of your hearts? (yea Mother, we can) If this you will keep, I will promise you, dear children, you shall never be denied before my Heavenly Father, or his holy Angels, but I will confess you before the same.

And furthermore, I warn you, dear children, never to go to talking with the Instruments, in relation to these gifts which have been brot forth in this manifestation, but learn to keep sacred things, in their sacred place and order.

And now, dearly beloved Elders, says Mother, deal in plainness and loving kindness; with this, my little flock as I have dealt with them. —

So now, my little Lovely Few, my last, and parting words, I must send forth to you. And now I say unto you all, farewell, in a Mother's peace, fare ye well in a Mother's blessing, and good Angels shall be your guide while in this way you are progressing.

Mother Ann.

From Philemon Stewart.

Chapter X

Father William's closing address at the East Family. Jan^y 5th 1812.

Beloved Ministry and Elders, do you feel union in my speaking a few words to this little flock, for which I have felt much concern. (New Year.)

I have listened with attention to the word which your blessed Mother hath spoken, which is the last that you will hear from her, while upon earth you remain, for aught that I know.

Yea, my beloved Friends, you have now received the last, from the hands of your beloved Mother, you have heard her last words, and she now stands weeping for you, her dear children.

I must also speak my last words unto you, for the hour is come that I am called to leave you, and no more walk among you, dear children

or call on you to listen to my word, as I have many times done.

Yea, many times I have spoken to you the plain truth; that which you know to be true, and often times with sharp words I have reproved you, and caused you to feel sorrow of soul; but it is in pure love that I have chastened you, for had I not loved you, I should not have spoken to you as I have many times.

But if any soul present, has aught against their Father, let not this hour pass, without speaking of it, that I may part with you in peace, my dear gospel friends. I have not aught against any soul present, but I can part with you in peace, and bestow my richest blessing and love, together with that which your blessed Mother hath bestowed upon you.

But, my dear children, let the blessed word, the precious counsel of your ever blessed Mother, find a sure, and abiding resting place in your hearts, there forever to remain; for ^{to} the true and faithful soul these precious words will yet feel like the most choice and precious morsels that you have ever received from your Parents in Heaven.

You have been almost continually receiving from the hands of your Heavenly Parents, for a long time past; and now, as this line of communication closes,

you will feel quite a lack, and sense a great change, and you will have to labor more earnestly for your support, and in tribulation walk the low path, of humiliation in order to gain that which will feed your souls,

But be not discouraged because your Heavenly Parents, and ministering spirits are called to leave you; there has been sufficient given, and if you are faithful to treasure it up, and walk in obedience to it you will go safely.

But, my beloved children, reflect upon what you have received in times past, and consider well what has been given you: and where you have, in any way slighted or neglected, carelessly or willfully any of the precious gifts that have been offered you: gather them up, yea, every crumb, and lay them up in store to feed upon in time of scanty; and in the hour of tribulation when trying scenes roll upon you, that you may be able to stand thro every raging storm, and every foaming billow that may roll upon you, while you remain in time.

Yea, my beloved children, when in the hour of trouble call to mind the many rich feasts of love and blessing, and the beautiful treasures and precious gifts that you have received from your Parents in

Heaven, and bow low your spirits in humiliation and humble prayer, seek the protection and blessing of God, thro your visible head, and you will never be left without the blessing of your Heavenly Parents, which will support you, thro all trying hours.

And unto you, my beloved little Ones, that have been chosen as instruments by your heavenly Parents, to speak their word, and make known their will: remember the word of your blessed Mother, that if you will be faithful and true you shall never be forgotten; but upon you, my beloved Little Ones, will I bestow the purest of my love, and the richest of my blessing, for your obedience to my call, and faithfulness to speak the word which I have given you to speak.

Remember, my beloved children, if you will gather to your beloved Elders, and walk in obedience to their counsel, and instruction, I will never forsake you, but when I see your spirits troubled, then will I pray for you, and administer strength love and blessing to you.

But, my dear children, suffer not your spirits rise above the order of God placed for your protection; but bow your spirits in subjection to whatever gift your beloved Elders feel for you: and at all times, be willing and thankful to receive counsel and admonition from them, and always unite with it, knowing that it is pure love to your souls. —

Remember, my beloved Little Ones, you have had a great privilege to be the bearers of sacred and Heavenly treasures, from your Parents in Heaven to their children upon earth. And when you reflect, or speak upon the sacred things that you have been chosen as mouths ^{or Instruments} to convey to the children of Zion, let it be done in the true fear of God,

And never, O never, beloved children, deny the work of your Heavenly Parents, or speak in the least, slightly or disrespectfully of the least gift that you have been the bearers of: for you have each, and every one of you, a witness within your own souls, that these sacred things, are not the invention of vain mortals; but are in truth and reality, the sacred giftings of God.

You have now, my beloved young friends, been shown the many by and forbidden paths, wherein you have in times past, gone astray, and lost the true sense and order that believers are called to walk in, to obtain their souls' salvation, and travel out of their fallen and corrupt natures. You have been shown the path wherein you must go, and taught your duty in all things.

And if you will walk in obedience to what you have been taught, and keep the sacred orders that have been given you, your Heavenly Parents will never forsake you. But our blessing and love will ever remain with you.

So, my dear children, be encouraged to press on in the pure way of God, knowing there is a sure reward for every faithful soul. I must now leave you, and speak no more words unto you; but know, my beloved friends, it is in love, and blessing I part with you; I never looked upon you with that pleasure and satisfaction that I now can; for you have certainly gained much, by the late work of cleansing that has been among you.

You have taken a good step, keep what you have gained, and labor to gain more. Treasure up these last words that you now hear from your Heavenly Parents, and let them sink deeply in your hearts.

And now, my dearly beloved gospel friends, one and all, receive my everlasting love and blessing, and may you forever, farewell, farewell thro' time, and again meet your Father in eternity.

Farewell, my dear children, farewell in my peace my blessing and love.

Inst^t Benjamin Gates.
Section. III.

Father James' last words to the East Family.

Jan^y 5th 1842.

Beloved Ministry and Elders, may I, also, speak my last words to my beloved children whom I dearly love.

(Ans, Yea.) My blessed Mother, and my beloved companions and fellow laborers, have now bid you adieu; I am also called to leave you, beloved Friends, and return to my mansion in heaven, where I can no more speak to you as I have done.

But it is the sincere desire, and prayer of my soul, as I am now called to leave you, that you do, my beloved children, really consider the great notice, and the rich blessings that have been so liberally and bountifully bestowed upon you of late.

The great condescension and notice of your Holy and Eternal Mother Wisdom, the rich blessings that she has bestowed upon you, is certainly the greatest charity & love, that was ever bestowed to mortals upon earth, not one has passed unnoticed, and upon every faithful, and true hearted soul, she has poured her blessing, without measure,

Also your blessed Mother, and beloved Father William, have bestowed the richest of their love and blessing; with many loving words of counsel and instruction, which, I desire, my beloved Friends, you would ever remember and treasure up in your hearts, for it is the last ^{for aught that I know that} you will receive from them while in time.

But, my beloved young friends, there are some

of you who do not sense, I fear, the blessed word which you have heard at this time; and the rich blessing, precious counsel and instruction which your blessed Mother and Father William have now given you at this time, Could you sense, and realize these things, your souls would be filled with thankfulness, and your hearts with gratitude to an overflowing. Yea, your spirits would melt into tears of thankfulness, for the blessed day in which you live, and the great privilege which you have; a privilege which many have desired, and prayed earnestly for, but could not obtain. And above all other souls, you will be the most accountable for the use you make of this blessed privilege.

Great has been the notice and giftings of God to you for a long time past; many are the rich blessings and beautiful gifts that have been handed forth unto you from the Heavens, in the late manifestation and work of your Heavenly Parents; yea, more than you have had room to receive.

But now, my beloved, the time has come, for the windows and doors of Heaven to be closed; and for this line of communication to cease; and no more will you receive from the hands of your Heavenly Parents and ministering spirits, as you have done, for a long time.

Therefore, treasure up these last, and parting words from your Heavenly Parents; yea, gather up that which has been given you in times past; that which you have carelessly

slighted, and lightly passed over; for the time will come, that you will feel the need of all that has been given to support you, when you will not have the help and strength that you have had in times past, from the spiritual world.

And as this line of communication closes, you will have to labor for yourselves, in order to keep what you have gained; and find an increase and travel, on in that path which you have now stepped into. You have but just entered the path in which you can travel in the pure way of God, and overcome your evil and corrupt propensities, and natures of the flesh, which have so often led you astray, and caused you to loose sight of the true gospel path.

Therefore I say unto you, my dear children press on in that path which you are now in; give not your spirits rest, or ease, but labor earnestly, day by day, for your own souls, and know that you are increasing and gaining victory over every evil passion of a fallen nature.

And when you feel destitute, and lacking, of that which your souls desire, go to your beloved Elders & ask for strength and blessing; bow low your spirits in humble prayer, and in honesty and sincerity of heart, laboring in tribulation; and you will

receive that blessing and strength which will enable you to stand firm and steadfast, and not flinch in the hour of trial.

But, my dear young friends, I fear you do not sense the danger you are exposed to, as this line of communication and this manifestation from the spiritual world ceases. You will be greatly exposed to the temptations of that evil spirit, which seeks to lull your souls into ease and security, and loose, little by little that which you have gained, untill you again fall back into a careless, stupid, and slothful state, and loose sight of the true path of humility and godly fear, and allow your spirits to rise above the simple gifts of God, and loose your protection.

There has been, in times past, that stupid, hang on sense, among those who have dwelt in this part of Zion, which has proved the destruction of many souls; and by that slothful sense you have suffered in things both spiritual and temporal.

Remember, my dear friends, you cannot travel in this pure gospel, while seeking for ease and indulgence, or laboring to obtain great knowledge, & learning in the arts and sciences, which belong to the children of this world, or while reading, and studying that which has been published by the filthy hands of

the wicked, and has no connexion with your calling and duty; which only serves to corrupt your sensations, untill you become defiled, both body and mind.

Stay, this you can never do, my beloved children; but let your whole time and strength be devoted in building up Zion, and your whole minds laboring upon the precious gifts of God, that which tends to purity, and will increase your love to the beautiful way work, and worship of God; that when you come together to worship God, you can go forth in life, love, zeal, and power; with offerings that will be accepted by your Heavenly Father.

Truly, my beloved, you have been shown the way you should go in all things; the way is pointed out clear and plain, and no one need to stumble, and if any fall back, it must be knowingly & willfully done; and remember, if you do fall back, you fall to rise no more.

But, my beloved children, it is with pleasure that I can view you at this time, seeing what you have gained; and it is my earnest desire that you may keep what you have gained and find a great increase.

And upon each, and every faithful child, I do now with pleasure, bestow the richest of my love and blessing: I can part with you in peace, blessing & love, and may you forever farewell in faithfulness and well doing, untill we again meet in the mansion of Heaven. So fare ye well, my dear gospel friends; fare ye well in love. —

Inst^d Benjamin Gates.

Section III

The word of the witnessing Angel which followed Father James to the people at the East Family — Jan^y 5th 1742.

Now, O ye Beloved and Holy Anointed, do ye feel satisfied with what has been spoken and bestowed upon this small number, of your blessed Mother's little Ones? (Ans, Yea,) Beloved Elders, what say ye, are ye satisfied with the parting word of your Heavenly Parents unto you, & unto all present? (Ans, Yea,) then, even so let it be;

Heaven, and the Angels of Heaven, bear witness of it, & I bear witness of the same: yea, to the truth of the whole word of your ever blessed Mother Ann, your beloved Father William and Father James, unto you all at this time. But my word I will withhold untill the Angel

of Almighty power hath spoken his last word, and your Holy Mother Wisdom has finished her word, and spread upon you all, in a body together a mantle of her everlasting blessing & holy love, or at least, such as have received from her hand, a rich full, and free blessing, even this day.

When that is done, then will I finish my word, and close ^{in this line} the work of inspiration in this place, even as holy Wisdom hath commanded me. So listen ye now to the word of the Angel of Almighty power, and of your Holy Mother, eternal Wisdom.

Int^d Adah Zillah Potter.

Word of the Angel of Almighty Power to the People at the East Family.

O ye, indeed, saith the Angel of Almighty Power, unto you who have prepared yourselves, for the coming of your Holy and Eternal Mother, my word is peace, peace be unto you, fear not, but be comforted, for upon you do I now stretch forth a mantle of the blessing of your God,

But O beloved, how can I speak peace, unto such as are still far from receiving, worthily, the blessing of Holy Wisdom? I speak not peace unto such, but the time is now come that I say unto them, that are

filthy, let them be filthy still; yea, let them remain in their filth, but I say unto you, who stand in the way of other souls, get ye out of the way, get ye out of the path, and no longer, stand in the way of others.

But unto the faithful, who have this day received the blessing of your Holy Mother, do I now say, be encouraged, press on, my blessing I give unto you, yea, my peace I bestow upon you; and know ye, your God hath blessed you, his blessing resteth upon you, and if you will press on, renew your zeal, and be faithful, you shall flourish, grow and increase in glory and beauty, with the rest of your ever blessed Mother's dear children, in this part of the Lion of God upon earth.

So be not discouraged, but be comforted, and press on; receive my love and blessing, and ever remember that while you continue faithful, you are under the blessing and protection of an Almighty God; and now, in my peace, love and blessing, I bid you a long, loving and lasting farewell. Mrs. Anna Dodson

The following is Holy Mother Wisdom's last words unto the East Family, after the Angel of Almighty power had finished his word unto them. Thus saith the voice of Holy and Eternal Wisdom unto you, O ye people, — "I Am one, whose dwelling place, is upon the Throne of the most high God: whose;

hand separateth the precious from the vile, and whose wisdom judgeth all things, and I have come at this time to speak my last words unto you,

Verily, verily, I say unto you, O ye people, as hath been spoken by the Angel of Almighty power, also do I speak unto you; my mantle of blessing shall rest upon the faithful ones in this place; but those who are not prepared, even at this, their last hour to receive my blessing, I shall pass them lightly over, for this I have many times spoken, and often have I forewarned them of this thing, but they have heeded not my sayings, therefore I say again, I will pass them lightly over; for I shall not kindle a fire at the close of my work; I leave them, their works shall follow them, time shall prove them; I have no more to say to them, but should they repent and turn quickly, even before the setting of the sun, they may receive from the hands of their Elders, a blessing which I have given them on purpose for all such.

But, unto you, O ye my faithful Ones, who have received this day a full and free blessing from my hands, hearken unto my words, for it is unto you that I now speak.

Know ye, O ye children of Zion, 'twas by the word of my command, and by the sound of my voice, even Holy Wisdom who now addresseth you, that the heavens were opened and the blessings which you have so boonti-

fully received, poured forth upon you. And it is also by my command that they are now to be closed, and the late manifestation, which has been among you for four years past is now to cease.

Yea, I will, ^{in a measure} shut up the Heavens from this place & close the avenues ^{of communication in this line,} which have been so widely opened, between you, and those in the Eternal world; for I am Wisdom, one who knoweth all things, and Wisdom seeth not as man seeth, neither does man see as Wisdom seeth; but I say, enough, enough has been given, ye, ye have received enough; therefore be wise, be prudent & improve that which ye have already received.

See ye to it, that not one crumb which has been given you from the Heavens, is by your means lost; for as true as is the rising and setting of the sun, or as true as the earth does roll, day by day from west to east, just so true it is that ye will every one be called to a strict account, of the use ye have made of these sacred blessings, and of your treatment to the work of God in this late manifestation and also, that of your Heavenly Parents in their late ministration to you.

And now, I say unto you, O ye chosen instruments of Mother Anne, it was by me, Holy Wisdom, that ye were called and chosen to work for your Heavenly Parents, in the late manifestation of God among you.

And now ye may all know, that the time has come for this work to cease. No more will you be call'd upon to sound forth words for your Heavenly Parents, neither for the Holy Angels and Saints of Heaven, ^{untill God shall so order it} your ^{present} work is done, ye have done the work that ye were call'd to do; and I, Holy Wisdom, do own, love and bless you. So now I say, come home, come home, gather home unto your beloved Elders, seek their union, love, blessing and protection; and when you desire the love and blessing of your Heavenly Parents, to comfort and strengthen you thro' tribulation & sorrow, go to them, & ye shall receive.

Stand fast, O my little Ones, stand for the work of your Mother, - Will ye do this thing? (Ans, Yea, Holy Mother,) Then you shall forever be blessed. But will you never deny your Mother, even if you were required to lay down your natural lives for her sake? (Ans) Nay, nay, O Holy Mother, we will not.) See ye to it that ye do not, my little Ones; for I say, wo unto that soul who has lived in this great day of light & truth, who has tasted of the powers of the world to come, & has received from my Holy hand a blessing, who, afterward in the hour of trial, does turn and betray their Mother. Yea, woe, woe, I say unto that soul.

But I say unto you, O ye little Lambs of the

fold, watch, yea, I say watch and pray continually; for when your Heavenly Parents are gone, then will enter in prowling wolves, seeking to destroy you; but remember my word, cleave to your beloved Elders, and you shall go safely. My love and blessing shall ever be in the you to strengthen you, if you will be faithful I true children.

So now I spread my mantle of blessing over you, and do encircle you within my golden chain, where all the true lambs of my fold will ever remain. Yea, O ye people, each and every one, receive, once more & again, the blessed, Holy & heavenly love of Eternal Wisdom, while her hand of blessing is now stretched out over you. Every one that has this day received these blessings, may now again receive a rich and bountiful store of the same.

Keep in the lovely path of obedience, and in the beautiful vale of humility, and you shall forever be protected. For it is there that my holy wings are stretched out to shelter my little Lambs, from the raging winds of sorrow that do so furiously blow up against them, and also from the heavy, and awful judgments that do roll upon the wicked. So keep ye in this valley, and I, Holy Wisdom, will ever own, love, and bless you.

So now farewell, my little few, in love and peace, fare ye well, farewell forever in well doing.

Amen, my word unto you, is now finished.
 Inw^t. Miranda Barber.

Words of the Witnessing Angel, to the East Family.

Jan^y 5th 1842.

Hearken, O ye people, hear and understand my word, even the word of the witnessing Angel of Eternal Wisdom, for that I am, in very deed: I bear witness, on earth & in Heaven; I bear witness of all that ye children of Mother have received from the Heavens, for four long years past. I also bear witness of that which ye have received this day, both from your Holy and Eternal Mother Wisdom, & from your Heavenly Parents, both the written word, and that which has been communicated from your ever blessed Mother Ann, Father William and Father James unto you.

I am satisfied with the whole, I am ready to draw my separating line between the Heavens and Earth, ye, to close the work, and finish the word, ^{at this time} But O beloved, ye Holy Anointed, and ye Elders, How think ye that I can do this, and then return to the Heavens and bear witness, that there were those here, in this part of Zion, who could not, and did not, receive a full & free blessing from the hand of Holy Wisdom, and must without fail, be left to fall back, and become, like withered branches; for indeed it is impossible for them to be otherwise, if they suffer the sun to go down this day, & they receive not with their brethren and Sisters.

Yea, O ye Holy Anointed, and ye beloved Elders, brethren and Sisters, how think ye that I can do this? — or are ye willing that this should be? I say, are ye willing that I should close the work, and that the last word should be passed, while there are yet some of your companions who have not yet received from the hand of Holy Wisdom, a blessing, like as ye have, and must fall back, for they cannot travel with you. (Ans, We are not willing, O Holy Angel, that this should be.)

Then what are ye willing to do that I attend yet a little longer, my mercy, for well ye know, that your Heavenly Parents are now gone, and the word of Holy Wisdom is now finished, and I alone am left to complete the work, and this I do, ere the setting of the sun.

Again I say, what are ye willing to do? (Ans, We are willing to do any thing that we are permitted to do that all may receive freely, if there is yet a blessing for them.)

Then, O ye Holy chosen, ye Elders, and ye people, if ye will lay low before me, the Holy Angel of Eternal Wisdom, then will I bear witness of your humble supplication, and if those who have not received freely, will humble themselves to the satisfaction of their Elders, before the going down of the sun, they shall receive equal with their brethren & sisters, This is my word, and this is my promise, and of my own word shall I bear witness, when I return to the Heavens.

Now, unto all ye people do I say, know ye, that by the command of my Holy Mother, have I thus done, and by her command, ye are never to make mention of this work, save in the presence of your Elders, and if ye will walk in obedience to that which ye have heard this day, my blessing and everlasting love shall fully rest upon you, in addition to that which ye have already received.

But before I speak my last word, I will say unto all who have been chosen as instruments, remember ye the word of your Holy Mother Wisdom, which was that ye were released and called home, no more to receive from the Heavens, ^{in this line of manifestation,} and now, O ye Holy Anointed, ye Elders and ye people, hearken, while Holy and eternal Wisdom, commands silence in Heaven, and at her word do I now draw my separating line and ^{for the time being,} close the doors of the mansions thereof, and say the word is now finished, the work is now done, and my word is finished at this time, but I have yet a further work to do.

These are only brief sketches of the word of the Holy Angels, to the People of the East family, but they are as full as is fit proper to be publicly recorded.

Ino^t Adah Lillah Potter.

Section IV.

The following pages contain in substance, the last and parting communication of Mother Ann, to the Elders, Brethren, & Sisters living at the North Family.

Mother's Words.

1. Beloved Ministry & Elders, is it with your union and approbation that I now address your little flock, my little children in this part of Zion? (Yes, Mother)

2. I will then firstly speak my word unto those who have had a long privilege in the gospel, and unto such as have been here since the commencement of my manifestation in this place, which was about four years since.

3. I have love, counsel, and much good instruction for my children in this part of my vineyard. And it is my desire, that all present would labor to get an understanding, and treasure up the words which I shall now speak unto them; for I know not, that you will ever again in this world, hear my voice in the line of inspiration, as you now do.

4. For the time has come, that I must cease to administer to my children in the line of inspiration, as I have done for a few years past; therefore, remember, my little Ones, that I have come to be stow a

Mother's kind instruction, and a Parents parting blessing upon you. And I hope that every heart has been opened, and every soul prepared, according to the late searching gift among you, to receive a full, and free blessing, agreeable to your day and privilege, from Holy and Eternal Wisdom; And remember the treasure of good instruction, which your kind and tender Mother, with the rest of your Heavenly Parents, have put you at this time.

B. You who have had many years privilege in my gospel, and have been truly faithful to improve your time wisely, according as you have been taught, are now, at this period of your travel, clothed with a spirit of true thankfulness, for every gift of God, that has in this manifestation been sent forth to mortify, crucify, and destroy the very nature of evil, in every way, shape and manner. I say, this is the situation of all such as set out right in the beginning, by honestly confessing their sins and repenting of the same, according to the best of their understanding, and have yielded strict obedience to their teaching, from that day to this,

C. But such as have undertaken to enter into & travel in the work of regeneration, while, at the same time they have been daubing with untempered mortar

by not honestly confessing their sins in the first communion of their setting out, and have not, since that period, been true to their own souls by honestly confessing to their Elders, whenever they have been overcome this way or that, do not, and cannot, in that state feel thankful to hear the sound of my voice, or for those heart searching gifts to purge out sin which I have been constantly handing forth to my children, within four years past. And those of you who dwell in this gathering part of Zion, have had a proportionable share of all these rich and precious blessings.

7 But I have not come at this time, to weigh you down under reproof, or severe chastisement; but I have come to bestow my parting blessing in words of consolation to the faithful, and to encourage the weak; and I solemnly warn all, in this, my last communication, to be exceedingly careful, and know, day by day, that they spend their precious moments that God has given them, to his acceptance.

8. And I find that some of you, in this class to whom I am now speaking, says Mother, need greatly to renew your zeal in these respects. Some of you think, you have been here a great while, and have worked hard, and you can now live in ease and indulgence; but I say unto all such; whether few, or

ilege and opportunity to be taught and instructed in the way of God, to what you have. Those who have had much privilege among my children, and are still bound to their natural kindred, laboring to support that relation, clearly show to every discerning child of mine, that while they are laboring to keep hold of my gospel with one hand, they are also striving to carry the flesh in the other; or that which feeds a natural & fleshly sense. That which is bound to nature's ties, cannot be bound to the spirit of Christ, for these are directly opposite, the one, to the other; and, as your Lord and Saviour said, so I say unto you, no one can serve two masters.

13. I have not come to teach you a new gospel, dear children, by no means; but I, with the rest of your Heavenly Parents, have been, for four years past, teaching, and sending ministering spirits to teach the same pure and holy gospel that we taught to our children, when we dwelt upon earth, in mortal bodies, as ye now do. Ye can never travel fruitfully in the work of regeneration, while ye cleave to, or labor to support, any part of that which belongs to the fallen and corrupt nature of the first Adam.

14. That this pure and holy gospel might be established in this land, according to the divine will of an

Almighty God, was I, with the rest of my suffering companions, required to pass thro' scenes, both by day and by night, of the most bitter, and cruel persecution from the hand of evil and wicked minded men, who were enraged at my testimony, because it destroyed the life of that God, which they in truth, did worship.

15. And after this idol god, which is the lust of the flesh, hath the whole world wandered, afar off from the pure gospel of Christ; for as ye have been taught from the beginning, so shall it prove true, unto each and every one of you, and unto every soul whom God has created, that when ye enter eternity, ye shall be judged according to the deeds done in the body, whether they be good, or whether they be evil.

16. For this power of volition and free agency, he hath bestowed upon the whole human family, and, at the same time hath showed them, thro' the agency of his faithful messengers, both in Ancient and modern times, the consequences that would inevitably follow, the wise, and obedient use, of this free agency, or the abuse of the same.

17. Therefore, they who are called by the sound of the voice of the son of God, or, in other words, they who are awakened from their slumbers of sin, and death, by the bright shining rays of the gospel, piercing their hearts with conviction, can no longer have any excuse to say,

they know not their master's will; and from this period, onward, if they obey not this light, which God, in his mercy hath caused to shine into their souls, they remain chargeable with the sin of having willfully disobeyed, and that with their eyes wide open, the merciful displays of light and truth, which an Almighty God, in condescending mercy, thro' means of his own choosing, was pleased to open in their hearts, and for which notice, and the use they had made of the same afterward, they must give an account to that God who gave them their immortal existence.

18. But hear and understand the words of your kind and loving Mother, all ye who have been called by this gospel, and have had a privilege of many years in it: If ye think to get along, and be rightful heirs in this gospel, while seeking for your own ease and indulgence, holding your own self wills and ways, in the highest estimation, gathering in the fanciful forms and fashions of the children of this world, and retaining such superfluous and unnecessary articles in your possessions as have become little idols in your minds which have already constituted the little foxes that spoil the precious vines.

19. I say, if you think to get along in this sense, and be rightful heirs to your Heavenly Father's Kingdom, you are awfully mistaken, for no such sense, can your

Heavenly Parents own or bles, in any ^{of their} children who pretend to be followers of them: for our God hath never commissioned us to preach a half way gospel, or in the least to make provisions for that nasty, and fallen nature, in which the human family are wallowing, and in which they have cast themselves afar off, from the laws of purity, and peace.

20. And, as we supported this gospel while on earth in obedience to the command of our God, at the expense of all earthly enjoyments of both pleasure and ease, passing thro, and wading in scenes of tribulation & suffering from day to day, that we might obey the command of our God, so must ye in like manner do, so far as God requires; & yield yourselves servants of the living God, truly obedient to that visible agency which he hath placed for your protection.

21. For this has been the true line and established order of Gods work with the inhabitants of the earth, from the earliest ages of the world to the present day, and this order will always continue, God will always have a medium thro which to manifest himself to the people. So prep ye on, dear children, in true obedience to that faith which ye have received

22. You have gained much in this manifestation, & I can bles you with my blessing of peace and love,

and will you, my dear children, promise me that you will increase in true faithfulness, so that this blessing may forever remain? (Yea, Mother, we will,) then you will be able to meet my face in peace, when your work on earth is done.

23. I have watched over you, dear children, with the care, and carefulness of a kind and tender Mother, that ye might not lose any thing that is good, or reserve that which will be a snare and a clog to your souls. But now my time has come that I must leave you; but I leave with you, good and faithful Elders, who will teach you the pure way of God; be simple and obedient children, and you will go safely thro' time.

24. See that ye do not make common talk of these sacred gifts that have been given you in this late manifestation; for by so doing, you would destroy that sacred and solemn feeling in your own souls, which ye should always show forth towards that which is of God. But let them work in you a spirit of true thankfulness for that day in which you live, and for the many fold blessings which ye have enjoyed in this great day of Gods condescension to his people;

25. And learn, forever to prize every blessing, whether spiritual or temporal with a thankful heart; and be prudent and saving of the same; let nothing be lost

thro carelessness, but save all, and honour God, by doing good with the same; and so shall ye gain to yourselves, a reward in heaven, where nothing can corrupt, nor destroy, but when you have done with the fleeting and transitory things of time, it will be a rich treasure for your souls, to live and feast upon in the mansions of peace, where the wicked can no longer trouble the righteous.

26. Be of good cheer, dear children, altho I have spoken plain, it has been in pure love to your souls; for as this is the last communication that ye will ever receive in this line, from me, while you are in time, I feel it binding upon me, as a kind, and tender Mother, to instruct my children in the path of their duty, where they may walk in safety, if they will, and this path, leads along the low humble vale where meekness and humility reign; and such of my children as find their seats in this low, humble station, shall be fed with the food of Angels, and be blessed with the eternal blessing of God.

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Chapter. III.

A Short Word of Warning from Mother to her Instruments.

All ye who have been called by me to sound forth the sacred and holy things of God, and have done it in

true sincerity of soul, with cleansed hands, and purified hearts, as I instructed all my instruments in the beginning are now enabled to stand before me, their Mother, as objects of my love, for their faithful labors.

2. And all such as have walked in strict obedience to their visible Head, have been protected, from the influence and dictation of false and disorderly spirits, and have handled the sacred things of God with fear and reverence, knowing their accountability as mouths, or instruments, in a sacred and holy calling.

3. And upon all such instruments as have been faithful, and obedient to my call, I do bestow my everlasting thanks, my love and my blessing; for they are worthy children of their Mother, and Heavenly Parents, who have caused them to pass thro many scenes of severe tribulation of soul, that they might feel the consuming fire which floweth from the spirits of their Heavenly Parents, against all sin, and every kind of wickedness.

4. That they might be baptized with a holy baptism that should ever remain as a garment of strength and beauty, to their souls, and as a well of water springing up unto everlasting life, if they will forever remain faithful, and this is the state and situation, of every faithful and true instrument whom I have chosen in this manifestation.

5. And such as will, from this time, henceforth, prove themselves true and obedient children, that never will deny the word nor the work of their Mother, or any of the sacred gifts that have been sent forth from Heaven to my children on earth, shall be clothed with my mantle of everlasting love and blessing, which nought but unfaithfulness, can ever destroy from their souls.

6. Therefore, my little Ones of sorrow, be ye comforted with this, my word unto you, for I have found in your hearts, pure love, unto the work of your Mother. Keep your souls from all sin, and every kind of defilement, and also, love, and unite with every testimony of your beloved Elders, Brethren & Sisters that strikes against the very nature of sin, join with it, with all your heart and soul, and this will be a great strength to you.

7. For the adversary of all good will strive exceedingly hard to overthrow, and destroy such of my children as have been used as instruments, in this late work of God; therefore, do I, your kind, and tender Mother, warn you to beware of the subtilty of the Serpent. For if you loose your day and privilege, & turn your back to the way and work of God, of all shapes of spirits in eternity you will be among the most miserable. for your privilege has been great, and your calling holy.

and much hath been given you, therefore, much will God require at your hands.

P. You are now no longer to be required to labor in this line of revelation, for that gift will this day be closed in this palace; ^{for the time being} and you, my little Ones, must all gather home, in sense and feelings, to your beloved Leads; there look for your protection, in so doing you will always be blessed, with the power and gifts of God, these will never be taken from my faithful Children, So persevere on, and faint not, but patiently wade thro' crosses, trials, and sufferings of spirit, for in these, your souls can be washed from the nature of sin, and joined with the angelic Host, who are purified thro' sufferings says Mother.

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Chapter III.

Mother's last and parting words of comfort and consolation, with her kind & encouraging lessons of instruction to all such of her little Ones as have lately set out to obey her gospel

Beloved Ministry and Elders, are you willing that I should now speak to my little babes, who have just set out to obey my gospel? (Ayea, Mother, we should be thankful.) I call them babes, because I find them

simple and innocent children, according to their day and privilege.

2. Do you believe it is your kind and tender Mother that is now speaking to you, my little Ones? (Yea, we do.) Then draw near unto me, for I have a blessing for you. Are you thankful, my little Ones, that you have been called by this gospel, and have been gathered into Zion before the days of this manifestation were closed; that you might have a privilege to hear the sound of your Mother's voice, and the rest of your heavenly Parents, and to receive instruction from the same? (Yea Mother, truly we are,) So you are, dear children and so am I, for I delight to bestow upon such as hunger and thirst after the good things of God.

3. I find you with open hearts and hungry souls ready to receive and be thankful, for all that your kind and loving Mother, or spiritual Parents, have to bestow upon you at this time.

4. I do not find you soaring on mountains high and lifted up, desiring to preach to others, and show them the road to Heaven, before you learn how to walk in it yourselves! I do not find you with hearts filled with a cavelling sense of unbelief, ready to dispute the reality of this work! Neither do I find you hardened in sin under a long privilege in this, my pure and holy

gospel: but I find you with hearts sincerely honest, according to your understanding and privilege; and this is all that I require of any soul, is to be sincerely honest and true, according to the best light and understanding given them, for the time being; and this is all that God requires; and they that always do this, will never be left destitute of the blessing and protection of God.

5. Therefore, my little lambs, you that have just entered into my fold, I am well pleased with your first steps in my gospel;— for you now feel poor, hungry and dependant, like little simple children; and this opens the avenues of your hearts, into which I can enter with my spirit, and feed you as little babes in my arms.

6. Will you always labor to keep this humble pretty lamb like spirit, that is so pleasing to your Mother and all your Heavenly Parents? Will you, dear children? "Yea, Mother, we will," So do, my little Ones, for such souls as walk in this humble dependant feeling, my spirit will always bless, for by so doing they fulfill the requirement of God, according as Christ said, that all must become as little children, before they could enter the Kingdom of Heaven; and this is what he meant, that souls must put away great I, with all its self conceited knowledge, & learn of his spirit which is meek & lowly;

easy to be entreated; easy to receive counsel; and such, can easily be instructed in the path of their duty.

7. When I first set out in the way of God, I had to travel alone as it were, in tribulation and suffering, and almost continually in cries to God, both by night & by day, — There was not that order gained then by which I could be protected, nor good Elders by which I could be daily instructed in the path of my duty.

8. Do you consider, dear children, how thankful you ought to be for this, your day and privilege? which God has been pleased to grant you? (We labor to.) You need not cast reflections because you were not called by the gospel sooner, All that is required of any soul, is to obey the light of God, whenever they shall feel their souls awakened by the spirit of conviction, which, if hearkened to, will always teach them to seek after some way, whereby they can be delivered from the bondage of sin & death.

9. I say, if souls obey this light when it is caused to shine forth unto them, they come when they are called, they enter the vineyard of the Lord in due time, according to his own will and purpose.

10. These weighty impressions that strike into the hearts of such as are called by the ^{voice of the} son of God to forsake the paths of sin, and cause them to feel loaded with ^{done} guilt, horror and condemnation for what they have already

in his condescending mercy, he shall be pleased to suffer it to shine into their hearts as
or, in other words, when

into the promised land, where the sting of death & the horrors of a guilty conscience

they received from the ministering Angels of conviction sent forth of God, to work in the hearts of the children of men, or such portions of them, as ^{are} prepared in some measure to receive, who are yet wandering in the wide wilderness of sin and death, but often feel in their own hearts, they should be thankful to see some way out.

11. I say, dear children, these angels of light and conviction are sent forth, to enlighten such souls by the rays of conviction, which, if they will truly follow, will surely lead them out of this wilderness state, in which they feel the stings of death, and the horrors of a guilty conscience* are taken away, just so far as the soul yields strict obedience to this light, which, by these angels of conviction they have been called to follow.

12. My dear little children, some of you have thought it was quite strange how it was you happened to fall in among this people! Some think it was a mere happen, occasioned by the rolling events of natural things, and I admit, says Mother, that to all outward appearance, this is very clearly the case, many times; but you must remember that God always has, and always will, work by means; and the means by which souls are called to enter the promised land, (or the Zion of God,) I have now told you, dear children, and these means will always be the first moving causes, which many times works

* into the promised land, where the sting of death & the horrors of a guilty conscience

greatly out of the sight of natural man, or woman,

13. I delight to feed the hungry, and instruct those that will be thankful for my teaching; therefore, dear little ones who are now gathered around me, you that have open hearts and hungry souls to receive from a kind and tender parent, I will now bestow upon you a ^{kind & tender} Mother's last, and parting instruction; that which will carry you safely thro' time, if you will be faithful, I will gain you an everlasting inheritance in the kingdom of your God, where your spiritual Mother who is now speaking doth dwell,

14. Here, in this kingdom, I have prepared mansions for all my faithful children, And you that have but just set out in this gospel, if you are truly faithful, and obedient from this time henceforth, you become rightful heirs to this inheritance in the holy kingdom of your God, as really as those who set out years ago.

15. So you need not be buffeted on this ground, all that God, or your Heavenly Parents require of any soul, is to be faithful, and improve well their day and time, when God has once called them to enter his Lion on earth, and to cleanse their hands, and purify their hearts, by washing and bathing in the pure fountain of living waters, which his Almighty hand hath there established, for the healing of the nations, in his own due time & season.

16. You, my dear children, are now called to wash and bathe in this fountain of pure living waters, and become the sons and daughters of the New Creation, and heirs of the kingdom of God; joint heirs with Christ, your Lord and Saviour, and with me, your blessed Mother Ann.

17. The first step that any soul can take in the purifying work of the gospel, either in this world, or that which is to come, is honestly to confess their sins in the presence of such of God's witnesses, as ^{are} appointed for that purpose, and have been prepared to stand as witnesses by firstly cleansing their own souls in the same manner,

18. And in this sacred call and duty, of making a sacrifice of all their former sins, or bringing them to judgment, the soul is placed under the most sacred and solemn obligations, to be strictly honest and true, and open things just as they have committed them, that can possibly devolve on human beings. A shocking lesson of solemn warning may be inferred from the circumstance of Ananias and Sapphira, covenanting together to lie unto God, by a deceitful heart in the presence of Peter.

19. When the light of God, in his mercy has been suffered to shine into a soul, sufficient to arouse the flames of conviction, and cause them to feel smitten with ⁱⁿ their own hearts, for their past and sinful lives, they are then called of God to follow, and strictly obey this light, which

has broken out in their souls; and it will never fail, if truly followed, to lead them to the Lion of his likeness

20. A city of refuge which he has established on the earth as a place of safety, for all such of her inhabitants as will stoop low enough to enter thro' the gates, into this city, and wash themselves clean enough, to commence a travel in the pure and holy path which is placed in this city on earth, for the purpose of leading & directing souls to live such a life while in a probationary state, as will ensure them a peaceful mansion of rest in the kingdom of their God, when they have done with earth and all earthly things.

21. And now, my dear children, this is your call will you all be faithful and obey it to the laying down of your lives? "Yea, Mother, we will." Will you be thankful, and rejoice in the God of your salvation by taking up every cross, with cheerfulness, that is required in my gospel for your own souls purification? "Yea, I will." Will you, my dear children, always, from this time henceforth, be honest and true, and when any thing comes to your mind that you feel has not been honestly confessed, go to your beloved Elders, and there simply confess it, just according to truth; and not try to alter it, this way or that, but just simply tell the truth, will you do this, my little Ones? "Yea Mother."

22. Then you shall be my Sons and Daughters in the New Creation of God, and I will be your Mother while you are passing thro' time; and when your work on earth is done, and you enter the eternal world, I will receive you into my arms of love, to dwell with me in my mansions of peace and rest.

23. Listen, dear children, unto your Mother's voice, for she it is that does now address you, in words of wisdom and instruction with a parental care and carefulness, for the prosperity and safe going of your souls in this pure and holy gospel, in days to come from this time henceforth, untill ye shall have travelled to bear heavy burdens, for the increase of this, my gospel in other souls, as it is now borne for you, my dear children, by those who have gone before you.

24. Souls who wisely enter the gospel field, or work of regeneration, to gain a new birth, and rise in the resurrection of Christ, from the dead works of sin, and all that belongs to the fall, (or first Adam,) enter with a full purpose of heart to give up all to God; both soul & body, to be directed according to his divine will thro' that medium which he hath appointed, as a visible agency to manifest himself unto all such, as have a desire to know and do his holy will.

25. They will reserve to themselves none of the goods of

Agag, or their own ways and wills which the Lord hath commanded to be utterly destroyed, and leave neither root nor branch; that is, be wholly given up in all things, both spiritual and temporal, and lay down that natural, and carnal life which ye received with your first birth, that ye may find, in lieu thereof, that life which is eternal, and cometh down from Heaven above, which is revealed in this pure gospel of Christ, and is now, in this, his second appearance, established on earth without sin, unto salvation.

26. They that enter this field, and lay hold of the gospel plough in this sense, I say, dear children enter it wisely, and commence their travel in the ^{work} regeneration rightly, and if they maintain this simple & dependent sense and feeling, as they proceed on their journey day by day, they will travel further towards the kingdom of God in five years, than others with a more exalted and disobedient sense, (even should they hang along,) would in twenty.

27. Therefore, beloved little Ones, pursue on in your present sense of simplicity, and innocent sincerity which you have gained, by laboring to confess your sins honestly, — This, I feel that those of you who have lately set out to obey the gospel, as a body, have labored honestly to do, and for this reason would holy and Eternal Wisdom

draw near unto you, and bestow a full and free blessing upon your souls; and for this reason, can the spirit of your kind and loving Mother, and the rest of your Heavenly Parents, enter your souls with pleasing delight, & bestow an everlasting blessing upon you in words of loving kindness, which will never be forgotten by you my dear children, thro' time, if you are faithful, - but at times you will feel the same feelings of thankfulness & tender love to your Mother, thrilling thro' your souls that you now feel, with an increase of the same, in proportion to the fruitfulness of your travel hereafter.

28. I say the same in substance, that you now feel from your Mother, whose face ^{while} in a mortal body you did never see, but whose voice in spirit you do now know, for it hath entered your hearts, and your weeping souls bear me witness of the same.

29. I say, dear children, if you will be faithful this blessing shall never depart from you, but when you are in tribulation, and your spirits crying to God thro' your beloved Elders, for help and strength to stand against the strong temptations of nature, that you may crucify it by the daily cross of Christ, I will ever be your friend and Mother, and send my little Angels to comfort your souls with a portion of this my spirit which I now pour upon you, and it shall give you strength to stand against

every temptation to evil, and do your duty, day by day in the fear of God.

30. Will you again promise me, your Mother, that you will always be good and obedient children, and gather in love, to your visible head, who will daily labor for your souls best good and protection? ("Yea, Mother, we will," so do, dear children, and you shall glow as the morning of beauty), adorned with every gospel grace & virtue, — Your souls will be blessed with the beautiful gifts of God, in various ways and manners, yea, your spirits shall break forth in holy songs divine thro' in the midst of wicked persecutors, and the incense of your praises shall ascend before the throne of God,

31. But I must tell you, my little Ones, that none can ever gain their souls salvation, without passing thro' heavy crosses and trials; yea, and many scenes of mortification and deep tribulation, and in these seasons, if they are rightly used, the soul can be washed and cleansed from the nature of sin, and thereby, its pace, and travel, is greatly quickened, on its journey home to God.

32. Will you, furthermore, dear children, join in heart and hand with every sharp and powerful testimony that your beloved Elders may, and will find necessary, often to hold forth, against the flesh, and every appearance of evil? Will you also receive a sharp

admonition from your Elders, whenever they may feel it would do your souls good? Will you remember, & consider, that these admonitions are given in the purest of love to your souls, that they may be separated, & purged from that which separates them from God, & from me, your Mother? "Yea, we will,"

33. You must always receive a reproof, whether in public, or private, and be thankful to God for it. Don't feel as tho' it was against you, and your Elders were all of the time finding faults, or scolding you for something or other. You must be very careful, never to indulge in any such feeling nor sensation, for if you do, the adversary will find room to work in your souls, and try to discourage you, and make you believe a lie, and thereby, bring you under darkness and loss. But always join in every feeling of your soul with that testimony, which strikes against the nature of sin, whether in yourselves, or in others. By so doing, you will always be found upon the Lord's side, where the opposite spirit cannot work to his own advantage.

34. I have a great deal of love for you, my little babes; I want you should all receive from me this day, that which will last you in time to come, when ye cannot hear the sound of my voice, as ye now hear it; for I know not that any of you will ever again hear

it in this world, as ye now do, therefore be wise, and treasure up a store that will never be exhausted in time

35. You have now just set out to embrace that gospel which does yield a savour of life unto life, to all who faithfully obey it, and of death unto death, to such as reject it, and again turn back to serve the law of sin and death.

36. You have now entered the school of Christ, you have come to Zion to be taught her precepts, and behold her examples, and in Christ's school, there is none that can do as they have a mind to, from the very first, down to the very last, but all must yield a willing and simple obedience to that order of God, which is placed before them for their protection

37. This is why the high and lofty sense of man so much looks above the simple way of God. There can be no great I's set up for a standard to go by in Zion; but all must become as little, simple, obedient children.

38. Always obey that precious faith which leads you out of darkness, into light: whenever you get overcome, while on your travel thro' life, with any thing that this faith teaches you is wrong, or contrary to what you have been taught in the gospel, whether it be in word, thought, or deed, then go and honestly confess it,

and in so doing, you will obey this precious faith, & be my pretty, simple, honest children,

39. If you should see that which is wrong in others who have had a much larger privilege in the gospel than what you have, you need not be stumbled by that, dear children; but you must remember that you have now set out to gain an inheritance in the kingdom of God, for your own souls, therefore, you must always square your lives by the unerring line of truth, that your beloved Elders daily teach you, and this will always carry you safely thro' every storm and wind that blows.

40. Never justify your own evil nature, by the missteps and short comings of others; but remember the reward of your own good works, is treasured up in heaven for you, and will be, untill your work is done on earth, you will not receive another's reward, or another receive yours,

41. You would not think that I was a just & righteous Parent, if I should withhold my love and helping from those of my children whom I found truly worthy, because there were some found unworthy, would you, my little Ones? (Way Mother.)

42. It is every ones duty, to set a righteous and godly example, one before another, but if any see that

this is not done, they will not, (if they are wise,) suffer their own souls to come under loss by this means, but they should remember at all times, that they are laboring for their own souls redemption, and what another does, cannot hurt them, if they will not be corrupted by it: and if ye are faithful, ye will always be able to learn wisdom in these things, every day that you live; and instead of looking, and desiring to see faults in others, that you may excuse yourselves by the same, when any such thing in those who are before ^{you should} occur, you will let it serve as a solemn lesson of warning to your own soul, not to be caught in the like transgression.

43. Young Believers, when they first set out in the gospel, are very apt to be troubled with a high minded zeal, with but little knowledge of true wisdom; and many times, if left by their Elders to run in this kind of a sense, they would, while preaching to others, and exhorting them to come in at the strait gate, and walk in the narrow way, themselves, become a cast away, standing in the wide gate and broad way, that leadeth to destruction, calling to others, to enter in at the narrow.

44. But when your Elders set you to labor in this line, to administer the word unto others, take up your

cross, and labor, in the sincerity of your heart, to do your duty, and I will bless you with a gift of God,

45. I have not spoken of these things because I think there is any present, among you, my dear children, who are not in that situation of a high minded zeal of which I have been speaking. Nay, but because I have found you seated in the low humble vale, where your spirits are acceptable to me, your Mother, and where you feel thankful to be taught, rather than to be preaching to others, in this state, to my great joy, and satisfaction, I, your Mother, have this day, found you.

46. Therefore I have cast pearls before you, because, in this low humble spirit which ye now possess, you will not rend, and trample these precious pearls under your feet, but will treasure them up and keep them in your hearts, as the most precious jewels and walk in obedience to the same, when ye no longer hear the sound of your Heavenly Parents' voices as ye now do.

47. You must all labor to feel the power and gifts of God, when you assemble together to make offerings to him. You must also labor to break every band of a fleshly fallen nature. Labor for mortification, and when your Elders feel it is wisdom to

check you in any particular exercise of the spirit, you are going forth in because they may feel you have gone as far as would be profitable for you at that time, you must receive it thankfully, and be obedient thereto; not be offended, and discouraged in your feelings, and think within your heart; if you cannot labor as you are a mind to, you will not labor at all.

48. The Devil would just as leave buffet you, and draw your feelings one side, when you come to worship God, as in any other place; but remember the order of God, and your obedience thereto, will be your sure, and neverfailing protection, both in meeting and out; in eating and drinking in working and sleeping. Yea, in all that you put your hands to do, or your heart to contemplate, remember the last, and parting words of a kind & tender Mother's instruction unto you, my little lambs of the fold.

49. Square your lives, in all your thoughts, your words and works, by the unerring line of gospel truth, which is that testimony sounded forth thro' God's witness to instruct your souls, my dear children, in the way of everlasting life and peace.

50. And if you have all been faithful to confess the wrongs of your past lives, with a desire to expose them all, and not to cover any part thereof

if there is any thing more that ought to be confessed, that has not been, as you travel in this sense of sincere honesty, all that God requires to be confessed, will come fresh to your minds, you then can confess these things, and put them away to Gods acceptance.

51. And so you must continue to do my little ones, just so often as you get out of the way, and go one side of your teaching, or of your good faith, go and simply confess it to your Elders, and labor to repent of the same, by leaving it off, and God, thro them, will forgive you. You cannot travel out of a lost nature, & find your redemption in the course of a few years; but it requires a well spent life, in faithful obedience, from the time that souls are first called, into the work of God.

52. So, dear children, you must be alive & awake, put your hands to work, and give your hearts to God: and be thankful, at every recollection of his goodness, that you have been called, while in this world, by that soul saving gospel, whereby you can find an entrance into his holy Kingdom, — Of all souls, such as obey this ^{pure} gospel in this world, have the greatest reason to be thankful to God. Souls can travel out of a lost nature of the flesh, much easier in this world, than they can in the world of spirits.

53 Many, yea, very many are the souls that I have seen entering Eternity, weeping & wailing in bitter

lamentation, because they had an offer to obey this gospel years and years before they left this world, but they obeyed it not. But now, if they would ever enter a mansion of peace and rest, where purity dwells, they must travel thro deep sufferings, from prison to prison, a much greater length of time than their natural lives would have been on earth, from the time they had an offer of this pure gospel, to gain one half what they might have gained in the same time, had they been faithful to renounce the pleasures of sin while in time, and obeyed the gospel when it was offered to them; or when their own consciences felt condemned for the wicked lives they were living.

54. So press ye on, my little lambs, in the pure way of God, love and bless each other in the gospel, do unto others, as ye would that others should do unto you, in the same situation.

55. Be prudent, economizing, and saving of every temporal blessing; never suffer any thing to be lost, thro your carelessness and neglect, that is eatable, either for man or beast; for the sin of ingratitude, and wastefulness, is a great sin in the sight of God; and you, my dear children have had but little chance to be taught these things.

56. But now you must learn them, as you

learn the way of salvation and peace, My house, is a house of Order, that which God himself has established therein, You must have a place for all your things, and then, keep them in their places, Do not suffer any part of your possessions to show forth marks of disorder and confusion; for I cannot bless a careless and slovenish sense, in anyone that is called within Zion's walls to dwell.

57. O ye, my little Lambs, Ye babes of your Mother's delight, gladly would I take you in my arms, and waft your spirits home to God, if your days in time on earth were accomplished, according to his will; but this, you know, dear children, is not the case.

58. You are now in the prime of your days, & have just entered the gospel field, and placed your feet in the straight and narrow path in which you now feel determined to press on, and gain your souls' salvation, do you not, my little Ones? (yea, Mother, we do.) Can you all say in the sincerity of your hearts that you feel thankful that you have been called by this sin destroying gospel, now, in this day of God's great visitation to his people? (yea Mother,) And so do I, your Mother, feel inexpressibly thankful, on your account, dear children. For some of you, who, ^{thave} in times

past, that you had a very good understanding of the work of God, will be able to gain more true knowledge of his divine will this day, if you are wise, than all that you ever gained before, in the course of your whole lives; as it respects that knowledge necessary for the souls protection and salvation both in time, and in eternity.

59. I now spread my everlasting mantle of love and blessing over you, my little babes in Christ, for so you are in your Mother's sight. I bless you with a Parents blessing, to good and obedient children, love and bless each other, in the way and work of God; never lay snares, or temptation to evil one before another; but let your examples one to another be such as will excite the mind in love, to the pure way of God. And this holy love and blessing which I breathe forth upon you, in this, my last, and parting communication, shall ever remain upon each and every faithful soul. So fare ye well, my Lambs who are gathered in your Mother's fold.

Insb Philemon Stewart,

Chapter IV.

Mother's words to the beloved Elders; with counsel & instruction respecting her little flock in their order.

O ye beloved Elders, and faithful watchmen, who

guard my little flock, in this, the door of entrance into my fold, I bless you with a Mother's blessing, for your faithful labor's care and pains, with my little Ones in this place; you have been faithful to labor for the good of their souls, and you shall receive your reward for the same. Watch, and be careful, O my beloved, that wolves do not creep in, to dwell among my lambs.

2. But let the quickening power of God go forth with your heart searching testimony, which shall separate between the precious and the vile, between true and false hearted souls; between the hypocrite & deceitful worker, who maketh no true confession of their sin, & the simple and honest hearted ^{labor in sincerity to} who lay their whole souls open before God, in your presence.

3. Save, with the greatest care and carefulness, all that is of God; gather that which can be purified in the gospel fire; but hold not such as God forbids to enter. And that ye may be enabled by the power and gift of God, to discern between the ^{two} different subjects & classes, I do, this day, bestow upon you my power, my wisdom, and my strength.

4. I am well satisfied with your labor as watchman in this part of my vineyard. Be good and obedient children, ^{cleave} to the visible head before you, & walk in strict obedience unto them, and the gifts of God shall

increase in your order, and the divine smiles of providence, will bless all your labors.

5. To be ye comforted with your Mother's word; you are children that I love, and bless with every feeling of my soul; the burden you are called to bear, is heavy, But in your labors of sufferings & tribulation for the good of other souls, God will give you strength; and your Heavenly Parents will send ministering Angels, to feed you with the bread of Heaven.

6. Deal plainly, yet in the spirit of loving kindness, with all such as shall knock for an entrance at this door. Hold up the separating line between the believer, and the deceiver; gather the wheat, but fan the chaff away. Lead, and teach my little Ones their duties, day by day. Reprove them, when by steps that's wrong you know they are going astray; and turn their feet again to walk my straight and narrow way.

7. Ye, daily teach them, my beloved, how to watch, and how to pray, And your reward, you shall receive in realms of endless day.

8. Will you, O dearly beloved Elders, remember the last & parting words of your kind and tender Mother, and obey the same? (Ye, Mother, we will.)

Then fare ye well in a Mother's everlasting blessing with these, my last, and parting words, Keep all things in your respective order, (which is for gathering souls to the gospel,) neat and clean, yet adorned with gospel plainness throughout. Suffer not to be gathered the superfluous things of ^{the children} this world.

I. Now over all, yea, each and every one, I spread my everlasting mantle of peace, love and blessing, on each faithful soul, forever to remain. So fare ye well, fare ye well, my dear children. O do be good, while you're in time below. My work is now done, my word is finished, and my time is come to go.

Inst. Philemon Stewart.

Section V.

A parting communication by Father William & Father James
at the Worth Family

6th Jan^y 1842.

Dear beloved Ministry & Elders, are you willing that I should unite with my blessed Mother, and bestow my blessing upon your beloved little Ones in this place.

(Yea.)

1. Beloved Children, it is my sincere desire that you would all treasure up and remember, the precious words

of counsel and instruction, which you have received from your blessed Mother at this time. She has now finished her word, and for aught that I know, you have heard the last that you will hear her speak while in time; I am also called to speak my last word unto you, and bid you a long farewell.

2. But be patient, my dear children, and listen this once more, to the last words of your Father, tho' I have many times called upon you to listen to my word, know ye, this is the last time, so far as God has showed ^{me}, for I shall now finish my word unto you. I have not come at this time, to bear down your spirits, or speak that which will cause you to be cast down; or to admonish and reprove you, nay, in no wise: but I have come to bestow my love and blessing upon you, for I find you worthy.

3. Therefore receive my purest love, and my richest blessing with that which you have received from your blessed Mother, at this time, and be ye comforted.

Think not, my dear children, that you are forsaken because your Heavenly Parents are called to leave you, remember there is no good taken from you. You still have the blessed gospel, the precious gifts of God, which may always be yours, if you will be faithful to walk in obedience to the counsel and instruction

that has been given you from time to time.

4. You have blessed Elders to teach you your duty, in all things; if you cleave to them, and walk in obedience to their counsel, your Heavenly Parents will never forsake you. Tho' we leave you, and no more speak words unto you as we have done, yet, our love, and blessing, shall ever remain with you.

5. There has been much given you from the heavenly world in times past, which, if you are faithful to gather, and treasure up, will be of great strength & support to your souls, when heavy tribulation rolls upon you, which surely will be measured out for you.

6. But, my dear children, stand firm & steadfast in the hour of trial, and never flinch at any crosses or tribulation that may come in your way. Tho' many dark, and trying scenes of sorrow and tribulation, & storms of persecution lay in the path before you, remember if you are faithful, you will ever have the love, blessing and strength of all the heavenly hosts. Yea, put your trust in God, for God is able, and will protect his chosen people.

7. I can now view you with that satisfaction that I never before could. I can part with you in peace & bestow a Parents blessing upon you,

8. But, remember, my dear children, you are

called to be a shining light to the children of this world, to lead, and help other souls to the gospel, & you that have had a lengthy privilege, are called to set a Godly example, and show forth by your daily walks, that you have in possession the pure gospel virtues of meekness, humility, & thankfulness; having a lively sense of your duty, and sacred calling; and not grope along month after month, and year after year, in a dead, stupid and lifeless state, being clogs, and stumbling blocks in the way of other souls that come to embrace the gospel, and gaining no good to your own souls. It would be far better for such souls, had they never made a pretence to embrace this gospel.

9. There is one point, wherein many in this place and in many other parts of Zion, have come under great loss, in times past, and which has proved the destruction of many souls. That is, in relation to their being unreconciled with those who are called to be their Elders. This spirit of unreconciliation has many times crept in, on account of a change in their Elders. They felt as tho they were slighted, and could not feel freedom or gather near to those who were appointed to be their Elders, and suffered their spirits to rise above their counsel, and gave way to judge, and feel hard feelings & thereby shut the door of freedom thro which all souls

are to receive a blessing, and find protection. —

10. Remember, my dear children, this is a dangerous situation for any soul. Beware of this spirit which is of the evil One. If you feel against those who are called to be your Elders, you feel against the Anointed of God, and you cannot prosper, but will fall off as dead branches, and be separated from the people of God.

11. You have good faithful Elders, to teach and direct you in the way you should go, and if you are faithful to walk in obedience to their counsel, and at all times be free and open to make known your state and standing, and in humiliation seek their union and protection, you will, at all times, feel a blessing.

12. And, should there be a change in your Elders year after year, no good believer will be stumbled thereby. If it be more crossing to you, and you reconcile your feelings, and gather to them, you will gain that pure love for them, that will be abiding and lasting; & you will receive help for your souls, and be able to help others.

13. Therefore, my beloved ones, be wise in these things, and not make the road hard for yourselves, but keep in the lowly vale of humiliation, where your path

will be easy, safe, and sure; and your journey will be delightful and pleasant, tho' at times intermingled with deep sorrow and heavy tribulation, which will purify, and cleanse your souls.

13. And, O ye little Ones of your Mother's love, you that have lately set out in this blessed gospel, I have not yet taken but a few steps in the gospel path, be encouraged, my dear children, and press on in the path which you are now going. Remember the counsel and instruction which you have this day received from your blessed Mother Ann, of whom you have often heard and read, and whose ^{parting} voice you have heard at this time. Treasure it up in your hearts as the most precious jewels of Heaven, that in days to come, when scenes of tribulation round you roll, you can call to mind the words of love and blessing which you have received from your Heavenly Parents, and let it comfort, strengthen and support you thro' all dark and trying hours.

14. You have now stepped into the sure path that leads to the Kingdom of God; turn not to the right nor to the left, but press on, in obedience to your holy faith. Altho' the day of your trial has not yet come, remember if you are faithful, and obedient to your beloved Elders, keep humble and low, you will have

strength to withstand all trials and temptations however dark they may appear.

15. And now, my beloved little children, receive the richest love and blessing of your Father William whose voice you now hear, so far as God has showed me for the last time. You are lovely in my sight, and my love and blessing, I freely bestow upon you. And know ye, my little Ones, in times past, mine eye has been upon you, before you embraced this gospel, at the time when you first received faith & conviction & desired to come and unite with the people of God.

16. Then did I, your Father William, stand by your side, and strengthen and support you, tho you knew it not, Then did I nourish that spark of holy faith and conviction untill you received sufficient strength to come into the great work of self denial and the cross, where you now enjoy that inward peace, satisfaction & true justification that you never before found, or could obtain, while living in the vain pleasures of time. Therefore press ye on in the great work of salvation which ye have begun, and never fear, knowing that you have the love and blessing of all your Parents in Heaven, and shall ever be blessed in faithfulness & well doing, and now, unto each, and every one within the hearing of my voice, do I give my purest love & power

upon you my richest blessing, ever to remain with you in time.

17. And may you farewell, my dear friends farewell in love, blessing and peace. O fare ye well while on earth you remain.

Section VI.

A closing and farewell communication by Father James
at the North Family.

Jan^y 6. 1842.

Beloved gospel friends, you have now heard the parting words, yea, the last words of your blessed Mother Ann & Father W^m. I must also finish my word to you. Yea, I must leave you, my dear friends. This is very crossing to me, but I must be obedient to the call of God to me,

2. Altho I am called to leave you, my blessing and love, remains with you, and shall ever remain upon those who are faithful.

3. It is a cause of great rejoicing & much thankfulness to me, to see what has been gained, by the late cleansing work which has been in this place. I pray that all may keep what they have gained, and still increase and go on in this holy work, till

each, and every soul, knows of a truth that they stand in the true light of God, with hearts that are pure, and hands undefiled; and can feel that they are daily increasing in the pure way of God, and gaining victory over every evil passion of nature.

4. Give not your spirits rest, my beloved children, but labor fervently and unceasingly, for that overcoming power that will enable you to resist every evil temptation at its first appearance; and at all times keep the door of freedom open to your beloved Elders; for this is the line by which you are to receive the blessings of Heaven, and keep your relation & joining to the people of God.

5. Your place, and calling, is surely great, as your blessed Mother did say, "There is where souls come to receive the gospel, and the door thro which they are to enter into the great work of salvation; therefore be not weary of helping other souls; but let your doors and hearts be open to receive those that come to seek the way of God, and remember, all that you can do to help others to the gospel, will prove a great blessing to your souls."

6. Tho many may come for no good purpose, but mock and scorn this blessed gospel, and slight the offers of salvation, yet there are many sincere hearted souls who are seeking for the gospel, and desire salvation. Do not

turn them away; but clothe & feed their hungry souls, & freely bestow upon them, that which you have freely received from your Parents in Heaven.

7. When your blessed Mother, and the rest of your Heavenly Parents lived upon earth, we had but little room and convenience, and were destitute of many of the temporal blessings, of which you have an abundance; but when souls came to see us who were seeking after the gospel, we many times, gave them our rooms, and beds, & strove to make them comfortable, with the small accommodations, and temporal blessings we then possessed.

8. But now, my beloved, you have sufficient in the temporal line, and wherewith to help other souls, and of that which you possess, give freely, and you will receive an abundance, and be blessed in your basket & store. Always remember the poor children of this world & not turn them away; but extend charity & kindness unto them, and great will be your reward in heaven.

9. But, my dearly beloved, you that are called as Elders in this part of the vineyard, you have borne a great burden, you have been truly faithful in your calling; and upon you, my beloved, do I feel to bestow my love and blessing at this time, for you are indeed, truly worthy.

Therefore, be ye comforted; for great shall be your reward for your faithfulness in your calling, when on earth your work is done.

10. To receive, this once more, from your Father James, the richest of my blessings and love, to strengthen and support you, in the heavy burden you are called to bear; & know that you are not forgotten, but shall ever be remembered by me.

11. And unto you, my little lambs, ye little babes of your blessed Mother, whose voice you have heard for the last time, and whose blessing and love, you have at this time received without measure. O never forget, my beloved, the parting words of your Mother, and your beloved Father William: Let the precious counsel which you have received at this time, find a resting place in your hearts.

12. You have undertaken a great work, be encouraged and press on in the way you are now going, & you will be truly blessed, the many dark and trying hours you will have to pass thro', and many scenes of tribulation await you; fear not, but press on, in obedience to your beloved Elders, and true honesty, will bear you safely thro'.

13. And all that is bro't to light, and honestly confessed to your beloved Elders, there let it remain, think no more upon it, neither reflect upon your past life with regret, thinking that you will never gain that which you might have gained, if you had been called when children. You need not cast any reflections or feel any buffetings on this ground.

14. Remember you came when you were called and if you are faithful now you will have your reward, but forget not to be thankful with every feeling of your souls, that you have heard the sound of this gospel, and that you have become baptized in the work of regeneration, which will certainly prove the salvation of your souls, if you yield strict obedience to the sacred orders that have been given for your protection.

15. And should you see some fall from the way of God, and again turn to the beggarly elements of this world, to serve the God of their lusts, be not discouraged thereby, or think that the fault is in the gospel: but let it be an evidence to you, that this is, in truth, a pure gospel, & the sinner and evil doer, cannot abide its purifying fire.

16. To receive the love and blessing of your ever abiding Father in well doing; for this is the last time you will hear your Father's voice, my little Ones, ^{hear it} as ye now. And again I say unto each and every one of you, my dear gospel friends, do let the blessed words of counsel & instruction and the rich blessing and love, which you have received this day, sink deep in your hearts.

17. Let the true fear of God, guide and direct you, in all that you do, in your daily walk, and every step you take; and if this you do, you will never be forsaken.

but the blessing of your Heavenly Parents, and all the holy Angels in Heaven, shall ever remain with you.

B. I must now close my word unto you, and bid you farewell, loving friends, untill I meet you again in the mansions of Heaven, there forever to dwell, in the endless ages of Eternity.

To receive ye my love, and in peace, farewell,
O farewell, my dear friends, till I meet you again

New Lebanon, Jan^y 6th 1842.

Just Benjamin Gates.

Chapter III.

Word of the Witnessing Angel, which followed Father James' at the North Family.

1. O most dearly beloved, and Holy Anointed, what say ye, are you satisfied with what has been said & done unto these little Ones in this place? (Ans, Yea, we are satisfied, and well pleased for their sakes; but if there is yet more, we shall be thankful to have them receive it, hoping and believing that it will be a lasting gain to them.) And O ye beloved Elders, do you feel satisfied.? (Ans, Yea, satisfied and thankful, but we desire to receive all that is for us, for we are by no means weary in body nor spirit.)

2. And, O ye little Ones, of your dearest and truest Parents, are you weary of the word? (I am not was the general answer.) Then even so let it be, for surely the Angels of heaven, and Heaven itself beareth witness, to the truth of what ye have now heard and received from your ever blessed Mother Ann, Your beloved Father William & Father James. Both of the written communications, and that which they, of themselves, have now spoken unto you.

3. But my word I will withhold, untill the holy Angel of Almighty power, has spoken his last word, & your Eternal Parent, Wisdom, has finished her word & spread upon you her mantle of everlasting love, peace and blessing, to remain with all thine time, who will be truly faithful.

4. When all that is done, then will I speak my word, & in obedience to the voice of Holy Wisdom will I finish the word, and close the work in this place, so hearken ye to the word of the Angels of Almighty Power and of Holy and Eternal Wisdom.

Just Addah Zillah Potter.

Words of the Angel of Almighty Power.

Draw near, O ye people, and once more hearken to my word; for once more will I raise my voice, even as ye have this day heard it, and again sound forth my word

unto you for the last time. Therefore hear ye my word which will not be lengthy, but will be, and is, a word of eternal blessing, from your Holy ^{Eternal} God in Heaven, who has this day looked upon you, and with his own hand bestowed his rich blessing upon you.

2. Yea, I am now ready, and my hour has come, to clothe you with the blessing of God, your Heavenly Father, and to sound forth my parting word unto you.

3. All of you, yea, each, and every one who is now in the hearing of my voice, has this day received from the hand of Holy Wisdom, a blessing, not one has escaped her notice, not one has she passed lightly over. Therefore, let every one rightly use this holy and divine blessing which ye have received, yea, let it serve to strengthen & encourage you to persevere in the holy work of your God, thro all crosses and trials that you must surely meet. Yea, ever remember, that ye stand as the door thro which souls must enter, into the temple of God's Holy Lion;

4. Then be ye as shining lights unto the children of men, and by your godly example, and daily walk, testify unto them, that ye are indeed the true children of God, and joint heirs to the Heavenly Kingdom. And upon every soul that is resolutely determined to stand faithful, I spread a mantle of the blessing of your God. Ye shall be fed & by his protecting arm ye shall be shielded from all harm.

5. But ever remember, those who stray from the fold, can never be covered by this holy Mantle. So now receive ye this rich blessing from Heaven, & know ye, that ye are this day accepted, in the sight of your God, so be ye encouraged, and comforted, knowing that ye have received a great blessing this day.

6. And now, my love and blessing, every faithful soul may freely receive; yea, freely receive it, as a last notice from my hand, for freely do I pour it upon you. So now my word is finished, and in peace, love & blessing, I bid you a long, and a loving farewell.

Inst. Anna Dodgson.

Amen. —

The word of Holy Mother Wisdom at the North Family at the close of the present work of inspiration in that place. —

1. Harken, O ye people, give ear, and understand my word, — You have now at this time, yea, at this moment received the blessing of your God, & now ye shall receive my blessing also, even the blessing of Holy & Eternal wisdom who is one with the Almighty Father, & whose dwelling place is upon the throne of the most High God. The wisdom of the Lord, whose knowledge is above all, & whose wisdom directeth all things.

2. Yea, I say ye have freely received my blessing, & now I pour it forth again upon you. Yea, and my

mantle of love and peace, I now spread over you. For truly it is the last time that ye will receive in this way, my special notice: for as your Heavenly Parents, Mother Ann, Father William & Father James, have now spoken their parting words unto you, even so, now am I speaking my closing words unto you also. For this day have I ^{in measurably} come, to shut up the Heavens, and close the late manifestation of God, which has been unto you in this place.

3. For know ye, O ye people, it was by my command & the sound of my voice, that the Heavens were opened unto you, in this line, and at my bidding will they again be shut up. And even now upon this day, and at this hour, shall I cause the windows & doors of Heaven, to be ^{in a measure} closed, & ye shall no more receive blessings therefrom as ye have done.

4. But murmur not, O ye people, for there has been given you from the fountains of Heaven, blessings without number, count, weight or measure; yea, more I say, than ye have had room to receive. So treasure these up, yea, every crumb, and let nothing be lost; for every soul will yet be called to an account of the use they have made of these sacred and holy blessings.

5. And now ye have, O ye Children of Zion, last of all received the love and blessing of your Holy Father and Mother, and all your Heavenly Parents, to support

strength & comfort you, in days of heavy tribulation which are yet to come upon you. Yea, for truly you will see days of sorrow and tribulation, for many souls will yet flock to Zion, to hear the sound of salvation, & to embrace this gospel of Mother Ann, who have not had the privilege that you have had. And when they come ye must receive them freely, and do not in any wise forsake them because they are poor, sick, naked, hungry and destitute; but take them in freely, nurse them, feed and clothe them; and teach them the way of salvation, and in this way, shall ye receive freely the blessings of your God. Keep the door widely open to such, for they are nigh to my Kingdom.

6. Now have I spread my mantle of blessing over you, and will encircle you within the golden chain of my Holy Heavenly love; and will gather you under my holy wings of protection, where every true, faithful and obedient child, will remain; that they may escape the severe, and awful judgments which will yet roll upon the wicked inhabitants of the earth.

7. Yea, I say every soul that will walk in the lovely path of obedience, and in the beautiful vale of humility, will surely find the blessing & protection of God & Holy Wisdom, who are One; & will feel the love of their Heavenly Parents, flowing freely unto theirs, souls,

and like wells of living water, will spring up unto everlasting life.

8. So take courage, O my Little Ones, press ye on in well doing, knowing that ye have each and every one of you, received the blessing of Holy & Eternal Wisdom. Every one has received according to their faithfulness, and as their works have merited; and as ye do hereafter increase in obedience, love simplicity, meekness and humility; in purity, holiness, and godly fear, even so will the love & blessing of your God Holy Wisdom, and all your Heavenly Parents, with all the Holy Angels, and saints of Heaven, increase towards you. — So now, farewell, my Little Ones, in well doing, ye shall forever farewell.

Amen, my word unto you is now finished.

Ino^t Miranda Barber.

Last word of the Witnessing Angel at the North Family.

Thus saith the Witnessing Angel of Eternal Wisdom. O ye Holy Anointed, ye Elders, & ye people; ye have all now heard the parting word, of All your Heavenly Parents of the holy Angel of Almighty Power, & of Holy Wisdom, your Eternal Parents of Love, Mercy, Charity & everlasting knowledge.

2. Ye have also received an additional store of love and blessing from her home, & even a mantle of the same

from your Almighty God, & Heavenly Father; Yea, this they have freely bestowed upon you, and finished their word unto you, or at least ^{unto} the body of the people, that are here assembled, Yea, unto these, the beloved children, the innocent lambs of the fold of Zion, & simple babes of their ever blessed and loving Mother Ann, have they finished their work, closed their word, and in peace departed, never again to visit you, as they have at this time done.

2. And I am now left ^{to} witness the whole, to sound the last trumpet, to speak the last word, & in perfect obedience to the word and command of Eternal Wisdom, & for the present to draw the separating line between the Heavens and the earth; and will ye yet longer listen, and will ye hearken to my word also? (Yea, thankfully, Ans.)

3. Know ye, one and all, that I am the chosen Angel, of Holy & Eternal Wisdom, chosen to bear witness of her whole word and work, throughout Zion on the earth. To pass and repass with her, and to stand by her side, to bear witness of the whole, in the hearing of Angels in Heaven, and the inhabitants in Zion below.

4. This I have done, and this I shall continue to do, untill the whole work is accomplished throughout Zion. I now bear witness to the truth of all that ye have this day received, and to all that ye have ever re-

ceived from the Heavens in the line of inspiration or in any manner, thro the late work and visitation of your ever blessed & worthy Parent, Mother Ann, and her dear companions, your Heavenly Parents.

5. I say, to the whole, do I bear witness, in heaven and on earth; and I also bear witness in the heavens, for, or against any one, just according to the wise, or unwise, godly or ungodly, thankful, or unthankful use they have made of what they have received within these four years past.

6. Some of you, have received but very little, for your privilege has been short, but that little will be increased, and will become a rich store, unto each soul that will rightly use and prize it. Some of you have received much, and know ye, that from such ones, much will be required even in time. And I now solemnly warn each, and every one present, to remember and consider well, upon the word of your blessed Mother Ann unto you, even this day upon these things. O ye, her last & parting word, and Motherly instruction to you, her little Ones, do never, never forget.

7. And now, unto all of you present who have been chosen Instruments in the work of your blessed Mother, I say, gather home; cleave unto your well

beloved, and truly faithful Elders; look there for support, for instruction, for strength, and there look ye for the spirit of your Mother, for the power of your Mother, for the gifts of your Mother, for the love & blessing of your Mother: for surely, if ye seek aright, ye shall never fail to find and receive, that which ye desire, even as ye have received from the hand of your blessed Mother these four years past, for with them, shall an increasing store of all these heavenly treasures be left, for the true and faithful little Ones, even as your blessed Mother & beloved Father have this day spoken unto you.

P. Of all this, do I bear witness, for surely it is true, and even so will it be, unto every faithful child of Mother Ann. So be not discouraged nor cast down because we leave you, O ye little Ones; but gather home, put your hands to labor, and your hearts to your God, and know ye, that from this time you will none of you receive from the Heavens, as ye have done; nay, no more, for even before the going down of the sun this day, will the word be finished in this place, and unto this number of Mother's children.

I. So now, remember ye this, my word, even the last word of the witnessing Angel of Heaven and earth, unto you, O ye little Ones that have been

chosen as instruments, in the work of your Mother.

10. And now, O ye Holy Anointed, ye Elders, and ye Brethren & Sisters, receive from me wisdom's chosen Angel, a portion of love, peace, and everlasting blessing: for freely will I pour it upon you, even as your Heavenly Parents, and Eternal Wisdom, with her holy Angel of power hath done, and as they have finished their word, so must I now finish and close my word, and leave you, no more to return as I have done.

11. Yea, indeed the hour has come, the moment has arrived, and now, at the command of the Eternal powers before me, I say, let there be perfect silence, in Heaven and on earth, for so the avenues of communication, in this line of inspiration, are now to be shut, and the separating line is to be drawn, and this, I now do, and bid you a lasting and loving farewell in endless peace, and never ending love and blessing to every true child of their Eternal and Heavenly Parents.

12. So my peace rests upon you, and my peace be unto you, O ye people, and this is my last word unto these, the people that dwell in this part of Zion, I now amen unto them, but with the Elders of the people, I still have a further word, in the presence of

the Holy Anointed. The people now retired & the witnessing Angel spake further to the Elders, concerning Holy Wisdom's work on the morrow with the people at Canaan, and some other matters, gave them an additional blessing, and bade them farewell.

In^d Allah Tillah Potter.

Section VII.

Blesing Address of Mother Ann to the Families at Canaan.

The following pages, contain in substance the last and parting communication of Mother Ann to the Canaan Families all assembled at the upper house, Recommended by Mother's Reading Angel.

March 5th 1842. —

Mother's Words. — Beloved Brothers or Rufus and Elders present, is it in your union that I now address these, my Little Ones who have here assembled to hear my last and parting words? (Ye Mother,) Then I request all present to listen with silent attention unto the word which I have for them.

2. For I have much good counsel and instruction to impart to those whose hearts are

cleansed and purified according to the late searching gift which has been among you, and all such as have purified their hearts, and cleansed their hands, from all the stains of sin, by an honest and free confession, with godly sorrow, ^{& repentance} now stand before me justified, and have received a full and free blessing; (according to their age & travel,) from Holy & Eternal Wisdom, and upon all such, I can bestow my love and blessing bountifully.

3. But, remember, my dear children, if there is any among you that have not honestly confessed your sins, in the sincerity of your souls, you cannot in that situation, be the objects of your Mother's delight; for my spirit can take no delight in a deceitful heart, (says Mother,) but the honest, the simple, and the upright, are the delight of my spirit, and the joy of Holy Angels.

Part 1st

Mother's words of instruction to those who stand as Elders.
or First in these two Families.

Unto you who stand as Elders, or watchmen over these two little families, I have words of particular instruction, says Mother, — You are called, closely to watch the ways and goings, of all those placed under your care and protection.

2. You must remember, that your kind and tender Mother, with the rest of your Heavenly Parents, feels the greatest concern for the welfare & prosperity of every one, that has, in any degree, a just relation to the work of God, that have squared their lives by the unerring line of truth, in this, our late, and searching work; and to all such, I say prepon, my dear children, I be ye not discouraged, for every honest hearted soul, will surely gain the prize.

3. It is your indispensable duty, my Little Ones, and I do require it of you, at all times to keep an open door and a good understanding with those Elders that are placed before you, for your instruction and protection. Keep all matters open and plain before them as it respects your little families, over which you are called, in a direct manner to preside. The order which is established for the ingathering of souls, is established by the Wisdom of God, in the order of his own anointing and this must ever be respected as such, or souls cannot receive my blessing, or the blessing of Heaven.

4. You must never, in any case, let your feelings rise, to disregard, and neglect the good counsel and instruction which you from time to time

receive, from those who are placed as the first Elders of the gathering order, and all the families belonging thereto, if you do, the blessing of God and your Heavenly Parents, will be withdrawn, and your souls will wither and die; for that is the order to which you must look for counsel and instruction in all things of importance.

5. And furthermore, it is your duty, to labor, so far as in your power, to implant this spirit of reconciliation and true subjection in every member of your families, in so doing, my blessing can rest upon you, — This part of my vineyard on earth has, in times past, suffered loss on this ground; and as you are now assembled to hear the last, and parting words of your Heavenly Parents, ^{in this manifestation} I feel it my duty, as a kind, and tender Mother, solemnly to warn you against that influence, which would draw the soul aside from the proper order of its protection; and to instruct you in the path of your duty, wherein if ye will walk, no good thing will I withhold from you, but bountifully bless you, with the blessing of my Heavenly Father.

6. It is the indispensable duty of all such as are established as Elders, or leaders among the people to be godly examples of every gospel virtue; showing forth to

the people, and at all times possessing, a spirit of subordination, love and respect to those who stand before them, as they stand before others. There is none that have any right, in the Lion of God, to take any advantages, of the place and calling to which they are called, for the purpose of indulging themselves, either in the spirit, or in the letter, by departing from any rule, order, or regulation that is established in the family.

7. But, inasmuch as they stand as the leaders of the family, they are required to walk more circumspect, careful and exact, than any others, showing by their daily example, & deportment, that they are in truth, worthy of the name by which they are called; that they do in truth bring every propensity of a fallen nature into subjection to the law of Christ.

8. Such are the Elders, and leaders of the people that I own in my house, and no others; and such, & such only, are the ones who will prosper in the end.

9. Could you know, dear children, and realize in truth the great anxiety that I, your Mother feel, for the welfare and prosperity of all my children, you certainly would be filled with exceeding thankfulness, for that day and privilege thro which you have been passing, and still pass in the present tense.

10. Consider, dear children, how manyfold have

been the blessings that we have received, from the hand of me, your blessed Mother, and the rest of your Heavenly Parents, within four years past, which, like those refreshing dews of Heaven, upon the dry and thirsty plants, have been showered down in mercy upon your souls. We have not given sparingly, therefore much will God require in return again for that which ye have received.

11. It has many times been a great grief unto me, to see and witness the spirit that had, in times past, crept into this place, and many other parts of Zion. That self exalted and disobedient sense which would rise, in feelings high, far above that order which was placed for their instruction and souls protection.

12. And when you, my beloved little Ones, see that any of your members are becoming careless, & stupid, disregarding the true order of God, it is your duty to remind them of their laches, by admonishing them in the spirit of kindness, for their heedless and careless manner of going, disobeying that sacred order, which is placed for their souls protection. Don't suffer them to go on, from day to day, untill they have lost sight of their duty, and become filthy, and polluted by their own fleshly natures, which will cause their

souls to be veiled in darkness, so that they cannot retain the true life of the gospel therein, or discern the true light of God.

13. But in this situation, they will again turn their sense back to the world, or to the pleasures of sin, which is the gratification of their own carnal lust, And remember my word unto you, there never was, and never will be such a thing as a souls falling from the way ^{& work} of God, unless they had previously indulged themselves, in their own fallen, corrupt, fleshly natures and had been defiled with their lusts in various ways and manners,

14. And whoever shall come to you with ever so many smoothe words, and fair speeches, saying they have not been overcome, they have not done anything that they feel in the least ashamed to have their Elders brethren and Sisters know, But the way is so strait and the Elders are so rigid and strict, they do not feel as tho they could come to the requirements of the gospel (as you call it,) in all things, but must leave, and again return back to the world, I say, when souls come to you excusing themselves in this manner, believe it not, You may know it is their filthy natures indulged and gratified that has led them aside, and caused their souls to be overshadowed in darkness.

15. Therefore, I say unto all ye watchmen who stand in this part of Zion, to guard my little flock, see that ye keep your lamps well trimmed and burning, & teach every member in your family to do likewise, & be ye not deceived by false and lying spirits.

16. Will you all labor to do this, and keep a pure gospel union together, (Yea Mother, we will,) then you will be able from this time, henceforth, to find a great increase in the ^{pure} way and work of God, & greatly hasten and quicken your travel home to me. So be ye encouraged, my dear children, for your labor, your pains and your sufferings, have not passed unnoticed by your Mother.

17. Yea, my little Ones, I find you at this present time, where I can bestow my love and my blessing freely upon you; for you have been faithful in the late gift of searching and cleansing your habitations; now be wise, dear children, and labor to keep them clean, so that good Angels will delight to dwell with you, & protect you, when my voice no longer ye can hear, as ye now do.

18. For remember, your kind, and tender Parent, is sounding forth ^{in this sense} her last words unto you, I have been to work with my children on earth for four long years past, but now, my work ^{in this manifestation} in this part of my vineyard

must close, Therefore, be good, and faithful children, keep your union together, love and bless each other in the bonds of gospel purity, & my blessing from your souls shall never depart.

19. Learn to be prudent, and saving of every temporal blessing, as well as spiritual, and teach all in your family to do likewise; let your living be plain and simple, as becomes the children of God, and labor to purge from the hearts of those who are under your care and charge, that wasteful and extravagant sense that my gospel can never own or bless.

20. Yea, I say unto all who are in the hearing of the sound of my voice, gather ye up every precious gift of God that has been administered to you from the heavens above, in this late manifestation, and keep them safe in your hearts, by practicing the same, for you will surely need them all, to protect you, on your journey.

21. That which has been handed forth to my children in this manifestation, are the precious and sacred oracles of God, and those who keep them not, as such, will surely lose their souls, while those who keep the same, and put them in daily practice will shine forth in the kingdom of God, in everlasting glory & beauty.

22. And now, my Little Ones, be ye strong in the Lord

keep my sayings, and they will keep you safe thro' time; and when your work on earth is done, in realms of peace in heaven above, you will meet my face in peace, So with my mantle of everlasting love and blessing, I clothe you forever to remain, if ye will walk in strict and true obedience to your Lord.

23 And I also do bless you, in this spirit, with a gift of protection for your little flock, that they may be protected from the spirit and sense of the children of this world, and find their souls' salvation in my pure and holy gospel, which will destroy the nature of sin, in ever soul that truly walks therein, says Mother Ann. —

Part 2. nd

Mother's Words of instruction, comfort & consolation to those who have but just set out in the way and work of God,

Gather near unto me, your Mother, ye little Ones who have but just entered my fold in Zion, to hear the goodly shepherd's voice, — I am a kind, & feeling Mother, yea, a true friend unto all, who will obey my voice when they hear it, and hearken to the call of God, when it is extended unto them; I turn none away because they have not come sooner, I despise none, because they had become advanced in years, before the sound of this gospel had reached their ears, Nay, in no wise, but let them that will, come and partake of the waters of life freely.

2. I make them welcome to all the enjoyments of that gospel that has saved my soul from sin and condemnation, and will save every other one that will walk in obedience thereto,

3. Come near, my Little Ones, whose hearts are broken with a tender feeling of love, & thankfulness for the privilege you now enjoy; you can now hear, and understand the words of loving kindness and instruction, proceeding from the mouth of your spiritual Mother, who planted a pure and holy gospel in this land, but whose face, in a natural body, you did never see; and whose name ye have had cast out as contemptible and abominable, in the eyes of the children of men,

4. But be assured, my little ones, you are not deceived by hearkening to the calls of conscience, and obeying that light & conviction, which, in God's mercy, has been suffered to shine into your souls. — Therefore, be ye not afraid, but renew your strength, and wait upon the Lord, by keeping his commandments, and obeying the voice of the heavenly messengers, whom he hath sent unto you.

5. All who will honestly confess, and forsake their sins, will find the power of God unto everlasting life, springing up in their souls; They who take their first step in the gospel right, by confessing their sins honestly, just as they committed them, place their building upon a solid

rock, whose foundation is sure, which cannot be overthrown by storms or tempests that may beat with great violence against this building.

6. And such, by continuing faithful, will flourish in the way of God, and prosper in the gospel, — To be ye of good cheer, my little ones, for I find your spirits humble, bowed low in humility, thankful to receive the least crumb which your Mother has for you; you have not been hardened under a long privilege by misimproving the same, — Better would it have been for souls never to have been called by this gospel, than to misimprove and abuse their time, when God, in his mercy, had once granted this privilege unto them.

7. You must now be faithful, and press on your journey upon which you have but just entered, take the cross of Christ, and wear it cheerfully, and that will crucify every fallen propensity of nature, and when crosses and trials roll on upon you, which will cause the adversary of your souls to twist and turn, to seek relief, then rejoice within your hearts that you have found that gospel, that is able to destroy the seed of the serpent, and set the soul free; free from the bondage of sin & death.

8. Will you, my Little Ones, always keep this love and simplicity which you now feel? And walk in obedience to your Mother, by obeying your good Elders in

what they teach you?) (Ye a Mother.) Then you shall be my pretty children, upon whom the blessing of God shall flow; and your souls shall become as a watered garden, flourishing and producing all manner of precious and good fruits.

9. Be good children, be zealous when you assemble with your brethren and sisters, to worship and serve God; be zealous with your hands, according to what strength of body you have; for godliness does not lead to idleness, but the reverse; and labor at all times to build up Zion on the Earth, according to her holy order, and by so doing, you will lay up a treasure to go to in Heaven, secure from moth and rust, — Break off from the world, from the forms and fashions thereof, and come into the simplicity of the gospel, and that will clothe you with a garment, far more beautiful than can be found in any part of Babylon's Kingdom

10. And now, I spread my mantle of everlasting love and blessing over your souls forever to remain, if you will walk in strict ^{& true} obedience unto these, the last, and parting words of your Mother, and good spirits shall administer to your souls while you are in time below, Go press on, with your beloved brethren and sisters, — You have now entered the ark of safety, wherein if you will continue to walk, no prowling wolves can your souls

Mother's last and parting words of solemn warning
instruction and consolation unto all the Brethren & Sisters.

My dear Children, are you all prepared and ready, with clean hands and pure hearts, to receive, and, withall understand and obey the last words of a kind and tender Mother? Have you all prepared yourselves according to that which the late gift did require of you, by cleansing your hearts from all uncleanness? (Yea, Mother, we have labored to be.) If this, all have honestly done, then will none of my words which I shall sound forth at this time in your hearing, again return to me, finding no room in your hearts to dwell; I say, this will not be the case, if you have all prepared yourselves according to that which you have of late been taught.

2. As a watchful and tender Parent, who daily labors for the good of her children, I feel it my duty, plainly to instruct you in the way you should go, and solemnly warn you, never to depart therefrom. The most part of you present, have had many years privilege in the gospel, and you have been taught the way of life and salvation; notwithstanding, you may have seen, in some cases, counter examples, that did not agree with the pu-
rity

of this gospel, or was in any way blessed, by the holy order of God's anointed on earth.

3. Yet, I say unto you, there can no longer remain any excuse for any souls, that are gathered into Zion, there no longer remains any occasion for stumbling; but those who want to save their evil natures, and indulge their lusts, will always be able to find some plausible pretext, to their sense, for that purpose.

4. But remember, dear children, that God will yet meet such souls, in a straight and narrow place, where there is no way of turning, for all who have heard the sound of my voice in this manifestation, know their master's will, and they that know it, and do it not, shall be beaten with many stripes; — It is not them that are watching for evil and iniquity that will receive the blessing; but it is them that look for the good, and treasure up the same into a good and honest heart.

5. I require you all, dear brethren and sisters daily to watch your goings in all respects, and see if they are in conformity to the laws and dictates of that holy faith, which ye, by the blessing of God have received, See if your lamps are kept trimmed and burning brightly that others may see your examples of godliness, & virtue, and be encouraged thereby, to pursue your footsteps, or whether you let your lamps go out, and suffer your feet

to walk in by and forbidden paths, — I say, watch and pray continually, that ye fall not into the slumbers of death, and pass your days in time, without gaining a treasure in heaven, for they that work not for their own salvation, can never find the bread of life to support the same, either in this world, or that which is to come.

C. And they who are called within Zion's habitations to dwell, and are seeking for ease and indulgence, either in body or mind, are standing in their own light, and working directly against their own best good and comfort, as it respects the situation of their souls, both here and hereafter.

7. It is your duty, beloved children, and that which I, your Mother, does require of you, to make it your labor, at all times, to feel an element in doing good, never allow yourselves to feel at rest, when you know you are not benefitting your own souls, or that of others; — I further require you, my little Ones, to keep fresh in your minds the orders that are established for your protection; for by so doing, your spirits will be clothed with strength to stand against the powers of evil.

P. And if ye hearken, and obey those sacred orders, you will never go naked, lean or destitute of the beautiful gifts of God, but they will clothe you as with a garment, and adorn you as with a robe of beauty, You must all

be exceedingly careful, to know that ye speak of the sacred givings of God, in a spirit of solemn fear and reverence; see that ye talk not with the instruments, or they with you, in respect to the way, and manner in which these gifts have been brot forward, or how they felt, while under the influence of inspiration, this way, or that; These things, I strictly forbid any of my children to do; but you may all be thankful without ceasing, and let these gifts work to purify your hearts, in the fear of God, and whatever enquiries you need to make for understanding sake, you must go to your Elders, and there make known your desires.

I. Will you all keep this, dear children, when you hear my voice no more? (Yea, Mother.) So do, that ye may not loose the precious jewels of heaven, that have been handed forth to you, for, as ye treat them, remember so God will treat you. All his promises of blessing and protection, are founded upon this proviso; that his people must walk in strict obedience to his revealed will, let it be ever so crossing, and they who count this sacrifice too great, for them to make, cannot enjoy the blessing and protection of his Almighty hand; but they will, in the day of his fierce judgments upon the earth, be likened unto those who heard, and understood the word, but hearkened not thereto; who owned it to

be the work of God, and promised with their mouths, obedience unto it; but in their hearts, by works deny the same.

10. And I say to Zion's children who yet seek to carve out their own ways, as day succeedeth night, or winter follows summer, so will the judgments of God, follow the disobedience of Zion's inhabitants, and he will cast them from his presence, as dung and drop, remember my words, all who are in the hearing of the sound of my voice, for these promises will be verified in truth to Zion's inhabitants; for the mouth of the Lord her God hath spoken them and they will alter not.

11. You now have time and strength to labor out of your evil natures; and all such ^{of you} as wisely improve it, will yet have cause of inexpressable thankfulness; remember, dear children, that time is short, but Eternity is long; and they that wisely improve their privilege in this world, will be prepared to enter eternity, rejoicing in that victory, which they have gained by the cross of Christ; while they who misimprove their time and day, and deny their precious faith, have sought but a fearful looking for of the judgments of God to rest upon their souls, in proportion to their disobedience to that light which they have received, which is as certain to take place, as their immortal existence is to reach eternity. —

12. My dear children, you need not flatter yourselves that you can keep this gospel, and find acceptance with God, or your Heavenly Parents when you enter the eternal world, by bearing a half way cross while you are here in time; such will be as putrified carcases, and loathsome in the sight of a just & holy God. Remember the words of your Lord & Saviour, he that hath put his hands to the gospel plough & looketh back, is not fit for the Kingdom of Heaven.

13. I, with the rest of my companions in sufferings did not labor and toil upon the earth to plant and establish a half way gospel, this was not the command of God to us; but, without sin unto salvation was the gospel that we did preach, both by precept and example while we were upon the earth; and the same gospel we now preach, and whosoever shall preach any other, the same is accursed in the sight of God and his holy Angels: therefore let all take heed how they plead for indulgence, either in this thing or that.

14. But break yourselves off from the forms and the fashions of the children of this world; cultivate your lands, and gather your senses home, according as ye have been directed, and in so doing, you will ensure the blessing of God to rest upon your labors. Gather not to yourselves superfluities; but have all that is in

your possession simple and plain, according as the word of God in this gospel hath directed; for superfluities and unnecessary things, serve only as clogs to the soul.

15. And I strictly enjoin it upon you, my dear children, to learn gospel prudence and put it in daily practice, where ye have not heretofore; remember the word which I spake when upon earth, is as binding now upon all good believers, as it was in the day in which I spake it. Ye ought not to waste even one kernel of grain, for it is the blessing of God; let nothing be lost thro your carelessness and neglect; for if ye do, ye sin with the blessings of God.

16. Ingratitude is a great sin, see that ye are not guilty of it, save all that ye can earn, and make a godly use of it, and what ye do not need for your own support, give to the poor, and spend it in supporting this gospel; and by so doing, you will fulfill the law of Christ, and lay up a rich treasure in Heaven, and draw down the blessings of God upon your temporal substance while you sojourn on earth.

17. My dear and lovely children, do you sense that you are now hearing the sound of your Mother's voice for the last time? I know not that the youngest person now present, will ever again hear the sound of my voice in this world; for inspiration ^{in this line} must cease;

No longer will any of you sound forth in this line of inspiration, words from your Heavenly Parents or any of the Holy Angels, — But remember the gifts and power of God, if you will be faithful, true and obedient, will never be taken from you, but for these you must daily labor.

18. And every true, honest hearted instrument who has spoken my word, with cleansed hands and purified hearts, now stand before me as objects of my blessing & my love; and they must hereafter stand forth in the power and gift of God, with a strong testimony against all sin, and in support of the word and work of their Mother; # and I now bestow my everlasting thanks, my love and my blessing upon every such instrument; — Every scene of tribulation that they have passed thro for me, their Mother, is known in the heavens above, and set down to their credit.

19. And now, you must all gather home, and strictly hearken and obey the voice of your Lead, in so doing, you will hearken to my voice, keep yourselves from all sin, and the blessings of heaven will never depart from you; but good Angels will guard around you thro time, so be ye comforted, and pursue your journey in the fear of God.

20. I find all my children in this place, as a

and if they will never deny the work in this manifestation, I will never deny them says the Mother.

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body, in that situation that I can love them with my love, and bless them with my blessing; — You have gained a good step, and will you all promise me that you will keep it, dear children? (yea, Mother, we will,) I believe this is the sincere feelings of your souls, my little Lambs; forget not your Mother, forget not the word which she has spoken unto you this day;

21. Love and bless each other, and you will love and bless your Mother, — Gather near to your Elders in love, and in blessing, Keep yourselves in the order of God, and all the implements and tools belonging to your professions, in like manner; then good spirits will gather around your habitations; but remember sluts, and slovens, can never, in that sense, enter thro' the gate into the kingdom. Therefore, remember all my sayings, and keep them, and with my everlasting love and blessing, I clothe you all with a mantle of my peace. — So fare ye well, dear children, Mother Ann.

Ino^t Philemon Stewart.

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Chapter III.

A Closing Communication by Father William
at the
Banaan Family. Jan^y 1st 1822.

1. Beloved Osters, are you willing, once more to listen to the voice of your Father William, & hear my last and parting word to you? (Yea, Am.) I have attentively listened to the words which your blessed Mother has at this time spoken; and while she was speaking I walked among you, and viewed every one; and many I found with open hearts of thankfulness to receive the words of your blessed Mother, while some felt indifferent and careless, and took but little sense of what they were hearing.

2. But it is my greatest desire, and sincere prayer, that you would, my dear friends, remember the last and parting words of counsel and instruction which your kind and tender Parent, your blessed Mother, ^{Am} has now spoken to you, and that you would treasure it up in your hearts, and abide by it thro' time. She has now finished her word to you and, if it be the will of God, you will never again hear her speak on earth, many of you, and perhaps the youngest now present, will never again be blessed with this privilege, while you remain in time

3. Therefore, be thankful, and treasure up that which you have received at this time, and gather up all that has been bestowed upon you so abundantly for a long time past: you will yet see the day when you will realize these things better than you now do, if you are faithful. You will yet see days and hours, that these precious and heavenly treasures, these sacred and divine manifestations that you have been receiving and hearing for a long time, and which have been showered liberally and bountifully upon you from the heavenly world, will feel like the most precious and choice jewels of heaven; yea, like food to your hungry and thirsty souls, when days of affliction, and scenes of tribulation roll upon you.

4. I am now called to leave you, my dear children, and, with my blessed Mother return to my heavenly mansion where I can no more speak my word to you, as I have many times done. And this is the last time I shall call you to listen to my word, — I have many times walked among you in scenes of tribulation, and in times of rejoicing; by day and by night have I been with you, and labored much for your increase and prosperity in the way and work of God.

5. I have many times spoken words of love and

encouragement to you, and many times sharp words which were to separate your souls from that which hindered your travel in the pure gospel and way of God. But, my beloved children, it is in love that I have done this, that your souls might be set free, and that you might enjoy the true comforts of heaven, I walk the path of peace, purity and love, and daily increase in every true gospel virtue.

G. I can now look upon you with pleasure, I can part with you in love, blessing and peace. Yea, that which your Holy and eternal Mother has blessed, and your blessed Mother here can bless, I can freely love and bless with every feeling of my soul.

H. But remember, my dear friends, your blessed Mother and Heavenly Parents cannot bless you, when you are seeking for indulgence and ease, and striving to keep alive a fallen corrupt nature of the flesh, by indulging the cravings of your natural appetites, & propensities in eating and drinking; and indulging in that, word and deed, in that which is filthy and unclean: nay, nay my beloved, ye cannot receive a blessing in this manner of going.

I. But upon the faithful, obedient, and true hearted soul, who walks the lowly path of humility and godly fear, the blessings of heaven shall flow unceasingly;

and upon such, the love and blessing of your Parents in Heaven, will ever remain.

9. You have now stepped into the sure path, which, if strictly pursued, will lead you safely to the Kingdom of Heaven. The way is marked out plainly before you, press on, halt not by the way, nor listen to the flattering and alluring charms of nature. Resist every temptation that may come in your way, and boldly persevere in the way of truth and self-denial, untill you have gained the promised prize of salvation, and never ending peace.

10. My love, yea, my richest love and blessing I freely bestow upon you; and in peace I close my word unto you, my beloved children; and may you farewell till I again meet you, far above this mortal shore, in the mansions of Heaven. O fare ye well beloved friend, farewell in love, Father Williams.

Written, Jan^y 22nd 1842.

Ino^t Benjamin Gates.

Chapter III.

A Parting communication by Father James, at Canaan. Jan^y 7th 1842.

May I, beloved Elders, speak my last words to this little flock, and bestow upon them the love and blessing which I have for them? (Yea.) I do truly love you, my beloved children, and greatly do I desire your prosperity, in the gospel, and way of God.

2. But, dear friends, do you all sense that you have now heard the last words from your blessed Mother, and your beloved Father William, the last ^{for aught I know what} you will receive while you remain in time?

Yea, truly you have! I too must bid you adieu my beloved friends, and no more sound words in your ears as I have many times done.

3. There has been much given you, which if you make a wise and godly use of, will prove of great worth and benefit to you in time to come, when you will not receive from the heavens above, as you have for a long time past.

4. But do not, O dearly beloved, when this work is closed, when this manifestation ceases, suffer your

spirits to fall back, & lose that which you have gained, and again settle ~~down~~ into a dead, stupid state of ease and indifference, which will be the natural consequence with some, if you are not on your guard, and watch continually to see which way you are going).

5. Beware of this, my dear friends, and keep every step you have gained, and increase and go on, in the blessed work you have begun. — O ye beloved Elders of this little flock, hear ye my last and parting word of love to you. Rest not, but labor unceasingly, and be willing to labor in tribulation day and night for the little Ones placed under your care, even as your blessed Mother and your Parents in Heaven have in deep tribulation labored and prayed for you.

6. Lead and direct their unexperienced feet in the path they should go, and know, at all times what situation they are in, whether they are advancing forward, or falling back, and losing sight of the true gospel path; where they are exposed to fall a prey to the inclinations of their fallen natures, and fall under that loss from which they cannot easily recover.

7. There is much depending upon you, my beloved ones, therefore, receive my never ending love and blessing to comfort and strengthen you in your calling; and know that you are not forgotten by your Father, who

has often times been with you, in your hours of tribulation.

9. And now, my beloved friends, remember what you have this day received from your Heavenly Parents; & in your hours of rejoicing, do remember your blessed Mother, and your beloved Father William. Remember the many scenes of deep tribulation and heavy sufferings which they passed thro while upon earth, to plant this blessed gospel which you are made partakers of.

10. Yea, reflect upon the many hours of tribulation they have spent for you, dear children, within these last four years; remember the many rich blessings, the beautiful treasures and heavenly gifts that have been bestowed on you. Yea, gather up all that has been given you, gather up that which has been carelessly neglected in times past. Let every moment of your precious time be spent in faithful labor with your hands, and consider well what you have received, ponder well upon these things, and you will not have one moment to spend in idleness, or thinking upon that which is filthy and unclean, and leads your souls from gospel purity.

10. Gather to your beloved Elders, those that are pleased to lead and direct you, suffer not your spirits to rise above them, if you do, you will certainly lose your protection.

there has been a great loss in this respect, and many have fallen thereby).

11. Remember it matters not where you live, whether in this place or that, if you are faithful, you will receive a blessing. The love and blessing of your Heavenly Parents rests upon all faithful children, let them be where they may, in this order, or any other.

12. Be not anxious to go into orders that are forward, thinking you can travel easier, and the way will not be so hard; when you feel in this way, consider whether you are thankful and faithful to improve the privilege you already have, and are reconciled to your place and calling; see if you are not seeking for something great, rather than to be the least in the kingdom of heaven.

13. Remember these desires, proceed from a spirit of unreconciliation and unthankfulness, which are of the evil one; therefore beware of this spirit, for it has proved the destruction of many souls. So do be wise my beloved children, and learn the sure path of safety, and tread therein.

14. It is with pleasure I look upon you and see what there has been gained, and, in the tenderest feelings of a Parent, I can bestow my richest love and blessing, upon every faithful soul, & in peace

can I part with you; and may you ever remain faithful, and again meet me in peace, when you enter the eternal world, is the desire of your Father
James.

And now I must close my word unto you, and bid you a long farewell, while in time you remain. So farewell little Ones, farewell in my love, my blessing and peace, I fare ye well while on earth you remain.

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Chapter IV.

The closing word of the witnessing Angel, to the People at Banaan. Jan^y 14th 1842.

Thus saith the witnessing Angel of Eternal Wisdom, your Holy Mother, "Hearken all ye people that are here assembled, to my word, even this once more, for altho ye have all this day heard it, listen again, for this be the last time ye will hear words, sounded forth from the Heavens in the line of inspiration, as ye have, ^{at times} done for four years past.

I. Yea, I say, even before the going down of the sun

This day, will the word be finished, and the work closed in this place; and your Heavenly Parents, your Holy Mother, and her attending Angels, will leave this small number of Divin's inhabitants to visit you no more, untill God, in his wisdom, shall again open the door for this purpose.

3. And now, O ye Holy, Anointed, and ye Elders of the people one and all, are ye satisfied with the goodness, and kindness of your ever blessed Mother or Ann, your beloved Father William & good Father James at this time; unto these, their meek little Ones, their dependent children? (yea, we are indeed satisfied & truly thankful.) And are you all in like manner satisfied with the blessing which has been bestowed upon them this day, from your Holy Parent, Eternal Wisdom, of which you have been eye and ear witnesses with me, her chosen Angel? (Ans, Yea, we are truly satisfied, and hope it will be a lasting gain to each and every one present, and O may ^{it} be long remembered by all, and prized as the richest blessing ever bestowed upon mortals from the mansions of Heaven.)

4. Surely it really is such, and I do now bear witness of the whole which ye have this day heard and received, O ye people, in Heaven, & on Earth. I also

bear witness that ye have each and every one received a full and free blessing, just according to your merits, your faithfulness, your travel, your sincerity, your integrity, your honesty of heart, and your work of preparation for the same.

5. Thankfully do I bear witness that all have received a good measure, and none have been passed by; I now bear witness that your Heavenly Parents have finished their work, and their word in this line of communication, and have now done, and gone and left you, no more to return in time as they have of late done. I also bear witness that your Holy & Eternal Mother, has finished her word of blessing, unto you individually & more than that, she has now, even at this hour, spread her mantle of blessing over and upon you, as you are now assembled in a body together; of this ye have all shared together, in addition to what ye had before received; this I know, and of this I bear witness unto you.

6. The Angel of Almighty Power, hath also, at this time, poured upon you the love of your Almighty Heavenly Father, and the blessing of your God, he hath not withheld from you; nay, nay, in no wise but your Mother's children, throughout the Holy Mount,

have shared equally according to your number and order in Zion.

7. This, the Angel of Power hath done, and I bear witness of the same, & that his work is now finished, and I, the witnessing & chosen Angel of eternal Wisdom, am left to finish the word, and close the present work; and now, are ye all ready that I do this? Indeed, I am ready, to draw my separating line between the mansions of Heaven, and the habitations of Zion's children below; to close the windows and doors thereof, and to shut up the avenues of communication in this line, ^{as respects this manifestation} as the Eternal Power hath commanded me, for enough has been sent forth, and quite sufficient has been given.

8. But before I speak my last word, I will just say to such as have been chosen as instruments in the late work of their ever blessed Mother, O ye Little Ones, ever remember the last & parting word of your loving Mother and kind Fathers to you, and know ye all, that ye have now done, you must now come home, and gather near to your beloved Elders, put your trust in them, and seek their protection; walk in simple, and humble obedience labor for the power of God, & despise not simple gifts,

put your hands to work, and learn to fear your God, do ye this, and ye need never to fear what may come upon you, So now in the love, & with the blessing of the Angels of Heaven, I bid you a loving adieu.

9. And now, unto all that dwell in this land of Canaan, I say, be comforted and strengthened with what you have received, press on, be not weary nor fainthearted, the trials may come, and crosses may surround you; for truly I say, (and mark ye my words, even the last words of the witnessing Angel of Heaven and earth, altho your number is small, and you are situated a little distance from the rest of your brethren, on the Holy Mount, yet you shall in no wise be forsaken or forgotten, nor left to suffer harm; but you shall grow, flourish and increase, & be prospered in your outgoing, and incoming)

10. Yea, the blessings of Heaven shall rest upon you, equal with your Mother's children, in the land of Lebanon, if you will ever walk in willing & perfect obedience to what you have this day received, & to what you will hereafter receive from your visible Lead.

To remember these, my last words, for of the same shall I bear witness in the Heavens above.

11. And now, while Eternal Wisdom commandeth

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silence in Heaven, I say, let there be silence on
earth; for I have now finished; my work is done,
here, and lo I go, and in everlasting peace, I bid
you all, a long farewell

Amen. —

Int^t Adah Tillah Potter.

Examined and finished.

December 16th 1842

