

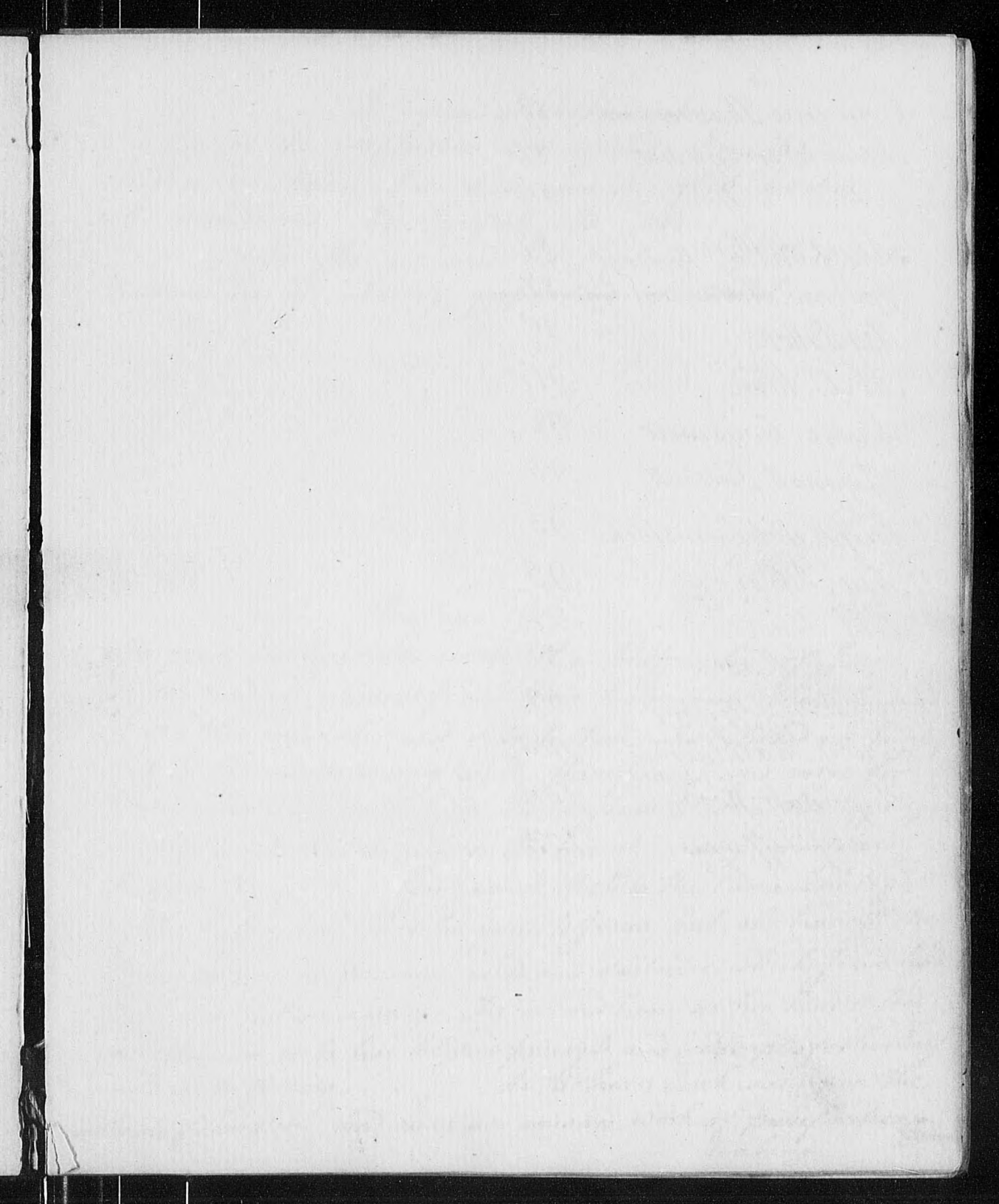
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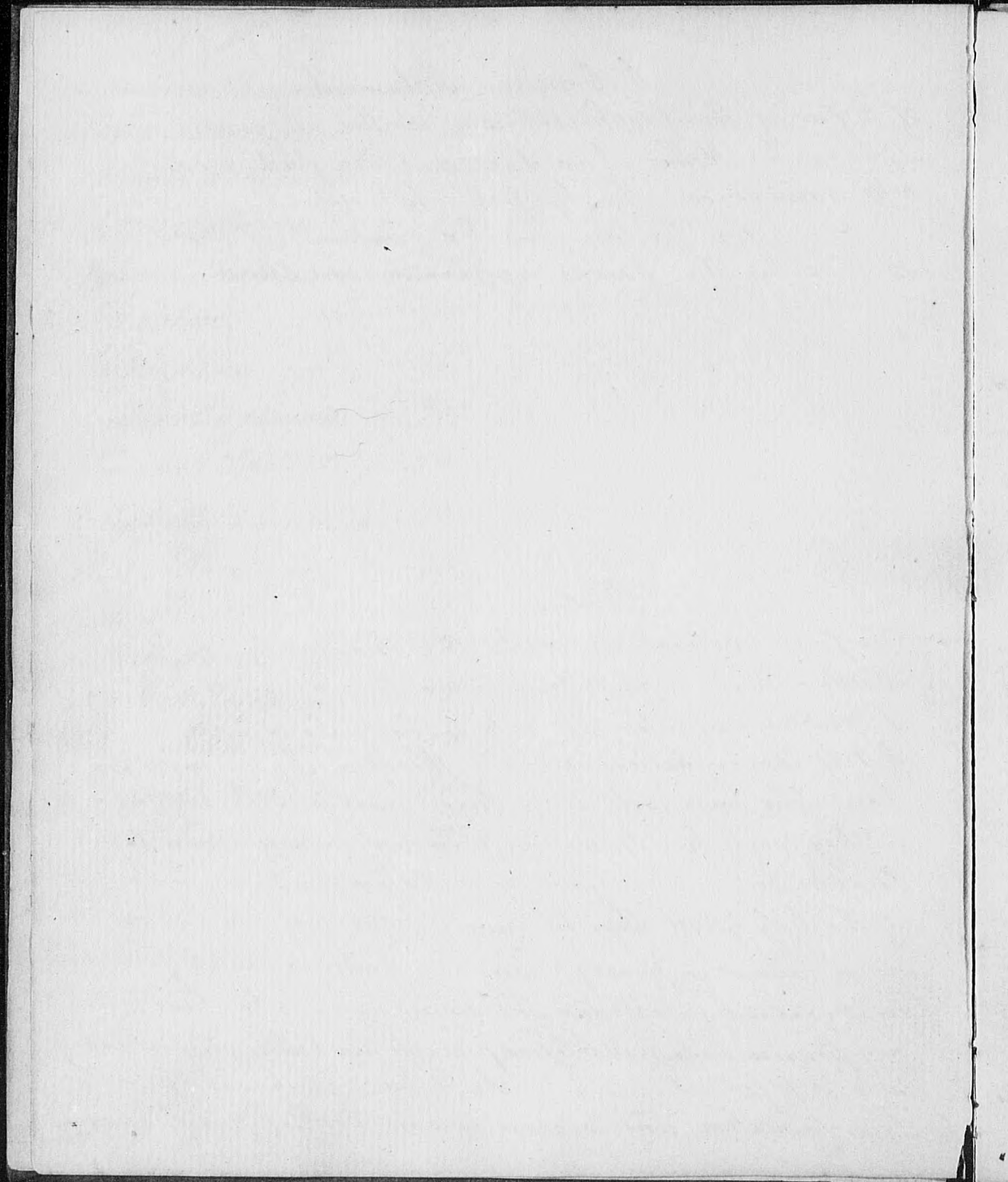
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A Concise Statement  
of a few of the prophecies and worthy sayings,  
Spoken by Mother Ann Lee and the first Elders  
who ministered the Gospel to us;  
for the use and Edification of those who  
Believe in the Second appearing of Christ

### Preface

The four Evangelists wrote the biography of Jesus Christ, and it appears from their testimony that he was a public minister, not only to those who believed in him, but to the unbelieving world, therefore it was easy for those who were with him three years to write his sayings.

They wrote his Sermon on the mount, many miracles  
Parables &c. God gave to Mother the same word or gift  
of the holy Ghost that he gave to Jesus, but she had not the  
same labour in precept, word and doctrine which Jesus had  
for it was not necessary. She owned him as her head & lord,  
and pointed us to his blessed precepts and Example for her self  
and us to follow. As Mother's work was upon the  
same foundation, and was an inward work of purification  
Searching



Searching out Sin; Shewing the nature of Sin; condemn-  
ing the evil tree root and branch together with the fruit;  
It is far more difficult to give an understanding of her  
doctrine by writing; altho her words were with that  
Power of God, which searched the hearts, and tried  
The reins of them who heard.

As there are many of our faithful Brethren and Sisters  
who have been called by the Gospel since the decease of our  
Beloved Mother and first Elders, and who consequently never  
had the privilege of seeing those blessed ministers of truth  
who first ministered the Gospel to us, we feel it our duty, in  
answer to their Request to Record a few out of many of these Mem-  
-orable prophecies and worthy sayings which were from time to time  
Delivered to us from the mouths of those ever blessed parents while  
They were with us. We have therefore taken some pains to collect  
together in the following pages, some of their prophecies and  
sayings, which have been retained in the memories of our beloved  
Brethren & Sisters who are faithful witnesses of the truth, and  
who are now living among us. We hope that no one will  
lightly esteem the matter contained in this little Pamphlet  
Because it is written in a plain stile and is not according to  
The correct Rules of Syntax.

We Expect that the mighty and noble and all  
Who live in Sin, according to the common course of this world, will  
look upon these sayings as weak and contemptible; nevertheless  
we believe they were spoken by the wisdom and power of God.  
Our Mother and first Elders were plain illiterate people; & we who  
have undertaken to collect and Record their sayings do not profess  
any

Any thing more of the letter than a plain Common Education; yet we feel able to write the truth in such a manner as the wise may be able to understand. A number of Mother's and Father James's prophecies have already been fulfilled, and the most are fulfilling as the work of God increases in the Kingdom of his providence and grace; and we can say, Blessed are they that have not seen, & yet have believed.

## A concise Statement of the Prophecies and Sayings of Mother Ann Lee

No. 1

In undertaking to set forth in writing the Prophecies and Remarkable Sayings of our blessed Mother and first Elders thro' Whom we received the Everlasting Gospel; I feel my self filled with Sensations of Solemnity and Godly fear; not only because it is a matter that greatly concerns the believers of future ages; but also because it is an undertaking to give a faithful Statement, so far as the gift of God requires, of the beginning of a work which must end in the Salvation or damnation of all Souls.

As I was one among the first that received the Gospel in America, and had many and great opportunities and privileges with Mother and the Elders, having been with them the greatest part of my time from the first of my faith till they left this world, I have, by that means, had a full and general knowledge of all the Principal transactions that took place among the believers during the whole of their ministry, and perhaps am as able as any one now in the body to give a clear Statement of the truth

The first time I went to Waterliet to see Mother I received Faith in the Second appearing of Christ; Confessed my Sins, and Received

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Received the power of the holy Ghost. That day I left the Church to  
Return home I opened my tribulation to Mother concerning Lucy  
Wright, who then lived in Pittsfield in the same House that I did,  
that she was connected with a lofty high minded people; that  
it was doubtful in my <sup>to me</sup> mind whether she would believe and obey  
The Gospel. Soon after Father William came and took me by one  
Arm, and Father James by the other, and led me a few Steps to  
Mother, I observed that her Visage was solemn and heavenly,  
She said "take faith Lucy may be gained to the gospel, and if  
you gain her it will be Equal to gaining a nation."

Mother's saying to gain Lucy will be equal to gain<sup>ing</sup> a nation,  
Remained a mysterious saying <sup>in</sup> my mind till the Church was  
Gathered in Lebanon; then I opened it to Father Joseph, his  
Answer "Mother's prophecy Related to Lucy's present lot in  
The Church, She, being called and anointed of God to stand in  
Her lot the first Mother in Church Relation the consequence of  
Her labour in the final event will be Equal to gaining a  
Nation." he further said "Mother Ann travailed so deep in Preg-  
-neration, and was so far Redeemed from the nature of the flesh;  
Her soul stood in that near Relation to Christ; not one of  
Her prophecies will fail; every one of them will be fulfilled  
In due time

\* According to the Revelation of God to Mother some time in the Year  
1789 Calvin Received his mission to gather the Church at Hancock  
And was a faithful Father to the Church there; till he deceased  
December 25<sup>th</sup> 1795 In the 42<sup>d</sup>. year of his age.

After Joseph Meacham and Calvin Hartow had Embraced the  
Gospel Mother Prophecied and said "Joseph Meacham is the  
Wisest man that has been born of a woman for six hundred  
Years; God has called and anointed him to be a Father to all  
his



His People in America Calvin Harlow <sup>x</sup> will be a minister of the Gospel to help other souls. The wisdom and knowledge and light of God will increase in the Church till Zion travels to her full glory

There were many when they first believed the Gospel who Opened to Mother that they were poor, She answered and said unto them "If you are faithful to keep the way of God, and live a simple life you Will not be dependent on the world for your Support; but many of The poor of this world will be dependent on you; For God will not See the righteous forsaken nor his seed begging bread"

The first time Timothy Johnson went to see Mother she said "Judah is come Judah is come. nevertheless Timothy Received faith; Confessed his Sins and was Received among the disciples of Jesus. he Continued Zealous for the Gospel about five years, then he fell away and became a traitor and a bitter enemy to the people of God. Father James Prophesied and said "If Timothy Johnson dies the Common death of all men the Lord has not Spoken by me". After Many years Timothy boasted of his prosperity, and Spoke Consciously Against Father James and said he was a false Prophet he was a Liar" Soon after he Spoke these words he fell from his Horse and died, Under the weight and tormenting feeling of all his Sins.

A few weeks before Father James deceased he went into the meeting House, at Comfield where a large assembly of Believers were Gathered, and said unto them "God has given you the gospel of Salvation, & See That you keep it and make a good use of it, that generations to come May Receive it thro' your faith and obedience. The time will come When all mankind will see that this is the only way of God, the only Way of Peace and Salvation; and the Blessed doctrine of the Cross of Confessing and forsaking all Sin, which is now so Grievous and Offensive to the fallen Race of Adam, will be the most blessed mel-  
-odious, and Joyful Sound that ever came to their ears"

\* In a Public assembly

Mother



Mother Spoke of the Root and foundation of Sin, and plainly said "It is lust" She spoke of the fall of the first man and woman, and said "they come together in the actual works of the flesh and that was their fall and loss from God, and that has been the fall and loss of All mankind ever since. I often see the dead in their agony And distress, suffering for their doleful corruptions committed thro' lust" When the Baptist and Methodist came to Mother, Telling their former experiences. She said unto them "I have heard much of your high sounding Religion; but little of your charity and of Giving alms to the poor; therefore ye are like sounding Brass and a tinkling Symbol; for without charity ye are nothing"

But the most important matter she ever spoke to those who came to see her was this "You must confess and forsake all your Sins Right all your wrongs, take up a full cross against The world flesh and devil, and for the future do Justice, love mercy, And walk humbly with God"

I am able to testify that Mother and the Elders were a Pure Godly people, full of the fruits of benevolence and good Will to men. They laboured by day and night in feeding the Hungry" Cloathing the naked, relieving the afflicted, and letting Poor oppressed Souls go free ----- Elizer Goodrich

### The Testimony of David Meacham

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Thro. the year of 1779 I was in deep tribulation, being convicted of my own loss and distance from God, by Reason of living in Sin Especially in the actual works of the flesh I was convicted That all Sin was against the holy commands of God and while I was in this trying Situation I could find no one able to help me.

In the Spring of the year 1780, I heard of a Strange people living At waterliet, who professed to be the true followers of Christ;

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That my brother Joseph and a number of others had embraced their Doctrines. a few Months after hearing this Report, I went to see them, and soon after I had come into the house Mother and the Elders with a number of young believers gathered into a room to worship God, I there saw the affect of The Invisibile power of the Holy Ghost operating on the bodies of those who were following Christ in the Regeneration, I was then convinced that Christ had made his second appearing in his Church, that it was the begining of The Restoration of the human race that the glorious millenium had Commenced according to Testimony of the ancient Prophets. Soon after Meeting, Mother inquired of me the cause of my coming to see them. after I had informed her she spoke as follows "God has called you to take up your Cross and obey the gospel, you must confess and forsake all your Sins and In obedience, God will have mercy on your Soul." The Same night I Confessed my Sins, and Received the power of God. Mother came to me The next day and said "I feel a gift of God in your coming to see us, & If you are faithful to take up a full cross against the flesh and all Sin, God will make you able to preach the gospel to mankind. You will meet with great opposition from your Father and many others, Professors and profane will unite together to overcome your faith, But you must not be ashamed to own and testify your faith before all men. God has called you in Relation to the People where you live, and if you are faithful, God will have a People in that Place. God will give you Strength and wisdom to overcome the world."

I then told Mother that I never could preach, she answered "believe what I say and God will give you a gift to preach the Gospel."

Father William then said "God will give you an understanding of what has now been spoken to you, and will make you a fisher of men!"

After Mother and Father William had done prophesying to me I set out on my Journey homeward, I felt boldness and great confidence in Behalf of this testimony. Soon after I had entered my house my Father (who was then a Baptist Elder) inquired of me what I Thought

Thought of the People whom I had been to See. my answer, I believe they are the only people of God, and the only true Church of Christ on Earth. he appeared to be struck with astonishment and said "you are deceived, you are deluded" After he had opposed me in a very Vehement manner, he called in three other ministers, whom he called antichristians, with these he could unite for the purpose of overcoming my faith Fals Priests and deceived people, professors And profane, were combined to oppose me; but after many hard Struggles with them, the Gospel was planted in the hearts of many In Enfield, and according to Mother's prophecy, God has established his Church in that place. The old heavens and earth shall pass away, But Mother's Prophecies will never fail \*

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### The testimony of Lucy Wright

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I was with Mother at a certain time, and there came in a young man with Peach and Plum Stones in his hand, he asked Mother if he might plant them? Yea answered Mother "do all your work as tho you had a thousand years to live, and if as you would if you knew you must die tomorrow" At another time she renewed the promise given by Jesus Christ, and said "If you are faithful to follow Christ in the regeneration, you will receive an hundred fold now in this time houses and brethren and sisters and Mothers and children And lands, and in the world to come eternal life."

You will be Blessed in your going out and coming in, and in your Basket and Store" At a certain time Mother came into a house and looked around on a large assembly and said "Hear ye my words, you that have hard feelings against each other, and yet think to <sup>keep</sup>

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\* David Meacham was brother to Father Joseph Meacham

After he received the Gospel, he was a faithful minister till the Church was gathered in Lebanon; then he was chosen by the Ministry to take the charge of the Temporal property of the Church



Keep the way of God; you are awfully mistaken, you cannot prosper; Altho you may hang on for a while, yet you will certainly fall of like withered branches, and when you drop into hell, these hard feelings will be like devouring worms to torment you. Remember my words, you never can enter the Kingdom of God with hard feelings against any one, for God is love, and if you love God, you will love each "other" \*

When we first found Mother she wore leather heels, but when she saw our wooden heel shoes, she recommended them, and said "they are a virtue, because they keep the hollow of the feet from the wet." She soon had wooden heels and wore them the rest of her days. She said "woman ought to wear wooden heels for their health." \* I heard Mother speak to a number of married people thus "you must forsake the marriage of the flesh to partake of the marriage of the Lamb, which is to be married to Christ, or joined to the Lord in one spirit."

The Testimony of John Farington

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The first time I saw Mother was at Water Street, where I was kindly received by her and the Elders. She laboured to shew me the propriety of confessing every secret sin and according to the scriptures of bringing our deeds to light, and of being joined to the Lord in one spirit. I acknowledged to Mother what she said was right. I remained there several days, but the day I came away, Mother came to me and said, "you may open your mind, and confess your sins before you return home" I told her I believed it was right to make confession of sins, but I choose to return home and labour to have a deeper sense of sin, and amend my life," that is very good (replied Mother) but you can gain a deeper sense of sin after you have opened your mind as well as before, and be better able to amend your life." She then took me by the hand, and we walked out in the house-yard, and after we sat down I proceeded to open my mind as far as I was able at that time. She said "have you got thro.?" I answered, I have opened all that is in my mind. She said "you have done very well so far." She



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She then told me many Sins which I had been privy to, which I knew she had from no other source but God. She asked me if it was not so, I answered, it is true, you have told me the truth. She then asked me "Can you go to Lebanon and testify, I have found a woman that told me all things that ever I did in my life, is not this the Christ? I answered, yea truly I can. I went home and testified accordingly

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### The Testimony of Anna Matherson

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On seeing extraordinary northern lights, one said it is a sign of the coming of the Son of man in the clouds of Heaven. Mother's reply "These signs which appear in the sky are not the signs of his coming, but the second appearance of Christ is in his Church, he is come to put away sin from his people. The Church of Christ or the people of God are the clouds Christ spoke of"

Mother expressed her love to Christ, and said "he is my Lord & Lover, I feel great union with him, and walk with him as with a Lover I see the opening of the heavens, as it were, glory beyond glory, and still seeing that which does excel in glory. I see wonderful visions, and it is thro' great labour and sufferings that the gifts of God come to me." A number of Believers went to Mother to bid her farewell, she said "go testify to the world that, Christ is reigning on the earth, He has Sons and daughters, and you know it not, because you live in your doltful abominations, and do not confess and forsake them."

A certain poor man came to Mother, complaining of his brother, whom he said was rich, and able to help him, but would not, she said "That is the way of the world, the rich are covetous, and will not help the poor, the poor, instead of crying to God to open their hearts will envy the rich, therefore they are both wicked."

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### The testimony of David Holfson

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Soon after I received the gospel Mother said to me, "you are the first of your generation that is called by the Gospel, if you are faithful your Father's family and the woman whom you have lately married will

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Will be gathered to the faith, if not you and they will be lost."

Mother's prophecy filled me with great Concern, I labored till they were gathered to the faith. At a certain time I was present with Mother and the Elders, under a weight of tribulation not knowing the Cause, Mother said "David you know not what you feel, I see the dead around you whose Visages are very awful, their faces almost touch thine, if you see what I do you would be surprised." Her Sorrow was soon mingled with Joy and said "Child, be not discouraged, I see the Glory of God in thy bright eye as bright as the Sun, its form is like the new moon: be of good Comfort be not cast down, for the dead gather to thee for the Gospel which you have Received"

After many days I was gathered into Mother's family at Waterliet. — She sent me to Livingston's Manor to do a job of work — While I was there I was in great tribulation, Especially the latter part of the time — when I returned home, Mother met me at the door of the house and said "come in David, come in Child, I have been with you these nine Days, I know all your tribulation and trials, I know them all."

These words released my Soul, and were a new brace to my faith. I was present with Mother, and saw her lift up her hand and point to the South west, and say "there is a great level country at the South-west, in which God will raise up a Great people, who shall be his People."

Again, while I was present with Mother she raised her voice and said "I am married to Christ, he is my head and lord, I have no other; I have walked hand in hand with him in heaven! I have seen the Patriarchs, Prophets and Apostles, and conversed with them, I know them. — I have seen King David with his robes

on which were of vast extent and inexpressable for glory. I have seen Saint Paul and many others" She also described their glory. — Being in an assembly of Believers, Father William came into the room, he seemed to be full of the holy Ghost, and said

"O Brethren and Sisters, labour to make a good use of your day & Privilege, and be thankful for the visitation of God to you. I have seen Ezekiel Goodrich \* in the world of Spirits, whose voice roared like

thunder among the dead

\* Ezekiel was a beloved Brother who Deceased  
In the third year after he Received the Gospel

They gather to him and are thankful to hear the word of God, and  
If you do not receive it the dead will, for there is not one word of  
God lost that ever was spoken.

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### The testimony of Samuel Fitch

The first time I saw Mother she opened to me the manner in which the  
Spirit of God wrought upon her from the first of her faith. to write the  
Whole matter would be very lengthy; yet I desire to relate a few things in  
Particular. Mother said "Soon after I had received the Blessed gospel I saw,  
By revelation, the tops of all mankind not only the present generation, but  
Generations in Past ages, I saw them, as it were, clothed with blackness and  
Darkness, and my mother ~~in the~~ same condition. when I saw her  
I cried to God, for I thought my Mother was a good woman if there were  
any good on earth. I have seen Souls in the world of Spirits who had  
wandered in Regions of Darkness in such agony and Distress that, to  
Appearance, they had mourned and wept till they had worn gutters in  
Their cheeks — when the gospel was offered to them they were so hungry for  
it they would come with their mouths wide open to receive it.

I have seen vast numbers of the dead rise and come to Judgment, and  
receive the Gospel, and begin their travail in the Regeneration —  
I have seen the poor Negroes, who are so much despised, redeemed from  
Their loss, with crowns on their heads. After my decease there will be a  
Great increase of the gospel, like as a man improving on a Plant-  
-ation, gathering an interest, Raising up a family of Children, who,  
After his decease, will improve thereon and gather more." at an  
Other time I heard Mother say "God will hereafter raise up a  
People in the Southwest parts of this Country who will obey the Gospel"

I told Mother that Christ is called the Second Adam, and you  
are the Second Eve. Her answer "Samuel, flesh and blood has not  
revealed this unto thee, but God has"

When Mother and the Elders visited the believers in the New-England  
States I was with them the greater part of the time, which was  
upwards



Upwards of two years. In every place multitudes of believers resorted to see them, and so desirous were they to hear the word of God, that upwards of Sixty Slay loads came in one day. Sometimes the multitude would sit down in a large room on the floor, at other times on the ground, and were fed, much in the same manner as Christ fed the five thousands, and there was evidently a Blessing attended, for a small portion of food satisfied the multitude, and always a plenty left. - On our Return from the east, Mother came to my house - the wicked were greatly alarmed, by reason of which, Mother was brought under great Tribulation, she said " If God does not work for me, it Seemes as tho the wicked Will destroy me" Her Sorrow was soon turned into Joy, she said, " I see a white hand stretched out towards me, which is a sure promise of God of my Protection" soon after she saw the Vision of the white hand a tumultuous mob surrounded my house by night, I kept them out of my house till the Authority come and took Mother and the Elders which broke up the mob. The next day, Squire Brown with the Rest of his Council Released Mother and the Elders, finding No fault in them.

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The testimony of Mary and Anna Hocknell

About two years before Mother came into America a great mob in the Town of Manchester, came to the house of John Townly, where Mother with a number of Believers were worshipping God; They cast Stones thro the windows to wound or kill us, till Not one Square of window Glass was left whole in the House. After, the mob was gone we gathered the Stones, we Judged there Was a Waggon Load; but God's Protecting power Preserved our lives.

Soon after this, a great Mob came to the house of Simon Lee a number of men ascended the Stairs and went into the Room where Mother lived ( She lived at her Father's house) and took her by the feet, dragged her down the Stairs thro the house into the Street, amidst a vast concourse of wicked men. She was soon filed

\* Mary and Anna, Daughters to Father John Hocknell



With the Power of God, and went to the head man of the mob, whose Name was Thomas Bell, and with her Right hand Struck of his Hat and wig; but God Smote him with Judgment, so that he was Unable to help himself or to Speak. The mob then dispersed Thomas Was helped home and soon died. After the death of this great man, The wicked were struck with such fear that persecution against Mother and her little Church ceased.

We who came from England with Mother to America, expected that a number of this nation would soon believe and obey our testimony; But after we had been here several years without any increase, no Soul can ever know the trial of our faith, Except Mother who was With us. She always maintained her Confidence in the promise of God; She often Spoke to strengthen and encourage us to hold out till the Time appointed. She often said "my dear Children, hold fast and be Not discouraged, God has not sent us into this country in vain, but to Bring the Gospel to this nation who are deeply lost in sin; the time Draweth nigh that multitudes will Embrace it." One time in particular, we well remember, that we were all in great tribulation Feeling our selves alone in a Strange land, Ready to conclude that We must keep the way of God for our selves without any further opening while we were thus meditating. Mother came and led us into a Forest where we had a Very Joyful meeting in Singing & Dancing. After meeting Father William said "O Mother do you believe the Gospel Will ever open to the world" Mother answered "yea Brother William I Certainly know it will, the time is near when they will come like doves" Father William said "Mother, you have often told us so, but it does not Come yet" Mother said "be Patient my Children, for I can see Great Numbers coming now, and you will soon see them coming by Doves" Not long after, our house were filled with young believers, they Were coming, and going almost continually. Again, a little while before the Gospel opened at Lebanon, Mother was taken with great Suffering and travail for the Opening of the gospel. While under these sufferings, she was standing by  
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The Creek, a small distance from our house, she cried out in her anguish and said "O, that the fishes of the sea, and fowls of the air, and all things that has life and breath, yea all Trees of the forest, and grass of the fields, would pray for me." With such a flow of tears that melted the hearts of those that saw her. Shortly after this Mother received a great gift of rejoicing attended with much trembling, and shaking, and great prophecies of God. She said "God is about to raise up a people here in America who will serve him and honour the gospel. which soon after came fully to pass #

As I was watching with Mother a little before her decease, she said "I see Father William coming in a golden chariot to take me home, Molly, poor child, I am about to go home, and after I am gone you will have many sorrows."

# The winter before the people in Lebanon believed, Mother said "I see great numbers of people come and believe the Gospel, I see the great men come and bow down their heads and confess their sins"

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The testimony of Joseph Green  
The first time I saw Mother and the Elders, they were at Wateroliet, I had not been with them long before I was sensible that God was in them of a truth, for I felt the power of God run thro. me from my hands to my feet. Father William knelt down in sorrow and cries to God. I believed his prayer was for my salvation, I felt a desire to kneel with him, but durst not. Mother took me by the hand and said "Come young man we will see what God has for you, you may kneel with Brother William." Soon after we rose up, I felt great tribulation, and said I am afraid I shall be lost. Mother said "God did not send you here to be lost, but to be saved, you must confess your sins"

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Sins, I soon complied, with a Desire to bring all my evil deeds To the light, and thought I had. Mother said "I Saw your Soul Last night in Vision your Sins were all Revealed to me, Have you not Committed Such and Such Sins, naming them in Particular, I told her I had. This was an evidence to me that Mother had the Revelation of God. At the Same time, one of the Brethren was about to Return home, he asked Mother what he Should tell the people concerning them." tell them said Mother That we are the people who turn the world upside down "

Again She Spoke to Some others who were going home. "put your hands to work, and your hearts to God, if you are not faithful In the unrighteous mammon, how can you Expect the true Riches? Mankind are fallen below the order of nature, even the beasts Might teach them Knowledge. Many come to the Church and receive the gifts of God, then go away and be careles and Idle, And lose them, this is not Right, you ought to be faithful, that When you come again, you may bring Strength and not weakness " Again a number of us were Reaping Wheat. Mother sent Father James into the field to teach us, He said " cut your grain clean God has caused it to grow, you ought to be Careful to Save it, You cannot make one kernel grow if you know you must die For want of it. In this country you abound in good things, Therefore you are Lavish and wastful. Daniel Nathburn Came to Mother, and said " I believe, Lord, help thou mine unbelief " Mother said " I do not pray so, but, lord I believe strengthen & increase my faith "

The testimony of Ebenezer Cooley

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Before I saw Mother in the body, I had seen her in Vision; her Face Shined as bright as the Sun. And, when I first saw her In the Body, I knew that she was the Same Woman. She said Unto me " I have seen you before in Vision, you must go forth & Preach



Preach the gospel, you ought to have been prepared before this time. Mother's words were a great help to my faith. Again Mother said unto me "When I first gained the Victory over a carnal nature, I was brought into great clearness of sight. I saw the Lord Jesus, and met with him as with a lover, and walked with him by his side. When I assemble with you to worship God, I often see Angels, to appearance, like men & woman, but very glorious in beauty. I see, by Revelation, a People in the South west part of this Country, who will yet believe & obey the Gospel."

At a certain time, Mother reproved a large Assembly of people for their hardness of heart, and unbelief in the second appearance of Christ and said "I upbraid you for your hardness of heart and unbelief in the second appearance of Christ in a woman. When Christ came into this world, the Jews thro. unbelief and hardness of heart rejected him. Christ often told his disciples, that he should rise from the dead the third day, but after he was risen, they would not believe, because he first appeared to a woman; so great was their unbelief the words of Mary seemed to them like idle tales. His appearing first to a woman shewed that his second appearing would be in a woman again."— Mary Chase asked Mother if she might come and live with her? Mother's answer "Live with me, Child, the Foxes have holes, the Birds of the air have nests, but I have not where to lay my head. Go, Child, and I will go with you; if you go thro. the waters, the floods shall not overflow you; if you go thro. the fire it shall not kindle upon you, and if you go to the Ends of <sup>the</sup> earth, I will never leave you nor forsake you." Mother spake to Phoebe Chase saying "You ought to let your light shine that others may see your works, your Faith and Repentance, that they may have knowledge of the way of God. You ought to come forward, and let the world see the great Power of God you have upon you, and it will convict them."

## The testimony of Hannah Cogswell

I was present and heard Mother relate some part of what she experienced in the first of her faith. She said "I love that day when I first received the gospel, I call it my birth day. I cried to God three days and nights, without intermission, that he would give me true desires. I felt such a sense of my sins, I was willing to confess them before the whole world. I confessed ~~my~~ ~~sins~~ my sins to my Elders one by one, and repented of them in the same manner when my Elders reproved me, I felt determined not to be reproved twice for one thing, but to labour to overcome the evil for my self. I had not been in the Church more than six months, before it was made known to me, by the revelation of God, that he would support me thro. all my trials, and establish me to be an Elder in the Church. The man to whom I was married was very kind according to nature, he would have been willing to pass thro. a fire for my sake, if I would but live in the flesh with him, <sup>which</sup> I refused to do" I once asked Mother if she felt any promise of God for me? she answered "Gods blessing be with you and rest upon you; Gods Everlasting grace and Salvation be unto your soul if you will obey the gospel. You may return home and behave yourself, and transact in all your labour as tho I was present with you." in obedience, Mother's promise to me has been fulfilled from that day to the present time. Mother, saw many beautiful Visions which she opened to us, to write them all would be very lengthy.

At a certain time I heard her say "I see an Angel with a glorious Trumpet, sounding it—I see another Angel sounding a Trumpet. Hannah, do you believe I see these things" "Yea Mother I do" she said "Blessed are they that have not seen, and yet believe. Fear not little flock, for it is your heavenly Fathers good pleasure to give you the Kingdom" Again, Mother spoke in relation to children and said "Little children are nearer the Kingdom of heaven than those who are grown to riper age. Christ took little children in his arms and blest them, and said "Suffer little children to come

Come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the Kingdom of heaven! If children were brought up in simplicity, they would receive good as easy as they would evil. All souls came pure from God, and when redeemed, they will be restored to their first purity. - Hannah, if you never had sined, your soul would be changing from Valley to Valley, and from one glory to another, in the Kingdom of heaven. I know the condition of souls that have left the body, and where I see one in the body, I see a thousand in the world of spirits."

Father William and Father James always witnessed to the truth of what Mother opened to us, and said "I have a measure of the same intercourse with the world of spirits and see and hear what Mother speaks of, I know the truth of all she relates." Again Mother said man in his fallen state, has rebelled against God. The beasts have partaken of the same fallen nature, and permitted to rebel against man for his punishment. Therefore mankind ought to bear with them, and not crucelize them. Man must first be redeemed from his fall, and find his own order before the beasts can be fully subject to him. You ought not to give your feelings to beasts more than what is necessary to make a good use of them. you must not allow Dogs nor Cats to come in to the house of worship, nor live in common houses, for it is contrary to good order. Remember what I say, Dogs and Cats are unclean beasts, & full of evil spirits, therefore if any, old or young, unite or play with them you will be defiled. I cannot hold my peace, I am constrained to roar out of Zion against the sins of men with beasts, the people of this land are more corrupt than the sodomites were when destroyed by judgment, the earth is almost ready to spew out the inhabitants" --

While Mother was in Lebanon, at the house of John Spire Squire Grant and Doctor Averil, in a friendly manner, come there to see her. Being invited into the house, Mother and Father James went into the room and sat down with them. After considerable conversation they said "We understand you were banished from England on account of your testimony" Mother and Father James made the following reply "We were not banished, but were persecuted and suffered many things for our testimony, by mobs and imprisonments. Upwards of two years before



We left England we had almost entire peace. While we suffered persecution, some who were friendly, advised us to take protection under the King, but we were not willing, for if we had we should have lost the power of God as George Whitefield did by so doing. Whitefield, when he first set out had great power and gifts of God; I was one among his hearers in England. The first time he came to America he suffered persecution for his testimony; he returned to England; took protection under the King, by which means he lost the power of God, and became formal like all other professors.

A number of the great men who were foremost in persecution, died suddenly by judgment. One of them, in particular, set out to get license of the King to banish us from the Kingdom, he died on the way by the immediate judgment of God. The rest were fearful, and persecution ceased in England. After this we left our native land by the special gift and revelation of God, and came to America to bring the gospel of peace & salvation. Those who come with me were greatly wrought upon by the power of God, they spoke with new tongues and prophesied, none came but those who felt a special gift in their own souls. I know, by revelation, while I was in my own land, that God had a chosen people in America, I saw some of them in vision, and when they came to us for the gospel I know them.

Before I left England, four ministers came to see me, who professed to know the languages as well as any in the Kingdom. I was moved by the power of God to speak in many tongues, they were silent nearly four hours to hear me. After I had done speaking, they said "you have spoken seventy two different tongues correctly; none of the learned in our knowledge are able to speak them so complete."

Afterwards they desired me to teach the language, but I did not regard their flatteries. These men who came to see Mother were greatly satisfied with her relation.

### The Testimony of Phoebe Spencer

The first time I saw the Church, one of the Elders led me to Mother and said "you never saw Mother before, did you?" I answered nay;

Then Mother Spoke "I have seen you before, and knew that you and your family  
 "Would come and Embrace the Gospel." Mother spoke to a woman in my  
 Hearing and said "Poor woman, you Little know what you have lived  
 Amongst, I saw the lost State of the People in America before I came from  
 England, how deeply they were sunk in Pollution, and so did Brother  
 "William" Again, a certain woman came, beseeching Mother to cast  
 The evil Spirit out of her little Daughter. At the same time the  
 "Woman ordered the Child to kneel down, She was Stubborn and would  
 Not, but Soreamed and tore the hair out of her own head, Mother called  
 Father Hocknell and said "We have power to bind and to loose, and to  
 Cast out evil Spirits, I feel compassion for this Little girl; I desire  
 You would labour to cast out the evil Spirit." he then received a  
 Special Gift of God; laid his hand on the child's head and said "Come  
 Little child kneel down with me" the Child melting in tears  
 Kneeled down. The man of God soon rose up delivered the Child to  
 Its Mother, calm and in her right mind, She was very Pleasant  
 And loving, and obedient to her Mother After this, Mother come  
 To my house to see the family; being about to Depart She came forth with  
 Reproof and said "I dont like your idleness nastiness covetousness &  
 Pride" soon after she had done speaking, Father Hocknell came  
 In, we invited him to tarry with us that night he said "if Mother is  
 "Willing" I then asked Mother, she said "nay he must not, you want  
 He should stay to take of the Reproof" She then turned to the Elders and  
 said "They want he should stay to build up that, which we have been pulling  
 Down, but he must not" A few weeks after, I went to see Mother, she met  
 me at the Door, and said "I am glad to see you, I have been thinking of you, why you  
 should stay away so long. You may always remember, that, the Reproof of a  
 Friend is better than the Kiss of an Enemy" — Again Mother Spoke to a  
 Number of us who believed "you must put away your lust, fith, and covetous-  
 ness, that you may be Prepared for the increase of the Gospel; for the time <sup>will</sup>  
 The Child was about ten years old on whom this miracle was wrought

Will come when this Gospel will be preached to all nations; and many will flock to Zion to hear the word of the Lord" — As soon as I had opportunity, I asked Mother what I should do with some Superfluities which we had gathered in my family such as jewels, gold beads Silver buckles &c — Mother's answer "You may let the Moler and the Bats have them, that is, the Children of this world, for they set their hearts upon such things, but the People of God do not want them. You ought to dress your selves in modest apparel as becomes the People of God. You ought to be industrious prudent, and not live a sumptuous, gluttonous life; but Labour for a meek and quiet Spirit, and see that your family is kept decent, and regular in all things, that others may see your good works. You must remember the poor and needy, the widow and fatherless; deal out your bread to the hungry, and clothe the naked. Your nature will say, they may work, and get these things for themselves. Christ said "give to him that asketh" If I had but two mouthfuls of bread, I would give a part to him that has none; if I had but two coats, I would give one to the naked" —

Mother spoke to a number of us as follows. "You all have the nature of sin and lust in you; if you have not given away to individual actions, yet you are lost in that nature which you received from your fore Fathers. You were born and brought up in it; you have still persisted in bringing up your Children in the same manner; building them up in lust and pride, fixing, adorning them from their infancy; yea, even from the breast to allure the eyes of the different sex. Your teachers have never taught you any better, for they never did better themselves; but had you followed the dictates of your own Consciences, you would not been so far sunk and lost in these things.

I felt the lost state of the people in America while I was in my own land. I knew there were some souls <sup>here</sup> that would be glad to receive the Gospel when ever they were taught it. Now the Gospel is opened to you, if you will obey it, and take your cross against your carnal natures



Natures, you will find victory over them. I Laboured in tribulation, sorrow and Suffering to gain victory over my carnal nature, and had No one to help me but God; but it is not so with you; you can have Help when you need. — I Suffered great Persecution in England

On account of my faith. One of my Brothers Said "I will overcome you" He Brought a Staff, one yard in length, as big as a broomhandle. Then he came and beat me on my head and face with the Staff till One end was Splintered; his Strength was so far Exhausted, he Stopped and Called for drink; while he was Refreshing himself. I cried to God for his Healing power. He then turned the other end of the Staff and continued Beating me; Every blow he Struck, I felt my breath like healing Balsom Stream out of my mouth and nose which healed me, so that I felt no hurt by his Strokes; God preserved my life by his miraculous Power. My Brother was Spent like one that had Run a Race!

Again, as I was in Conversation with Mother She asked me this Question " do you believe I am able to help you " Ans. yea Mother I do. She Said " I own your faith; faith in the Soul is like an anchor <sup>that</sup> will Hold the Ship when the winds blow and the waves Run high; in like Manner, faith will keep the Soul in trials, temptations and Buffetings!"

I Spoke to Mother Concerning my youngest daughter who saw beautiful Visions, She Said " the Child may open her Visions to you, but do not Let her know that you take much notice of them; if you do it will lift Her up, but you may notice them your Selves. do not Examine your Small Children very Closely in Respect to wickedness, if you do. They will want to act in it to get knowledge; but you ought to Watch over them Carefully. When Children are put in bed, They ought to be made to lay Straight to Prevent them from Grow-  
ing Crooked."

At a certain time I heard Mother say " The other night I saw a female Angel with a bright Sword of God in her hand; this Night God Revealed to me that the Angel whom I saw was Lucy Wright."

## The Testimony of John Bishop

When Mother was in Albany Jail I went there to see her. I was informed that she was to be conveyed down the River the next day, for the purpose of Banishing her to the British Army, who then lay at New-york. This news filled me with tribulation. Mother, called me into the Prison and said "what is the Cause of your tribulation? Answer, I am informed you are to be Banished to the British Army, it is unlikely I shall ever see you again in this World. Mother said "you shall see me at your house in Lebanon, for I know it of God. When I first landed at Albany Mary Partington and I lodged in the Vessel the first night, I was signed by the Power of God to leave the vessel and come to this Prison, God revealed to me that I should yet be imprisoned in this Jail" I returned home in faith that Mother had the Revelation of God, and, in full Assurance that I should see her at my house.

This Prophecy was fulfilled about three years after and as there are many living witnesses of its fulfillment, I shall state some Particulars which took place at the time. Mother and the Elders with a large number of Brethren and Sisters came to my House on Saturday in the afternoon; the next morning Mother said to me "have you any suitable place in your field to hold our meeting, for there will be double the people here to day as can get into your House" I answered yes. The Assembly met in my Orchard, we judged there were not less than four hundred people. The word of God was spoken to the Assembly, attended with remarkable power. I not only felt the Blessing of God Rest on my family, but on all I possessed at the temporal blessings comparatively with the Everlasting Gospel are of small importance, yet, they are evidences of the good Fountain whence they flow. About forty Horses with my four Cows were put in my pasture, which contained nine acres, they continued there nearly two Days, when taken out, I thought my grass was quit eaten up, however strange it may appear to the natural man, my

My pasture abounded in fresh feed more than I could have expected, If there had not been a hoof in it for a week. Altho a Plenty of Milk was given to nourish the multitude, yet, we made more butter That week than usual. These with some other Similar facts could Not be affected, but by the same power which fed the five Thousand With five Barley loaves, and two Small fishes

### The Testimony of Mehetabell Farrington

The first time I saw Mother, I went in company with my Father and many Others. I was soon convinced of the Second coming of Christ, and Confessed my Sins. My Father, and the Rest of those I came with Returned Home, and left me at the Church; the same day Mother said "I see your Father and those that are with him in open Vision; your father Has received faith, he says" If I was with Mother I would Confess My Sins." When I returned home my father said "When I was Returning home I received light and understanding, if I had been with The Church I would have confessed my Sins" This he spoke not hearing What Mother said to me Respecting his mind.

While I was with Mother she said "Your Mother believes that we are The People of God, who Confess and forsake our Sins, all your Father's Family will believe the Gospel" which shortly came to pass.

The next time I went to the Church, Mother came to me and said "Your Elder is coming, we must have vituals prepared for six, as soon As the food was prepared, Elder Joseph Meatham, and five others come in, Mother said "Joseph before you crossed the River I saw you"

Again Mother said "A number of People are coming to see us, make ready some food" As soon as it was prepared A number of needy People come in who were made welcome, Not only to the food, but to the Gospel. These together with a Number of Similar Prophecies, were a sure Evidence to me of the coming of Christ in Mother

Again I went to see the Church, Mother came into the Assembly



Assembly, with tears running from her eyes, and said "the wicked are plotting against us, they mean to drive us away from this place, it is unknown to me that I ever shall see you again in this world. When I set out to serve God, I served him day and night, crying to God continually that he would deliver me from sin. I did not receive a gift of God, thinking that was sufficient, without traveling any further; but I stood faithful, warring against all sin, crying to God to be delivered from the very nature of sin. Can you expect to find power over sin, without the same labour and travail of soul?" we all received a precious gift from our Mother, & were sent away with a blessing —

Again Mother spoke to a number of Believers "You are called in relation to all the rest of mankind; thro' your faith and obedience they must receive the Gospel; travail and sufferings will not cease in the Church till all souls have heard the Gospel of Salvation.

This Gospel will be freely offered to all souls, which will be a Saviour of life unto life, or of death unto death.

The increase of the gospel in the first opening will be small, after that, souls will embrace it by hundreds and by thousands.

This testimony will overcome all nations, it will increase till the covering is taken off; then mankind will see the rottenness of antichrist's foundation, then those who are bound in their sins, will call to the rocks and to the mountains to cover them; but the saints shall never be overcome again by the beastly power of Antichrist.

The work of God in this day, is not so great to outward appearance, as it was in past dispensations; therefore souls must be very cautious how they treat this Gospel; for such as reject this testimony will not have another day "

Mother, often took me by the hand, leading me back and forth saying "Mehitabel, will you stand with me and be a witness for God" I promised Mother I would.

At a certain time I heard Mother say "I suffered great persecution on account of my faith, in England. I was so mightily

Mightily Operated on by the Power of God that numbers of persons would try to hold me still; but the more they tried to withstand the Power of God, The more I was Operated on. One of my brothers being greatly Enraged said "I am determined to overcome her" He brought a Staff, about One year in length, as big as a broom handle; and while I was sitting in my Chair, Singing by the Power of God, he came with his Staff, and Spoke to me, I felt no liberty to answer, he said "will you Not answer me" He then, in an outrageous manner, beat me on my Head and face, till one end of his Staff was Splintered. I Sensibly Felt and Saw the bright Rays of the Glory of God Passing between My face and his Staff which Shielded of the blows so that I did Not feel them; but my brother was so far Spent he had To Stop, and call for drink; while he was Refreshing himself, I cried to God for his healing Power he then turned the other end of his Staff, and began to beat me again, while he continued Striking I felt my breath, like healing balsom, Stream out of my Mouth and nose which healed me. My brother, was out of breath Like a man who had been Running a race, but I felt no harm from His Strokes" Elder Hochnell was Present and said "what Mother Has Related is the truth of God, her brother in beating Mother Wore his Staff till it was not more than two feet in length"

At a certain time, Mother gave me the following information "When I lived in England, a Great mob Rose against me; the mob, Determined to Put an end to my Existence They took me into the High Road, and ordered me to advance, in Submission to their order, I made the attempt, but was soon knocked down with Clubs & was Kicked every few Steps nearly two miles. I then felt as if I should faint with thirst, and was almost Ready to give up the Gost by Reason of the Cruel abuses which I Received from Such Pitous Enemies. but God in mercy Remembered me, and Sent a man who Was Instrumental of my Deliverance, While I was Suffering By the merieless mob, not one friend was allowed to follow me  
but ?



But a Certain noble man, living at a Distance, was remarkable  
 Wrought upon in his own mind, not knowing the cause; he ordered  
 His Servant to fetch his horse immediately, the Servant went in haste  
 But the anxiety of the noble man was so great, he sent a messen-  
 -ger after his Servant to fetch his horse Speedily; he then mounted  
 His horse, and rid as hastily as if it was to save his own life (as he  
 Afterwards told me) but for what cause or where he should stop  
 Was unknown to him, till he came to a large concourse of People.  
 He inquired what their business was being informed, he immediately  
 Rid up to the place where I was, and Commanded the mob to desist in  
 Abusing me, Sharply Reproved them for their cruel conduct, and ordered  
 Them to Disperse. He then inquired if I had any friends present, and  
 Said "if you have not, I am determened to take care of you my self"  
 At this Instant Elder Rocknell appeared, and owned himself to be  
 My friend, The noble man gave him strict charge to take care of me.  
 Thus, God made use of this man, tho out of his Sight, to do his will"  
 And the Earth opened her mouth and helped the woman "

Elder Rocknell was present, and testified to the truth of what  
 Mother Related to me. He also said "I followed Mother feeling  
 Determined to accompany her amidst the Crowd; before I had gone  
 Far, I was taken, and thrown into a deep Vault of human excre-  
 -ments; with much Difficulty I got out, and went to a fountain  
 of Water, and washed my self, changed my apparel and pursued  
 After Mother. When I overtook the mob, they beat and bruised me  
 Exceedingly, then Rolloed me in a mud Slough; altho I was wounded  
 And my head in a gore of blood, I did not Suffer anger to rise in the  
 Least degree. A poor widow came and bound my head with a  
 Handkerchief; - I washed my self and went again in Search after  
 Mother, when I came to the place where she was, the noble man  
 Was Reproving, and dispersing the cruel Mob —  
 According to the noble mans desire, I took good care of Mother, we  
 went



Went and Refreshed our Selves, and Returned home in Peace"  
 I was at Nathan Goodrich's where Mother and the Elders with  
 a large number of believers were assembled to worship God. A  
 Company of unruly men come pushing up to the door on horses. Mother  
 Went to the door and said "Draw back," they refused, She then raised  
 Her ~~Hand~~, and Voice saying "Draw back, I say, or I will smite the  
 Horse and his rider" The horses speedily went backwards to the Road,  
 Which was about ten Rods. The men were then able to govern their  
 Horses, turned them about and Departed.

### The testimony of Samuel Ellis

I went to Harvard to see Mother, while I was there the States Gene-  
 -ral Come to see Mother and the Elders, for the purpose of administer-  
 -ing to them the Oath of allegiance to the Country. The Elders refused  
 Taking the Oath. Then Mother Spoke to the General saying "These  
 Men will never do you any hurt, but all the good they can agreeable  
 To our faith, they are well wishers to the Country." The General  
 Replied "I want men to fight for the Country" Mother said "You never  
 Can kill the devil with a temporal sword"

"When I first believed the Gospel, I asked Mother why those who  
 Were Sick, and lame, were not made whole? She answered "Of  
 Our Selves we can do nothing, it is God that heals the Sick, and  
 Makes the lame whole, we can not do miracles more than others,  
 All we can do is to be workers together with God. I will tell you  
 one thing, if ever you are saved miracles must be wrought for your  
 Souls" This I have found to be true.

At a certain time Mother Spoke to a number of us saying "  
 What a Privilege you have in coming here to be taught the way  
 of God, the way out of all Sin, there were never any People who  
 Had the Privilege that you now have in coming to Lion  
 To be taught the way of God"

Again

Again I was present with a large assembly of Young believers, Mother came in and Spoke by way of Reproof, and Said "You must Love God, and the gospel, the way of God, and one another, but Instead of that, you love lust, your ease, and Sloth. Why are you so Empty, so dead? "God feeds the hungry with good things, but the Rich he Sends empty away" You do not hunger and thirst after Righteousness, for they that do "Shall be filled." The Devil deceives You, just as he has done heretofore, and as he does all other professors in the world. Antichristians think they have enough, and so do you, at the same time no Victory over the nature of Sin. You are a lazy, idle people, just set out in the way of God, and think you have traveled far enough" Mother's words were weighty and Powerful, we received a gift of Sorrow, and Repentance, and were Sent away with a blessing.

A Certain brother who had been a Justice of the peace, and a Very Rich man, Came to See the Church. Mother called him by Name, and Said "Joseph I understand you intend to put your Estates Out of your hands, because the world are about to fine the Believers For dancing on the Sabbath. Had I been as great a man among them as you have, I would now be like a King to pull down their Monarchal power; I would not shrink before them, but Speak the truth, and tell them what they are, and labour to bring them to Justice"

I heard Mother speak to a young man saying "Have you not been buffeted about eating? he answered, "Have" You must not be affraid to eat what you need, and serve God by the strength of it. The world eat and drink to consume it on their lust, But don't you do so; eat what you need, and then do the will of God, be not buffeted." The young man was comforted, & went in peace.

Mother Spoke to a number of Believers saying "Christ is come to Purify his followers; if you will take up the cross against the Works of generation, and follow him in Regeneration, you may Have the Power of God to save you from all unrighteousness"

Again, a number of men were disputing with Mother concerning  
her

Her having any knowledge of a spiritual world. She said "I see the Heavenly host I hear the Angels Sing, and converse with them Daily" They were confounded.

Mother spoke to a number of Believers saying "Calvin Harlow Has been a faithful young man, ever since he has been with us. Samuel Fitch has been a faithful labourer among you, - but when we are taken from you, you may go to Joseph Meacham, he can tell you what to do, and how to travel in the way of God. Be not discouraged, Christ Has every thing you need; I feel the water of life, and the blood of Christ flow thro' me to you, not in small quantities, but in fountains -"

Mother spoke to Beulah Prude in the following manner "How many children have you" Ans. five "When you had the first, why did you not stop, And see if you was able to bring that up as you ought, before you had another; after you had two, why did you not stop then? Now you have five, are you not ashamed to live in the filthy works of the flesh? You must take up your cross, put your hands to work, be faithful in Business, clothe your children, and keep them clean and decent, clean your house And keep it in good order"

Job Bishop Deceased about three years after he believed: The gospel. Mother asked his widow this question "Did you confess your sins to Job, while he was living" Ans. nay "You should have done it, if you had he would now be a ministering spirit to you"

Mother said to Elizabeth Speir "I love you; you shall be my sister; I see the glory of God, shining so bright over you, I cannot discern your body with my natural eyes. You must go home, and take care of your little children, and bring them up in the fear of God"

Mother said to Marget Leland "Marget, you have come to fall on the rock; but if the rock falls on you it will grind you to powder. I see the dead around you, poor souls how I pity them"

Mother said to Mary Mofley "Mary, I see the doom full of female Angels; you must leave of sinning, and serve the living God"

Mother said to Elisabeth Johnson "Elisabeth, I have the power of God, which operates so mightily on your body, it is the shaking



Shaking of the dry bones to bring bone to its bone all souls will yet Believe in this Gospel, either to their Salvation or Damnation."

Molly Cole, while in unbelief come to see Mother. She brought her young infant with its head dressed in bows and Ribbons. Mother said "you had better take these things from your Child's head, and lay aside All Superfluities, and dress in modest apparel. The more you indulge your Children in such things, the more they <sup>will</sup> want, if you bring them up in pride they will curse you to your face. I see Michael and his Angels, fighting with the Dragon, and his Angels; but Michael and his And his Angels overcome"

Lucey Bishop was scrubbing a room; Mother come in and said "Clean your Room well, Good Spirits Will not live where there is filth, there is no uncleanness in Heaven"

At another time she was cutting her nails on the Sabbath, Mother said "Come to me and kneel down, 'tis wicked to cut your nails on The Sabbath; walk on your knees to Father James, and ask him To teach you how to pray" She did so Father James taught her to say "Pray God, make me a good Child; pray God, make me obedient To my Parents; pray God, purify & purge my Soul from all Sin"

### The testimony of Thankful Barce

The first time I saw Mother she asked me saying "Are you sick of Sin I answered... yea Tell me what you call Sin that you may be Instructed - The way to heaven is to leave the flesh behind, and to be Married to Christ

At another time I saw Mother under great power of God; her face shined with beauty; She appeared to be very joyful and said "The mysteries of God are revealed to me, No one can see thro' me, any more than an Infant can see thro' its Mother. Last night I was with the dead, and heard an Archangel sound a Trumpet; at the same time I heard Ezekiel Goodrich's Voice roar from Prison to Prison, Preaching the Gospel to poor lost souls" This was soon after Ezekiel Deceased. After this Mother said to me "You was a Proud haughty woman when you first come to see me, but you are a deal altered; you must still labour and Repent of your past Conduct, and if you are faithful, that work and power of God which you

You have received, will carry you safely thro' all trials and temptations, and save your soul from Hell" — Mother spoke to a Sick Brother saying "You must not be so down in your feelings, but walk sharp; if you think you do as well as you can, you must still take faith, & labour to do better, This is the way for you to gain strength —

### The testimony of Morrel Baker

At a certain time I was at the Church; two woman came to Mother who were at strife with each other; each one exclaiming, with bitter words, her hard feeling against the other; each one justifying her own cause, and condemning the other — Mother said unto them "You are wicked woman, you are both wrong; humble your selves before God, and put away your wrongs or you can not be saved."

Instead of your hard feelings, make confession to each other, for God will not accept you in any other way, he will not love you, except you love one another" The women were amazed fell on their knees, and both confessed they were in the wrong. They embraced each other with such marks of friendship and love, as were striking to the spectators. While I was present with Mother, I heard one say to

Her thou art the Bride the Lambs Wife. She ans. "Thou hast rightly said for so I am. I now see many souls who have left the Body, and have come to hear the Gospel; I now hear the hosts of heaven singing praises to God. This Gospel will certainly be opened in the South western parts of America, and many souls will embrace it, And you will see it come to pass"

Again I see Mother in tribulation, and in tears fervently crying to God in consideration of the Scattered State of the Believers She said "The time will come when the Church will be gathered into order, but not till after my Decease. After my decease grievous Wolves will enter in who will destroy many of the Flock"

Again I heard Mother name the Secret Sins of a certain Man to his face; he being a hardened sinner, at first was obstinate, but was

Was soon<sup>o</sup> condemned in his own Conscience, that he was constrained by The force of truth, to come forth and Confess the Particular Sin which She had named. This he did in my Presence

The first time Hannah Shapley went to the Church, and saw the Wonderful works of God, She cried out under a deep Sense of her past Sinful life. One of her Companions said "I believe you are a Child of God" Then Mother spoke, saying "Don't daub her with untemper'd Motes, She is truly convicted of her lost State" Then She turned to Hannah And said "you must begin at the top twigs and crop them off, and Continue Cropping till you come at the Root, then dig it up, that it may Never grow again" This She did by honestly confessing her Sins.

Hannah was in a weak State of body, Mother said "If you will be faithful to take up your cross against the flesh, you will be healed both Soul and body." accordingly it came to pass

Again Mother said to Sarah Barker "Soon after I set out to Travel in the way of God, Some times I laboured all night, crying To God for my own Redemption; in the day time, I still kept my Heart and mind to God, and put my hands to work Some times I Lay down at night, and took Rest in Sleep, but the next day I could not feel that Sense of the work of God, as I did before I Slept; this brought me into great tribulation; I Promised God If he would give me the Same Sense as I had before I Slept, I would Labour day and night continually, and this I did many days and Nights; when I felt weary and need of Rest, I Laboured for the Refreshing power of God. While I was about my work, I often had Great gifts of Sorrow, fearing, lest Some should pity me I went Where I could be by my Self"

Again a number of Sisters were gathered around the fire and A larger number back in the Same Room Shivering in the cold. Mother came into the Room, and admonished them saying "You are Roasting your Selves by the fire, while others are suffering in the Cold, this is not right a temperate use of fire is comfortable, but If I should depend wholly on fire to keep me warm, it would be



Sinful; I labour for the Power of God to warm me, and this Reproof  
Is to bring your Souls nearer to mine and to God"

Sarah once saw Mother in Vision; there appeared a bright Spot on  
Her head, which gradually Spread over her Whole Body, She thought that  
Mother was clear glory, that God dwelt in her. Mother said "It is a gift of  
God; if I have any thing in me but what is of God, I do not know it"

### The Testimony of Abigail Bishop

When I with my family set out to obey the Gospel the words were greatly  
Encouraged against us on account of our faith: And as we lived remote  
From the Believers, and Supported our selves by a Particular Trade, they said "  
We will starve the Shakers family for want of <sup>employment</sup> employers; we will not let  
Them have any thing to do for their Support" Soon after Mother come to  
My house, and asked me if I had provisions for my family, I told her I had but  
Little, I took all the flour we had and made a Little cake for her Supper.  
After She had eat She spoke, saying "I pray that thy barrel of meal,  
May be like the widows barrel and cruce of oil, which did not fail  
In the time of famine. Trust in God, and you will have a plenty, the  
World will feed you they will make good measure, pressed down, and  
Rising over will Men Measure unto you"

A few days after, there came a man that owed me, he brought grain  
For pay, and measured it in my Sight, I observed, he heaped every  
Measure, pressed them down untill they Run over. Through Gods aboun-  
ding goodness, Mothers words have been fulfilled, I have had a plenty  
From that time to the Present day.

Again, while Mother and the Elders, with a number of young believers,  
Were praising God in the dance; there came in a young man; Mother  
Asked him saying "have you come to see the people of God? he answered "I  
Don't know as you are the people of God." Mother said "We are the  
Only people of God, the only true Church of Christ, whom the Gates of  
Hell shall never prevail against. We have a right to go forth in  
The dance, but the wicked have no right to dance" A

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Again Mother said "Bonds and afflictions abide me; there is no Sorrow like unto my Sorrow - - # At a certain time Mother Spoke to A large number of us who believed, saying " I Received a Revelation of God to come to America to open the Gospel to this nation. Elder James, I desire you would give them a short account of our Passage " He Spoke as follows' Before we Embarked, Mother told the Captain he Should not have whereof to accuse us, except it was concerning the Law of our God. While we were on our passage we went forth with Songs and in Dances. This offended the Captain to such a degree, he Threatened to throw us overboard, if we attempted to go forth in this manner again. Mother believed it was better to hearthen to God than man; Therefore we went forth in the same manner as often as God gave us a Gift, not fearing man but trusting in God. The Captain was so Enrag-  
ed he attempted to put his threats in Execution; but God who sent us Had Power to protect those that trusted in him, and this he did in a mar-  
velous manner. This happened in the time of a heavy Storm. A plank spr-  
ung from the Vessel; the water flowed in so Rapidly, that all the Pumps were Made use of to keep her from Sinking; but the water came in so much faster Than we were able to pump it out, the Captain turned as pale as a Corpse; But Mother maintained her Confidence in the promise of God, saying " Captain, be of good cheer, there Shall not one hair of our heads perish; We Shall all arise safe to America. I was just now sitting by the Mast, & saw a bright Angel of God thro. whom I Received this promise" However Memorable it may appear (Especially to those who follow the sea) the Plank Closed to its place again, and we were soon, in a great measure, Released from the Pumps.

After this miraculous deliver-  
ance, the Captain gave us free liberty to worship God according to the Dictates of our own Consciences, promising that he never would molest us again. He was true to his promise, and treated us with respect till we arrived safe at New-York

I have been informed that the Captain said " had not Those Memorable People been with me, I Should have sunk in the Sea, and never Seen my native land again. I Should not be Affraid to sail through Hell-Gate with them at any time "

## The testimony of Lydia Matthewson

"When Mother was at Ashfield I went to see her, while in conversation with her, I spoke a few words concerning Thomas Matthewson, father of Phillip Matthewson, who had been dead many years. Soon after she said "When you spoke to me in relation to Tho: Matthewson, I felt his lost state, and laboured for him as faithful as ever I did for my own soul. One Evening the psalm assembled at the Meeting house, I staid in the dwelling house, I soon felt the power of God, which moved my hands up and down like the motion of wings, I felt as if I had wings on both hands; The wings appeared as bright as Gods. I let my hands go as the Power directed them:

Those wings parted thro darkness to a ditch of hell, where I saw souls in agony. At the same time Elder James was preaching to a number of the world in the meeting house; I saw a number of the Dead Rise that heard the sound of the Gospel Trumpet thro. Elder James; Tho: Matthewson arose and went into the meeting house; I soon went into the meeting my self, not knowing the cause; being led by the Power of God thro. the Assembly, I saw Phillip Matthewson, lay on the floor, apparently as a dying man; his father's state had fallen upon him; I took him by the hand, and told him to Rise up, he obeyed but it was some time before he was fully released; his father united with the testimony of the Gospel. The Apostles, in their day, saw darkly as thro. a glass, but we see clearly face to face; we see things as they truly are, and converse with departed spirits, and know their state. I have seen Michael and his Angels fight with the Dragon and his Angels, but the Dragon was cast out of heaven, and there was no place found for him. I saw it as plain as ever I saw any natural thing."

The testimony of Elizabeth Chancy  
 About a week before I saw Mother in the body; Israel Chancy  
 my



(my husband) went to Waterloot to see the Church. while he was there I saw (in vision) Mother, the Elders, and Israel together, under great operations by the power of God. Israel, appeared to be under great distress of Soul and Body; his flesh appeared of a purple cast; he then put his hands on Mother's Shoulders saying "Pray Mother forgive me, for you know all the Sins I ever Committed" Mother said "Your Sins are gone open before hand to Judgment" he was immediately Released, and his flesh Returned to its former Colour. Mother took me by the hand, led me into another Room, and the Vision Ceased.

After Israel Returned home I opened the Vision to him, he said "it is a true Vision of God; every Thing was Shown to you as plain as if you had been there and Seen It with your bodily Eyes.

Hearing these things we were all Filled with the power of the Holy Ghost and we Laboured thro the Night under the beautiful operations of the power of God.

Soon after, Israel took me to the Church; Mother came to the Waggon, and led me into the house; I knew She was the Same woman Whom I saw in Vision. She Soon led me into meeting, and said "Love the mighty power of God" We had a joyful meeting, in Singing, Shouting, dancing, Leaping and Clapping of hands. The next day, Mother Informed Israel and me what She saw in the evening meeting "while We were in the worship of God, I saw a number of Souls Rise from the Dead, and come into the Resurrection of life."

Israel, when you was here before, I saw your Mother; when you was Released, and your flesh turned to its natural colour, she was Released also, and come into the Resurrection; now you Must Confess all ~~the~~ Sins that ever you Committed, one by one" This we did in presents of each other. After we had opened our Minds, Mother said "You must Return home and Set your house in Order, for great numbers of People will Soon come to Visit you" According to Mother's words, it Came to pass.

Again Mother said "Israel, you have begun to bear for other  
Souls; and you must never give out till the last Soul is gathered.  
When you get home, tell your father and Step Mother that your own  
Mother is risen from the dead, and come in to the Resurrection"

### The testimony of Zeruah Clark

Soon after Mother returned from Poughkeepsie Jail, I went in  
Company with my husband to see her, with full intent to Confess  
My Sins to her; for I thought it would be a great cross to confess my Sin  
To the Elders; according to my desire, Mother gave me the privilege;  
But as I had laid out my own way to Shun the Cross, I could not open  
My mind to Mother's Satisfaction; She then named a particular Sin  
That I had committed, which no one could test me but by the Re-  
velation of God; I acknowledged She had told me the truth. She then  
Left me in great tribulation, because I had not answered my own  
Mind, nor given her Satisfaction. Soon after, Mother and Elder William  
Came into the Room; She Spoke to him in an unknown tongue;  
He then turned to me and Spoke by authority, Saying "You need  
Not come here, thinking to Cover your Sins from us, we can see all  
The Sins that ever you Committed as plain as if they were written in  
Your forehead. Soon after he Spoke in a mild manner, Say "are you  
Willing to Confess your Sins" ans. yea. "are you willing to confess them  
Before your husband" ans. yea. "Remember this, if you confess your  
Sins, you Confess them to God and his holy Angels, and we are his witnesses"  
He then took me into a Room where Elder James, Elder Hoehnell my  
Husband were sitting; & we both Confessed, <sup>our Sin</sup> to God's witnesses in presence of each  
Other. After we had opened our minds, Elder William said "I  
Solemnly warn you not to upbraid each other of the Sins you have  
Now Confessed to God in presence of his witnesses" Soon after  
Mother Spoke to me "Are you able to go and testify as the woman of Sam-  
-ana did, that you have found those who are able to tell you all things  
that

That ever you did, and is not this the very Christ" Ans. Yea Mother I am  
 Father William then said to us " If you are obedient to what we have  
 Taught you, the promise of God is to you and to your Children; you must go  
 Home and bring them up in the fear and admonition of the Lord" This promise  
 of God has been fulfilled, we have all kept our faith to the present day

Again, Mother said " Then they that feared the Lord, Spake often one  
 To another; and the Lord hearkened, and heard it; and a book of Remembrance  
 Was written before him, for them that feared the Lord; and that thought upon  
 His name. And they shall be mine, saith the Lord of host in that day when  
 I make up my Jewels; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own  
 Son that serveth him" This Scripture I had read before, but being in  
 My sins, and under the veil of the flesh, I did not understand it; neither did  
 I know the Lord nor how to fear him, untill I was taught by his faithful Witnesses.

Again Mother said to me " Be faithful to keep the Gospel; be neat and  
 Industrious; keep your family's clothes clean and decent; see that your house  
 Is kept clean, and your Victuals prepared in good order, that when the bre-  
 -thren come in from their hard work, They can bless you, and eat their food  
 With thankfulness, without murmuring, and be able to worship God in the  
 Beauty of holiness. Watch and be careful, don't you speak harsh nor  
 Cast Reflections upon them, but let your words be few and Seasoned with  
 Grace" Mother's Blessed charge has been a great Protection to me.

Once I went five miles from home to see Mother; when I come to the  
 House where she was, she appeared to be glad to see me; after I had been  
 In the house about an hour, she come to me and said " You must return  
 Home as soon as possible, for you are needed there" I went speedily, &  
 Met a messenger about half way home who informed me that my eldest  
 Son was very sick they had but little hope of his life. I soon traveled  
 Home, and found the lad according to the messengers word.

These and many other similar gifts were a full Confirmation  
 To me that Mother had the Revelation of God, in Relation to  
 Things of time and Eternity.

At a certain time Lauchens Stephens lay sick at waterloot;  
 Those who took the chief care of him had no hope of his Recovery;  
 And as he expected soon to depart this life he informed Mother  
 that



That he had important matters at home which lay unsettled. She said unto him "Take faith and you will Recover. You may Set out to morrow morning, and Return home and Settle your Business" Mother's gift was Strange and Unexpected to him; and many others were Struck with Astonishment; that She Should tell him to travel a Journey of one hundred and fifty miles in Obedience to Mother he Started the next morning, and traveled upwards of thirty miles the same day; he Continued to Increase in strength untill he Reached home in a Comfortable State of health. Teachers after his Journey Spoke thus "I am bold to Say that no one ever came under Laps Thra' obedience to Mother -"

### The testimony of Nathan Farington

Mother was at Ashfield in the time of Corn harvest; I Proceeded to Gather my Corn as soon as I could conveniently, before I went to See Her. My Rows of Corn were twenty Rods in length; my manner was to pick two at a time, and Empty my Basket on three heaps at a Scutable distance from Each other. While I was thus employeed, and Immediately after begining two Rows, I Saw my Self where our meeting House now Stands (the distence is five miles) I look'd eastward, and, behold, The great Mountain was divested of all its trees so that I had a Fair Prospect; on the top of which, I Saw the Lord Jesus, and our blessed Mother Ann by his Side. Their faces were towards the west; they walk'd Side By Side, untill they come very near to me; then the Heavenly Vision ceased And I Saw them no more. When I beheld natural things, I was at the further End of the Corn rows, but knew not how I Comethere; and as my mind had been captivated, I went back to Search my Rows, but could not find one Ear, I had Carefully gathered the Corn and put it on the heaps. after a Few days I opened the Vision to Mother. She Said "I saw your Vision, It is a Great Vision of God" Had Mother it was given Me for an anchor to My Soul. ah truly it is Nathan Said Mother It Will hold and keep you When all things else fail" This I have found to be the truth, Under all Temptations, trials, afflictions and Buffeting, my faith has been Immoveable in Relation to the foundation.

## The testimony of <sup>40</sup> Mary Spencer

I was once at Waterbury to see Mother; just before I came away, a Number of us went into her Room; She sat on her bed under great Sufferings. After we had taken our leave of her, She Spoke in the Following manner " If you are faithful to keep the way of God, you will be guarded by good Angels, as Meally, as the wicked are By evil Spirits. Every Soul is accompanied by good or evil Spirits; they Gather most to that part of the body which contain the most Sensations And faculties. The head is the Ruling and governing part of the whole Body, therefore it Contains the most good or Evil of any part of the Body; and as the whole body is governed by the head, the good or evil Spirits gather there, and Rule the whole body. As a Spring that driveth water till it is full, So is a wicked man's head filled with evil Spirits. but the faithful, who are labouring to Resist every evil temptation, crying to God for his Protection, will be filled with good Spirits, And guarded by the Angels of God " After Mother had ended her Speech, Phebe Spencer thanked her for our privilege, after a short pause Mother said " Phebe, while you was speaking I saw two Souls, one At your right hand, the other at your left; the one at your right hand was active and Glorious; that on your left was black and dismal, And he laid his head on your left Shoulder "

In the year 1780 Amos Sexton went to see Mother, being in the 73<sup>d</sup> year of his age. Mother Spoke to him saying " Amos, you shall live to see the Beginning of another Century; you will be seen walking in The Streets of Jerusalem leaning on your Staff for very age. "

He Confessed his Sins and was very Zealous, was greatly pleased to see the Increasing work of God. After having twenty years privilege in the Gospel, he Departed this life May 17<sup>th</sup> 1802 aged 93 years 6 months and 10 Days —

Esther Bracket having a great desire to see Visions, asked Mother for the Gift. Mother said " If you will labor for that

Precious

Precious Gift, you shall have it "soon after she saw Mother in Vision. Mother said" Esther be cheerful" Esther was so affected she could not refrain from laughing many hours. After this she saw Beautiful Visions during Mother's ministration.

### The testimony of Nath Meacham

I was once at the House of David Hammond, in Petersham, to see Mother and the Elders. One evening, Mother and the Elders, a number of believers, and a few Spectators, were assembled to attend the solemn worship of God. After Father James had read a Passage of Scripture, and while he was speaking to the Assembly there came in a riotous mob; some of them were painted black, it was a horrid sight to behold; they immediately extinguished the lights; seized Mother, and in hauling her thro' the Room, tore one breadth out of her new Gown, but were at that time disappointed, she happily slipped out of their unmerciful hands and they retreated from the house.

After this the Spectators (who behaved civilly) withdrew, and part of the Believers went home, those that remained in the house were about going to bed, Mother was preparing her self for Rest, but discovering thro' a window the cruel Mob had returned, she attempted to secrete herself, but could not, for this blood-thirsty band far exceeded the men of Sodom, they burst open the doors knocked down the good man of the house; his woman who had an Infant in her arms they trampled under foot and treated all that came in their way in the same manner. Father James was knocked down and badly hurt. The Candles were previously concealed to prevent their finding Mother, this served to increase their inhuman conduct; they took fire-brands and searched the house till they found her. It would be painful and shocking to any friend of God or man to behold their Barbarity, which was worse than Savage treatment. Consider then how it must feel to us who are her Children, and  
for



For whom she had laboured to Redeem from the curse of Sin:  
 And who believe that she is the Lord's anointed the Second heir in the  
 Covenant of grace. She had left her own native Land, and those  
 who were near according to natural generation, for our Sakes, had  
 Suffered more than we are able to express for Christ Sake & the Gospel;

At this time we were willing to Suffer in her Stead, but it would  
 Not Satisfy their feelings, their envy was pointed against Mother.  
 They Seized her in a Bed room, dragged her out of the house, & threw  
 Her into a Sleigh, with as little care as they would handle a dead  
 Beast, with other acts of inhumanity which modestly forbids to  
 Mention, and with the most uncultivated Savage would be ashamed of;  
 Their pretence was to find out whether she was a woman. They carried  
 Her two miles to a Tavern. Father William took hold of the hind board  
 of the Sleigh, and told them that Mother was his own Sister, that he would  
 Follow her, they gave him many blows with the butts of their Whips;  
 Nevertheless he and David Hammon followed Mother to the Tavern.

After Several hours these men who took Mother away brought her  
 Back she came in singing for joy that she was Restored to her Children.

Father James said "Mother, when these men took you away they  
 Knocked me down, I was so badly hurt I was unable to follow you,  
 I am in great pain, and Suspicious that my Jaw is broken"

These men were greatly ashamed of their Conduct, saying "We have  
 Abused you Shamefully, we are very Sorry for our cruelty & bad behavior,  
 We desire your forgiveness" Mother said "I can freely forgive you, I hold  
 Nothing against you, and pray Gods forgive you" They departed and left us  
 In peace.

Soon after these men were gone Mother said "it really seem-  
 ed my life must go when they dragged me out of my Room and threw me  
 Into the Sleigh. They tore my Handkerchief from my neck, my Cap and  
 Fillet, and part of my hair were torn from my head; but was treated  
 Kindly at the Tavern. The Tavern-keepers wife offered me something  
 To drink. The weather being cold, and I, almost destitute of clothing, one  
 of the men that took me away, gave me his handkerchief to wear on my  
 Head, another gave me his Surtout to wear home"

## The testimony of Lucy Write Night

At a certain time a number of Cavillors were disputing with Father James, in Relation to his faith of the gospel. He said unto them "We have Confessed and forsaken all sin, we have Righted all our wrongs, we take our Daily Cross against the world, the flesh and the Devil: we feed the hungry And Clothe the naked, we Viset the widow and Fatherless under their affliction, and keep our Selves unspoted from the world. If you can teach us a More pure way to follow Christ, or Show us a better Religion, we will Accept of it thankfully." They went away Confounded.

Father James Spoke to Some who were rather inclined to dissemination, saying "Be what you Seem, and Seem what you be, and be what you Seem to be; don't carry two-faces under one hood. This is the day of your Visitation, the Gospel is ministered, and be ye faithful. What you Loose under the power of this Gospel is finally lost to you, for you cannot Recall the time that is past; You that believe Remember what I Say; What you loose under the powerful administration of the Gospel, through your own neglect in not fulfilling your duty and calling, is finally lost Forever, you cannot Regain it in this world, nor in the world to come."

Father William and Father James said "Mother is that very woman Which John the Revelator Spoke of, clothed with the sun, the moon under her feet, on her head a Crown of twelve Stars &c. And, when the branches flourish Remember the Root was holy. I have often heard Mother, Father William J. James say "I feel the water of life and the Blood of Christ, washing me from my head to my feet."

We, who first believed the gospel desire that our beloved Brethren and Sisters, who never had the privilege of Seeing our first Parents, may participate with us in our feelings in Relation to them.

Mother was once at my house in Lebanon after a few hours tarry with us and was about to leave us She knelt down in the Presence of many of The Believers and Spoke in the following manner God Created my Soul In his own Image Pure and Innocent ~~by~~ by Sining against his Holy Commandments

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Commandments, I was Defiled and abominable in his Sight, while I was in this wretched State, God was pleased to call me by the Gospel, I was wrought upon by the Powers of the Holy Ghost to see & feel the Depth of my Sins, And by the same power was helped to travail out, when I was despised and afflicted by mine Enemies, then O God didst comfort me. When cruel Persecutors rose against me And put me into Prisons and dungeons thou didst stretch forth thine Hand for my Deliverance. I thank thee O Father Lord of Heaven & Earth for the Revelation of Jesus Christ which shewed me the depth of Mans Sins and the way of Recovery by the Gospel. when I was in my native Land I received a Special Revelation of God to Come to America to bring the Gospel to this nation; And when the time was fully come I crossed the Great water through many Dangerous Perils and by the Miraculous Power of God arrived safe to this Land Ever since I have been here God has supported me by his Special Grace under all trials and afflictions, has given me Strength & Fortitude to stand in Defence of the truth I thank thee O God for raising up so great a People in this Land, thou hast made me able to plant the Gospel in the hearts of many who are now able to glorify thy name I pray God protect and strengthen thy Chosen People, and keep them from all <sup>Evil</sup> for thine is the Kingdom the Power and the Glory

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### The Testimony of Timothy Hubbard

The first time I went to see Mother, she was at Waterliet I saw her sit in her chair from early in the morning till afternoon, under great Operations of the Power of God. She sang the whole of the time in ~~and~~ other tongues. She seemed to be wholly divested of any attraction to material things — her sensation was wholly in the world of spirits.

When she was released from that Labour, she spoke saying 'The Way of God will grow straiter and straiter, so strait, that if you go an Inch out of the way, you will be lost. I felt my Soul walking with Christ in Groves and Valleys as really as if he had been here on Earth



Earth. It is good for a man not to touch a woman."

I was with Mother at a certain time when she was overshadowed with the power of God; she stood erect on the floor for the space of an hour; Her countenance was angelic; she seemed to notice nothing of the things of time; she sang in unknown tongues, chiefly, tho I understood some words which she uttered, I remember she said "There will keep them in perfect peace whose minds are stayed on thee."

I staid in the room till Mother's gift was over, when she spoke & said "I saw Jesus Christ, and conversed with him, face to face, as a man converseth with his friend" The first time Daniel Wood went to see Mother, he opened to her the conviction he had been under for fifteen years past respecting the flesh, that the works thereof were evil, but confessed he had not fully lived up to his faith.

Mother said "You could not live up to that faith, because you had not confessed your sins. Some time after I set out to live up to the light of God manifested to me thro James and Jane Wardley, I fell under heavy trials and tribulation on account of sleeping or lodging with my husband; and as I looked to them for help and council I opened my trials to Jane, she said James and I lodge together, but we do not touch each other any more than two babies; you may return home and do likewise." In obedience to Jane I went to bed with my husband, but could not sleep, seemingly, any more than if I had been in a bed of embers. I quitted the bed in great tribulation, and continued labouring to God for the space of twelve days and nights, to know how the Creation was fallen, & how the Restoration should take place. While I was in this labour, I saw the Lord Jesus in his Kingdom and glory, he revealed to me the depth of man's loss, and what it was, and the way of redemption; then I was made able to bear an open testimony against that sin which is the root of all evil; and felt the Power of God flow

Flow into my Soul like a fountain of living water, and from that day to this I have taken up a full cross against the doleful works of the flesh. Now Daniel you may Confess your Sins "

After Daniel had Confessed his Sins before Mother and the Elders, She Said "Daniel, your faith is like that of John the Baptist, the forerunner of Christ, go and prepare the way of the Lord. First go to your own family, and let them Confess their Sins, That you may know what is done in your own house. Then you May go and testify your faith to those that you call brethren, & Let them Confess their Sins, and let them know that men in old Times waited for Angels to tell them when to go to their Wives. Tell them they need not be Concerned about having Children, for God is able of these Stones to Raise up Children unto Abraham. Tell them they are not going to God in their lusts "

After Daniel had gone forth and fulfilled his mission, Mother And the Elders left Waterliet, To visit those parts where Daniel Had preached the Gospel Many people in Haroard, Shaveley and Littleton, and in all the Region Round about, came to Mother And Confessed their Sins, with full determination to take up their Cross against the flesh, and all other Sins, and obey the Gospel.

This Same Daniel prospered in the Gospel; had a remarkable Gift in Shouting; his voice was like the Sound of a Trumpet, which Mother and the Elders greatly admired.

He is now living among us, and will able to testify these things.

When Mother first come to Isaac Willards in Haroard, She Said "I was in the Visions of God, and Saw a people Clothed in black, Who were opposed to my going to the Square house to labour with The people there. I Saw two Angels clothed in white, that had Swords, Who made a way thro. so that I went. I Saw the Heaven opened, & Great glories of God; I Saw the dead coming to Judgment, Some of Them have been your near friends in time past, they are now Powerful in the Resurrection; I Saw others of your acquaintance <sup>who</sup>

Who are <sup>not</sup> Wise, their Souls are still; be ye faithful for there are Great gifts of God for the faithful, but if you keep one sin covered, it Will shut you out of the Kingdom of Heaven. you must be Clean, Prudent, and Industrious, and let nothing be lost "

"While She was at the Square house, She took Esther Lambson by the Hand Saying " I saw this woman in the Vision of God when I was in my Own Country " and then looking Round on the assembly of Believers Said " So I did See you all before I came to this land "

At a Certain time Mother was under great operations, and Prophecies of God Concerning the future opening of the gospel to a lost world; She Walked out a little distance from the house under great operations, and cried out with a loud voice " Come, Come, Come, come all the world come "

Again, Mother Spoke to Eunice Bennet Saying " I have been under great Sufferings the night past, but was Supported and Comforted by the power and Visions of God. I Saw the Glory of God Round about my head And ~~was~~ pillow, the colour of which was like that of a Rainbow. I Saw twelve Angels come into the Room, Six males, and Six females, Placed in the form of an heart, Six on one Side, and Six on the other Side; These comforted me. Eunice all things tremble, the Earth trembles, and hell trembles. " Again She Said " It will not be my lot, nor the Lot of any that come with me from England to Gather and build the Church; But it will be Joseph Meacham and others that shall Gather the Church "

Joseph Bennet was a Rich man, and Possessed many Cattle. Some time after he believed the gospel, a very singular plague Seized them, so that there died in a short time near Twenty head. At the Same time Mother was at Ashfield upwards of Twenty miles distant. Being under the Spirit of Prophecy, She Spoke to one of the Elders Saying " Go quickly to Joseph Bennets, & don't you eat drink, nor Sleep till you See that family, for there is Sin in That house " He immediately obeyed, and arrived there late in the Night. And after Considerable labour and tribulation between the man



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Man of God and the family, a certain man who professed faith, and was received as a member of Joseph's family, came forward and confessed his sin, and the plague was stayed.

Again Mother Spoke to Ruth Turner "Go home and set your house in order, and take up your cross against the works of the flesh, and lay no temptation before your husband, for no one will ever turn from the way of God, but for the sake of their lusts. You must be kind to strangers as I have been to you for that is the only way you can reward me"

About one year before Mother Deceased She Spoke to the Believers saying "I and the Elders who came from England have great sufferings to pass thro'. We will Return home to our own place and suffer there, and not be Burdensome to the Brethren and Sisters. If persecutors tare your houses down over your heads, and cast you out into the open fields, you must not neglect meeting together to worship God. And if you never see my face again, nor the faces of these that are with me from England, you have those whom God has raised up among your selves who are able to lead you in the way of God if you will obey them"

Soon after Father William deceased Mother said "Poor William is gone, & it will not be long before it will be said "Mother is gone also"

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### The testimony of Hannah Kendel

I had a great privilege to live with Mother, and at a certain time she said "Joseph Meacham is my first born son in America, he will gather the Church into order, but I shall not live to see it."

The last time Mother was in Harvard she sang a beautiful Song; then turned to Father James saying "This Song is for all the souls of men that ever will be saved"

Mother often said to me "give this woman a piece of money, she is a widow and has children"

About Six Months before Mother deceased she said "I mean to discountenance a common use of spiritous liquor, lest it should prove to be a hurt to some that believe" I heard Father James mention the same matter in Enfield.

Father William was washing himself with water and in tears running from his eyes, said "I thank God for this water, for it is the  
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Blessing of Heaven" Father James said " Do not find fault with the way of God till you prove it, for none ever thought hard of it who were really in it You shall have what you earn, that is, what you labour for. keep your faith And see the event, and when you know you must be born again then you will cry to God"

At a certain time there was a great mob of the wicked at Shirley to Persecute Mother and the Elders; they went from thence to Harvard where they cruelly whiped our two Fathers, William and James. They tied Father James to an oak tree, and whiped him till his back was of a gore of blood. At the same time I stood by Mother's side, in a garden, at Shirley, she said unto me " The Elders are in great tribulation, I feel their souls, and hear them crying to Heaven " soon after they were released from their enemies they returned to Shirley and kneeled down in presence of Mother, and a number of us who believed, saying " Father forgive them for they know not what they do "

After they had shown their wounded bodies, Mother looked on them with eyes of pity, and said " This is the life of the Gospel, for without suffering there is no redemption. Where there is no persecution, no suffering, there is no Gospel, no seasing from sin. All souls that ever shall be made perfect must go thro' mortification, tribulation, and sufferings "

Father James arose early one morning, at Shirley, and said to Elijah Wilds " go quickly and tell the people of this town, that the children of the most high God are at your house; that the everlasting Gospel will be preached here the day after to morrow. " he went and notified the people; a large concourse came at the time appointed; Father James spoke the word of God with remarkable power and authority, and many that heard were astonished at his doctrine.

Again, Mother and the Elders were at the house of Elijah Wilds; towards evening a tumultuous mob came there to afflict them, and continued their railing and savage behavior till the next morning. Father James said " I must go out and speak the word of God to them " and, while he was  
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Preaching the Gospel to them; a number came and collared him, but before they had time to choke him to death the Brethren relieved him from their hands. according to his usual feeling of mercy and meekness He said "O, Father, Lord of Heaven and Earth, forgive them for they are Ignorant, they know not what they do"

Mother's Charity always appeared boundless. She called Eunice Wilds and said "Eunice, I desire you would give all these cruel men a Good breakfast, for in feeding our Enemies we shall heap coals of Fire on their heads" They had a good breakfast according to Mother's desire.

About two weeks before Father James left the world he Spoke to a Large number of believers saying "My body is under great Suffering, But my Soul is at peace with God and with man. The Gospel has Been freely given to you, and now see to your selves, what kind of Use you make of it; if you keep the Gospel, the Gospel will keep you.

There never was a people on earth that had so great Reason to Bless God as we have, for there never was so great an opening of Salvation, made Known to the Children of men"

As Father James was passing across the meeting house floor he walked softly, saying "I feel such fear of God, I fear to Step my feet to the floor. God has given us the power of Redemption and the forgiveness of Sins"

As he once knelt down to eat he said "I pray that God would Make us thankful for the necessaries of life, but above all things make us thankful for the Gospel" After he had eaten, said "I pray that the Patience of God may be lengthened out till the Redemption of man Is finished" — Again he said "you must not say this is a great cross, For it is like Crying the burden of the Lord. How durst you say of That which is the will of God, it is a great cross, you ought not to Speak in no such manner; but obey your faith, and it will lead to The Salvation of your Souls. you never can take any comfort Only in God, for you have tasted of the Gospel of peace which is the only thing that can make the Soul of man happy. Remember What I say, you that have Received the Gospel, that have partook of the Power of the holy Ghost, have had a long privilege of being taught the  
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Only way of God, if you fall away to wallow in the flesh again your condemnation must be seven fold greater than the rest of mankind who never had your privilege. I feel thankful for the Gospel which has saved me from the pollutions that are in the world thro. lust. If you are not saved from sin, you are not saved at all true Repentance is to leave of sinning, but where there is strife and contention there is every evil work. Your Calling is sure, now labour to make your Election sure; for the judgment of God will as certain follow this Gospel, as the summer follows the winter. The Foundation of God stands sure, and the Judgment of God is according to truth.

This is the gospel, and see ye to it what kind of use you make of it; for the time will come when you will say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Treasure up the word, for the time cometh when there will be a famine, not of bread, nor of water, but of the word of the lord.

Hard words, and false Judgments among brethren and sisters is as cruel as the grave: It feels more odious to me than cursing and swearing "

One day when Mother was in Shirley she knelt down and wept, saying " The Gift of God will be kept here, and many souls will flock to Christ in this place. It is wicked to distrust the mercy of God, for we are not called to be lost but to be saved When saul set out in the way of God the devil will raise all his forces to try to turn them aside; but if you are faithful in all things, spiritual and temporal, you will have strength according to your day "

Again Mother said " While I was in England a Great Lord come to see me, he had been acquainted with me from my Childhood, & knew that I was poor, and had no letter learning. He watched me in every movement while I was under the operation of the Power of God and spoke in other tongues he being a man of great learning understood what I said, and was thereby convicted that I had the Power of God "

I was once with Mother when she was under great tribulation and sorrow, she spoke these words " I desire that every thing that has breath would cry to God for me, yea I desire that the Grass of the field, would pray to God for me "

Again I was with Mother where there was an Apple tree in full Bloom. " How beautiful this tree is now said Mother but when the Apples come forth, some of them will soon fall off, some will hold on

On longer, some of them will hang on till they are half grown, and then fall off, and some will hold on till they get ripe. This is a plain representation of a large number of souls who set out to travel in the regeneration. Many will set out and to appearance very fair but alas, some of them will soon fall away, some will travel further, and then fall off some further still, and then fall, and some will travel thro. till they are ripe for the Kingdom of God.

Again Mother was at my Father's House and said unto us "If you are faithful you will be helps to your natural Generation, yea you may be helps to a hundred generations"

I gave Father William a Posey of divers colours, he beheld it, saying "I have seen all manner of Colours in Heaven much more Beautiful than these"

### The Testimony of Ivory Wilds

When I first received faith in the Gospel, I was present with a Number of others at Harvard. Mother came into the Room and spoke to us in the following manner "The first Step of Obedience that any of you can take is to Confess your sins to God before his Witnesses, here Christ is to be found as a Saviour, and a forgiver of Sins, and no where else, for herein is contained the promises of God, but not in any other way

It was by the Revelation of God that I came to America to bring Glad tidings of peace and Salvation to all who would Confess and forsake their sins. It is the heart which God looks at; The heart with its hidden Abominations, concealed from the witnesses of Christ, becomes like a Cage of unclean birds, and never can be cleansed short of a full and free confession. They that honestly confess their sins with full Determination to forsake them will find Strength in God; and in taking their Cross against every known sin, and following Christ in the regeneration, in that life of obedience they will be clothed with the Righteousness of Christ, and become the Sons and Daughters of God, And Joint heirs with Christ"

I have heard Mother and the Elders say "I can willingly lay down  
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My life for the Gospel, I would give up my body to be burnt at the Stake, Before I would deny Christ, and the gospel which I have preached, for This Gospel is the greatest good that ever was given to man since the fall. The foundation of God stands sure, and the judgment of God is according to truth; and the judgment of God will as certainly follow this Gospel as the flood followed the preaching of Noah "

Father James said " I feel that love for my Brethren and Sisters, I could willingly lay down my life for them if I was called to it, for They feel as near to me as my own Soul "

I was present in a large assembly at Harvard; we were all silent; Father James seemed to be under a solemn sensation of eternity; at length he rose up and said " O Heavens! heavens! heavens! " Instantly The house shook as if it had been shaken by an Earthquake

I saw Father James soon after he was cruelly whipped by his persecuters, he said " I have been abused, not for any wrong that I have ever done to them, it is for your sakes that I have suffered; I have nothing against those who wrongfully abused me, for they are ignorant men, and know not what manner of spirits they are of "

Father William said " before I confessed my sins I felt great tribulation, and after I confessed them I cried to God till I heard a voice from Heaven saying " William thy sins are forgiven " As certain as Mother is the Lord's anointed, so certain all Kings and nobles of the Earth must come to this humiliating work of confessing their sins before they can find salvation "

Again he knelt down with a number of us who believed, saying God has given us the power of Repentance and Remission of Sins, & if you regard the Gospel God will regard you for salvation "

Father James knelt down and said " I desire you would all be thankful to God for the gift of Repentance and Remission of Sins. I feel the fear of God which runs thro' my whole body even to the ends of my fingers " Mother often spoke thus " Go home and be Faithful put your hands to work and your hearts to God -

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Beware of Covetousness which is like the sin of witchcraft. If you have any thing to spare, give it to the poor; and remember that The Gospel is the greatest treasure that any soul can possess "

Again Father William said " Altho we rebuke sin yet we have nothing against the soul, the rebuke is against the devil who soweth Tares. One sin concealed in the heart will be like a mountain of Lead upon the soul "

Father James said " It is harvest time, Treasure up the word of God, for those who sleep in harvest will surely come to want. The Church of Christ is the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth, and the way to enter into it, is God's way and not man's Therefore man cannot alter it; the old Heavens and Earth shall pass away, but this testimony will stand forever "

Again he said " If there was as many men present as there is stars in the sky, I would confess my sins before them all, rather than cover them " Again, " When your faces are turned towards Zion then you can cry to God, and God will hear the cries of the innocent; for the door of his mercy is opened for souls, & it never will be shut, unless they shut it against themselves "

When Father James was about to leave the people at Harvard, they gathered round him weeping. He said unto them " Every soul of you that seek God with all your hearts, and resist the devil are sure of Heaven if you never see us again in this world surely God is in this place, pull of your shoes, for where you stand is Holy. — You may not do any kind of business where others are kneeling down praying to God, but leave your work and kneel with them. The way you are taught is not James Whitaker's way, but God's way; And all I want is an Equal share with my Brethren.

The time cometh when there will be a famine, not of bread, Nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the word of God;

Then you will be glad to pick up every crumb that ever fell from our mouths "

## The testimony of Abigail Babbitt

The first time I saw Mother she informed me of her sufferings in England as followeth "One night I was informed by a friend that a mob was after me the inhabitants being thick I knew of no better way to escape from my enemies than to disguise my self, by putting my apron over my head and running quickly to a man's house whom I knew to be my friend.

As soon as I had reached his house, I asked him if he could hide me from the mob, he said follow me " I followed him to the upper left of the house where was a large quantity of wool under the roof, he parted the wool and covered me with a number of fleeces where I lay safe and comfortable. Soon after, I heard the mob come into the house and inquire for me. - They asked to search the house, the man gave them liberty. They came into the loft where I was and looked round saying "She is not here, there is nothing here but wool" Soon after, my friend came and told me that my enemies were gone, I went into a lower room where I rested in peace that night.

Soon after this I was accused of Blasphemy. My accusers said "your tongue must be bored thro' with a hot iron, you must be branded on the cheek." Four high learned ministers were present on the occasion -

They asked me to speak in other tongues - I told them that they must wait for God's power to move me, for it is by the operation of the Power of God that I speak in other tongues. Soon after, the power of God came upon me, and they said, "you have spoken in seventy two different tongues of the wonderful works of God" These men being convicted that I spoke by the power of God told the people not to hurt me; but the rage of the mob increased, and with one voice cried aloud "she must be stoned to death." They led me, Father William, Father James Daniel Whitaker and James Shepherd into a valley. The mob provided as many stones as two men could carry, and laid them down on the side of a hill, then they cast them at us till they fell into contention among themselves because they could not hit us, except Daniel, he received a small wound on one of

His temples. while they were flinging Stones, I felt Surrounded with The Presence of God, and my Soul was filled with love; I knew they Could not kill me, because my work was not done therefore I felt Joyful and Comfortable while my enemies felt distress and Confusion — Again I was put into a Stone Prison which was Built over the water in this Prison I Could not Stretch my Self Any way; here I was kept four Days, with out any thing to eat, Only what was conveyed by a pipe thro' the key-hole, which was done By<sup>d</sup> James. but I felt Great Joy knowing that I Suffered for the Gospels sake. At another time in the Evening I was informed by a friend That a mob was after me, I soon Ran to the back Side of a hill, where Was a Pond covered with ice, there I lay on the ice Thro' the night In peace and Consolation, and took no Cold.

Again a mob came by night, dragged me out of the house by my Feet till they tore the Skin off my face." She Shaved me the Scars.

Furthermore She Said " After I had Received a Revelation to Come To America, we appointed a meeting on that occasion. The believers Had many Gifts in Confirmation of our coming, Such as, Prophecies, ~~Re-~~visions and dreams. After we had gone thro' opening these Memorable Gifts, we Continued our meeting thro' the night in Singing and Dancing, for we were filled with Joy and Consolation. John Hocknell Was appointed to<sup>2</sup> and Search after a Vessel for our Embarkation; he Found one, but was informed that it had been Condemned; I told John that God would not Condemn the Vessel when we were in it. So we obtained our Passes in that Vessel, and Embarked for America while We were on the water, I was Constrained to testify against the Wickedness of the Sea-men, they were so offended they threatened To throw me overboard, but I did not fear them, my trust was in God, therefore they were not Suffered to hurt me During my passage."

Again Mother Said " How many poor creatures there are who Suffer with hunger and Cold while we have a Plenty, how thankful We ought to be to God for his tender mercies towards us. —

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Again after a heavy Thunder Storm She said "How ought we to fear Such a mighty God, who sends Such terrible lightning, and was able To take us away in a moment"

Again Mother said "When I Confessed my Sins, I laboured to Remember the time when and where I Committed them, and after I Had Confessed them, I cried to God to know if my Confession was Accepted, and by crying to God continually, I travailed out of my loss"

Father William Spoke, thus "You never can say, I did not know The way of God; but if you are lost, you will cry out O wretched creature That I am, I knew the way of God, & did not obey it"

Fa. James said to a certain woman "Now is your time to Repent and Turn to God, for the day draws near, when Souls will cry out, Lord God Any way to be Saved"

Again he said "True faith is a Saving grace, but unbelief is a damning Sin. True faith is to Believe a thing to be what it Really is; but a fals faith is to believe A thing to be what it is not; and if you believe a thing to be what it Is not, you are deceived. Faith untried is uncertain"

When he was on his death bed he said "My sufferings are Exceeding Great, but that peace and Consolation which I feel in my Soul over Ballances. that peace and Comfort which I feel in the Gospel, I Would not Exchange for a thousand Such worlds as this. If you Hold out to the end, you will all have the Same peace and Consolation which I now feel."

### The testimony of Abijah Worster

After I had Received the Gospel, Mother Spoke to me Saying "Abijah learn to know how differently mankind are Created, and Deal with them accordingly. Some are of a hard make, that nothing Will Reach them but Severity; others are more easily wrought upon, Such must be Saved by Soft words in mercy and charity; for if you Speak in Severity to Such you will destroy them." He that wins Souls  
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Must be wise "Some are Saved by mercy and Charity; others by Severity and Some never will be Saved but by Judgment."

Abijah, you may go and labour with the People at Dougless, & Teach them the way of God, feed them with meat as Strong as they are able to bear, and no Stronger. "When you feel you have laboured thro. your gift, ask of God a sign to Return, and Return not till God gives you a Sign."

Treasure up the gospel and the gifts of God, for if you are Faithful, they will wake up <sup>in</sup> your Soul when you kneed them. Labour to feel the life of God in your Soul, and make the way of God your own, let it be your inheritance, your daily colling And occupation. Labour to God for your own Soul as ~~the~~ there was No other on Earth. Don't fight man nor woman, Abijah let your warfare be against the Devil, fight that Spirit <sup>that</sup> which leads Mankind into Sin " I was once under great operations by The Power of God Fa. James looked on me and said " O how I love that Blesed power, it is the Support of the Gospel, if you love and Obey that Blesed power it will finally Redeem your Soul "

At Ashfield, Fa. James come into meeting one evening and said " Last night I was in the Visions of God, in a world of Spirit, and I Heard the Song of Angels, as of an host; and after singing Some Time they Stopped; then I heard it Proclaimed three times Distin-  
-ctly, with a voice which Hoard like thunder " This is the day of your Visitation. " Then they began a gain to Sing as an innumerable Multitude the Sound Seemed to go off at a distance, the further it Went the louder it Grew; and I heard it till it Seemed to my Sensa-  
-tion, to be a millions miles off "

When I come from Ashfield Fa. James said Remember my Kind love to the Brethren and Sisters, they are my treasure, they are ~~all~~ the inheritance I have in this world; go and be faithful Among them, and teach them the way of God, and by no means Hurt the oil nor the wine; I mean the gifts of God. Let them be never So uncultivated, never so untareght in their gifts, dont you Strike at Them

Then if you do, you will take away their Gifts and leave them lean and Barren, then they will be discouraged, and likely go to their lusts again and be lost. You may safely teach them to labour for an inward work of The Spirit which purifies the Soul. You know we have borne, and dealt with you in mercy and in charity, go you and do likewise. "What I Say to Day, there you shall find me to-morrow, for I would not be the means of Marring the faith of one Soul for a thousand words"

Again he said "The gospel is without fault, it is as straight as straightness; and as pure as heaven, if you do not obey it you will loose your Souls. Wherever you are, whatever may befall you, how dark soever things may appear, how unjustly soever you may suffer, Keep your faith; for the time will come when all wrongs will be Righted"

I once spoke to Fa. James of my old Religion, that I thought My Spirit was justified. He said "If you was justified, it was the Devil that justified <sup>you</sup> in Sin. Abijah, how could you think that Christ could justify you while you lived in Sin? I answered, I did not know Any thing about Christ" That said he is as true a word as ever you spoke"

On a particular occasion, at Harvard Fa. James spoke thus "If you are after your wicked Children, any more than the rest of the Wicked, you are in the flesh Effectually. Christ said "Who is my Mother <sup>and</sup> Or who are my Brethren? but they that do the will of my Father which is In heaven." and if you claim any other Relation, the present ministr<sup>-</sup>ation does not claim you; take heed, lest you have to suffer in hell, while your wicked Children are making an ungodly use of that which you give them"

When Fa. James was whipped at Harvard, he returned to Shirley the same day, and by Request he showed his back, which was beat black & Blue, from his Shoulders to his waist, and in many places appeared to be bruised to a Jell. He then Kneeled down and prayed for his Persecutors, and in tears often repeated "I Pray God have mercy on them I Pray God forgive them" Again he said "Keep the writings of  
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The Spirit in the bond of peace; this bond was made by the Great First cause; and cannot be altered, but by virtue of the same; therefore Labour day & night to get your names written in that Bond"

### The testimony of John Barnes

The first time I saw Mother was in Vision; her visage shined with the glory of God, above any thing I ever saw before. At that time my Labour was to find those gifts that were in the Church in the Day of the Apostles. Soon after this I went to watercreech, and saw Mother with a large number of Believers; and I knew her from all the best of the assembly; she came forth with the same power, glory, and gift of God, as when I saw her in Vision. Her songs were powerful, melodious, and heavenly. I believed she was that very woman that John saw by revelation "Clothed with the Sun" &c. - She spoke that Word of God which I never had heard from male or female before; she convicted me of my sins, from childhood to that day; I was fully satisfied that she had the Gift of God to discern me without and within; and, that Christ had appeared the second time in the second Eve.

She spoke to me thus "The fulness of the Godhead dwells in the womanhood bodily; the man of sin is revealed, God has uncovered the leg and made bare the thigh of nature"

After I had seen and heard these things, and received many other precious gifts of God; being about to take my leave of the Church Mother took me by the hand and said "Wake up you dry bone that the Word of Prophecy may come to you; that you may see Exchiel's Vision of the Holy waters; that you may Prophecy unto the dry Bones, that the dry bones may live"

Through faith and obedience to that word of God which Mother spoke to me, I received the Gift of Vision and Prophecy

Mother spoke to a number of us who believed, saying "You I think that you will yet subdue, and overcome the nations of the

Earth

But you are mistaken, they have that work to do themselves. They will fight, devour, and dash each other in pieces, untill they become so humble as to receive the Gospel"

### The testimony of Sarah Kendel

At a certain time, Mother and the Elders were at Nathan Kendels. One day she had been walking a considerable time in the chamber. The Elders come into the room, and I heard her say "I have been walking in fire <sup>walls</sup> with Christ as with a lover"

Jane Kendel deceased not long after she received the Gospel. Soon after, I was with Mother, and she said unto me "I saw Jane in the world of spirits, and she was praising God in the dance. I also saw Jonathan Wood soon after he left this world, and his voice sounded like claps of thunder among the dead, waking them up to judgment" #

I have seen Mother under such suffering that her flesh turned black in spots; she said "these are marks of the sufferings of Christ." # I see souls in a world of spirits who have lately embraced the Gospel, they appeared to be under beautiful operations by the power of God"

Mother spoke to a certain man saying "I see two golden candle-sticks stand by your legs, and they reach up to your knees"

Again she said to a sister "I see your mouth set open with a wheel of glory"

I went into a room to see Mother when she lay under great suffering; after I went out, she asked "Who was that come to my bed-side" being informed, she said "Sarah brought a whole tribe with her when she came into the room"

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## The testimony of Lucy Prescott

I was present when a certain man came and desired to converse with Mother. She sent Fa. James to talk with him, but he was not satisfied, therefore she went into the room and sat by a window, and reproved the man for his pride. Fa. James began again to speak to him, he said "I do not want to hear you speak, I want to hear that woman" she then looked out at the window and said "I see the heavens open; I see the glories of God" The man's countenance turned pale, and he said no more to Mother.

Again Mother spoke to a large number of Believers in the following manner "You are lacking of faith in the gifts and power of God. When I was in England a large mob came to take me, I went out of the house and sat on the ground; the Power of God came upon me, and stretched out my arm straight from any body, and I could bring it back again. The mob came to take me up but they had not power to move me; and were obliged to leave me. I believe that God is as able to preserve me thro. persecutions and sufferings, untill my work is done, as he was to stretch out my arm"

Again while we were worshipping God in the dance, Mother came into the assembly and sung; after we stopped dancing, she said "The room over your heads is full of the angels of God, I see them; and you could see them too if you were redeemed from the nature of the flesh"

At a certain time I heard Mother speak to Fa. James thus "there is going to be great persecution, for I saw a man come and look in at the window he was as black as a negro" the next day Mother and the Elders went to Shirley, a large mob gathered there also, which terminated in whipping Fa. James and Fa. William. Fa. James was black and blue from his shoulders to his waistband; and many other abuses were done to the Believers of less magnitude

Fa. James returned to Shirley; kneeled down and cried "Father



Father forgive them for they know not what they do" Mother looked on his Wounded Body and "said": James, this is the life of the Gospel"

Once Mother spoke particularly to me "Are you not willing To suffer with me? I have to suffer almost the whole of my time"

Again, I heard Mother say "Last night I was under great suffering, And a number of the dead come to me. Some of them embraced the Gospel, others chose to go to hell rather than to Confess their sins"

Once we had been scrubbing our floors Mother said "That is Right, You ought to be neat and keep your houses clean; for there <sup>are</sup> neither Slaves nor Sluts in Heaven"

### The Testimony of Nathan Slate

Ms. Mother was visiting the Believers from place to place, she came to my Father's house, where I heard her speak to a number of Sisters as follows, "You ought to be thankful to God that your husbands have believed the Gospel and set out to take up their crosses against the world, Flesh and all evil, and to follow Christ in the Regeneration. It is a deal easier for you, than it was for me — Your Husbands will be a great help to you, But I had no husband to help me when I set out to obey the Gospel, but had to stand against my own carnal nature, and my wicked husband also — I had as it were to tread the wine press alone and no man to help me;" with these and many other Precious words Exhorted she them.

I also heard Mother say to a number of Brethren And Sisters (Who were about taking their leave of her to return to their homes,) "Go and tell your brethren those things"

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Things which ye hear and see - The blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the Gospel preached to them; and Blessed is he who-so-ever shall not be offended in me."

One evening I was sent to carry some wood into a room where Mother and the Elders were sitting - I being young and bashful, laid my wood down in the corner and turned to go out without paying much attention to them - One of the Elders took hold of the skirt of my coat and turned me about and said, "Stop and hear what Mother has to say to you" - She inquired my name and age - after I had informed her she said, "You must be a good child - you must grow up in the way of God - you must not do any thing that is wicked - you must be obedient to your parents - you must help your Father clear up more new land, and raise a deal of grain so that you may have bread to eat; you must keep a great many sheep, so that you may have wool to make you a new coat; In obedience to Mother I have been comfortably provided for, both in food and raiment from that time to this

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### The Testimony of Jennet Davis

I went to Ashfield to see Mother at a time when there were great wars, and a sharp testimony against all sin, and that nature which mankind were losing, and I felt great tribulation and almost cast down - soon after

After this Mother looked at me and said, "Dost thou love the war?", I answered, Yea Mother; well said she, Michael And his Angels and the Dragon and his Angels are at War, and they that have part in this war, shall have Part in the first Resurrection."

At another time I went to visit Mother at Ashfield, and one of the Sisters sent by me a Pair of Velvet Shoes as a present to Mother, she took them, but on the day that I came away she handed them <sup>back</sup> to me, to carry to the before mentioned Sister, and said, "Till her that I choose to have my feet shod with the Preper-  
-ation of the Gospel, and not with Velvet."

### The Testimony of Rebekah Stofson

At Waterliet I was washing with a number of Sisters, And Mother came ~~by~~ reproved us sharply for our wastefulness, she said "It is a sin to waste Soap or any thing that God had given us - if you knew the torments of Hell, you would fear God in all you do and say."

Being assembled at John Partingtons to worship God, Father James took a Bible and Read concerning those Judgements of God spoken of by Zehariah the Prophet, and John the Revelator; and being in great labour of mind And Sorrow of heart, he said, "These Judgements will certainly come upon all those that have not the Seal of  
God



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God in their foreheads, the Seal of God is Repentance,  
And those that have not this Seal, their Eyes will  
consume in their holes, and their tongues in their mouths  
While they stand on their feet - they will gnaw their  
Tongues for pain, and desire death, but death shall  
flee from them."

At another time I saw Father James in great Sor-  
row and he said, "I feel the Judgement of God against  
Sin; and when you feel the Judgement of God against Sin,  
you will leave it off.

At another time I saw  
Him greatly Exercised in Soul and Body (it was about  
The middle of the day, and was very Calm and clear)  
And he testified saying, "The Judgement of God is coming,  
And it is nigh at hand!" - about two hours after, there

came a Dreadful hail-storm which broke the windows,  
And beat down the English grain to such a Degree that  
The Brethren plowed it in the next day and Planted it  
With indian corn - the Seed Onions were headed but out  
of many Bushels that were planted but one head escaped  
This Dreadful Storm - Father James and all that were  
Present kneeled down in Prayer to God, after this Father

James said, "Although the fig-tree shall not blossom,  
Neither shall fruit be in the Vines; the labour of the  
Olive shall fail and the field shall yield no meat  
The flocks shall be cut off from the fold, and there shall  
be no herd in the Stall; yet I will Rejoice in the  
Lord, I will Joy in the God of my Salvation."

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One time I heard him speak to a number of young women and said, "You are called from the manifold troubles which attend those who live after the flesh, & you do not sense it; but let the Devil once put his paw upon you, you will find your selves under the Power of the flesh; then you would be willing to give all created things, if you could be restored to as happy a state as you now enjoy."

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The testimony of Hannah Goodrich Senr.

When I first went to the Church, the first words which I heard, were these - "Strip off your pride and abominations we know you, but you do not know us we have men here that are not defiled with women, and women that are not defiled with men" - (This was from Mary Partington)

The next day I went to see Mother, and on Enquiring where my husband was, Mother said, "Let your husband alone, fastening your lust upon him - upon this I set down in a Room where Elder Rocknal was under the operation of The Power of God: and as it appeared strange to me, I Prayed that God would make it known to me whether this was his work or not - (and if not to keep me from Delusion - Upon this, one of the Elders came and told me my thoughts just as they had passed thro my mind - Soon after this I Confessed my Sins and Mother Shewed me great Charity

And told me the manner of her travail in the way of God  
 From the beginning - She said "When I set out to obey the  
 Gospel, I cried to God to bring my sins to remembrance  
 And I Confessed them one by one as I Committed them,  
 And I denied my Self of Every gratification of a carnal  
 Nature, of every thing which my appetite Craved, and  
 Eat and drank that which was mean and poor that my  
 Soul might hunger for nothing but God. - I often Rose  
 From my bed in the night, and walked the floor in my  
 Stocking feet for fear of waking up the People, I did  
 Not let my husband know my troubles, lest he Should have  
 Affections for me: and I was Careful not to lay any  
 Temptation before him - I also prayed to God that no man  
 Might Suffer in hell on my account; thus I laboured to God in  
 Strong cries and groans to God day and night; till my flesh wasted  
 Away and I became like a Skilleton and kind of down came  
 Upon my skin, untill my <sup>Soul</sup> broke forth to God, which I felt as  
 Sensibly, as ever a woman did a Child when She was Delivered of  
 It. And then I felt such unspeakable joy in God that my flesh  
 came upon me like the flesh of an infant." Again I have  
 Heard her say, "I have seen in Vision beautiful Souls of men  
 Arayed in white, all in the Resurrection, there is no fear of  
 Their going back - as for hell they have had enough of it -  
 And to come back into this world they cannot. But poor man  
 In the flesh is always in Danger."



Soon after the gospel opened W-C of Richmond died, Part of his family believed, and I heard Mother say, "I saw Him ~~him~~ in the same hell with murderers, (as hot as a glowing oven) for his Defiling his own body, and going to Dumb beasts."

When Mother was Imprisoned at Albany, I went to see her— Mother said, "The wicked are determined to carry me away, but it will not be as they will, but as God will." — — —

At Ashfield I saw Mother stand in the door, and spread forth Her hands, and with great power called to all the kindreds of The Earth saying "Come away! come away! all the world come away! — — — I will remember that Mother (in all her goings out and coming in among us) would speak as simply of her self, as she would of any other person —

When some expressed their love to her, she would say, "It is not me that you love, but it is God in me that you love." And when some kneeled down to her she would say, "Do not kneel to me, but kneel to God; I am but your fellow servant." — Some times she would say, "William & James do not know where I am, any more than they know what is seven years to come." She often taught us to be mindful of the poor, and said, "If I owned the whole world I would turn it all into joyfulnes, I would not say to the poor be ye warmed, and be ye clothed, and not give them  
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Where with to do it." — She further said, "You have been cunning to serve the Devil, and now you must be cunning to serve God — you must not lose one moment of time, for you have none to spare — If you are faithful the world will be dependant on you, and the dead will be released by your labours — you must bring up your children in the Fear of God, and never give them Play things; but let them look at their hands & fingers and see the work of God in their Creation — & when your daughters are grown so large that men will lust after them, you must put Caps on their heads, and not build them up in Pride — & be ye faithful in all things for God will have a people who are zealous of Good works: and if you are not faithful, God will turn to another people who will serve him."

I was once with Mother at Waterloviets when she was very full of flower, and her face shone with the glory of God, (it made me think of Moses when he came down from the Mount;) then she took my hand and put it to my head and said, "Hannah I see your face shine with the glory of God;" I answered and said, Mother's hand is there! She said, "I saw it before Mother's hand was there" — Some times she would be greatly released from sufferings, and filled with unspeakable joy, and triumph, and say, "I feel as terrible as an army with banners" —

I often entreated Mother to come among us, she answered and said, "Persecution will certainly follow me, and

And you are not able to bear it— However it was not long before she visited us, and according to her word so it came to pass — that in a short visit thro' Lebanon Hancock & Richmond she was twice hauled before magistrates and received great abuses — When she was at George Darrows (in New Lebanon) there came an unlawful assembly, who surrounded the house before she was up in the morning — Broke open the doors, stove down the petitions and dragged her out of doors and threw her into her carriage, and beat and abused her shamefully — then drove away to Eleazer Grants, (who was a Justice of the peace) here she was kept through the day without any thing to eat or drink, and none of the Believers allowed to be with her — but just before night (through the Intreaties of the Sisters) she was allowed a little food.

They also thrust Father James out at a door (where no one pretended to pass it being so high from the ground) which hurt him very much, yet he mounted his horse and followed after Mother; where upon he was inhumanly knocked down from his horse; he fell upon a rock and broke three of his ribs, but not withstanding all the abuses he had received, he still followed on to see what would become of Mother.

At night the authority released Mother, on conditions that she would immediately depart out of the place — Upon this she undertook to depart but these ungodly ruffians



stood ready to take her, and they gave her no Release until they had carried her seven or eight miles with great Rage and fury—none of the believers were suffered to come near her Carriage though many followed after—By this time she was greatly Exhausted and almost ready to give up the Ghost—

On the second morning after these things, there being a Number of the Sisters with her she shewed them her Bruises which were turned black and blue—A Shocking Sight indeed to behold! Mother Spake with tears burning from her Eyes, saying—“So it has been with me almost continually ever since I left Neshannick (now Wateroliet)” “Day and nights; Day and night I have been like dying Creature”—It was but a few days before she received her abuse, that she shewed the before mentioned Elder Grant great Charity—she took him by the hand and said, “I was once as you are I had feet but they walked in forbidden Paths—I had hands, but they handled unclean things—I had Eyes, but they saw no thing of God aright. But Now my Eyes see my Ears hear, and my hands handle the Word of Life.”

I heard Father James say, “I was brought up in the way of God by my Mother, and knew no unclean thing; but when my Soul was waked up I found my self a Child of Wrath; then I cried mightily to God, I do not think that I Spake more than five words in a day—And I verily thought that the whole Earth trembled under

Me for the space of a whole year; but I suppose that it was My body that trembled which caused this feeling: At which Time I saw (by Vision) my own Soul in America with Mother's Soul, and I heard my Soul speak to Mother's Soul; And I heard Mother's Soul answer my Soul. And I heard all the conversation that Passed between Mother and the Elders And those men who put us into Albany Prison but during The whole time of our Imprisonment I never thought of my Vision; but as soon as we were Set at liberty it all Came fresh to my mind."

After Mother's decease while we were at the grave Father James said kindly my two friends - God help me! If ever a hungry man desired to eat, I desire to die." He remained in great sorrow untill the morning of the Third day after her Decease; when he Assembled the People and being filled with the Holy Ghost, He said, "I feel Like ten thousand Mountains of Righteousness - now I Remember the Promise of God by Mother, that I should Never be without a host of Angels to Guard me." The first Time that he Came among us after the lead rested in him, He Rejoiced and said, "You are my Interest and should Not a man Rejoice when he Comes to his Interest" And Again he said, "You are my Interest, I have begotten you In the Gospel, and I love you all" - And again he said, "Blessed are the Sons of Lion, Who can look upon the Daughters of men and not lust after them. And Blessed are Daughters of Lion, who can look upon  
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The Sons of men and not lust after them," For we have an altar, whereof no one shall partake but those who rejoice in Christ Jesus and have no confidence in the flesh, for our altar is Gods altar, and the wicked shall not eat thereon — the unclean shall not eat on our altar," again he said, "The Drunkard shall not eat on our altar."

One time at Hancock he Spake to the Elders By way of Reproof Saying "You Idle Elders! you want to go to the Distant believers, but there is no People in my knowledge that needs Charity so much as This People — Why are you not as I am — therefore Because you are not as I am, I will put my Spirit Upon you so that you may be as I am" And Elder Joseph received a full Gift of Charity and it was the Greatest Severity against all Sin, that ever my ears heard. — Before Father James left this world I heard him say, "I have no more lust than an Infant — Nay not so much — I have no more than a Child unborn." He often said "I love my brethren all as one — there is one Lord, and his name one; and there is but one bread." He often abased himself Saying, "I am more mean than any of you — my Parentage was mean and poor, But by the grace of God, I am what I am, and Blessed Be God who hath chosen me to be a minister of the Gospel. — I am not ashamed to build up your faith your Faith is most holy, but I know you have Infermities, but



But I Pray that the forbearance of God may be lengthened out unto you untill you learn to do Right, for you must Have an Exceeding Righteousness your Righteous must Exceed The Righteousness of the Scribes and Pharisees. Therefore Treasure up in your hearts, that which will keep you in the Time of trouble - Keep your faith, for the End of your faith Will be the Salvation of your Souls, and when I am gone, (And you see the branches flourish, then know that the Root is Holy - I have vented my life and Soul among you; and you have Received the Gospel (and you are welcome to it.)"

Father William was a man of Sorrow and Acquainted with grief - he was truly an apostle in sufferings; and when he was Released it Seemed as if his Soul Was in the third heavens. - He would Some times Speak of his travel when he first Set out in the way of God - He Said "When I believed I Confessed my Sins all over The City, and they Cannot hurt me for it now, for God has cast them behind his back never to be Remembered against me - It is a Shame to Commit Sin, But no Shame to Confess." In Reproving he was Terrible every Creature that had any feeling trembled That heard his Voice, and none dared to approach him - At other times he would be filled with Heavenly Comforts, and the Charity and mercy of God in him, Seemed

Seemed boundless. - - - Some times he would say, "We are poor, but are able to make many Rich! Poor Afflicted people of God! - Once I Served God out of fear, But now I Serve him out of pure love."

Some times he would say, "I love my Mother attho. She Is my Sister, yet She has become my Mother! and the Lord God made me to love her - Some times he would Reprove the people for their walking about Carelessly, Saying, "You ought to pass by each other like Angels! But you appear to me like the troubled Sea, whose Waters Cast up mire (and dirt); but I can but be Sorry For you, and it feels to me as if there was no Sorrow Like my Sorrow!" Again he would incourage the Brethren and Sisters to Press forward and say "You never Ought to lay down in the mud, for you were not called to Be lost for God will Certainly Deliver his People."

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### The Testimony of Anna Goodrick

When Mother was Ashfield I went to see her after I had been there a number of days, Mother came to me in A very Solemn manner, and Said, "Poor Children! your Children are in trouble! and you must go home"

Accordingly I Sought the first opportunity to Speak with \* Daniel Goodrick (who was there with me) While I was Speaking to him; Mother came and Said to him, "You must Go home for your Children are in trouble" So we Started for  
 \* My husband  
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Home and when we arrived we found it as Mother said - the Children were in great trouble, for one of our Children was very Sick indeed - By this I knew that Mother had the Revelation of God -

Also at Ashfield in Presence of Elizabeth Davis and others; one of The brethren was taken with great distress of body and Soul, so that He appeared like a Person under the pangs of Death -

Mother came into the Room - looked at him and said "He is Bearing the last pains of death and Hell for his father who has Been hanging about me two weeks - He is now Released."

And as She went out of the Room, She continued saying "He is Released, he is Released?"

### The Testimony of Anna Cogswell Senr.

At Harvard I heard Mother say, "I have been under great Sufferings to day, and have seen many of the dead arise, & They were dressed in white Robes, and Received Palms -

These will never fall; but poor man in the flesh is always Exposed."

Again as I was labouring under a deep Sense of my past Sins, I asked Mother to forgive my Sins - She said "do you believe that I can forgive Sins?" I answered and said, I believe that Christ is in Mother, and I have no Where else to look for forgiveness - She answered in these words, "I have nothing against you, and if you are faithful and Obedient, your faith will save you" - Also I spoke to Mother concerning a Poor woman who sought to me for help - Her Answer was this - "Remember the cries of those who are in need & Trouble; that when you are in trouble God may hear your cries."



She also warned me to keep my Children out of Sin for  
 Said She "A Child 4 years old, indulged in Sin will bring  
 The Judgement of God upon a family."

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### The Testimony of Lois Burch

When Mother was visiting the Eastern believers She  
 Came to my house in Stonington - there was then a  
 Young woman living with me whom I thought to be  
 Very Chast - I Expressed my thoughts to Mother in her  
 Favour - Mother answered, "Are you a Christian &  
 Think that that Girl is chaste and honest? you are  
 Deceived - She lives in whoredom with married men -  
 Young men - black men and boys." - This almost Staggered  
 Me at first, Believing That I knew the Girls Character, but  
 She soon came forward and Confessed the same things which  
 Mother had laid to her charge - This Established me  
 Beyond a doubt that She had the Revelation of God  
 To see what was in man.

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### The Testimony of Daniel Cogswell

At a certain time I saw Mother come into the Assembly  
 And take Father Joseph by the hand and say, "For this  
 Souls sake, I am paid for coming to America. Again I saw  
 Mother lift up her window in the morning, and She Spoke  
 These words "I have had new fruit to Eat this morning; Such  
 As I never had before - I am full like a Vessel that is  
 ready to burst! my Soul is running over - O that Souls would  
 come and partake! I feel the Blood of Christ running all  
 Over me and washing me" - At another time I saw her when  
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She was under Exceeding great Sufferings — "Look Here (Said she) and see how the blood has settled by reason of the Sufferings which I have Endured this night — When People come to the Church that have Sined, it brings such Sufferings, that upon me, as almost takes my life."

One morning at Ashfield Mother sent a messenger saying "Go tell Daniel to labour to be Prepared to Receive a Gift of God, for there is a gift, for him to Receive power over All Sin, and Brother William and I will come to See him."

Shortly after Mother and Father William came and made Labour with me — and I can truly Say, that by their Ministration, I Received that power over all Sin which has Protected me even to this day. — Now when I was about to Come away Mother took me by the hand and Came out At the door, and with out Regard to the Snow, knelt down And Prayed to God for my Protection — and when she arose she Blessed me, and Sent me away.

At a certain time there, came a Priest to see Mother and the Elders, and he said, "I understand that you say, that you are Perfect," but Job said "If I should say I am perfect; I should prove My self perverse" — Father James answered and said, "God said that Job was a perfect man, I will therefore believe God rather than you or Job" — the man went away Confounded.

At Enfield Father James said to the believers "If there are but five of you that abide faithful, this testimony will Over come all Nations, and God will destroy all Nations From the face of the Earth if they do not Repent And turn to him."

## The Testimony of Eliphalet Stofson

The first time that I went to the Church at Waterliet, Mother came to me and said, "You must forsake all for the Gospel - You must Confess all your Sins, and let them go before hand to Judgment." - In obedience to her Word, I have been Protected to the Present day -

One day as Mother was walking the floor and singing the melodious songs of the New Jerusalem; she turned her self to the people and said, "I feel a special gift of God - I feel the Power of God Thuring all over me"; and she Struck forth her hand and pointed to the South west and said, "The next opening of the Gospel will be in the South West - It will be at a great distance and there will be a great Work of God, (and looking upon me she said) you may live to see it, but I shall not."

Three different times, I have heard Mother speak by Prophecy concerning a wonderful work of God which would take place in the South western States - and surely I have Lived to see the day, which is a Confirmation to me that the words of my loving Mother will never fail.

At another time I heard Mother speak a few words concerning her Persecution in England - "One time (said she) as we were attending an Evening meeting, the wicked Surrounded our house and threw Stones at us, till they broke every pane of Glass in the house, yet none of us were hurt. The next morning we gathered up the Stones, and there was a Cart body full." Again she said, "I bear in my body (daily the marks of the Lord Jesus -" She pulling up her Gourd sleeves, I saw the blood



Was Settled in Spots but continued She "I often  
Feel the healing Power of God, which heals me so that I feel  
Perfectly well both Soul and body.

One evening when a number of the believers were assembled  
Mother came into the Room and said, "Silence!! There is  
Silence in Heaven for the Space of half an hour!  
Then we all Sat down, but Mother retired about half an hour.  
After which She returned and said; "I have been with God &  
With Christ! and I saw the Holy Angels, and heard them Sing,  
They Sang Glory to God and the Lamb."

Mother often said, "I feel the blood of Christ running  
Through my Soul and body, washing me! Him I do acknowledge  
As my head and Lord."

The unwearied labours and Suffering which our ever blessed  
Mother endured, is beyond description - It appeared that Every feeling  
And faculty of her Soul and body, was wholly devoted to do the will  
of God in all things - I have often seen her in Supplication to God;  
And her cries & weeping were such as I never heard before; it seem-  
ed that the Sound of her voice, was enough to cause the most  
relentless heart to break and yield before God! And surely  
There is no Sorrow worthy to be Compared with the Sorrow which  
Proceeds from the heart, that is pure and holy before God.

Her countenance was lovely grave and Solemn - Her charity was  
Boundless - in admonition, She was quick, Sharp, and powerful as  
Lightening yet always careful not to hurt the Oil and wine; but  
Labour'd to save all that God owned. --- Sometimes I have  
Heard her Rejoice with unspeakable Joy; it felt to me, as if  
Her Soul was with the Angelic Host in the mansions above,

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And her voice echoing with thanks and lovely shouts  
From one heaven to another - & truly I never saw any  
Mortal that appeared more Godly lovely and Heavenly;  
She was meek, harmless and inoffensive.

Father James was a man of sorrow and acquainted  
With grief - I have often heard him (with tears rolling  
From his eyes) express his love (and thankfulness for the  
Way of God, in the following manner. "O how Precious is  
The way of God to my thirsty Soul! I feel the love of God Con-  
tinually flowing into my Soul like Rivers of living waters!  
It is sweeter in my mouth, than the honey in the honey-comb!  
I know that God owns me as his Son, and yet I will pray  
to him - I know how to pray, and I know how to be thankful  
For the Gospel - even my breath is continual prayer to God."

Father James often Spoke by a gift of Prophecy -  
Speaking one time in Relation to Timothy Johnson, He  
Said, "If Timothy Johnson dies the Common death of all man,  
The Lord God hath not spoken by me James Whittaker"

The Said Timothy Remained a bitter Enemy to the People  
Of God for the Space of nearly twenty years, and then  
Fell head long from his horse, and Remained Senseless untill  
He Expired. One time in meeting Father James appeared  
To be greatly agitated and cried out, "There is sin in this  
Assembly - and turning himself to a certain young woman who  
Fell on her knees Father James said "I see the Spirit of a young  
Man looking over your Shoulders" The young woman Confessed  
That about two years before, She was betrothed to a young

man

Man and Disappointed him whereupon he Brode into a mill-  
-pond and drowned himself - whom Father James testified  
Had come to hear the Gospel.

## The testimony of Cornelius Thayer

The first time that I saw Mother I received faith in her testi-  
-mony - Confessed my sins and received the Promise of Eternal  
Life -- Soon after she told me to Read a Chapter in Revelations  
Concerning the woman clothed with the Sun &c - Father James  
Read in Peter Concerning the Gospels being preached to those who  
Are dead, that they might be judged according to men in the  
Flesh, and live according to God in the Spirit - Father James  
Said, "The Gospel is preached to Souls who have left the Body  
- Mother said, "I see thousands of the dead rising and coming to  
Judgment now at this Present time - At another time <sup>she</sup> said, "William  
Seales in Vision writing that which was not according to  
The Simplicity of the Gospel, and the Evil Spirits hovered Round  
Him and Administered Evil to him - they looked like Crows -"  
William was present at that time and Mother Reproved him Sharply -  
At another time she Spoke to us saying, "You ought to fear God in  
All you do, for God's Eyes are upon you - You ought to go out in  
And out in the fear of God, and open and shut doors carefully and  
Make no unnecessary noise you must be faithful with your hands,  
That you may have something to give to the poor, and walk upri-  
-ghtly like men of God." And to some women who were Rich she  
Said, "As soon as the Rich get their wool Sheared off their Sheep,  
They will lay out so much for such a piece of Clothe - and so much  
For such a piece of Cloth; but will not lay out one lock to give  
to



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To ~~them~~ nay, they would be as much afraid of seeing a poor person  
Come to their houses, as they would of a thief."

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### The Testimony of John Deming Senr.

The first time I went to see Mother I believed in her  
Testimony - Confessed my sins, and set out to obey the  
Gospel - While I was there I informed her that I was very  
Poor and in debt, and knew no way to pay my Creditors -  
I also informed her that the woman whom I lived with,  
(Had been sick a long time - that it had cost me much to  
Pay the Physicians, and that one of my Children - then five  
Years old had some months previous, Swallowed a large  
Metal Button, which lodged in his throat, and had baffled  
All the art of the Physician to remove it, and that no one  
Expected the Child would live - To the latter she gave me no  
Answer then, but said unto me, "If you are faithful to  
Obey the Gospel, God will bless you and make you Prosperous;  
And when you Return home, put your hands to work and your  
Heart to God; and keep your family to work and you  
Will be able to pay your debts; and none of your Creditors  
Shall distress you. And instead of ~~you~~ applying to Physicians,  
Take faith in the power of God, - and the woman with  
Whom you live shall be made whole."

Having full faith in Mother's words, I went forth in obed-  
-ience, and found her words fulfilled in the most remark-  
-able manner - In a short time I was able to pay  
All my debts, and Sarah (the above mentioned woman)  
Soon Recovered her health beyond Expectation.

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But before I left Mother she said, "You must never pare your nails, scour your buckel, trim your beard and such like things on the Sabbath; unless in case of great necessity."

So after I had been there a number of day, Mother came to me and with a smile said, "Now you must go home and take care of your Sick Child," by which I knew that she had not forgotten what I had said to her, concerning the Child.

When I returned to my house, I found the Child well, and learned that the button was dislodged from his throat not far from the time that Mother spoke to me - And though the Child thought that the Button went down; yet after the strictest search for Months it could never be found; and yet the Child continued well, and is living at this Present day.

### The Testimony of Ephraim Wetck

The first time that I saw Mother and the Elders I confessed my Sin (at least as far as I could remember) to Father James; and being satisfied that he could see and know all my deeds, I asked him if he knew of any thing more that I had not opened - His answer was this, "I feel the blood of Christ flow all over me, which is a token that you have freed your mind."

After this, when a number of us were together in evroom, Mother came in and said, "Hear my words and understand: It is but a light thing to speak the word to the souls of men, to what it is to really help them - he that helps souls, must have the Spirit of Christ to administer to them, and must take their Infirmities

Infirmities upon him, and be able to Suffer for and bear With them? and So desirous was She, that we Should Get an understanding, that She Repeated it three times.

Again when She was under great Sufferings I went into Her Room and asked if I could do any thing for her Comfort, Her Answer was this, "If you keep the way of God, it is all I desire, and the greatest comfort that I can have in this world."

One time I was walking with Father William when He was Speaking of the war in America and the great Troubles occasioned thereby, He Said "war will never cease Untill God has finished his work with the Nations of the Earth, altho' it may be buried like fire for a Season, yet it Will break out with seven fold Increase among the Nations of the Earth."

I heard Father James Say that "After our Departure Grievous wolves will Rise up and try to devour the flock; But the day of Deliverance to all who are faithful will Surely come." Again when He was Encouraging us to Build our meeting house in Hancock he testified that "Tho' many will fall away, yet God will certainly gather a People in this place who will worship him in Spirit And in Truth;" all of which is fulfilled.

Again he Said, "They that are Called by the Gospel and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of The world to come; if these turn away, there Remaineth No more Sacrifice for sin; but a Certain fearful looking Tor of Judgment, and fiery indignation, which will Come Like mountains of lead upon their Souls."

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# The Testimony of Anna Northrup

The first time I saw Mother I received faith in the Second Appearance of Christ - confess my sins and received the Power of the Holy Ghost - but feeling a Deep Sense of a sinful life I knelt down in prayer to God that I might be forgiven, and Mother said unto me, "I freely forgive thee, And I pray that God may forgive you, and I will go and prepare A place for you, that where I am, there you may come also." At another time in meeting at Nathan Goodrich's in Hancock Mother said I see Ezekiel Goodrich flying from one heaven to Another"! and turning to the believers she said, "Go in and join his Resurrection."! Then she began to sing, and we went forth and Praised the Lord in the dance.

At another time I heard Father James say, "Blessed are The Children of those that believe the Gospel, and those of The Rising generation who touch no unclean thing; They shall suck at every flower, and smell at every Lilly." At another time as he was speaking to the assembly, He turned to the Sisters and said, "Blessed are the Daughters of Zion who trust in Christ Jesus, and have no Confidence in The flesh and have happily Escaped the Corrupting men of This Generation."

# The Testimony of Joseph Markham Senr.

In the year 1781 I went to Waterliet to see Mother and the Elders; and there were there at that time two men there by The names of Abraham and Asa Permary; who had fallen From the faith, and come desired to be Restored - Mother Laboured with them in public & said, "I know what

you you have said about me; for there are spirits who tell me what you have said" - She then told them many things which they had spoken about her, and they acknowledged that she had told them the truth - and they were revived again.

After this Mother and the Elders came to Enfield (Connecticut) and a woman in conversation with Mother enquired when she was converted - "Converted! (said Mother) I converse with God every day, face to face."

When Mother was at Harvard I went to see her - as I got there, she came into the room and sat down and spoke thus - "I have seen a mob in vision and I saw two women Angels also standing by them, by which I know that we shall continue here a while in peace."

After this Mother was in labour with a woman who was an unbeliever, and I saw Mother touch Lucy Wood (a believing sister) with one of her fingers, and it filled her with great operations of the power of God; and then she came and took me by the hand, and I was filled with with Power of God, which was manifested in diverse operations.

At Ashfield I heard Mother say, "I have seen a vision - I saw my self flying up a great gulf - I had great wings; and with the end of my wings, I uncovered the dead who lay on the banks of the gulf." - Again I heard ~~Mother~~ her say, "I have seen a great number (who had been dead) labouring in the worship of God - they had come out of great tribulation - There is no danger of these for they have had hell enough - but Man in the flesh, is always in danger."

At Harvard I heard Mother say, "Shadrach Ireland\* has been to see me, and I made labours with him but he would not believe; therefore

Therefore he went to hell, and the Souls in hell were  
Frightened at him, because his torment was so much greater  
Than theirs; but he will never come out untill some of his  
People find their Redemption."

At Waterloot (in Presence of a number of Believers) I  
Heard Mother Say, "I now see fairs, I will not tell you as  
The Stars of Heaven, but as the Sands on the Sea Shore."

Again while I was there (with a number of others) She Passed  
Through the Room, and with a Smile, Said - "We must save  
Lucy (Wright) if we can, for if we save her it will be equal  
To saving a nation."

At Enfield Father James lifted up his hands, and  
They shook by the mighty power of God, and he testified saying, "This  
is the Gospel! this is the Gospel! and if any man preach  
Any other Gospel, let him be accursed." I also heard him say to  
The Brethren and Sisters, "I can tell you how you may know  
The way of God - The way of God is right against a Carnal  
Nature; and a Carnal nature is right against God  
And Christ has come to destroy a Carnal nature."

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\* Shadrach Ireland was a man who had formerly Received great  
Light, and drew after him many followers; but before his  
Decease, he fell from the light which he had Received, and  
And Deceased at Harvard not long before the Gospel opened



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## The testimony of Asa Patten

In the year 1783 or 4 I went to Wateroliet to see Mother and the Elders - soon after my arrival, the believers assembled in the meeting-house, and the Elders came forth with a sharp testimony against sin - shewing the necessity of every soul waking up, and labouring to feel their union to God.

The second evening after my arrival, Father James came into meeting and addressed himself to the brethren and sisters in the following words - "I would be glad to speak a few words - tho' I would not speak any thing that is too hard for you to understand. - I believe that I was six hours (last night) in the belly of hell! - indeed I know that I was, and did preach to the spirit in prison - and I never knew until then what that passage in scripture signified which saith, that "one day with the Lord, is as a thousand years and a thousand years as one day" - But now I can testify by what I have seen and felt; that a soul that has been in hell but one day, it appears to him like a thousand years - for the horror of souls in hell is so extreme, and their banishment from God so great, that they cannot measure time. - It is called the Bottomless pit, and souls in it feel themselves continually sinking further and further from God: and what still increases their torment - they can see no way out. -

If a man should live to the age of Methuselah and go thro' all the miseries of this life, it could not be compared with his suffering one day in Hell. - "When I saw the state of the damned I shuddered at the awful prospect."

At Enfield he opened another vision He said, "I saw a day when souls would wake up by the power of God - even ancient people in great multitudes shaking to the ends of their fingers."

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## The testimony of Abel Allen

The first time that I saw Mother, She was at Harvard - She inquired after my Relation, and I told her according to the best of my knowledge; after this She said, "go home cry to God, and put your things in order, and then visit your Relation - for you may be the instrument of bringing them all into the faith." Just as I was taking my leave of her, there came three men, who informed the Church that they were sent by a mob of three thousand men, to warn them to leave the town immediately; otherwise they would come and drive them out.

It was then in the evening - however I started for home and came three miles, and put up at a believer's house - here I was filled with doubts in Relation to the way of God. - Soon after I had put up, Mother and the Elders came in (for they had fled from their persecutors) - However my doubts and darkness still increased; and Mother came into the Room with a lighted candle in her hand, and walked round the Room; but I drew back into the dark to keep out of her sight - And as Mother stood by Father Joseph, She said, "Joseph, how came you here to night?" He answered, "I had a gift to come," "So you had," (said She) now he had been a journey, and was returning to see Mother where She had been before She was warned out of the place - but feeling a particular gift, he came to the place where She had resided, tho' it was directly out of the Road to the place where She had resided. But as She continued walking the floor, I was watching and judging thro' a spirit of unbelief - At length She said to the Elders, "Did you ever see any uncleanness in me?" They answered Nay - She then turned to me and said, "I would not give way to unbelief, it is a damning sin" - And from that time I have never had the least doubt in my mind concerning the way of God. I returned home as Mother bade me

Me and visited my Relation in Tyingham and she all  
 received faith in the Gospel according to her words - and  
 They are all in the faith at this day.

At Waterliet Mother came into a Room (where  
 there was a number of Brethren) and Enquired what we  
 had been saying concerning the Antichristian World (for  
 we were speaking about them) after we had informed  
 her she spake with great power and said, "They will build  
 up, but God will pull down! They will build up, but God  
 will pull down! untill they can build no more; but you  
 will have nothing to do with it."

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### The testimony of Luther Cogswell,

At Hamock I heard Father James say, "I warn you  
 Brethren, not to be overcome with the cares of this world;  
 Lest your souls loose the power of God, and you become  
 lean and barren." and at Ashfield, he came forth with  
 a testimony against sin, which made every feeling  
 soul repent till the floor was wet with tears - after  
 this he gave us liberty to go to rest. He then left the  
 Room - but soon returned and said, "I cannot go to bed  
 - The manna falls from heaven like sweet smelling  
 Myrror! which is the fruits of Repentance -"

Blessed are the children of those who believe; and  
 the rising generation who do no unclean thing:  
 For we have a blessed altar, and it is placed in the  
 Garden of Eden! No one has a right to eat thereof  
 of, but such as hate lust.

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## The testimony of Hannah Tallcott

The first time that Timothy Johnson saw Mother was at Waterliet (I went in company with him) we had not been there long, before Mother came into the room, and looked at him, and said, "Judas has come! Judas has come!" Nevertheless Timothy received faith - opened his mind, and continued very zealous for a time - after which he fell away and became a bitter enemy to God, and his people. And Father James prophesied in a public assembly saying; "If Timothy Johnson dies the common death of all men then know that the Lord has not spoken by me."

But as Timothy prospered in the things of this world for a number of years, he boasted of his prosperity and spoke enviously against Father James and said, "James Whittaker was a false prophet, for he has prophesied falsely concerning me."

At another time he being asked what he thought of Father James's prophecy concerning him, he tauntingly replied "I defy the spirit that he spoke by! and all the power that is among the Shakers to bring it upon me!" Soon after he spoke these words, this miserable man fell headlong from his horse and fractured his skull to that degree that he remained senseless until he expired.

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## The testimony of Eliphaz Comstock

When Mother was at Corfield there came a woman to see her (by the name of Tryphena Perkins) who made a great profession of Christianity, but Mother (in the hearing of a number) testified to her saying, "You are a filthy whore." This greatly offended her  
She

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She went away and reported the abuse which the truth  
had given her - this put sufficient weapons into the  
hands of Mother Enemies (as they thought) "Now we can  
prove, said they) that she is a false Prophet! and we intend  
to take her with a writ for defamation, for we can prove for  
a certainty that Tryphena is not like other woman, and is  
therefore incapable of such works." She was called a great  
Christian and (out of necessity) a pure Virgin - all false  
For she was soon found to be with child by a married man!  
This was well known through the town of Enfield in so much  
that Mother's enemies were greatly ashamed and laid aside  
their weapons for that time.

At Nathan Rindel's in Woburn I heard Mother say  
"When I was in England there was a great mob gathered against  
me (to the amount of some hundreds) they brought a rope to  
bind me, but the power of God was so great upon me that  
they could not; so they dragged me out and put me in a cart  
and drove through the streets - the streets and cob were full of  
people, who threw mud, horse dung and all manner of filthy  
stuff (which they could get) into my face, then carried  
me to the court house (as the court was then sitting) and the  
judges gave me liberty to speak my faith without being  
molested and I did not spare them."

Father James said, "When we were in England  
some of us had to go twenty miles to meeting - one Saturday  
night

Night while on our Journey we Sat down by the Side of the Road to Eat some Victuals while I was Siting there I Saw a Vision of America - And I saw a large tree Every leaf thereof Shone with that brightness that made it appear like a burning Torch representing the Church of Christ which will yet be Established in this Land. After my company had Refreshed Themselves they traveled on, and led me a Considerable before My Vision ceased - "We traveled nights on account of Persecution?"

Father James Spake to Samuel Eaton and others Concerning the words of Christ - which are these - "When I am Lifted up there will I draw all men unto me" - Father James said that "This Gospel of the Kingdom will be Preached to all Nations, and when this Gospel is Preached to all Nations then Christ will be lifted up and will draw All men to him for judgment - either for life or death."

### The testimony of Asa Allen,

The first time that I Saw Mother and the Elders They Were at Stafford - and as I had heard many Reports Concerning them, Suchlike as witch craft and all manner of Evil; I was determined to go and See, hear and Judge For my Self - accordingly I went and had some Conversation with Mother and the Elders, then Returned home & Went again the next day - when I arrived at the door it Stood open. I had opportunity to See them Rise from the Table and kneel down with thankful hearts to God for  
-his



His mercies - after they arose Mother turned to me and said, "Man thy heart feels to me as hard as the nether mill Stone - We are of that Community that worship God in The Spirit and Rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh - and can truly testify to all Souls, that God has laid a sure foundation of an Everlasting Kingdom of Righteousness and peace which never can be moved or Shaken; and he that is to Rule there in is Christ: and of the increase of his government and peace, there shall be no end." By this time I was fully convinced that what I had heard was the word of God to me, and was Desirous to know how I could find my Relation to the Kingdom of Christ now made manifest - and was answered in these words, "The first offering that God will Accept of a Sinner is, to make a true Confession of all Sin in his knowledge and forsake them forever" - I readily Complied and Confessed my Sins before one of the Elders. - Again Mother said, "They that through faith and Obedience Find a just Relation to Christ thus Revealed, will of all Souls Be the most Blessed - I see it I know it and God will pour His blessing upon them like Showers of Rain from Heaven."

One time at Wateroliet I heard Father William Speak To young Daniel Rathburn saying, "Daniel you will soon Be a Devouring Wolf except you turn about, it is Sure as God is true! and an Enemy indeed you will be to the way And People of God! But Remember this if you turn from The way of God - his Judgments will follow you - Not Long

Long after this, Daniel forsook the way of God - and thought  
He flourished for a while like the green bay tree - yet the  
Judgment of God overtook him at a time, and in a manner  
Which he looked not for - - - He built a large house &  
called his friends and neighbours to attend his house-warming  
While they were there he spoke to them on this manner -

When I was among the Shakers the ~~Widder~~ woman whom  
They call Mother brought me very near to her - but She told  
Me that if I ever left that People, I should not prosper, but  
Should come under the Judgment of God - Now you may see  
That I have prospered, and <sup>that</sup> She is proved to be a false Prop-  
-het." - - - At this time he appointed a Ball at his house &  
Invited them to attend, but before the day appointed, three  
Of his family had to be buried! firstly he was caught in his  
Mill and so broken to pieces that he expired in a few days  
Though he lived untill two of his offspring were buried  
(viz) his Daughter, and grand-child - - - Thus Mother  
And the Elders were proved to be true Prophets.

### The testimony of Lot Pease

I went to see Mother when She was at Harvard -  
I arrived there in the Evening the next morning Mother  
asked me concerning my kindred, I told Her that my oldest  
Brother (Peter) went to Sea and came home sick and died  
In the year 1755 - The next morning Mother came to me &  
said "You did not tell me right about your Brothers (it then  
came to my mind that I had a brother Samuel older than  
Peter

Peter - and that he died in the 22 year of his age) I saw your Brother Samuel come to Judgment last night - now you must go home and tell your Father that Samuel has come to Judgment with you, and tell your Father that it will go ill with him if he does not Repent." I went home and did the Message which put him into great Consternation.

At another time Father James chastised me for a false Religion, I told him that it was but a short time that I made any profession of Religion - Father James said, "No matter for that your natural Relation are very much sunk in an old rotten Profession, and if you do not Separate your self from them, their Sins will become your Sins." Mother said, "That is the truth."

### The testimony of Caleb Pease,

After Mother's decease Father James came to Enfield, & He came into meeting on the Sabbath and kneeled down And all the believers kneeled with him, and he opened his mouth and said, "God hath committed the Gospel to My trust" the tears then rolled down his cheeks, and He said, I Pray that God would lay nothing to my charge - I Pray that God would lay nothing to my charge - Christ is Revealed! I feel his power in Sorrow and love! God hath blessed me with a broken heart and Godly sorrows for Sin." He then arose from his knees, and there were a number of unbelievers present who seemed to make light of the work of God - Father James turned to them and said, "I



I desire you would behave your selves, or peaceably with-  
 draw; for we have an order, and I will contend for it to the  
 Price of my blood! I say I desire you would behave your  
 selves or peaceably withdraw" His words were with such power  
 of God that the most haughty Countenances fell and all  
 gave the strictest attention: He then preached the Gospel of  
 self denial and the Cross, and the necessity of Confessing and  
 Forsaking all Sin. And after this he said, "As you treat  
 This Gospel, so God will treat you - if you slight it God will  
 slight you; if you regard it God will regard you: for as the  
 Testimony of Noah Condemned the old World, so shall this pre-  
 sent Testimony condemn the present generation".

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### The testimony of Nathan Fiffany

The first time that I saw Mother she told me the manner of  
 Her travel in England, she said I traveled in that tribulation,  
 Ringing my hands and crying to God untill the blood gushed  
 out from under my nails, and with tears flowing down my cheeks  
 untill the skin cleaved off, and you are not a going to find  
 redemption any cheaper than I (according to your plan)

At the same time Father William spoke to me and said, "You  
 are called by the Gospel and if you are faithful you  
 will receive those gifts that if you take up serpents they  
 will not bite you and if you drink any deadly pison it shall  
 not hurt you."

At another time I was at Waterliet when there  
 was a large number of believers there, and we took our

lodging

Lodging on the floor - Some time in the latter part of  
 The night I awoke and heard Mother in labours with the dead;  
 She Spoke Some in her own tongue, and Some in a tongue  
 Which I could not understand, and then Sung out in these words,  
 Come, O ye Dead! Come O ye Dead!" She then Spoke to Some  
 of the Elders and said, "I feel the jaws of Death grasp upon  
 The People! They do not know what we have to go through -  
 I believe you had better call them up and have them go into  
 Labours."

Once I saw Father James kneel down in great  
 Sorrow and prayer to God that when he had done with time on  
 Earth that God would accept him in innocency.

Again he said, "In our humiliation our Judgement will be  
 Taken away, and no Soul will find their Judgement taken  
 away, in any other way."

Mother Spoke to Samuel Pease (in the hearing of  
 His Son Eli, and others) saying, "If you are not more faith-  
 -ful your flesh will Consume away upon your bones while you  
 Stand upon your feet: your blood is Corrupted in your veins I see  
 it in your face" - he soon joined the unclean, & Mothers words were  
 Fulfilled - He lived and died a poor Distressed object.

### The testimony of Lucy Markham

At a certain time I was at Harvard and Mother Spoke to me  
 saying, "You must be Obedient to your husband - he has a Simple  
 Faith, and you must Strengthen his faith, and be Obedient

To him as the Church is to Christ for the husband is the head of  
The wife even as Christ is the head of the Church. If you travel  
And feel might, you will feel that tribulation that you <sup>would</sup> be thank-  
ful to get out of your bed, and call on your hands and knees, to go  
to him, to ask him, to pray for you." - - -

After I returned home I went to bed as usual, and went to sleep -  
But awaking in the night I felt great tribulation, and I  
arose out of bed and knelt down to pray but found no rel-  
-easement: I then remembered the words of Mother, and thought  
I would get off my knees and go into the Room where the  
Man slept, but finding my self unable to arise, I was obliged  
to crawl on my hands and knees through an entry into the Room  
Where he slept and ask him to get up and pray for me which  
He accordingly did, and then I felt released. This gave me  
Great faith in Mother, that she had the Revelation of God.

### The testimony of Hannah Wood,

One time at Enfield Father James came into meeting with  
a very Penetrating gift - Seeming to be in great tribulation  
Mung his hands and groaned in Spirit and said, "Thaddeus  
Billings take care! - Thaddeus Billings I say take care  
For I saw the bright Glory of God pass by thee, and I had  
rather have seen it light on thee." - - Thaddeus appeared  
Much affected and wept bitterly, but soon began to grow  
Obstinate, and became a Reprobate and a bold opposer to  
The Gospel and the faith which he had just been trying  
To build up.

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Furthermore Father James said, "I have ministered unto you the words of Eternal life, and washed my hands in innocence; and if there are but five souls that keep their faith they will overcome all nations. — There are many souls that would be thankful for this Gospel if they could but have it — being sick of the flesh, but can see no way to escape it poor woman crying to God in their troubles — and God is not deaf to such cries: But I thank God that I never wronged any woman! and I thank God that I never had carnal knowledge of any woman."

Upon hearing these words a certain woman made answer, "James Whittaker is the Son of God!" and repeated it three times: Father James replied and said, "There is a certain woman in this assembly that says that James Whittaker is the Son of God! and I refuse to deny it: for as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the Sons of God?"

One time at Waterdiet there came a man who had been a Believer, but through transgression had lost his union, but still desired to seek for mercy — Father James assembled all the Brethren and Sisters then present into the meeting-house. This poor man came in with the rest, and kneeled down before Father James with an unrelenting heart, he could not shed a tear; Father James looked upon him with compassion and said, "Repeat these words after me — O Lord is thy mercy clean gone!" and as soon as he had repeated these words the tears gushed from his eyes, and Father James said, "I thank God that there is mercy yet in Zion." — — — —

## The testimony of Mary Fiffany

The first time that I saw Mother was at Enfield when I came into the Room where she was I kneeled down before her she said, "do not kneel to me, but kneel to God, for I am but your Fellow Servant." I do not kneel down to you, but I come to you upon the bending knees of my Soul the next night I went to see her, and she said, "I see your deceased kindred all around you" - I asked if it was my Mother or my Child - she said, "it is all of they kindred both upon your Father's and Mother's Side, they are near to you than I am" - she invited me to come and see her the next day - accordingly I went; and with a number of Sisters went into her Room and asked her how she did; her answer was this, "I have been under great sufferings for the dead last night, and I saw your Souls in Vision, as plain as I can see your bodies, standing shoulder to shoulder clothed in white! - do you hear me Molly?" (I answered yea Mother) she said, "I saw your Soul clothed with a long white Robe down to your feet."

At another time Mother said, "After I opened my mind and sat out in my travel I received great power of God, & in my travel it was revealed to me what the loss of man was - and it was the lust of the flesh: my Husband was opposed to me, and went and complained of me to the Church (to which I had formerly belonged) and the Church opposed my Testimony and tried to persuade me to give it up; but I had to stand the test against my husband, my Relation and the Church

Church; and I soon received that Power of God that my Bed would rock under me, and my husband was Glad to Leave it— and in my travel and tribulation, my sufferings were so great that my flesh Consumed upon my bones and Bloody Sweet pressed through the pores of my Skin, and I became as helpless as an infant, and when I was brought through and born into the Spiritual Kingdom, I was like an infant Just born into the world — They see colours and objects, but they know not what they see; and so it was with me when I was born into the Spiritual world; but before I was twentyfour hours old I saw, and knew what I saw.”

At another time she said to me, “I see the travel of your soul written upon you in great Capital letters, and I can read them as fast as I can speak.” Again she said unto me, “I look into the windows of heaven and see what there is in the invisible world.” As one of the Sisters was speaking concerning Doct<sup>r</sup> Walth, Mother said, “Doct<sup>r</sup> Walth is now in Heaven.”

Father James said to us, “You need not be affraid of losing your lot without you loose them by transgressions: every one must labour in their own lot by seeking to get anothers Lot, you lose your own.”



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