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Introductory Remarks.

The first of the extraordinary supernatural manifestation related in the following pages, was among the youth & children, at the South house, (Waterstreet) It was noticed in the fore part of August, 1837. —

The female youth & children had practised more or less to assemble on sabbath mornings for the purpose of learning to read, to sing & to labor, in the exercise for worship. In these meetings, some of them were taken with powerful exercise, such as turning, shaking &c.

On the 16 of August Sarah Ogden was taken (about sunset,) with untoward operations of the power of God; Elizabeth Abernetha was taken at the same time & Clarissa Shoefelt was also under divine exercise.

At ½ p. 7 o'cl. P.M. these three were laid on beds. At 8 o'cl. Elizabeth A. began to sing these words, " Where the pretty Angels dwell, Heaven!
Clarissa, where

where the pretty Angels dwell forever!

This was all new & very interesting to us.

Witness { Elizabeth Young
Lydia Wood.

After the family's evening meeting, nearly all the sisters came from the house to a room in the shop where these children were. As soon as they entered the door, the children sprang from their beds & began to turn: & some of those from the house joined in with them, & such a scene cannot be described by mortals, of turning, bowing & shaking &c. &c.

The room was filled with a wonderful display of power, like a mighty rushing wind, which lasted about half an hour.

As they ceased their exercise they fell on the floor & we took them up & laid them on different beds. Elizabeth A. broke out in singing a laboring song. Clarissa sang, as she said, "O how happy pretty little angels are! O how happy! This beautiful little song the sisters learned before they retired to rest."

Clarissa was asked what she saw at this time she replied as follows. "The first I knew Mother Ann came to me & asked me what house I was from, I told her I was from the south house."

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Mother said "Do you know me? I said may.
she said "Did you ever hear of Mother Ann? I
said yes. She said "My name is Mother Ann.
And she said to me you must be good, and mind
your elders, if the rest of the girls do ^{or} not.

She said "I will tell you who your guardian
Angel is, her name is Anna Brient, she will
teach you a little song that I have made for the
little girls to sing."

The children continue on with their gift
of singing; first, one singing at one side of the
room & then the other, at the other side. It was
truly delightful & very entertaining to hear, first Eliz-
abeth sing & then Clarissa.

Their gift lasted till midnight.

The foregoing is but a mere outline of this re-
markable occurrence.

Witnesses —

elders.

Calvin Wells
Asaph Bates.
Elizabeth Youngs
Oliver Ask.
Abigail White
Abigail Gustin
Betsey Gustin
Elizabeth Hawley

Mariah Reynolds
Lydia Wood.
Anna Clement.
Hvira Remer
Polly Turner
Caroline Parks.
Caroline Dannoy.

Testimonials

In confirmation of the preceding, and similar remarkable effects of divine agency, the following remarks were written. —

Among the many witnesses to the visions and revelations that have taken place in this family, I have been both an eye, and an ear witness to some of the most remarkable; and I have not the least doubt that these gifts and operations were from a good source, or from that spirit where all good cometh.

Calvin Wells.

September 19th 1837

South Family

Waterwich N.Y.

(True copy — Isaac G.)

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I was an eye witness to a considerable part of the above statement, and have not the least doubt of the truth of the whole of it. — Indeed I saw enough I should think, to convince the greatest sceptic that ever existed on earth, of the truth of revelation. —

The fact alone of their conversing in our presence with souls who left the body many years ago, whom they never saw, except in vision, but whom

we knew well, was a striking evidence to me that they really saw those whom they afterwards testified that they did see. — The familiarity with which they appeared to converse with each other was too apparent to admit of a doubt of the reality, from any, unless their hearts were like Pharaoh's, & their unbelief like the Jews of old".

Isaac Bates.

(A true copy. 34.)

Remarks. The above testimonials were written not so much in confirmation of what occurred on the 16th of August; but of what occurred afterwards. Elizabeth & Clarissa both had visions together; viz. on the 10th, 17th & 19th of September. But these are recorded in another book & need not be repeated here.

On the 26th of November these same Sarah, Elizabeth & Clarissa had a vision together, but it was short, & they had some exercise in it, but not a great deal of notice was taken of it.

Elizabeth A's Vision, November 30th '37

Elizabeth related the commencement as follows

"I sat at work in the evening with the sisters, I fell over, as I sat in the chair.

I found myself at the white house^(#), and Betsey Briant came and took me in, to Mother Ann; & she told me I was going to see very bad spirits & I must "war there". That was all she said.

It is likely that Elizabeth began her warring with the evil spirits soon after Mother spoke to her, and what she did in spirit was undoubtedly acted externally, for she was greatly exercised in warlike actions & hostile language, in which she seemed to be seriously engaged in controversy with some invisible beings, upbraiding them of wickedness, & numerous hateful & odious qualities accusing them to the face, demeaning & ridiculing them with satirical expressions, mocking & mimicing with grotesque gestures & distorted features & sarcastic grimaces!

She even seemed to be in actual combat & plainly acted it out & at one time said "My fists can do more than your pistols!" — The sisters in the family gathered into the room to see this wonderful exhibition of the operation of the invisible spirit. This scene of warfare lasted about two hours.

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After this, she went to nearly all the sisters in the room, to find out who was sweet & who was not sweet! till all who were present felt very sensible that she was divinely inspired with a true & very searching gift.

Remarks. This vision began about 6 o'cl. in the evening & continued till 10 o'cl. i. e. 4 hours.

As to what the visionists saw themselves, very little is stated; it however corresponded with what was externally displayed. And as to the outward part; but a mere sketch is here stated, many very interesting particulars are left untold; indeed all that could be written would be but a shadow, compared to a personal interview of the scene.

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Elizabeth A's Vision December 2: 1837

“About $\frac{1}{2}$ past ^{A.M.} 6. I sat looking out at the window, viewing the clouds: the first I knew I was in the white house and Betsey Bryant came and took me by the hand, & led me thro' a hall, into 2 rooms, into a room where Jesus, & Fr. William & Mother Lucy were sitting.

Mother said to me, “You are going to see very bad spirits. And Betsey took me into a room where the spirits were. There were good spirits on one side of the room, and evil spirits on the other. Betsey left me and went out of the room. Then the evil spirits began to fight me. They tried to overcome me, but I told them they could not. I then began to sing & dance

in their awkward manner, and tried to imitate them. — — After the evil spirits had tried some time to overcome me, and could not, they went off. I then went to the good spirits, and Ann Mariah Goff was there with me. They talked about Olleyett, Gibbs, said she was coming six times, and then was coming to stay a long time, we asked if she was going to stay for good, they said nay.

From here we went into a room where Jesus was going to judge the wicked. Then they came forward to be judged. The first that came, looked like a cloud. There were 500 of them. Jesus waved his hand & they all went down into a dark

room, except a few who were saved!

Of those wicked one who were cast out, five were chained to one post; one was chained to the floor, and a stone laid over his mouth.

One was chained on his knees, and a stone laid on his head! Then I came out of that place, and saw Jesus standing, and I looked and saw the wicked at a distance, & there were two hundred of them, and they fired pistols at our savior! but they could not hurt him. After they had fired at him a while, they dropped their weapons, and walked up before him, & he judged them. And there was one good one among them; & the rest were sent down into the dark room, and he shut the door on them. After these there came up one hundred more & he judged them also: there were some good ones among these & the rest were sent away as before.

^{Betsy} Then Jesus went into a room, & I took Ann Mariak & me to him, where he was sitting by a table. He opened something and took out a very large book, and opened to a place where there was some writing, He asked me if I could read, I told him I could not.

Then he asked Ann Mariak if she could read, she replied nay. He asked her if them people at the second family were any better than they had been, & she said "I do not know" Then Jesus turned

back

to the page that he first opened, and read a piece, and said "Depart from me all that is evil" Then I heard a chair snap, & I looked & saw a female get up & go out of the room.* — Jesus then said, look on the other side of the room, and after he read three times three males went out of the room.

Then Jesus went round and talked to the sisters, and one of them felt very bad, and after Jesus talked to her, she felt better.

After that Mother Ann came into the room; and took Ann Mariah and me & went out, where we met those that had been judged and sent out, and they gazed at us, and Jesus said to them; "Look on your right arms & repent: —

Then Mother Ann took me into a room where Betsey, my guide, was, and took Ann Mariah away. Then Jesus came into the room & stood a while & I saw some awful creature come up & stand before him. He appeared to be all horns, and they were smoking at the tips! Next came up one that appeared to be all eyes, and was looking every way to see what he could see. Then came up one that was all ears; to appearance! He turned his ears every way & seemed to be trying to hear all he could. — After this Betsey took me to Mother Ann & she talked with me a spell & after she stopped talking, I came to myself. —
Elizabeth Abernethy

* Note. Phoebe Hodge was taken away to the world the next Wednesday, the 6th she was in her 10th year. Whether the vision alluded to this, is not certainly known.

Remarks. The foregoing vision was related by Elizabeth A. to E. Elizabeth Youngs, who wrote it down.

It is however but a very short statement & contains but a mere sketch of what she undoubtedly saw in her vision. It appears Elizabeth was alone when she was taken in her vision, for when she was first found she lay on the floor, and was put into a chair, and remained there a while, and was then laid on a bed. - From here she got up & labored, or exercised pavidly. Her eyes at times being rolled up & turned very much inward, but evidently without seeing anything of natural things.

She was much exercised great part of the time, and acted out a great deal of her sensations in spirit, but not in such a distinct manner that a bystander could gather much idea of what she saw, tho' she would occasionally talk out more or less.

This vision lasted six hours, i. e. from $\frac{1}{2}$ p. 6 in the morning till $\frac{1}{2}$ p. 12 at noon.

Oliver Cook & Ann Potter & others were by.
So testifies Elizabeth Youngs.

Waterloot, December 3 - 1837.

On Sabbath day, while at a powerful meeting at the Meeting house, Sarah Ogden, Elizabeth Ann, Emma & Clarissa Shoafelt were all taken under operations of supernatural power, particularly in the exercise of turning, which is usually the case in the first commencement of all these operations & gifts of visions with which these young sisters have been visited. No tongue can tell, no pen describe, & scarcely can any heart believe, without inspiration or by being convinced from being an eye witness, the wonderful manifestations in these extraordinary gifts.

These three young sisters were all carried out of the Meeting house, straight & stiff as tho' they were dead corpses, & lifted into the waggon, bro't home & taken out of the waggon, one after the other and carried into the house, by the strength of others, and laid on to beds.

They performed the usual exercise, thro' nearly all the time of meeting, at the Meeting house, in their common senses, before going into their visionary state. And then they performed various exercises thro' the afternoon, till the going down of the sun, without a morsel of refreshment, even to a drop of water, from break fast time till in the evening.

Thro' almost the whole of the time of their trance they were continually in motion, or exercised in some manner, externally, in singing.

or laboring in exercise of worship: or acting out when they walked or ran, to their sense in spirit.

When they ran in spirit they acted it out by a quick motion of the feet & legs, and the walk-
in was a similar motion, only slower. Their walking or running was easily distinguished by those acquainted with it, from their other exer-
cises, whether in a chair or on the bed.

Their going up stairs was different from either, it consisted in placing the heel of one foot on the toe of the other & letting it fall off, first one foot & then the other. — in a slower movement than walking.

Considerable of their time was past, to outward appearance, as tho' they were alone in a room togeth-
er, and tho' that no one saw them. In this case they often diverted themselves in playsome exer-
cise, & seemed to those present as tho' running from one side of the room to the other, talking, laugh-
ing and playing together like children, tho in a mild, pleasant & innocent manner.

When they came out of their trances & as-
sumed their usual senses, their countenances chang-
ed immediately & their appearance & conduct was entirely different; they instantly endeavored to get out of sight of the spectators; they felt so mortified to find themselves in such a condition, being suddenly apprised that they had been seen all the while, & that they had acted out before the company, how much, or what, they knew not, that they ran into an adjoining clothes room to hide.

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Benjamin Youngs being one that was present - we in after them, as if to tame or quiet their feelings.

Soon after they were enquired of, whether they did not see the brethren and sisters in the room in the time of their vision? they said nay.

Did you not know any one? Nay. Did you see Elder Benjamin? "Nay", said they, "not till he came to see us in the clothes room!" —

Various questions were asked them; thus, Elizabeth, what did you see in your vision? Answer. "Not much to day, we went to the white house, and saw Mother Ann. And a sister took us into a room and told us to stay there"

Clarissa, what did you see. Ans^r - We went to the white house, and saw Mother Ann, and a sister took us into a room, & left us, and we ran round, and labored and sung, and went out and looked round some; and we went onto a pretty mountain, there we conversed together, I said "Ann Mariak has come". I asked her how she got there; Elizabeth said, "Did you fly up here". — And we said "how pretty it is up here."

These expressions were spoken out, and were heard by those who were present.

Sarah, where did you go this time? — Answer, I went to the white house, I saw them in meeting, and then we went into a room by ourselves, and

we were there till we had liberty to come home."

A good many persons were present at this time. There did not seem to be a great deal of an important nature that took place, to outward appearance. They were nevertheless evidently under a supernatural influence, and saw & heard a good deal in their trances, which was gone from them when they came to themselves. —

The scene lasted about 6 hours. —

First written in substance by Elizabeth Youngs.

Wateroliet December 4: 37

Journey to the city of David

By Elizabeth Abernethy. "On Monday at

3 o'cl. P.M. I was sitting at my work, and the first thing I knew I stood in a room with Betsy Bryant, my guide, in the white house, and she took me to Mother Ann; and all she said to me was "You are going to see a very beautiful city."

Betsy took me by the hand and walked in a path a great ways, and opened a gate and walked on, till we came to a river, which Betsy called Bless river. There were two prophets that stood & took hold of something that looked like a vat, and lifted it up, & I looked under the river, and it was dry, & the prophets set it down into the same place again, and there appeared to be something

gone, but soon the water came up, and filled the river as before. We travelled on again & came to another river, which was called the red river; again another, called the cold river, again the 4th river, was called the hot river, then again, the fifth river we came to was called the river of Love.

Then she went with me on to a bridge; she walked over the bridge with me, and took me by the hand, and we stood there. And while we stood still there were twelve loads of gold coming from the mountain on the west side of this river, and they passed over this bridge, to a mountain on the east side. Betsy went with me to the west mountain we went up to the top & looked, and there was something like a cover, and Betsy lifted it up, & there was gold and silver in abundance. It was bright & laid stored away in pieces. Betsy shut down this cover, & we went down the mountain again, by the same way we came, & crossed the same bridge, & went on to east mountain, & to the top of it; here Betsy lifted up something like a trap door, we looked down & there we saw the same loads of gold passing thro' the inside of this mountain!

This east mountain was white, with a row of something green on the top, which was very pretty. We went down on the east side and stopped on a golden path, where there was a street that appeared to be paved with something that was not gold, but there was a golden path straight thro' the middle of the

street. On each side of this street were six white houses, & six white trees stood before each house; and a golden path for each row of houses, like a side walk. We walked up, on the middle path, till we came to the end of the street; & Betsy turned a corner & went in to a garden. In one corner was a little spring, & a pail & cup were there.

Then Betsy gave me some of the water to drink.

From here we went into a dark place, where there appeared to be something like hooks. Betsy told me to climb up those hooks. Then I went up on them, till my head hit against something, and Betsy came & opened a door that let me up, on to a very large platform. When we got there, I saw Jesus, Mother Ann, Father William, Mother Lucy; and there were a great many brethren & sisters there also. This was a very pleasant place, for we could see the rivers and Mountains a great way off. Those on this place appeared to be walking about, and taking satisfaction in viewing the heavens.

From this Betsy took me down the same hooks, thro the same garden, and on the way, as we were going to the white house, to see Mother & on the road to Mother's house, she stopped me, & took me into a room that was full of stars; from here we went to Mother Ann's room; Jesus, Fr. William & Mother Lucy were there. They manifested their feelings in relation to the South family.

Jesus said there were two or three brethren

that were dead in sin, and they must wake up and confess their sins & repent.

Mother Lucy said the south family needed repentance, there was none that needed repentance more than they did.

Mother Ann said Jesus came with an armful of stars, saturday evening, to the south family but some of them were so wicked, that he could not bring them into meeting, and then he let them out in the dooryard yard!

Jesus & Mother said if the south family could repent they might be saved. Patsy told who it was that Jesus spoke to on saturday. # One of the sisters was very bad, and Jesus went to her, and told her that she was afraid that she had not been honest to confess her sins, but he said that she had been honest, and she must look pleasant & pretty, and not be so cast down: and she felt better after Jesus had spoken comforting to her."

The foregoing is the true substance of what Elizabeth related of her vision.

After Elizabeth had finished her journey in the world of spirits, and came to her self, she arose up in bed & said, "I am thankful for my privilege here: I am thankful that you took me in; I am thankful that you have kept me here. &c.

Her spirit was lovely & pretty.

She was taken in vision at 3 o'cl. P.M. & lay silent four hours, & exhibited but very little outwardly

See the vision of December 2 -

of what she saw, excepting one time, which was when she was at the spring, in the garden. Here she was greatly animated, she spoke out & said "how pretty, Betsy! this is a pretty place! What a pretty spring, Betsy!" — Spatting her hands softly, & motioning her hands, with rapturous expressions of love & joy. — Part of the time while in her vision her countenance was like that of a corpse, solemn as death, but yet heavenly to look upon.

Part of the time she was pleasant & beautiful, beyond description.

Witnesses — Elizabeth Youngs —
Elija Ast.

Written by E. Elizabeth Y. December 14th 1837.

Watersliet; December 14th '37

Clarissa Schoefelt's exercise.

She was first taken in the spirit under powerful exercise, & soon appeared to be in great distress. She began warring evil spirits. It seemed as tho' unfaithful souls were bro't before her, and she had divinely inspired with a searching gift, to know the spiritual state of those she saw, particularly of individuals who are yet in the body!

She spoke to those who were presented to her, she labored to show them their state, she upbraided them of their wrongs, and exposed their sins,

The sisters that were present were alarmed, for fear that their destiny would come next!

The condition of the brethren was also brought to view. She took them one by one. To one she would say "I tho't you was a better believer than that! Shame on you! The Lord sees you! It makes me sick at my stomach to see your sin! O shame on you!"

"Here is another one" calling him by name.

"You are mighty fine before your elders, you can speak fine faith in meeting, you try to speak great words but you are nothing at all!"

"O!" says she "Here is a second family brother (calling him by name) he comes here with his hands all spread out! and addressing herself to

him she says, "You are trying to gather the young to you, and make them believe that you are some great one! with all your sparkling stars! — but God sees you!" — Then speaking of him, she said, "His spirit says 'I do not love Mother Ann! she is trying to gather the young ones with fine things, by singing pretty songs for them & learning them to dance new manners! but I can sing and dance as well as they. I can learn them how to sing and dance as well as she can!'"

By this time Clarissa's ministrations became so plain and pointed that for fear that her gift would not work for good to all that were present, we took her out of this room where a number had collected, & put her in a room where Elizabeth then lay, silently in vision, and laid on a couch on the floor.

She continued her exercises and labors with wicked and unfaithful ones for some time. At length Elizabeth and Clarissa found each other in spirit, and they seemed to have a good understanding together & were well united in the same gift, and knew who were wicked, for they had been made, by the heart-searching spirit of inspiration to see who lived in sin in the family.

Clarissa said "I do not see why it is that I have to war with these evil spirits as I do."

When Elizabeth was relating what Jesus and Mother said, Clarissa sat by her, on the side of the bed and seemed to unite with her in her gift — & to participate in her feelings; and

to share in her joys. After they passed some time together in a variety of ways, they rose up went to singing & laboring, as in exercise for worship.

They sung a new song, and walked about the room, till they came out of their vision, having been in about 9 hours.

Witnesses } Elizabeth Youngs
 } Eliza Ask.

Written by Elizabeth Youngs
December 14th 1837. —

Remarks. It is an indisputable truth that these two little visionists were divinely inspired with a knowledge of the secret state of individuals in the family; for those things were brought to light that no mortal could have known ^{but} by divine influence. And so evident it was, that all present were struck with a conviction of it, and those who were not in good standing in some respects, felt fear and dread lest they should be exposed, and in this way those gifts had a good tendency to wake up the negligent to a sense of their faith & to be more faithful. —

Eliza Ask testifies that at the time when some things were spoken in the vision, she felt sorrowful & wept, and was sitting out of sight of the visionists, and they both sprung up and came to her & tried to comfort her, because she was crying! Eliza asked them how they knew that

she "was crying"? They said "Mother told them so!

This was all acted & spoken outwardly, while they were in ^{the} spirit!

As to the names of those individuals who were admonished in these visions, it will doubtless be admitted by all that it would not be expedient to write them here. It does not alter the nature or truth of the vision in the least, whether names in such cases be mentioned or not.

It is enough that names were mentioned & that what was said concerning them, corresponded so well with known facts in some particulars as to confirm the truth of the whole.

Nor should we reflect too severely on individuals who may be exposed in this way; for a good believer, & one who is sincerely striving to do well, may have some predominant failing, or be buffeted & tempted in certain points, and such things may be exposed and reproof for good & wise purposes; & tho' the vision may be sure & unerring, we ought not judge hastily concerning those who may be exposed, but put on charity, & consider that we ourselves also need charity.

Waterliet December 3rd 1837

Elizabeth Abernetha's trance.

The internal part, as related by herself.

I was sitting in my chair, with my work in my hands, (about 11 o'cl. A.M.) I felt very singular. I rose up & stood by the window, and some of the young sisters came to me and took hold of me, and I fell down. As soon as I fell, I found myself in a room with Betsy Bryant.

She took hold of my hand and said, "I am going to take you to Mother Ann. — From here she took me thro a long hall and opened a door, into a room where sat Jesus, Mother Ann, Father William and Mother Lucy.

Mother Ann spoke to me about some of our family, who were laboring after visions. She said it was wrong, and they must not do it any more. This was all the gift she had for me at this time, but she said Betsy was going to take ^{me} to the city called Paradise. From here ^{this} Betsy took me into a very small place, where there was something like very little steps. I went up these steps, & as I rose up I stepped on to a path. On this path I ran ^{down} quite a ^{distance} piece, & found that Betsy was by my side. She walked on and opened a gate and took me into a garden. This garden had twelve springs of water in it, and at the head

of every spring there were some flowers.

Betsey said that all the prophets were in this garden." There were two prophets standing by each spring. I did not hear any ^{of their} names.

At the head of the garden there was a spring by itself, and the virgin Mary stood by it, and had a little cup in her hand, and was drinking out of the spring. From here Betsey ^{returned} went with me to the same path that led me to the garden

We walked on ^{some distance} a ways and passed thro a gate into a green place, and there was a black house, and Betsey told me to go up the steps, and she opened a door close by a set of stairs. Betsey said to me "look down", I looked and there was some light in the hall below. On one side it was very dark.

She said "look at this, till I tell you not to look any longer". As I stood looking there was something came running out on four legs, and ran up the stairs where I stood.

It appeared evident that Elizabeth was alarmed about this time. She spoke and said Betsey, I do not want to go there it is so black! What is that black thing? it looks like an old cow!

I ran to Betsey, and the creature passed by us & made a terrible noise. And it ran up another set of stairs, and Betsey and I followed it up, and Betsey opened a door, and there it stood in one corner of the room. We turned around and left that evil spirit, and went down

the same stairs, and walked thro a hall, & out
onto a stoop (or piazza) and then ^{I went some distance} a ways on grass,
till we came to a little fence, and Betsy opened
a gate, and we came on to a path, and walked on a
while, and I saw nothing but the path that I was
on! At length we came to a beautiful path,
and by the side of this we found seven white build-
ings on each side of the path, or road; and we walked
up to the first house, went up the steps, opened a
door, passed thro a hall, and opened a door into a room
where there were some sisters. They all rose up &
told their names, but I cannot remember them;
some of them died at New Lebanon & some at Kentucky.

After they told their names they all sat down;
they all looked happy. Then Betsy went up
stairs with me, and went to a little place and opened
a door into a room that was full of sisters. They
rose up and I walked round to all of them, and they
told their names, but I cannot remember any ex-
cept one, & that was young Lovina Bates.

From here Betsy went with me thro' the
house, and into a garden. The flowers in this gar-
den were all buds. Out of this garden she went
into a little alley, and walked on a path with me quite
a distance, and came to some buildings on each
side of the path, but we did not go into any of them.

She took me into a garden, where there were
a great many flowers; we went thro the garden,

and at the upper end opened a gate, and went on to the path that we had been on before, and walked quite a distance, but did not see any thing of consequence.

At length we came to some bushes, that grew by the path, and they had flowers & yellow leaves on them, and they had black buds in the middle of the flowers.

We turned from here into a path that was fenced up on both sides, and walked in this some distance, and came to a house that looked dark within.

Betsy took me into a room, & it looked very dark here. From ^{here} here we went into a room that was empty; and then we went down stairs and out, into a garden. This garden was full of those yellow flowers that we saw on the way; they grow up straight, and their tops bent over.

Out of the garden we took the path that we had been on when we came to the house. At length we came to a white house, and went into two rooms, but they were empty, & we went out again, and went on to the path, & Betsy said "I am going to take you back again to the white house. So we walked on a straight path, all the way, till we reached the white house. Betsy then took me into Mother Ann's room. After this some (in the body) asked questions, and Mother told me what to answer.

When I got thro' with this, Mother told me I must go and fight with evil spirits; and Betsy walked with me to a room ~~across~~ the same

house. Here I first saw the evil spirits, Carpenter, & Bill Duackingham and many others, and they did fight-like cats and dogs! — I was there till we were ready to come home, then Betsey came and told us that we might come home.

Note. The foregoing was related by Elizabeth A. and written by E. Elizabeth Youngs. But it appears that the relation is extremely short, and very deficient, in many respects, compared with what was exter-
nally exhibited, tho' they in no wise contradict each other. The external part was much the most interesting to us, because it was that which we could recall, and therefore it will be more fully related in the following.

The most remarkable part consisted in the questions that were asked by those who were present, & the answers that were given by the visionist.

External part.

Elizabeth went into her trance about 11 ocl. A.M. and fell on the floor. She was taken up and laid on a bed. Elizabeth did not outwardly exhibit much of what she experienced in the spirit, untill Clarissa having been suddenly taken in vision was bro't in to the same room, about 1/2 past 1 ocl. P.M.

They soon seemed to find each other, and were very well united in their feelings. The time was then chiefly taken up in their playful conversation & antic, or childlike conduct, tho' simple and

loving, till past 4 o'clock. It was evident from their movements & conversation that they were to their sense shut up in a room together, where, as they tho't no body could hear or see them: and here they conducted as harmless children would who felt happy & free from restraint, and such was their outward conduct, of which I am now speaking.

After 4 o'cl. as both laid on the bed, Clarissa became very still; but Elizabeth began to sing.

How lovely it is to walk in the way, Which our dear savior has laid.
It brings me more humble, & brings me more low, It brings me right down to the
cross.

Other words also she sung, more or less broken. She repeated what she called a story, thus. "Come little children that live in the gospel, I'll tell you a story that Mother told you. You have not minded it, and you do not care for it. Now I'll tell you once more.

Mother says that we do not feel good, because we are all the time quarrelling and hating each other. Mother says we must leave it off and do it no more, for it is very wrong."

After this there were questions asked, and she answered them.

Question. Elizabeth where are you. Answer. 'I am in Mother's room.

Who is there? — "The Lord Jesus & Mother Ann, Betsey Bryant & Anna Bryant. — What do you sit on? On a stool. Who gave you the stool? Anna Simpson. When are you coming home?"

I not this great while:— How do you know? Betsy says so.— Are there any books there? Yea, Jesus has a big book.— What is there in that book?— O, the names of the folks at the south & second family.— Who writes those names? Jesus.— Did you see any book among the wicked? yea I saw a black book, one that belongs to the Devil.— Who keeps it? "The Devil. keeps his own."

Have you seen Ellyett & Ann Mariah to day? yea, I saw them away off.— How did they feel?

Oh they felt bad.— What did they see? I don't know.

Whom did you see in hell? The Devil was there and Glib-glab, he had not confessed his sins

Here Elizabeth & Clarissa both talked to each other about the sins of some, as tho' they knew who they meant: and Elizabeth said "Clarissa, how do you know the brother's sins, & Clarissa replied, "O I know his sins, Jesus told me his sins! Mother Ann told me! I see his dirty tricks. Jesus says he is a filthy creature!

Elizabeth said, to Clarissa. "What if Elder Calvin should hear what we say about his brothers? What if Elders Elizabeth should hear what we say?!" Clarissa replied "O dear, what should I do! I should feel as if I should die!!"

Here they both made a great ado, as children would, who tho't themselves alone, and was talking over something that they would not have any body hear for all the world. Then one of them said, "Elder Calvin will know their sins."—

Clarissa spoke to E. and said Elizabeth, if Elders Elizabeth

should hear us, she would say we was a couple of girls that know too much!! — After this they began to war evil spirits. — One said, "Now let us sleep in retiring time as they do. Then they got up and sat in chairs, and sat in a very awkward manner, snoring, & nodding &c. as a sleepy, stupid person would in retiring time! One says "I can't help thinking of hog!" Then they went on ridiculing other ungodly ways of such as were poor believers.

Then they were a good ^{while} again making a great ado, supposing any one should hear them, said, 'O if E. Calvin & br. Spachar should hear us, what should we do?! O I should die, near about! But they don't hear, there is no danger.

Then one said, "We must be still now, Mother Anne says we must not behave so. —

One mentioned Ellyett & Ann Mariach, and the other replied that they had gone home now. *

After laying quietly a while Elizabeth rose suddenly, turning her face to a certain direction, as tho' she saw something that took her attention very much, she seemed to stare with surprise, & exclaimed "O how could you stand that, and pretend to be a shaker! O awful! — you are sinking your soul forever! Who is that? Azariah? — See that evil spirit, by the side of him! Who is that? — Jim? Jim Paine? what a name! — He died out among the warts.

After this they went on describing and acting ^{out}

* It should be remarked here that Ellyett and Ann Mariach had both been in vision a short time, this afternoon, which they could not possibly have known, as circumstances were, but by supernatural means.

out the ways of the evil spirits. It seemed to those who were present that in this exercise about the evil spirits, they were signing out the ungodly ways of poor believers.

One said 'When they pray, O how they look!

Here they both knelt down, and acted out how the evil spirits looked, when pretending to pray: kneeling in an awkward careless posture, and looking about.

Elizabeth bowed six times, and said "mother told me to do that." Speaking of evil spirits, one of them said "Jesus says they are so nasty!"

Clarissa said, "O dear I am so happy! Elizabeth

Now again they seem greatly exercised again with the sight of evil spirits. It seemed as tho' some evil spirit was constantly coming up to their view, and they would rise up as if to meet them and drive them off, or shame them, sometimes making mouths at them, and gestures and expressions of ridicule.

Then they rose from the bed, and said, "now let us fight like them." Here they both united in one thing, imitating the evil spirits in fighting, daring each other to the face & making a noise like cats fighting!

They seemed to be particularly engaged with Jim Pane, imitating his fighting with one they called Glib-Glab. One said "Jesus says

he is an imp. Then they knelt and mocked Glib's praying, looking about, gawking at the sisters. Signed out the poor believer, who was only making a pretence. Told how he would work a spell for fear somebody would find fault with him.

Then he would read some nasty books. Then how

he wants secret himself and commit sin, and say I expect to have to confess it, & then say "I cannot believe in confessing sins to man! Then they would war, and act as tho' they were gagging, & say it is enough to make a dog sick! — Then they told how he would tip over, & tip over, (signing it out with their motions) and then straiten up & say Away, I dare not go off, I ha'n't got any home. This we could well understand meant the hauling shaker.

After this we asked more questions.

Have you seen any in hell? "Yea — How does the devil look?" He has black wooly hairs, red eyes, horns sticking up, & feet like horses!

Did you see any there that you knew? "Yea, there was one Carpenter there, & Bill Quackingham. — Are there any there that will never get away?"

"Yea there are some, such as Bill Quackingham, he murdered 10 or 12 persons. Some murder so many that they are never forgiven.

What is the youngest age that ever go to hell?
"As young as 10 or 12 years old."

How does any one ever get out of hell? "They pray, and when the devil finds them praying & wanting to be good he locks them up. But Jesus knows it — & goes to them, & gives them a chance to confess their sins, & if they have repented enough, he takes them away, and when the devil finds he is like to loose them, he tears round dreadfully!

You said you saw young Lovina Bates, was she

she happy? "Yea. — Did you see Abijah Wood? "Yea. — Where was he? In the City of Paradise, he was very happy. And Joel Wood was there. Was he happy? "Yea, middling happy; he had been in the ^{black} hole seven years.

Did you see aged David Meacham? — "Yea; he was in the City of David. — Have you seen Father Joseph? "Yea, he was in the Celestial city.

Have you seen Cain and Abel? "Yea. — Where did you see them? "They were in a room together" — Were they both happy? "Abel was happy, but Cain was not." — But how came Cain to be with Abel? "He is allowed to go once in a while to see, but rather as a punishment for killing Abel!

Did you see Judas? "Yea I saw him in hell chained to a post. — Have you seen any of the prophets? "Yea I have seen a number". — Have you seen the Apostles? "Yea.

After going on with these and such like questions some time, Elizabeth declined answering any more for the present, and they seemed to be exercised in a gift of love, in which they appeared to take much comfort. And after that they had another tower at fighting evil spirits.

They mocked them in eating & drinking, & smelling: in crying & laughing, and were a good while at this. Elizabeth said "there is one that professes to be very simple: he says "I believe I am as simple as any body! — After fighting & mocking & shaming these evil spirits some time Elizabeth said "There, I have got one old devil away,

he don't know how to fight: he'd better keep away,
if he do n't know better how to fight.

Br. Spachar asked Elizabeth who sung that song to him?
She said it was Betsey Bryant. *

We proceeded to ask more questions.

Have you seen William Safford? "Yea."

Have you seen Benjamin Bruce? "Nay." William
Hammond? "Nay." Daniel Jacobs? "Yea. —

Have you seen John Farrington? "Yea. — where was
he? "In a big room, reading." — Have you

seen Olive Spencer? "Yea." Lucinda Cole? "Yea."

They were both happy. — Have you seen Garret
to day? "Yea." how was he? "not very happy
nor unhappy — he was sitting. was he dressed in
white? "nay" — in black? "Nay."

Have you seen Amos Jewett? "Yea" — Artemas
Markham? "Yea", both were happy.

Did you see Abram Youngs? "Yea". How was
he? He seemed alone, & felt indifferent.

Have you seen aged Benjamin Youngs? "Yea"
Young Benjamin Youngs? "Yea". They were both
happy. — Did you see Oliver Bates?

"Yea" I saw Oliver, and both Lovina, and they were
all happy. — Are there any clouds in an

other world? "Yea, some white clouds." Does the
ground and trees look there as they do here? "Yea, they
look some so." Do they work there? "I never saw
them working" — How are their houses built? "I do

not know." — Have they books there? "Yea, they read
a great deal." Do souls that go to hell ever get out?

* Spachar had lately received a song in a gift.

"Some do not." Do those who murder themselves get out? "Yea, some do. — We asked about a good many individuals, some of which there was not time to write, & they were passed by. — Have you seen Nahum Bates?" "Nay." Have you seen Seth Youngs? "Yea" — How was he? "He was just getting happy, he had been in the dark hole." Have you seen Adam? "Yea, I saw Adam and Eve too." How did they look? "They looked handsome. They are happy, be they?" "Yea they are happy, but they wont be so happy as they might, till the human race are made happy." How do you know these things? "Mother Ann told me." What makes you willing to answer these questions? "Because Mother Ann tells me to answer any question you ask." Why is Mother willing to answer our questions? "She says it is to strengthen you". Is Mother willing we should send our thanks to her? "You had better not." — Well, she knows whether we are thankful or not, dont she? "Yea, she knows." Does she know all of us in the room? "Yea" — does she love us all? "Yea". — Is there a guardian angel to each of us, in this world? "Yea" Do the spirits there see us all the time? "Yea, generally, or a good deal of the time." Can they see us when they have a mind to? "Yea, generally." Can they make themselves known to us when they please? "Nay, only by liberty." Do they know when those on earth are going to die? "Yea". Is there a place

prepared ready for those that are going to die, that are good? "Yea." — Do those that die go right to heaven or hell? "Nay, they are brö't before Jesus, & he judges them, and tells who is to go to Hell." — Do all that do not go to hell, go right to heaven? — "Nay, some do, & some do not." — When they are sentenced to hell, dont they hate to go? "Yea," but it dont do any good." — Do the good spirits go and preach to those in hell? "Yea, some times" — Does Jesus go and take them out of Hell? "Yea, sometimes, & sometimes he sends the good angels."

Is it known before hand, in another world, what is going to happen on earth? "Yea." — Is the gospel going to spread much on earth? "Yea, Mother says, 'most all the people on earth are going to believe, by & by.'" — Is there going to be hard times on earth before that? "Yea" a good deal of hard times, and then it will be better." — Why have those that are young among believers been left so much to themselves? "Because they did not like to be obedient." — Are we going to be helped any more? "Yea, Mother says "You are going to have a good deal of help."

Have you seen aged Ipsachar Bates there? "O yea, he is very happy". Can he sing? "O Yea, he will sing near enough to make you deaf."

Can all those that are happy sing there? "Yea, they can all sing, ^{well} but some can sing better than others."

Dont those in the other world give songs to them on earth, sometimes when they do not know it?

"Yea, sometimes they do."

Are there more in heaven than there are in hell?
"Yea, a great many more." — Do souls have
to confess all their sins, when they die, and go into an
other world? "Not those they have confessed before".

— If they have forgotten some, what do they do?
"They have to confess all: but they generally can re-
member all, before they come here".

How should sins be confessed? "Mother says they
should be confessed just as they were done, and
the time & place". — Should they be willing
a great many should hear their sins? "Yea,
they must feel it, and be willing that ever so
many should hear."

Why do you have so many visions, why can
not others have them too? "Because them that
have them, are the ones that are chosen to have
them." — Is it right to pray to have visions?

"Nay, Mother says it is not right." —

Can we have other gifts, if we pray for them?
"Yea, such as repentance and love."

Is it right to ask those who die to come and
see us? "Nay." — If any suffer in this
world is it made up to them in another? "Yea,
they will be rewarded for all they suffer in this
world, if they are good. — If one injures another
will he suffer for it? "Yea, it is very wrong."

If one does good to another & tries to help him
will he be rewarded for it? "Yea, he will not
lose his reward." —

The foregoing were the chief part of the questions that were put & answered during this vision.

While Elizabeth was answering these questions, Clarissa was laying very still, and seemed to be away from Elizabeth, tho' perhaps in the same room.

After these questions were finished, Elizabeth lay quite stiff on the bed. On raising her up she was limsey, and then on laying her down, she was stiff again, and she was so some time.

After this they both went to making signs, putting their fingers together & bring^{ing} them to a point &c. then to measuring off their fingers & arms, as if showing how long &c. — then to making crosses, & then to putting crosses in our hands, who were present. Clarissa crossed her fore fingers & laid them in Elders Elizabeth's hand, & then the same in Eliza Ask's hand. Then she went to Elder Calvin & Isachar Bates & then to Isaac Youngs, and marked a straight line in our hands & then made dots, crossing the straight line, but did not touch our hands.

All this was done with her natural eyes shut!

This was about the last of consequence that they exhibited, & they soon came to themselves, it being about $\frac{1}{2}$ past 12 o'clock at night. —

Witnesses {

Calvin Wells	E. Elizabeth Youngs
Isachar Bates	Eliza Ask.
Isaac N. Youngs	

Remarks on the foregoing vision.

Whatever impression those who were not present may have of this scene, we who were present were fully satisfied and confident that these visionists were divinely inspired, and tho' some part of their conduct was childlike, yet this was but an evidence that the influence by which they were actuated was conformable to their age & capacity of mind. We are at liberty to judge for ourselves of what degree of confidence to put in the replies to those questions that were asked. But for my part I have not the least doubt but that they saw what they said they did, that they were in Mother's presence, & that she dictated what replies to make to the questions. It may seem incredible that they could be in a trance or vision, openly conversant in the spirit, insensible of natural things, and yet hear those in the body speak to them, & them answer so familiarly. But this appears no more mysterious to me than the rest, I cannot account for any of it by natural means. I do not see why one cannot as well be in the spirit & yet see or hear natural things, as to be in the body, & yet see or hear spiritual things, at the same time that he or she does natural things.

I do not see why one may not be as I may say on the line between time & eternity & see or hear both ways. —

They were frequently asked, in the course of their

vision whether they saw us, or knew who was speaking to them & they said. Nay, and I believe them.

I do not pretend to be positive that every word & action of the visionists was divinely moving, or that there might not be some misunderstanding in the answers & other expressions; but I am quite confident that their statement is worthy of as much credit as that of common persons of good sense & honesty. The notes of the foregoing external part were taken down in the time of the occurrence, and the much was omitted, what is here stated may be relied on.

Isaac Youngs, writer.

Note. Among the rest I heard Elizabeth ~~write~~ in this vision, say that she was going to the Celestial city next Sabbath day at 8 o'cl. (See next page.)

I. Y.

December 10th 1837.

Elizabeth Abernethy's vision, sabbath morning.

Introduction. On saturday evening, the 9th instant, which we were in meeting in worship, she was exercised by the power of God, which was evident to all who were present. Her course was laid in a circular march: some of the time writing with a younger sister in exposing the evil spirits, which a certain wicked man, that calls himself a simple god believer, was haunted with.

In this meeting she said, "On sabbath morning at Paolack I am going to the Celestial city. And so it turned out: — The next morning, at 8 o'cl, she was called into the elders' room, and she sat in a chair. She was asked if she had taken any breakfast, she replied "none."

In a few minutes she was gone, her head fell back, her countenance changed, and she seemed entirely insensible of the things of time.

After her vision she gave the following ^{relation} of what she saw.

"I first went to the white house & Betsy my guide came to the door and opened it. She took me by the hand, and led me thro' empty rooms, and thro' a long hall, and opened a door, and there were Jesus, Father William, Father James, & Fr^r Cleaver, Mother Ann, and Mother Lucy.

Mother Ann told me that I was going to the Celestial city, and it would take me a good while to get there. Then Betsy took me out of the room,

and went thro a little hall, opened a door and went up a set of stairs, and went on, quite a distance; then we went up another set of stairs, and then went on a long distance; then up a third flight of stairs, higher than any that I had ascended. At the top of these stairs I was in a hall, which I passed thro and went up the fourth flight, of a great many steps; we walked a while, & Betsy opened a door which led on to a green, where we walked, but I could not see any thing but the green place. Betsy then opened a gate that led from ^{the hall.} here into a street. But I could not see the street, till we turned a corner, here she opened a gate and we went up a flight of very high stairs."

While going up these stairs as she relates, there is no doubt but that she acted it out externally, by placing the heel of one foot on the toe of the other, & letting it fall off. She had a great deal of this exercise in the fore part of her vision.

"When we came to the top of these last stairs it was level, and we walked on a while & came to a river that was called Glasg river, and Betsy told me to look on the river, and I saw something on it at a great distance, but we did not know who, or what it was: I looked here ^{some time} quite a spell, around on the various objects. From ^{the} here we went to a river called the "Celestial river", & then she took me to another, called the "river of David" she walked around and came to another, but did not tell the name of it. From ^{the} here we walked thro' a green place, and came to a path with five buildings on each

side, and we went into the first one. We walked thro' a hall and went into a round room. she took me to one corner of the room, and there stood some-thing that looked like two hogsheds of gold! -

One of these was filled with pieces of paper, with orders written on them: and the other was filled with pieces of paper, with songs written on them. Betsy read some of the songs to me.

Out of this room we went up a flight of stairs walked on a little ^{distance} ways, opened a door into a long hall, passed this, I went up stairs, opened a door & went into a room. There were three windows in this room, ten chairs, a small table and some books laying on it. We went thro' this room, into a little hall, and up stairs.

From the top of these stairs we went into a very beautiful room. The floor was very white. There were 12 chairs in the room, a table, & seven books lying on it. In this room I met Mother Ann.

Olizaboth Hawley had followed me to this house. And here a certain sister tried to excuse herself about having labored for visions. I told her she could not clear her self. I labored with her till she owned her fault in some measure, but she said "you have called me up". I told her I ^{would} call her up again, at that instant Mother came into the room & said "let her go now".

Out of this room we went down a set of stairs walked thro' a little hall, opened a door and went into a room, where there were four windows, five

chairs, and a large table, with a great many books on it. From here^{thence} we went down stairs, and out onto a stoop or piazza; then from here down some steps, thro' a gate, into a little alley, thence on to a path. — In this path we travelled some time and came to a gate, which Betsy opened, into a garden. Here we stepped on to a beautiful white path. There were seven green trees on each side of this path, very full of leaves, and their branches came nearly to the ground. I could not see any thro' these trees. We went to the end of the path and turned behind the trees, and there were beds all laid out in order, with flowers.

We went thro every alley and came to the path and crossed on to the opposite side of the trees, This side of the garden was very different from the other. Some of the beds were round, and some were long. We went round among all these beds.

The flowers were of various colors. Some were pink, some yellow, some white, others green, others red, & others blue.

We went up to the path, and passed by the green trees, I continued on, and there we saw little white flowers, with yellow buds on the top.

We went on further and came to a fence and a gate. Betsy opened the gate into a green field, and the path went thro' the field, to another field that was white, and the gate entering into it was white. We went into this field, & it was the largest

field that I ever saw. In the centre stood a beautiful white meeting house, which was round. We went into it, thro' a very large door, that was in two parts, (as some of the believers' houses are.) We first entered into an entry, & out of this into the meeting room.

Betsy walked round the room some time with me, looking around. There were twelve very large windows in the room.

Out of the meeting room we went up stairs. There were a great many rooms, and they were all round, & the entries were round!

There were six rooms that stood empty. Betsy opened the door to every room & let me look in. There were brethren in some, & sisters in some, but I cannot retain the names.

From ^{this place} here we went down stairs into the meeting room again: and Jesus & Mother Ann sat there; and some one began to ask questions, and Mother told me what to answer.

After they got thro' asking questions Betsy went out doors with me, and went down to a gate and opened it, and went into another white house which stood opposite the gate. We went up the steps, and into a square room, with two windows in it. Betsy sat down by one of the windows & told me to sit down by her. She said I was to stay till they came to meeting.

We sat still about half an hour; then Betsy told me to look out & see them coming to meeting. I looked, I saw them flying from all quarters, to the meeting house; but before they reached there, they let down and travelled two & two, and went into the meeting house.

Betsy then took me to the meeting house: We went in the same way that we went the first time. The brethren and sisters stood in straight ranks, and told their names. And Mother Ann was with me, and told some names.

After they had told their names they assembled in a different form, in straight ranks, and sung two songs, and began to labor. They travelled some; then they assembled at one end of the room and marched in ranks & turned at the other end of the room.

After they finished their laboring, they had a love meeting, but I could not find out what it was, but Betsy said it was a love meeting.

All the names that Mother told, in this room, I gave to the one that asked the questions.

After meeting I started to come to Mother Ann's room. I came partly home, and went to the green place, and Betsy opened a gate & we went down a flight of stairs, and stopped in a room where Mother Ann was; I staid here while the other questions were asked. Mother gave me orders when to come again. She said that on Tuesday morning, at 7 o'clock, I must come again."

The foregoing

The foregoing relation was written by E. Elizabeth, from the mouth of Elizabeth Sherman.

After relating her vision she was questioned more or less. Question. Where was you when you had on that pretty blue & white handkerchief with a gold fringe? Ans. I cannot tell.

2. Where was you when you saw your face in a glass on your clothes? A. "I think I was some where ^{near} round the river of glass. "I believe here I was dressed with these pretty shining garments".

She had acted and spoken out more or less concerning these in the time of her vision.

Various other questions were asked her, but it appears that a great deal of the particulars were gone from her, and that she related but a very little of what she said or did, but her statement seems to be mostly of what she saw & heard. 3.4.

For further particulars we must turn to the statement of the external part, which was as follows. —

— She went into her vision about 20 minutes past 8 o'cl. A.M. At first she appeared to be walking. she went (in the vision way) up a flight of stairs of 193 steps. Then she said "That's pretty" — "Am I here?"

She looked very pleasant, but solemn, and was very still.

After this she bowed a good deal, 6 times at a time — then 5 — then 3. — then seemed to be trying different steps of laboring. One manner was crossing feet, another tapping tightly, first with one foot, then the other. — She says "I can't, Betsy"

She seemed to be trying hard to learn some —

thing like the double shuffle. — After this she ran, smiling & bowing. — Then she suddenly exclaimed

Why — what did you say that for? when you know you did? — you did do it, Mother Ann said you did! don't be making motions, and saying hush! I didn't, I didn't — you did do it. — She here clasped her hands and bowed violently, then says, "Now if you will follow me I will talk to you. Go and talk to Mother Ann then, go Mother Ann will tell you what to do. — you say hush hush — She shakes her head — well go and talk to Mother. Why don't say so — well, if you do it again mother will talk to you, and you want want to do it again: — you did it — you can't get clear yet.

At length she brot the person to terms, and then told her she might go. — It seemed that she in spirit saw some one that was in the body, who had been laboring for visions, and had been told not to do it ~~any~~ more, & that this one had been trying to justify herself more than she ought to. But it was very evident that no kind of equivocation would answer in the sight of Mother.

After she had dismissed the person, it seemed she came to Betsy again, and she said "I did tell her Betsy". "She had to say she did it." — did very well, she said she would not do it again.

After this she brot Glib-Glab up — says "he wants some love." he says "Elizabeth give me this handkerchief full of love." "Now hide behind Jonathan Cole; why didn't you take it last saturday night? I want prepared! eh! Well I'll give you the leavings & shavings that an't fit for any body else! — Next

she had up "Jim Pane". He lived about 1½ year at
Old Exford, and about 5 years ^{ago} went off and died a-
mong the world I went to hell. — Then Glib-Glab
again. "I quep he has Jim to help him. When he
goes to meeting he can't shake, he stands like a heap
of dirt! So you may go and live in that old black
house. I am going to the Celestial city to see the
pretty things there: you may go and be hooked with
them old five horns, in the black hole. I am going
to see some pretty things, but you cannot go there be-
cause you are saugly — so you may go now.

A long silence ensued. — Betsey what
is that noise, what is it, I can't hear but a little bit.
Clarissa, I hear you tip, tip! — "What is that noise?
now its louder, now its almost gone! it seems as
if it was a 1000 miles off! — At this time the family
were in meeting and were very powerful, and made a loud
noise, and I concluded that she was some affected with it, & I
went to the door of the room & opened it, which let in more of
the sound, which was the reason she heard it plainer some times.

After this Elizabeth called for Clarissa 30 times.
Clarissa was then in meeting, under operations of
power. Soon after meeting, Clarissa was in
a trance, & I was bro't in to this room, Elizabeth's
face being the opposite way from the door, but she
instantly looked round & said There's Clarissa.

They went to talking together about their clothes
&c. & Elizabeth told where she had been, and where
Christ & Mother were: & that they said she was going
to the Celestial city. Elizabeth told that she had been

up stairs of near 200 steps. Then she told about her labor with the one that had labored for visions & about Glib-Glab - & Jim Pain - about the rivers she had been to, & the mountains & loads of gold. and the street of gold, and what a sight of sisters she had seen.

They both seemed to fix their clothes, & rub their gowns. Elizabeth said I can see my cap. (in her gown) spoke of her blue & white handkerchief, with a gold fringe. - said much about their caps.

Elizabeth asked Clarissa where she was; & she said "I am seeing Jesus & Mother Ann. Clarissa made very pleasant motions, and said to Elizabeth, "You look so sober! Mother Ann don't look so sober.

After this they began to mock evil spirits. There appeared to come up before them, one with all eyes! then one all ears! Then they had over about sleeping in retiring time. Then about Glib-Glab's repenting. One says "How much had he repented?!" "It is remarkable if he has repented the head of a pin!

Clarissa told Elizabeth that - "We had Elder Isaac & Anna Bryant in our meeting". & Elizabeth said, "We had Polly Bates & young Lovina Bates in our meeting at the Celestial City. -

After this we asked questions, and enquired after many that were deceased.

Ques. Where be you now? Ans - "In the celestial City. Who have you seen there? Mother Ann Betsy Bryant. Was Father William there? Yes. How did he look? - "He looked very innocent.

I saw Father James most with Mother Ann.

I saw Elder Spackard, Lovina Bates, Mary Par
tington

and Anna Simson, Anna Clark, & Aaron Wood
and he sung. — The following names
were mentioned. Rhoda Chase, Hannah Shap-
ley, Joseph Finley, Olive Fairbanks, Elizabeth
Woodworth — Artemas Clark — Samuel
Fitch — Nathan Spier — Abraham Youngs.
Benjamin Youngs — Martha Robinson — Polly
Copley — Lucy Bennet — Oliver Bates — Eli-
phat Fuller — Daniel Goodrich — Sarah Buck-
ingham — B. Molly Goodrich — Calvin Murrel
David Darrow — Martha Deming — Mary Spen-
cer. — Jesse M^r Comb & Polly Meadon.

All these Elizabeth said she had seen there
that day, and they were happy.

Some one asked how many cities there were
between Waterlot and the Celestial city? She
said there were Paradise, City of David & Sweden.

Then more names were enquired after.

Have you seen Cain & Abel? "yea". Adam
and Eve? "yea" — Have you seen Judas? "yea"
how was he? — He was chained to a post.

Have you seen Benjamin Ellis, "yea, he was
happy. Have you seen King Solomon? "yea"
seen King David? "yea" how did he look? "He
was white." Have you seen Moses? "yea I
saw him with a crown on his head."

Do they sleep there? "I haven't seen them."

Do they work there? "I haven't seen them"

Have you seen Elijah Sloper? "Yea, he was
happy. — Where did you see all these folks?
"I saw them all in the same house".

Have you seen John and Charles Young?
"Yea, they were happy. Did you see Samuel John-
son, — Ernestus Brock, — Polly Thomas? "Yea, I saw
them & they were happy. Have you seen
Garret Lawrence? yea he was happy today.

After this Elizabeth said "Mother Ann says
you have asked questions enough now." Then they
looked inexpressibly pleasant, and innocent. Claris-
sa said "O how pretty!" — Then they hugged each other
in a very loving manner. Then Elizabeth said, "Clarissa,
Oldreep Elizabeth told me who it was that asked me them
questions the other day when we were in vision. Clarissa
said "Who was it?" — Elizabeth replied, "It was Isaac
Youngs. Clarissa said "O if he heard me now, how
shoud I feel! who is it writing now? — C. "Mother
Ann says it is the same one." — C. "Isaac Youngs!
O dear, where is he? I shoud like to see him. where
is he? (here she seems to look all about, with eyes shut) where
is he? O! there he is. (pointing with her finger)

Then she suddenly turned & hid her face, as if afraid
that Isaac would see her! — The other one said "How
do you know that was Isaac, & she replied Betsy told
me it was. — Elizabeth said "Ask some
more questions. — Some of us asked, Do you know
know who is in this room? "Nay" — ask Betsy & see
if she will tell you. She hatted a little and then

paused

told over the names of all in the room, Clarissa also told, & pointed to each one. We changed places & they told again, we changed yet more, & they told the third time!

All this would not have been wonderful had we not been confident that they did not see with their natural eyes. Their eyes were either shut or in a position that they could not see. Their eyes were sometimes covered on purpose to see if it would make any odds. Part of the time their faces were downwards on the bed, or covered with the pillow.

Some of us asked, "Who told you these names?" "Mother Ann" — Does she love all there is in the room?

"Yea" — Is Mother willing you should answer some more questions? "Nay, I must dance first."

They soon went to dancing. Then Sarah Agden having been in vision a while, was bro't in to the room, with these, and they seemed much pleased when they met. Then they danced a plain check together. — Then they were all laid on the bed, crosswise. and after a while more questions were asked. — Q. Does Mother mean to have us wake up? "Yea, you have got to have sharper meetings than you have done, you have got to be harder and faster than you have done, you have got to sweat: you have got to stir your stumps!"

What will become of poor believers, that won't wake up? "Such as will not wake up and be good will have to go off!" What are these visions for?

"Mother means they shall wake up the believers!"

Why have they in the other world left us in this world, so much to ourselves? "They let you alone to see how slack you would be." — Is Mother going to notice us more now? Yea, she means you shall wake up now; she says she is going to hury up the old stumps that lie round in the meeting room! She'll make the dust fly!

Is Mother going to help keep us awake? she says she is going to wake you up & then if you don't help keep yourselves awake, you'll go to sleep & you'll never wake up again." Is there going to be much trouble in the world? "yea" — Is there then going to be much increase in the gospel? "Yea, mother says there is going to be a great increase.

How are the world going to believe?

They will be in trouble, and they will see that the believers get along well, and then they will come and confess their sins, & that will cause others to come & set out too. —

Won't these visions do hurt yet among believers? "Nay: Mother says they will not do hurt, they will be such as will do good.

Are there going to be many more visions?

"Yea, they are going to be more and more, and every one will find out they was not a make-believe

Does mother want us to learn the new manners of laboring? "Yea, she does."

What did the visions stop for? "Because there was not a good use made of them."

[Previous to the first of December there had been a cessation of these visions.]

Will hypocrites be exposed among believers?
"Yea they are going to be exposed by those that have
visions." Is it wrong to labor for visions? "Yea" —
What gifts may we labor for? "Repentance & love."
Can those that labor for some gifts have them? "Yea,
they can have some" Can they have operations? "Some
can, & some cannot". — Does Mother say the
believers ought to be free in meeting? "Yea, they
ought to be free to speak & be zealous".

Will believers ever suffer poverty? "Nay, believ-
ers will always have enough, if they are faithful".

Are there not some who want believe these visions?
They will have to believe"

Does Mother mean we shall know what
there is in another world? "Yea, but she does not ^{want}
you to know any thing but what will do you good."

Here Isaac asked. Is Mother willing I should stay
and write these visions? "Yea" — How long can I stay?
"You cannot know yet, how long" — Why is Mother
willing they should be written? "So they may be kept
& not be disputed." Do you know who is talking to
you? "Nay". — Then some other one asked. Can evil spirits
hurt those that are good? "Nay." — Ifaachar B. asked her
a question & she seemed to know him. When did Betsey sing
that song to me? "She came and sung it in the
night. She said you wanted to know why you could
not have some gift, and she tho't she would sing
you song." — Then I asked, May Isaac have a gift,

if he labors for it? And she replied, 'I'll tell you what gift you may have, 'You may have a gift to stay and write these visions, till it is the gift for you not to!'

Shall I know when it is the gift not to? "yea, you will know." —

Do the evil spirits try to make mischief of these visions? "Yea, they try, but they cannot.

Will musical instruments ever be used among believers? "Nay". — Elizabeth, where is Clarissa? She is answering questions away there" —

Some questions were asked about simple diet, whether it was right to eat meat &c, she said Mother said pork was not good for her: but she did not say any thing very definite about that matter.

How do they go about from place to place in that world? "They walk or fly." — Do those that live together here, live together there? "Sometimes" Have they orders there? "Yea, stricter orders than yours;" Did you see any of their orders, written? "yea, I saw a gate hogshead full of them!"

Have they elders there, as we do? "I don't know!"

After this, as these three visionists lay crosswise on the bed with their heads next to the wall, a number of us went to them to see if they knew us & they would tell, altho they held their faces down tight to the bed. And we were confident they did not see naturally, but saw in spirit. — After this Elizabeth began to complain about having to go so often in vision, say I've got to go so soon, what shall I do? I've got to

come so soon again! I've got to come next
tuesday at seven o'cl. and stay all day. I don't
like to come so often; — who wants to be a vision-
ing, visioning all the time?!" — And after this
she said, "Come girls, we must go home." and they
prepared to run, (in their vision way) and they had
three spells of running & three of flying, alternately,
before they reached the gate. And it appeared to be quite
a craps to them to open it. They soon came to
their senses.

Note. The same remarks that were written
to the vision preceding this will also apply to this.

There were a number of witnesses present thro
the greater part of this vision, viz. The elders of the
south house. Br. Benjamin G. Ephraim Prentiss,
Ruth Johnson, Judith Rich, & Tabitha Shapley,
from the Church. & myself: — I took down notes
of all the principal part. — Isaac N. W.

Elizabeth Abernethy's Vision; Tuesday
morning, at 7 o'clock — according to her prediction.
December 12th - '37.

Elizabeth came into our shop at 7 o'clock, A.M. She sat down ~~in~~ in a chair, and soon her head fell back, and she was in the spirit. She travelled, (in her vision way), and bowed some, as she sat in the chair.

We laid her on the bed and she laid stiff a long time.

At length she, to outward appearance, ^{seemed} to be in distress, as ~~if~~ if afflicted with evil spirits.

She was in motion much of the time, rolling from one side of the bed to the other, at times rising up & falling down on the bed, then lying with her head off the bed down on the floor, [being on a truckle bed] seeming to be greatly worried.

About the middle of the forenoon she called for Clarissa. Clarissa came. And Elizabeth strove hard to get her in vision, but could not prevail on her. At length she gave C. liberty to go if she would return, which C. did, & then returned to her again.

Clarissa staid a while & then left the room; and being troubled with a cold, she laid down to get a little rest. While lying down it appeared evident that she was taken in vision. In the afternoon C. was bro't into the room where Elizabeth was; she was stiff as a cold corpse; and was laid on the bed with Elizabeth.

After a little while they showed tokens of finding each other. They travelled up stairs a great deal, and appeared to be going to one place, but we

could ^{not} tell, as to that. They continued on in a great variety of exercises untill late in the evening & then came to themselves. After their vision Elizabeth was interrogated about her vision, but it seemed to be chiefly gone from her & she gave but very little account of it. ————— Elizabeth Young.

Following is some relation of Clarissa's vision in her own words.

The first I know I was at the white house, and Anna Bryant came to the door and took me into Mother's room. Mother said "Clarissa, you are going further than you ever have before. ——— Then we appeared to be outdoors, and we went on to a path where it was green on each side; and it was very pretty here. We travelled here a while; at length we came to a large white house, and went up some steps. From the door, to the right hand there was a flight of stairs, which we went up, and went into a room, where there appeared to be a great many sisters, some of them were reading, & some were not. — They asked my name & asked if I was well, I told my name, & that I was well. ——— We sat down a few minutes and then rose up. Anna said, We will go up an other set of stairs. We went up, and the stairs appeared to be all pure gold, I was afraid to step on them, but Anna went up & I followed her. On the top we came to a little entry, & then to a door.

We went in and the sisters all rose up. They asked my name & State. The chairs in this room were very handsome, I could hardly keep my eyes off from them. They shined like glass, but were not glass; they were white. Instead of strait posts they were bowing. We staid a few minutes and went out. We went thro' a long hall into a room where there were some sisters visiting. They were Anna Simpson, Betty Lane, Olive Butler, Alivera Brown, Elizabeth Hawley's mother, her name was Eleanor; and Almira Teachout's mother. Anna lived in this white house. We staid a little while, then we walked out into a hall, and went up stairs, into a room, where there were some aged sisters. This was a very pretty room, the floor was all white. They sat in chairs and in ~~two~~ rows, facing each other, reading. They spoke to me but did not tell their names.

We went out into a hall, where there was a set of stairs; the banisters were yellow, like gold. We went up 29 steps, into a room, there was an aged brother, who looked very pleasant. Anna said he did not believe while on earth, but he lived up to his religion before he died. After that he felt very bad, and stood on his knees a long time & repented.

After he had repented a long time, long enough, Jesus took him in, & let him have a shop up there. This room was very pretty. He had a few chairs,
and

and a little bed. The pillows were bordered with gold.

From here we went I looked up garret; it was pretty, but I did not see any thing there.

Then we went down stairs and out doors, and went down to the rivers. There were four rivers all ran side by side, and all met at a point.

They ran crooked. Their names were White river, light blue river, Yellow river; I light river, but I don't know why it was called so.

We stood by white river, I some prophets stood there and lifted it up I cleaned out the bottom of the river, I put it down again. We staid some time looking round by these rivers.

After this we walked in a path that led on to the golden street. There were eight houses on each side of the golden street, they were, to appearance, all of pure gold. At the end of the street stood two white trees. We turned off on to a path and came to some hooks to go up on. Anna went up first I I followed her: and some one opened a door, and we went up, and there we found Jessie and Mother Ann. Mother asked Anna if we had had a good time, and she said yea.

Mother said "Clarissa, you may go and look out and see the rivers." This place was like a piazza, very high and sightly. We staid a while, and Anna was conversing with Mother about some thing. From here we went round and opened

a door into a small entry, I went out doors, on to a green place; there we found a spring, and Anna gave us some of the water to drink.

From here we walked in a strait path, till we came to the white house, and Anna opened the door. We went up into Mother's room, and there laid a very pretty bible on the stand, the cover appeared to be gold. Mother said "Betsy, Anna must learn Elizabeth and Clarissa to labor."

We labored three different manners; Betsy said Mother wanted we should learn these manners. — After this Mother Ann said we must gather some love for our family. Then Mother said the elders of the Church wanted some love, and we must go and get some seed and clean the old stuff off, and plant some new seed. "You keep a going, said she, and that will make it grow."

After we had gathered the love and given it to the elders, we got started to come home, and Mother said there are some Lebanon brethren here; you must come back, and get some love for them to take to Lebanon.

The foregoing is the true substance of what Clarissa related of her vision.

Written by Elizabeth Youngs.

The External Part

Of the two preceding visions more particularly stated.

The communication has been stated, and need not be repeated here. About $\frac{1}{4}$ before 10 o'cl. Elizabeth began to call for Clarissa, and continued calling a good while, calling louder & louder & shrill. Clarissa was at work in another room, in the same building. I told Mrs Elizabeth that 't was best to have her bro't in, to pacify her, which was done. Elizabeth kept calling, more or less some time after Clarissa was bro't: till at length she discovered her, & immediately seized hold of her hand & said "Now you've got to come

Clarissa asked what she wanted. "A says she you've got to come, Mother says you have,"

C. How long first? E. A I don't know".

C. I want to go to work, if you was all the time in vision you wouldn't work." E. Well, do you suppose I can help it? C. Why may, but I don't

want to go in vision, I want to be at my work & earn my living" E. But Anna wants you.

Here they kept on a good while & had a good deal of shrewd conversation, Elizabeth still hold^{ing} tight on her hand. After a while Clarissa worked by artifice & got away, but Elizabeth instantly sprang and caught her; and held on a good while. It appeared that her intention was to her into vision

with her, but Clarissa remained in her common senses, and after a while she prevailed on Elizabeth to let her go a little while, which she did. When returned I sat quietly by her. Elizabeth became very calm, and after a while she said "Ask some questions" — We who were present then asked a variety of questions mostly concerning those who had deceased. — Clarissa soon after this left the room, I did not return till she came in vision, in the afternoon, as before stated.

Question. Have you seen Samuel Banta?
"Yea." — Where was he? "In a room in the city of Paradise." — Was he happy? "Not very happy"
Have you seen Garret Lawrence to day? — "Yea".
How was he? "Not so happy as he was the other day." — Has there been any such visions as these any where else among believers? "There has been one or two in Kentucky."

Will these visions spread and be elsewhere?
"Yea, there will be some in other places, till all will will be convinced of the truth of them."

Have you seen Anna Clark? "Yea" —

Why are not these gifts given thro the ministry? "I do not know." Why was Father William clothed with feathers, at one time, and not at another? "I do not know." Here she laughed.

What are you laughing at, Elizabeth? "Why

Father William is laughing at you." — Does he hear us? "Yea" What is he laughing at us for? "Because you asked about them feathers!" —

Have you seen Anna Treadway? "Yea." — Is she happy? "Yea." — Have you seen William Harrison? "Yea." — Was he happy? "Nay he is not" Naama Southwick? Susannah Remington? "Yea, they were happy." How did you say Samuel Bonta was? "He did not seem to be happy."

Why are we shown things that we do not understand? "I do not know."

Does Mother intend the believers shall wake up more? "Yea Mother says the old stumps have got to stir about, she says the old stumps have been laying round long enough."

Are the South house folks good? Mother says they have not been, but they are trying to be now. Have they all confessed all their sins? "Nay, not yet"

Don't you get tired of answering so many questions? "Nay my patience don't weary."

Do you know ~~all~~ the folks in the room? "Nay" Are they all good? "I do not know." — Ask Mother. — "Mother says they are all trying to be good."

Has Mother Lucy said any thing to day? "Yea, some." — Mother does not want the children to take the lead, because they have visions, does she? "Nay she does not" Will these visions do good? "Yea". Have the children confessed all

their sins yet? "Nay, they have some left yet."

Do they intend to confess all? "Yea" —

A number of persons were enquired after. viz.

Pendence Farrington, Henry Youngmans, Thomas Miller, Sylvia Butler, Cecilia & Conner; these she said she had seen, and they were happy.

How do you know all these persons? — "Mother tells me". — Have you seen Joel Wood to day?

"Yea, he was in a room to day that was dark.

What hurt does it do to disbelieve spiritual gifts? — "It does hurt to them that disbelieve."

Are those that do wrong going to be exposed by these visions? "Yea, some, but Mother says every one must find out their own lacks, they are not all going to be told to them."

Do they shake there? "Yea" — Have you ever before been where you be now? "Nay". — Do you see a good many children there? "Yea". Has your sister grown any? "Nay" — How old was she? — "She was one year old."

Near two o'clock she said "where is Clarissa? O she is coming. Come Clarissa. — Then we went on with more questions. Don't they laugh at our questions? "Yea, they laugh at your asking about the feathers." — Have you seen Solomon Lovegrove? "Yea." Where? "In the city of Paradise," he was happy". Why did Mother Ann have the care of the girls[#]? "I don't know."

* It was said in another vision.

After 2 o'cl. she sang some and danced a little; then she said "Ask some more questions".

At 10 minutes before 3 o'cl. Clarissa being in vision, was brö't into the same room with Elizabeth; but Elizabeth did not notice her much.

Ques. Will the ministry regulate these visions "yea". — Before long Elizabeth & Clarissa talk'd together more or less: & were exercised in going up stairs (in their vision way) as they lay on the bed.

They were a long while at this. At one time Elizabeth said to Clarissa, I guess you'll be tired going up these stairs. — In one hour's time they went up 3 flights of stairs, consisting in all, according to our counting, of more than 3000 steps.

After this they arose off from the bed & sung some & then labored, in different manners.

1st — They stood facing and then danced across & changed places, taking two lines of the song to go across, in the quick dance. —

2 — They placed facing, about 6 feet apart; then danced up & met, took hold of hands & then turned round & back to the first place, taking two lines up & two back.

3: They placed facing, then marched up & met side by side, took hold of hands, took up taps paper on & turned, met again in the same way, & so went thro' the time.

We who were present, tried laboring all these ways, And the visionists appeared to know what & how we did & could answer our questions about how

to take the step &c. & they would show us how, but they seemed still to be in vision.

Elizabeth said Mother wanted we should learn the march & the way of facing & taking hold of hands as we were trying to go it, Elizabeth would say when Mother said it was right, & would occasionally show us how, till some of us got it right.

At the time they were laboring, when they stopped, as we supposed between songs, they stood several feet apart, we whispered or spoke low to one & asked who sang for them, she answered "Betsey & Anna. where be they?" — "up there" (pointing up above & between them. Then we asked the other in like manner, & she answered the same.

This was a very interesting time to us. We asked, Do you see Betsey and Anna? they said "yea" — Do you see us? "Nay".

After this they had an extraordinary gift of gathering love, by a very singular exercise.

They first chose their spot on the floor, to sow love on, as if on a spot of ground, then they went to where they said Jesus told them to go and get some good seed to sow. They seemed to get it in their aprons & then they strewed it around. "There" says Elizabeth, "it will grow in two minutes, so saying they went to turning, swift as tops, as the way to make it grow! Very soon it was grown & each seemed to think their crop of love was the best. Then they gathered it up in their aprons, by a kind of scooping

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motion, and turning swiftly. Having gotten their aprons full, Elizabeth says, Now I must see if they want it, then at it she went, to turning, then she says "yea, they want it", then they went turning to all in the room, flinging their aprons, & sending the love at us! Elders Elizabeth bid but they searched her out & seemed to give her a great share of love. — After this they

rested a while on their beds, & then at once they sprang up & said they must gather some love for the Church & then went thro the same operations of sawing &c. first fanning & brushing the floor, as they said to clear the ground. Each one was particular to clear her own ground. I saw the love on it, as it were not allowing the other to interfere. Then they would fling their aprons over their shoulders & go to turning till the love was grown. Then Elizabeth would say, "I must find whether they want it." "O yea says one of us, we want it." "But Mother will tell me whether they want it" says she.

then they would turn; then Elizabeth says "Now I must find who is the best one to give it to," then she turned again & came right up to C. Brother David Miller, then to C. sister Pudence, & then to the other elders! — Clarissa all the time uniting in the same gift, not at all lacking in activity, but going round the room, to those present, turning &c &c avoiding the objects in the room, in a surprising & loving manner. After this came on, if possible

a still more interesting part of the scene.

It appeared that they were some exhausted in gathering the love & they laid down & were quiet a while. They soon appeared to be about coming home, and sung a new song, with some words, "March, march, ye soldiers, march!" & as they laid on the bed, indicated that they were marching home.

Presently Shubael Prentiss came to the door and called Elder Calvin, and at that instant Clarissa turned to Elizabeth and said, "Mother says there is some brethren come from Lebanon, and we must go back and get some love for them to take to Lebanon!"

E. Calvin stepped to the door, and found that Benjamin Lyon & Horace Haskins had come with Shubael, so they were admitted.

We passed usual compliments, and sat down, and was speaking of the gift the visionists had in gathering love &c. When suddenly they sprang up & said Mother told them to gather some more love, somebody had come from Lebanon, & they must have some love to take home.

We all gave place & stood one side of the room, and they went round the room in a very lively manner, as they had before, clearing the ground sowing the seed & then turning to make it grow.

After they had collected the love, Elizabeth says

says, "Now I must find who to give it to, I shall go right to him", then as they turned, Elizabeth came right up before Benjamin, & Clarissa right before Horace, & they fluted their aprons in their faces, with very loving countenances.

Then they changed, & Elizabeth went to Horace & Clarissa to Benjamin, & fluted their aprons, so that they snapped. — Then we changed places & they went over with the same exercise, and they came up directly before, as they did at first. All this was surprising to the beholder, as it was very evident that they saw nothing naturally.

After this the visionists laid down and were very still for a while. Clarissa was then asked if she would tell us what she had seen that day, in her vision. She being still in vision, she began & related her journey and visit; and truly she gave a most surprising account, so regular, so clear, in such childlike simplicity, and so agreeing with what she had externally exhibited, that it was edifying, beyond description.

Next Oldress Elizabeth asked Elizabeth if she would tell us where she had been, & she seemed very backward about it, but she finally prevailed on her to tell, & she proceeded to relate pretty fully what she had seen & heard, and there were many things which we had not learned from her outward conduct. She told of seeing distressing sights,

evil spirits, and such as were in distress. She saw a great many bound with chains, some having stones in their hands pounding their own faces! & some pounding each other— at one time she saw five chained together!

She told about the houses and cities that she saw. &c. A very regular & entertaining narrative.

After this there was one little circumstance about as remarkable as any that had been. I asked Clarissa if she could tell us the names of the brethren that had come, but she could not get hold of their names, then I told their names, & they pointed out where they sat! —

This was about the end of this wonderful scene. Very soon Elizabeth came to herself, and perceiving the condition she was in & who were present she felt mortified, got up & instantly made her way out of the room. But Clarissa lay a while longer & then came out of her vision.

All this was witnessed by all the elders of the south house, the elders from the Church Dr Benjamin Youngs, William Allen & myself, that is, we were some of us present, from beginning to end— Ten or 12 of us were present about steady thro' the whole, all of which can boldly testify to the truth of these wonderful things, and that we have not the least scruples of these occurrences

being dictated by a supernatural power, and that the things of the world of spirits were seen in reality as described by these young visionists.

The substance of these statements was taken down in sketches in the time of the occurrence.

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