

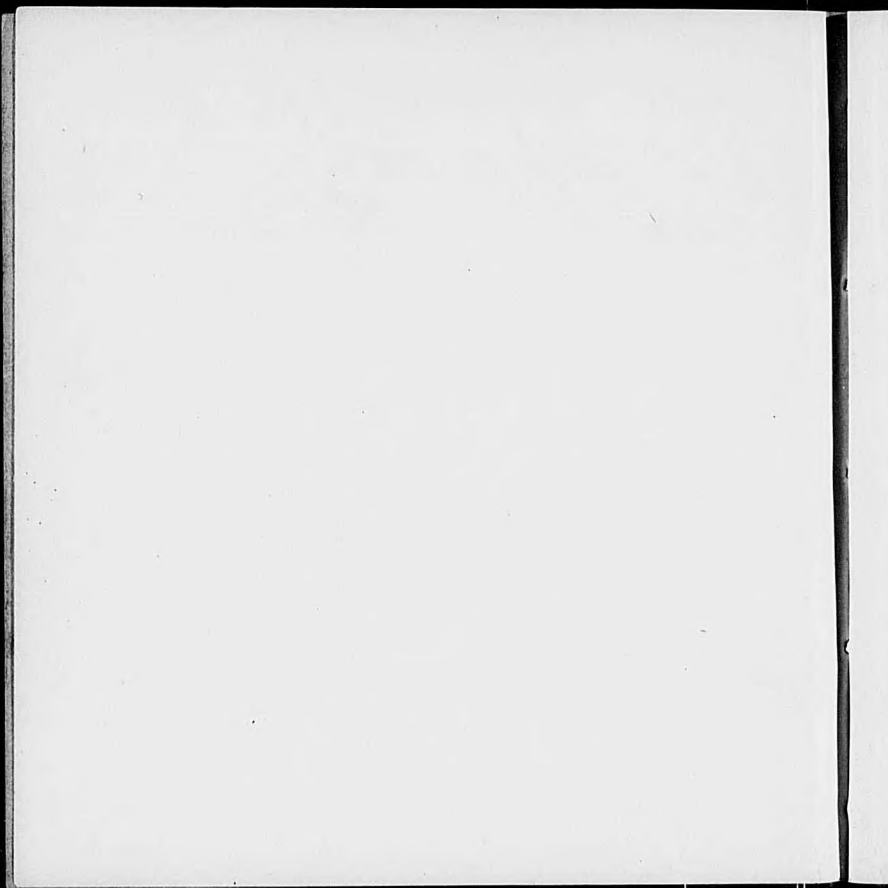
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A Collection of
Spiritual Messages (and) Gifts

Received by
Matilda Reed.

With what joy and gladness do we
secure the fruits of the earth in a
plentiful harvest, Then shall we
not glean the crumbs of the heavenly
harvest which we have lived to see.



A Communication from
Mother Ann to Matilda Reed.

Beloved child, I your
friend and Mother, have brought a
present of good things to you. I
have known many hours of tribula-
tion you have passed through, and
dear child you have never passed
unnoticed by me or my protecting
Angels. Some years ago I placed
within your heart a bright
Diamond of Faith, Now it is

for you dear child to keep this
diamond bright. You obey your
Holy Faith, yield strict obedience
to your beloved lead, follow them,
and they will lead you safely on.
Thus will your beautiful diamond
shine brightly and be lovely to
behold. I shall in truth own you
as a true child, you, a true child
of my love, a child of my choosing
a child of my care; and I shall
trust you freely with my holy Word.

Therefore I say, beloved child, slight me not, lest you be slighted. For my word must be spoken, my work must be done. My promise is sure and my word shall not fail. So receive my love, let it work in you the fear of God and a humble spirit, a spirit of simplicity, love and meekness.

So in the sweetest of love may my little child Farewell prove.

Written May. 16th 1840.

A Short Toll Brought by
 Mother Ann for her Good little
 Child Matilda Reed. Jan. 2nd 1842.

The following Toll contains also the word
 of Holy Wisdom and all the Heavenly Parents.

Words of Holy Wisdom.

Thou child of grief and sorrow
 hear thy Mothers voice, the voice of
 thy Eternal Parent, Thou hast been
 called and chosen by me as an
 Instrument to work for my blessed
 Mother, and all my Heavenly Parents.

I have not suffered the sincerity and simplicity of thy soul to pass unnoticed by me, I have not seen thy body bowed low even to the dust and thy spirit in fervent cries to God thro' thy blessed Mother, and suffered it to pass unnoticed. But I have always sent my little Angels to comfort the humble soul, and hear the cries of the poor and needy. Therefore little one, because of thy Honesty and uprightnes, I have sent my

little Angels to convey some beautiful presents unto you I have sent you a little beautiful Stand with a burning Lamp thereon. And a Can of Oil. I have ordered the Angels to place it directly under the stand. And when you need more Oil to supply your lamp, you must kneel down and take this can of Oil and fill it: I have also given you a Golden Bowl of Manna, and a Cup filled with

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the waters of life; eat and drink of
these when you are hungry. I have
also given you a Box of beautiful
little Seals with Gems and Diamonds
bright and beautiful gifts of God,
which if you are faithful, will al-
ways be your delight. I have loved
your sincerity, and I always have
and always shall bless an honest heart,
and this little one you have possessed,
and it hath delighted your Parents
in Heaven and pleased the Angels

and Justified Spirits; I also send
thee Two Baskets of precious Fruit
for thy soul to feast upon, they
are filled with Golden Apples
and Oranges: take these eat and
be simple, and some time when
you assemble with your brethren
and Sisters to worship God, bear
testimony for your Mother, and
for her work, let none of Mothers
Instruments sink down in
silence, and think they will never

say any thing in meeting again,
because they have had so much to
speak in the line of Inspiration,
this would be giving the adversary
great advantage.

So be ye encouraged my little
one, press on in simple obedience to
your beloved lead, as you have
done to your Heavenly Parents, and
you will always flourish and grow
in the way and work of your
Mother. The sore tribulation you

have to pass thro, and trying scenes
on every hand and side oppress you.
remember never to let your
courage fail; nor think there is
no way thro, the daily cross of
Christ, patiently born, will
carry you safely thro time.

So in my blessing I leave you
From Holy Mother Wisdom.

----- Words of Mother Ann -----

To her good child Matilda Reed.

..... A Child

That has been faithful to work for me in truth,

..... My Mother

Little one I feel thankful that
Holy Wisdom has noticed thee, for I
have confessed thee before her Throne,
as a child that I could own and bless.

Little didst thou then know at
the time when I called thee, the
tribulation that lay in thy path

before thee, which thou wouldst surely have to pass thro', to be able to speak thy Mothers word in truth. But thou hast been patient under this tribulation, and by this means thou hast been enabled, to be a true and worthy Instrument of your Heavenly Parents, and evil spirits can never take away what you have gained in this work if you are wise. You was called when a child, and taken in among my

children, where you could be protected
and brought up in the way of purity
if you would be obedient. How thank-
ful you ought to be dear child for
this great notice of God to you in
early life. You have been led along
from one degree of faith to another
through your childhood and youth
to the present days, and now I behold
you says Mother, established on a
safe and sure foundation with
a love to my gospel that surpasses

all other Loves. And for this reason
my child I have brought you, many
precious and heavenly presents,
from the celestial regions above,
where the immortal souls of such
as have lived up to the best light
that was suffered to shine upon
their souls when on earth now live,
and dwell, supported by that treasure
which they gained by walking
in obedience.

As I was walking in my

garden on the 29th of December,
looking upon the precious fruit
that grew therein, and feeling a
great desire to bestow some on
my faithful children, while I
could yet have free access to them;
I spoke to the little Angels that
dress and keep my garden saying,
Ye little faithful dressers of my
Vineyard, you must harvest much
of this good fruit, for the time is
near at hand, that I must bestow

my last and parting notice of
this kind upon my lovely children
in the Temple on the Holy Mount,
and I must give them enough
if they are always prudent and
saving of it to last them till they
meet me here in Eternity. And
all my little Instruments in the
Temple, have been true and good
children, and I intend to give them
all a rich feast.

I have now brought you my

children in two large Pails some
golden Plumbs, Peaches, Grapes
and Figs and in two large transparent
Bowls, I have brought some very
large Strawberries. And I have sent
you some large beautiful Melons,
that grow on my Christly vines of
true obedience and simplicity.
Eat of all this precious fruit in
remembrance of your Mother who
sent it unto you, and always let it
work the true fear of God, and love

to the way (and work) of your
Mother. I have also brought you a
beautiful dress white and clean
Cap Handkerchief and Gown,
with a beautiful Golden Belt with
a Trumpet and Sword attached
thereto, Blow this trumpet often &
use this sword daily; that the Enemy
may make no invocations, to destroy
your beautiful presents.

I have closely watched you dear
child from the commencement of

This manifestation, to the present day, and with the sincerity of your heart I am well pleased, In your darkest hours of trials and tribulation, I have never forsaken you; but I have answered your prayers by opening a way for your deliverance, by dispelling the clouds of darkness, that you might clearly see and feel the gift that was before you.

I have also brought you a beautiful little pair of swifts, they are

made of the whitest of Ivory
and are heavily loaded with Love
that I reek'd on from the Savior. He
also gave me 4 large golden Pears,
to give to you dear child, that you
might always remember him, for
he said you was a worthy child of
his love and blessing, and he would
freely give me a good portion to
bestow upon you.

And I have brought you a
Bowl of Heavenly Manna, and a

Cup of the Water of everlasting life;
and a beautiful little Cage of my
sweet singing Birds, and a Golden
Roll of the beautiful gifts of God,
engraven upon very thin plates of
Silver and rolled within this Roll.
And when you feel poor and destitute,
if you will go to your Elders, and
kneel down and ask them to give
you one of these peices of silver
and place it on your Breast plate,
which I will now give you and

and labor in tribulation your
prayers shall be answered. I will
cause my little Angels to place
in your right hand (when you
receive this Roll) a beautiful
Gold Box in which is a Silver
Chain; in the center of this chain
is a shining silver plate 6 inches
square on which is engraven the
likeness of all your Heavenly Parents.
I have also placed 11 gold seals
on the edge of this Breast Plate

And you must ask your Elder Sisters to place this chain around your neck, wear the plate in front, and when you place this thin piece of silver from the golden Roll upon the Breast Plate, the beautiful gifts of God will appear.

So be comforted my little child with these beautiful presents, from your Mother and the Holy Saviour and if you are wise, they will always be to your soul a most precious treasure

But remember the path before you is very straight, and scenes of tribulation often lie in the way, you may be called to pass thro days and weeks of sore tribulation without finding any relief: but if you will keep humble and low and be truly obedient, your little Angels shall safely guard you thro it all. I will now leave 3 little bright Angels to remain with you thro time, if you will be faithful and never deny me

your Mother, my word nor my work.

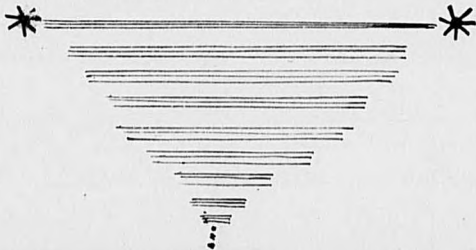
So with my love and blessing, I
I close my word to you,

While onward you're progressing,
With Heavens chosen few.

So fare ye well in peace and love,
I part with you dear child.

From Mother Ann.

To Matilda Reed.



... A Short Word ...
 from Father William & Father James

Dear child, your blessed Mother has bestowed the blessings of Heaven upon you in such full measures, that I shall of necessity be quite brief, as the little Book is almost full.

We gladly, unite our voices with our blessed Mother in bestowing on you our thanks and love, for we have found you true and faithful to your trust, ready to obey our will when

made known to you, and for the same
we have brought you some Heavenly
presents. Here is a Cage, a very small
cage with 4 little hum birds in it,
you must take good care of them
and feed them often. We have also
brought you a beautiful little Drum,
with two drum sticks, these you must
use when you feel as tho you was
getting under buffetings; and also two
pine Apples from the Saviors garden,
take them, and eat them, when you

feel the most needy, and they will strengthen you. We have also brought you two bags, filled with balls of Love, these are from your brethren and sisters who have entered Eternity within 10 years. So with these precious and heavenly things we now give you a seal of true Wisdom that you may use them all in the fear of God, and be comforted and strengthened in every gospel virtue, while running the race that

is set before you. Always remember,
to prize and labor anxiously for
the gifts of God.

So now farewell good little Child,
While you are in time below,
And if you'r good & reconciled,
You yet shall come where we do go.

And with our thanks our love and
blessing, we now bid you a kind
Farewell.

From Father William &
Father James.

A Short Word from Mother Ann
to Matilda Reed Dec^r 20th 1841.

Stop, stop my little one and listen
for a moment to the word of thy Mother,
Why is your spirit so sad and so heavy,
do you think I have forgotten you? or
do you think I have slightly passed
by you, and will neglect to bestow
my notice, my love and blessing
upon you, or leave you a written word
that you may look upon and think
of your Mother, when you hear not my voice?

I say, my little child, have you felt all these buffetings, or have you not?

Surely, my dear little child, you are not forgotten by your Mother, neither have you passed unnoticed by me. I have proved you to be a good child, a faithful true (and obedient) child to your Mothers Word. I have seen you pass thro' many scenes of sorrow and deep tribulation. And when your natural kindred have left the way of God, and turned

again to the beggerly elements of
 time; you have stood fast, owned
 your Mother, and never denied
 my name, yea, you have prized
 your faith and your lovely home
 in Zion, the cross and the path
 of self-denial, above, far above the
 momentary pleasures of time

Think not my beloved child,
 Ho! all these dark days of sorrow.
 I have not seen and known you;
 because I have not sounded forth

my word of strength and encouragement to you, ere this day. Surely this is not the case. As a kind loving parent, I have carefully watched over you, ever since you entered my first Church on earth; even in the days of your childhood I viewed you, and placed my blessing in the form of a bright golden cross on your forehead, and a chain of my blessing I placed around your neck, and

locked it with my love, and wrote my name thereon, All this I did my little one before you was 12 years old; and I also left with you a little Angel of care, named *Lo vi se na* and bade it stay with you untill I called it.

Now my little one consider for a moment, whose hand has sustained you thro' all the trying scenes thro which you have passed. Know, it is the hand of your Mother

Here's your visible Seal on earth. I
have proved you to be a true child,
a good child, and a faithful child,
because you have gathered to your
Mother, and not denied my name,
who I never dandled fondled nor
coaxed you, therefore I say, I have
already proved you to be a true child
to your Mother and in truth I can
say, O my good little child, I own,
love and bless you, you are mine my
good and worthy child.

And now my little one, grieve no more upon your past sorrows (and troubles; let all that is past go, as the dry leaves of Autumn fly before a mighty wind. Prepare your spirit O my beloved for the many troubles you must surely meet while on your Journey thro' time).

Ere I leave you my beloved child, I will clothe you with a Robe of my power and strength; and when you feel faint hearted and your spirit

is weary, you may think of me your
 Mother; and while you walk in the
 pretty low vale of humility, you may
 always with confidence look to me
 for support; And your beloved Elders
 you may always receive the blessing
 and strength of your Mother.

My love I leave with you eat drunk
 and be merry, and when you see
 any true child of Mother born down
 with grief and sorrow, you may give
 them the love of your Mother, give

it freely, for you shall ever be supplied from my store of good things, while you continue faithful and true, and this I trust will ever be the case with you.

But my little one, shall I not render unto you a parents thanks? you, truly, then receive, even the thanks of your Mother, for the many crosses you have taken up, to do my will and obey my word, you have been a good child and I will

remember you in my Heavenly Father's
Kingdom.

What more shall I say? what
more can you ask at the hand of
your Mother, I say again I own love
and bless you, my good dutiful and
worthy child, I will never forget you,
but when your work on earth is done,
and you enter the eternal world, then
will I meet you with outstretched
arms, and take care of you as a
child of my pleasure. So take courage

O my little one, preson and ever
know I am thy Mother.

Receive this little notice from
me, and let it suffice to comfort
your spirit. I give you the love
and blessing of all your heavenly
Parents in Eternity, and in peace
I bid you farewell, untill we meet
together far beyond this mortal shore
of sorrow grief and woe; and may
you farewell this time and be
best forever is the earnest desire of

your ever blep'd Mother and true friend
From Mother Ann
To Matilda Reed.

Contents of a Gold Trunk.

Written on a Square Sheet of Gold,
By Mother Ann.

And fold'd and laid inside of the Lid,
Sent to Matilda Reed.

March 26th 1810.

The trunk is made of solid gold,
by Abraham of old, and bordered with

silver, In the middle of the cover is stamped Mother Ann See, and under her name is written for my faithful little Daughter Matilda Reed. On one end of the cover is drawn Mother Ann's likeness when she was 4 years old kneeling in silent prayer to God. On the other end is Father William when he was 3 months old, and his Mother sitting in a chair, holding him in her arms, On the fore side is Father James when he was 3 years old, walking the floor under the power of God, and singing a

very solemn song. On the back side is Elder John Stockwell, sitting by the window in his fathers house, when he was 6 years old meditating on the things of God, and on the end is Father Joseph laboring in square order, and on the other Mother Lucy, sitting in her mansion.

In one end of the Trunk are gifts of various kinds, the gift of prophecy, a gift of tongues or in other words, or in other words a gift to speak to the understanding of all nations, a gift of prayer and exhortation

a gift of mourning, sorrowing, weeping and repentance, the gift of singing in many unknown languages, and shouting praises to God, the gift of signs of foretelling what which is to come, and of outward operations of the spirit.

All these gifts my little child I freely bestow upon you, and should you at any time be called on to impart any of these gifts to your companions, then freely give to them as I have given to you, if so it is the desire of your Elders,

and when you have done, these gifts shall
be left for your successors.

In the other end of the Trunk is a phial
of the balsam of Life (everlasting; a little
Ivory Box containing a beautiful dress
prepared by Holy Mother Wisdom, and the
Virgin Mary, for my little Matilda, a
child of my peculiar love and delight says
Mother Ann. It is a pink satin dress with
4-folds of refined gold around the bottom,
and on it is pictured the New Jerusalem;
and Christ and the Apostles sitting within

the beautiful Arbor of peace; Also the
 Throne of the Almighty, is drawn thereon
 with Holy Wisdom sitting upon it, and
 Mother Ann kneeling before it, with her
 little Matilda in her arms, confessing
 her to be a child of truth obedience and
 honesty a faithful instrument for her,
 There is also in this trunk a fine lace
 cap worked with spangles of silver, and
 trimmed with blue ribin. Sixty pink
 roses from Elder Sister Olive, and a
 large Marino Shawl, bordered with gold,

with the picture of Ebenezer Neeths Mansion
 drawn upon it with all its adornings, it is
 very splendid and beautiful to behold,
 a beautiful silk neck handkerchief, covered
 with gold crosses 196 in number, which
 you have faithfully taken up for me your
 Mother prepared by Mother Ann, A fine
 linen collar made by Hannah Reed
 A pair of gold shoes made by Mordica
 the Jew, from the Holy Savior, A fine
 linen pocket handkerchief with the
 mansion of my little Matilda drawn

upon it in the City of Paradise.

Mattilda is in it, and is learning to sing a very curious little song from Mother's English Robin, that sits upon the blue marble table, in a little glass cage one inch square; she sits in a gold chair and looks very pleasantly, the ceiling is arching over head and is of a pale blue color, the floor is silver and is very beautiful; the chairs are ivory save the one my little daughter sits in says Mother Ann.

A gold Crown hangs in the middle of the room suspended on four gold cords, and fastened to four gold mubs over head, which was prepared by my hand says Mother. All these treasures shall be yours, if you will continue in the path of well doing, as you have done. Elder Dr John. has placed a bottle of new Wine in one corner of the trunk, with a wine glass on the top of it, He says he placed a little carriage in the trunk drawn by

by two white ponies, to put all your
 fears, buffitins, doubts, discouragements,
 weakness and unbelief in, and these
 little ponies will draw it into the
 land of forgetfulness, and sink it into
 the land of oblivion. Elder Sister Olive
 sends 120 runs of fine linen spun by
 Queen Ester, to be bleached and
 wove to make Mother some caps of.
 Queen Ester also sends her little gold
 wheel, that she has spun on for many
 years, and 112 lb of flax to spin

some yarn for some fine shirts for
 Father William and Father James. Elder
 Br John sends a pair of gold spectacles
 that Matilda may see to spin it very
 fine and nice. Br. Garret is engaged
 making a silver loom, to weave
 Mothers caps and Fathers shirts in.
 It is not quite finished yet, but I
 think ^{we} says Garret, "It will be by
 the first of May next." and when
 the work is accomplished and well
 done says Elder Br John, I should

be pleased to have the cloth placed
in my little carriage, and I will
carry it to Mother. Mother Ann has
placed 13 rings of gold in a little
glass box, and put it into the
trunk, with these words on the top
of it, for my faithful, industrious
and obedient little child Father
William sends a gold knapsack,
filled with clusters of grapes, plums,
peaches, oranges lemons, figs raisens
and meats of various kinds, from

all who have died out of the Church
in 20 years past. Father James sends
6 gold pens, a gold pencil, 16 sheets
of pink, purple, blue and yellow
silk paper also his silver ruler and
ivory writing box. Father Joseph
sends a bag of bleaching salts, covered
on the outside with his love Mother
Lucy, sends a round willow basket
with four pound balls in it, viz
courage, strength, patience & reconcilia-
tion Elder Br John sends a little

money purse with 60 gold crosses
in it. Elder Sister Blue sends a
sampler pinned in a gold frame
with her likeness worked on it (in
flowers of beautiful colors) in the
garden of paradise gathering straw-
berries for Elder Sister and Betsy,
which she has placed in the trunk,
also a glass saucer with 2 silver
teaspoons to eat them with.

Receive this present says
Mother Ann, O my little child with

The everlasting love and blessing of
 all your heavenly parents, for you
 are our good little child and we
 love you very much.

From Mother Ann
 To Matilda Reed.

The following Contains a memorandum
 of promiscuous presents received at
 different times & collected from Memory.

March 21st 1847.

Father William brought a sack

from Holy Wisdom, which shone
 with 40 different colors, my name
 was set in pearls upon it and it
 was suspended by a gold chain
 around my neck. In the sack
 was 1000 dollars of gold, which he
 said was my reward for testifying
 of him, and interpreting the sign
 he placed at the head of the Meeting
 some time previous to this.

He said there was a gold car for
 me in the Heusens, lined with

pink velvet, and the number of the Car
and my name were printed on it.
The No. was 40 it was printed on a
card and placed in the sack. The
Car he said, ran on small wheels
on a track by the power of God.
The Car he said formerly was his, but
now it was mine, and it was
large enough for 100 to ride in.

A Ball of Love, & Cup of Balsom
from Elder Sister Olive, 20 Balls of love from
Mother Lucy.

A Glass Box from Mother Ann?
 Containing a blue silk gown, with a
 white flounce 4 inches wide around
 the bottom, a gold belt around the
 waist, a pink Apron, peach blow
 handkerchief and white collar; a
 white cap with 70 yards of lace on
 it, gold strings, Mother Anns name on
 the chin strings. Strings, 2 gold
 jewels, silver shoes from the Savior,
 Gloves from Holy Mother, A Gold Staff
 from Fr. Williams fastened on the outside
 of the Box.

To Matilda my sweetest love and blessing, rolled in one solid ball with 27 B Ends, a Holy Seal of flaming truth, and a beautiful Star taken from the Saviors Crown. This is a reward of thy simplicity and obedience says thy blessed Mother.

A Sum of Spiritual Money, was once divided my share was 610606 Gold Dollars

May 20th 1844.

I received from Mother Ann a very white and pretty cap, with a lino

border and Mother Anns name on
 the chin strings Also a fife and
 a broom. A peice of silver with
 100 stars on it from Father William
 A coconut from Mother Lucy,
 and a cup of the pure water of life
 from Eldersister Olive.

From Mother Ann, A peach blow
 satin dress, with four folds of gold
 lace worked in at the bottom, a
 blue silk apron, and a gold belt

of Wisdom, a white satin handkerchief with a sky blue border, and an Ivory staff bearing seventeen different colours.

From Mother Ann, Bread and water of life, A Silver Cup, and a gold teaspoon;

A Yoke for all under 50, with these words written on it,

My Mothers Yoke how easy and light,
 It limbers my neck and keeps it upright,
 It serves for a bridle and serves for a hoe,
 It Yokes up old nature wherever I go.

September 22nd 1848.

From Mother Lucy, A blue pearl
basket with a plat of flowers, and
a gold chain, with a watch and
70 gold crosses fastened to it. This
is in the basket with my love
and blessing for my good child
Matilda says Mother Lucy, as a
reward for her real faithfulness
the year past.

A Word of notice from Eldress Ruth.
Feb. 28th 1851.

Eldress Ruth came to our shop and spoke to me as follows, after giving her love and blessing she proceeded, There has a great work begun, and before it ends you will feel as tho you had all the tribulation and affliction you was able to bear. You know better what these things mean, than those who are young, and you must be a strength and comfort to them. She then spoke

to some young sisters present, bidding them to love the power of God, it would do them good. Some would have one gift and some another, but they would all have what was for them, and they must let it work in them the fear of God. She then gave us her love and Mother Lucys, and Elder Sister Betsey B's and Elder Sister Olive Wheelers.

In the afternoon Elders Meth and Hannah Shapley came. Hannah told me if I would jump up, I should

receive the little Angel that Eldress
 Nuth gave me 2 moons ago. She then
 placed a ring on my middle finger
 of my right hand, with Eldress Nuths
 name written on it. She also gave me
 the same gold breast plate she wore
 while on earth, hung with a gold chain
 around my neck. It was very beautiful
 sparkling with diamonds.

I then returned my thanks to
 Eldress Nuth and Sister Hannah
 for my precious notice.

A Present from Br Seth
To Isaac Youngs, Jan 5th 1821.

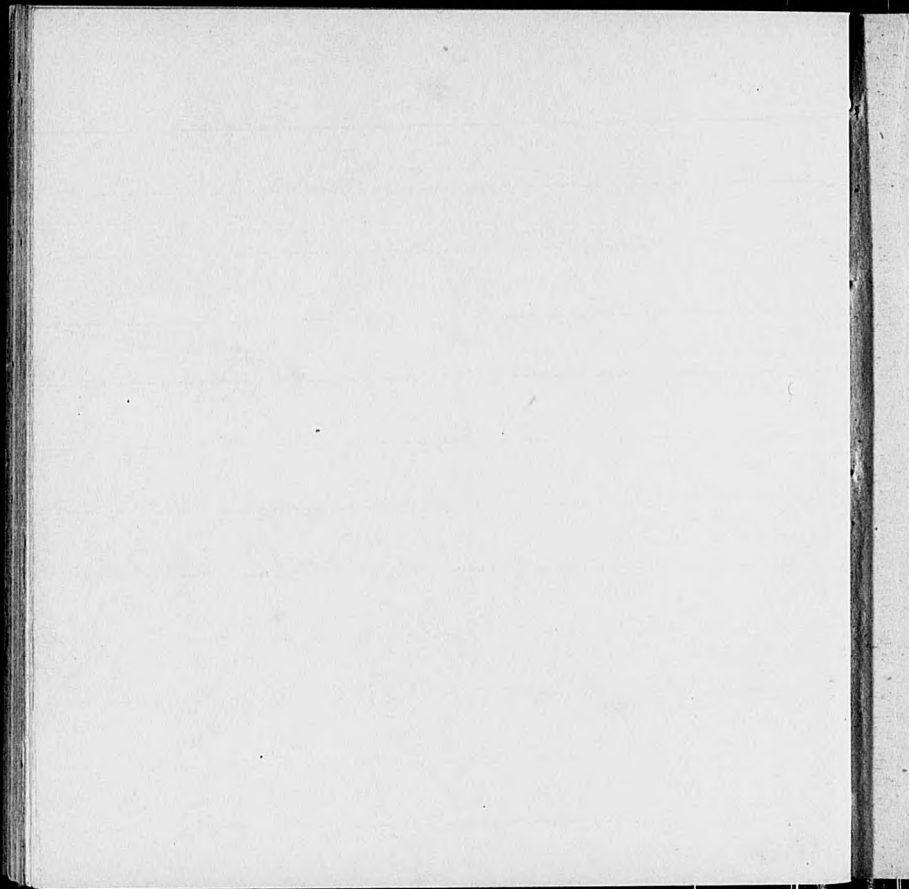
The present is 5000 $\text{H}^{\text{of}} \text{G}^{\text{old}}$.
to be divided among all under 60
and over 30 years of age. My share
was 104th 2oz, which I gave to my
little Angel to deposit in Father James's
bank for me. The Gold is coined in
pieces small and great, and the
value stamped on it, and the following
words, Spend not the deurable riches
for that which passeth away and is

no more, Gain is not Godliness, but
godliness is great gain.

The Value of 5000 lb of Gold as
we reckon, is, one million one hundred
and twenty five thousand dollars. That
is twenty three thousand, four hundred
thirty seven dollars and fifty cents
to each person.

March 8th 1835

Oldress Ruth gave me a Rose,
and a Pocket handkerchief with her
likeness on it and fastened to a Gold chain
around my neck.



1 hund 4 lb 2 oz