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Much Beloved Ministry,

We had been waiting for a suitable season in which we could leisurely, make you some return for your kind favor and valuable communication of Jan'y 25th which we received here on the 16th Feb'y. And altho we could not feel that such a season had arrived; yet, about two months ago we concluded we must write "any how" — but by an intimation from Mother, thro' one of her messengers, it was post poned till the present time — the particular reasons not then being given; but which you may now find in the sequel, and we hope they will be a sufficient apology for the lengthened delay.

All your remarks, suggestions, quotations, counsel, ideas, exprest or implied, are seasonable, conclusive, well-timed, and are thankfully received, scrupulously regarded and carefully treasured up, together with the general information, kind feeling, gospel love & blessing. It is to us a source of the greatest consolation comfort & encouragement to hear of the increase & progress of the good work of God throughout the whole land; and that we too, in common with our kindred, who labor in other parts of the vineyard, are blessed with a portion of the same, and yet in truth, we cannot feel ourselves worthy of the blessing & help we receive from Heaven, nor the blessings of the earth which are strewed around us in such bountiful profusion, notwithstanding crosses, trials, tribulation & mortification have their turns. All of which however, are evidently & indisputably given and intended for the better security of our ultimate happiness & eternal welfare. And there is such charity, such

tender mercy, such unbounded love attendant on the whole, that we are enabled to feel a spirit of gratitude and thankfulness, as well for the one as the other, as well for the bitter as the sweet.

We would be pleased to give you a full history of the good work of our blessed Mother, as it has prevailed with us the past year, including all the variety of gifts with which we have been blessed, individually & collectively, together with their various effects; but this, you well know, is entirely out of the question. 'Tis utterly impossible, both as respects time or capacity: for what we have sensed & felt would require more than tongues of Angels to express. So if we can give you a general outline, touching at the changes and variety of gifts which Mother & the good Spirits have thought best to bestow upon us, which will, in some good degree, be satisfactory, we shall be thankful.

The gift that was last sent from the Mother Church to this western land, upon visiting us, found it necessary to establish a great many more gospel orders amongst us, for the observance of all, than we had formerly felt bound to notice, which, after a certain length of time, prepared us, in a measure, for the coming of Mother. For true it is, that previous to this time, there was not order enough supported among us, that her work could have been, in any way protected: for when she did come, she said we had only then got to where she could reach us.

That which was first exhibited to our view, was an invisible mighty power, operating on the bodies of individuals, equally astonishing to the beholder and those under the operation. It almost seemed as if the ^{very} earth on which we

stood, trembled and rocked on a pivot! And then the creatures that were exercised—such thrashing, jerking, rolling, bowing, shaking, and, as it were, crisping, writhing, groaning & dying! lying for a season, seemingly without power, motionless, lifeless, almost pulseless and cold! This great exhibition of invisible power had a tendency, at first, to excite our wonder and buoy up our spirits, (as a people we mean.) Expectation soared aloft. (How apt we poor erring mortals are to take a wrong view ^{sense} of divine things, which are not immediately within the scope of our limited comprehensions!) The truth is, as a body, we had an idea that we were low down, and were expecting to be raised up to a more elevated situation. But all such as come to see the true state of the case, have found that we were already perched on the summit of the Andes, and still looking up; when lo! (on the 4th of June 1838) the very first words directly from Heaven were, O, do come down! O, do come down! &c. To be sure the sounds came from above; but we heard the soft echoing, like the voice of an innocent dove, away down in some beautiful valley. And O, the sounds! we can never forget them. The solemn calls—the entreaties—how mild!—how soft!—how inviting! how persuasive! how enchanting! how melting!—and continued on & on—sometimes plaintive, and even sorrowful & mournful, till it seemed as if the trees might have wept, and the very hills have dissolved away!!! And then again, it would be of all things, the most reviving, cheering & pleasant. The very air seemed filled with music, and the harps of Heaven sounded in sweetest strain.

We felt anxious to be down in the valley; but were yet reluctant to leave our then present situation. Some were taken

away to see Mother—continually going into the heavens and bringing us love and spiritual food. At this time we were stimulated, interested, joyous, and almost frolicsome, making loud promises in the presence of each other, to go the downward journey to where we heard the inviting calls.

Thus we continued till the forepart of August; when to prove us more effectually, and see whether we really intended to come down or not, Mother sent us a good many humiliating & mortifying gifts of bodily exercise, individually and collectively; such as voluntary kissing the floor—the feet—prostration—rolling &c. beginning not far from A & going to Z. Well, this we concluded was getting down in pretty good earnest. But we had promised fair, and knew it would break no bones; so that there was no individual who refused any mortifying exercise, tho some were extremely so.

By this time we thought we had got as low down as the "Table Lands." But here again we were mistaken: for Mother has since told us that she could only discern that we had started down! But at that time, (in the fore part of August,) she told us we were all in our sins, and could not get along another inch till we confessed them all over again.

This was another matter. And altho this would break no bones neither; yet it produced some different sensations from any thing that had preceded it; especially as she declared that those who would not be honest, would be exposed! This caused some backing, retrograding—retreating—scared! Most wishing the great call had not reached them, and that they had not started down at all. But such as these, you know, came along only in body, not in spirit.

But the proclamation was loud & general, bringing, with it evidence of its origin, that it proceeded from Mother. So that we were measurably honest, tho' some there were who confessed more thro' fear than conviction. Upon the whole we thought we did pretty well. It was not long, however, till there was some revelation of hidden things, and some exposure, enough to awaken a good many, and help them to do the inward work more thoroughly than they ever had before.

In this kind of gift & labor we continued about two months; in the mean while receiving the most heavenly and melodious songs, with messages of love, counsel, &c. And Mother's messengers had extensive privileges in the celestial regions, reading the words of Jesus & Mother on plates of gold, and on the sides of thrones, where they seemed to be engraven, and which were written from the mouths of the visionists while entranced, & afterwards read to the people, which had a good effect to clear away doubts and unbelief. Thus their privileges were increased.

This, together with striking messages, admonitions and reproofs, public and private, of the more searching and trying kind, were brought by Mother's messengers, and administered to both Brethren & Sisters, individually & collectively — also with kind entreaties & warnings upon warnings, which continue to the present moment.

In November, however, the spirit & manoeuvres of the Jap were shown out, publickly, in our meetings, in all their disgusting & various forms. This was done in order to show the spirit & actions which were more or less supported amongst us, and cause us to sense its meanness, as well as its vanity.

The messengers were carried from mountain to mountain, from valley to valley, from city to city, from world to world, in the celestial regions. The description of what they saw in their travels was curious & entertaining; a good deal of which was written & read to all. The beauties of the Heavens, the happy abodes of the shining myriads, their manners of worship & travels, their robes, crowns, fruits, vines, streams & pools of love, &c. &c. were brought to view in their visions, with the promises of Father & Mother, and good angels, that all who would set out and be honest, humble & obedient to the order of God on earth, as set forth & proclaimed by their visible leads, should inherit a place, and be received in those angelic companies that were seen to occupy the heavenly mansions. How small the sacrifice! How great the reward!

They were not only shown the state of the faithful, but in these same visions the awful state of the wicked was held up in frightful contrast. (The sure reward of all unfaithfulness.) Such as wandering in dark & lonely regions; howling, shrieking and groaning amid burning pits, endless flames, lakes of melted fire, black houses, chains of iron, wretchedness, damnation! The latter as far beyond the reach of all mortal conception in misery and woe, as the former is in comfort, beauty and glory; all of which was read in meeting with good effect.

So they continued till in January, when their gifts were in a measure changed. They were taken, we might say, to a remote heaven; and there the Society of Believers at South-Union is represented, Jesus & Mother being present. Jesus steps out at the head of the alley and delivers an address to us, which is written from the mouth of the visionist, and read to the

people. And O, such preaching! It pierces the heart like an arrow — enough to make one quake and quiver! (A short sample you will find in the packet.) These sermons are such as could not be spoken to the people in any other way, searching, burning, and true as they are.

Thus it continued thro' the latter part of the winter & spring, and summer thus far. The good Fathers, Mothers and good spirits laboring with us in these various ways, and many more, to enlighten, to encourage, to strengthen — to save us. — This is love with a witness. They watch over us & around us, by night & by day, with the utmost vigilance; so that no thought nor word nor action can escape them. Nay, more; every action of our lives, gesture, motion, look, word, thought, all, all are within the knowledge of Jesus & Mother — And Mother Ann has told us that it is by the power of God she knows these things; and we want no more evidence (many of us) than we have already received to be thoroughly satisfied of the fact.

But Mother deals with her children in all patience and tenderness. Her kindness, forbearance, mercy, charity and love, are without end; limitless — endless — infinite — truly condescending Mother! ever blessed — ever & ever! Yet "God will not always strive with man," nor Mother with the children: for she has said (and she cannot lie) that, "If we will not purge evil out of our souls, we will be purged out — that God has sent her to straighten the crooked; and she intends to do it, or separate it." And we verily believe it. And the warning still continues to greet our ears, to straighten — to straighten ourselves; to come while the hand of mercy is yet extended: for the time is near at hand that a dividing line will be made, and

Those who will not hearken, be they old or young, or middle aged, will be cut off, and wo to that soul!

All the involuntary exercises, or nearly so, together with tongues, prophecies, visions &c. remain exclusively among the sisters, and in the first order. The three youths that were first chosen to convey Mother's messages, are the only ones in that order, that have yet been called for that purpose; but a number more children have been entranced—had visions &c. One that was a messenger in the junior order, is now gone to the world—a girl about seventeen or eighteen years of age.

Some parts of the work have, at different times, had a tendency to exalt those messengers in the first order, above their order and protection, which has caused them, at times, more or less, to lose their gifts and come under loss. This, we believe, was caused mainly from two things. One was an undue notice from those who stood in lots of care before them, both brethren & sisters; and the other was, that they had pretty heavy dealing to do, near "head quarters," as there were some of us who needed, and have received some pretty square dealing from Mother, through them. And in these times they were able to discover a kind of fear & timidity in nearly all who were before them, which, of course, had a tendency to exalt them above their heads. — They are all three young; and in the course of the winter & spring, Mother has suffered all of them to be taken by the Serpent, while in their trances. And they seemed to have a worldly experience of a whole life. And we have not been able to discover, as yet, that it has had any bad effect on them; for they had, about that time, and since, some strong messages to bring out for others; and if their

worldly experience had any effect on them at all, it seems that better enabled them to perform their duty. But we are not really certain that it made any particular change on them any way.

Among the most important things that we have received from Mother, is the state and standing of the people, individually, together with some of their intentions. The Book in which it ~~was~~ seems our lives are registered, being opened by Mother, she permitted the visionists to read the state of the individuals so slow and distinctly, that it was easily written verbatim from their mouths. At the same time, and in the same manner, accompanying counsel was also given to the Ministry & Elders, how sacred they must be with it, and what use to make of the same. Mother said she intended to put lighted candles into the hands of the Ministry & Elders; and if they were like to burn down, she would snuff them; and if we would be faithful, and they were like to go out, she would light them up again, &c.

We have of late received some remarkable counsel, besides one particular prophetic vision, which was given & written in two languages — in our own, and in an unknown tongue, both of which were written from the mouth of the visionist, while entranced & with Mother, who made her read so slow and distinctly, that they were truly written. The orthography or spelling, however, of the unknown tongue was not taken correctly till after she came home out of her trance. And the same power that gave the vision, enabled her to correct the spelling of every word as it was read in her presence. So we think there is not much possibility of any mistake in the reading. The visionist thro' whom it was given, [Elvarine Hilton] cannot so much as read & write correctly in her native tongue;

and for our own part, we know but little more about any dead language than a goose. But it wants no argument in its favor to substantiate it; it carries the evident marks of inspiration on its face throughout. It is one among many that have been given here; but it seems the most really prophetic; we therefore have a desire to send you a copy in both languages. And as this was intended to be given, you may perhaps receive it as one reason why Mother said to us, "Wait a little while."

Thus we have given you a kind of recapitulation of the most important or essential changes, bearings &c. which have occurred or transpired in our labor or travel within the last year. But withal it is but a mere glance; we therefore could not expect it to be entirely satisfactory; but if it is not measurably so, it is not for the want of an honest endeavor on our part. We hope, however, you will be able to see & know the general course we have pursued. And if indeed your patience is already wearied, (and we should not think much strange^{if} it were,) and if we have said more than was necessary, or agreeable to you, we believe you will be able to find an apology for us, in our desire to give you a general idea about the good work in this distant corner. And if on the other hand, we have not said enough, you will find an apology in our not knowing how much to say. There are no means by which the subject can be exhausted. So we will conclude for the present by letting you know that we are in health, as a Society — that we feel that we have made some increase since you last heard from us — that we feel encouraged to persevere in the good work — that we feel that we have good love to send

you, and heartfelt thanks. You will therefore, beloved Ministry, be so kind as to receive a double portion of our purest and truest gospel love, prayers & blessing, together with that of all the Elders of the Church. We feel also free in adding the love of all the Deacons, Brethren & Sisters in South Union, (tho not particularly called for on the present occasion,) and desire the same to be extended to the good Elders of the Chh. at Lebanon & Wateruliet, also to the good Ministry of Pittsfield, &c., and as far throughout as you feel disposed to extend it: for lo! we have true love for all the faithful. Beloved Ministry & dear gospel friends, remember us—do remember us. Farewell— from the Ministry, South Union. To the Ministry, New Lebanon.

Vision seen by ~~by~~ Elvarine Hilton, Tuesday evening, June 18th 1839.
(This same was afterwards given thro' Elvarine in another language, & written by H. E.)

In my vision this evening, when I arrived at the top of the hill, I saw Jesus & Mother standing at a distance from me. Mother told me to come to her, and I did. She then asked me if I had settled it to be obedient. I told her I had. Then she asked me if I would be faithful to relate whatever was given me. I told her I would. She then told me if I did not, that I would suffer every time I disobeyed. She then asked me if I remembered the vision I had when the two angels came to me in the valley. I told her I did then; but I had forgotten it. She told me I should have it again; and then took me to a beautiful round house. It resembled gold, but much more beautiful. I was in meeting there— she told me to gather strength to support me; and I done so. But in what heaven or place I was in, I know not.

She told me I should hear many things. She then led me down a small hill into a vally, and left me standing alone; and told me to stay there till I was called.

But Mother had not got out of my sight till evil spirits began to come to me. They were transformed and looked bright, like angels. They told me they were the ones that were sent to me, and desired to communicate something; but I denied them. Many came to me; and I could not make them leave me in any way, but by turning my back on them, which I did.

I then looked up and saw two angels coming down a hill; and they looked brighter than the others did, and I knew they were the true ones; and O, but I was rejoiced to see them! I was as glad as I could be.* When they were come, they asked me if I was a chosen messenger of Mother. I said I was. (They called you by a name which meant Mother; but I cannot remember it.) Then they asked me if I knew what prosperity the world was in. I told them I did; that I knew it by the power of Mother, and I had seen some of it. They answered me that it would not always be so. And by this time I felt like another messenger. I felt like I knew all that was going on — what Mother was doing, and what she intended to do. They asked me if I would hear what they had to say; for they were sent. I said I would.

Then they said; In a little time there would be great desolation in the earth; and there would be judgments sent upon the high, and ^{the low} them that had great power in the earth; and from the least to the greatest would feel it. They asked me then, who it was that went to every corner and every end of the earth wherever man dwells, and even where there is neither beast nor man, (and viewed it over; and wherever there is a soul on earth, who is it that is

*This vision was renewed; and afterwards Mother gave the visionist power to relate it to her while entranced; and as she related it to Mother, it was written from her mouth.

there? And they asked me, Who is it that visits the kings, in their high splendid glory? I said it was the foe of God.

And they asked me, for what cause, and why, it was suffered to be? And who is it they fear when strife is among them? And who is it that they call on for help in trouble? And who is it they give their offerings to, when they live in strife and slay each other? And who do they call on, when they are beaten back by the waves of evil, and turned about as a whirlwind?

I answered to the first question, that it was the Devil that visited the whole earth; that he entered the heart of every soul. In relation to the kings of the earth, I told them, In strife and slaying each other, they call on the Devil, from whom they get that power. — That in desolation & trouble, they call on God. And when they are beaten back by evil, and turned as in a whirlwind, they call on the tide of nature. And in relation to the cause, and why it is suffered to be; I answered, that it was not the will of God; but he suffered it to be, that his will might yet be done.

Then they asked me if I know'd that the Lord by Mother, would search the earth to the remotest corners and greatest depths. I answered, I know'd it; because Mother had told me. Then they told me that the powers of Satan, or the Devil, was weakened, and could not ^{stand} against what was coming. —

Then they asked me, who it was that held power against God. I told them, it was the foe of God. And they said, there were but few who know'd they had to be saved by Mother. And they said, In the beginning the bands of that foe would be broken, and he would be loose; but desolation and judgments will come first.

The Dragon, as you have heard, in a little while will be loosed, and then all people will know it. And in three hundred years, the time of the century of three hundred years, there will be wars & continual stripes. And they said that God had said, "Hearken, people! Hearken to a Mother's voice!" And then, in that time, the Church of God will be tossed as a ship on the sea, and will land upon a rock, and will stand forever. And the heads of many of the people of God, will be taken from them; but yet the Church will never fail.

And in the fourth century, peace will appear; and a messenger will arise among them; a great one; and will remain a little while; and he will tell them many things, and then go whence he came; and he will vanish away, & they know not where; and he will be called & sent away. And in four hundred—the fourth century, the gospel will spread like fire, and souls will gather in by hundreds; yea, in thousands. But the Spirit of God, they said, would be poured out through all the land.

And they said, There will be them among the people of God, that in passing the fields, the very corn will yield before them. A sword cannot penetrate them—Their heads cannot be taken from them. Yea, every fowl, and every beast, and every living creature shall sense that it is the day of God. The grass will fall & die before them—Neither shall they be destroyed; for their time is not come.—Their lives will be sought; men will watch their way, and will be slain without hands. And neither can they be drowned; neither will fire consume them; they cannot be burned. And in that day, there will not one spear of grass grow upon the earth; nor one sprout of wood for a time.

And they said, when God had gathered many people, then the fruits of the earth would be given. In that day, they said, - the beasts will fall, and wonder why mortals have forsaken them. And hundreds of people will be driven back and forth, seeking some place of rest, and something to support upon; for every mite of food shall be taken from them; and they will leave their own possessions, and wander over the land, seeking a house to enter; and they will say, "This is not the place for me." They will be driven by the smell of the carcasses of their kindred. Many will cast themselves into deep waters, to be hid from the judgments of God - and many will strive to hide from the judgments of God, and strive to destroy their lives & cannot; they will seek a pit to cast themselves into. And the old will mourn the loss of the young.

And in that day the air will be turned as blood & smoke, and people will be compelled to come to the gospel. And the sons & the daughters will rise & cast out the fathers & the mothers; and the earth will be shaken. The air that they breathe will be as black smoke. - In that time they will fear the tongues of infants. In that day the land shall be dry, and the seas driven to & fro. - The rein-deer will raise their mournful sound in the vallies - The hens will sing around their desolate houses. People will leave their lands & their possessions. - The graves will melt, and the tombs of memory will pass away. - Every man & every beast shall be tumbled - every living creature.

Two messengers will be sent to declare these things; to proclaim loud warnings; and the wicked will blow out evil breath against them. They will arise for a time, before they ^{will} appear in sight. One will be cast into the waters, to be destroyed.

by the living of the sea, and will still live. The other will be brought before thousands, and there will be many attempts to take his head; but every hand shall fail; because his time is not come. By him Mother will work many wonders.

There will be them that will turn black before the eyes of thousands. And the spirits of many will depart from them, and they will turn to wolves & dogs; and thousands beholding. And they will enter their bodies again, and in every way, act as wolves and dogs, as serpents, as lions, and as tumourts. In that day, many of the sayings of Jesus and Mother will be fulfilled, and of their sons and their daughters.

In five hundred, or time of the century of five hundred, the people of God will prosper & travel; and the earth shall be filled with the glory of God. By the people of God, every living soul shall be blessed, and every soul shall know there is a God, and shall know their Creator's name.

And they said that God had said, No King shall rule my people; but Jesus & Mother will be their Lead, and dwell among them, and threaten them with judgments, and stricken them in the gospel. Jesus & Mother is one Lead. They said, Father and Mother is one Lead; and they will often shine in their Churches, and every soul shall know their name. And in that Church no wicked soul shall dwell. And Mother will often pass them by; and tho they may be far distant; yet Jesus's wings will extend over them all; and he will feed them with bread that never will fail. The waters of life shall flow unto them, and never will fail; which is the spirit of God.

Father & Mother traveled before; they have gone before to prepare the way. Their Father called them home to prepare

a place for souls to come. They were sent to leave their example and the gospel behind them, which will remain a light of the world, till every son & daughter is saved. And in that day, saith Jesus & Mother, many glories shall be opened to them, and they will rejoice, and know whence their blessings come; when the seed of the earth is restored to them again. In a time when thousands, yea, millions were swept from the earth, and the beasts were destroyed, and not one grain of food did grow for man nor beast, for fish nor for fowls — it will be recorded for generations and ages. It shall be a warning, even to the end.

And never more, saith God, will I pour out my vengeance as I have done upon the earth; because my foe is slain and man is free; Yea, millions of souls who never know that they are known by their Creator. But Mother doth say to the children of earth, there is not one joint of your body, but God will number together. — Yea, in the Church of God, vile women shall enter, and men of murder; and in the night will they enter; and the light of God will shine around them; and the word of God from the mouth of man will expose them.

The angels then said to me, "Go tell these things wherever you go." I did not feel at this time as tho I was an inhabitant of the earth, or that I belonged to it. — When the two angels had ended these sayings, they left me, and Mother then called me, and I went to her; and she took me to the house of thrones. But after I got out of the valley and met with Mother, I then knew that I was a messenger from the earth, and knew what I was.

When we were in the house of thrones, I knew it to the first house of thrones I ever visited in that world. It was in the first Heaven. Here Mother opened a large book that lay upon a round table; and out of it she took a sheet & unfolded it. — And she handed it to me, she asked me if I knew that all things were written in Heaven. I said to her, I did not. She answered me that they were. Then I read in the sheet as follows.

[Before we proceed, it seems to be our duty to state that this vision had been given twice; and the third time, as she related it to Mother, at this same house of thrones, she spoke it slow & distinctly; so that it was written pretty strict & correctly at home, [from her own mouth] and but little alteration or addition was needed when Elvarine returned out of vision. The contents of the sheet also, which we are about to give, was renewed: and the last time she read it aloud, slow & distinctly; and it was, in the main, correctly written from her mouth. There were, however, a few words missing, which she supplied upon hearing it read over.] I then read,

“Is there a time for souls? — Is there a God to rule? — Is there a man that lives? — Is there a God that created? — Is there a father who cares for his children? — Is there a shepherd for the sheep? — Is there a mother who nurseth her children? Are there beasts which destroy man? — Is there an earth whereon souls dwell? — Are souls a part of the earth? or are they the creation of God? — O, people! O, people! — Do you know there is a God? Do you know there is a time? Do you know there is eternity? O, people! Do you know you stand before God? — that you are called into judgment? — Has God given souls power to do as they please? — That awful! that awful hour! One Day Is present, and yet has not come: Great Day Is present, and yet has not come, when God will call all souls into one; when the wind shall blow as smoke, and the air be as fire, and the moon shall

N.B. The words here written in large letters, were written large in the sheet which the visionist read.

shine no more. Has the Father prepared a way to lead souls to the Kingdom? — Have many passed the gate? — Will all souls enter of their own accord? — Has ever the soul entered without being called or led into the Kingdom? — Nay, not one. — Have they felt the judgments of God? Or has the day come for all souls to stand in judgment? It is now; but yet cometh. — Has the day come that Jesus & Mother can descend to the earth in peace, and their children smile around them? — When shall it be? — Yea, the day comes, when they will walk ^{there} with the brightness and shine & glory of their Father, when all souls will rest in peace — Nay, nay, they will never know evil; and the earth shake & tremble no more — Then shall God be pleased. But O, the time when ^{the} heavens are silent, and the earth in quietness, and all music is still!!

When the veil is drawn, — when time is not!! O, the veil that hides mortals from their Father's face! — Hides the lofty sons of men, and the haughty daughters of the human race!! — The silence of the heavens and the earth — and when the veil is drawn, a mighty shaking will begin! — When the sound begins, it will be with mighty shaking. Was it first by man or woman, that the veil was drawn, that separated between God & man? — By woman it is known. — By woman, few there is who ~~know~~ know they must be led to their Father. — Man obeyed woman when he obeyed the Devil — Now he must obey woman to obey God. And few there is who travel in obedience! — But mind you, as Jesus said to a little company, walk in ^{this} path, and in the arms of your Father you will be embraced. — A little ^{fire} has begun, which will spread to every nation. It will blaze & burn till every evil is conquered. But oft times shall they know who giveth them bread to eat — Who watereth the land that they ^{may} drink. Yea, the time will come, when the singing of the fowls shall be turned to mournful sounds. — Remember me, saith Mother Ann; I will visit you often, and never, never will forsake you. But O, it grieves me

me when you stand stiff and will not obey. — I have been sent to save you — I have died for you — and often do I weep for you, and if you will obey me, I will lead you home. Little children of the new creation! — children of the new heavens! — The children of Mother! The children of Father! — The shining sons & daughters of Zion's holy place! — The shining gems of the living world! — The children of eternity! They who will not deny their Mother, shall be called, and a crown given them brighter than gold, yea, brighter than the beams of the sun; and living waters shall flow unto them, and never shall fail — The promise is true, and often is said. — O, turn not away! — My grief! my grief! God ^{doth} know the grief I grieve for you! Dear children, keep your understanding, saith Mother; give it not away to fools who tread around the vineyard and never enter in. Wherever you may be, in the silentest ends of the earth, I will place a rock in the midst, that all may stand upon. — My wings shall extend unto you, and I will hover around you.

“You stiff-necked & high, and disobedient & dishonest, increase my grief: for when you go, you fall into hell before you know it, in disappointment & mournful sighs. — O, could you conceive how awful it is! when, if you had come down, you would have been clothed with another garment. Wo, to them who deny me! for them I will deny, and they will turn as ashes. Wo to the sinner! yea, the deceiver, saith Mother. The separating hand of God is extended! — To the right, or to the left? O, which way will you turn? — Is there a hand that feeds the poor? — The grace of God — The peace of God — The dwelling place of God. — Is there a shining place of glory, where the Lord alone dwells? The gardens of eternal glory! Is the brightness of the glory of God what mortals have

never seen? Ah! The treasures of the Lord are yet untold! Who can enter there, but the Son alone? — Behold the Son & Daughter is one.

“The day cometh when A Tree which is planted will spring up with but few branches. But they will gather unto it; and one branch will cling to another till it will extend afar, and it will be of great height. It will extend from the heavens to the earth, and from the earth to the heavens; and on this TREE, in the midst, there will the Lord shine; and there will be no veil to hide it; but a wall will surround it. — And neither can one of these branches be plucked off. But man will say, When will this be? This is what was told before, many days ago. As the Father called the Son, and claimed him as his own. — Who will yield to the mind of their Commander as Jesus did? Who will not yield till the green of their fields is taken away? — They will look to the skies & think, O! why is this! — O, think, O man! from whence you came!

“Their garments are taken, and naked they stand. He said to them, You will not hearken, and your fruit-trees shall bear no more, and your springs shall be dry. Yea, in that day the sea shall divide, and the waters therein shall be turned as a stone; yea, immovable as a pillar of stone. Yea, all these things unto the end, by the hand of God. Awake & tremble, ye blind & needy! So! the name of God shall be known in every tongue! Yea, in the days that are to come to pass, the tongues of men shall swell out of their heads — And the righteous will cry unto God, saying, O! let not the enemy rage!

“Man gains power, but knows not what to do. Should one man possess the power of all the earth, he could be shaken by one of these little ones — By one of these little ones, by the hand of Mother, his power would fail.

"Is time not short that smoking beasts will arise? O, true it is! Our Mother has called her children, and will save them from the storms. — Many will cry, saying, Who shall stand? and who shall fall? Who shall rise? and who shall sink? — O, little children! stand the true! and Mother doth say, I will ever be with you; and never, never, never, shall my blessings fail to the true honest soul. Few there are who know their Mother. There ^{is} are but few now seeking salvation. But soon it shall be; there will be mourning souls & weeping hearts. Dear little children! these words are true, saith Mother. These are the words of an angel to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Daughter. And now I have done all that was given me."

After I was done reading, Mother took me to the first ~~at~~ white house, and into a room alone. Here she told me that what I had heard from the angels, read from the sheet, should be received on earth. — I then told her that what the angels had told me, I never could tell — that I never could remember it. She then said, she would tell it thro' me — that she would tell it in any way she thought proper. She said it was thro' her, that this was received from the angels — that it was thro' her, we received all that we got. And she said that our time was short; and that her time, when on earth, was short. But her work was not done there — that she would appear to many souls, and in many places, and in many ways; but always to our disappointment.

And she said, "I have revealed many things, and will yet reveal more. I have sent forth power to the earth, which will burn & cleanse as far as it extends. It is sent unto the lost; for none but the lost will receive it. All are lost in one

name. It is not every one who will receive me. But such as will come unto me, them will I seek, and send power to separate them. Souls of the lowest order of nature shall travel into the Kingdom, and shine in the glory of Heaven, before the proud & wise.

"Repent! Repent! saith Mother; all ye who want salvation, repent! Better it will be for you to do this in time which is given you. But [some] will delay while the hand of God is extended; and the crushing rod will be sent to yield a stubborn foe." Then she said; "There is too much strife among you to travel. About your temporal business. — You have prospered; but your prosperity will fail, if you do not make an increase in spirit. — The blessings of nature will be taken from you, because of the light you have." Then she said, "Look not to God for direction, but look to the order of God. When you look to the order of God, you look to God; but when you look to God without looking to his order, you think you look to God when you do not. — In this you will prosper; but in no other way.

"There is much given you, and more is required. (Then she said;) The warnings I have given you, are but a sound to many of you. But remember, these warnings are true. God hath said it; and the word of God never fails. Tho' the sun and moon should fail, the word of God will remain. — He never threatens in vain.

E. H.

Extract of a Vision seen by Hortency Lighttrich, Jan'y 28th 1839.

“ “ “ “ “ “ When we got to the seventeenth heaven, we stopped at the sixth house; and it was not long till Jesus came. And Father William shouted 17 times, and the saints assembled into meeting. And after they had exercised awhile, Jesus stepped out at the head of the alley, and said he wanted to add a few more things to what he had said before. — (It then seemed to me that we were at home at South Union, and the Society were assembled in the meeting house.)

He then said there had been great talk among us, about what we called old things, and things that were passed; but he said they were not old to him; and they would not be old to us, until they were put away in a right manner: for if they had been put away in a right manner, we would not have to hear of them now. He said, some of you now come into meeting thinking of old times, and thinking of gratifying your old natures; and cannot live in it, or do it in any other way, for fear of exposure. He said that some were thankful that all these old things were about to be straitened, and some were not. And that some would not believe unless they were pointedly told; and there were others who thought they had put them away; but they had not done it in mortification. For if these things had been put away in a right spirit, they would not now indulge these evil thoughts. Then he said, when we left time, we would be glad & thankful to have all these old things put away; for if they were not put away, they would then have to be confessed, and put away in deep mortification. “Some of you, (said he) think to overcome without putting

these things away; but you never will overcome until this is done. And all your asking & praying will not avail: for if you don't confess these old things, you will find yourselves to fall into a dark situation, and sink into a poor region.

Then he said, "You must learn to bear reproofs, and be told of your lacks — You must learn to love mortification, and learn to love good order & keep it: for you never will increase one hair, till you learn to keep order. Some of you may think you have made a great increase with old things unconfessed; but you never can travel one inch till these old things are confessed, repented of, and put away." Then he said, if these things had been honestly confessed, repented of, and put away, they would not be brought up. But this had not been done.

He then spoke of disorderly conduct & conversation that had taken place between brethren & sisters. Then turning & pointing to the brethren, he said, "Some of you, brethren, have honestly confessed these things; and sisters, some of you have not. And sisters, some of you have honestly confessed these things; and brethren, some of you have not." He then said that those who had honestly confessed these things, need take no reproof from what had been said, nor think strange that these things are brought up: for if they had been honestly confessed by both brethren & sisters, they would not be brought up. He then said, "There is no need of any one being discouraged; for all who will search, will be helped; and when these old things are put out of the way, then South Union will flourish; but it never can, while these things are in the way: for no such things can abide in my pure Kingdom." I never saw him look so keen as he did then. And he said, "None of you need think you can stand with these things covered! You cannot! you cannot!!"

"Wanton looks are now brought into meeting!— The flesh!" And he stamped on the floor, and said, "You need need not think to bring the flesh into meeting among the people of God; for the time has come that it will be exposed. The flesh cannot be borne." He then shook, and O, such shaking I never saw before! It seemed as if he would shake the house down! "The flesh! Some of you hate to hear it; but you will forever hear it, till you quit indulging it, and put it away. Some of you go out of meeting, and make remarks about what has been said in meeting against the flesh; and if you do not quit it, you will finally sink. Some will say, 'We have heard so much about the flesh, we might just have it for our meat & bread, and I am sick of it.' But (said he) you'll have to get sick of it; so sick that you will not indulge it; then you may get clear of hearing it.—

"Every one, (said he) who stands on this floor, has light given them to search themselves. It is much better for you to search yourselves than to have it done for you. It is not worth while for you to pretend to cover; for that day is passed: and those of you who will not search yourselves, will be searched. Some of you are mightily starched, and don't know what binds you; but if you will search, you will find it is the flesh. And some of you sisters, think if you speak in meeting, the brethren will hear you! And some of you brethren, think if you speak, the sisters will hear you! and so you are bound; and it is nothing but the flesh.

"Some (he said) since these late messages had been ~~but~~ brought, have searched themselves, and found things to confess. Search on, (said he,) and more will be found, and that, too, which is deeply covered. And recollect, thou

who will not search, will be searched. And those who think they have searched, and have not, will find out they have not searched." He then said,

"There are some on this floor who have been a great cause of others losing their privilege in the gospel; and you will lose as much as they that are gone, if you still cover and will not open it." He then asked the assembly, "Do you all hate the flesh?" All answered, Yea. He then said, "Some of you have spoken truly; ~~and~~ some have not; for those who hate it, will not indulge it." He said some thought it very hard, that they had been working & toiling for years, and then come into meeting, and have so many hard things to hear, and hear so much about the flesh.

"But (said he) if you live till you are a hundred years old, you will still have to hear it, unless you come out of it." — And he said the longer we lived in it, the harder it would be to come out of it — that it was a great deal easier to travel out soon than late — a great deal easier while we are young than when we get to be old. He then said to all, "Take that home"

He then asked us (the assembly) if we did not want to shake. We answered, Yea; and then all shook. He then asked us if we did not want to labor a song to overcome the flesh. We answered, Yea; and then labored a song. Then he asked us, if we had labored to overcome the flesh — We again answered, Yea. Then he said that some had answered in truth; but there were some who had not; for if they had labored for that, they would not have labored so pinch'd & starched, nor been so much afraid of lifting their feet off the floor. We then labored several more songs, & meeting was dismissed.

After meeting Mother Ann took me into a room; and Jesus came in, and said to me, that what he had said, was in addition to what he had said when Emily was there. That it was the South Union Believers he addressed. He then kindly requested me, when I went home, to be faithful to relate what he had said: And if the Ministry & Elders felt union with it, he wished it to be written & read to the brethren and sisters. # # # #

Hortency Lightrick.

Note. This sister's former name was Terilda Riley, and Mother gave her the name above written.

