

Second Interview with Bro. Carret.
and Others. Saturday Evening March 29th 1851.

While we were in meeting and exercising in the march, many were powerfully wrought upon, by the irresistible power of God, which I viewed with great pleasure and sacred reverence.

I thought; how different was that Power and influence, which thus operated on mortal Bodies, to that power and influence which led mortals to do wrong, to do that which brings sorrow and distress on the soul. — I realized the difference to a greater degree, than I ever before did.

I asked myself; why is this blessed Power so hard to be obtained; and when Obtained so hard to be kept. While meditating in this way; my whole soul became absorbed in anxiety, earnestly praying and desiring, that good spirits and holy Angels would draw near, and bestow on me in some way this blessed Power, and fill my soul with Heavenly things.

While giving my whole soul to Prayer in this line and completely shutting all earthly things from my mind. I instantly felt caught away (from Myself as it were) in to a company of good Spirits, which I could distinctly see uniting with us in our Worship. Many of the Spirits, I knew to be our departed friends, who once lived with us. Their presence seemed real as when here bodily.

Among the many I saw, were Brothers. Eliab. Carret. & Franklin Barber —. Sisters. Elder Sister Olive.

Insannah. Electa B. - Hannah & Olive Fairbanks, & many others. Br Garret kept with or near me thro' the meeting. The comforting and Heavenly sensations which I felt administered from Him is impossible for me to describe to any Mortal.

When ever the song ceased. Br Garret with the rest, were very busy going around among the Brethren and Sisters noticing each one, and bestowing love and blessing on all. On the Aged, Mothers first born, they poured a double portion of what they called reverential Love and Blessing. At the same time expressing a great desire to have them come and join with them in the Heavenly World.

Br Garret said "It was impossible for any Mortal to conceive of the Heavenly Glory and Beauty which adorned the faithful first born Children of our Heavenly Parents. Those who had spent their lives from childhood in true Obedience and subjection, in doing the work of subduing every evil propensity that enters the human heart."

It is the purity and meekness which souls possess, that advances them in to the highest Orders of Heaven ^{in our World}. This mark of distinction is far more perceptible by those in the Eternal World, than it is by those upon Earth. Could mortals discern these beautiful Ornaments and realize their great value, how much more eagerly would they be sought after and treasured up. While earthly attainments which are so alluring would appear worthless and loathsome." !

Br Garret turned ~~to~~ me and said "After meeting has closed, I want you to go and see my School. I am quite engaged at present in teaching a school of about

Fifty Scholars. It is called one of Mothers schools. It is where the great learned Ones of Earth first commenced learning to speak the simple language of Mothers true children.

I felt much pleased with the Idea of going with B^r Garret, believing it would be an interesting time to me. As meeting was about to close, He with the rest of his companions were very much engaged in gathering love, to carry with them. It appeared to me they were able to get love from every individual just as they pleased. As they passed around among the Brethren and Sisters, they would grasp a large handful from each one; and many seemed quite insensible that any thing was taken from them.

Some One of the assembly proposed returning thanks to all the good spirits present for attending Meeting with us, and give them our love. This filled them with inexpressible joy—such simple motions and gestures, of bowing and bending in expressing their thankfulness for the notice, cannot be shown or performed by Mortals.

When meeting was dismiss'd. I endeavoured to keep close by B^r Garret, feeling very anxious to go and see his school. — "Now said He, come with me. I am not going to show you any great things, but little things. I will show ^{you} what a labor it is, for souls to become little and simple, and do away with all their popular, and what is many times termed Polite manners in words and actions."

"There are many who leave the world having an Idea, that a great learning, an extensive knowledge in literature Science and Arts, will be of great advantage.

to them in the Spiritual World. Under these impressions they spend a great portion of their time reading and studying, endeavouring to become exalted and great in the eyes of mortals; and vainly hope it will place them in some elevated station in the Eternal World.

But to their disappointment they find these are not the ornaments of Heaven, they are not the marks of distinction, which adorn and beautify the simple child of Blessed Mother and the Holy Saviour.

Nay but to the contrary, how much tribulation and mortification a soul has to pass thro' in order to get rid of the cumbersome trash, they have so eagerly stored up while in time. — Much in this line was spoken while we were briskly moving on our journey. But it would be impossible for me to remember, and be able to write the whole.

By this time we had nearly reached the place where Br Garret was engaged in teaching School. "Now said He you will have an opportunity to see some that once lived ^{on} ~~upon~~ Earth, who spent their time in acquiring a great education and knowledge of earthly things. They have now set out to learn Mothers simple Gospel, and are labouring to speak the simple language of Mothers children."

"But I can assure you it is a great labor for them to lay aside the whole of Old Big. Yet they do well, and are progressing rapidly; they are sincere and resolute in what they have undertaken"

We had now arrived at a very neat and beautiful mansion we halted for a moment; They were in meeting and singing. Tho' their singing did not sound as uniform and Heavenly as I heard on my previous interview, yet it was very beautiful. In a few moments their song ended. I listened attentively and learned a part of their song. It was very simple and well calculated to subdue proud and haughty feelings.

The following are some of the words which I remember.

A haughty spirit I despise
 Old Big. I'll crucify,
 My old self will I'll sacrifice
 All foolish Pride I'll mortify;

As we entered the room they all manifested their welcome feelings, by bowing several times, & clapping their hands at each bow. Br Garret. addressed them, in a very kind and Fatherly manner, bestowing much love; and some praise for what they had gained. They again bowed as tokens of thankfulness for the love and blessing given them.

Br Garret. then led me around, speaking to each one giving a short history of their living on Earth, and their entrance in to the Eternal World; informing them where I lived &c. It was very interesting to me, and appeared quite pleasing to them. After a simple, short, and loving visit in this way. Br Garret called them to Order, and told them to repeat a few of Mother's simple lessons, which they had been learning.

They commenced repeating all together, short sentences which was done with great uniformity and exactness. They were very

simple and mortifying, yet quite instructive, showing the great necessity of keeping lowly in spirit, subduing that proud haughty nature so natural to every soul whether in time or Eternity.

Thro' all their exercises, I noticed in every one a peculiar anxiety and earnest devotion, each one striving to their utmost to manifest the greatest degree of simplicity. This was not only a beautiful sight but also very instructive, A lesson from which I could learn much good.

Many expressed great desires to become like Mothers children on Earth. Br Garret replied "You had not the privilege of hearing Mothers Gospel while living on Earth. But now you have it, you must improve it wisely. By being faithful to the present call, you may gain great treasures and become bright spirits in the Eternal world. You have no cause of discouragement. Your reward is sure. &c"

They united in sending their love to all in the family where I lived, desiring the love blessing and Prayers of Mothers children on Earth.

After we had left them. Br Garret turned to me and said "Here you have seen hungry souls. They feel simple and dependant, and are willing to be led. They must receive food and support from those that have traveled before them. There are thousands of hungry souls in Eternity who have to be administered to. So you see we have plenty here to engage our whole attention. Not one measure of Eternal space, is without its duties and obligations to be performed. And how pleasant and delightful it is to some times be granted the privilege of attending meeting with my dear companions and fellow travelers on Earth. Those who I once lived and traveled with while

in the Body. To feel their love, union, and strength, gives me new courage and vigor to perform the many duties enjoined on me. It is some of the most pleasant seasons of enjoyment I have, It is enjoying Heaven in reality."

Give my love, my Affectionate Gospel Love, to all my dear companions. Say to them. Take courage and press on in the good way of God. There are brighter scenes and Heavenly joys ahead. Tho' mingled with sorrow and tribulation, yet they yield joy and sweet peace Unspeakable.

So I part with you in love, I must go and attend to other duties. Farewell till we meet again."

On returning I spent some time in meditation, calling to mind all that I had heard & seen. I felt there was much to be learned. And I resolved to have it prove a lasting benefit to Me.