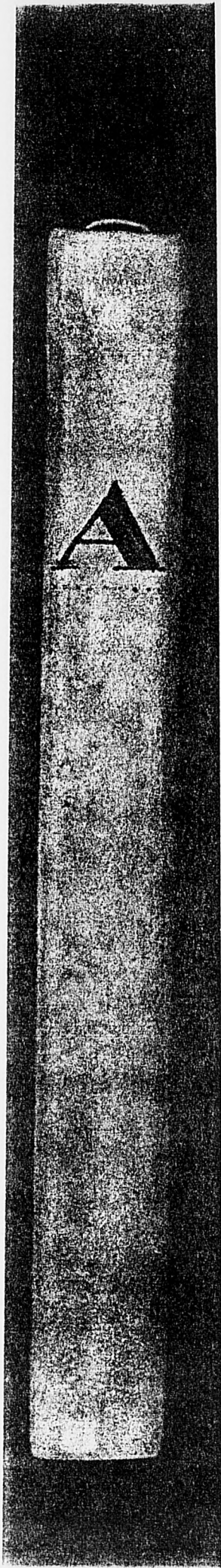


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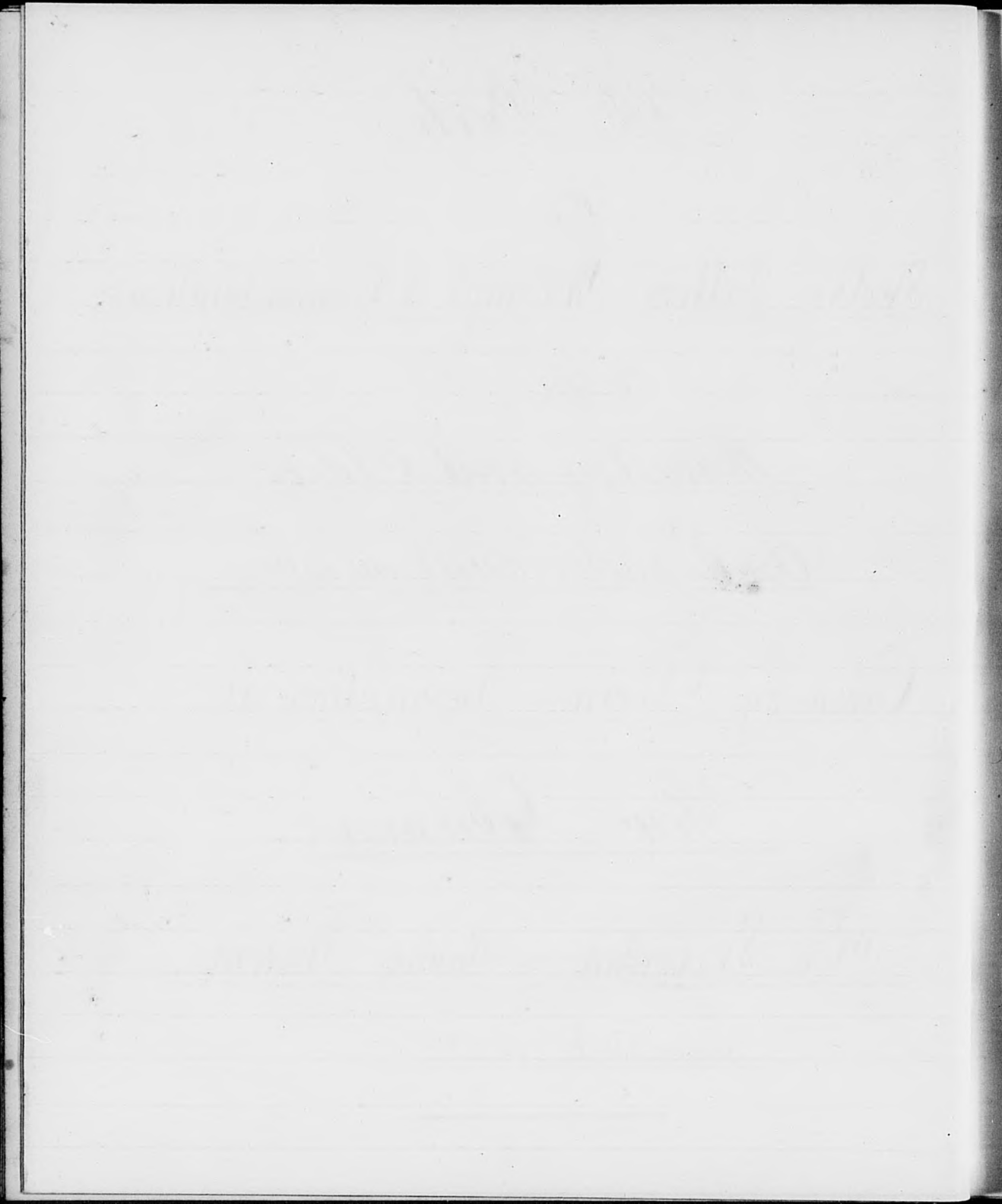
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Mother's own Words.

Written by Father James and Read by Inspiration

June 22^d 1830.

My dear children, yea faithful and true witnesses for me, and for my holy power. It is to you that I speak. Hear ye my word, but not my word only, and a sure promise from me alone, but from the hand of your Heavenly Father, which is now stretched over you to bless you. Remember it is from that holy One and from his protecting power, yea, from my blessed Lord, from the Holy Angels and justified spirits in Heaven, that ye may receive, and will receive this blessing of my holy anointing power.

For in proper season, and in due time will the hand of your Heavenly Father, be put forth to bless his anointed in every place, among his chosen people on earth.

Now is your time and it, is my will, that ye, my beloved few, should this day, this hour, and at this moment, be clothed with a mantle of true Wisdom, and that ye may be able, to see and to know, yea and to judge wisely of the blessed work that is begun among my dear children on earth.

Now my beloved, hear ye again my word, and receive from me, that which I have long had

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in store for you, and have now brought unto you. On your heads will I place a Crown of true Knowledge & judgement. With a pretty Robe of my everlasting love and blessing I will clothe you.

In your right hand I will put a beautiful Lamp, an ever burning and shining light to guide and light your path. And more than this, is the garment of true Wisdom, pure and holy, clean and white, in which ye shall be forever dressed, if ye will faithfully bear the burden that is laid upon you.

Then will ye be faithful watchmen to guard and protect your little flock. If ye will, as in the presence of your Heavenly Father, bead safely on your little band, in Godly fear, and in his holy way. I will walk at your right hand to guard you night and day.

Mother now raised her hands, and bowing very low, she said to the Ministry who were present, turning & speaking first to Elder Ebenezer, and Elders Ruth, then to Bro. Rufus, and Sr. Asenath. Will you receive my love and my blessing, for blessed ye are of me. You have heard my word, and can you bless this.

Mother bowed again, and crossing her hands upon her head, she spake first to Elder Grove, and Elders Betty, then to Bro. John & Sr. Sally, and said to them. Here in presence, and in union with the beloved Ministry,

who are able to bless my word, and with one to bless you, will I seal unto you, the word which ye have heard, and can ye receive this from me.

Then fear not, my beloved children; I am your parent, a parent of truth; all that I have I give unto you, all my treasures are yours, freely I bestow upon you, that freely you may feed my little flock. It is through you their appointed lead, that they must receive these precious gifts from me. Be ye then careful of your little ones, hold them fast as your own, they are yours, call them home in to the fold, and deal unto them, as you in your wisdom see fit, from the boundless stores that is given you.

Be ye not fearful of doing the will of your Heavenly Parents, for know ye my promise is true, that ye shall never be left forsaken by me, or by true and faithful ministers of my word, that I shall clothe with my spirit, and send unto you, and ye shall be made able at all times to know and understand my word. Judge ye then, between a false spirit, and a spirit of truth, for this promise I make to you, and hear ye my word.

No unwily or false disorderly spirit shall be allowed to administer to your little band, if they will keep little and low. But true justified spirits shall be their guides, if they will cleave unto their Lead, that is placed for their protection.

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Mother wished the beloved Ministers, to receive her love and blessing in a little song. Mother gave them her thanks and said. Go, dear children, and be cheerful, my peace shall rest with you all.

Inst. Ouddah Lillah Letter.

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To shower down on them thy holy fear and thy heavenly love.

Mother Ann, and Father James, and a band of seven hundred were present. They bowed as they entered; and as they knelt, they all bowed very low, and crossed their hands on their heads.

Inst. Addah Lillah Potter.

Copy of a Vision seen by Addah Lillah Potter
February 14th 1840.

While the Church, or first order of the Church were assembled in their worship, there was seen by a visionist, an Angel of extraordinary size and beauty; having six wings. This Angel flew round and over the porch of the Meeting house, loudly sounding thro' a very large and long trumpet these words.

"Here here is my habitation, for here, hath the God of heaven is my habitation, for hath the God of heaven sent me." The Angel then flew in to the meeting room, and passed seven times around the Ministry and Elders, and sounding again his trumpet and said "O ye holy anointed on earth, receive ye me, an Angel of the living God in to your habitation, to stay with you thro' time.

For here ye even here on this holy.

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Mount, and in this undefiled sanctuary of the Lord,
am I sent to take up my abode, for ages to come.
My name is Horat van Jah. or I am the chosen Angel
of the God of Heaven. Yea I am a messenger from the
holy of holies, sent from God and him alone.

But of my mission, I speak not at this
time, and of my coming, will your blessed Mother Ann
speak in her own time. So again I say, will ye receive
me, O Holy Anointed; Yea this ye will do, for the
God of your parents hath sent me. And I have
all power given me, and every means provided from
the heavenly orders above, where with I can reca la the
work of your Mother in Heaven.

Your everlasting Holy Mother Wisdom,
hath formed by her own art, the four extra wings,
which is ^{me} ever to be the constant bearers of the whole
re ken sa, dis ka len, between the powers of heaven
and earth. Yea I say on these holy wings, I am
to waft, all se len se van.

The Angel then flew back to the
Porch. The door was opened by an other Angel, and this
chosen one entered, sounding again as he entered, saying
"Here, yea here is my dwelling on earth, for here hath
the voice of God directed, and here his hand hath
provided for me.

The Angel was not seen again, but Mother Lucy was present thro' the whole; and then said, I will just ask the beloved lead to make this chosen Angel of God welcome, and give them a little information, concerning his coming; for this my blessed Mother Ann bid me do at this time.

Mother said the Angel will remain in the porch, untill his time; and Mother is ready for him to make himself known, and declare unto the Holy Anointed on earth his holy calling.

Pris. Haddah Lillah Potter

Coppy of a Message from Mother Lucy to Elizabeth L.

March 25th 1840.

Mother Lucy says, Elizabeth, my dear child, I knew you well when I was upon earth, and that you was a true child of mine. Yea and I still know you; & I have ever kept an eye of love and comfort on you, and ever shall while you remain here in time.

And I have brought unto you a beautiful vest a heavenly robe, wrought by my holy power, not by mortal hands. And your blessed Mother Ann, with her own hands will clothe you. For she says you are one of the first of her second Severe of her dear children on earth, and she has given you this little song (entitled) Beautiful Vest that you may

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knows she has not forgotten you.

And now says Mother Ann Elizabeth your natural Mother has come to speak a few words to you: and for her faithfulness have I granted her this privilege, to come and behold her faithful child on earth: not because of any natural relation or affection, but out of due respect has she come, to render unto you her most grateful thanks, for the comfort and support you was to her, in her days of sorrow and tribulation, while she was upon earth. The following are the words of little Betsy for this is the name Mother called her.

Elizabeth, my dutiful child, out of pure love and due respect, have I asked this privilege, of my blessed Mother at this time, to come and behold thee: (which she has granted unto me) and to render unto you my grateful thanks, for your faithfulness in your childhood, and for the support and comfort you was to me, in my days of deep tribulation and sorrow, and supplication while I was on earth.

Yea altho, you was then but a child, you stood with me, and was my only comfort and consolation. You was steadfast and walked in the paths of truth, and obeyed your holy faith. Yea you suffered with me on earth, and now I have come to rejoice with you.

And since I have entered the spiritual world

in my hours of serious reflections, I have often rendered to my blessed Mother, my heart felt thanks, for you my faithful child. Little Betsy then knelt down, and with three bows said. O Elizabeth. Will you receive my grateful and hearty thanks; and in your prayers and supplications to your Heavenly Father, O do remember me, and pray that I may never be left, may never be left to forsake nor wander from my Mothers holy and beautiful mansion

Ye says Blessed Mother Ann, little Betsy is my well beloved child. She was faithful while in time and passed thro' trying scenes, and deep tribulation, and is now owned and blessed of me; and I have received her into my beautiful mansion; altho her privilege on earth was small compared with yours, yet according to the best of her understanding she improved it well. But according to your privilege, you are called before her, to be the first of your natural generation, and ever will be, thro' eternity if you continue faithful.

I know you have passed thro' many scenes of deep tribulation but be patient and bear with patience, all that is for you on earth to bear, and you shall surely have your reward. Ye says blessed Mother you are one of the first of my second severe of my dear children on earth, and you ever shall be, when you have

done with things of time, none shall come before nor take your birthright from you. For I know you lot and place of trust on earth has been but small; but time is sufficient. Eternity is long enough; yea eternity is lasting, and is sufficient for every purpose.

And I have a lot, and place, and holy calling prepared for you, that you will be able to fill; a place which I have ever reserved from the beginning. Yea shall I say it, says Mother. Yea surely I have a place in my heavenly Fathers Kingdom, where I have called and chosen you to walk; in that path where thousands and thousands shall follow on, and tread in your footsteps with safety, and follow the Godly example you have set them while in time.

And there are many poor souls now labouring in deep tribulation, and casting reflections, that they had not gained, what you my dear child have gained. Yea there are those of your class, that often lament, in sorrow, and humiliation that they did not, do as you have done, and followed your Godly example, when they were called where you was; and implore forgiveness, and now humbly beg for your prayers and supplication, for they say, while you have been enjoying the comforts of the daily cross, you have borne, they have been feeling condemnation and remorse. But, they do not murmur

but know it is their just due; for instead of uniting with you, they sought to entice and turn you aside. But you did not hearken unto them, but stood steadfast and obeyed your holy call, and persevered in faithful obedience to the holy faith you did receive.

All these things I have known and numbered, and have ever intended, that you should from my own voice, and my own hand, receive your reward while here in times. Now says Mother I have prepared and brought a pretty robe; it is folded and laid in a silke paper. It is without seam not made by mortal hands, but by holy power it was wrought, and now I will clothe you with this pretty robe and beautiful vest.

So now says blessed Mother Elizabeth, put abye put abye your sorrow, grief and tribulation. For you put abye and rejoice with your heavenly Parents, for truly you are ours. Mother then requested the Elders to unite with her, in blessing her little child, which they freely did.

Yea says Mother, I can pour my love and blessing on you freely, this you shall have it, justly is yours. And this pretty little song that I have sent, and you have received, are my own words. I call it little says Mother because it is pretty for great things are not,

always the prettiest in heaven. This is my word that
I have spoken, and know ye it is truth and truths.
Eust W. Gillah Potter.

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Sounded from the Trumpets of Holy Order.

(April. 14th 15th 16th 17th 18th 19th 20.)

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Yea sealed again we say, forever to stand, true
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articles, that are necessary for the occupations, daily
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all that are called and numbered in this first Church.

Again concerning many unprofitable and unnecessary and vain things, that have thro' a careless disorderly spirit, come in, crept in, been sent, and taken in to the Church, and have become in a measure, the private claim of the members.

But know ye for all may know, and all must know, that private interest, private property, private possessions of any kind, or a private selfish claim on the least thing, true Church Order, from the very beginning of its first planting, forbids to be in Church relation.

Now again is raised, by the same power of heaven, the solemn trumpet of sacred order, sounding loud loud, and saying, O ye children of the House of Israel! Bring forward, and dedicate, devote, give up and consecrate, yea make a final, and free sacrifice, of all earthly claims, of all that ye possess, and hold, as your own, and of all that is near, and dear to you, of your time your strength and talents, great and small, yea and your selves, with your whole hearts, and souls, to the sacred service of your heavenly Father's work, of your ever blessed calling, as laborers in his holy vineyard, and for the upbuilding of his holy kingdom on earth.

Then shall ye be heirs, true heirs, rightful heirs, to the promised inheritance of the holy chosen

people of God. - These are the words of Father Joseph and Mother Lucy, and were written by Elder Sister Olive
April 17th 1840.

Here now is to be stated, according to Mother Ann's request, the established order of the first Church on earth. Firstly concerning books, dedicated to the public use of the family.

Books collected and divided to each room, where brethren or sisters reside.

April 18th 1840.

Bibles, .. " 4.	Testimonies .. " 1.
Testaments .. 1.	Joseph Sampson's Hymns. 1.
Christ's Second Ap ^{er} . 2.	Dictionary .. " 1.
Millennial Church. 2.	Grammar .. " 1.
Kentucky Revival. 1.	Spelling Book. .. 1.
Plain Evidences 1.	Meases. Dialogues. 1.

Again on the 17th Mother Ann said Dearlly beloved, it is my desire, that when ye have set aright the house of Israel, and established true church order, in this holy sanctuary, that ye would write and keep in writing, the holy orders of mine house that I may seal with mine own voice, the truth of your word, and the work of your hands, while the solemn trumpet of truth is still raised and yet sounding.

April 21st Mother Ann sounded again her trumpet aloud, and said, Sound sound sound your solemn trumpet,

of joy, for lo, my holy people on earth, Sa ha la la tis ha
 la na ve unto thee O Holy Father! O shout ye, for surely
 sure beautiful is the holy and sacred order of the house of the
 Lord.

Yea now I can seal the word of thy holy heavenly
 power on earth. Now can I seal in peace, with mine own
 hand, the sacred and true order, and Laws of Zion. For at
 this moment are the heavenly shouts and joyful echoing
 sounds from the trumpets of my faithful children below
 resounding thro' the heavens, in one united voice saying,
 O yea blessed Heavenly Parents, We will, yea we will, cheer-
 fully and thankfully give up all; yea make a full and final
 sacrifice of all that we possess, and our selves also, we will
 solemnly dedicate to the holy service and work of our God.

Never never, nay never will we trample
 again on this holy and sacred order of the church; but like
 humble thankful children, we will ever yea forever keep it
 true and pure, in strict obedience to our holy Anointed Lead-
 here on earth.

O then sound sound again, says Mother,
 and seal these words, for they are the words that I wish
 to have written, and sealed, and sacredly kept, as a mem-
 orial of this blessed day. And I would that this holy
 trumpet of order, would never cease to sound on the walls
 of Zion.

Now in union with the beloved Lead, I pray, Will ye write these things, the days, and time of Church Order arrangements, and these the sealed words of heaven above, and earth below; and with you will I seal, this day, the sacred Order of my first Church, in the holy book of Life.

This writing is to be kept by the two first in the Elders lot, also by the two first in the lot of Deacons and Deaconesses, while they remain in that place, and when they leave the place, hand it to their successors, that they may be able to sound in the ears of unborn numbers, that will here after be called to fill the places of my faithful first born, when time with them shall be no more.

Father Joseph and Mother Lucy bowed many times, in grateful submission to Mother Anns word; then raising again their trumpets, and bowing to the Lead upon earth, said. O dearly beloved Ministry and chosen Anointed Lead, and beloved Elders and watch men in the house of the Lord! Ye have now heard sounded, yea, and sounded again the solemn trumpets of truth, and of holy order, raised and sounded by the heavenly orders above.

And now with us, say your your blessed heavenly Parents unto you. If our dearly beloved children, will write with us, and seal your names,

to this our word, as to your own word, as an unalterable covenant of truth, then shall your names be sealed in that holy book, held by the never failing hand of sure protection. And with our own names, will we seal unto you this promise.

That so long as this sacred and true order of the church, is faithfully kept, holy holy Angels, shall never cease to guard on the walls of Zion; and we ourselves, will surely remain unto the house hold of faith, your ever watchful kind & careful Parents.

Father William Lee.

Mother Ann Lee.

Father James Whittaker.

Mother Lucy Wright.

Father Joseph Meacham.

So now beloved if ye can, and if ye will seal here your word, and your names that the holy word, yea orders and powers of the heavenly host above, and of the heavenly kingdom on earth may be perfectly united as one voice, one word and one holy power.

Ind^d Gullah Potter.

Reply of the Ministry and Elders.

O holy Parents! we who stand as the present Ministry and Elders of the first order of the Church on earth, will cheerfully, thankfully, and unitedly seal this holy covenant with our names here to stand as an abiding testimony

before our successors, that we have full faith in this pure and holy order, and will forever support and maintain it.

{ Obenezar Bishop.
Rufus Bishop.
David Meacham.
Daniel Poler.

{ Ruth Landon.
Asenath Clark.
Betsy Darrow.
Betsy Bates.

Mother's Section

April 10th 1840.

A section read by Mother Lucy, to the Ministry and Elders, for all under the age of 50. down to 21.

Mother wishes in union with the Lead, to have this written, and read to the Church, forever to be remembered by all. Mother says. Father has read this section, and I must read mine. It is in the Book of the Holy Orders of the Church as they were first given and established.

Mother says this is a cross to me, but I can no longer forbear. nor hold my peace. But as a parent, and friend, I must do my duty.

Father Joseph, by divine revelation, and I as a worker with him in true tribulation, established & gathered the Church in to Order. Mother Ann strictly enjoins it upon us, to see that the Orders of the Church

are brought to mind, and revised in every jot & tittle, as they were first given.

At this time it is in relation to the order of Union, between Brethren & Sisters, Mother says do you not know that these things were established for your protection, if attended to in Order.

Firstly, for brethren to seek first their union with brethren, and sisters with sisters; then brethren and sisters together, in the order and fear of God.

Secondly, If brethren want favours, or help from the sisters, make application to the Deacons on your own side. And if sisters want favours of the brethren, go to the Deaconesses. And for the Deacons, and Deaconesses to acquaint each other, of what is wanting, and provide suitable assistance.

Mother says, it is not for member to go & say. May this Brother, or that Sister do such a thing, and make choice for your selves; but if the thing be necessary, ask them to provide who, or whatever they think proper.

Thirdly. As Father in the gift of God established of supporting union between brethren and sisters, which provides a place and privilege for all to be accommodated in getting their mending and such like, necessary chores done, that all things might be in

order for your comfort and protection; that the house of God, might be a house of Order, not confusion.

And how is this order kept? I there not a great deal done, that there is no need of, and time spent foolishly, in vain chats and idle conversation, in flattering words, and foolish notions, having a little something one side to say to charm and allure the feelings of each other, to let them know you have a particular love, for them; like this; You know I care for you, if I would do a favor for any body it would be for you. And a thousand of the like expressions

And a little bit of something extra, must be reserved, for some particular favorite, and even say, I shall give this for my brother that I support union with. Or I shall look out for my Sister, I shall not mind for the rest, each one may look out for their own, and feasting on your bits by yourselves while others in the room have nothing.

O, says Meather, my spirit has been sadly grieved many times, to see the order of God so defiled. This you call love but it is in my sight Leust. Many, yea many times when I have heard and seen these things, I have turned my face from you and shook; I exclaimed, O Father! are these the orders of God, which we

established in the Church. But I have held my peace; for the time had not yet come that I could make my feelings known, neither was you prepared to receive my word.

These things must be done away.

Ye our brethren and sisters, you can no longer travel: you will never gain a single step more in this sense.

Yea Mother says many of you are not sensible of the loss you are under. It is the Lust of the flesh, the Lust of the eye, and the pride of life.

Some of you think you are willing to sacrifice and give up any thing, if they will not take away my particular brother or sister, which is the idol of your hearts, and must be purged out.

Follow the example of your lead; they keep the orders of God in its purity. And says Mother, your Lead has felt much about this thing; knowing that the true Order of God, was violated and defiled, by the filthy and fallen natures of men & women.

They have many times been afraid, that this privilege which was so charitable allowed you, for your comfort, would yet have to be wholly cut off, and disannulled because of pollution.

Therefore says Mother, I have come to give them the desires of their souls, and to help

them; not to take their place from them, nor by any means to disturb, or molest the Orders of God, that have been strictly kept, but to help them to reestablish the church, and again build it upon that sure foundation, which Father Joseph first laid.

Brethren, and Sisters, it never was the intention of this Order, that you should be placed during life, or any stated time, nor to feast up the fallen nature of men and women, by supporting a particular fancy, and a partial regard or attachment which cannot be removed; bound in affection like husband and wife.

Tell you these things are of the flesh, and not of the spirit; but the day of separation is come; the flesh and spirit can no longer mingle together. This Order says Neither can be supported in its rectitude, in this day, as well as in days past.

You was placed together to strengthen and help each other in the way of God. I will show you the Order of this, (and these are the words which I did speak when upon earth.

"Brethren and sisters, you are placed in this manner, for the present time, like simple brethren and sisters in Christ, to walk in the fear of God. And if at any time, the gift may be

for you to be removed, go cheerfully and willingly to the call, as you would in any other duty. Be not bound in your feelings; be pleasant kind and obliging, free and open in all your goings forth, be not carnal nor vain in your imaginations; tempt ye not each other to be drawn aside by the alluring charms of nature.

Ye there are many now with you that have heard these words from my lips. But says Mother this chain, with which you are encircled is defiled. It must therefore be unlinked, and the filth cleansed off, and the links removed that they may not rust, with that which is unclean; if not, I fear you will fall in to the nature from whence you came.

You are now prepared for this call, to sacrifice the Idols of your hearts, which have been bred by a fallen nature; and this is the greatest sacrifice you can make. You have lately made a sacrifice of cumbersome trash, with which I am much pleased; but continue in the holy work.

Dear children you little know the deep tribulation, that those in the world of spirits are passing thro; the holy Angels and justified spirits are in deep tribulation, for the poor fallen creatures, upon earth. Your tribulation is but small; but be careful what ye take pride in, for surely that which ye take pride

ing, while in this life, you will meet for your mortification in the world to come; let it be in what it will, whether it be in thinking you have a pretty name, or wearing a gay mark upon your clothes.

Mother says, there has some left this world, and entered eternity, that has seriously suffered for this; who thought their whole name looked pretty marked upon their garments. And their name has been printed upon their hand, that they might look upon it with shame.

Mother says, the two first letters of the name, are sufficient; have them plain and modest, such as become the children of Mother. No^t dating to be done, except on very nice clothes, or things which will last for many years; the two last figures of the date are sufficient.

Remember every thing that is done to attract attention, or to appear a little more curious, or gain favor, which is unnecessary is sin, and must be repented of. Oyea how many is there among you that watch opportunities of slight correspondence together, to say something, which cannot be said before all in the room, or some little present to give, that you do not want all to see, and even if you do not call them alone, be sure to call some one, that is no more

orderly; for your company, or some youth or child, & make this plea, that you was not alone; but no better off, than as tho' you was; for the evil one has many times taken the advantage and drawn souls to disorder, and infuse the same in to the mind of the youth that is present.

Therefore, in union with the Lead, I now enjoin upon you this Order, That none of you, my brethren and sisters, get any youth or child for company under the age of 18, without the liberty of your Elders.

And how is this Order attended to, that brethren and sisters do not work together, over half an hour without liberty of the Elders, or going straight to them and telling the case, and giving the reasons why they did thus and so.

How is it about writing to, and for each other, strictly contrary to Order. If brethren need instruction let them get from brethren, and sisters from sisters; All unnecessary freedom is a hindrance to the soul; and when all things are right, and the Orders of God are strictly kept, you will not be at variance, and faulting each other; this proceeds from the same source of the flesh, it is where you have given way to a partial love some time, and because at other times things do not come to please the fancy so well, then you are ready to

complaining, and say, I am slighted, I am not noticed, my brother or sister is taking more notice of an other than of me. I cannot bear this; If I cannot have the whole attention, I will not put up with it.

These are the feelings of nature.

Remember dear children, so long as you harbor a particular feeling, and support that, which belongs to the flesh you shall be troubled; you shall never see my face in peace; for the flesh brings trouble, and those that support it, shall have trouble with it.

But when your sense is right, you will not think of being slighted, you will be thankful for any place that you can have a privilege to serve God with your brethren and sisters, and crucify a fallen nature.

Mother says, I love my children all as one, I have no partial love. I do not want some of my children, feasted on the best, while others go faint. When there is any good thing, I want all should have a share, in the feast, and when there is a scanty, all share in it, then the blessings of God will be with you.

Remember the day of reward is sure; truly the day will come, when those who feast themselves here, go faint; and see those who

go faint in this life, feasted with good things.

Labour for the good of the whole, strive to make each other comfortable; want that which is general; that which all can have. Love each other as you love your selves. Choose rather to suffer, than to see others suffer, feel willing to take the hardest place or poorest fare.

This is the example of your heavenly Parents; this is the pattern that Mother Ann set, while upon earth. Many times I have seen Mother Ann, after others had eat the soup, gather up the scraps of broth in the bowls, and pick the bones that were left on the table, and make her meal of that, saying, it is the blessing of God and must not be lost, it is good enough for me.

Dear children, do you follow this example or is there not many of you, that say in your hearts, or even in words, that you do not want others leavings. If I cannot have as good as there is I won't have any. I am more delicate, I ought to have the best, I cannot take up with common fare.

Mother says, your treasure in heaven consists not in feasting and having fine things. But as little as you can get along with, and be comfortable, and the less you have that is unnecessary.

the greater will be your treasure in heaven.

Dear brethren and sisters, I would to God, that you could all feel that same feeling, which was felt in the first gathering; to be prudent and saving, and want to lay up something for the increase of the gospel. Do not feel as if you wanted to wear out, and eat and drink up all you earn, for fear you will not have the good of it. For all that you save, and lay up for the increase of the gospel, will add to your treasure.

Young brethren and sisters; you are the rising generation; embrace every opportunity to learn the way of God. Treasure up the Orders of the Church and walk by them. You will be called to stand as pillars in the first Church of God, the holy temple of the new Jerusalem. A shining light to the whole creation.

Follow the footsteps of your Lead, and build on the foundation which they have built on. Be not discouraged, you are in the right way, you have found a great increase; your travel is glorious. You think you have crossed, and truly you have, but as you travel to them you can easily take them up.

Mother says when there is a cross presented, each soul shows their travel; if they have traveled to it, they will take it up cheerfully, if not

it will be hard. But if ye receive this gift cheerfully, and treasure it up in to good and honest hearts, you will find that increase, that you never before found, knowing that your crops are your gain.

The time is not far off when there will be an increase of the gospel, and you will be called to bestow charity. Then lend a liberal hand, Then you will be thankful for all that you have saved, You will feel a blessing, for all that you can do, to support the gospel on earth.

It is in love dear children, I have thus spoken unto you, not to straiten anyone from doing their duty, or to deprive them of any privileges that the gospel allows, and no true hearted soul, will take it in this way. I have spoken plain, feeling a responsibility that the Church on earth be kept in its proper rectitude.

You will not have long to hear my voice, and knowing the holy Anointed Seed, which is now with you, are those that were witnesses of the Order in which the Church was first established, and are not long to remain with you, I desire them to be as witnesses for the reestablishing the Church upon the same foundation, that they may lay down their weary bodies in the grave in peace, knowing that the work of God, will eternally increase upon the true foundation. And in union with the Seed, their be recorded

and sealed upon this sacred writ, as a memorial for their
 successors to look upon, when they are gathered home.
 Just Eleanor Potter.

A Guard of 400 Spirits. Sent by
Jesus Christ.

May 1st 1840.

On the first day of May 1840. there was sent by
 Jesus Christ, from the spiritual world, a guard of
 four Hundred spirits, armed with sharp weapons
 against their enemy, of which St Paul. was the
 leader.

And Christ said. "Go ye forth St Paul,
 with these your brethren, and surround the Holy Temple
 of the Lord on earth. For in a short time, will hosts
 of evil reign. Yea Dragons will come forth, in rage
 to that place. With Unbelief. Rebellion. Deceit &
 Hypocrisy. And seek to devour, and swallow up the
 most innocent.

Extend your arm three miles Northward
 and three miles Westward from the center. There stand
 ye and guard my temple, till the time of six months
 is elapsed. Then shall be brought to pass, that which

my spirit has long desired. The temple of Zion shall be sure and her doors made fast against her enemy.

On the 8th of October, There was great rejoicing heard among this host of spirits. They sounded their trumpets for joy, and with instruments of music played joyful tunes.

For said they, Zion is swept, and the chaff is at the door, And rejoice O ye inhabitants of Zion. For the time is near at hand when the plague shall be removed.

St. Paul said, "Ye cannot rejoice now, but the time will come, when all faithful souls shall rejoice. Altho your scenes of tribulation, will at times be very heavy; Yet the time will certainly come when the righteous shall be gathered under the protecting wings of their Heavenly Father, sheltered from all harm.

Ans^r. Miranda Barber.

No Message from Father Joseph & Mother Lucy,
To the Ministry and Elders. on

the 3rd of May. 1840.

Dear beloved, Ministry and Elders says:
Father, we have had many privileges, and opportunities with you, which have been very satisfying to us; but

there still remains one matter of importance concerning which we at this time, wish to freely make known our feelings to you.

It is in relation to what is gathered in to the first family. This is the subject on which we shall speak, and if there is freedom, we wish to be plain. And says Father, as Church Order was first established (while Mother Lucy and I were the leading Ministry) by the gift of God it is now strictly enjoined upon us, to bring to mind, and set aright, all things. Not to bring blame upon the Ministry and Elders, by no means; nor to cast reflections upon what the Lord have done.

But says Father, when I established the Church, and gathered the first family, what did I make choice of? Did I not select, from all places, and make choice of those, who had good faith, and bright faculties?

I did say there should none be gathered in to the first family, but those that had good faith, and the brightest of faculties; no children but what was brought up, or kept under good family government.

I did say there should be no under witted, no unfaithful, nor unproved, child, or person, should reside in the first family. But all who were gathered

there, should be such as were, able and capable of receiving and taking hold of every gift that is made known and come strictly, to the orders and requirements of the family, industrious, zealous in the worship of God, and devoted in all their goings forth.

This order says Father, has been very much violated; thro' a careless craving, pleading sense of the family these things have been granted, and you have got those among you, who are no blessing, but bring sufferings and tribulation upon you.

But this must no longer be: the Temple of the Lord must be purged. This is the Holy Sanctuary, the first temple of the living God on earth, set as a shining light, and example for all other souls to look to.

Yea says Father, there shall not one be numbered of the first family, that has not arrived to the years of understanding, and come to maturity, but what is honest hearted, true to their own order; those that you can look for confidence to be placed in, and suitable at any time for an Elder or leading character, providing the case may be, or the thing needed.

And in relation to children, Father says. you know not what you take in among you.

As the light of the gospel increases, the world of man
 does increase in sin and wickedness, in the abominations
 of their nature; children are learned and brought up in
 the same corrupt filthy works.

Yea says Father, sin has increased so much
 within 20. years, that even the children that come
 in among you, at the age of 6. years, know as much
 or more wickedness, than those who set out in the
 first opening did, at the age of 60. There is not one
 child to ten, that is in any manner, fit to enter the
 first family.

Father says, I will ask this question.
 Beloved Ministry and Elders, are you willing, to
 have the first family made up of Whore-mongers
 and Adulterers? Nay not so. But these children
 have lived in these things as far as their age and abilities
 would allow.

There are some among you, that are decent
 and innocent children according to nature; but being
 with those who are filthy, and continually bringing
 forward that same nature, which they in their
 small capacities, are striving to overcome, makes
 the way very hard, and ruins those who would do
 well.

Now Father says if the Seed feels union

with this, and they in their wisdom see right, it would be pleasing to me, to establish this rule. There should no children of unbelieving Parents be taken in to the first family; or at least without the trial and proof of one year, in some other family.

That there should no children of any kind be taken in to the first family, without the Leads being informed correctly of the character, faith and abilities of the parents or parent of the child, and personal acquaintance of the parents and child for the space of one year at least.

This says Father in my request, that ye may be able to judge for yourselves, the innocence qualifications, sensibility and brightness of the child before you take it. Father says, I am willing that small children, should be taken in to other families, if necessary.

But in the first family there ought not to be any more taken, under the age of 8 years: for under this age you cannot depend what seems to be the faculties or sense of the child; some in infancy appear active and bright, but when grown and come to maturity are ignorant and foolish.

Some their capacities are so small, they are not able to come to what is required of members of the first family; and this is hard for the Lead, hard

in the family, and brings heavy bearings. Father says
 look out for yourselves, take not that which others are
 willing to throw upon you. Remember you bring
 trouble upon yourselves, and it proves no blessing.

And the parents of those children are
 those who have lived in abomination and Whoredom,
 and even with their children, till they want to get
 rid of them, that they may still go on with more ease
 and gratification; take not their children let that
 which chooses to be filthy, be filthy still. And let
 the righteous be righteous still.

Father says it is the right and privilege
 of the Ministry, to select from any place or family,
 such members or children, as they in their wisdom see
 fit, to make or supply the first family, according to
 their needs, and circumstances; and furthermore says

Father, it is the duty of each and every family to feel
 interested in the prosperity of the Church, and be thank-
 ful, if they can raise up a child, which can be that fit
 or worthy to come in to the Church.

This was the sense and feelings of the
 outward families when I was upon Earth. All families
 and parents strove to govern and bring up their children
 in the fear of God, that they might have a privilege
 in the Church.

Beloved Lead, do you not know that this was the prevailing sense and feeling of believers in those days. Truly you do. They were willing to sacrifice and offer up the best that they possessed, as an offering to God, holy and acceptable, to their Lead upon Earth.

But O! says Father what is the sense now. I have wept, many times to see how the fear of God was lost towards the first Church, where God has placed his holy Anointed to lead and direct his chosen people.

But I will inform you of some things which I have seen, and expressions that I have heard which has caused me to feel tribulation: perhaps these things you know not of. While I have been passing among the young believers, I have seen them meet with members of the first family, and heard them speak in a romance and unbecoming manner, and even crack jokes (as they call it) and feel themselves equal to be sure; and talk together among themselves in this way.

Well, the Church has got a fine parcel of Idiots; for my part I dont see as they are in general any better than we are. They are called the first, but we are as good as they. I should ^{think} such a one ought to go to the first Order, they're half fool, we dont want them, they'll take them and be glad of them, and we

to get rid of them. &c. &c.

And when there are children brought in, be
 in the reserve for themselves those who they think most
 promising or noble. And if there be some who are more
 insipid, or rather below the common grade, they may
 take them to the Church, they are just such as they
 have got &c. &c.

I have also seen presents sent to the Ministry
 because they felt as tho' it was their duty, or required of them,
 and would say, the Church is rich enough, it is their duty
 to help us, instead of our helping them. I shan't mind
 if I don't give them the best, we are flesh and blood as
 well as they: I shall send something to take off occasions.

This is the respect they show to the Dead.

Now says Father, Elder Ebenezer, when you lived in the
 young believers Order, how did you feel; did you not strive
 to get something good and nice, the best that you had,
 to nourish and strengthen the Ministry? Truly you did;
 and was as thankful to do so, as you was to eat when hungry.

Now how have they lost the fear of God, and
 their respect to the Church? I will tell you. It is thro'
 disorderly members who have lived in the Church and
 have shown too much freedom out of their order, and made
 them equal, and have not administered the fear of God.

When all things are right, there will be a

different sense. Father says, when I was with you, the Orders of the Church were so strict, that no individual members of the Church, had any communication with members of other families, only by liberty in the time of order. Then the members of other families could not step their feet on the ground, that belonged to the Church, without feeling the fear of God.

But the time is now come, for these things to be set right, and the disorderly plants rooted out, they are now ripe, and it is time they were plucked. But be ye careful how ye remove them: see that there is no seed scattered, that will spring up and grow.

Mother Lucy, says, dearly beloved Ministry, tho' our bodies are not with you, yet our spirits watch over you, and see and know how the orders of the Church have been attended to. You have done the best you could. I am willing to own, that these things began to incline that way before I left you.

Ye says Mother the beloved Lead know, that what Father has spoken is correct, and just as it was, when the Church was first established, and as I often used to speak to you. We know your feelings, that you have greatly desired that the Church should be again re-established, and placed on the true foundation, but could see no way how it should be effected:

have come to help you.

It is time that the Lion of God should be
purge out that which is evil, that there may
more be gathered, but good and precious wheat, I
want, says Mother, that you should carry away
the children you have gathered, but do the best you can,
to protect and save them, and those who do not choose
to do well will in time, choose to withdraw, then let
them go, for there are some that will not take hold, but
will cause tribulation on the Lead and family; they
are not able to feel the judgement their wickedness
brings therefore you have it to feel for them.

We began our work with the grown people,
they have found a great increase; that gives us satisfac-
tion. There is no other way to restore the Church to
the true foundation, only to be strict and mindful in
these respects,

Sea Father and Mother say, the foundation
is laid, and the Laws of Mount Zion are made, & placed
upon it, written on tables of stone, that will abide forever
and ever amen.

And if the beloved Lead feel union with
what is here written, and made known by your Father,
and Mother, (as you were eye witnesses of the first
laying and establishing of the Church, and know this

to be the same, in word and sense) we should be pleased, to have you bear witness for us, by signing your names, as a signature that will stand for ages to come, and know that new Lords, have not made new laws.

Receive ye our love, which shall remain with you, forever Amen.

(Note) — To the Ministry and Elders. — In relation to the youth and children, says Father, they share equal privileges with the grown people, in attending meetings, in partaking their food &c, which is giving them great latitude.

They feel themselves equal; they have not sense nor understanding enough to keep back in their place, neither can they be kept back. They hear all the admonition and instruction of the family, and think, that is just what they are reprov'd for &c.

Sea says Father, the children did not often come to meeting, and when they did they were able to sense their privilege, where they do not, now. But I do not wish to deprive them of this privilege, but as often as the Lord feel union with their being excluded to labor for more fear of God, it will please me, and by no means attempt to worship, without they have given their caretakers a good degree of satisfaction.

And says Mother, when there is reproof

...tion for the family, let the youth and children
...age of 21. retire. And when it is for them,
...forward, where they can understand and
...it is for them to treasure up; that they
...learn to fear God.

These are our feelings and desires say
Father and Mother.

Inst^r Eleanor Potter.

A Message from Jemima Pease.

May 27th 1840.

One of our Sisters, testifies to the Elders, that she
saw Jemima Pease, come in to the room after our evening
meeting, and fall upon her knees, and said she was sent by
Mother Sarah. and Mother Hannah Goodrich to ask the
prayers of the beloved Elders, and the good brethren & sisters
to pray for her.

She said she had been in our meeting this
evening. These few words, she spoke with tears flowing
from her eyes. She seemed much affected and said.

"You do not know the difference there is between the
first Order on earth, and those that I lived with while on
earth; O do pray for me!."

This day the evil spirit of Reuben Heathome
is let loose, seeking whom he may devour, His wicked

spirit and many more are trying to throw the
 on many poor souls, to see how many they
 and destroy by their evil spirits. Then said
 So beloved Elders brethren and sisters of the first
 pray for Hancock believers, for these wicked spirits
 going all around at Tiptonham & Enfield."

Ans^r: Olive Wheeler?

Mother Ann's Visit.

May 30th 1840.

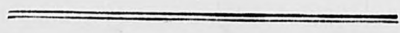
Mother Ann and Mother Lucy went all round,
 to visit and bles. They stayed some time at the wash house,
 with the sisters that were carding. The Ministry were there
 And Mother said, in union with them, she should be glad
 to have the sisters know what she had brought

Mother said besides my love and blessing unto
 you all, I have also brot' unto you, to see you; a pretty
 company of spirits, that left this world yesterday. There
 are 20 of them, I gathered them yesterday, as they came
 in to the world of spirits, from different parts of the earth.
 And now I will give them unto you if there is union.

Mother Ann, and Mother Lucy seemed
 quite satisfied with the family; and said there had
 quite a blessing attended all this week.

They were ready to go, Mother gave a list of the names and ages of the Little Spirits. (As follows).

Penett Bradford.	21.	March	1 st	1840.
Courtesy Haven.	20.	Jan ^y .	2 nd	1840.
Elizabeth Sain.	19.	Aug st .	20 th	1839.
Almira Brooks.	16.	Dec ^r	11 th	1839.
Lovina Cannon.	15.	May.	5 th	1839.
Augusta Leman.	12.	Oct.	15 th	1839.
Mary Tower.	12.	June.	2 nd	1839.
Abigail Lectry.	12.	Sept.	9 th	1839.
Sarah Weden.	10.	Feb.	5 th	1840.
Sarah Ann Brewster.	9.	July.	11 th	1839.
Sarah Maria Fowler.	9.	Aug st .	1 st	1839.
Jerusha Sexting.	7.	Oct ^r	10 th	1839.
Rebecca Grance.	7.	Nov ^r	6 th	1839.
Polly Jane Bower.	5.	Jan ^y .	16 th	1840.
Eliza Ann Smith.	4.	July.	1 st	1839.
Clarissa Trigg.	4.	May.	19 th	1840.
Katharine Smith.	6.	May	15 th	1840.
Emily Brade.	3.	July.	15 th	1839.
Lucinda Birk.	3.	Feb ^y .	19 th	1839.
Susanna. Lewis.	7 Born	Feb.	29 th	1840.



A Present from Father James & Elder Brother
John Farrington, to the Waterliet Visitors (June 7th 1840)

Elder Brother says. Beloved friends, I have come at this time, in company with Father James to bring this present to you. It is a large flock of sheep, and lambs. You, meekness and innocence, do they possess.

And now I give unto you of the choicest of my flock 540. Take these and I will also give you 14 Angels to comfort and protect you, on your way home ward. But I say unto you, take care, take care, for there are many, yea very many prowling wolves around, that will seek to destroy many of your number.

But my Holy Angels shall protect you on your journey. But O serene, serida Kanawe, I say unto you, my beloved, as I have said before. That many wolves are seeking to destroy my holy chosen; but I will give you weapons of truth, and rods of gold, that ye may your enemy defeat.

And you will also find, when you have returned to your happy home; that these wolves will stand in the Holy sanctuary of the Lord, daring you daring my flock to enter. But I say unto you use these weapons that I have given you; slay the

that there may be room for my flock. For they
 cannot enter, may cannot enter, untill the evil is destroyed
 and my sanctuary is made clean and pure.

So now my dear children, take ye comfort
 in the increasing work of God; and receive ye the love
 of all you ^{my} Heavenly Parents, and also the love and
 blessing of five thousand five hundred & forty Angels
 and spirits that attended the Chh. meeting on sabbath
 P.M. And my flock that I spoke of before, I will
 cause to march before you, and my Angels shall be
 your guides, untill you arrive home.

And also the gold rods, and weapons of
 truth, I will place in a willow basket of my Mothers
 make. This I will place upon my B^d George's head.
 This I want given to the Elders, and then all the
 Brethren & Sisters, may partake according to the mind
 of the beloved Lead. Thus in the sweetest of love fare
 ye well. Inst^d ^{my} Harriet Goodwin;

Father's Address to a Class of Young

Brethren, June 28th 1840.

My dearly beloved young Brethren. You are
 those whom I have chosen to be valiant soldiers, in
 the work of God, to speak and reveal the testimony

of your Heavenly Parents, by the power of God, into the eternal world. Even, as your Blessed Saviour, revealed, and preached the gospel of salvation upon earth, going forth thro' faith, doing the will of his heavenly Father that sent him.

Not knowing whether he should go nor the words that he should speak. But in obedience to him that sent him; loudly proclaiming the way of salvation, to the lost children of this world; even so did your heavenly Parents

When they were called by their Savior to open the testimony of the gospel; they left the old ground, on which they stood, and traveled thro' faith, believing in him that sent them. Obeying and doing the will of their heavenly Father, whosoever they went; and thro' obedience conveyed the gospel of salvation to this land.

Wherefore ye are made partakers thro' the same medium which God first placed. Which is obedience to that Lead, which is placed before you; which is anointed, & appointed of God for you to follow, and thro' faith and obedience to their teaching, shall you receive the blessing and protection of God.

And says Father Joseph; thro' this same faith, do I call upon you to bear a testimony, bold and

powerful against sin, and all unrighteousness. Come ye
from the old ground, where you have stood with wonder
and amazement. Strip off your old vestments of pride, doubts,
fears, bondage, and unbelief. Let loose and shake off the
bands, and baffling chains of Satan which has so long
prohibited you from receiving the power of the eternal world.

O ye my dear children stand ye according
to your privilege. You are called and gathered into this
the Mother Church, to be shining examples of true godli-
ness, both in word and in example. Sound ye forth
from your lips the words of eternal truth and manifest
before all believers, that you are the true offspring of your
parents in Heaven.

Boldly proclaim that same gospel in
the name, and spirit of your heavenly Parents, without
shame or fearing what man or mortals can say. Go ye
forth under the influence of the holy power of God, and
according to your faith, you shall receive.

Fear not what shall be the words you
shall speak, or the motion you shall make. But if you
keep a justified conscience, strictly adhering to the counsel
of your Elders; you shall not be left to suffer harm,
neither shall the adversary be suffered to ensnare you,
and cause you to waver from the true words of your
heavenly Parents. But thro' faith and simple obedience

shall the word, and will of God, be made known, and place it in your mouth, to speak and communicate according to the will of your blessed Parents, and agreeable to the gospel which they have established.

Yea, my dear children, believe in me your Father, who is loudly sounding in your ears, this trumpet of war. Surely, I will clothe you with every Godly virtue. And in obedience to my will of your heavenly Parents, you shall find that increase, which shall reward you for all the crosses you take up.

Do not fear the cross; but remember if you honor God, God will honor you; if you honor your heavenly Parents, they will honor and bless you. But if you are ashamed to acknowledge them, they will be ashamed to own you, before their Father in Heaven.

Dear children consider your calling. Soon the burden will fall on you that are faithful; when those that have been eye and ear witnesses of your blessed parents shall be no more with you. And now is the day of God's visitation, now does the heavenly spirits make known to the rising generation that same revealed will of God, that was at first revealed on earth. Then stand ye firm resolute and strong, not flinching for persecution, mock or railing, for even so was your Saviour and heavenly Parents, by those

their own household and even so will you be.

Fear not the powers of earth nor Hell, but
the gospel trumpet to all who come to visit you.
Be ye my brave soldiers, that the Ministry of other
believers, that come here to receive strength and support,
can find that the Mother Church still remains firm,
that the proclaiming trumpet is in your hands, and
none can take it from you.

Dear beloved you are those in whom I
feel great interest, and desire the blessing of God to flow
upon you. Yea, you are those in whom I place faith
and confidence; that the gospel of salvation is your
only all, and to maintain the testimony your only
interest. So be ye the chosen of Heaven forever more.

{ Henry De Witt.
Jerobigne Bennett.
David Sidle.

{ Daniel Crofman.
Theophilus Sidle.
Franklin Barber.

From Father Joseph. June 28th 1840.

Ans^d Eleanor Potter

A Visionary Dream concerning Ann Eliza Goodwin.
Olive Gates
July 1840.

One night while asleep, I dreamed I was on
the road to Heaven. It was a very smooth pretty road;

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th inst. in relation to the above mentioned matter. I have the pleasure to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
 Yours obedient servant,
 [Signature]

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Words from Mother Ann to Jeremiah Clark.

August 17th 1840.

O thou lovely & worthy child of mine, it is with joy that I welcome thee, to thy peaceful abode and happy dwelling. Behold O siveen, behold and see this abode of beauty. Before thy senses left thee, yea, even whilst thou did yet serve me upon earth, I prepared this dwelling for thee.

Behold O siveen this pretty robe, mortal power ne'er prepared it; O see! see those diamonds those shining stars; behold the reward of cross-bearing. I called thee O siveen, while I was upon earth. Yea and all tho' thou wast then, living in the full enjoyment

of the vain terrestrial pleasures of time. Thou didst cheerfully forsake all worldly pleasures, and give even thine own life, for the gospel of salvation. Thou freely didst thou harken, and obey the sounding trumpet of salvation.

And thou hast ever stood true to the cause, and helped many souls to God. Thou hast been a permanent, stable unshaken pillar in the house of the Lord. Thou trying, scenes thro deep tribulation thou hast passed. Yea thou hast seen days of sore affliction. But I seeen thy life is recorded by thy Heavenly Father, who will in no wise hold from thee, thy just reward; even the reward of well doing for a righteous soul.

Come forth, come forth ye holy Angels, & rejoice with me, rejoice with this righteous, and holy child of mine, who has spent her days upon earth doing good, and is now received in to the paradise of God, her heavenly Father, whom she loved honored & feared.

Sound forth ye Angels the trumpet of rejoicing, that the heavens may ring with loud anthems of joy, praise and thanksgiving to God, and Jesus Christ the holy Saviour. Behold, now giveen, the crown I have prepared for thee to wear, it is indeed beautiful to behold, lovely to look upon.

O lovely child, thy life was prolonged

untill thou didst see my gospel flourish and increase.
Now walk with me, labour with me, for the increase
of the blessed gospel.

So, welcome, welcome, lovely siveen
welcome to the blessings of Heaven, to thy lovely mansion,
beautiful robe and shining crown.

Mother says, I have permitted this piece
to be written, knowing it would be a satisfaction to some.
But, the original is in my own hand, to be given to
my faithful child, when things of time shall close,
and she enters the immortal world. Then shall I
call forth Angels, to rejoice with me, when ever my first
born children shall repair to my dwelling. Thus says
Mother Ann. Inst: Anna Dodgson.

A Book of Orders, Given for the
Children by Mother Lucy August 21st 1840.

Mother's Introduction

I will not forget the lambs of my fold, that delight
to hear my voice, I will lead them to fountains that never
cease to flow, and to pastures ever green.

I have come says Mother to establish the order
of Lion, among the children, on earth, that have already

been called thro' mercy; and, all that treasure up, and obey the orders that are given for their protection, they will reap a daily reward.

All must labor to feel the fear of God, while hearing these orders read.

Part 1st Orders for Confession

It is order for every child in Zion to retrace their crooked steps, and confess every week, wherein they have done any thing that they know to be wrong.

They must enter the room with three low bows, and when they have honestly confessed, according to the best of their understanding, they are then to make one low bow, and thank their caretakers.

After they honestly confess, and desire to repent, I will bestow a gift of repentance upon them says Mother. yea I will ever notice the honest and obedient child.

Part II.

It is the order of Zion for children to be ready to retire for meeting as soon as the signal is given. They must sit still and labor to see themselves, and sense what a privilege they have to be brot' up among the people of God.

If any are found unprepared to retire,

without a reasonable excuse, they should not, they must not pass unreprieved. And if they continue to be disorderly in this, they must have some mortification to wake them up.

After evening meeting they must kneel down in one or two, straight ranks, and then retire to rest without talking. If it is necessary for them to speak they must go to their caretakers and speak to them.

Order is the beauty of Zion, and if children keep good order in all things, they will be beautiful, and I will strew their path with pretty flowers and beautiful gifts.

Children should at all times have the fear of God, when they attempt to worship him. They must enter the meeting room with one low bow, and when they assemble in the ranks they must be sure to form the ranks straight. Their hands must be folded with the thumb and fore finger of the right hand over the other.

They must keep their eyes down, and sing low, and strive to unite with the rest. Good orderly children will find no time to sleep in meeting, they will hear & understand what is spoken and strive to remember it.

When they labor in order, they must try to keep straight with the one next to them; and when they travel they should be learning to make proper motions, with their hands and bodies, and not skuff their feet; and always take pains to step the right foot first.

that they may not tread off the shoes of those before them.

They will be careful not to rub against the wall, and always try to keep in a true circle, and when the song stops, they must never run forward two or three steps, and get all in a huddle.

A good child often be hear to speak about the meetings, to their little companions; their conversation will always excite virtue, and good order; so that all can see that orderly children can always find virtuous employment.

When children are at play amusing themselves, they must never be exercising in any manner of worship; and when they are learning to labor, they must always have the fear of God.

Children must never sing loud and work at the same time, but if they are asked to sing, they may lay their work down and sing.

Children that are blessed with the gift of visions, when they know the spirits want they should go with them, they must get liberty of their caretakers, and come home at their bidding. Good orderly children can always hear and obey their caretakers whether in vision or out.

When children are under the operation of the power of God, their caretakers, or any one else

that has the oversight of them at such times, can manage them as they in their wisdom think proper.

When children are exercising in any part of worship, the fear of God should be kept by every one in the room; and if any refuse to pay attention, after being spoken to, they must be taken out of the room, & if they repent and desire to be forgiven, they may then return to the room, but not have the same privilege, as the rest at that time.

Part III.

It is the order for children to rise in the mornings, at the appointed time. If it is necessary for them to lie longer, their caretakers can give liberty in such cases. They must rise up in the morning with the fear of God; and never speak till they have kneeled down, unless they speak to their caretakers.

Children should always wash clean in the morning (with soap*) and then go each to their respective duties. It is the order of Zion for children to stay in the place they are set to work in, unless they are set elsewhere by their superiors.

Children must never tell any thing that has been done, or is going to be done in their order, to any one in the family, excepting the Elders.

* Particularly girls,

When children are at work with their superiors, or with their companions, and they see them do any thing that looks wrong to them, they may go to their caretakers and open it; but if they open it elsewhere, they break order, and they must not dare asperse, in the ranks with their companions, untill they have made an honest confession; for if they are news carriers, & mischief makers, they are not my children says Mother.

When orderly children are at work in a room, they will stay in the room and not leave it unnecessarily. If any one sees a child leaning out of the window, running in to the hall, out of doors, in to the rooms they do not work in, singing and talking in a loud boisterous sense, they may know they are not my children, and that it is very displeasing to me. The ones that give way to such disorders I cannot own says Mother, if they do not repent, and leave these things off.

The place where children dwell should be kept clean and decent, as becoming the children of Zion. And their morning chores, should be done before the shell sounds, or bell rings for breakfast. Sometimes it may be necessary to leave them longer.

But if children are lazy and careless in these things they must not look for a blessing thro' the day, for the morning is the time to set out a new.

My children set out a new every day, says Mother.

Some children I have seen get up in the morning, kneel down with their companions, and then lie down again. This is not good order, and if children build their foundation of such materials, their foundation will finally give way, and leave them in darkness to cry for help when it is too late.

When children see that their shop needs cleaning up, they should do it without being spoken to every time, to do it. The shop where children work should be swept, and put in order three times a day; before breakfast, again before dinner, and when their days work is done at night.

If this order is kept, the good spirits will delight to come into their shops, and in to their dwelling rooms. And little children that keep good order, will always have room to receive all that the good spirits have for them.

They must never leave their work shops without liberty from their caretakers; and when their caretakers are going to stay any length of time, they can give tolerations, according as the length of time may require.

And when children are at work, in any place with their superiors, they must never leave their work without their liberty, and never take opportunities

when their superiors are absent, to meddle with their things, or to leave their work, but if it is very necessary that they should leave their work, they can do so & then return to it as soon as possible.

Girls in the childrens' order, must never go in to the Brethren's shops, nor in to the woods without their superiors with them. They must never be asking questions, nor doing errands to the brethren or boys, unless their superiors tell them to and then say no more than is necessary.

Children must always mind at the first bidding, and speak the first time they are spoken to. When orderly children are in company with their superiors, they will never be asking unnecessary questions, nor stop their work to listen, when their superiors are talking together.

When orderly children are at work they will pay attention to their work. And when they are spoken to, they can answer to the truth, if it is never so much against them.

Children that get overcome to tell an untruth, should never lay down to sleep, untill they have confessed it, and feel determined never to do so again. If children try to deceive their companions, or any one, they cannot be forgiven by me, says Mother, untill

they have confessed it honestly.

All may know that they break the Laws of Zion, if they wash or iron, or pick any thing for kitchen use, on the sabbath. This is the day for spiritual devotion, and no temporal work should be done on this day, unless it is very necessary.

Children should never speak when anyone is kneeled down in prayer. Children should have all their evening chores done before dark, and never carry any open light out of the room after meeting, and never make a large fire in the stove, and go to meeting and leave it.

There never must be wood piled under the stove nor the spit box set under it. The stove doors must always be shut tight, before all leave the room. Little children that keep good order will never have to feel the horrors of setting any building on fire.

Orderly children will never complain of their companions, without a just reason. If they see them doing any thing wrong, they will advise them in a spirit of love to desist; and if they do not accept of this kind advise, they must go to their caretakers & let them know it.

If any of the children should see others wasting or destroying any thing, if they know they

are doing wrong, and they will not stop for their kindly advising them to, they may go to those they are to work for, and let them know it, if they can do it in season to save any thing from being lost.

Children should never delight to irritate or vex each other, or desire to have them punished. I cannot delight in children that contend and quarrel, says Mother. If little children are quarrelsome and contradict, they break the orders of Zion and I own them not.

Children should strive by example and precept, to administer the spirit of love and peace to their companions. When companions ask each other to be so kind as to do any thing, they should always do it, unless it is something they know should not be done or is not reasonable.

Children should never speak to their superiors when they are talking. When anyone comes in to their dwelling room, or shop, that does not live there, they should never speak unless they are spoken to, and then they will honor their caretakers, and do great honor to themselves, for their obedience and respect to good order.

Children should never ask unnecessary questions, of any one who is writing, and never speak

to others when they are singing, but wait untill they get thro. — When orderly children find that a door is fastned, they will leave it and not go to it, untill it is unfastened, but disorderly ones will keep rattling & pounding untill they get punished, for their disorderly doings.

When any child says others have done any thing, that they do not remember of doing, if it is a good child, it will say I am sorry if I have done so, but I do not know that I have; and then such children will look at themselves and find out the truth, and then open it to their caretakers, if it is any thing that would make disunion.

Children should never tell any idle vain worlds stories, to their little companions on any occasion and they must never tell lengthy dreams, only to their caretakers.

When children are out of doors, they must never hollow to any that are sitting or standing at a window, or hollow to any one in the door yard. If they have occasion to speak to any one, they should go near enough, to speak in a suitable voice.

Girls must never allow themselves to be running in the door yard; They should wear their bonnets and walk decently. They seldom have occasion

to run, but any thing that is necessary may be done.

When children are so careless as to let a door slam, they must open it again and shut it still. When children run up and down stairs in a noisy and boisterous manner, they must go back and go still.

When children meet their superiors on the walk or stairs, they must turn out and pass them in the fear of God, let their hurry be what it may; no good spirits will ever hurry a child in to disorders. Children should not feel justified, for not paying attention to these things, because they are in a hurry.

If little children keep good order, when they are in a hurry, I will send good spirits to help them. When they are going up stairs, if there are two going up besides them, they must never crowd between, or try to pass them.

Children must never take hold of each other in the door yard, on the stairs or any other time, when it is not necessary. Children must never stop in the door yard to talk, but if they have a short errand to do, to anyone, they can do it, but not stand any longer.

Children must never go to milking alone, nor stay after their superiors are gone, from the yard. Children must learn themselves to lie straight in bed, and not take any more than their part of the bed.

When children clean up wash and dress,

they must always be in their shop or dwelling room (the boys accepted, at such times as they have liberty to bathe in the ponds) When children are called to by any one, they must always answer "Here. never say" "What."

Part IV.

It is the Order of Zion for children, to gather in to their shop, when the bell rings, or shell sounds, unless they are about something which they cannot leave; but if they have to stay to finish anything, that they could have got done before, but thro some neglect or laziness have fell short, they may not feel justified to stay and finish.

The kitchen girls should never leave the kitchen without liberty from those they are to work with. Children should always be ready to go together in order to their meals; they should never speak after they start from the shop, untill they return again.

When their superiors speak to them they can answer, but otherwise they must not speak, unless they speak to their caretakers. When children are going to gether from any place, they must wait untill they are all ready, and then go in order.

They must go to the table with light steps, and range their ranks straight a little back from the table. They should fold up their hands, and then kneel

down in the fear of God; they should never laugh, nor be seen glancing about, when they are eating.

I have seen says Mother, the children laughing at the table, with their arms resting on it extending nearly to the ones each side of them; while others were chewing with their mouths open, & swinging their feet at the same time, while others were drinking with victuals in their mouths!

I cannot bear with these things any longer, says Mother, for it is grievous to the holy spirit of Christ, and to the pretty spirits that I send to be with you. Children must always begin at the coarsest victuals first, and only eat their share of the best, they should never be reaching victuals from one setting to an other, thinking it is better, or that they can eat all the best, because it is on the table, and leave the coarsest. Any thing that is put on the table is good enough, and they must eat it, and be thankful for it.

If children sit at the table with unthankful hearts, because there is nothing which they think is good enough for them to eat, but go without till they can get a bit of something better. I say, says Mother, such children will not escape the judgements of God, if they do not repent of these things, and leave them off.

When children are unwell, they may have

what is suitable for them to eat, in the line of order. They should learn to eat every thing that is eatable, unless it makes them sick, and their caretakers must know that it does, before they excuse them from eating it.

No child must be absent from the table.

If it is necessary for any of them to stave away, they must let their caretakers know it, before the children sit down to eat. They should always clean their knives, before they cut the butter or any thing else.

They must never move the dishes or victuals, when they go to the table; but if they need to take any thing up, they must sit it again where all can reach it, and not leave it standing close by their own plates.

When they have done eating, they must clean up all the crumbs around their plate and eat them up. They must lay their knives and forks, in the proper place, when they have done eating, and then sit straight and not lean on the table, nor keep their heads twisting about.

They must keep their eyes down, and not watch the rest that are eating. When all have done eating, they must put their benches back still, and all stand straight before they kneel down.

When they rise from their knees, they

must step back and let the oldest go out first, and all follow according to their ages, and return again to their shop in good order, and go from there to their work.

Mother Lucy address to the Children or Part V.

Now says Mother Lucy, if you keep these orders they will keep you from all sin and danger. Keep these orders that you may obtain a place in my peaceable mansion of rest, that I have prepared for all my faithful and obedient children.

Consider dear children says Mother take a realizing sense before it is too late, for if you disobey your holy calling, and loose the privilege you now enjoy you never will have an other. So be wise for your own good and hold fast your birthright.

Remember dear children, that you live in Zion, where you are taught the gospel, and have all you need to make you happy and comfortable. You have good clothes to wear and good victuals to eat. You have spiritual food offered to you. But if you refuse to sacrifice your own ways and wills, you will loose a great many very beautiful gifts, that I send to you, knowing that you need them.

Now consider and view these things, You have been called to be the children of a pure and holy God, and if you do not walk worthy of your calling, according to the light and knowledge, that you have received, you will lose your birthright, and others will be called to take it, that are more worthy than you.

Yea if you slight these orders, and refuse to obey, awful will be your hell! There is no child among you too young to be obedient and honest. If you obey your caretakers, with a willing mind and keep the statutes of God, you will find cause of unspeakable thankfulness as you grow in years, and increase in the way of God.

To keep pace with the works of God, dear children says Mother.

Beloved Elders says Mother,

What is here written from the book of orders, is that which I love to see increasing among the children of Zion. And now says, Mother, in union with you all beloved Elders, I want these four parts from the book of orders to be read to the children every four weeks, this I want should be the stated rule.

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The Word of the Holy Selam.
Tread by Father James Nov^{em} 10th 1840.

Hear O hear! ye inhabitants of earth!
Hearken to my voice, ye who dwell in the Holy
sanctuary of the living God upon earth. Ye who
stand as pillars in my Zion. Ye who be burden bear-
ers in my holy house. Give ear, hearken to the word
of the Holy Selam, even the God of heaven! whom
ye serve. For Lo! my power is mighty, and my
word a word of truth.

Mock not the Anointing of Heaven
mock not the Anointing on earth. Mock not the
holy order of Heaven. Mock not the Holy Order of my
House upon earth. Slight not, slight not; neither
treat ye lightly, the manifestation of my grace unto
you. Slight not the day of my visitation.

Slight not my mercy and charity,
lest ye be smitten in judgement. I say judge me not,
neither judge ye the power, by which your blessed Mother
makes known her will upon earth. If ye do, in judge-
ment will I meet you in time or in eternity.

Trample not under foot, trample not
under foot, the Holy laws of my Zion, and the holy

order of Mothers house. The soul that judgeth me,
the soul that judgeth my work, the soul that judgeth
my power, in heavy judgement will I meet them
in time, or in eternity

For lo! I am the Holy Selan, the God
of Heaven. And all power is in my hand, So judge
not the Anointing of Heaven, judge not the Anointing
on earth, Judge not the power, thro' which I reveal
my self unto you.

Hearken, hearken, give ear unto my
word; for it is a word of truth. O ye children of
men! Great mercy, and much goodness do I send
forth unto you. But know much will be required
at the ends.

Inst^l Anna Dodge, son.

The Comforting Word of the Angel
Yalleen to Yilinda. or Elder Brother

Amos. Stowers. November 21st 1840.

On thursday morning November 21st
this Yalleen Angel was seen flying round and

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round and sounding thro a trumpet these words,
"O mine Vilinda Helen thou beloved child. thou art
blesed of thy Mother, and she hath sent me to comfort
thee.

The Angel then suddenly stopped and clapping
his wings four times spake us in the voice of a man,
O mine Vilinda where art thou. O Helen Helen,
O vin ce va, be ye of good cheer, and rejoice in well doing;
for with ur se vi and se re ne va, I have come to guard
you night and day.

I am truly, I am that holy, that
Vilallen Angel that has for ages and ages long past
spread my protecting wings over the chosen people of
the Lord; and thro the mouths of many holy and true
Prophets have I spoken the ur se le vo of your God.

O Vilinda! It is blessing and praise
I will sound sound poud forth to thee, for thy faithful
labours on earth. Yea from that just and holy hand
of the living God, whom thou servest, whom thou lovest,
whom thou hast honoured and glorified, while in time,
thou shalt receive the pure reward, of a faithful &
true watchman on the walls of Zion, a firm and
strong pillar in the house of Israel, a brave valiant
soldier that has fought, that has fought the good
fight, and with a righteous, Se le an vesta have

conquered thine enemies;

And now with thy heavenly Parents I will sing blessing and praise unto thee, and thine ears shall hear, and thy heart rejoice. Then raising his trumpet again he sung this song (Angels Blessing) and at the last word he raised a very loud shout and immediately flew far out of sight.

Mother Ann who had been standing a little way off, now said. The words of this Holy Angel, and the song he has sung thro' his trumpet must be retained, and written; for it is to my dearly beloved child Elder B^r. Amos Stowers, that the Angel has been speaking, and singing.

Mother Ann then handed forth a large letter, that had been seen twice previous to this with Elder B^r. name printed on the wrapper and sealed with three seals. Mother said, this letter I have written with mine own hand, and sealed it in union with my fellow travelers. Father William & Father James;

Now know ye, that in the presence of my holy appointed Lead on earth, and in the dwelling of my first Church, will I cause this letter to be read & the word of the Fallen Angel, and the song that he sung; to my true and worthy child, for he is one of my first, born and I wish him to receive my never ceasing love

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and blessing, in my first Church, in the presence of
his own lot, and in the presence of the beloved Ministry
and Elders there next sabbath.

I will place the letter on the Angels
head, and he will carry it safe and place it on Elder
B.'s head, and there it shall remain till the time
appointed. Mother then said go yerrnow speak
these things to your beloved Lead, and see that ye
obey my voice.

The song was learned on Friday morning
November 22nd 1839. from Elder Sister Olive sounding
it thro the Angels trumpet.

Ind! Addah Lillah Potter.

Copy of a Letter from Mother Ann
To Elder Brother Moses Stowers. 1840.

Nov. 20th

From the mansions of Peace, On steve, ven di.
To my Dearly Beloved Child.

Yea it is to my most worthy and
faithful pillar in the temple of my holy God, to
a cheerful cross-bearer that has thro many very many
trying scenes of deep tribulation, and persecution, borne
a heavy and heart greiving burden for the upbuilding

of my gospel on earth, and for the good of his dear companions, that I write.

Surely it is to you my beloved one, owned and blessed of your Parents in Heaven, that I your Mother write with my own hand, and seal with my own word, this short letter.

This I have done, that ye might hear & know, while you were yet on this earth, that you have never been left nor forsaken by me. Now know ye, O my children in se, it is with joy that I pour forth unto ^{thee} you, at this time my word, and prove unto you, that I am, that I long have been, and still will be, a kind watchful, tender Parent over thee.

For long long have I desired to speak unto you, as one of my first born, here in my first Chh, and in the presence of that Holy Anointed Seed, that are able with me, to give unto a worthy child that which justly belongs to you, as a rightful heir to the inheritance of the faithful.

O then hear and receive this, as the sure and proved love and never ceasing blessing, that freely flows from a true parent to a faithful child. Again hear ye my word. Long have I known the sore afflictions, that have been poured upon you by your enemies, yea and the slanderous words from

the mouths of backsliders that have foamed like billows against you. But Oselin, Lavan, Lavanise, all these things, all these things I say I have known.

And more than these, yea stronger things I will make known unto you. But know now dear child, that for many years mine eyes have carefully watched you. Mine ears have often heard thy humble supplications, to your Heavenly Father; yea and at times, when thou knewest it not mine hand strengthened by that Almighty power that alone is able to save, hath been stayed over thee, to rescue thee from thine enemies.

Yea when thou hast been wading thro' heavy scenes of deep trouble, I have stood by thy side, to help and bear you thro'; and at times of extreme danger, far more than thou hast known, I have guarded thee, and clothed thee with a garment, that hid thee from the eyes of thy bold persecutors.

Your weary and thirsty spirit, oft have I nourished and fed from the pure fountain to the vine of living bread and waters of life. Thy body I have gathered, from the infamous hands of thy foes; yea, and while thro' the lying spirit of revenge, they lay in wait to take thy life (and tho' they knew it not) I put to nought the vile purposes of their hearts.

More than once twice or three times while thy bitterest enemies, yea even those very ones, that were once of thy little flock; (again I say and I speak not vain things unto you) while those vile ven den bac loven of thee, and thy holy life were plotting), speaking writing and even sealing, their worldly horrid oaths, that they would kill thee; at this moment with my fan in my hand, I have blown upon them, so that they could not see, neither had they power to perform the wicked transaction of their hearts.

But now Osilin, Vilinda, wise, and rejoice with me, and with me give humble and grateful thanks to our holy and heavenly Father, that thou art able at this moment, to hear and receive, the blessing and praise that is due, thou blessed child of mine.

Peace, peace be unto you, my blessing and my peace shall ever remain with you while here in time; and when your labors are ended on earth; with joy ye shall be welcomed to enter and dwell in the happy mansion of endless glory, and there ye shall receive far richer blessings, than mortals can receive or earth can bestow.

So fare ye well, my dear loving child go ye and rejoice in my love.

(Inst. Lillah Potter.)

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To the Elder Sisters of Order.

From Elder Sister Olive

December. 1st 1840.

Dear & Beloved Elders.

I can no longer refrain from uttering forth unto you in some manner, the grief of my spirit, concerning some things, with which I am much displeas'd, and that too which my beloved Mother Lucy often mentions with sorrow.

And know ye it is in perfect union and indeed by her request that I write unto you just at this time. My first word unto you is, in regard to the young sisters mostly, for I cannot pass among them, and view them as I desire too, neither can my beloved Mother Lucy; for she says her spirit is grieved, for the still wasteful, careless, and craving spirit that has remained, and seems to be of late increasing among the youth.

As for myself, I have been very much surpris'd to hear, and see so much running and asking, for this thing and that, this convenience and that, this garment, and that, or I might say garments. I say I am surpris'd at these things; because I had not the least idea, that there would be much more, or any of this done for a long time, even among the whole family of sisters; and by no means among

the younger classes, especially among those that were mentioned in Mother's written Rule, and who had received her word in particular.

But Alas! sorrowful as it is to relate and as grievous as my word may seem unto you, O most dearly beloved; yet speak I must, for I cannot refrain, while the precious words and I might say, laws of my Mother, are so lightly esteemed, and so readily trampled upon.

Some may wonder what I mean by such words as these; but I cannot think you marvel at it, in the least; neither would any one, if they should hear what I hear, and see what I see.

Often, very often, do I visit the Sisters of this family, in all of their apartments; and now that all may understand the burden of my mind, I will speak of some things.

In my visits thro' the kitchens, I have heard many words of this kind; O do see my old Apron? or handkerchief? it is as nasty as poison, and ragged too, but I dont care, I cant help it; I know I've not worn it many days, but no matter how often it is washed; it will help wear it out; for it never suited me; I know I've not had it long and it has not been mended much, but I cant

afford to mend it now; for I never liked it, and when it is gone I can get another.

So much from one and more perhaps from another, Ye, such and such like expressions, have I heard some times from one, and in one place, and about one garment; and again in an other place by another about some other garment. And beloved what sort of a spirit is this?.

I have next visited the dwelling rooms, and have been present while the Sisters were looking over their clothes, to find such as needed mending. And as some unfolded them, I have heard these expressions, as they held out the garment, whatever it might be: This or that thing is very ragged. I know, but I never did mend it much; and now I can't bear to do it.

That thing is laid down, and an other taken up, and pretty much the same said, and this much added; here's the old gown, handkerchief, apron or whatever, that I tore or burnt so bad. It is just come from the wash, and it is much worse than it was; but I should not care much if I could not mend it at all, for it was always a homely thing, and I shant wear it much more any how. for it wont last long; and I'll get me an other soon.

And O beloved! what follows on, and what next think ye? Why I will tell you. I would next visit the Deaconesses apartments, and here, all that I have heard would lengthen my word to much, for this time.

But I would have it understood that, here I have been, by far the most astonished. For besides the repeated asking for new clothes, to supply the place of half worn ones, that did not suit, and such like old ones, as I have been speaking of, there was still more and more wanted. And the greater part of all this was from the young; yea, even from those under 30 and 25, the very classes, that have been so particularly taught, even from Mother Lucys own word, and from her written rules.

Now what can all this mean? it is all truth, but sorrowful truth, that I have spoken. Can it be possible, that there has not been sufficient said, and all sufficient means taken, to have every one understand, and know their Mothers will and their Elders desire long before now?

I say, Yea there has been, and I think you will say the same. And now I would just ask, what has become of Mothers Rules? Are they forgotten? or have they never been understood?

Has any one been so weak in their

judgement, as to suppose it a written word, just for the time being, or for just that day, week or month? Or have all these precious things been really slighted, and finally neglected. And if so has it been done ignorantly, carelessly, or willfully? These things I leave for you, beloved to judge, and for those guilty, to answer.

But if this word added, to that which has already been written, is not sufficient; I will in pity write again, and so I will continue to do, untill my Mothers wholesome laws, and pure teaching, can be received, understood and obeyed.

Now beloved I wish you to receive this from me, a true friend to all my sisters. I would be glad to have all under 35, hear this my word; but this I will promise, that when in my visits among them, I see a reformation, then will I write something more pleasing.

But stop a moment; Mother has just handed me a small scrap, and says: Write this, my short word unto the beloved Elders; that the little ones of my flock, forget not me their Mother. (Mothers word was this)

O my little few! is it possible that I need to speak further in regard to your clothing?

Is there any that did not know, they were not to add unto the written List? Was it not said, that it was all, and entirely sufficient? And was it not said, too, that if, on occasion, more or other garments were needed, they were to be received, and made by the liberty, and good judgement of those that hold this written rule?

And was it not written, for every one under 25, to feel obligated to give a correct account of all their clothes? of the order they were in, once a month? And was it not generally believed, that all that had come to their growth, had nearly or quite clothes sufficient for two years?

Some will, or many readily say, I don't know or I can't remember as it was so. But if what has been written, or spoken, cannot be remembered I will speak again, and say; my word is my word; my rules are my rules, and the written list which I have sealed, is to stand just as it is. And there is no one under 30 years of age, to add to it, only by the liberty of those who hold it.

If in case that one, or more garments fail, and more are really needed, I say, let the owner take the poor garment, and show it to the keepers of the List. And if they judge it sufficiently worn, and give permission for a new one; then the owner

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may apply) to the Deaconesses, or where ever it is to be obtained in order.

But my word to the Deaconesses, and all concerned in providing garments, is this; and I wish it to be heard and obeyed. "Hand not out unto any one, under 30 years of age, any garment, without first knowing for yourselves, whether the person or persons, applied in true order, even by the permission of those that hold my written rule.

Inst^t Lillah Potter.

A Written Roll from Father William
to Jesse Harwood. New Lebanon October 4th 1840.

Father William's Word to the writer or chosen instrument Oct-4th.

Come here, my little one, sit by my side, and write the word I shall speak unto thee. Yea, bow thy spirit to God, and submit thy self, soul and body, resigned to his will. For I will pour upon thee, such tribulation as thou never witnessed, until this my word, is written in the fear, power and gift of God.

Father's Word to the Holy Anointed Seed.

Holy Anointed, and dearly beloved of my Heavenly Father! Do ye indeed desire to know my word and my will? If so, freely will I speak it unto you. But know ye, beloved, my word is a solemn, powerful word of truth. Yea in the holy power of my Heavenly Father, do I speak it unto you.

For lo my spirit has become grieved, because of the transgressions of my people. Therefore do I make known my will unto you. But the word I am about to read, I have directed to B^r. Jesse; for it is his gift and his work to cleanse my holy sanctuary where he dwelleth. And it is the will of Blessed Mother Ann, and my will and the will of the Holy Anointed, that this be his work.

Father's word to Jesse.

O. C. I. O. ar. C. Sel vi no. Hearken hearken, O beloved child! give ear and hearken unto this my word. Yea, I say, give ear and understand; for solemn and powerful, is the word I am about to speak unto thee. Truth, truth, truth, truth, my word is truth. Yea, my word is what vain mortals shall in no wise gainsay nor mock.

Thus, thus and thus, do I speak unto

you, beloved. The time has come, for my holy church to be cleansed from workers of iniquity. And know it is your gift to stand as a valient soldier for God. Stand firm and valient for the cause in which you have enlisted. Fight for God; fear not; raise high your sword, & be not faint-hearted.

Hearken, hearken, O beloved, hearken once more to my voice. Lo! the hot displeasure, and wrath of the Almighty is, in judgement kindled against Zion. Sin and sinners, yea, vile workers of iniquity, with unclean hands and impure hearts, have defiled and polluted the holy sanctuary. Therefore in mercy do I make known my word and will unto you. Set your self in array, and make ye ready to withstand the hosts of evil. For none save the true and valient, shall stand in this great day of the visitation of God.

Thus saith blessed Mother Ann; Jesus Christ, Holy Mother Wisdom and the Heavenly Father, even God the Almighty. It is thy work, O thou beloved little one; in deep tribulation, to cleanse the Holy Sanctuary of God. Yea, says Mother without regard to place or persons, cleanse thou my Church.

Spare not this one, because he is comely to look upon; nor that one because he hath many talents; neither another because he is a pleasant singer,

nor an other because he hath attained much of this worlds knowledge, neither spare ye any, because of worldly honor, riches, interest or pleasure.

Neither, I say unto you, spare because this one is nearer to my heart, and that one I love; neither spare, because you say in your heart, this one may make a useful member of society or that one may be of much use, I say let not your eye pity, nor your hand spare, save in the wisdom of the most High.

And again say I, even your Father William spare not of the spoil, spare not a rag and the best of the flock, to sacrifice unto the Lord, in your own due season, lest in his hot displeasure thou be smitten before him, and his vengeance fall on you, and he make you a mock and a reproach, in the land where in ye dwell.

So! my soul striveth within me, how can I longer hold my peace, when within the walls and habitation of my holy people there dwell vile workers of iniquity, walking every one after his own lusts, and the filthy desires of his own corrupt imagination. Yea, I say, how can I longer hold my peace.

Again, I say again, beloved, hear ye my word, long, long, long, long, very long has my spirit been troubled, and sorely afflicted, knowing the heavy

tribulation, which awaited my people. The time is near at hand, when the people shall come up to the yearly sacrifice, and you shall be placed, by the power of the Holy Anointed, upon the judgement seat, to judge between God and man.

Yea, I say, then beloved, stretch forth thy hand in the power of God, and know thou in holy reverence to the holy law of Zion that thou judgeth in wisdom and righteousness. Yea I say be ye able to discern, the unclean hands and impure hearts, that have found a habitation among my people within the walls of Zion. And let the unclean among you feel and know your displeasure. Yea, I say let the judgement of a righteous and holy God rest upon them, and his hot displeasure follow them whither so ever they go.

But again I say unto you, hurt not the good, while with a sword you cut down the evil cherish and support the good. Speak comforting to the faithful in Zion; for surely my peace is with them.

But yet again I say unto thee, O my beloved little one, be not deceived by any out side show that Satan may appear in. For lo! there shall appear wolves in sheeps clothing. Thus I say unto you, strip naked and make bare the soul that cometh before

you at the yearly sacrifice.

For there shall come up to you whitened sepulchres the out side shall indeed appear white and beautiful, when the inside shall be full of rottenness and corruption, which can never be cleansed; because of the filthiness of the abominations of the children of men; untill they shall first open their mouths, and spew from their carcases, the foulness and filthiness of their hands & the deceitfulness of their hearts. Then the gospel fire shall burn, to purify and cleanse and consume the dross.

But the soul that receiveth not this purifying, let him be as an heathen man unto you, lest the Lord, as he passeth thro the land, in his displeasure, beholding the children of men, seeth the heathen within your walls, and beneath your dwellings, passing your courts. Yea, I say, lest the Lord beholding this, in his displeasure smite you.

Furthermore, I say unto you, what ever is or may be in the possession of any individual, in the Church, that is not owned, blest and supported, by the whole mind and will of the Lead, let it be purged from among you. Yea, I say, let it be put far from you, without regard to place, age, sex, or person, yea, let it be what it may, whether tools, clothes, books, or what ever, I say suffer

nothing, disorderly, to remain in peace in your family.

And the more ye will purge from among you, before the yearly sacrifice, the easier it will be.

And it is my will, that there be, at that time, nothing among you, but what is supported by the Lord. O beloved! my work is a work of swiftness; and my word, a word which shall in no wise be broken.

The power of God is all strength, all power, all might; and in God is no weakness at all. This' sathan striveth, and worketh hard; yet his power shall in no wise overcome. Truth shall stand for truth, righteousness for righteousness; sin for sin, and iniquity for iniquity. The humble soul shall indeed be exalted; the liberal soul shall be made fat; and the soul that worketh righteousness shall dwell in a quiet resting place.

But woe, and woe be unto the soul that worketh iniquity in Zion! Let the hypocrite tumble; and the lying tongue, the unclean hands, that have worked abomination in Zion, fear before the Lord. For the day draweth nigh, when the Lord shall pass with vengeance among his people, and proclaim. Let him that is holy, be holy still; let him that is filthy, be filthy still: for the day of my wrath is come; yea, and the day of my vengeance; for judgement shall stand for judgement, in my holy house forever.

Once more, once more, my beloved, yet a little longer, hearken to my word. Deep, yea, deep and heavy is the tribulation and burden which I feel at this time, and which my soul groaneth under. But I bow in submission to my heavenly Father, saying O Holy, holy, heavenly Father! cause me to feel thy vengeance, and yet, a little longer, let thy arm of wrath and judgement be stayed from this thy holy chosen people.

O Heavenly Father! great is thy patience, and long thy forbearance. O! then do O do! for the sake of these thy little ones, stretch over them, once more, thy protecting arm. O Holy Father! hear and hearken; for my soul cryeth unto thee; forsake not thy heritage. Great and wonderful has been thy power, great thy work, and long thy forbearance, O Holy, holy Father. O my God! my God! thou hast, in thy wisdom, laid a foundation for a Holy Church to build upon. Yea, thou hast nourished and supported it, O Holy Father. O listen this, once, unto my prayer, my God! Destroy not the work of thy hands, neither overthrow thy Sa Lon, lest peradventure, the people will ere long bow before thee.

If they will, indeed purge the works of abomination from among them, and purify themselves, before thee, Lord! Then Holy Father thou

will again gather them unto thee, as the holy Church of thy pleasure, O Holy, holy, heavenly Father hearken unto this the prayer of thy poor child.

O beloved little child! On Saturday eve, the 26th I walked in the vale of tribulation, and thus did I pray to my heavenly Father, for the Church; yea I felt a gift to pray in tribulation. Then did my heavenly Father speak unto me, saying. William, William, my son, fear not I hear thy prayer and supplication, for my people, and your children. Go call thy Mother and thy B^r James, and I will speak words unto you. Then did I do as my heavenly Father directed.

Now my little Child Jesse, give ear to my word; bow thy heart and consider what I am about to speak unto thee. Know it is even the word of Almighty God, who reigns above the fading things of time. I say, my beloved, consider the word I am about to speak ^{unto} thee. Bend thy knees before the Lord, and with four bows, ask them to give you a heart to receive and understand the word of God.

The Word of God to Mother Ann, Father William, & Father James

Ye that have, in tribulation, planted the gospel of Christ upon earth, hearken to my word.

I have heard the many fervent prayers & supplications which you have offered to me, in behalf of the Church at Waterliet. I have also heard the fervent cries and supplications of the Anointed Lead upon earth. I have also heard the cries of the Elders, and those who stand faithful, that they might not be forsaken. I say unto you, I have never forsaken a faithful soul in that family.

But hear ye these my words; and when ye have heard them Brother William, write ye them upon paper, and place ye them within the sealed roll you have sent to Jesse Harwood; that when the Lead returns to Waterliet, they may carry with them your roll, and also my word. For lo! I will speak to their understanding, and will reason with my creation, even as a man reasoneth with his friend.

Now give ear to my word. My spirit is grieved within me, and my indignation is kindled against the children of men. Tho' every dispensation I have had unto me a chosen people, peculiar to my self, upon whom I might exercise righteousness, and show unto them the greatness of my glory. Yea, thro' many different periods have I chosen me a people peculiar to my self.

Yea in ancient times, as I have before

told you, I chose me a people, and caused them to be a shadow, a figure of my Holy people who now inhabit the earth. Unto them did I send my blessed son, when the work was finished which I sent him to do, he returned again unto me. In my season, I did destroy and drive from the good land, the type of my Holy chosen people, when full and final redemption should be ushered in, to save man kind from the fall.

In due season did I search me out a land, peculiar to myself, and by means of my own choosing, I freed it from bondage. I sent a pure and Holy Mother, in the name of my blessed son, clothed with the wisdom of the Prince of Canaan of Heaven, to the land of my choosing, there to sound aloud the everlasting gospel trumpet, of full and free salvation from the fall, by a final crop.

I have been with my people and protected them, and have raised them from a log cottage, to a degree of eminence, with which sectarians upon earth can vie, for the period of time they have been standing.

Go! Lion hath waxed fat, and an unthankful heart, hath caused her to be unholy. I have again for four years past, sent you ye messengers of heaven, back upon the earth. And further-

more, I have condescended to speak unto the people, my self, in my own name. I have written for them, the Holy Laws of Zion. I have shown unto them mercy and great kindness, much favor charity and love.

The ancients, yea, the Elders of the people have regarded my manifestation, as the coming of the Messiah. Yea, they have prayed unto me; they have wept before me, in grief and bitterness of spirit; they have made supplications unto me, and I have heard them, that the young, the rising generation might receive the holy baptism, and be planted in the gospel, that it might be kept holy and sacred unto my name forever.

Therefore have I extended mercy, charity, great and loving kindness unto them; yea, even beyond what mortal power could conceive. But how have they regarded my word or my work? Have ye considered? Stop, stop, for a moment, view and consider. Have they not handled, and handled, and handled, the power of my manifestation, with unclean hands and impure hearts?

Have they not made a mock, a scoff and derision of my holy word? have they not, set at nought my commandments, even the Holy Law of Zion? Have they not trampled under foot the

Holy word, (ye shall not enter the sanctuary to worship, with sin covered in you? I say) of all these things they are guilty.

My spirit is vexed with in me, for these foolish rebellious children. They live in a day which requireth time, strength, and talents devoted to God. They should then be bright gems in Heaven and flowers in Paradise. But what profiteth it that I speak peaceably concerning them? that I speak peaceably of many of the young in the Church at Waterloot?

Hear now, my word; for it is a word of truth. If they will purge from their family the workers of iniquity, that will not confess and turn to God; but choose rather to go a whoring after their own lust; wallowing in the filth and corruption of the children of men. I say if they will purge these from their family my blessing shall continue to flow upon them, and my protecting arm shall encircle them around, my peace shall be with them.

But if they trifle with my word, and continue to harbour within their walls, the abomination of my soul; then I say, let the hand and power of judgement smite them in truth. Amen.

Father William's Word to B^r Jesse.

Dear^{ly} beloved child, after receiving these Holy words of God, bow your self again, four times, in thanks to the beloved Lord. Fear not, my beloved fear not; be not disheartned. The work is great, and the field is large, which lieth before you. But raise your sword, your gospel weapons, and valiently fight for God. For the Vis ka la ma vi so of Heaven will fight for you.

I know that it is your gift, to cleanse the sanctuary of God. This is the work for you to do, and heaven bless and prosper you in it. Now with the love of your heavenly Father, Mother Ann, Father James, and my self, I bid you farewell. Rejoice and be comforted in deep tribulation, O dear^{ly} beloved.

Father William's Word to the Lord.

The roll which I have brought for B^r Jesse, is what immediately concerns his work and labor. But beloved, it is the answer of your long, long offered prayers. We may indeed think it is too close, and too much. But I say if I speak at all, I must speak words of truth.

It is a day that souls called to a privilege in the Church, must come to what their privilege requires; The power, gift and order of God, must no longer be trifled with, by anyone that names the name of a Chh member. For the Lord is unsheathing his sword, and shall sweep thro the earth, and his people shall in no wise escape his displeasure.

Now Holy Anointed Lead, receive my love and thanks for your patience and forbearance, at this time. Receive the love and blessing of your Heavenly Father, Mother Ann and Father James.

Words of Father William.

New Lebanon. Oct-4th 1840.

Words concerning the two Sealed Rolls;
Of the Holy Angels. by Mother Ann.

Holy Anointed Lead; within this roll, is two sealed rolls, written by the Holy proclaiming Angel of God. Now it is my will, says Mother, that the next morning after ye arrive at Waterleit, ye deliver these rolls, to such instruments (one two or more) as ye may think proper.

Then speak ye unto them, saying, ten days shall ye walk with Father William, in tribulation, deaf to the voice of mortals, save the Holy chosen. Four times, each day shall ye pass and repass your dwellings, speaking for Father William, these words, in a solemn and loud voice: "Cleanse ye your hands! purify your hearts, and make ready! for the day of the Lord is near at hand, even at the door."!

O beloved Lead! I require that these things be done, for it shall be a day of tribulation. After the expiration of ten days, then shall these two rolls be written according to your will, unsealed, and known.

Mother Ann.

Words of Father Joseph to the Lead.

October 6th 1840.

At half past 9, Father Joseph entered the Ministry's shop, and as he entered he bowed under a heavy weight of tribulation.

Father said dearly beloved Lead, have I not at Waterliet many times warned, and warn- ed, and warned, and told, and told, and told, that I

would cleanse and purify that house, from the garret to the cellar, from house to house from one end to the other?

And now, beloved, hear ye my word. I bowed before my blessed Mother, and she said unto me, Joseph, my son, what is thy desire, and I answered, O Mother, that the Church at Waterliet be purged from sin and sinners. And Mother said, I will that B^r William, write the word of God, the Heavenly Father, to Jesse Harwood, as he stands in the place of an Elder, established by the Holy Lead. For that Church shall be cleansed and purified from workers of iniquity.

Thus, beloved Lead, did Mother cause Father William to write the word of God, and with your union direct it to B^r Jesse. For lo! the Elder Brother is advanced in years, and has borne a heavy burden in Zion, and it is not his work to cleanse and purify the Church of God. But to this young man, in the house of God, to him it belongs to cleanse and purify the Church.

If he holds the line, if he holds the line at all, let him draw it, and if he draws it, let him draw it straight. For I say the time draweth near, when Zion shall be purified, when the Holy churches of Zion shall be cleansed. Let not Jesse

think if he is called, to the place of an Elder, that he can say peace, peace, all is quietness, while there yet remaineth sinners in Zion.

Verily verily I say unto you, he shall walk in deep tribulation, with his spirit bowed down, and humbled before God. Great is the work for him. Woe, woe! unto an Elder in the Church, that is slothful and slack in his duty. Woe! unto the Elder in the Church that ceaseth to cleanse it from workers of iniquity.

Father William's word to Jesse is not, Cleanse my Church if you can, Do it if you will. Do it if you think it expedient. Father's word is Cleanse my Church from workers of iniquity, lest ye be smitten in judgement; for lo! the hand of the Lord is passing thro' the land.

Beloved Lead, I say unto you, it is a shame and disgrace to the Holy Anointing, to have a family, and one of the first Churches up on earth, in the situation that family is. It is a disgrace to the Anointing. Therefore let Jesse walk in perfect submission to the Lead & in tribulation. And beloved act your wisdom, for the wisdom of the most High is with you. I will be there and help you, for lo! my spirit walketh deep in tribulation.

Inot. (Anna Dodgson)

(Father Joseph)

Acknowledgement of Joseph Sampson

November 8th 1840.

Father William informed the Sead, that he had with him a little one, who had earnestly sought the privilege, to acknowledge to them his missteps in time. For he could never enjoy a perfect Heaven, until he had removed a stumbling block he had left in the road. Father said his name is Joseph Sampson. He did not, while in time, put his hands to work and his heart to God; but devoted his time and talents to acquire learning.

Joseph Sampson, then entered the room, led by Father. He begged for mercy, while he acknowledged, his missteps in time. He said while he was upon earth, he did not put his hands to work, and heart to God, labouring to gain a substance of the gospel, and a treasure to go to, when he had done with time. "I did not" said he, "consider the importance of gaining a treasure. Encouraged and strengthened by some that were older, I still persisted in this spirit, contrary to the will and counsel of my beloved Sead.

But I have found, since I entered eternity, tho' I had never so much encouragement, yet for disobeying ^{my} Elders, the sin has become my own.

For it I have had to suffer and to walk in tribulation.

After my spirit left my body, I remained for several days among you, I endeavoured to seek union, but in vain, I endeavoured to be known, but no one knew me. Thus I wandered in tribulation to and fro, day after day.

At last I beheld the writings I had left, carefully collected, printed and bound, also my own name affixed to them. Notwithstanding the weight of my tribulation; this satisfied my mind. Here I saw my proud and ambitious views answered. My name was published to be sounded abroad, that I might be known of many.

In this proud and haughty state, in which I then traveled, a spirit was sent to lead me away. But found me high and lifted up, therefore I was placed upon a path, smooth, rough, and uneven; so slippery and smooth I could not stand, so rough and uneven, I could in no wise take one step. I tried to walk this path, but in vain. I was at last obliged to bow down upon my hands and knees, and thus, to creep and crawl many days.

I was at last permitted to fall in behind a company of young believers, and there

to walk till I could prove myself worthy of a further privilege.

Now beloved I have one request to make, by the consent of my blessed Mother and Father. O do in mercy grant me this, my humble request. Grant that all these books with my name in them, may be carefully collected, and delivered in to the hands of the Elders, and do with them according to your wisdom. Let not one be left in the Church to stand against me.

For where is one of Mothers first born children, that has ever caused to be published, any of their own composition, with their own name in it to be spread and sounded abroad. There are none of them that have done this thing. And I can never enter into perfect happiness, nor enjoy heaven, until I have removed this stumbling block from the path of the rising generation.

Father William then asked a privilege for him to make his confession to Father Joseph's class, and as many more as the Elders thought proper.

At half past 5 P.M. all under 60 & over 18. assembled in the meeting room. Father William spake a few words desiring all to labour to walk in the narrow path. But he said there were some that could

not walk the path in which they had not made a straight place to stand in; then how could they walk in a narrow path.

Father then led Joseph in to the room, and he made his acknowledgement and request, as he had done to the Lord. He said dear young brethren and sisters do remember a high sounding name, of fame and honor never will save any soul. Put your hands to work, and hearts to God, lest when ye enter eternity, ye be left destitute and naked as I was.

I had earned for my self no robe, therefore I was left naked, I had prepared for my self, no pleasant path to walk in, no mansion to dwell in, therefore I had no dwelling place. Do be wise and improve your time, while the blessings of heaven flow freely unto you.

Father James entered the room, leading Garret, by the hand. Garret desired to be forgiven, for the many unexemplary writings he had left behind him, and the many he had written while upon earth.

He said when I entered eternity I found it would have been ten fold better for me, had I spent many of the hours which I spent in writing, in picking up sand and throwing it over the fence. I should have been better accepted.

Father Joseph then desired his class, to give ear to his word. He said do dear children improve the time that is given you to work. Do not let your sense be taken up, and your minds be encumbered with histories, newspapers, and other books published by the world, not half of them true, and thus neglect your duty, and rob your souls of the blessings intended for you.

If there are any of you, ^{spend} an hour or two hours a day, reading newspapers or histories because you have no other employment, let it be known. You had much better spend your time writing some of the beautiful anthems, given you from the spiritual world.

But dear children, it is my earnest desire, my will, and my word, that ye spend no more time at present, reading newspapers or histories, or writing poetry, merely for your own amusement. But while this manifestation, continues, and ye have the gifts of God powred in upon you, do gather home, gather home dear children and treasure them up.

For the day will come, when ye cannot feed and feast, as you now do. Ye may with freedom, read the books published in behalf

of those who have obeyed Mother's gospel, read them with pleasure. But my word is, for the present, let all other books alone.

Gather home, work within, turn your labour within, and instead of improving your minds in the knowledge and wisdom of the world, improve your minds, your strength and talents devoted to the will and services of God forever.

Thus ye shall appear beautiful; thus ye shall be the ornaments of Heaven, and glory of the earth. And the blessings of your heavenly Father shall, in no wise, cease daily to flow in upon you.

To beloved Ministry, Elders, brethren and Sisters. With one united voice we bid you kindly Farewell.

Ans^d Anna Dodgson.

Words of Father Joseph & Mother Lucy
to the Elders, concerning comments on speaking faith &c.
December 24th 1840.

O Beloved Lead, says Father Joseph, and Mother Lucy, we have brought unto

you, at this time, two large baskets, filled with love and Godly fear.

Now Dearly beloved, it has been with much pleasure, that we have attended with you in the holy worship of God. Yea it is and has been a pleasing sight to us, to see the young the blooming youth, offering to God the first ripe fruits of their souls, and improving in the beautiful gifts of God, in songs of adoration. Yea and expressing their faith in the gospel, their determination to persevere on, in the good way of God. Also their gratitude and thankfulness to God for the blessings of the gospel, in the presence of their Elders brethren and sisters.

Yea says Father and Mother, this has been a pleasing sight to us, and it has been sincerely done by many. But how often has our spirits been grieved to hear the light, the vain, carnal and empty conversation; yea and comments made by the young, the unmortified and unwise, upon the speaking in meeting.

Yea, often have we passed thro' the dwellings of the righteous, and heard it observed by them, that were particularly called upon by the Elders to speak, say; thus and thus, shall I speak, when it is my turn. I think you had better

tell them so, and so. I tho't such a one, made quite an odd expression. I am glad I did not say what such a one did. And if any one is left to feel irritat ed in their feelings, and say that which is not correct or speak in a light vain sense; another will say, I think you had better speak that in meeting &c. &c.

Now remember, dear children, if you labor to recollect, and consider the unwise use you have made of your tongues, in this case, you will not only find you have varied from the truth, in many instances, but have treated the things of God, in such a manner as you would not be willing to be treated or have your reward for, hereafter. But remember, every soul shall have their just reward, according to their works.

And now, says Father Joseph and Mother Lucy; all ye that chose to be the rightful heirs of the Kingdom, must confess and repent of your short comings, and banish these things from your feelings. Have no conversation, upon any thing that passes in meeting, in a light vain sense; but treat the things of God with Godly fear and respect. And in so doing, you will inherit our love and blessing.

And all that can say, that they stand in a state of justification, and have had no conversation the week past upon any thing that has been, or, that

is a going to be said in meeting; may go to their Elders at the close of the week, and receive these balls of love and Godly fear as a reward for your faithfulness.

Jos^t Harriet Goodwin.

Father William's Word to the Physicians.

January 17th 1841.

O beloved Brethren and Sisters! I have but few words to speak; for the word of my Mother is quite full, and sufficient. But I say beloved children. The true order of your place is lost. Tho' I do not consider you that are now in it, to be the most faulty in this respect. Nay, by no means.

But a straight path has been laid, by those who were first planted in the gospel. But now it has been coverid and covered, and crooked and crooked; until, as your Mother has spoken, it can scarcely be found.

But dear children take courage. You have all received godd faith; and must stand as firm and substantial pillars, in Mothers holy house upon earth. You must straighten this crooked path, and build upon the true foundation; that those who come after you, may be able to go on in the true gift of God.

This is your work, and this must be your labour. Consider this and the responsibility you are under. For you shall not be left alone, when the rest of Mothers holy holy house, is again gathering to its true order. Therefore receive ye this my word. Take courage and press on; for why will ye delay? why will ye be cast down when all the powers of Heaven, are striving to help Mothers, children on earth? There is no cause of discouragement to any good believer. Cleave to your Elders keep your joining there. Thus you will be able to keep your union together, and you will be strong, and the blessing of Heaven will be with you.

Receive ye this my word, in to good and honest hearts; and with it my everlasting love and blessing; Also the love and blessing of all your Heavenly Parents. And in peace fare ye well till we meet again.
 Inst. Anna Dodgson.

W.D. The following piece should have been written before the above.

Mother Ann's Word to the Lot of Physicians

January 17th 1841.

Father William said Beloved Elders, I come to speak my word, but, since I entered the room, Mother Ann sent a Holy Angel, with

her Word; which she desires me, to speak for her. And the following are Mother's own Words.

O my dearly beloved children! Listen ye to the voice of a true and kind Mother; yea a parent and a friend. I have watched over you, and have many times been with you; and have stretched forth a protecting arm to shield you from all harm. So now, dear children, listen ye to the word that Father James has written and caused to be written unto you. And know ye it is according to the order established by the gift and revelation of God; thro' your blessed Father Joseph and Mother Lucy.

Dearly beloved brethren and sisters; yea dear children; cleave to your visible Head; keep your joining to your Elders. For this is the true order of God, for every member that is gathered in to my first Church upon earth; and throughout my Holy house; even among all Mother's children; that they do learn, obedience, and true subjection to the Elders. For there is the door thro' which they can obtain the mercy and blessing of God their Heavenly Father, of their blessed Saviour and all their Heavenly Parents.

Therefore be ye not discouraged

neither think it hard, that the word is so often sound-
ed, and resounded in your ears. Cleave to your
Elders. For thus you will be able to keep your union
together, and the blessing of Heaven will attend your
labors.

But dear children the true order of your
Lot, or the place you are called to fill, has been
trampled upon, until it is lost. The straight paths
which were by the Holy order of God, laid for you,
have been crooked, and covered until they scarce
can be found. But dear children it is your work,
according to the day in which ye live, to find and
gain, this straight path; and the foundation which
was laid, and build there on. And this must be
your labor, and the labor of everyone that holds
any place of care in my Holy house.

Therefore, I say, be not discouraged dear
children, but know this is the word of a Mother ever
true and kind to you.

Receive ye my word, and with it my
love and blessing, to strengthen you and support you;
So fare ye well.

Inst. Anna Dodgson.

New Lebanon, January 17th 1841
A Letter sent to the Elders, of the 4th Order,
by an Angel, sent from Mother Ann,
bearing the name of the News Carrier.

Sabbath evening, this News Carrier,
 come from Westervliet. Said Mother Ann sent him,
 to lay this letter upon the table in the Elders room.
 Also the love of the Ministry, was given him, re-
 sembling a paper seals, which he distributed around,
 among the brethren and sisters. At the same time, he
 gathered their love to carry to the Ministry

He also said, I know not what I
 carry; but go in obedience to Mother. She bids me be
 like the word. When she says go I go; and when she
 says return I return, with whatever tidings there
 be. But Mother Lucy will come tomorrow, and read
 this letter to the Elders; I shall now return.

On the evening of the 18th of Jan^r
 Mother Lucy as afore said, come to visit the Elders
 and spoke to them as follows.

‘Dearly Beloved Elders, I have
 come once more to visit you; and converse with

you, as I used to when I was on earth. I then loved my Elders and now love them. I have come in obedience to Mother Ann's request; not without some cross; nor, without some pleasure. Knowing when I was with you, that you were always ready and willing to hearken to my voice. And my duty still requires me, to bear witness for the order of the Church, which is not wholly gained. Therefore, have I come to read unto you, the letter of which you are informed.

Your Heavenly Parents by observation perceive there is, a difference in the feelings and understanding of individuals, concerning the true order of the care of temporal things. For which reason, Mother Ann, has requested Father Joseph, with his own hand, to write a letter unto you; stating correctly, the order of the Church, as it was first established, concerning the order of the Lead, in temporal care. That all may be rightly informed; and learn to respect their elders in temporal care; in their order and place, as really as those in spiritual care, of which Lot are the Trustees of the Office.

Father Joseph's Letter, of the same inst.⁵

Beloved Elders. Agreeable to Mother Ann's desire

I now take my pen, and confine my hand to write a letter unto you, concerning the true order of the Church, as to the Lead in temporal care; or in other words, the order of the Trustees of the Office.

As the Church was first established, and brot' in to order, by the gift and revelation of God, while I stood as a leading Minister on earth, in union with Mother Lucy; it is therefore enjoined upon me, by my Heavenly Parents, to see, that it is again established in its true form. And the order of temporal things, must as necessarily be renewed, and an increase found, as in spiritual; otherwise the Church will not stand upright. And cannot be under the protection of God; for of both must be kept or neither will prosper, as they are connected and must go together.

Therefore. I here state the Order as it was given. That there should be a Lead in spiritual things, and an other in temporal care. And that no individuals, or members shall, in any wise, go by the elders in temporal care, to the Elders in spiritual, to plead for indulgences of any kind in temporal sense, either for conveniences in business or any new thing. But all have a right to make their wants known, to the order appointed, and then submit it to their wisdom; and there subject their feelings.

Not because they call for trifling, and unnecessary notions, and it is not that to be wisdom, by the Trustees or Deacons, to grant them; to go to the Elders of spiritual care, and plead with them, and complain, and pass their judgements, upon those who are placed to protect the temporal interest. Nay I say the order of the Church forbids it.

All are to be subject to the Lead appointed, and have no more right to go by, or dictate the Trustees, in their line of duty, in trade or whatever they do, than they have to go to their Elders, in spiritual care, and say; ye must do this, or that, to please my natural feelings, or else the thing will not be right. Or ye shall release such a one, from his place; because he does not suit me. It is taking that power, which has not been given them; and is violating the laws of Zion.

Neither are they to go by the Elders to the Ministry; but be submissive to the order appointed; respecting each and everyone, in their lot and place. And after making their wants known in a simple manner, say I now submit it to your wisdom, and that which you think best for me, I will do. This is the way the Church was established, and in this you will be blessed.

And furthermore. In this letter do

I write, and inform you of the order in which the Trustees are placed. That is the Trustees in the Office; this is their order, and obligation; to inform the Ministry concerning their trade, their price, engagements, of what they bring in or carry out. To be true faithful and free, to the Ministry, concerning the temporal interest, or whatever is entrusted in their care. And in all cases, to apply to the Ministry for counsel, about their trade, the length of their journeys &c. And in no other place. For this is the right of the Ministry to dictate, or counsel; and belongs to no others.

It is at the same time, the duty of the Trustees, to be free and honest to their Elders, as to what regards their travel in spiritual things; and in no wise hold back, or disobey them, in that which is for the prosperity of their souls.

It is also the Order of the Church, that the Deacons of the family should walk in union with their Elders. Ask counsel of them; and in no wise adopt any thing new in to the family, without the consent of the Elders.

And here is a point where many have veered from the Order of the Church. Individuals have no right to question the Trustees about the price of things, of what trade they are making; or dictate them about

their journeys. Or to pass their judgements about, and say, if I was there, I know I could act more wisely. I wish such a one was there he would do better, than those do that are there. And in this way interfere with that which does not concern them, instead of supporting all, in their lots.

Neither have the Trustees any right to converse with any on these subjects; letting their business or accidents be known, in any place save those of their own lot, and the Ministry who are to direct them.

In these respects the Order of God has been very much slighted; and the people as a body, have varied from its true origin. And a new revolution must be made, in these respects or you cannot be protected. All have erred; tho' I do not think willfully done. But they have not wholly understood the order of these things, Therefore, do I, at this time labor to enlighten your minds, and show you how to obtain the blessing, and how to retrace the steps you have taken.

Beloved Elders I do not write these things, desiring to dictate the Lead, or attach blame on any one; but in obedience to Mother, do it as my duty. And ye know I have again, and again promised, to continue sounding my voice, untill this Church is reestablished in true Order, both in things spiritual & temporal.

And Beloved Lead, my duty here, binds me state in the letter, the desire of your Heavenly Parents, concerning an other matter, of a similar nature which is as follows. Your blessed Father William is at present, called to be a protecting spirit to the Trustees, or those Brethren whose duty calls them out. But says he greatly desires the children of Zion should gather near home, and not spread so far in to the world. And truly, this is not as the Church was first established; but has got in by by disorder; little by little. And will take some time to reform; and by little steps must be removed.

But I do here request in union with Father William, that all individuals should let this matter alone. And let the Trustees whom it concerns go in union together in their appointed order to the Ministry. And there ask counsel; and let them act their best judgement, in union with the wisdom of the Ministry, let them specify how much journeying is necessary, how far it shall be limited; and in what manner their commerce shall be governed, and none others need be interrupted with it; but leave the Trustees to act their own faith, consciously, for the honor of the gospel, and prosperity of Zion.

For I have observed in a long experience, that too many minds, make too much variance.

And this has been too much the case with your temporal interest. It has been governed by too many; and spread too much all over. And by this means, you have lost the blessing and protection of God. And in this line, was the first cause of spreading all over the world so far; thro' a disorderly, ungoverned sense of those who were called to go out, for the support of the Church.

But instead of their doing their duty in obedience, they wanted to do according to their own natural feelings, and sought for a great name & honor. And would plead with the Trustees and make their foolish excuses to their spiritual Lead; and intreat of the Ministry, until you would feel your patience worn out, and would finally say go. When at the same time, you saw no need, nor benefit in it. Neither could you feel there was a blessing in it. But the vain pleader would say, I had union in going; and so plead justification in doing his own will.

But as Mother Leucy; often said, what could not be hindered, she laboured to bless, that there might not a curse follow it. But certainly you must hearken to counsel, and walk in obedience or suffer the consequence, thro' sorrow and tribulation. And no small measure, have you already passed thro', on this very ground. But more will fall upon you, if you plead

for indulgence; and do not attend strictly to the order of the Church, which is planted for your protection and safety.

And Father William says. He never shall protect the brethren, so far from home, as he has done. But so far as is necessary; and the union of the Ministry, is obtained, without pleading for selfish curiosity, so far shall the blessing of God attend. Great loss has already come, by long journeying. Many who have laboured in that employ, have fell away and lost their souls, thro disobedience; and their reprobated minds, are lurking around to destroy your peace, and will continue so to do until you learn obedience.

And ye will finally loose more than you will gain in this way of labor, But as a Father and a friend, I have written unto you these things, hoping that a word to the wise is sufficient, but to the unwise the rod of correction will follow them.

Now there is an other question arises, which looks mysterious in the eyes of many, who have not a correct understanding of the late manifestation. Some say, Why is it, that so much of the inspiration, concerning trade and commercial affairs, must be communicated by the Sisters? they dont, understand such things; and I cannot see why it concerns

them. If it was manifested by the brethren I should believe them better.

I will tell you why it is. It is for this very reason, that we have chosen them to speak our word, in this respect. Because of their own knowledge and understanding they know nothing of it. They have not the ability of man, in these things; neither do they know how the nature of the case works. But by the power and gift of God, revealed thro' them, do they convey these things in their true air. Therefore, have we taken the foolish and ignorant, to confound the wisdom of man. Or, in other words they are as simple babes, as to worldly knowledge.

But I can tell you I do believe, that when the Church arrives to its perfect order and rectitude, that you will be willing to receive thro whatever means, your Heavenly Parents choose.

Now beloved Elders I have not chosen my own way, in writing to you; but in obedience to my blessed Mother Ann, requesting that Mother Lucy should read unto you, and bear witness to the truth of this order.

So with my blessing, receive ye this; knowing I am your never ceasing friend and Father's - - - - -

Mother Lucy's Witness

Yea, says Mother, I can bear witness to the truth of what Father has written. It is correct, as the Order of the Church was first established; and the same I supported while with you on Earth.

But I have walked in tribulation, for some years past; in relation to your temporal order, seeing and knowing, that the true order of God was trampled on, not willfully, but ignorantly done: And I will tell you how, since I left you, there has been changes, and new establishments, in every lot of care in the Chh, And a plain understanding of these things has not been given; especially concerning the Trustees, or leaders, in temporal care.

Yea says Mother, Father and I have strove for the wisdom of God in this respect. To know how far it was the duty of the Trustees to make known their transactions. And we in our best wisdom, established, that it should first be made known to the Ministry; And they should dictate, and counsel as to our transactions at the Office. And as far as was necessary to establish new arrangements, it should be made known to the Elders of the families by union of the Ministry. And this order must again be attended to, before your interest can be protected with the blessing of God.

Mary, Mother says, do not see in to it, why the Elders of the family, has not the same charge over the Office, that they have over the family Deacons, and ought not to know all the transactions. I will show you the reason says Mother.

Do you not know that there are two families under the care of the Trustees? And the property is one? And each family has a different lot of Elders in spiritual care? And is it not the duty of said Trustees to deal impartially, with all that is intrusted in their hands. Truly it is.

And would it not be a natural consequence for the Elders of said family where they reside, to counsel and advise in any case; and equally as natural for said Trustees to hearken more closely to the Elders who so carefully feel for the spiritual increase, and prosperity.

Then again, would there not a feeling arise, in the Elders of the other family who knew their right was the same, and look to the same fountain for temporal support, and sustenance for their family, that the Trustees were more or less bribed by the feelings of the family in which they reside.

Therefore it is necessary that they should look to the Ministry, whose care and regard

is equal for all. And who would look with an impartial eye, and judge with a heart of justice. And thus prevent all jealousy and disagreeable feelings that would consequently arise on these grounds.

It is my desire, says Mother, that all may be rightly informed, what the true order of God is, that they may not judge with an unrighteous judgement, that which they do not understand. But be thankful to be shown where you err, and learn where to step aright.

Be not discouraged, because you often hear it repeated, that all things are not yet right. But know ye, this is the day of your Heavenly Parents manifestation, and will not always last. But ye are to increase in, when our word shall cease to be sounded so abundantly.

But ye need not cease to remember, & walk in obedience to what you now hear. I do not expect you can gain it all, in one day, nor two. in one month or two, in one year nor two. But by a gradual increase, as ye receive understanding.

But dear Elders you have dealt wisely with the late manifestation. You have stepped carefully in the fear of God, and your Heavenly Parents, have in no wise forsaken you; but pour their blessing freely upon

you. And according to your request, do send to you,
the anxious desire of your souls,

To receive ye my blessing and love, to
remain with you forever. From Mother Lucy to the
Elders.

Inst. Eleanor Potter.

The following Communications

Were Omitted through Mistake,

And not Inserted

In their proper places, according to their dates

Given in 1839.

At New Lebanon, Chh.

A Roll from Mother Ann to the
Elder Sisters 1st Order March 21st 1839.

These lines are from your Mother, your
 guard and protector, yea from a Parent.
 I have sealed this with mine own seal, and sent
 it from mine own hand, to be read to you, that
 you might be assured you are not forgotten.

You, my dear children my gospel relations,
 my beloved workers with me, and all in this little
 mansion, true we know you have passed through
 many trials and crosses, thro' many scenes of trib-
 ulation; but know ye that you have not felt your
 sorrows alone.

Know ye again, that you have never
 been left, to suffer and to bear your heavy burdens,
 unguarded and unnoticed by me, and by many
 that have ever watched over you. Tho' long long
 has been the time that we have been absent in
 body, from souls on earth, and tho' to be far dis-
 tant yet we have been nigh and near.

Deeper and deeper has been our trib-
 ulation. O yea, it was by humble cries and inter-
 ceptions to our Heavenly Father, to grant us power

to prepare a way, that departed spirits and souls, on earth, could meet and join in praises together. And all blessed is this day.

This work we could not do alone, without calling home some faithful and true witnesses for instruments, for ministering spirits, and workers for and with us, and we with them, to their own good, and for the good of their dear companions they had left struggling on earth, and for thousands unknown.

You do not, nay you cannot know the heart rending scenes, mortals would had to pass thro' to ever effected the work begun. Nay mortals could never do it.

O my beloved children mourn not, mourn not, but rejoice, tho' heavy are your trials, tho' dear are your companions, that have gone and left you for awhile. Many have and many more will return. to comfort, strengthen and to bless you; to mourn with you to give thanks, with you for the blessed work that is begun on earth, and to bear with you the heavy burden that it brings.

Yea, faithful children, true witnesses for us, beloved Elders, fear not, be faithful watch men on the walls of Zion.

Your work is our work; our work is your work. often we stand by your side, yea by day and by night we are nigh and near to you. That ye may know, that I am your friend and Mother, I speak these things unto you. I has been with pleasure, that I have listened to your many solemn entreaties to know how to work right, and be assured, your Heavenly Father will help you.

The pretty presents, pearls and treasures, and rich stores of love and blessing, that have been so freely, poured out from time to time, have been received with thankful hearts by many. Such hearts I bless; for remember the day will come, that ye will need all, and the least of these gifts to help and own your selves with, tho they are mixed with crosses, and things that bring heavy burdens upon you; yea thro straight and narrow, places you have to pass.

The instruments we have chosen, many times bring you deep tribulation, but they are yours; hold them as your own, guard and protect them and they shall never be left to go astray. Nurse them as the young of the fold, teach them to follow closely on in the footsteps of their lovely Lead before.

Some of them will be released, and others will be chosen, for tho' it is a strange and mighty work, it must and will go on. So work ye with us and we will bear you safely through.

You are placed as watchmen on the walls of a high City, and many are they that seek your destruction; and many are they that rise against you; prepare ye your selves for the day, prepare ye yourselves, to stand chosen and offered for the sacrifice: but fear ye not you shall never be forsaken, for the arm and mighty power that is extended over the chosen of the Lord, will save all who obey.

Receive this from me, with my ever lasting love and blessing, to ever remain with you while you stay on Earth; and when you have done with time, all I have is yours. Here I have placed my seal, and all in this little mansion seal these words. From Mother Ann to the Elders. (Ist ^{of} Lillah Potter.)

A Roll given to Elder Brother John F.
By Mother Lucy for Betsy Bates. March 21st 1839.
These words are written by mine own

hand and sealed by your Blessed Mother Ann.

Receive my love and blessing my dear gospel child, for truly I love you and truly I bless you. Yea now as a true Parent to a child I speak to you. I have ever known, watched and guarded you. I chose and called you in your infancy; in your childhood I nourished and cherished you and placed you in a path, where you might walk safe.

Yea I held you as my own, while I was with you in body. Tho' I have had to wade thro' most serious scenes of sorrow, yet my spirit has, no less watched for your welfare. Nay I have not forgotten you, I have ever known the many trying scenes and crosses you have had to bear, in things natural, temporal and spiritual.

You have had to part with many of your class of companions, that were nigh and near to you, this was crossing to you, and has caused you many serious reflections, but you have borne your crosses cheerfully, tho' they felt heavy: now count them as small, and be thankful that you are counted worthy to bear these things.

Wonder no more, mourn no more, and be no more grieved, that so many are called home and you are left. Hear ye this sealed word

from your Parents in truth. We have chosen and taken home many faithful souls to work for us, and to help us, to prepare a way to open a further work, between souls on Earth, and departed spirits here.

Some have been called home because they could not have traveled in the present work according to their blessed call, day and privilege. Such ones we have gathered to the fold where they could walk vans, to ri on ses ti, and not fall. Some have been called home to reap the reward of well finished labours, and to rejoice in the work of this day.

You, as a faithful messenger, have been called and chosen, to bear as a strong pillar. Be patient be reconciled, know ye your prayers and supplications, have not been made in vain. Be faithful be careful, and be cheerful in times of tribulation, for surely this awaiteth you.

Although you now feel tribulation, and your hearts are often borne down with heavy burdens, yet ye may know that I warn you, yea as a true friend. I warn you to prepare, for heavier burdens and deeper sorrows. Times, and time, to many; will bring heart trying and faith trying scenes.

You, my dear child will yet be brought, where you will feel as tho' you were placed on a high rock, where hard winds will blow, and tempests beat upon you, and you were left alone. Tho' all these storms of persecution; and scenes of trouble, you shall be guarded, and many will help you. If your present help and strength, and helpers in the Lord, are taken from you, know ye this, you, nay, nor no one of my faithful children, shall ever be left unable to stand in the day of trial.

Hear ye, that no place of a true pillar in the House of God shall be made vacant and not filled: for the same power and voice, that now saith to you, prepare your self, and your little flock, as harmless lambs for the slaughter; will again speak peaceable things unto you.

O stand ye then as a faithful and true watch in my Heavenly Fathers fold.

These lines I have written by Elder Sister Olive's intercession, and it is sealed by your Blessed Mother Ann. Yea and with this roll I have sent to Elder Sister, A box of blessing, a little Angel, and a silver cup of water, from the pure flowing little spring. It continually flows in and out. Mother says drink free and often. I will see,

that it never ceases to run clear. O receive these as my never ceasing blessings to ever remain with you.

To Betsy, Mother Ann says, I will place by you, a small branch from a beautiful Tree, that I found growing in this little garden, when I left Earth and carried here. It is the tree of Light: it turns round every day. It is very bright and will give light all round far and near.

It was planted here by my Heavenly Mother true Wisdom; and this is the first branch I have ever taken from it. This little branch will turn every way and give you light.

Ind^{ty} Lillah Potter.

The first Letter that was sent
From the Spiritual World.

Mother's Mansion March 22nd 1839.

Beloved Sister

I have enclosed a few lines with in this paper, for your comfort and satisfaction, Qui an se la ne van. Not because. I have found you in any wise lacking of faithfulness, but that

you may know, that I am not ignorant, of the situation of my little children, and the little flock, that is under your care. *Te lon se la ma va.*

Beloved Sister, your little flock needs the utmost care and attention to guide them in the straight path, the path which you your self, have walked in. And by your experience, you can lead my little inexperienced flock in the way they should go. *De al lane sen si ve me.*

For you know beloved friend, many are the snares to which the youthful mind is constantly exposed. *Te la sen E vo.* The young sense is constantly looking forward; sometimes with the anticipation of pleasure in coming years, some times with a sense of the crosses and tribulation thro' which they must pass: And beloved friend you know what these different senses are. *San sen E qua, fe lan, van sen e vo.*

But the time is near at hand, and the time shall come, when you will find it necessary to pay the strictest attention to your little company. And every young one must be careful what they say, and what they do, and what they think. *Pre lief on seen.*

Now Beloved Sister teach the

young to look to their Elders for protection; knowing that to be the only medium in which any soul can be protected. Teach them to look to their beloved Elders, and their brethren and Sisters for the blessings of Mother.

And beloved Sister you will see the time, when the rods that have been given you will come to use, and don't be afraid to use them. For remember I will continue to be with you and will direct and comfort you. *Và lile of sa veen.*

Mother says her work is hardly begun; tho' the work of God which is going on, both here & in other places is truly great and wonderful; it will not cease, till every thing is as Mother would have it be. But this family does not need such great and mysterious gifts and visions, as an order of young believers do.

Their gifts need to be more little and simple, for they have traveled further, and have not so much unbelief, and these things will finally all work together for good in every faithful and honest soul. *Se la ne vi se la ne vo, que al e me, sa la ne vum.*

Dear Sister, while I was in the body, I always had a good regard for you, and

and by your established and unaltered faith to cleave to your Lead you always found protection; and my love and blessing could always flow freely upon you. And it flows freely now, my love and blessing ever flows freely upon you. You have laboured to do the will of your Elders, therefore you have always done Mothers will, and you must teach this to every one that will be a child of Mother.

There is one thing more. I must enclose within my letter. When I wrote this letter in Mothers mansion, there were 500 good spirits there, that desired to send their love to Sister Betsy. So, remember you are known, and are often, that of by the spirits, for your care and attention to Mothers little flock.

You may receive with this, my love my blessing, which never will cease to flow in upon you.

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From { Sin cir e fa, to Qui na la don

Ind^t Anna Dodgson. } Mother Lucy .. Betsy B.

Mothers Mansion, March 20. 1839.

Beloved Sister.

I have enclosed a few lines to you, about one of your little flock; my little child. Not that

I think you do not know, but as an encouragement to her. I have loved her and I still love her. But she must labor to get hold of more of the true spirit of thankfulness and love to the gifts of God. Then she will be able to get a stronger hold of real faith.

Yes I have noticed my little child in all her proceedings. I have known how it has been with her, and in general she has given me quite good satisfaction. I have not much fault to find with her, but what I have for her now, is to labor for the spirit of true thankfulness, and feel that she has been noticed: for she has had beautiful gifts, and her gifts are true.

But the case with her is, she stands off in her feelings, and does not hardly know whether these things are true or not, does not hardly know whether to believe them or not; she is often times sorry that it has fallen to her lot to be one of Mothers chosen little children.

But now if this my little child, will set out and gain the true spirit of thankfulness, be cheerful, she shall take that comfort & satisfaction in the precious gifts of God, that she has never before taken.

And now my beloved Sister Betsy

after hearing this little letter be so kind as to cross
your hands upon the head of your little one, and
pour out my love and blessing upon her, for she
shall still be my little child. So be encouraged,

From E. St^r Olive, to Detsy Bates.
concerning Mary Hicks.

Ans^d Anna Dodgson.

Message delivered to Eleazar

At Newmar, at New Lebanon June 5th 1839.
From Mother Lucy and Father David Darrow.

Father David says, "Brother Eleazar
I want you to know that I came from the West
with you, and am still with you. You was one of
the first that embraced Mother's gospel in the Western
land, and you have been faithful to hold forth the
testimony of that gospel, before the world of mankind,
for which you may receive my kind love and thanks.

I have known your situation and all
that you have passed thro'. And, O do be thankful,
(says Father) for the straight and narrow path of self-
denial, mortification and true tribulation, which
leads the soul to God."

Mother Lucy is now going to speak to you.
 "B^r. Cleaver, this path cannot be trod only by those that walk in subjection to their appointed Lead; and (says Mother) the reason of your great trouble is because you have = = (here the inspired speaker broke out in an unknown language), and then proceeded in English as follows.

There is but one leader of my people (says Mother), and that is the spirit of the One Holy God, that rested on the Lord Jesus and Mother Ann; and by obeying my ever blessed Mother, and by walking in humiliation and subjection to those that followed her, I was made partaker of the same spirit with which they were endowed.

The present Lead in this place is the Holy Anointed of God, and those that they have sent to the West are anointed with the same spirit."

Yes, (says Father) and this anointing power of God in your present Lead at the west, will bear you thro' all trying scenes, if you will walk in obedience to their counsel and instruction. O do (says Father) do cleave unto your Lead in the West, and you will receive a great blessing and great comfort will flow to your soul."

Yes, (says Mother) and I want B^r. Cleaver

to receive a branch from my great tree of comfort; This branch (says Mother) if rightly cultivated, will bring forth the fruits of subjection, meekness, humility, and great peace to the soul. Take my love (says Mother) and persevere in the will of your Head.

Father says "I want you to make haste, & receive what is for you; for I want to return back to the west. And remember, that I shall not leave you nor forsake you. - I will abide by you and mark your proceedings."

Bro^r Lornanthe Fairbanks.

A Communication to Eleazer M^r Hemar.
From Mother Lucy. June 8th 1839.

Saturday evening June 8th 1839. while in meeting, one of the brethren became inspired; and took Eleazer by the hand, and led him back and forth, singing at the same time in an unknown tongue. He led him before the Ministry, and said Mother Lucy says you have a desire to see her.

She says, "You can now behold me in the anointed, my spirit dwells with thee; There you and every other soul, that holds a just relation

to the work of God, must look for their souls protection, and yielding obedience to that Lead which is placed thro' this anointing.

She says "There is but one way to God for all souls, and that cannot be altered; God will own, no sell one side of submission and subjection to that anointing which is for them. Mother says, she can own nothing that God does not own.

But every thing that is built upon that foundation which God has laid, will stand unshaken. All souls must feel their dependance upon those that stand nearest to God than they do, and those that are the most humble and low, stand nearest to God, to Christ, and to her.

Mother says your Heavenly Parents always felt this spirit of dependance, knowing that God in mercy would notice them that truly lived un to him. Mother says you have not denied your faith nor spoken against the work of God. And if you will come down and be humble and low with the rest of my children, you shall be comforted and blesed and find a mansion of rest when you have done with things of time.

B. Cleaver promised Mother that he would be faithful and keep what she had

taught him. Father David presented some strength and love to B^d Cleazer, he wanted the Brethren and Sisters to roll up a good large ball, and give it to him. He must jump up 4 times and catch it. Mother and Father David received the kind thanks of B^d Cleazer, and made him heartily welcome; and desired him to take comfort in the pure way of God.

Bro^r Philernon Stewart.

A Communication to Cleazer M^r
From Father David June 13th 1839.

The trying scenes that B^d Cleazer has had to pass thro', are such as are the necessary consequences of the state of human nature, from which man has to be redeemed, in order to be saved by the gospel. Similar trials always have been, and always will be, in a greater or less degree, wherever there is any body of people redeemed.

Such kind of trials come according to the peculiar state and sense of the people among whom they operate. And these trials must be borne, and therefore will fall on those who have moved in a sphere

that renders them the necessary objects upon whom such trials must fall, in the course of the needful changes of travail and order.

But if they endure them manfully, and come down in to that low and humble state in which they can overcome those trials, by the spirit of the Lamb, then these peculiar trials will cease. If they do this, it will be the brightest diamond in their crowns, that they ever gained, or ever can gain, and will so appear in the world to come.

But it is the Lamb that overcometh. The Lion must eat straw like the ox, and a little child shall lead them," according to ancient prophecy. This work will finally in the humbling operations of this gospel day. The strong and powerful principle in man, is the Lion, but it is in its nature only a beast. And tho' it must be permitted to reign, for a time among other lions, or powerful beasts, yet it is no more than a beast.

And before the work of redemption can be effected, this lion must be deprived of all means to support its self in its power, and eat straw like the ox" that is, be merely servicable in obedience, as it the ox under the dominion of man. So this lion like principle, must be humbled, like all other principles

of nature, that it may be led by the little child formed in Christ; or it can have no final part in the work of redemption.

The people of Ohio had much of the lion in their nature. Brother Cleaver has had much of it, and necessarily mixed, in his sphere, with the lion's life. Hence the scenes of trial, he has now to pass thro' was unavoidable; he must pass thro' this scene, either in this world or the other. And if he patiently passes thro' these trials in this world, untill he comes into that lamb like spirit, that he can be led by the little child in Christ, according to Gods own appointment, it will be much more honorable to him, than if he should not do it untill he shall come in to the spiritual world.

So Brother Cleaver, be of good courage; stand fast; go thro' manfully, untill you overcome by the spirit of the Lamb; and it will be the brightest diamond in your crown, that you have ever gained, or ever could gain, in any other way, and in this my spirit shall ever help and bless you.

This is the substance, and nearly the very words communicated by inspiration, from Father David's spirit, which was present and visible to the view of the inspired Brother at the time of the

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communication, and the same has since been several
times confirmed.

Jno^t Calvin Green.

A Message from Mother Ruth.
to Elder M^c Neman
June 17th 1839.

Beloved Ministry.

Mother Lucy has come and brought with her Mother Ruth, Elder Peter and Elders Cortency, Elder Isachar is already here. Mother Lucy says "if the Ministry are willing, she would be thankful to have Mother Ruth have the privilege to see and speak to B^r Eleazar.

(The Ministry assented, and Eleazar being called, the inspired speaker proceeded.) Mother Ruth says "It is by B^r Isachar's request, that I have taken up my cross to come and see you." And now she wishes to know whether you are willing, and would be thankful to receive any thing from her. Eleazar replied, "Yea Mother I would be thankful for any notice from you, for I never had any hard feelings against you while on earth, nor since." The inspired speaker

went on. Mother says, "It is a great cross to me; but as the duty of a Parent, I must speak plainly. It is a solemn case, and must be received with solemn feelings. B^d Clearzar, as you was one of the first that received and obeyed the gospel in the western land, I can not bear to have you go astray, and lose the blessing and union of the people of God."

My dear brother, you was one whom I loved. You received the true faith of the gospel and was zealous in the faith; and when you was simple and willing to acknowledge your Lead, you was near to me, and I loved you. But you have gone astray and got off the track. You must now go back and retrace the steps that have led you astray. You must begin where you first lost the track which was by rising above your Lead that was placed for you to follow.

You cannot travel in a Lead of your own, and think you know as well or better than your appointed Lead. In this way and sense you cannot be under a blessing, and need not look to me nor to Father David for a blessing, untill you have first retraced your wrongs, and removed every obstacle out of the way between you and your Ministry.

Mother says, "If the Ministry have union with it, she wishes B^d Clearzar to say if he does not

think this has been too much the case with him. Eleazar replied "Yea I certainly do; I know it to be the truth. Mother says, "Now B^r Eleazar, it is with charity and love I speak thus plain to you; for if I were a true parent, I must use the rod of correction."

There is no love like the love of a parent who, when a child goes astray, and does that which will ruin him, will then use the rod and reprove him." Mother Ruth says, "B^r Eleazar you need not doubt the truth of this being me who am now talking to you, tho' it is communicated thro' a little child of New Lebanon who knows nothing of your situation; for it is your kind Mother"

"Dear brother, if it was really the sincere intention of your heart in coming to this place to gather strength and support for your soul, you will be thankful to receive any thing, let it be ever so plain and crossing." Eleazar replied, "If I know my own feelings, in sincerity that was my object in coming."

Mother says, "You have come to the fountain head - Here is the door of hope - here is the door of mercy and charity. This is the first Ministry on earth - Here is the true charity and mercy of God, this is the vine from whence flows

the sap which binds the Societies of Believers together in one union and spirit. This is the first Lead, and all look here for counsel and instruction. All must have a Lead no one can travel without."

Mother Ruth says: "I always had a Lead, & still have. I follow my blessed Mother Lucy; she follows her ever blessed Mother Ann, and Mother Ann follows the Godly example of Christ the Saviour, and by inspiration does the irremediate will of God; and we receive the blessing and protection of God in this way; and there is no other way for the spirits in Heaven, nor those upon earth to receive a blessing, only by true subjection and obedience to their Lead."

Now, B. Cleaver, Mother Ruth says that, in union with our beloved Ministry and Elders, according to the counsel which they have given you, you must now return to the western land, and there humbly confess and acknowledge, to your beloved Ministry and Elders, where you have gone astray, and simply beg their mercy and charity for you.

There is nothing but an honest confession, with true repentance, that will ever restore your love and union to you again; and in your humiliation you will find forgiveness, and will feel the mercy and union of the people of God.

Mother Ruth says "the work of God is an increasing work, and will go on. And as the gospel increases, there must be an increasing ministration given, a revising of Laws and orders, and changes of ministerial power in the lots of Ministry and Elders, or else where would be the increase? And you must follow on in the increasing work of God.

It was by the request of Father David & me, that the present lot of Ministry were established in the western land. We felt it necessary for the good of the people and the increase of the gospel, to make some changes in the Ministry in that land. Accordingly we made intercession to Mother Lucy, and she in union, influenced the beloved Ministry here; and they, in union with us, directed and appointed those who now stand in that place. They are owned and blessed by our Parents in Heaven; and the Lead upon Earth acknowledges them to be suitable for the place in which they are called. And those who respect and acknowledge this Lead, can with confidence look to Father David and me, for our blessing, and short of this they cannot receive it."

B^d Eleazar; It may seem strange to you, as you was one of the first, that received the gospel in the western land, that instead of being a leader, you must

now be subject to those who are so much younger. But you must remember that, as you advance in years, your natural faculties, and strength of body and mind are on the decline; and that you need something to lean upon to support you; and it is your Lord that you must depend upon. Feel your dependence there and you will go safe.

Mother Ruth says, "If there is union with this, she wishes B^d Cleazar to kneel down and thank the beloved Ministry for the privilege he has had, and beg of them to pray for him, that you may again get in to the right track. With this Cleazar readily complied; and while on his knees, Mother asked him several questions and called for explicit answers.) "Do you not know that the carnal mind is always ready to rise against any gift of God that comes to the soul, and will try if possible to get round the cross? Cleazar replied, "Yea, Mother, I do know it." And do you not also know that when a soul rises above his Lord and goes astray, he is apt to take things against him that are intended to be for him? E. "Yea Mother, it is the truth." M. Ruth. "In case you have received any treatment from others which you thought improper, are you able to let it all go, and indulge no hard feelings against any soul? E. "Yea Mother, it is my feelings so to do." M. R. "Will you now promise to subject your self to the counsel

of the beloved Ministry here? O. "Ye Mother I will,
 (Here E. was deeply affected, and with tears of contrition,
 observed to Mother Ruth, that this was the first com-
 munication he had ever received from her since she
 left the body that she had totally vanished out of his
 sight, and it seemed as if she had been almost forgot-
 ten, and her name but rarely mentioned. That the
 care and oversight of Father David and her over us,
 or any regulations that they might have made, were un-
 known. But now when their will was made known
 he had no other feeling but to bow and submit to
 it. (Elijah says these were the ideas he attempted
 to communicate, whatever his expressions may have
 been, for he was under deep and solemn sensations
 at the time.

Mother Ruth says, "Brother Elijah's
 these last sentiments meet my tender feelings for you
 more than any thing I have heard you say before.
 It is a broken heart in sincerity that God will own.
 And as you was one who first received the gospel
 in the Western land, and have been zealous in
 the cause, and instrumental in helping many
 souls to the gospel, and now as a friend and
 Mother, I entreat you to return to the Western
 land, and I will go with you, together with

Father David and Elder Isachar, and we will witness the scene when you meet with your Ministry to implore their charity. I cannot bear that your grey hairs should go down to the grave, without the love and blessing of the people in that country, which, if you are simple and subject, you may regain the union and good will of all, both there and here."

Mother Lucy says "In union with the Ministry, Elder Isachar would be glad to speak for himself" (This being given, the inspired speaker proceeded). Elder Isachar says "O. B. Cleazar, as you was one of the first, who embraced the gospel, and I was instrumental in the means, you was one who came very near to me, and I loved you and still do. You was a fellow traveller with me in the first setting out of the faith. And seeing your situation, I felt it my duty, as a Brother, to help you in time of need; therefore I requested, Mother Ruth to come and counsel you. And as Elder Peter and Elders Cortency have formerly known you and been your Elders, and passed thro many scenes of tribulation with you, I been eye and ear witnesses of what you have suffered of persecution and hardships, they are now presented as witnesses of what Mother has here stated.

Dear Brother, as Mother Ruth has manifested her feelings to you, I hope it will be well received

in to a good and honest heart; for it is thro her mercy and charity, that she has done this for you." If the Ministry are willing Mother Ruth says "she wishes B^r Cleazar to receive her love and blessing and the love and blessing of Father David, Elder Peter, and Eldress Kortency in these words, "O my blessed Parents and Elders! I do sincerely thank you for your kind notice of me. I will be obedient to your counsel: I will forever be subject to my present Lead."

Mother says "she believes what you say. She says "I have held back my notice from you, because you have not been so thankful for it in times past, as you ought to have been, but now you are willing to receive it and be thankful for it in any manner. I did not come to wound your feelings nor to grieve the good spirit in you, but to show you your situation, that you may be able to mend your past steps and receive the blessing. Mother Ann told me to tell you from her, that she has in store for those who first obeyed the gospel in the western land, that are faithful and subject to their Lead, those that have borne the burden and storms of persecutions, she has for them a crown of glory, and a rich reward of well doing, and an inheritance of Eternal life with her. And she says "tho' you have lost the track and made a mistake;

yet if you are honest and repent, you shall find forgiveness, and receive my mercy and blessing."

Mother Peuth says "You must now fill up with love, strength, and every good thing to strengthen your courage to go back in obedience and gain the victory." (The message being finished, Clezar returned his hearty and sincere thanks for this good communication and counsel.) Mother, Peuth with the rest, now make you kindly welcome.

Inst Eleanor Potter.

Words of the Proclaiming Angel to the
Elders of the Church June 7th 1840.

Handed to them by Saphrona Smith of Waterliet, when here on a visit. And read, by Inspiration. June 20th 1840.

O ye Elders in Zion this once listen to my word, and search ye the house of the Lord, and cleanse ye the vessels of his holy Temple. O prepare ye for that day, when the Lord of hosts shall pass thro' this land, with his line of truth in his right hand, and his plummet of righteousness in his left, and shall in his haste, separate the precious from the vile.

Yea, I say, when the Lord of the vineyard shall send forth his reaper, waa wa lon to reap and bind, thresh and fan, and gather in to his garner the good and precious wheat, and blow away the chaff. Then shall the pure in heart, the meek and lowly be gathered in to the mansions of holiness, and the vain, the proud, the wicked and ungodly be cast forth like the dust of the earth, to no more enter my peaceable kingdom with the Holy Spirit.

Yea in that day shall it be, that this small remnant of the house of Israel, shall be able to bring forth, and offer up to the living God, yea the God of their salvation, pure and holy offerings, yea acceptable unto his righteous will, and holy name.

Hear again, O ye Elders, for yet shall seven times pass by you, and seven times pass over you when the Proclaiming Angel of the Lord, shall sound forth his trumpet in the ears of my chosen, and his pronouncing word and mighty power, shall be like the dust before the whirlwind of the land, and like the waters of the whirlpool of the ocean. Then shall it be, that they who work iniquity and live in secret abominations in this my holy sanctuary shall be striped of their spotted vestments and stained garments, yea and be left naked, to the view of all Israel.

Then shall it be that the pure in heart and the truly faithful of the Lord, shall rejoice and behold the beauty of Israel, and the glory of Zion.

And again saith the Lord of hosts, yet a little longer, and it shall be line upon line, precept upon precept among and unto my people, unless their hearts be turned to fear the one only true God, and his name is only praised in Zion.

Eyepipers in Zion, receive this my word, for it is the word of truth, and will not fail, for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it, and the hand of the Lord hath sealed these things.

From Father Joseph & Mother Lucy to the Elders Chh.
 Bro. Addale L. Potter.

Concerning Margaret Murgree

August 29th 1840.

Saturday evening while we were in our meeting, standing on our knees; I sensed a little spirit kneeling by my side, and heard her sing this little song,

" Now while I kneel before the throne, of my Almighty maker. I pray do fill my hungry soul. With true humiliation. O Lord I pray do hear my cries. Do hear my supplication. To my poor soul I pray

draw nigh. Till me with tribulation."

The spirit then disappeared and I saw it no more; till the Saturday evening following, when the same little spirit came again and knelt before me, and sung the little song as before. I then spoke and asked her name. She said Mother calls me her little Silvesta, My name before I died was Margaret Murphy. But I did not like that name and I wanted a new one.

When I was four years old, my Mother died and left me. Then I had to wander around, and round, from place to place, alone with my Father; till one day we passed by some Shakers houses, and my Father sent me in to warm me; for I was very cold. There I saw some pretty women; I thought at first, that they were Angels, and I wanted to stay with them, but Father would not let me; so I cried about it, till he told me if I did not leave off he would whip me. But very soon after that I was taken sick; and I prayed a great many times, that I might die, and go to them pretty women that I saw; for I believed they were as good as Angels.

So the last day before I died, I heard some one say, three times, Soon I shall call you home. And I was pleased for I believed it was one

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of them pretty women, that called me, But after I died I found that it was not one of them; but it was one I loved as well, it was Electa Blanchard. She told me if I would be a good girl, I should be here; and I promised her that I would be a good girl. And I have been labouring to be one, ever since.

But I told her that I saw some pretty Shaker women before I died, and I did want to see them again; but she said I must call them Sisters not women; and if I would be a good girl, some time I should see them.

So Elder Sister Olive came to see the girls this afternoon, where I live, and Electa told her how I wanted to see them Sisters, and the promise she had made me. And Elder Sister said she was coming to meeting to night, and I might come with her, being I had been a good girl, and then I must leave off teasing, for I could not have so great a privilege very often.

So now I must go. Farewell till some other time.
W. B. Silvesta said her Mother was a believer, and all her Brothers and Sisters; they were all dead.

Inst. Harriet Goodwin.

August 29th 1840.

Father Williams's Word to Jonathan
Concerning the Groveland Property.
October 10th 1840.

It is to you my beloved child, that I speak at this time. I have come on an errand of duty concerning Mothers children at Groveland. For they are now, yea, even at this time in great danger of trouble.

Know ye not that I have promised to go with you, and help these people, if they would hearken to my word, and trust in the powerful hand of justice; and in the protecting power of their Heavenly Father; But did I make further promises than this? Nay, nay I did not.

But hear ye and mark ye my word, and if they will hearken, well will it be with them, but if they do still continue to contend with the wicked for money; I say, I raise not my hand again to help them.

Truly I say, they will do great mischief to themselves, if they proceed as far as many are desirous to, to get what they think is their just due, or that which has previously been offered, and as much more as they can.

For they know not the hearts, and the intentions of the wicked; but I know, for I have listened to their plots, till I have learned they will and are about to bring upon Mothers children. At this some may marvel and say, it is a strange word; but I tell you, some of them are not able, and have not wherewith of their own to pay. And they have planned, and even said, we will take money to pay that people, and hear no more from them.

Now, Dear child, what can Mothers children do with such money as that? Think ye the blessing of God would attend it? or that it would be profitable unto them? I say nay; surely the judgments of God, of justice, will follow up the hand that receives this money, or those that hearken not to this, my word.

And again, I say, better would it be for, and with them, on the day that they are able, and have cleared entirely the Eastern debt, and honestly gained their farm or their lands, according to the wise counsel of the Lord unto them; far better I say would it be for them, that they lay down their heads on their pillows that night, without one cent to help themselves on the morrow, than to take or require an other cent from the hands of the wicked.

Some might say, we can't come to that; but I repeat the same; and say further, let those that place more confidence in the word and ways of the wicked, than they do in the allmerciful hand, and holy power of an ever just God, abide and suffer the consequence. But those that place their whole trust in the power, and gift and goodness of that God, that Holy God, that is able to rescue every one of his own; I say to such they need never to fear.

But my word to that people is just this; "Let them arise in the mighty power of their Heavenly Father, and rather place their confidence in the promise of his word, than in any further word of those with whom they have been so long contending. I say let them alone, leave it all and seek humbly the protecting help of a mightier power.

Then I say, let them put their hands to work, and their hearts to God, reconciling themselves to his will; gaining, and increasing honestly by the labour of their hands, that which they desire. If this they will do, I will, yea I will be by that same holy power, by which I heretofore, relieved my Mothers children. Yea, I promise again to relieve and help those little ones. And they may know and rest assured, that in one years time they shall

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gain, and be in possession of four fold more, and that too, which God can and will bless them with, added there unto. Yea four fold more than they will ever get from those honestly, or than they would have, at the end of the year, that was gained honestly, even if they were to receive the whole sum this very day.

For as I said nothing short of the true judgement of God will follow and rest upon that which may be taken from the hands of those men; or some of which I say are not able to pay of themselves. But to get clear of being known, they have secretly planned, and devised means, to get money for the purpose. Saying together, let us take money to pay that people and hear no more from them. And think ye the God of justice would suffer, those or such like means to prosper?

How Beloved this thing has been feared, but is not known; therefore, have I, as a true friend given you my word of warning that you might have wherewith to counsel them; and that they might consider well their ways, before it is too late, if they will. And if this my word they receive, they will not be left to take in to their possessions, that which the hand of justice must and will follow. And instead of a gain and a blessing, would prove a great loss, and

without doubt bring many scenes of trouble.

And now again I say, if they will harken and freely obey, and be reconciled to my word, in union with the Lead upon earth, I will never forsake them; but will safely lead and bear them thro'. But from this time, if they choose the risk, or the gain of their own plans, I speak not again for them. Or if in choosing the applauses of the world, by holding out to the end, for their own, they fall in to trouble, remember, I praise not my hand to help again. But I tell you, they hate to be beat by the world.

Now receive ye my love and my blessing, and forget not the sum that I gave you, for my dear children, if they would hearken to my word, and desire not another cent, lest they handle that which God cannot bless them with.

Inst. William Potter.

From the Prophet Isaiah to Elder Sister
Abigail Betsy Bates. Feb. 24th 1841.

Beloved Elders.

I will now improve the pleasing

opportunity of writing to you a few words, which by my own desire, and Mothers request, the privilege I have obtained. Firstly I will inform you, of the meaning of my writing at this time expressly to you.

On the eve of Feb. 22nd I had a satisfying privilege of seeing your beloved little flock, the Sisters who live on the third, left of your house, South West room. I could not acquaint myself with all their names, but was quite sensible that I knew by their looks, that they were Mothers good children.

While I was with pleasure listening to what they were saying, St. Paul. stepped in to the room, and addressed me in the following manner. . . I am going to attend the Brethren & Sisters singing meeting are you not? I told him I that I would. Accordingly, we followed the Sisters in to the room, where there were some already assembled. The time passed swiftly away, and we were very much entertained.

When meeting closed, we returned again to finish our visit with the Sisters. Altho no one saw us, or knew that we were there, nor what we said about them; yet we knew all that they said about us.

I heard them say, I wish the Prophet Isaiah, or St. Paul. would tell us what the meaning

of these Southern Lights are, another said I guess we will ask the Elders to ask them. Another one said; I wish they would tell us what it means about the Tide, in the Ocean. There is no natural Philosopher that can account for it. I wish there was some way for us to find out these things?

I thought then in my own mind I wished I could tell them all about it. But fearing it would not be agreeable to Mother's feelings, I would wait and ask her liberty. The next time that I saw Mother which was the following day, I asked her permission, and she freely gave me leave. But said she, you had better write your feelings to the Beloved Elders, and find out if they are willing that you should inform them. And if they feel union with it, I am perfectly willing; and shall be glad to have you tell them any thing that they want to know, for they will not have the privilege much longer of hearing and knowing as much as they now do, or of having us with them.

I have now received permission & will proceed. Beloved Sisters, I will cheerfully inform you, the meaning of these lights which you have many of you at times, with an eye of pleasing curiosity viewed and examined.

This sign was placed in the ethereal Heavens, many years before the Lord, sent his beloved son upon earth, to open the way of salvation to lost man.

At the time that this sign was given did he covenant with our Holy Mother Wisdom, that they would spread their searching light and pour it upon earth. And also that they would cause visible and natural lights to appear in the Atmospheres as a fore warning or sign of the Holy Saviour. They have been much talked of by Philosophical astronomers, and much wondered at, but it is true as you say; they never have been able to account for it.

Altho some have pretended, they knew some reasons, and would give their possible opinions and reasonable ideas in relation to them, they never have been able to give a correct account of it. They were not so frequent in former times as they have been latter years, and they will likewise shine as heretofore. Also many signs will be given, and have already been given as signals, of the great work of God which is preparing for earth. Yea, these lights will always continue, and will, at times, be more diffusive and volant than others.

Now I will procede to give you information, concerning the insusive motion of the rolling Tide. There is no supernatural cause for

this; but it is caused by the elementary powers of the earth. She in her successful movements, turns over, and over, and in perfect equidistance, and regularity of motion, causes it to occur at just such a period of time.

Now, Beloved Sisters, this is all that I feel is necessary for me to say, concerning these matters, thinking it will give you a full and clear understanding of my meaning. And now, all that I have to say is, I want you should know that I love you, I bless and honor you with all my heart, & soul, might, mind, and strength.
 Adieu Farewell in love.

Now beloved Elders, will you be so kind as to receive my best and never ending love and blessing.
 Kindly farewell.

Yours^r Memanda Barber.

At Presents from Father James & Elder B^r
 John to the Brethren & Sisters from Waterliet, June 7th 1840.

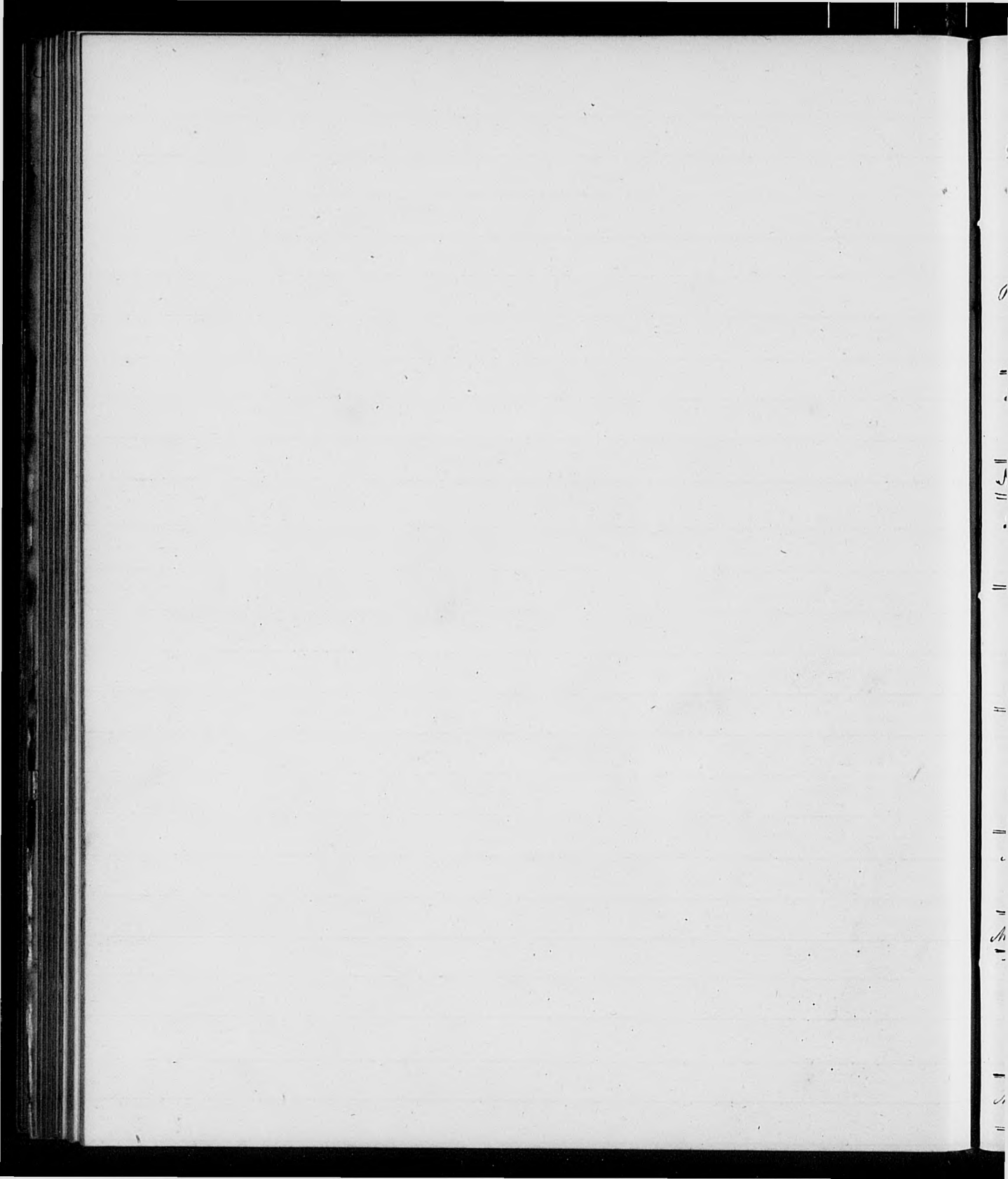
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Elder Brother says, "Beloved friends I have come at this time, in company with Father James,

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to bring this present to you. It is a large flock
of sheep and lambs. Ye and meekness and innocence
do they possess. And now I give unto you, of the
choicest of my flock 5 L. Take these and I will
also give you 100 Angels, to comfort and protect you
on your way homeward.

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