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Mother's Mansions March 22nd 1839.

Beloved Sister,

I have enclosed a few lines within this paper, for your comfort and satisfaction. *Lui an se la me 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. *Se lan se la na va*

Beloved Sister, your little flock needs the utmost care and attention, to guide them in the straight path: the path, which you yourself, 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 ne.* 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, sometimes with a sense of the crosses and tribulation through which they must pass: and beloved friend, you know what these

different senses are. *Lan sen e qua fe lan. van sen e vo.*
 But the time is near, 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 do not be afraid to use them. For remember, I will continue to be with you, and will direct and comfort you. *Da lile of sa seen.*

Mother says, her work is hardly begun; tho' the work of God which is going on, both here and in other places, is truly great and wonderful: it will not cease, till every thing is, as Mother will 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 ne, sa la ne vum. Dear Sister, while I was in the body, I always had a good regard for you, and by your established and unaltered faith to cleave to your leads, 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 Mother's 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 Mother's Mansion there were 500 good spirits there, that desired to send their love to Sister Betsy. So remember, you are known, and are often thought of, by the spirits, for your care and attention to Mother's little flock.

You may receive with this, my love and my blessing, which never will cease to flow in upon you. Re fe ro con san la.

From Linn cin e fa. — To Loui nal a Bon.
Mother Lucy Betsy Bates Just' atina Dod.

Mother's Mansions. March 29th 1839.

Beloved Sister.

I here enclose a few lines to you, about one of your little flock; My little child. Not that I think that you do not know, but 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. Yea 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 labour 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; is oftentimes sorry that it has fallen to her lot to be one of Mother's chosen little children.

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

And now my beloved Sister Betsey, 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 Elder Sister Olive,

To Betsey Bates, concerning Mary W. and by her. Read by Anna Dodgson.

A Roll, given to Elder brother John, from Mother Lucy, for Betsey Bates.

(The first Roll ever written.) March 21st 1839.

These words are written by mine
own hands, 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 parents
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
on 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

6. no less watched for your welfare. Nay I have not forgotten you, I have ever known the many trying 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 though 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

prepare a way to open a further work between souls on earth, & departed spirits here.

Some have been called home because they could not have traveled in the present work according to their blessed call, day of privilege. Such ones we have gathered to the fold where they could walk sans t'ri on ses ti, & not fall. Some have been called home, to reap the reward of well finish'd 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.

Altho' 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; but this shall never be. You shall never be left forsaken, to suffer alone.

Thro' all these storms of persecution, and scenes of trouble, you shall be guarded, and many will help you. If your present help, & strength, and helpers in the Lord are taken from you, know ye this, you, may, 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

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shall be made vacant and not filled: for the same power and voice, that now saith to you, Prepare yourself, 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 Father's fold.

These lines I have writton by Elder Sister Olive's intercession, and 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 Detroit, Mother Ann says, I will place by you, a small branch from a beautiful Tree,

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that I found growing in this little garden,
when I left earth and came 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

Adah Tillah Potter.

A Roll from Mother Ann, to the Elder Sisters
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 relation,
my beloved workers with me, and all in this
little mansion, true we know you have passed
thro' many trials and crosses, thro' many scenes
of tribulation; 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 thought to be far distant, yet we
have been nigh and near.

Deeper and deeper has been our tribulation,

O yea it was by humble cries and inter-
cessions 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'd thro' to ever effected the work begun.
Nay, mortals could never do it.

O my beloved children, mourn not mur-
mur not, but rejoice, tho' heavy are your trials,

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tho' dear are your companions that have gone
and left you for a while. 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 & near to you.
That ye may know that I am your friend
and Mother, I speak these things unto you.
It has been with pleasure that I have listened
to your many solemn intreaties to know
how to work right, and be assured, your

10 Heavenly Father will help you.

The pretty presents, pearls and treasures and rich stores of love and blessings 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 arm yourselves with, tho' they are mixed with crosses, and things that bring heavy burdens upon you, yea tho' straight and narrow places you have to pass.

The instruments we have chosen, many times bring you deep tribulations, 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 & will go on, So work ye with us, and we will bear you safely thro'. 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 yourselves 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 everlasting love & blessing, to ever remain with you, while you stay on earth. 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

Abdiah Zillah Potter.

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Mother's own Words

Written by Father James, and read by Inspiration June 22nd 1829.

My dear children, ye faithful and true witnesses for me and for my holy power, It is to you that I speak: Hear ye my words, 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, ye, 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 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 made able, to see and to know, ye, and to judge wisely of the blessed work that is begun among my dear children on earth. This work is holy and pure, and its subjects must be holy and pure.

Now my beloved, hear ye again my word, and receive from me, that which I have long had in store for you I have now brought unto you. On your heads will I place a Crown of true knowledge and judgment. With a pretty

12 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, clear 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, lead safely on your little band, in Godly fear, and in his holy ways, 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 and speaking first

to Elder Ebenezer and Eldress Ruth, then to brother Rufus & sister Asenath.

Will ye receive my love and my blessing, for blessed are ye of me. You have heard my word, and can ye bless this.

Mother bowed again, and crossing her hands upon her head she spoke first to Elder Grove, and Eldress Betty, then to brother John & sister Sally, and said to them, Here in the presence, and in union of the beloved Ministry who are able to bless my word, and with me 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 thro' 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 into the fold, and deal unto them, as you in your wisdom see fit, from the boundless store 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

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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 unruly or false disorderly spirit shall be allowed to administer to your little band, if they will keep lit-
tle and low: but true justified spirits shall be their guides if they will cleave unto their Lead, that is placed for their protection

Mother wished the beloved Ministry 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.

Addah Lillah Potter.

Mother's Section

April 19th 1840. by Eleanor P.

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 his 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 and gathered the Church into order. Mother now strictly enjoins it upon us, to see that the Orders of the Church are brought to mind, and revised in every jot and tittle, as they were first given.

At this time it is in relation to the order of Union, between brethren and 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 & 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 members to go and say, May this brother, or that sister do such a thing; and make choice for yourselves; but if the thing be necessary, ask them to provide who, or whatever they see proper.

Thirdly. As Father in the gift of God established the order 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? Is there not a great deal done, that there is no need of, and time spent foolishly in vain chats & 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 favour for any body it would be for you. And thousands of the like expressions. And a little bit of something extra must be reserved for some particular favorite: and even say, I shall save this, for my brother that I support union with. Or I shall look out for my sisters, 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 Mother, My spirit has been sadly grieved, many times, to see the orders of God so defiled. This you call love, but it is in my sight lust. Many yeas many times when I have heard and seen these things, I have turned my face from you and shook: and 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 come that I could make my feelings known, neither was you prepared to receive my word. But now the time is come, it can no longer remain unshaken. I must pour forth my feelings and speak my word. These things must be done away. Young brethren and sisters, you can no longer travel; you will never gain a single step more in this sense. Yeas Mother says, many of you are ^{not} sensible of the loss we undergo: it is the Lust of the flesh, the lust of the eye, and

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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 orders of God was violated and defiled by the filthy and fallen nature of men and 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 re-establish the Church, and again build it upon that same 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 times: 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. — I tell you, these

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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 Mother can be supported in its rectitude in this day as well as in days past. You was placed together 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." Yea, 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 cleaned off, and the links removed, that they may not rust, with that which is unclean; if not, I fear you will fall into 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 this earth. Your tribulation is but small: but be careful what ye take pride in, for surely that which ye take pride in, 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 on 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 darning to be done, except on very nice clothes, or things which 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 favour, which is unnecessary is sin, and must be repented of; Yea how many is there among you, that watch opportunities of slight correspondence together, 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, and 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 into 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

it from brethren, and Sisters from Sisters. All unnecessary freedom is a hinderance 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 away to a partial love sometime, and because at other times things do not come to please the fancy so well, then you are ready to complain, and say I am slighted, I am not noticed: my brother or sister is taking more notice of another 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 harbour 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 who 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 that: then the blessing 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 yourselves. 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 drops 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 wont 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 can 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 call'd to stand as pillars in the first Church of God, the holy temple of the new Jerusalem. To 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 crosses, 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 into God and honest hearts, you will find that increase, that you never before found, knowing that your crosses are your gain. The time is not far off, when there will be an increase of the gospel, and you will be call'd 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 any one 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 lead 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 re-establishing of 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 Lead, their names be recorded and sealed, upon this sacred writ, as a memorial for their successors to look upon, when they are gathered home.

Eleanor Potter.

New Lebanon March 12th 1840.

Copy of a Communication, made to the Ministry, from all our First Parents.

Beloved Ministry, Mother has a weighty communication to the beloved Lead, who are Gods anointed upon earth; And she says I must open it, before I sleep. The time has come says Mother, that God requires his people to liberate themselves from all that which serves to bewilder blind or darken the soul. All my firstborn says Mother, that have kept this gospel, laid the foundation in their own souls, thro' scenes of deep, yea very deep tribulation, and severe mortification, by day and by night. And by that means, they have been able to stand, thro' all adverse and trying scenes, and have kept my gospel unspotted: and they shall all shortly be gathered home, to a peacible mansion of rest, in the kingdom of God. But this deep tribulation; and severe mortification, the middle aged & rising generation, have, but in a very small measure, ever known or sensed. Yea says our Heavenly Parents, God has purposed to bring days of heavy and sore tribulation on them, that will try every heart, and cleanse every soul that will abide, and keep their faith unspotted. But the Holy Angel which

26 God and his Christ hath sent, shall not suffer the persecuting hand of the wicked, to rage and rail upon my people to any great extent, untill the remainder of my first begotten are gathered to their peaceable home, where their weary souls can rest. And it is our labour says Mother, to plant a substance of the way and work of God in every soul that's called in Church relation. For upon them, the burden of keeping this gospel in its purity, must shortly fall. For thus hath the Lord spoken saith Mother.

"Except there be a great change wrought in the sense and pursuits of many, the time cometh, when there will be left of my pure and holy people upon earth, but a small remnant." There is an evil spirit let loose, and has been wandering for many years, thro' every society of my children upon earth says Mother. For he is an Angel of influence, and has done, and is doing much hurt. His plans have been matured, and brought into action, from the very deepest recess of Wisdom, that the serpent possesses. His name is (Agag-der-la-vino) or deceit and Deception. His first movement amongst my children was to create a thirst, an undue thirst for knowledge after the rudiments, arts and sciences of the children of this world. He reasoned and does reason with them in their own feelings after this sort. "Why, in early times I know it was strict, but that

was greatly owing to their ignorance, mixed with superstition. They knew nothing then, only to do as the Ministry and Elders said. They had no Philosophical understanding, or Scientific knowledge, to enable them to look into the nature of things, and see whether they were according to reason, or whether they were necessary at all. But now we live in an age, that such superstition as this is greatly done away, and we can see and judge things for ourselves now, according to reason. I am very glad I did not live in the days of such superstition and rigedness, as there was in early times, when people first believed: for there is quite as much superstition now, as I know how to get along with and a great many more orders than there is any need of. It is folly to have so many little frivolous orders about every thing. The Ministry and Elders themselves won't keep them, nor I am not going to; for every man and Woman that has any kind of a decent education, knows that three quarters of these little frivolous orders originated in superstition. It is well to have a few general orders for the well being of Society, I know, and that is sufficient."

So this Angel has reasoned, and will reason with every one that will hearken and give place to his benighted influence in their spirits. But I

says, says Mother, God owns, approves and blesses the labors of his anointed upon earth: for they have laboured in sorrow, and in deep tribulation, and their cries to God have been incessant for the prosperity of Zion; and God has heard their cries, and caused his holy angels, to go forth and adorn Zion, in beauty and array her in glory, that the inhabitants thereof, might be adorned with his beautiful gifts, and shine forth clear as the morning in spring, and as the stars of heaven in the kingdom of their God forever and ever. Yea says Mother, your Elders are true, and their teaching is holy just and righteous; and those that regard and practice it in spirit, and in truth, it will be well with them. But those that slight and disregard it, shall never enter the peaceable abodes of Paradise, or dwell in the mansions of the upright. Remember, says our heavenly Parents, that God has not sent his angels with us, to visit the earth for nought; but that we might open the door of freedom and encouragement to every soul that has a desire to wash and be clean, and cleansed from their former and present sins. And to shut the door against those that strive to put far away this their day, of our Visitation. The time has come, says Mother, if the beloved lead feels union, for many things to be cut off,

that have heretofore been suffered, for many reasons: and for the time
 being, it was the best that could be done, considering all circumstances: tho'
 in general, quite contrary to the feelings of the leading influence in the
 Church of Christ. But rather than to have any souls shut out through
 hardness of feelings against that which must be their overthrow, it was
 suffered, untill such times as God in his wisdom should see fit, to return
 and establish again Zion, her first pure and holy Laws. Which by reason
 of disobedience and going contrary to their counsel, many who now live and
 make it their home on devoted and consecrated grounds, have trampled un-
 der foot and loot. But as I said before, God has purposed that they should
 again now be planted and established in Zion thro' out all her borders, begin-
 ning at his thresh-hold upon earth. Search ye your hearts says Mother, every
 one for one. And see and know ye for yourselves, agreeable to the teaching
 which has abundantly been taught you from time to time, through your visable
 heavenly lead upon earth, and that which God in his mercy has sent by
 special messengers, to sound in your ears, and sink into your hearts from
 the holy Selan in Heaven. Whether the leading influence of your minds,
 by which you are actuated in your daily pursuits, is mostly to gain the
 favour of God, and the Lamb-like spirit of Christ and your Heavenly parents,

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By labouring in deep tribulation and humility of soul with incessant cries to God, that ye may stand as chosen, true and faithful heirs of the kingdom of Christ, separate from the spirit and soul darkening influence of the children of this world, who are yet in their sins, and all manner of uncleanness. Or whether ye do in truth court their favour and friendship by indulging yourselves in their company, and in unnecessary conversation for sociabilitys sake as you call it where you have no duty to do, and where you cannot retain the protecting spirit of Christ in simplicity and meekness; and thereby, the grandure pomp and splendor, forms and fashions of this world, become as an itching sore in your minds; which the more you scratch for indulgence, the more it will spread and spread, untill it become a putrifying sore, from the crown of your head to the sole of your foot, and the light of God in this gospel is extinguished from the soul. For if ye think to look to the powers of this world, and put your trust in the arm of flesh, for protection, God and his holy Angels will withdraw from you, and leave you to your own folly, to search for strength where there is no strength, and fall by the broken staff whereon you have leaned. We say our Heavenly Parents, We again warn all to beware how they press and strive in spirit, for that which cannot be owned and blest by

the visible Lead on earth: for if they do, they incur danger to their souls.

It is the will of God says Mother, through your heavenly parents that his people be no longer bound, by the laws of the Kingdoms of this world in respect to the education of the youth and children. They should have an opportunity to acquire a suitable education, sufficient to transact the Ordinary business of life. That becomes necessary for her faithful children in this world. And further than this, will not prove a blessing among the inhabitants of ^{the} Lion of God upon earth. And this much says Mother you can give them within yourselves, you need no support from those without. And the blessing of God will be a far richer compensation, than the gold or Silver of the children of this world, for keeping and maintaining a school, regulated according to the Laws they may be pleased to enact by the influence of (A gag-de-la-vi-mo) which at present would nearly effect the work, for which he was let loose; So says our Heavenly parents.

In all this which we have spoken, says Mother, Ye must do as your best Wisdom will direct. For God has bestowed his anointing power upon you, to lead his people upon earth. For ye have been faithful and true, and will be to the end. With this says Mother, do receive the love of Christ which his Holy and protecting Angel has brought together with his own. Also the love of all

your heavenly parents with their everlasting blessing for your comfort and strength. It may be received with three bows. Yea says Mother, in a short time I will gather your weary souls home, to rest with me in my peacible Mansion which God hath given me.

Philemon Stewart.

Part 2.nd March 12th.

This short communication from Mother Ann, and all our Heavenly Parents, is designed by Mother, particularly for the Church in this place.

There are many books says Mother, now retained in the Church, that ought to be purged out, or destroyed. For those who read them can gather no good from them, but they do impart a natural sense, and a carnal reasoning, replete with blindness and darkness. And it is our desire says Mother, if the beloved lead feels union with it, to have the Elders and those appointed in the order of God, make a strict search, and see that such as are of no use, and can do no possible good to any faithful believer are either destroyed or again returned to the children of this world, from whence they came. For those who keep my gospel want no such rubbish to encumber their minds. For I say unto them, the time cometh and is even at the doors that it will require the

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whole strength of soul and body, together with all the powers of the mind to keep the gospel in its purity, and fulfill the order and call of God to them upon this earth. As it is written, so shall it be fulfilled says Mother. God requires the whole heart soul might mind and strength, together with all that we possess; And see that ye do not possess or retain that which God will not own. Mother desires also, an examination to be made, in respect to the whips that are retained and used in the Church, both at home, and when we go abroad, and see if they are exemplary, and according to the teaching which we have been taught; Or whether they be of the most grand and expensive class. If so, have them purged out and such as becomes the people of God, used in their stead. Yea says our Heavenly Parents, Let the examination go thro' all such like things, and every thing wherein fancy is inclined to bear rule instead of that modest decent plainness that becomes the people of God. And if you are bless'd with more than you need for your comfort and support, in this order of plainness which we have mentioned says Mother, Remember the example of Christ and of us. Don't spend it for that which will create little idols in the mind. Little idols, Mother says will lead to great ones, if they are not purged out. But bestow upon those that are needy and destitute: and in this way, you

will fulfill the order of your calling. There is another thing practiced in the Church of Christ upon earth, says Mother, which my spirit cannot bless, and I shall suffer it no longer to go, without bearing testimony against it. Knowing that it has been contrary to the feelings of the Lead, from the beginning.

It is in relation to Cats: suffering them to lay around in our kitchens and work shops; making as it were, companions of them, to associate and play with which is forbidden in the house of God, and can never meet my blessing says Mother. But where it is necessary to keep a Cat, let it be kept, at the barn or in the cellars, or some back place: for there is its proper order.

I am not willing says Mother, to have any distant believers come here to the first Church of God upon earth, and see that Cats are made constant companions or room-mates of. For what good example could they make of this: surely none. Therefore be wise in all such things, and keep close to to your counsel; that the spirit of God, of Christ and of your heavenly Parents may bless Mount Zion's children in their outgoings & in-comings. Yea, thus saith the Lord, thro' the spirit of the holy Selah in Heaven.

If my children who now inhabit Mount Zion will be faithful to keep my Laws, and do my statutes and judgments, which I have made known to them thro' my anointing upon earth, I will bless them with

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with many blessings, and increase them with shining brightness, as the stars of heaven; and their numbers shall not be few. But if they neglect to hearken to my voice, thro' those that I have anointed with power & wisdom, to stay support and lead them, and turn again to the weak and beggarly Elements, and drink in the spirit of the children of this world, and trust in the Arm of flesh for protection, I will send my holy Angel with judgments and desolation to over spread and destroy, and their day shall be turned into night and their joy into mourning. And the remnant that shall stand justified before me upon earth, for a season, shall be small and few, saith the Lord.

Philemon Stewart.

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A copy of a short communication opened in the first order Sabbath afternoon Meeting from Mother Ann and Father James. The first part of which was particularly to that class whose age was between 14 and 30, to which class they had paid special attention, for more than a week past, and had often desired in union with the Elders to have that class exercise some by themselves, which they were now doing when Mother began to speak.

Beloved Ministry and Elders, Mother Ann & Father James are
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present, and with your union desire to speak a few words to the young (and give them a present, which has been for sometime prepared for them). They will now be able says Mother to receive it in a right-sense: they are now prepared where they never have been before. My labour says Mother is to bring the young, the rising generation, to feel more need of crying to God for true tribulation and a broken heart, and of washing in the pure streams of repentance and Godly sorrow, where they never have: that they may find an element and feel great delight in the works and worship of God, which cannot be done says Mother, while the soul is possessed of a stiff stubborn will, or a careless stupid sense. This Great big I, says Mother has got to be all destroyed before the soul can be happy or enter the peaceable kingdom of Christ with your Heavenly parents.

Therefore be wise, my dearly beloved youth and children; prize and improve faithfully the day in which you live. Cleave to your beloved Elders, hearken to all their teaching and counsel; love mortification, pray for true tribulations, knowing that ye must drink deep of this cup, or ye cannot be purified or made clean. Be ye not discouraged, for we have prayed to our Heavenly Father for you, and will continue to pray, that ye may, in your obedience and sincerity to the way of God, be preserved

from the raging power of evil, that is let loose, and is sweeping over the earth.

Father James says, Mother has given me a Roll, filled with solemn songs. Such songs says Father, as the Angels in Heaven breathe out in solemn prayer to God, And there is one for each in this our little band; and all must labour in faith, and they will get them. Some of these songs have a few words some have none. And there are some little solemn prayers without songs: but all that are singers must get songs. Father says he wants the most part to get them the coming week, for they shall come again next sabbath and examine the fruits. Now says Father, I will give the roll to brother Daniel, and he may unroll it, and give out one to each of the brethren. Then brother Daniel, you must give it to Sister Petsy, and she must give each of the Sisters one. Now says Father, they have all got one; and if they labour in the fear of God, with a spirit of prayer, they shall gather these fruits with a solemn heavenly and Godly reverence to sacred things, not a deathly gloom. This is all that is for them in particular at this time says Father.

Beloved Ministry, Mother says she has a few words she wishes to speak to all her children. My dearly beloved, do you rightly consider what God in his mercy has been doing for his people, now for three or four years past, and does still continue to do. I entreat of you says Mother, dont let

39 Let your ears become dull of hearing or your hearts hardened against receiving, as some have done in past dispensations of Gods grace to man. For remember, it is God, thro' his holy Angels and your Heavenly parents, that is to work for and with you, whose reward is certain and whose judgments are sure. We have been sent by our Heavenly Father says Mother to help you, and we entreat all to be workers together with us. For ye are all call'd to be bright shining stars around the Lamp of God upon earth; and tho' many of these stars should fall, and their light be turned into darkness, yet the Lamp which God has lighted upon earth shall continue to burn, and all the powers of earth and Hell, cannot prevail against its increasing brightness. Yea says Father, Or Christ and Mother, we speak from the solemn feelings of our souls, that word which God hath given us to speak. The time shall surely come, when they shall gather from the East and the West, the North and the South, and flock to the Lion of God upon earth and there shall be an innumerable company: And the Camp of the Saints most high shall not be trodden under foot, and the Holy City shall be known and revered by the children of men, and the fame of its brightness, honor, glory and beauty shall extend to the ends of the earth. But Zion must wade in sufferings and tribulation, untill her strength

is increased, and her dominion is known, and this, says Mother, God will accomplish in his own due time. But you are called to do the work which God has allotted for you in your day. We have been, and still are, says Mother, pressing and entreating of our children to be wise and treasure up the many, very many precious and beautiful gifts of God, which we have given them together with all the good counsel and solemn warnings that have been given them from time to time, both from us direct, and from Gods holy anointing upon earth. And now we say unto all be wise: be wise and gather a durable and abiding substance of the good way of God, in your own souls, now while the windows and doors of heaven are open to you. For the time will surely come, when they will be more closely closed, and ye cannot receive from the spiritual world so direct. Yea says Father James, That time is drawing near; and with it heavy tribulation, such as will cause a universal tremour upon their mortal frames, and the fear of God will be so great in many, that the very earth will feel as tho' it trembled under their feet, as they walk around. They must feel a measure of that tribulation which we felt (when upon earth,) or they can never come where we dwell says Father. And when ye have found this tribulation, then will ye be able to give thanks unto God without ceasing, for the gospel of salvation

which has and ever will save every soul that strictly lives to its requirements. We have yet many children upon earth, that can witness to the truth of this says Father. Our everlasting love and blessing also the love and blessing of the Heavenly host, we send to you all, desiring your prosperity in strict obedience to the way of God, which is, and ever will be made known to you thro' that lead and holy Anointing which God has appointed for that purpose. Our love may be received with 4 mild shouts and six bows. We have nothing further at this time says Mother.

Philemon Stewart..

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Copy of a Message communicated to the Ministry and Elders in the morning and again recommunicated by their desire in the first Orders Saturday evening meeting, from Father Joseph and Mother Lucy, accompanied by all three of our first parents, and many of the Heavenly hosts. With the addition of three things not spoken in the morning.

Beloved Ministry and Elders, Mother Ann and all the rest of our first parents are present, with many of the heavenly hosts.

Mother says she has come to see how the gifts which she sent Father Joseph and Mother Lucy to open to the beloved Ministry and Elders

this morning, will be received by this family. Father Joseph and Mother Lucy both unitedly say, Beloved Ministry, we have not come to take the Lead, but to be a help. That holy anointing which God has placed and blessed with light wisdom and understanding, must be the Lead, and head to the visible body of Christ on earth. This God has established, and he will not destroy his own work. And I desire beloved Ministry says Father, that ye would carefully watch and see that no instruments that are or may hereafter be used to communicate directly from the spiritual world, shall suffer their natural feelings, to blend with the gift that is given them to communicate, so far as in any way, to loose sight of the true order of God that is established in this line, and thereby loose their own souls at last. There will nothing be sent from God thro' your Heavenly parents, but what will come in perfect union with his own established Order.

Such things says Father, as have never been owned nor blessed by the Lead from the beginning must be cut off and purged out, that true Church order may be established, and that souls may find a travel therein. The work has been swift says Father, considering how much there is to do. But there is a great deal yet to be gained, and many things to be purged out of this Church, that it may be brought more into its proper order, before that holy

book, written by the hand of the most High, and containing the Laws of the Zion of God, upon earth, can again be opened.

All silver pencils says Father must be purged out, for they are not, and cannot be owned. They who wish to carry one in their pockets, can have a wooden one slipped into a tin barrel; and this is sufficiently grand for any of Mothers children. If those who live at the Office and have a great deal of use for a pencil need any thing more, than this, the Dea will direct what they may use. But silver pencils cannot be owned, for any one to use in this Church, but must again be returned to the world from whence they came. No one is to retain more than four silver pens or silver points in possession and two is enough in the general way; but not to exceed four. And all who have more than this, must bring them forward, and give them up in the line of Order. Father says if the Ministry and Elders feel union, he should think brother Isaac would be the most suitable one, to keep and furnish such as have need of silver pens; as it comes more in the order of his calling than in any other ones at present: And he must be careful and see that silver is not used only in the true line of Order. And the Deacons must have knowledge how much silver is used and what it is used for. This regulation in respect to silver

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bens. says Father, is expressly for those in the family. Those that have a great deal of public writing to do, such as the Ministry and some at the Office, the Ministry in their Wisdom will direct.

There is another matter says Father, respecting which the sense of the Young is not right. That is in the use of fur hats, for every day wear. The sense that many of the middle aged and those who are younger possess in this respect cannot be owned. Their labour is to get something that looks very nice, or that is a little grander some way, than what the brethren generally have. While those that are advanced in years, and have laboured hard by night and by day, to gain this inheritance, and to whom every comfort and blessing belongs which the gospel allows, not only use, but feel very thankful even for that which many of the rising generation would spurn at with disgust. For shame! Shame! says Father to any one that can possess such a sense, or think to maintain it in Church relation. Such have never traveled in Church relation, and never can, until they labour and get hold of mortification and true tribulation, where they never have, and hate that spirit of ease and indulgence which they have for a long time been seeking, and get hold of the true fear of God which will enable them to be satisfied and even thankful for the very poorest that God has

44 blessed us with, and consider that, more than we are worthy of. This is the sense that God requires says Father, and it is the sense that your heavenly parents, thro' your visible lead upon earth, are labouring to plant in your souls. Three hats says Father, are sufficient one side of your summer hats. One fur hat to wear journeys and Sabbath days, with two common wool hats are sufficient, with the exception of one very poor hat, to wear about uncommon nasty work: and they that have more than this, must carry them and give them up to the Family Deacons, that they may be kept and given out in the line of order as they are needed. Those who go journeys, and whose business is out a great deal may need more. Your lead, says Father, are able to direct you in all such things, if you will only hearken to their counsel. This regulation is for those under the age of 55 in particular. A uniformity in all things is recommended, and has been from the beginning says Father, as far as is possibly consistent.

How comes it about says Father, and Mother, that there are so many rocking chairs used. Is the rising generation going to be able to keep the way of God, by seeking after ease and almost every indulgence both of body & mind. Nay says Father, this is not following the footsteps of your parents or the instruction of your present lead. But it is following the dictates

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of your own carnal sense, which will lead you back to the indulgence of the flesh in its various forms. Ye say Father we have often beheld with sorrow and grief many who profess to be followers of Christ and the true children of Mother in Church relation parade themselves in cushioned rocking chairs, and that in your sacred places of Worship to sing and sound forth the holy songs of Zion in praise to God. Is this right says Father? by no means. How oft have ye been taught that when ye attempt to sound forth the song of Zion, either in general singing meetings or in any other place, to set up erect in your chairs, and not even tilt them back, but labour to feel a sacred reverence to the things of God, and sense what you are about. One rocking chair in a room is sufficient in general ways: and those that are in health, and of the younger class, ought not to indulge themselves in setting in that. But those that are advanced, and such as are weak and feeble may use them freely, if they have any desire to do it. I do not wish to deprive them of any such like thing, that will in any way add to their comfort during their short stay upon earth: for to them these things belong. Not to the middle aged youth and children, who ought to be labouring, continually for mortification, instead of indulgence, for their own souls salvation sake.

46 I desire says Father, that no one would henceforth be seen sitting in rocking chairs, when they come together to sing ^{the} songs of Zion. Mother Lucy says there is another matter that has been a grief to her spirits, for a long time. That is in respect to the Sisters wearing long green veils, or veils of any kind, when there is no necessity for it, either from weakness of eyes or illness of health. If the Sisters have occasion to go from home much in the winter, it may be necessary for them to wear something over their faces, or for one that is quite feeble and needs to ride out a little way; but they ought to get something that is modest and plain; not labour to get something that is grand, and as much like the world as possible. I see no need of those in common health, wearing them in general ways; but when necessity requires them to wear something over their faces, they can do it as justifiably as any other part of their clothing; but don't wear them for looks sake says Mother, for they look very homely on my children.

We have another matter says Father, that is of greater importance for all our children that's called in Church relation to keep strictly. It has ever been an established Order in the Church, but it has been so neglected trampled upon, and run over, that it is entirely disregarded by many;

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but must now be reestablished in union with your beloved lead; and we desire says Father, that the Elders would see that it is faithfully kept by all; for the Order is indispensibly for their protection. The order is this. If the brethren want the Sisters to do some little notion or chore which they may take a fancy to, and it is out of the ordinary business which the sisters are set to see to, the brethren must, in all such cases apply to the family Deacons, and they must judge whether it be necessary; and if it is, the Deacons must apply to the Deaconesses, and they may set who-soever their judgment deems ^{most} proper to do it. And it is to operate exactly in the same manner, on the Sisters side, in respect to calling upon the brethren for any particular notions. O where is the faith, says Father, and Mother, that God requires: Can we find it planted sure and steadfast in the hearts of the rising generation? In those upon whom the burden of keeping this gospel in its purity must shortly fall. The faith which God requires you to possess, under such a privilege says Father is this. Beloved Ministry and Elders, do with me as ye will; I am in your hands, as clay in the hands of the potter. I have nothing of my own, I have given up all to God, soul and body time and talents. Only direct me in the path of my duty, and I will

48 cheerfully obey: for it is the right and duty of my beloved lead to instruct me in all things, in meeting or out, working or sleeping, eating or drinking: in all that I do, I must obey the will of God, thro' my lead. This is the faith says Father, as we before told you, that God requires. And they that possess this, and live up to it are on a foundation that earth and hell can never prevail against. We do desire says Father, that the beloved lead would strictly enjoin, temperance upon all in respect to their eating and drinking as well as in ^{all} other things. The young says Father, must surely get hold of a deeper work of mortification and true tribulation. And if they are careless and do not keep order sufficiently strict to gain it, we have thought, says Father, it would be necessary for them to have a meeting, when they first get up in the morning, that they may labour for mortification, and be able to keep the fear of God thro' the day, and have some living sensation of the works and worship of God, when they again meet in the evening. But if they all keep order strictly, there will be no need of this: they will find that mortification which God requires by keeping order strictly and obeying their lead in every thing.

We have some other matters now says Father, respecting writing (and

Journals. 'Tis our desire says Father, that all who have journals or journal books would bring them all forward and give them up to the Elders. There has been a great deal of time spent says Father, in studying (and writing to no profit, but an essential loss to the souls travel. And whoever keep a journal, from this time henceforth, let them be set in order by their Elders.

In such things as Gardening and the Medical branch, it is necessary that there should be correct accounts kept, and this must be subject to the inspection and instruction of the Deacons: and they must see that there is no more writing done than what is necessary. And in ^{all} smaller branches sufficient accounts can be kept by a very few figures, and in a very few words. As to Locks, says Father, we think it is necessary for the brethren to have some kind of fastening upon their inside ^{shop} doors, that when they are mostly out of their shops, as they many times are, in the summer season, they may fasten ^{the} doors; for the world many times come into the halls, when the brethren perhaps are nearly all out to work, and if the inside doors were unfast, they might be tempted to go in and steal, whatever they wanted. This would be a breach of order on our parts, in leaving our things carelessly exposed to tempt the wicked. But when the brethren are generally in to work, there is no need of fastening their doors; and in

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their shops, there is no need of any locks. One great reason says Father, that has induced the brethren and sisters to get so many locks and keys for locking up their tools and things, originated in consequence, that Church Order, has for a long time, been exceedingly neglected, run over, and disobeyed by many of almost every age and class, (and especially the rising generation). The order is, and has been from the beginning strict in relation to this point. It requires that any one, who may have occasion to borrow a tool, or to take one to use for any necessary purpose, should when done using it immediately return it back to its proper place and order; and if they have in any way damaged the tool or thing borrowed, they are, on returning it, honestly to tell the one, of whom they borrowed it, and in whose charge it is, what they have done; that it may be known how the injury came, and save much time and labour in searching to find out; and prevent many bad feelings. But as the manner has been, of some, it has been impossible to avoid hard feelings, and even a breach of Union. For it has often yea very often been the practice for one to go and borrow a tool, or take one without borrowing, and use it what they wanted, and leave it right there; perhaps sometimes they would carry it half way back to its place and leave it there;

So think no more of it: by and by, the one in whose charge the tool was placed, wants it to use: perhaps he has forgotten who it was that came after the tool if they said any thing about it. The feelings of the one that is in search to find the tool, that has been thus left in this disorderly and aggravating manner, now becomes at once grieved and hurt, and feels as tho if he could ever find or get those tools that he has the charge of together again, he would put them all under lock and key; perhaps after spending hours and hours in searching, he finds the tool, badly damaged if not ruined. And unless he himself can remember, or has some knowledge who took it, no one will own that they knew any thing about it.

I say says Father, there must be a great change in this respect. I desire, beloved Elders, that ye would deal plainly with the rising generation, in this respect, and see that they do not trample upon this order as they have done here-to-fore. But if there be any that willfully break this order, or even carelessly, and do not confess it, they have no right to assemble with the rest, and go forth in the works of God, for their offerings will be in vain: but they should take their place behind by themselves. Those that have the oversight and charge upon the plantation should see, that every one that is to work under

52 Their direction, do take care of the tools used for Farming purposes according to their order. And if any refuse to do it when spoken to, it is the foremans duty to let the Elders know it before meeting; that no such person may attend meeting and unite with the rest, unless they have confessed it. Much of the consecrated property is lost and destroyed in this careless and disorderly manner of going; which must no longer pass without reproof as it has done heretofore.

There are some other matters says Father, which we think, in union with the Ministry and Elders, would be proper to mention at this time. The Deacons who have the charge of purchasing whatever supplies is needed in the church of Christ, should be very careful indeed says Father, and purchase that which is plain and exemplary so far as is in their power. They should avoid, at all times procuring that which has foolish writing and printing upon it, if it be possible, for it has no good effect. You had better purchase that which is plain, even if the material is not quite so good, rather than to get that which is covered with superfluous flowers and pictures so far as you can. You must remember beloved Deacons, that a heavy responsibility rests upon you, as stewards in the House of God, and that your example will go

a great ways. We desire says Father, that there may be an alteration ⁵³
in another point. It is in respect to having broken glass and earthen scat-
tered all around among our buildings. He says it looks like the filthy
and the unclean. Instead of following the teaching which your blessed
lead have taught you, in this respect says Father, many of you, and
especially the young, would as you pass along give it a kick, rather than
pick it up, and put it in its proper place: and by such a careless
sense, in disobedience to your teaching, many accidents happen and
much loss comes in many ways. If true Church Order is kept in all
things, says Father, there will be very few, if any accidents occur. Before
another week passes away, all the broken glass and earthen, must be gath-
ered up and carried off, and put in some place where it can do no harm.

And hereafter says Father, the Deacons ought to provide some kind of a
vessel in some out building: and whenever there is any glass or earthen
broke, let it be carried to that place; and when the vessel is full, let it
be carried off, and emptied and returned to its place again.

It is our most anxious desire and wish says Father, that when be-
lievers visit this place, they may at all times, see things in their prop-
er order. There is also a great waste made of boots and shoes. some

5th have so many, that they can leave them scattered around week after week, with mud dried on, cracking the leather. Wasting the joint interest in this way. Can such souls look for a blessing says Father? by no means: they cannot be blest.

This is all, says Father & Mother, that we have to speak at this time. All your Heavenly Parents, says Father James, now unite in sending their kind love and blessing. It may be received with six bows, with the hands crossed.

Philemon Stewart.

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A Communication from Mother Ann, Father William and Father James, concerning a useless, yea an unprofitable labour, that some of their children have, for some years past, unguardedly and unwisely fallen into. Our labour says Mother, is to purge out the evil, nourish and strengthen the good, in every part of our vineyard upon earth. And wherever we find that which does not gather with us, in this labour, it brings heavy and deep tribulation, both upon us, and our holy anointing upon earth.

Now says Mother, I entreat you to hearken to the voice of your Heavenly Parents. O my dear children, why will ye spend your

time and day in useless researches, labouring to find out some great mystery; that which God hath never called you to pry into. And that which is not at all, in any way necessarily connected with the salvation of your souls, but has a direct tendency, to lead you astray from that simplicity which is in Christ, and which all my children says Mother must possess, or they will, by degrees, wither away, and become separate from the body of Christ. Men of great learning, or knowledge of the letter, often greatly lack wisdom, in using it aright. And where this is the case, their learning becomes a dangerous snare, to the salvation of their souls. But where they use it, in strict conformity to the counsel and instruction of their visible head, they may honor God, and do good with it. When you use it in this line says Mother, you can have no desire, to show what great I, can do. But you will feel subject and obedient, as little children: and short of this sense, ye cannot come into Christs Kingdom. I will now ask all of you, that have been labouring into the birth of Christ, one question, says Mother. Have any of you, been requested by your visible head, to labour, and prove, if possible, that there was nothing miraculous, or super-natural, in respect to the conception and birth of Christ?

I say, have any of you, been set to labour after this sort in the true line of order? Truth answers, Nay, says Mother. But we have taken it up to show our great knowledge, light & understanding: but instead of this, it has brought forth darkness, and clearly shown the great lack of true wisdom. Such and such-like labours as this, when not directed in the true line of order, are exceeding injurious and soul darkening and entirely foreign and absent from the true order of my children and the present work of the day says Mother. For there is no foundation in truth, by which any such thing can be proved. For Christs conception (and birth, was not after the order of a carnal commandment, neither was it thro' or by the will of a fleshly fallen nature either in man or in Woman. But by the power of God, and him alone, was his spirit sent upon earth, clothed with an earthly tabernacle, to open the way of salvation to a poor lost fallen race of man, who was sunk in filth and filthiness. But remember all ye my children, that this filthiness of the flesh had no part in bringing the body of the Messiah into existence. And if all of you my dear children do as ye are taught, and labour to gather your union to the true body of Christ in order, you will

no longer have any desire or relish for labouring upon this subject, or any such like one. But you will labour to see yourselves as you are, and as you are seen. to be little and simple, harmless and meek, easy to receive counsel and instruction from your good Ministry and Elders. Yea and you will be careful to maintain at all times, and in all cases such an example one before another, as will bespeak the true fear of God, in your souls, And a godly reverence with sacred feelings, of respect, you will, at all times maintain toward every gift of God; and this will always cross a high selfexalted nature.

Father William says, "beloved children, will you hearken to the voice of your kind feeling and ever-blessed Mother. If you will, God will bless you here and hereafter. I believe you will. I entreat of you to hearken, for my soul does love you. Yea and I can and will bless you with the blessing of God."

Father James says, "O hearken my gospel friends. Your increase is our delight. All ye that are, and will be faithful, and true to your own souls, and true to that trust which God has committed to your charge are our interest, and your Mothers delight: and for all such, we have beautiful mansions prepared, and we will meet you with smiles

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of approbation, when you have done with things of time, and enter
our eternal abode. Be encouraged, dear brethren and sisters says
Father, for you are closely watched over for your good, not for your
hurts. When we chastise you and instruct you, it is because we
love you, and wish to bring you nigher to God, and our own souls.

Be good children, cleave closely to your lead, and all good will
be for, and on your side. Tho' the Devil may use all his influence
and strive to destroy many of the flock, yet that soul that walks
in obedience shall never be harmed or injured, but all things
shall work for their final redemption?

Mother Ann says, In union with Gods holy anointing upon
earth, we have caused this communication to be made to our children,
that they may learn and be careful to spend their time wisely.
And wherever this shall go, says Mother, Father William and Father
James, Our everlasting love and blessing must go with it, to all our
dear & faithful children, to give them strength and make them able, to be patient
and meek in tribulation. This is submitted to the Sead says Mother, to
do with it, as their Wisdom may direct.

Given under inspiration, by one of Mothers faithful messengers in the Church at New Lebanon.
Philoena Stewart January 15th 1840.

New Lebanon, April 10th 1840

Copy of a Message from Father James and Father Joseph, communicated at the Meeting house, at the close of the Churches Sabbath afternoon meeting.

Beloved Ministry and Elders, Father James and Father Joseph are present. They say they have been here, ever since the meeting commenced. And they feel much pleased with the gift that has been manifested. But now, says Father Joseph, in union with the Ministry, and Elders we have a short message to communicate to the whole Church. There has been a great deal gained of late says Father, and the brethren and Sisters have had many crosses to take up. But he thinks, all that have cheerfully complied with the gifts that have been given, are now prepared for something further. But if there is any that do not feel as tho' they were ready for a cross, they may signify it by holding up both hands, and clap them once together. My work, says Father is to help the lead, to reestablish Church Order in its purity. When the order of brethren and Sisters supporting union together was established, it was for the protection of their souls, and for the comfort and convenience of each other, that they might enjoy a free and social communication together, in the order and

60. fear of God. That the love and union, in the true spirit of Christ might be strengthened in each others souls. And any soul that has strictly kept this order, according to its original planting, can testify that they have ever found it a safe-guard, and a protection, against all fleshly allurements. But there are many present says Father, who have never kept this true order of union, that was established between the sexes, and have had in many respects, but a slight understanding of it. But the time has now come, for it to be re-established in its original order. What means all these little patches says Father, where there is so much pains and time spent, to raise a little something for self, and a few beloved favourites. So that when they come to union, they can have a little something to give to their devoted ones, or to such as they love best. Is this the true order of union between brethren and sisters? By no means, says Father; this leads directly to the flesh. Church order requires a pure union to be maintained between brethren and brethren, sisters and sisters, and brethren and sisters together impartially. It admits of no partial or party feelings. of particular love and affection to some one, or some few individuals. There can be no protection to the soul, in this manner of going, says

Father: but it opens a door for lust and affection to grow which must inevitably destroy all pure and heavenly sensations, as respects the true union that that the gospel requires to be maintained between Male and female, in church relation. Whatever stores are gathered in, in the fall of the year, should be given up to the Family Deacons, that it may be equally distributed to all, according as circumstances may require. And whenever there is any thing to be eaten in union time, let all partake of it together: but to make a common practice of spending our hours of Union, in eating trash, is not according to good order, or what was intended, when the order of Union meetings was established. I say, says Father, that such trash as Walnuts, butternuts, and Chestnuts, should all be given up to the Deacons, for them to deal out impartially to all who desire. I desire says Father, that no one that is called in Church relation, would disgrace themselves, or dishonor their privilege, in this craving, greedy, selfish manner of going. Just look at it says Father; Those who feel the least about improving their time & strength, in working for the general good, are the ones, generally, that take the most time to raise or gather something that they, and one or two more favourites can have the comfort of feasting on, together in union time,

while those that are more advanced, and feel consciencious to improve all their time in working for the general good, can get little or none of these things, even if they wanted them. Is this equality in the house of God? By no means, but quite to the reverse.

The spirit of courting has been indulged in these little selfish party feasts, and the wholesome Laws of Zion broken says Father. I desire, that from this time henceforth, that these things would cease, and that souls would cultivate the union of the spirit, and not the union of the flesh. This you will say is grinding close, says Father; but it is none to close, if souls want to keep the gospel. Those that are young must find a travel thro' mortification (and tribulation), by keeping the order of God strictly in all respects, so that when those who are before them are gone, they may be able to stand and keep their rectitude in the pure way of God, and be bright & shining examples of every Godly virtue. For here is the foundation, and from this foundation, must the Laws of Zion go forth to all people.

Therefore my dearly beloved children says Father, take courage (and be wise, treasure up the gifts that are given you, now while the windows and doors of heaven are opened to your assistance, and the condescension

of God, thro' your heavenly Parents is so great, that you are even instructed how to proceed in all important points, both spiritual & temporal; that ye may see wherein ye have strayed from the true path of your duty, in times past, by not following the counsel of your visible head, and be able to repent and return to the straight way. For here the laws of God are the walls of Zion; and those that walk in them, can never stumble nor fall, but the brightness of their shining will daily increase, as they advance heavenward. And their love and thankfulness for their privilege in this pure, this holy way, will often show forth in tears of gratitude to God, for the day in which they live, and the many blessings which they do enjoy. We have no desire, says Father, to cross any one, any further than what is really necessary to separate the soul from that which separates it from God and his holy angels.

Ye says Father James, do my dear children, treasure up every gift that is given you, and cultivate a pure sensation in all your feelings one towards another. Strengthen that which is good, and resist and turn from that which is evil and unclear. That ye may in truth, be the children of a pure and holy parentage. All ye who are called in the morning of your days, says Father, I solemnly warn you to be faithful.

64 For this privilege which God has given you is inexpressibly great. And if you abuse it, your sufferings must, and will be, indescribably awful: That which no tongue can express, or pen describe is the state of those who have forfeited their day and privilege, and the spirit of God has withdrawn from their souls. I say unto you says Father, It would have been better for such never to have had an existence.

Therefore I entreat of you all to be wise true and faithful, and place your confidence in the power and gift of God, as manifested thro' and in union with your beloved lead upon earth. And if you will in truth obey from your hearts, and walk in the laws, and keep the statutes that are given for Lions children. Nothing that is for your present comfort or future good, will your heavenly Father withhold from you. My element when on earth, says Father, was to do the will of God, obey my blessed Mother, and gain my souls salvation. And ye must all in like manner, find an element in doing good, and honoring your privilege, which is the greatest that any souls can have upon earth. Now says Father James, we have an abundance of love and blessing, for all the good Ministry Elders dear brethren and sisters. For our love will increase to you says Father, in proportion as ye do

increase in the pure and holy way of God

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Copy of a Message from Father James and Father Joseph, communicated by Father Joseph to the Ministry, Elders and Deacons of the Church, principally in relation to the order of temporal things, and the duty of Deacons and Trustees. &c. by Philemon S.

Beloved Ministry Elders and Deacons, Father James & Father Joseph are present, and with the Union of the beloved Lead, Father Joseph says ^{he} has a communication to all present.

When the revelation of God was given, for establishing the orders of the Church they were made known thro' deep, very deep tribulation, and were planted and established as sacred walls for the protection of souls upon that foundation, never more to be moved, but to grow with the growth, and increase with the increasing work of God, from one generation to another, untill the Lion of God upon earth should travel to the full height of her glory. The permanant orders that were established in respect to temporal things, were ^{as} really binding upon souls to keep in their order, as those established in respect to the spiritual. There is a point says Father, that some appear never to have understood, or if they have

understood, they have not kept them. The sacred orders of the Church as I before said were given and established by the power revelation and gift of God. And when these are kept according to the true spirit of them, there can be no clashing: they operate in perfect union and harmony together. But when these are broken, run over and trampled upon, divisions, party feelings and contentions will unavoidably arise, and make the way hard; yea and throw the soul out of a trowel in the pure work of regeneration, and great loss and darkness must ensue. I have not come to cast reflections says Father, but I have come to speak plain respecting many things, and re establish some orders, which the beloved lead have ever counseled souls to keep. But notwithstanding their Godly counsel and instruction they have been neglected and set at nought. And thereby many selfish and party feelings have found access to the hearts of many. I will now speak says Father, in relation to what the order of God requires of Trustees, whose gift and calling is more direct in outward things. I shall clearly show, says Father so far as the gift extends at this time, that there must be quite a change in the sense and feelings in many respects, of those that are called to fill that important

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place of care and trust. You cannot fulfill the order of your calling says Father, if you suffer any personal feelings of revenge or dislike to sway you from doing your duty faithfully, as public servants in the outer Court of the House of God, as your calling requires. All transactions of business between the Church and the children of this world, must come immediately under your care and charge: and you must see that all said business is transacted in an exemplary and Godly manner, that the fear of God may be seen and felt from you. Ye and you must at all times reverence and respect your visible Lead, and strictly follow their counsel. And furthermore, you must labor to maintain a good union and perfect understanding with your immediate Elders in the family. This is indispensibly necessary says Father, for your souls protection. You must never indulge a feeling of independance or a self-sufficient sense: if you do, you will loose the blessing and protection of God, and fall under great loss.

There are many things now in the Church says Father, and has been for some years, that are standing monuments of disgrace and disobedience to the order of God, which was planted in the beginning, (as they have been told,) is now neglected and disregarded. I shall leave

no room for excuse or indulgence in this respect says Father. The order of God has been established, and had it been faithfully kept, according to the desire of your lead, no standing monuments of disobedience should I have found in this Church. Many who have resorted here from distant Societies have taken occasion to stumble in their feelings, from what they have seen in this place. The order that was established in the Church when I was upon earth, in respect to buildings, remains good. It has never been repealed and it never will be, says Father. It was and is strictly forbidden, to build new buildings any faster, than what you are able at the same time, to keep the old ones in ^{good} repair: and when they are no longer worth repairing, take them down: suffer them no longer to stand. In respect to building new buildings, the order remains the same as it was, when it was first given. That was, and still is, to commence erecting no new building untill such times, as there was means strength and union, sufficient to accomplish it when begun; and not suffer a building to remain year after year, in view of public gaze half or towards finished. This is a disgrace to the New Earth, and bespeaks to the public mind, a broken condition

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of the builders. I desire says Father, that this may never be done again in the Church of Christ. It is the duty of the Trustees, to see that the public High-ways, and the fences bordering thereon, are kept in good order, and not suffer heaps of stones, and broken parcels of rubbish, to remain within the fences of the highway, whereby the safety of public travel would be endangered: This is also forbidden, strictly, in the Church of Christ. Church order requires says Father, that around our buildings, and along our streets we should pay our first attention in the Spring of the year, to put every thing in good gospel order. This sense that has been growing in the Church, that wishes to put things off, till some more convenient time, when the order of God requires them to be done in the present time, destroys the blessing, and the soul cannot enjoy the good of its labour, as it would to do these things in their proper time and season. For therein says Father, is a sure promise of a blessing of God to the soul. And I desire that you would all labour, to have this sense of putting things off, out of their proper order, purged out of this Church; for it will surely prove loss and darkness to such as retain it.

I will now speak, in short, says Father, of the duty of family Deacons

40 in the Church. It is the duty of Deacons to have the oversight and immediate charge of all the members in the Family, as it respects their work and occupation in different branches. They must furthermore see that all the members are profitably employed. It is their duty and right to call upon members, to help here or there, as need may require, and see that no one is spending their time idly or uselessly. And if they know of any that do not attend to their duty according to Church order in this respect, it is the duty of the deacon, or deacons, to speak to such members in a Christ-like spirit; and if he will not hearken and reform, it is the duty of said Deacon to open it to his Elders, that they may make labours with said person before it be too late.

In all the transactions of family Deacons, they are required to keep a close union, and a perfect understanding with their Elders; as they are in all respects, subject to their counsel and instruction. And in all matters of much importance, such like as building, repairing or taking down old ones, or making much alteration around our buildings and door-yards, they must look into it firstly, and see what needs doing most and first; that the order of God,

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established in the Church may not be broken or infringed upon,
And when they have made up their minds, what ought to be done, and
can be done, then they must open it to their Elders, for approbation,
union and blessing. When this is done, and the Deacons have a
good union and understanding with the Trustees, as there must
be in all cases, especially when there is any thing to be bought or
help to be hired, and the Elders have obtained the union of the Lead,
there can be no difficulty any necessary undertaking, according
to the order of God, as established in the Church. But if the family
Deacons do not attend to their duty at home, but leave it for the
Elders to do, (if done at all,) the order of God in this respect is broken,
and the things of a temporal nature are deranged and confused, in
so much that it breaks up and frustrates that order peace and har-
mony of going, that is required to be strictly maintained, in the
Church of Christ. 'Tis not the calling of the Elders, nor according
to what was established, in the beginning, for them to attend in person,
and take the immediate charge and burden of these outward things.
It is impossible for them, says Father, to fulfill their order of calling,
which is spiritual, and be confused daily, in the throng of temporal

172 things. The established Order of God in the Church, is for the Elders to keep more retired: that while they are to work in their Shops, they can be in a labour to feel the state and travail of souls in their family, and be able at all times, to attend to any labour in the line of their calling, for the good of souls. And the Deacons to take the immediate burden of the temporal. This is the order as I before said, that was established for the protection of Gods people in Church relation. And I desire beloved Ministry, and Elders, that with your union, this may again be re-established, no more to be disregarded says Father.

There is another disorderly spirit that has been getting a foothold in the Church for some years. That is a selfish feeling between the two orders, which I reprove and disown, and it has ever been disowned by your lead from the beginning. It is the duty of the Deacons at the Office, to see that each order is equally accommodated with whatever they need for their comfort and convenience, and that an equal distribution is made of such supplies as are bought for the use of the Church, that there be no just occasion given for the brethren and sisters in either order, to feel against the Trustees for any partiality whatever. The Order of God requires, that in all transactions, their spirit and conduct

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should be that, that the body of Christ in Church relation, can love and
bless them. For they have a great deal to bear and feel says Father, which
their order and calling requires. The spirit of Church order requires
that all should labour to make it easy one for another, in their respective
lots and callings. If this is not done, souls are disobedient to the order of
God, and cannot prosper in his holy sanctuary. I furthermore, in union
with the beloved lead, do enjoin it upon the Elders of each order, to sharply
reprove whatever feelings may arise in either order, whether in Deacons
or members, that have a tendency to hurt the good feelings or weaken
the union: for this the order of God requires to be strictly maintained.
If there is any thing wrong says Father, let it be put right in the
proper line of order, that the union and oneness may be increased. It is
strictly contrary to the established order in Church relation, for any
member or individuals to be throwing out their feeling in words against
members in any other order, or against the order itself in its manner of
going. If any are burdened, they can go to their Elders and open it, and
there, I say, leave it: for ye are not placed in the judgment seat, to
be judging one another. This ye must leave for those that the order of
God has placed in the judgment seat of Christ to decide between right

and wrong. But ye are all called to cultivate the spirit of unity and peace. We are under obligations says Father, from our heavenly parents, to hasten the establishing of Church Order, in its original rectitude, as fast as the beloved Land feels will be rightly received and put in practice. There are three things says Father that I desire may be accomplished before any distant believers reach this place, that they may find no cause of stumbling in the in the Mother Church of Christ. And that they may return to their people with the Lamp of God in their hand, and be able to establish his Holy Laws, thro' out the Habitations of Lion. Let the old Tan-house be taken down, and all the rubbish be cleared away. Let the Wood-house be covered and finished upon the out side, and the stagingo cleared away and all broken places in your dooryards mended up. Also let the stone be cleared out of the street, running west from the second Order and the fence put in good repair. I press these things to be done, says Father, even if you have to sacrifice considerable to accomplish them: for they must no longer remain in this place as monuments of disobedience. And if ye are all united as ye ought to be, they

may be accomplished in due season. Now says Father Joseph, in union with the beloved Ministry, I will in short, give my counsel how the Church in this place, ought to conduct in temporal things. The people of God, from the earliest ages of the world, have invariably been counseled against unnecessarily multiplying that for their use, which the children of this world take pride in, and commit much sin with: for this reason, they will and always have had a natural tendency to draw the sense away from the things of God. 'Tis my advise says Father for the Deacons to reduce the number of Horses in the Church, and not to keep more than five in this family, and three in the second order: and five at the Office, one side of the Ministry. And there ought to be no more out business done in the trading line, than what those five at the Office, in a general sense, are able to do. And if you can do with less in any of these places, it will be better still: but not to exceed this number. You can increase your Coven, as need may require, to profit: and they will be able to do the most part of your work, to far better advantage than horses. Believers are called to cultivate their lands, and bring them into better order: and in so doing, they will be able to derive in a general sense, a comfortable support there from.

This they count, and remain on their own possession; and not be roving all around the world, among the wicked and unclean. And ye will surely obtain, says Father, a greater degree of the protection and blessing of God in so doing. Your middle aged and youth, will more readily learn to obey the Laws of Zion. There will be less to attract and draw them out. And if the believers will labour and change their sense in this respect they will find it will be much easier for them to keep a living sensation of the work of God, in their own souls, and protect the rising generation.

Believers have been running says Father for many years, very unwisely, in spending so much time and property in striving to procure different breeds of stock: trying to get something that would beat every body else: so that it might be said, (Go to the Shakers, if you want any thing extraordinary in that line.) This says Father, is of the world, it is not of Christ, or of your blessed Mother. What is necessary to be done, for profit or convenience sake, in this line, can freely be done, by those who are set in order, to do it: and let that suffice, and not have your senses swallowed up in the lesser things: for the children of this world set their hearts, to seek after these things. But ye are called to a much

greater and holier calling, which requires you to first seek the Kingdom of God and its righteousness there to belonging, and all that is necessary of these lesser things, are and will be sanctified to you by the order of God.

I will now mention one more matter, says Father, for the consideration of the beloved Lead. Is it necessary to have so many news-papers brought into the Church. Are Mothers children called to be politicians, that they need to spend so much of their time in reading and perusing the party contentions, lies and strife, of the children of this Wicked world, which can have no connection with their present duty, and call in the work of God whatever: but must fill the mind proportionably, as they give their sense to it, with the spirit of this world. There is no paper taken into the Church says Father, or among believers in any other place, but what a great portion of it is filled with that which is sin, and wickedness in the sight of God. Is not one paper taken at the Office sufficient? The Trustees need to have information of some things, that are in general way furnished in the papers. Such like as knowledge of the Mercantile business and of the monied institutions of the country; otherwise, they might be liable to sustain losses. The time will surely come says Father, and is near

at hand, when Mothers children will feel that they have no time to spend, or recreate themselves, in perusing that which can do them no possible good, but has a direct tendency to draw their minds from their present duty. But this I leave says Father, for the beloved Lead to direct in their wisdom.

Father James says, I feel thankful, beloved Ministry, and Elders, for what Father Joseph has spoken: And I have brought the love and blessing of all your Heavenly Parents to all present; and it may be received with four bows, and three claps: also says Father Joseph, receive my kind love and thanks for your attention this evening. This is all we have at this time, says Father.

April 26th 1840.

Father Joseph says he has a few words to the beloved Ministry, respecting this communication. I have said nothing, says Father, that can do any good believer, that is called in Church relation, any harm: and the most part needs to be understood and put in practice by all. But as it mostly concerned the brethren, I did not think it necessary to communicate it only to the Ministry Elders & Deacons on the brethren side. And I now submit the whole, for your wisdom to direct, whether to make it public in the Church or not A.S.

Copy of a vision seen by Lillah Potter, February 14th, 1840.

While the Church, or first order of the Church was 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 sent me." The angel then flew into the meeting room, and passed seven times around the Ministry and Elders, and sounded again his trumpet, and said, "O ye holy anointed on earth, receive ye me, an angel of the living God into your habitation, to stay with you thro' time. For here, yea even here on this holy mount, and in this undefiled sanctuary of the Lord, am I sent, to take up my abode, for ages to come. My name is Koral wan gah; 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 soon 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.

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And I have all power, given me, and every means provided from the heavenly orders above, wherewith I can re ca 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 ever to be the constant bearers of the whole re ken sa, dio ha len, between the powers of heaven & earth. Yea I say, on these holy wings, I am to waft, all se len, se vain. The Angel then flew back to the porch. The door was opened by another 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 would remain in the porch, untill his time; and Mother was ready for him to make himself know, and declare unto the holy Anointed on earth, his Holy calling.

Lillah Potter.

New Lebanon March 22nd 1840

A communication from Elder Sister Olive Spencer, to the Elders of the Church, containing addresses from our heavenly parents, inclosed in a Roll, which was opened and read April 2nd 1840. Elder Sister Olive, while speaking to the Elders, held in one hand a Book entitled the Lesson of Mothers gospel, and in the other, a sealed Roll. She spoke as follows.

My dearly beloved companions, once more I have come to speak to you, and with you as I often do. Sometimes to comfort and strengthen you in your hours of tribulation; and at other times, it is that which brings you under a great weight, and burden of tribulation. This is crossing to me, but I can only, and shall only do the will of my heavenly Parents. Let their word be what it may, that I must speak; tho' many times it adds sorrow on sorrow to you. And surely it cannot be otherwise, untill every professed child of Mother can receive the pure words of love and blessing, of mercy and truth, into humble and thankful, yes true and honest hearts, and learn to consider wisely, and improve the holy things of God, pure and sacred as they are, with holy fear and reverence, the powers of the heavenly world. Untill the unbounded blessings, precious gifts and notices of the heavenly hosts that have been poured

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out in various manners, can be prized of more value and greater worth than material and earthly pleasures.

But O my beloved, far far, yea very far from this is the spirit that has been, for a long time, striving to get in, and has finally succeeded, in a measure, among the rising generation. So dearly beloved, hear me with patience; for surely I have come, to do the will of my blessed heavenly Parents; for they say, they can no longer hold their peace.

Elder Sister Olive then laid the Roll on the table, and spoke some more which she said was in the roll, but the time had not come to read it all; for surely, said she, in no wise shall this, the word of my blessed Parents be mocked as it has been. May the holy spirit forbid.

April 2.nd Father Willicent said to the Elders, Now I am ready, and the hearts are prepared to receive my word. I wish to have it written that you may have it just as it is; then do with it, as you in your wisdom see fit. But I am in haste; for the hour has come, and the will of heaven must be done.

The sealed roll is opened, and read by Elder Sister Olive.

O dearly beloved chosen ones! Heavens own anointed! With patience

listen once more, unto the voice of your Parents; yea your Parents of truth that ever stand ready to extend help strength and comfort, mercy and charity to every true hearted child. Long long have we withheld our word; but this we can no longer do. To O la ho! How can we hold our peace, and refrain still longer from speaking words that will not so soon become like morals, and fables, in the memory, and vain babbling in the mouth!

But O sa leen, dear children! Se van de va, and in your tribulation wait with us, wait with patience; for surely the time will come, and is near at hand when all, yea all, will have to understand and know that the words of Heaven are true, and mortals cannot alter them; may mortal power can never do it. Now beloved, hear and receive our word and our will, for here it is written, that ye may have wherewith to speak and not fear; for there are those of your little flock, that fear yet to understand the words of truth.

Ye know dear children, that for a long time, the doors of the heavenly kingdom have been opened, and souls have received freely. Many yea very many precious gifts and presents, great and small have been sent and given. These, remember ye, are true emblems of heavenly spirituality, meekness and simplicity, and cannot be handled by vain mortals, like

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foolish trifles. Freely they have been sent, and freely they have been received, with humble and thankful hearts, pure and clean hands, by many of my dear children, yea and at many times, which has ever been pleasing to us, and to all the hosts of heaven, holy angels, and justified spirits above. — But by some, they have been used like filthy drugs; by some, they have been thrown away, trampled upon, yea, and carnal pleasures picked up in their stead and prized above them. This has caused us many times, to fill the heavens with tribulation. Now unto such ones we say, and wish you to say; Hear ye the voice of the Holy Spirit, which is truth upon truth, and cannot be altered. Surely you will have to suffer famine, in time and in eternity; be thirsty and weary; but alas! the doors of the heavenly fountain will not be opened to you.

Again, hear ye and know; It is known in the heavens above, what has been sent and given to each and every one, whether songs of holy praise, words of encouragement, words of reproof, and mortification, gifts of holy power, or pretty and pleasing presents of any kind that ye, dear children have received. Again it is known how much and how many of these precious and heavenly gifts, have been gathered up, and

brought back to the Holy Sepulchre, by the little Angels, and guardian spirits: ^{P. 5.}
for surely the holy Angels have never failed to seal these things.

Many have been the words, and many more, the murmuring thoughts of some: "Why have I not received as much as those of my companions? Have I not been as faithful?" And again, "Why do some receive so much more than others. It is expected that the Elders will receive more, and so on. But know ye, dear little ones, these are loud sounding trumpets of desolation in the house of Israel. Remember again, and believe that the time is nigh at hand, when souls cannot stand before the mighty power of the holy spirit, like fearless Bac valens of time. But this ye may know dear children, that unto you to whom little has been given, little will be required.

But unto you that have so abundantly received, the same will be required at your hands. So hear ye now the solemn warning repeated, and be careful how you treat that which has been placed in your trust, and given to you; and how commonly you use it, as every day food! Yea & how you spread it abroad, to be foolishly sounded like empty bubbles blown by the breathing of vain mortals! This has been a great and sore grief unto our spirits; yea even so much so, that we have been ready many times, to raise the trumpet of truth, upon these things. But knowing the sincerity

of many of you, dearly beloved children, and the real heart-felt joy and pleasure and true thankfulness with which you have received these heavenly blessings, we have held our peace, and refrained from saying until now, that heaven has been mocked long enough. Therefore, hear ye now with your ears, and understand, yea, and receive into your hearts, the written and sealed will and word of your Parents in heaven.

Through your holy anointed, and by the powers of heaven, chosen & appointed Lead upon earth, Ministry and Elders, receive ye these pure and holy things, as from the hand of your Heavenly Father; receive ye the rich blessings of heaven. Hear ye the sound of the Holy Angels, and their trumpets; simply and cheerfully receive ye the pretty, comforting and strengthening gifts and presents from the true and justified spirits of your dear companions, that have entered the spiritual world, and that oft times, with the greatest pleasure return to join with you, and bring to you these free blessings, that you might freely partake with them of the unbounded goodness of God your Holy Father, which is almost daily poured forth like showers, upon his chosen people on earth. Hear ye the voice of your

Heavenly parents, and receive ye their word; yea all these things receive ye, dear children, we say again, thro' your beloved Lead, and that holy power, which the order of Heaven has vested unto them, into true and honest hearts, and there let them rest as your own treasures, and just due, honestly gained.

Elder Sister Olive says, the remainder of this roll are Mother Ann's own words, written and sealed by her own hand. They are as follows.

Dearly beloved, much has been the judging of these things, ye know, But who is able to judge? Let each one consider their ways, and the thoughts of their hearts. I am not judge of my heavenly Fathers Work; therefore judge ye not, my dearly beloved. But ye can, and do bear witness of me, and my work and my word, yea, of my gifts of every kind; which from my bountiful hand I have bestowed upon your little flock; that I have no regard, at any time, to person or class, among my dear children below; but to that sacred and holy anointed power, of that heavenly kingdom on earth, I have great respect. So let none fear, let none be discouraged, because the promise has not been, and is not immediately fulfilled. Did I not say, in the beginning of my second appearance and manifestation of these holy powers, that

each individual that stood numbered among the faithful, or that were owned and justified by their blessed lead on earth, in the least degree, should not be forgotten nor pass unnoticed by me? That they should receive from the sound of my voice, or by mine own hand, or by my word thro' my faithful ^{& true} messengers, from the holy mansions of the heavenly world, sure rewards of their faithfulnes, and according to their needs, ^{should be} remembered and noticed?

Yea, truly, truly these words I spoke; and often have the like promises been repeated. But stop, dear children, hear and consider a moment. Have I not fully worked according to my word, at proper times and seasons? Truly I have, and will continue so to do. Have ye not received from me, vi me, de lo me? Yea, more than you can number.

And what have ye done with them? How have ye secured them? O li o fa na! Sounded them forth in the eyes and ears of strangers without! and ye know not, but enemies within! Yea they have become a snare to the careless hand, and ready pen of the vain & foolish heart, void of true understanding of the sacred things of God.

What then my dear children, are your precious, pretty and pleasing treasures, but droll matters of comment like the printed news, perused

daily by the vile tongue of slander and scorn, of careless, idle conversation, either of the treasure, or of the bountiful giver, or of the instrument thro which it is conveyed. If these things and these words seem too plain, I will say, and this ye know, that the bounteous feast of heavenly food has become almost too common in every day fare, and seems sometimes, to even be loathsome to the taste.

Now unto all, yea every one of you, my beloved that are within the sound of my voice, or that are not weary of this my word, I will say, and I wish you to hear and know, that I have no reflections to cast on the beloved Leed, neither have I, nor any of my fellow workers wherewith to bring blame on them. I know them well. I know their burdens, I know their tribulation, I know their afflictions. But they have had to suffer many of these things to be, and to go on for peace's sake, contrary to their wise counsel.

I have suffered these thing to remain still, I held my peace, till the spirit of my beloved first-born, pierced the heavens with their cries and lamentations, saying, O Holy heavenly Father! O, blessed Parents! O, holy Angels! How long, O how long will ye suffer thy holy, Sacred and heavenly powers, to be mocked by vain mortals! How long, O how long will they be suffered to deck and adorn the idols of their minds, and the Gods of earth, with the ornaments of Heaven!

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Now judge beloved, How could I longer hold my peace? This I cannot, nay, this I will not do; but will continue, as I have now done, to sound this trumpet of truth, untill it can be heard, and believed and obeyed with pleasure.

Now beloved, concerning the writing of these things in so common a manner by individuals, my spirit has been sorely grieved. And oft when I behold the measures taken to preserve the many words and gifts of comfort consolation, and you all know what, I need not say that have been sent and given, my spirit exclaims, O dear children! no longer can I forbear; no longer will I withhold my word and my will from you.

For what is the written word? what is the instrument or their name? Mortal flesh! That, and that only. My word to you is, write not these things for every day perusing. Name not the instrument at all.

Now I have given you my word, and ye know my will; the time hath surely come, and the voice of truth hath spoken it. Now in union

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with the beloved Lead, hark ye and remember, that each one of you my beloved children, may freely keep in writing that which is yours, yea that which you have received, if it is your desire; but further than this, it shall be left to the wise counsel of your beloved lead on earth to direct. But remember my last words in this sealed roll are these.

Order, true order, and sacred order are the first laws in the holy mansions of heaven, and must be, in my Fathers house on earth.

Addah Zillah Petter.

Copy of a Letter from Father Joseph to the Ministry; given by Divine Inspiration.
(Vol. III. p. 73.)

Beloved Ministry and Elders, Deacons and Deaconesses, yea dearly beloved Ministry and Elders.

Your incessant cries and prayers to God, have sounded aloud thro' the heavenly regions of your Almighty Redeemer, and ever blessed parents, that planted the everlasting gospel on earth. Yea, says Father Joseph; Mother Ann has again sent Mother Mother Lucy with me, in Church order, to give you the answer of your prayers, which you have, in humble supplication offered to God, for the salvation and protection of his people, that are called to forsake all, and follow Christ in the work of regeneration; purifying and cleansing the soul from all that is unclean. Yea surely I have come to do the will of God, and my blessed Parents in heaven. I shall be short and comprehensive, in

my communication; for there is not one, but what has had sufficient warning to give up and purge out that which does not correspond with the sacred order of the Church of Christ upon earth established by the revelation of God, forever to be maintained and practiced by Mothers children.

And now listen ye and hear my words.

What does all this going out among the world mean? Did I ever establish an order, that every one should buy and sell for themselves? I say, nay, nay. By the voice and power of heavenly truth I forbid it. And now again I forbid it. Yea once more I raise my voice, and proclaim to my children, that all business of a temporal nature, that is necessary to be transacted between the children of this world, and this first Church on earth must be attended to, and done at the office, and by those, whom the Lead has, or will hereafter appoint to fill that place, so far as is possible.

But if the Trustees need assistance in public concerns or business, it shall be done by those whom the Lead shall see fit to appoint. But unto such I say, hear ye, and remember my word, that when you have done whatever is required of you, and have returned, you are to give a just account of your transactions; yea even to a cent, to the Trustees, and with them to leave all written accounts of every description, great or small,

concerning whatever has been intrusted to your care.

Again I say, all business in the Temporal line between believers of other orders and Churches, and this my first Church, must be done by the hands or immediate knowledge of those that live at the Office. For surely, I never did allow this business of trade and traffic to be brought into this holy Sanctuary, which was erected by your spiritual parents, thro' the revelation of God.

Neither do I, nor your present lead, own or bless it now. Know ye, the Office is the outer court to this holy sanctuary, and nothing is to be carried out of this Church, or brought into it, but what passes thro' this outer court.

But stop here, and consider a moment. What does all this giving & receiving of presents mean, to and from individuals of other Churches and orders? Is this the order that I established? I say, nay nay, in no wise. But if the Church has wherewith to make presents to other believers, let it be a public present, carried to the office, and there given, in behalf of the Church.

Again let it be remembered, that it is not only the duty, but the order of the acting Trustees, who are appointed who are appointed to live at the Office by no means to have all leave home at once, and be gone over eight or ten hours, except in cases of extreme necessity.

Here again is my word. I forbid that any of Mothers children, that

94 live in this first Church, should stay out among the world over six weeks, and four is long enough. All necessary business can be transacted in this length of time.

And now in union with the beloved lead, I here establish an order, that three brethren shall be appointed, and I say three are sufficient, to go to the great and wicked Cities of New York, Philadelphia and Baltimore; and those three brethren must be appointed by the Lead.

Many will plead the necessity of going to these wicked cities; but listen not, O dearly beloved to their pleadings; for my children will plead for this and that necessary thing, till true Church order is wholly run out. And what does all this pleading amount to? Surely it brings this church into that which God forbids to be here.

Now what do so many locks and keys, and watches mean? So many superfluities! So much private property! So much selfishness! So much lusting after riches, popularity, grandeur and unnecessary convenience, that I say shame! shame! shame! Yet plead the necessity of all these things! Yea I now say, you may heap heaps upon heaps, stores on stores, but the mighty hand of God will sweep them off, if you do not freely raise your hands and purge them out, and come to the sacred order of God's

Church on earth. But if ye do not hearken now, unto my word; know ye, that ye shall hear my voice louder than, peals of thunder.

Now ye will ask, What shall we do with all our locks and keys? My word is, take them off, and deliver them up to the Trustees in the line of order; yea off from writing boxes and desks. And what do all these locks and keys mean on your shop room doors chests cupboards, & tool boxes? And above all, to keep locks and keys in the dwellinghouse of the Saints, except where public stores are secured.

O dear children! you are ready to make many excuses for all these things. But is not the mighty hand of God able to protect you from all harm, if you keep his holy orders? Do all these locks and keys serve to increase the fear of God in this holy sanctuary? I say nay, nay, indeed not. But if ye have any writings either of a spiritual or carnal nature, that ye wish to keep private from the public view, deliver them into the hands of your beloved Lord in spiritual care. (And again), what do all these journals mean? Do you work for hire, that you must keep a daily journal? Are you going to exact pay for your labour? I say that by the hand of God, you will be paid for this unnecessary labour, unless you repent of it by leaving it off. Two family Journals ought to be kept; one by the brethren, and one by the sisters.

And all temporal labour and concerns, that are necessary to be committed to writing must be entered on these journals; the Physicians excepted.

A few words more to the beloved Lead. When my dear children apply to you to know whether this or that superfluous thing, whether for their own use, or for sale, will do, send them away to labour and see, whether it will agree with their holy faith, and teaching they have had from time to time. And when they have considered it well, they may make their returns; and if they are not according to the holy orders of this Church, let your ye be ye, and your may be may.

Now beloved, Will ye receive a few words from your blessed Mother Ann? These watches says Mother, that Father has spoken of, I do not own in the least degree; nay, nor never did. And it is only by the vain pleading of a craving sense, that they have crept in, and been tolerated.

But unto all that are in the hearing of these my words, that have clothed themselves with these unnecessary indulgences, and do not strip them off, while in time, when they enter the world of spirits, they will have to be stripped off before the holy Angels and justified spirits, to their shame, mortification and disgrace.

But says Mother Lucy, all of you my dear children, that will divest

yourselves of these useless vain things, may have the holy spirit of true Godly fear, to guard and protect you in the path of true holiness.

This shall be your watch within. Adah Pillah. Samantha Fairbanks.

New Lebanon April 3rd 1840.

Copy of A Message from Father Joseph and Mother Lucy. (Vol. III. p. 74.)
Delivered to the Elders at the Second Order. April 12th 1840.

Father says we have not come, beloved Elders, to order or dictate; this is for the Lord upon earth. But we have come, to make known to you our feelings, in relation to some things, which has been, and still is, a sore grievance to us.

We ask, How was the Church of God established upon earth, in respect to temporal property? Was it not, that all who were gathered into Church relation, should live, as tho' they possessed nothing, yet possessing all things? Was individuals allowed to call this thing mine, and that thing mine, because they obtained it by way of private interest? Were they not required to make a full sacrifice, and give up these things, as dedicating them to the use and improvement of the Church, as the Lord might think proper? I say, was not this the Order in which

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the Church was established? Surely it was: but now what do we hear!
We will speak firstly in relation to Bibles. This is an avenue, by which
much of this sense has crept in, undiscovered by many, as being any pos-
sible way for evil to find an entrance; altho the lead has seen this to
be a lurking foe, but knew not what to do, for fear of offending.

Now these are the feelings and this is the sense of many, who profess
to belong to the holy Church of God, who have espoused to devote and give
up all, to the consecrated interest of the Church, as established in gospel
order! Yea and set their hands and seals to that sacred covenant,
which was instigated thro' divine inspiration, and formed thro' tribula-
tion and sufferings!

One will be gathered into the Church, having a Bible purchased by
their Parents interest: this of course, is called mine: another will have
one presented to them by a friend, and this is mine, and very dear too.
Another who has not had private property, or dear friends, (which friend-
ship we do not own) wishes they could have a Bible of their own, as well
as their companions; Well the Bible is an approved book, and one is al-
lowed to have one, and another, and another, untill many have got them,
and hold them as their own private property! Even if they move from

one room from another, they must of course take their Bible; therefore some rooms are furnished with Bibles, while others are left destitute!

I ask, is this having all things common, possessing nothing, where with to call your own? Again one is gathered in, having money, that came by their Parents: they give it up, sign the Covenant, and to appearance become a Church member. They are permitted, thro' the condescension of the Lead, to call for whatever they think their needs require. Well they think, this is a good opportunity to get this thing, and that, for convenience sake, I shall never have another chance. I will get all I can now, &c. then I shall have them for my own, independant of any body. But remember, this sense does not stop here. These things, such as, my bed, my bible, my furniture, my tools, my this thing and that, must be looked after in a particular manner, that nothing shall mar or injure them! Is this according to the order, in which the Church was planted? Did I not say while upon earth, that those who were not more careful and prudent of the consecrated interest, that they were of their private property, was not worthy of it? Was it not strictly enjoined upon all, who were permitted to come into Church relation, that they should have naught to call their own; not even themselves. But give up time services, body soul and spirit to God. Nay the

clothes on our backs, we scarcely had confidence to call our own. But the rising generation, if they have a little money, come by their flesh relations, instead of feeling anxious to devote the whole for the upbuilding of the Church, want to get them a nice garment, a nice hat, a nice set of tools; and these things are all mine. I feel full liberty to wear and to do with them as I please, they are nothing that come out of the joint-interest. &c.

Thus we see the young, wearing more costly apparel, enjoying more conveniences of life, than those who have borne the burden and heat of the day; who have suffered and toiled, to lay a foundation of righteousness for you to build upon; and this is the way you are building upon it. I tell you, this is not building upon it. We can forbear no longer; we must declare solemn truths unto you! This is the foundation of God. It was planted by his hand; and if ye do not build upon it, your feet will slip, & land your souls in death! — We do not censure the Seal, may in no wise.

Mother Lucy says, You know when I was upon earth, I tolerated many things, that was contrary to my faith, contrary to the rules of strict Church Order for peace sake, fearing to offend; and many times governed by false reasonings: therefore we say, let not the Seal censure themselves on this ground.

We know the sincerity of your hearts, we know your intentions have been

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and still are, to maintain Mother's gospel in its purity: but these things have been increasing little by little, untill we have become constrained to cry aloud, and spare not the house of Israel! The voice of the holy spirit, is re-echoing, Go purge the Sanctuary, from all filthiness of flesh and spirit: Sound again the gospel trumpet, to the rising generation, that there may be a true seed left upon earth, when the first chosen are all called home. Yea I say unto you dear children, the day has come, to make a decisive work with every soul; then shall not one be left remaining in the holy Church of God, (who has come to years of understanding) that is not willing to come strictly to its requirements, as it was established in the beginning. If there are any, who thro' wilful disobedience, slight and disregard the holy order, in which the Church was planted, and think it a light matter, whether they come strictly to the mark or not: I say such souls, if they do not turn, they shall lose their privilege in the holy church! And a soul that takes one step back, will have much to pass thro' ere they take another forward! For I will, saith the Lord, continue my work, untill my holy sanctuary is cleansed, & souls who abide in Church relation, honor their calling.

Many of the young will say, shall I ever be as good as such a one, (alluding to one who was planted in true gospel order, and had ever walked

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Now some will say in their hearts, 'This is strict doings indeed!' cant-keep so much as a Bible! Ye will find, young people, that when your souls are called to appear, divested of all false coverings, they will have none too much clothing to cover their shame! Then hearken and obey, while there is yet mercy and help, for every honest soul.

While you hold claim to any article, keeping as private interest, remember ye are not rightful heirs to the consecrated interest; therefore cannot be considered as true sons & daughters of your Heavenly Parents

We would therefore that ye bring forward all your Bibles, and all articles of every description, that ye hold as private interest, and

give them up: not outwardly, as a requirement, but free your spirits from that selfish *sense*, & that worldly craving, for something to call your own; it does not belong, neither shall it abide in the house of God any longer.

Do not give them up, hoping to receive them back again: in so doing, you will lose your reward. But let the Lord distribute them as needs and circumstances may require: divest yourselves of every earthly clog. Then they will be in a situation to clothe themselves with the beautiful garment of righteousness, they shall know the glories of the heavenly kingdom, and become fit subjects for the eternal world.

Do ye not believe that your heavenly Parents are able to reward you for any sacrifice of earthly things. To you that believe, I say, ye shall receive a bountiful store, yea more than ye have room to receive. But to the unbeliever, it shall be taken away, even that which he seemeth to have: Our God is a consuming fire, fear ye his Words!

We would now ask those, who have faithfully kept the order in which the Church was established, if they have found more protection than their faith requires, or their conscience taught them was necessary? Do ye not know it to be the golden chain of safety, without which, ye would

have been like sheep without a shepherd. I hear every true child of Mother, testify yea. So must the rising generation know as ye have known.

This we now commit to the Lead, to act as they in their Wisdom see fit.

2nd Order.

Coppy of the Sealed Covenant.
Sounded from Trumpets of Holy Order.

OR

The Holy Covenant of Mothers Children on Earth.

April 14th 15th 16th & 17th. 1840. by Lillah Potter.

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Vi lo ven ste ka ren†: Yea on these days are the trumpets of holy order sounding thro' the House of Israel, and on the walls of Zion! That holy ^{holy} ^{holy} ^{holy} and sacred order of Mothers house and first Church below; Yea sounding loud by the voice and word of the heavenly founders of the sacred Order and Laws of the Lion of God upon Earth, and sealed by the echoing sound of the united voice of the holy anointed and appointed Lead, Ministry and Elders, and of those appointed by them, to stand first in temporal trust and care. Yea sealed again we say, forever to stand, true and sure, by the re-echoing sound thro' the heavens of the solemn yea, and amen, sounded thro' the holy trumpets of order on earth. Concerning wearing apparel,

and all needful articles that are necessary for the occupations, daily duties and employment, yea the support and comfort of 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 into 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, forbid 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 yourselves, with your whole hearts and souls, to the sacred service of your heavenly Father's work, of your everblessed calling, as laborers in his holy vineyard, and for the up-building 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, &c. were written by Elder sister Olive, April 11th 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 19th 1840.

Bibles.	4	Testimonies of the brethren & sisters.	1
Testaments.	1	Joseph Sampson's Hymns	1
Christ's Second Appearing	2.	Dictionary	1
Millennial Church.	2	Grammar	1
Kentucky Revival	1.	Spelling Book	1
Plain Evidences	1	Maces Dialogues	1

Again on the 17th Mother Ann said, Dearly 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, lis ha la na ve *unto thee, O holy Father! O shout ye, for surely, surely beautiful is the holy and sacred order of the house of the Lord.

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Yea, now can I seal, the word of that holy heavenly power on earth. How 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, cheerfully and thankfully give up all; yea make a full and final sacrifice, of all that we possess, and ourselves also, we will solemnly dedicate, to the holy service and work of our God.

Never never, may 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 memorial 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 say, 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 hereafter 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 Ann's 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 watchmen in the house of the Lord! Ye have now heard sounded, yea & 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 blessed heavenly Parents, unto you. If ye, our dearly beloved children, will unite with us, and seal your names to this our word, as to your own word, and as an unalterable covenant of truth; then shall your names be sealed in that holy book, held by the neverfailing 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 and 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.

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Reply of the Ministry and Elders.

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.

Ministry { Ebenezer Bishop
Rufus Bishop.

Elders. { David Meacham
Daniel Boler.

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

Copy of a message from Mother Lucy to Elizabeth Lovegrove 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

110. I still know you; and 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 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 know that 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 faithfulnes have I granted her this privilege, to come and behold her faithful child on earth: not be cause of any natural relation or affections, 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 Betty. (for 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 faithfulnes 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 Betty then kneeled 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 may be left, to forsake nor wander from my Mothers holy and beautiful mansions.

Yea says blessed Mother Ann, little Betty, 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 mansions; 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 trying scenes, and deep tribulation: but be patient, and bear with patience all that is for you on earth to bear, and ye shall surely have your reward. Yea says blessed Mother, you are one of the first of my second severn 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 your 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 ye 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 Father's 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 yours, that often la-

ment in sorrow, & humiliation, that they did not do as you have done, and followed your Godly example, when they were called when you was; and often 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 time. Now says Mother, I have prepared & brought a pretty robe: it is folded and laid in a silk 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 heavenly robe and beautiful Vest.

So now says blessed Mother, Elizabeth, put abye, put abye your sorrow, grief and tribulation. I say, 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.

Lillah Potter.

Copy of A Message from Father Joseph. April 2nd 1840.
Second Order. (Vol. III. p. 133.)

I have come in *Ne na va, vidu le veen* (The name of Christ, my Lord and Saviour) to do the will of my Heavenly Parents. Often have I visited you, and now I have come again, by the request of Mother Ann, Father William, and Father James, to sound sound again the Trumpet of truth in your ears. Yea and by the power of God, and with a mighty hand, I now raise my trumpet, and proclaim unto you truths! truths! even as they stand on the records of eternity! They are words says Father, that have fallen from the lips of the children of this world, concerning many of you, who now and then, chance to go out among them. Often yea very often of late, they have been heard to say, that the time had been,

when the Shakers were what they professed to be; but now they are not. They have got to be about as fashionable as other people; and some of them are more so. They are getting more and more into our manners and customs, and soon they will be no better than we are. They can jest and joke as well as we, and carry on an argument as well; yea and even say they seek opportunities to please their natural curiosities. But there are some, who seem to take no notice of any thing among us: and what can be the reason? They seem to enjoy happiness, and appear to feel comfortable, but yet there is something strange about them. Now what can all this mean? Why is there so much difference? Some of them like to take part with us, and know, if they can, every thing that is going on in the world: and yet they all profess to be one people. I say, these and many more are the words recorded in my mansion of this sort. But O lee van, se can, ne ne vo. Yea could you, I say, sense the tribulation that is felt for you, my dear children, by those who are sent on earth to protect you, you would fear and tremble. There has never, nay never, one of you been sent out among the wicked, either on business or for releasement without guardian spirits to attend you, who have ever been faithful to give strict accounts, of every word, thought and action.

O my dear children, draw near unto me and hearken to my word.
I want to ask you a few questions.

Do you, and have you at all times, when you have been entrusted to go among the world, on business, carried strict account to the Trustees, or deacons, of all that you have spent? Or do you buy now and then something and say nothing about it, only that you had to take so much money, to bear your expences. I say is this the way you do? O do you say, I bought so many cigars, so many glasses of beer, so many papers of tobacco, so much candy, so many raisins, so many oranges, and so many Oysters, &c. to please my taste and to bring home for somebody else. I have brought with me, says Father, a strict account of all these things; but I am ashamed to show it. I say, how do these things stand, and how do you get your liberties for all these indulgences. Did you ever hear any such thing of me, while I was upon earth? Did any of you, who were acquainted with me, know of my buying papers of tobacco, or other articles, because I thought them nicer, than what I could get of the Deacons? Does your blessed Lead upon earth, set you any such examples. I say, nay, nor never have. Now I would, says Father, that ye my dear children would never more be guilty of these things.

My word is, Go ye no more into paper Mills, Factorys nor stores of any kind unnecessarily, on purpose to please a natural curiosity. But when you are sent on business, go in the fear of God, and then you will be protected. Do not sit round in the bar rooms, and other public places, listening to the flattering tales, and enticing charms of those who are trying to injure you I tell you, says Father, when you are out among the wicked, you are watched very narrowly. I can no longer withhold these things from you: your heavenly parents have sent me to set all things right; yea and to cleanse the sanctuary of the Lord, from all that is impure! And I shall not slack my hand, untill my children are, in reality what they profess to be. O says Father, I want you should gain that garment of purity, and meekness, that the children of this world do not possess. Let your words with them be few, and seasoned with grace: let them see that you have separated yourselves from them, and that you want no more of them.

Know ye dear children, that these are my words says Father, and with them ye may receive my everlasting love; Mother Ann says, Know ye not dear children, that these blessings which you now enjoy are by and thro' the intercession of your beloved dead, my chosen and

118^{holy} anointed. Yea and your blessed Elders, brethren and Sisters, who have gone before you, and laid the foundation for you to build upon! They have bowed their spirits in prayer and supplication that you might receive the gospel as they did, and be planted in the same soil, Yea, and nourished from the same fountain of eternal good. So take ye courage, press on, and gain this beautiful robe of meekness and simplicity, with which your heavenly parents are clad. 2nd Order.

Copy of a Message from Father Joseph and Mother Lucy.

Communicated to the Ministry and Elders of the first family, at New Lebanon, after the forenoon meeting, on Sabbath, May 3^d 1840. by Eleanor Potter.

Father says, Dearly beloved Ministry and Elders, 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 wish at this time to freely make known our feelings to you. It is in relation to what is gathered into 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 into the first family, but those that had good faith & brightest faculties; no children but what was brought up, or kept under good family government. I did say there should be no unwritten no unfaithful or 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 isolated; 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, an 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. O to the light of the gospel increases, the world of mankind increase in sin and wickedness, in the abomination 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, 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 will do well.

Now Father says if the beloved lead 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 into 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 into 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 is 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 into 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 & bright; but when grown and come to maturity are ignorant & 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 head, hard for the family, and brings heavy burthens. 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 & 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, & 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 thankful, if they can raise up a child, which can be thought fit or worthy to come into 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 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 & direct his chosen people. But I will inform you of some things which I have seen, and expression 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 & 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 do not 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 don't want them; they'll take them and be glad of them; and we are glad to get rid of them. &c. And when there are children brought in, be sure to 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.

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 shant 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 occasion. This is the respect they show to the Lead. 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,

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There will be a different sense. Father says, when I was with you, the orders of the Church were so strict, that no individuals or members of the Church, had any communication with members of other families, only by liberty in the line 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. Yea 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: therefore we have come to help you. It is time that the Lion of God should

be purged: purge out that which is evil, that there may nothing more be gathered but good and precious wheat. I do not 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 judgment their wickedness brings, therefore you have it to feel for them. We begun our work with the grown people; they have found a great increase; that gives us satisfaction. There is no other way to restore the Church to the true foundation, only to be strict and mindful in these respects. Yea Father and Mother says, the foundation is laid, and the laws of Mount Zion are made, and 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 much pleased to have you bear witness for us, by saying 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 meeting, 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. Yea 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 lead 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 caretaker a good degree of satisfaction. And says Mother, when there is reproof or admonition for the family, let the youth and children under the age of 21 retire. And when it is for them, call them forward, where they can understand and know it is for them to treasure up; that they may learn to fear God. These are our feelings and desire says Father and Mother.

New Lebanon May 6th 1840.

Copy of a short Communication from Mother Ann, by the Angel of Wisdom.
to the Ministry and Elders. by Philemon Stewart. — (vol. III. p. 141.)

Beloved Ministry and Elders, saith the Angel of Wisdom, I have come from your ever blessed Mother Ann, with the words of warning from her mouth, in respect to all those that have been chosen as instruments in this Church. In no place, says your blessed Mother, has she set Angels of Wisdom to watch so close as in this Church: and we are saith the Angel under strict orders to carry tidings according to truth, of every thing that is spoken in the line of visions or inspiration, to your heavenly Parents. And the most part of our tidings has pleased them well. But in respect to some points, our tidings have brought heavy and sore tribulation upon them. Mother says, she shall not, at this time, make mention of any errors that have been previously committed: for they have not, in a general sense, been willfully done; but have in some instances occurred in consequence of three things, which are these. Firstly, that the soul has not been prepared, thro' sufferings and deep tribulation, a sufficient length of time, previous to their communication. Secondly, for the lack of not labouring to discern the difference between the work of

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God, and their own natural senses; thereby letting their own sense blend with the spirit by which they were inspired, or taken into vision. Thirdly, The youthful and inexperienced mind, having a great desire to be the bearer of something extraordinary great and mysterious. It is in these channels says Mother, that souls have, in many places, made shipwrecks of the precious gifts, which I did send them; and thereby have lost their own souls, and cast stumbling blocks before others, which will be extremely hard to remove: for when a soul gets any just plea to their sense, to disbelieve the invisible things of God. The Devil will take great advantage of it, and if possible destroy the soul. Let no soul, from this time henceforth, set any particular bounds or periods of time, either in years, months or weeks, for any particular part of Gods work to take place in. This says Mother, is not given for you to know; of the times and the seasons know not the Angels in heaven, but your Father only, as Christ said when he was upon earth. The remarkable manifestations of God, which have been, and still are to my children, on earth says Mother, are not given to lead the sense to contemplate and labour upon some definite period of time which has been set for remarkable and great events to take place, which has no connection with your present duty or calling.

But they are given for strength and encouragement, to those that desire to persevere on, in the good way of God. and for a terror and sharp rebuke to those that wish to remain in their pollutions at ease in Zion. It is the poor and the distressed of this world says Mother, that are called by the gospel. Not many of the high, honorable and noble and rich ones of the earth, has God yet called. And will you that were poor destitute and distressed and of little account in the world; now turn a deaf ear to those that are in like condition as ye were. God forbid, says Mother, that any should do it. Let nothing be spoken in the name of Christ, or your heavenly Parents, but what is replete with kindness and charity, and open and thankful hearts to receive the poor of this world. This I have brought says the Angel of Wisdom, from your blessed Mother; and as there was not an opportunity for an immediate communication, I have caused it to be written quickly, agreeable to Mothers wish. And Mother desires to have all that have spoken in her name under inspiration in this Church, hear this, before the beloved Ministry leave this place, if they feel union: for the time has come, that renders it necessary saith the Angel of Wisdom. And it is Mothers desire, that some part of the Ministry, if not all, with the Elders, would be present, when

it is read, to them, and freely speak their feelings on this subject.

The Angel has brought love and manna, he says, from Mother, to feed the wise.

This is all, with 8 bows.

New Lebanon May 2¹/₄th 1840.

One of our Sisters testifies to the Elders, that she saw Gemima Pease come into 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 and 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 Rathbone is let loose, seeking whom he can devour. His wicked spirit, and many more are trying to throw their clutches on many poor souls, to see how many they can overcome, to destroy by their evil spirits. Then said Gemima, Do beloved Elders, brethren and sisters of the first Church, pray for Hancock believers;

for these wicked spirits are going all around at Tyringham & Enfield."
 Seen by Olive Wheeler.

New Lebanon, May 31, ^oc 1840.

Copy of a Roll of the Word of God.

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Written by the Proclaiming Angel, and read by Father James, Sabbath
 Morning Meeting. Thro' Eleanor Potter.

Thus saith the Lord God of Heaven and Earth: I have caused the
 Proclaiming Angel to write this my word, to be read to you, my holy
 people. How many blessings have I freely bestowed upon you from time
 to time, and how much have you ^{daily} received from your blessed Mother Ann,
 and all your Heavenly Parents, of mercy, charity love and kind entreaties
 for your encouragement and strength. But now do I, the Lord your God,
 say unto you; I have come to bring peace unto the faithful, but judgment
 to those who will not obey their blessed Mother Ann and their lead. No longer
 will I forbear and hold my peace! No longer will I be mocked, or suffer
 your blessed Mother to be mocked! Many yea very many warnings
 have you had, that the sinner should be searched out, and the trumpet
 of truth should be sounded. I am Lord of Heaven and Earth; and my

judgments are in the land: the wicked I will destroy and the unclean among my holy people will I cast out: for my judgments shall begin in the house of God. I will purge my floor, and cleanse my holy sanctuary. And those who will not purge their souls from all uncleanness, shall be swept and cut off, and go to receive their judgment with the wicked.

Thus saith the Lord; Peace be unto the faithful; but unto those who work iniquity and seek to hide themselves, Woe be unto you! Search ye every one your hearts; there is a search warrant to every soul. I am that God, who knows the heart and feelings of every one. Yea I am a just God, I am the Lord of Heaven and Earth, and God of the Creation! With an impartial hand, did I, form my creation; I did not form one soul that I intended should be saved, and others should be lost: but equality and justice is free for all; salvation is free, the gospel of your blessed Mother is free; life and death are set before you, and your choice is free: each one are left to choose for themselves; all may be saved that will. I am a God of truth, and my words shall not fail nor pass away in vain: but all shall receive the just reward of their works. There is no discouragement to the faithful, peace be unto you: those who freely sacrifice their carnal pleasures, and are true to the holy call of God, to those who walk in obedience to their lead, and

seek to do my will, to such shall my mercies flow. But to the hypocrite and deceitful worker, I have whet the sword of my vengeance, which shall separate them, from the pure and holy; they can no longer blend together. The day of separation is at hand, and the time is come for the wicked, & those who do not live truly to their profession shall surely be cut off, and return to their own likeness.

Thus saith the Lord, I am a God of mercy, and judgment: I have begun my work, and my judgments shall increase. I have sent forth my proclaiming Angel, to sound forth the trumpet of judgment thro' out the land. The doors of my truth is now open and never shall be closed untill my sanctuary is cleansed, and my holy people are set free, if there does not remain but 5 faithful souls: for soothing and flattering is at an end, you shall hear my voice in very truth. And the hypocrite shall no longer say, "I do not fear the truth, I have not been discovered yet; I have gone on in my own nature, and done as I pleased. I have heard a great deal said about things being known, but I ha'n't no faith in it, I don't believe it; I don't see but it is all slick, things go well enough: it is all pretty presents, & pleasant gifts." But I tell you, I am that God who sees & knows the feelings, and thoughts of

every heart: let the ungodly fear and tremble; for I read the hearts of those who are seeking every means to pick and catch at every simple gift, and even the gifts, changes and counsels for the general good, or for the increase of individuals, and conveying it to the backsliders of this gospel, to reprobates and making it a public spectacle to the eyes of those who are opposed to the work of God. I will no longer be mocked in this way: this is blaspheming the Lord your God, and the gospel of Mother Ann. Tale-bearing and tattling shall no longer remain undisturbed in this my first, (and called to be) holy Church; a temple of the living God on earth. Then be ye what you profess. For those who live in their lust, and carnal desires of the fallen nature of men and women, having communion with the beasts, carrying news to the vagabonds, mocking my word, and working every abomination that maketh a lie, bring trouble, affliction and judgment upon my holy people. It shall no more be suffered; but the judgment and condemnation of these things, shall fall upon you, who are guilty of them.

You need not think to keep covered, for my searching power shall search you out; and my word shall separate that sin from your souls, or else your persons shall perish, and fall back to the pollutions which you possess.

and you shall no more remain with the faithful. Thus saith the Lord, confess with your tongues the words you have spoken, and the filthy works and abominations of your hearts, or else you are shut out of my mercy. No longer will I extend mercy, to those who seek it not: to those who will dare venture to join the worship of God with the faithful, with sin concealed in your hearts; fear and tremble, confess and repent, or you shall no more be covered in the presence of your brethren and sisters, who stand justified before their God and each other: but your countenance shall be as a black thunder cloud, seen and known by the faithful, and walking naked before all and bring death and judgment on your own souls, which is a choice you will make for yourselves: you cannot cast reflections on any one; for your God is just, & your Mother is just; none shall lose their just reward. Power is mine, justice and mercy are in my hand, and I am able to make known and divulge the most secret feelings of your souls. In my time shall all things be effected, and my promise shall not prove false. No matter what rank you stand in, no matter what your age, no matter what your place or calling is, no matter what your profession is, no matter how slick your outward appearance, no matter how much deceit you may use to try to appear honorable, it will all avail nothing.

If sin is concealed within you are known; you shall walk naked and your shame shall appear. Yea saith God, my voice of truth - like a roaring lion shall separate sin and sinners from the righteous and those who fear God: for my work is an increasing work, and every soul that is called by this gospel that is honest and true, will be able to abide the truth. But those who are not, will fall off, and none will lament: for every faithful soul will rejoice that the way is clear: that the disobedient and evil worker will not be suffered to distress and stand stand as stumbling blocks, in the way of those that would do well. But by honestly confessing and repenting, every soul may be restored and find mercy. Thus saith the proclaiming angel, Do cry unto God, and beg his mercy: confess and repent ye, for God will hear the humble, that earnestly seek his mercy.

An address of unknown language,
which is not, nor will not be understood at present. End of the Roll.

Father James' address to the Faithful.

Unto you who are faithful and true, I bring comfort and peace; be not discouraged but be thankful that God is able to purge out the filthy workers of iniquity, that the faithful may not suffer their judgment. The time has come, that every soul must stand or fall for themselves; tho' they may be helped or dragged along for a season; yet their condemnation brings

judgment on the whole, which is unjust, and shall not be: they shall turn from their ways, or receive their own judgment. Yea says Father, on those who are faithful, do I freely bestow my love and blessing.

But to that evil spirit that souls possess, which is enmity with all good, and trying to destroy and defy the work of God, I have no love.

Copy of a short Message from Mother Ann, which followed directly after, Father James. Delivered by Sarah Ann Lewis.

I have come says Mother: I say unto you my dear children, Let the word of God, which has been spoken at this time sink deep into the hearts of every one. I say unto you, that are defiled with pollution and lust, confess or clear from this place. Make up your mind, this day, before night. Go to your Elders, and there let your feelings be known, whether you intend to confess the truth or go. If you do not intend to confess the truth, I say, clear! that the righteous may not feel your judgment any longer: and unto you who are not defiled with actual sin, Are you not overcome with pride, ambition, selfwill, and the carnal pleasings of a natural taste? All these things must be confessed and put away. Yea I say, consider your ways. Is every heart sincere in all you do, for the

honor and upbuilding of the gospel. Let all you put your hands to do, and every word you speak, be to build up the holy Church of God on earth. Let every soul consider, and seriously reflect. There is none perfect. All are lacking in something; in an ungoverned tongue or some way. But says Mother, if there be any that feel themselves without fault, do speak and you shall not bear the condemnation. To those defiled with sin confess; there is mercy for all who repent, and every soul may have time to consider and make their own choice. All may repent if they will.

Copy of the Words of the Proclaiming Angel, to the Elders of the Church.

Handed to them by Saphrona Smith of Waterolick, when here on a visit.

And read by Zillah Potter. June 20 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. 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 harvest, woe woe to them that reap and bind, thresh and fan, and gather into his

garner the good and precious wheat and blow away the chaff.

Then shall the pure in heart, the meek and the lowly be gathered into 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, saith the holy spirit.

Yea in that day shall it be, that the small remnant of the house of Israel shall be able to bring forth, and offer up, unto 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 7 times pass by you, and 7 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 that work iniquity and live in secret abomination in this my holy sanctuary shall be stript 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 only is praised in Zion.

O ye rulers 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 and Mother Lucy, to the Elders of the Church.

Mother Ann's visit. May 30th 1840.

Mother Ann, & Mother Lucy went all round, to visit, & bless. 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 & blessing unto you all, I have brought 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 into the world of spirits, from different parts of the earth. And now I will give them unto you, if there is union. — Mother Ann, & Mother Lucy, seemed quite satisfied with the family, & said there had quite a blessing attended all, this week.

As they were ready to go, Mother gave a list of the names & ages, of the little spirits. (as follows)
Jennett Bradford. — 21 — March — 1st — 1840.

<u>Name.</u>	<u>Age.</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>Day.</u>	<u>Year.</u>
Mortency Raven.	20.	Jan.	2. nd	1840.
Elizabeth Lain.	19.	August.	20. th	1839.
Amira Brooks.	16.	Dec.	11. th	1839.
Lovina Hannor.	15.	May.	5. th	1840.
Augusta Lemon.	12.	Oct.	15. th	1839.
Mary Fowler.	12.	June.	2. nd	1839.
Abigail Peetrey.	12.	Sept.	9. th	1839.
Sarah Weeden.	10.	March.	5. th	1840.
Sarah Ann Brewster.	9.	July.	11. th	1839.
Sarah Maria Fowler.	9.	August	1. st	1839.
Jerusha Lexington.	7.	Oct.	10. th	1839.
Rebecca Orance.	7.	Nov.	6. th	1839.
Polly Jane Power.	5.	Jan.	16. th	1840.
Eiza 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.	19. th	1839.
Susanna Lewis.	Born.	March	29. th	1840.

The Comforting Word of the Visitation Angel to Vilinda.

On Thursday morning November 21st, this Visitation Angel was seen flying round & round and sounding thro' a trumpet these words. O mine Vilinda halen, thou beloved child, thou art blessed of thy Mother, and she hath sent me to comfort thee.

The Angel then suddenly stoped and clapping his wings 4 times spoke as in the voice of a man. O mine Vilinda where art thou, O halen halen, O vin ce va, be ye of Good cheer, and rejoice in well doing: for with Ar se vi, and se ne ne va, I have come to guard you night and day. I.

I am truly, I am that holy, that Visitation 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 ar se le vo of your God.

O Vilinda! It is blessing and praise I will sound sound sound forth to thee, for thy faithful labors on earth.

Yea from that just and holy hand of the living God, whom thou servest, whom thou lovest, whom thou hast honored and glorified while in

time, thou shalt receive the sure reward of a faithful and true watchman on the walls of Zion, a firm and strong pillar in the house of Israel, a brave valient soldier that has fought, that has fought the good fight, and with a righteous sear 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 words, 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 br. Etnos 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 brothers 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, and the word of the Walken Angel, and the song that he has sung, to my true & worthy child: for he is one of my first-born, and I wish him to receive my never-ceasing love 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 this letter on the Angels head, and he will carry it safe and place it on Elder brothers head, and there it shall remain till the time appointed.

Mother then said, Go ye now, speak these things to your beloved lead, and see that ye obey my voice.

This song was learned on Friday morning November 22nd 1839, from Elder sister Olive's sounding it thro' the Angels Trumpet.

By Leillah Potter.

Copy of a Letter from Mother Ann, to Elder brother Amos Stowers.

From the Mansions of Peace. On ste vo, Ven di Nov 20th

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-grieving 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, writes with my own hand, and seal with my own word, this short letter.

This I have done, that ye might hear and know, while you were yet on this earth, that you have never been left nor forsaken by me.

Now know ye, O my Se lin vin se, it is with joy that I spurs forth unto thee, at this time, my words, and prove unto you, that I am, that I long have been, and still will be, a kind tender watchful parent over thee: for long long howe I desired to speak unto you, as one of my first-born, here in my first Church, and in the presence of that holy anointed Lead, 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 & proved love & never-ceasing blessing that freely flows from a true Parent, to a faithful child. Et gain hear ye my word.

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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 O se lin, la van, la van se, all these things, all these 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 oft heard thy humble supplication, 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 through; and at times of extreme danger, far more than thou hast ever 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 through the lying spirit of revenge, they lay in wait to take

149. 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 vermin, base lovers of thee, and thy holy life were plotting, speaking writing & even sealing their worldly horrid oaths, that they would kill thee, at this 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 transactions of their hearts.

But now O Silin, Wilinda arise 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 mansions of endless glory; & 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. Tillah Patten.

December, 24th 1840.

A Short Message, from Father Joseph, & Mother Lucy, to the Elders.

O Beloved Lead,

Says Father Joseph, & Mother Lucy; we have brought unto you, at this time, 2 large baskets, fill'd with balls of love & 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; & 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 & empty conversation; yea, & comments made by the young, the unmortified & unwise, upon the speaking in meeting. Yea, often have we pass'd thro' the dwellings of the righteous, & heard it observed by them, that were particularly called upon to speak, by the Elders, say; thus, & thus, shall I speak, when it is my turn. I think you had better tell them so, and so.

182. I thought 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 irritated 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 ye labour to recollect, & consider the unwise use you have made of your tongues, in this case, you will not only find that 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, & Mother Lucy; all ye that choose to be the rightful heirs of the kingdom, must confess & 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 & 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, is going to be said in meeting; may go to their Elders at the close of the week, & receive these balls of love, & godly fear; as a reward for your faithfulness.

Harriet Goodwin.

A Visionary Dream. July 1840.

One night while asleep, I dreamed I was on the road to heaven. It was a very smooth pretty road; but many stones, stumps & rocks appeared in my way. But I had not gone far, before I began to hear a groaning; and as I advanced forward I kept hearing it still louder; and soon I arrived to heaven's first gate. Here I found a woman dressed in a shaker dress. She stood upon her knees, crying with a loud voice. O Father! Heavenly Father! Do open the door of thy Holy Sanctuary; that I may enter in. But no answer was made. She then cried again, and again; for the space of two hours. But no answer had she yet received. She then raised both hands in revenge; and arose and started to come back to the earth again. She walked by a very smooth pretty road; but did not step one step in it. The road she was in, was very broad, & very uneven. I followed on behind her till we came to the second house. Here she knocked at Lillah's door. But no answer was made. She then spoke these words with great fury. You have abused me! you have laid things to me, that I was not guilty of. you have carried false reports about me, to the Elders, in order to cover your own sins. You have accused the children, of that which they were not guilty of; and made them lie, and

say they had done things that they never had done. And if they would not say they had done what you accused them of; you would whip them, pull their hair, and make them go both cold & hungry. This I have seen you do, when I knew you was in a passion; and this I can testify against you, before both God & man. Then she knocked again & again on Zillah's door; but no answer was yet made her. But soon two brethren arose, came out of the bed-room, joining Zillah's room & opened the door. She then exclaimed, O! Zillah! Zillah. In my first fall, in this place I felt against you.

I then waked up.

Harriet Goodwin.

Concerning Margaret Mourffer, an Irish Girl

August 29th 1840.

Saturday evening while we were in our meeting standing up 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, Do my poor soul, I pray draw nigh; Fill 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, sung this little song, as before. I then spoke, and asked her name. She said, Mother calls me her little Silvestra. My name, before I died, was Margaret Murfee. 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 round, and round, from place, to place, alone with my Father; till one day we passed by some Shaker 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 my Father would not let me; so I cried about it, till he told me if I did not leave off crying, 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 that 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 of them pretty women that called me. But after I died, I found that it was not one of them; but it was one that I loved as well. I was Electa Blanchard. She told me, if would be a good girl, I should be her's. And I promised her that I would be

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

So now I must go. Farewell, till some other time.

Harriet Goodwin.

N.B. Silvesta said her Mother was a believer, & all her brothers & Sisters. She said that they were all dead.

H. G.

Note. It will or must be understood, that the above mentioned little girl, passed with her father thro our Village, her father stoped to go to the Machine, saw mill &c, and the sisters took the little girl into the shop. They crossed the mountain went over to _____ and the little girl was taken sick and died in a very few days. It was a curious affair.

Words written by Father Williams, and made known
to the Elders. Feb'y 23rd 1841.

Hla hash ka len, con ses veem vi vas ka Len sen se ro len.

O Dearly Beloved Ministry & Elders, I have come at this time to pro-
claim unto you words of truth, truth.

Yea I say, with the scepter of eternal righteousness in my grasp, & the
Holy vensino, of God my Heavenly Father in my lips, Yea under the
ensign of pure gospel liberty do I now sound forth, the word, & will of all your
Heavenly Parents unto you. I have not come to sound unto you,
one thing, nor two things; but I have come to sound forth, & make known
many things unto you. Each, & every one who stand as Elders in the
churches of New Lebanon & Waterliet.

The word I have come to sound forth unto you, is concerning the
many disorderly things, & the spirit of the world that has crept into these
Churches, that it was intended should stand before God, without spot
or blemish.

Yea, I say; ye who stand as Elders in the house of Israel, Give ear,
and hearken to my word, & the vensino of God your Heavenly Father.

Firstly, I say unto you. What means this going out among the world so much by individuals? By those who have no place of care in the family; who are not appointed to go out to do business, nor do not live at the office?

What means the few cents, or shillings of spending money that some carry round in their pockets? What means this one & that ones buying themselves a comb, an Ink-stand, a drinking glass or looking glass; or, some such pretty little trinket or notion; or an orange, candies or raisins to eat themselves, or to give to some bosom favourite? or some fond lover; who is as deep in the flesh as they are? & will accept of these pretty little filthy things from their hands.!!! Where is it the right to do these things, the the money to do them, & the time to do them has come from?

They answer would be. Why, I stay at home quite steady. I do not often go out among the world, & when I do, I want to take some comfort; to see some thing there is in the world, Well, Where did you get your money?

Why I raised some things in the gardens, or on the farm, or made some thing when I was at work in the shop, & when I was entrusted to go out of an errand, I took it & sold it; & so I got my money. Well, Where did you get your land to raise this profitable article on? I raised it on the farm, or in the garden that

belonged to the church. What! took the land consecrated & devoted to the Holy order of the Church, to cultivate and raise, any thing of any sort kind & description or to support a selfish motive? Heaven forbid that you should ever do this thing again!

Where have you got your materials to make that little box, or basket, or walking cane or ruler; or this, or that little fine & fantastic notion ~~which~~ which you have sold? Why, the timber, paint, oil & varnish, & the nails & hinges &c. that I have used, were provided by the trustees. Bought with the consecrated interest & property, to be used for the good of the Church, very well. Then you have taken of the consecrated property, & hard earnings of the Church, the necessary materials to make a fancy article, to sell to get some money to support your self, & a private & selfish interest. Have you ever signed the covenant? Have you earned by hard labour, this much more than any of your Brethren & sisters since you was of age? Or, did you bring an uncommon large sum of money into the Church with you when you came? or, have your parents & friends, provided you with money since you lived in the Church? Or, did you get liberty of your Elders & deacons, to make the article you have made and then to take it and sell it.

I say no individual member, has any right to have one cent of money to dispose of at pleasure, let the case be what it may. Again, I would ask, what means these desks, cupboards, drawers, chests & boxes, owned by individuals, who have signed the church covenant? Why, I made mine, in time that I gained as my own; after my days work was done, in time that you have gained as your own? What do you mean by that expression? are you under age? remember you are but as a child in its parents house, & do not own and possess any thing; even to the clothes you wear. If you are of age, & have signed the Church covenant, remember you have consecrated and given up your time & talents, soul & bodies, sum & substance, to God, & Gods people. But I would ask, why have not all got these accommodations & conveniences equal, & alike?

Why, (some of the sisters will reply,) The brother, that I am placed to support union with, had no time to make such a cupboard, chest, desk, (or what ever it may be) for me. And his work was such, that I could not change work with him, & hire him to do it, & I had not pretty faces, & flattering words sufficient to court & coase him to do it. But why have not the sisters all got an equal & suitable portion of working tools? such as they use among themselves?

Because we have not won the brethrens fancy that we support union with. & because our brethren have not had time to provide them for us.

Therefore we must do without any thing, while some have more than they know what to do with.

But why are not all the brethren equally provided for? Well, my branch of buisness, is heavy, a great deal of it to be done, & but few hands to do it; therefore I have no time. Well, I have signed the covenant, & consecrated my self, soul & body to God; therefore I have no right or priviledge to take any time, or make any thing to support a selfish intrest. This is the word of the true believer.

But now I would ask, What means all this disorder between brethren & sister? & why, is the holy order of God, so polluted & defiled? Yea, I say, why is it I have seen sisters tripping across the hall, till they meet the brother that they support union with, and then in a low voice, & in such a pretty way that nobody else understands it, inform the brother, that if he will come to the kitchen at such a time, (& perhaps that will be when there is no one else there,) he shall have some dinner; or, some bittens, or some pretty thing. And how often have I seen brethren go to their sisters, that ^{they} support union with, and ask them to get them some different food from the rest, or a meal of victuals, because they are out of health. Well, whether the sister has offered, or the brother has asked her, she must go to the doctors & deaconesses, to get where with to provide this

meal; must leave her work at the shop, & more likely than any way get into some disorder, that must be confessed, or bring loss upon the soul.

Well, with these disorderly meals, & such like things, the sisters bring the brethren under the responsibility to prepare & provide for them, their little foolish toys & knicknacks, But why is it that if a brother is confined at the sickroom the sister that supports union with must be called from their duty let it be what it may to go & take care of him, & why is it I have seen brethren provided, for week after week, with a mess of sweetened water and bread sweetened gruel, or some like thing, by the hand of the sister they supported union with, or some other sister unknown to the Elders deaconesses and physicians, And why have I seen sisters combing brethrens hair turning it, sticking & fixing it down, &c. shame! shame! shame! Are ye called in this holy temple of God to live together as husbands & wives, Do you think the order established to support union together was ever intended to substitute the place of marriage? if so what do ye think is the substitute for the works of the flesh. Shame! shame! shame! hang your heads with me & feel ashamed, Let the blush of shame rest upon your brows, confess where you are guilty, & sin no more.

And I say, why have I seen sisters, shut up here & their eating an extra meal of victuals entirely unknown to the Elders and phisicians,

Is this coming up to good order, & attending regularly to your meals, no brother or sister ought to have an extra meal got for them, on account of ill health or hard work, only by the knowledge of the Elders Deaconesses & phisicians.

But if brethren want unsuitable meals, on account of going from home & such like, the sisters in the kitchen can provide it.

When a brother is out of health, the sisters who are phisicians, ought to see that some thing suitable for him to eat is put on the table, And when brethren & sisters are going to do a hard job of work, like butchering & c. the Deaconesses ought to see that they have something suitable or a meal of victuals got, But they never should do it nor suffer it to be done without the knowledge of the Elders, & c. Now brethren & sisters just look & see how far you are off the true foundation, & with a quickened pace retrace your steps.

But again I would ask, what has ment the free use of newspapers Almanacks, Histories Magazines & c. in the temple, & what means the drawings, maps charts, writing printings & c. that are hanging about the Office, and here & there among your shops, & what means those that are set in frames, with glafs before them

Think ye that people of the world do not know when they come to your office, that these things are not according to your profession. Yea I say they know it, & many of them bring them & ask permission to hang them in your office, for nothing only to try you, & either to scoff or ridicule you, or to ease off the weight of a guilt & remorse, that they themselves feel, I say all printings & writings set in frames with glafs before them, ought to be disposed of & sold to the children of this world & no writings nor printing maps nor charts, should be kept hanging up in your office or any other building. for remember you are setting an example for, hundreds unborn to follow after, & if they go as far from you, as you do from the true foundation, they will have profiles & pictures, as freely as you do charts printings & writings. What printings of steamboats rail roads, & canals, it is necessary for you to keep, do it, but never again hang about in the office. and, in any other building in the Church, nothing of the kind should either be kept or hung.

I have seen hours & hours, wasted & spent, in reading news papers, Almanacks, Histories, & magazines &c. And I have heard the young get together & daily talk upon the filthy & abominable stuff they had read in them, till their passions were so far aroused till they had not power & strength to withstand the temptations of satan & were thus led into sin, won to in dulgence and

gratification of their fallen & corrupt propensities, this & in this way many have left the way of God, & many more will fall, if these things are not put far, far from the Holy Zion of God.

But what means this lusting for worldly knowledge, & fame, that I have seen among the young. The time that has been spent to acquire an education that would render the young bold forward & impudent & cause them to mock ridicule & scorn those who had, as a deed of charity taken them, from the world, half starved & half naked, & provided them with food to eat & cloths to wear, Yea I say this has been the effects of public school, & this the effects of this lusting for worldly knowledge, But I would ask, have not the present ministry, education sufficient to render them capable of the place, in which they stand? Have not the trustees education sufficient to render them capable of doing & carrying on common business concerns?

Then I would just say to the young & rising generation, why do ye wish to spend your precious time & talents that God has blessed you with, to acquire an education for which when you enter eternity, you will have to suffer & be rendered accountable. But I say to you, the spirit of natural reasoning, Atheism, deism, popularity, splendor, superfluity & worldly grandure have all come in through, this door, even the vain lusting for worldly

Knowledge & fame. Now I say to the middle aged & young, shut this door, bar, bolt, & fasten it & never through time, suffer it again to be unfastened.

And again I say, what means the superfluous things, that have been bought & brought into the Church. Both in wearing apparel, Furniture & tools, trifles, toys & notions.

Did you introduce the use of gingham Lace, gay silk handkerchiefs and such like, because they were owned & worn by the ministry. O no, our ministry never had such things, But they had such at the order of young believers, & when our parents gave us some interest after we had signed the Church covenant, we asked to have some of our money spent to buy us a gown of this description a nice silk handkerchief or something of the like, a bible, an earthen bowl, a looking glass or some such thing.

Well that was ^{not} the way I got mine I had no father nor mother, to give me any money, I was taken into the Church when I was very young, I have been well & have worked hard & have signed the covenant which secures to every one equal rights & privileges whether they were taken into the Church rich or poor. And so when I see others wear & have these things bought gowns & aprons & such like things used among the sisters, and

blue full cloth bought suspenders, and such things used among brethren why I went & asked for some of the same kind, & would not be satisfied till I got it, or else when I went out among the world, I bought me a pair of suspenders, or some cloth to make me a jacket, or a nice silk handkerchief, because I had signed the covenant of equal rights, & I concluded I had just as good a right to these things as those had who came into the church & brought money with them. That's the way I got mine. Beloved Ministry & Elders, why did you sanction the use of these things. Because we could not stop it, our word availed nothing our example availed nothing, & all we could do to have any order at all, was just to give liberty that these things might come in.

Well all this is very true it is at such doors as this that all these disorderly things have crept into Gods holy Zion. When any one has signed the covenant they have no right to one single cent of money, to be laid out to support any selfish motive, Why just look at it, is that equal rights & privileges as the gospel allows. nay in no wise.

And children ought not to be allowed to spend the few cents that their parents & friends may give them, for any selfish motive, but it ought to be laid out to buy raisens or candies, or some thing of the kind that

can be divided among them all, For this spirit of self in defused into the
the mind of an infant will grow & wax stronger & stronger,

But put far away all these toys & idols, & worship ye the true God.
Now dearly beloved, have all these fashionable & superfluous things?

Have all these things which are owned as selfish interest?

Have all this leveling the Church, with other families & societies,
served to render it more holy & divine more Heavenly & beautiful?
may in no wise.

Have ye by employing, doctors Maçanics, & other men of the world
been able to increase your temporal property, faster & more than it
increased, when your Mother Lucy was living? Have you had better
health in your society? or has your carpenter & joiner work been done
better? or has your farm been better cultivated & taken care of?

Have you by living together as thieves in the house of the Lord,
and having every thing you own & possess secured under lock & key
found better order preserved, & more of the fear of God kept & maintained?

Have you by owning every thing as your own private individual
interest, found things better taken care of, in better order and more

prudently & savingly used? Or have you found any of these things I have spoken, to create more of the ^{true} spirit of Christ? Have you found it to create more of the spirit of beauty & uniformity, & that spirit that causes every one to feel, as tho' a privilege in the church was more than they are worthy of, & more than they could desire? Or do you find yourselves richer, to neglect the cultivation of your farm, to make & procure articles for sale? I think you will readily answer nay, nay, nay, to each and every one of these questions.

Then I say with a speedy hand turn, turn, turn, O ye beloved children turn from these by & forbidden paths into which ye have gone astray. Look a few years back & see how ye have strayed from the true foundation, and I do loudly proclaim unto each & every one, under 50 years of age, hasten your steps, hasten your travel in the way & work of God, put far away all these disorders & disorderly encumbrances,

Remember the foundation was laid for you pure & holy, Now you are required to clean off all the rubbish you have thrown there on, find the true foundation & then build, O dearly beloved children, never, again build Babel upon the holy foundation of Zion,

But now halt for a moment & with me consider, the stumbling blocks that lie in the path of the tender & inexperienced youth,

Remember all of these stumbling blocks must be cast out, & then Dearly beloved children, you will be prepared to build Zion upon its true foundation & to adorn the Holy temple of your God, with beauty & render it lovely in the sight of the Lord your God. & the Holy temple of the Lord shall stand as the brightness & glory of all, the Land of Israel,

Yea, it shall be the Holy temple to which all other believers shall look with fear and reverence.

Ye shall not be as ye now are a mock & a scoff, but ye shall again be restored to your order even the head of the body of Christ.

But again I would ask, what means this lavish wasteful spirit in the young, Yea, I say what does it mean.

I have passed through the kitchen, washhouse, Burns, shops, & on the farm, & I have seen a wasteful, yea, a lavish & wasteful spirit bearing rule among the young. I have not seen them following the example of their aged brethren & sisters, nay, in no wise, but I have seen, the poor things, that were taken among the people of God as deeds of charity, half naked &

half starved, throw away the bread prepared for them to eat meat & sauce, as freely as tho it had rained down upon them, & in truth it really had, I have seen them throw crumbs of bread, cornals of grain, apple cores & pareings in the fire, with as little thought & reluctance, & with as little feeling as tho it had been chips of wood.

Yea I say, these things I have seen, & I have seen the thoughtless & young maring & braking furniture tearing & rending their clothes & throwing them away because they were not good enough for them dropping pins, & never stopping to look, for them or to pick them up.

Yea I say all these things I have seen, beside the extravagant use that has been made of print, oil, varnish, sope & dye stuffs.

I have seen the slothful spirit that has prevailed when gathering in your crops, when you had to a fullness, unwilling to save, any more than just what you wanted yourselves, & when ye had scanty, unwilling too sloughtful & too careless, to secure any more than just what comes handy. Is this according to the precepts, teachings, & examples that has been set you. Are ye more saving of the consecrated property, then ye would be of a private intrest? I say if ye are not ye are unworthy of your

privilege are ye willing to work & labour with your hands, to gain & lay up this joint interest & consecrated property? if ye are not remember, you shall have no share of the reward that it shall bring in eternity for you will prove yourselves unworthy of it.

If ye have more than ye need, of any blessing, where with God has blest you, store it away & give it to the poor of this world, remember many of you, who feel as tho you could trample every thing, except your own carnal & corrupt natures, under your feet, were taken among the people of God, as deeds of charity, & have been fed nourished & supported by Gods holy people.

Consider all these things & look well to your ways, understand, & learn wisdom. Forget not the hand that hath sustained you,

What means the stollful idle spirit I have seen when ye assembled to worship God. Many enter the meeting room, & look as heedless & unconcerned, as tho they were about their work, in time of singing they stand stiff, & with their lips closed, & in times of speaking they are twisting their fingers or snapping their nails, & glowing about the room, looking as bold & unmounted & full of unsubdued, vain, big, light, empty,

proud nature of the flesh, as they can be, yea looking as unconcerned, & regardless of their duty, as tho they were feeding cattle, or at work about their shops & when they go forth in exercise, they plainly show, by their stiff awkward, & unmortified gestures, that they are bound under the condemnation of sin. And what is still worse, I have seen some sneer & laugh at the sincerity of another, and when they were out of meeting, mock ridicule & scorn, those who were sincere devoted & given up to God. Yea I have heard them rantingly say well perhaps some time I shall be as simple & zealous & free as such ones are, O poor thing he's got just sense enough to make a shaker! he's just fool enough!

And I have seen the precious gifts, my Heavenly Father has prepared, judged, mocked, scoffed, scorned & ridiculed, by these heathenish, & uncircumcised mortals that are not nor never were, fit to come within the walls of Zion.

All these things I have seen in the worship of God, in the churches of Lebanon and Waterliet,

But I say, and hear ye my word, if ye judge the holy work of God, remember you judge that God by whom ye shall be judged in eternity, for I say, ye who judge the Holy Anointing power of God, rested in the visible lead, ye who judg

The great work and manifestation of God your Heavenly Father, remember by the powerful hand of an Almighty & Righteous God you will be judged.

Remember you will be weighed in the balance, & found wanting

Remember your God will not hold you guiltless, Remember this tho ye remain among his people, ye shall not escape his wrath.

Therefore I say turn, turn, turn, everyone from his iniquities and evil doings, & seek the Lord your God.

Now dearly Beloved Ministry and Elders,

I have written this my own word, & the Holy benison of God unto you, And it is by the request of Father Joseph that I have drawn this picture, of what the Church has been for a few years past. Therefore beloved, though my word is plain yet know it is true and though it will sound shamefull & disgusting to many. Yet I say it will shame nothing but that coiling and lurking nature of sin, that must be mortified & subdued, as the soul travels in the regeneration, & the way and work of God.

Therefore beloved, receive with this my love & blessing, and know I am still your father and friend.

Father William. Anna Dodgson.

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 & swallow up the most innocent. Extend your arms three miles northward, & three miles southward 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.

Saint 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 time will certainly come when the righteous shall be gathered under the protecting wings of their Heavenly Father. Sheltered from all harm.

Miranda Barber.

November 5th 1839: Sabbath Morning while we were singing Vi ka len's Prayer, for the first time, Mother Ann, & Father James entered.

We kneeled, while singing this prayer, and while we were on our knees, Mother Ann prayed aloud, and very solemn. She said. O! my merciful Father, do help, comfort & strengthen the faithful children! Protect them for my sake, O! My Father, Father! Do, shower down on them, thy holy fear, and thy heavenly love.

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

Adah Zillah Potter.

September 7th 1840. I was taken by Isabella, the Spanish Queen, who assisted Christopher Columbus in his embarking for America.

In my first interview with her, she sung and told me to sing, and I had to sing; for I could not help myself. She said she was not willing that I should speak in any language, but Indian, and Spanish. And said she had liberty from Mother Ann, to do as she pleased; and she wants me to talk with the sisters, for her. But I tell her that they cannot understand me; but she does not seem to care for that. She says, if I will not talk I shall sing.

She took me to Spain, and showed me the believers in that part; tho' in the spiritual world. And they were very much pleased to see me. She also showed me the inhabitants still remaining in the body. She showed me her mansion. And she also showed me a very beautiful white house, which was inhabited by believers; and an exceeding high Tower, built with solid marble, very white; and seats upon it which were pure gold. This was beautiful to behold. And she showed me a very beautiful white carpet, which had a gold border. This carpet was about the eighth of an inch thick. It is of a silky appearance, and considerable stiff; and she said she was going to put it in the Elders new shop, when it was finished. She said it

was one of her own making. She also showed me some prisoners, who were imprisoned when in the body, for barbarity, and who died in prison, and were yet imprisoned. For repentance had not reached them.

When I was visiting the believers, I sung to them in Spanish, and it entertained them very much, knowing that I was English. They sung me some very pretty songs, but I did not learn any.

Isabella says she wants me to talk like her, and she did not think; but that you would be willing that I should go with her; because I was part Spanish, and she partly claimed me. But I did not think so; and did not want to go with her. But she took me by force. And I have thought the cause of her singing to me, was to take up my mind, and entertain me. but she did not tell me so. Neither did she tell me, where she was going to take ^{me} or any thing about it, until she had reached the place. I think she properly stole me; but I hope she will not find out what I think about it; for I love her very much, and should not want to grieve her feelings. She said she loved the Elders dearly, and she hoped they would love her.

Beloved Elders, I do want to talk, but she will not let me; nor, she will not tell me how long I shall remain so; but says I shall know the meaning of ^{it} sometime. — While I was waiting to come in and see

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you, she made me sing a great long song. I could ^{not} stop with all the efforts I could make, till she got ready to have me.

Mirandoa Barber.

Father's Address to a Class of Young Brethren. Jan. 26th 1840.

Father says, 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 from the eternal world. Even as your blessed Savior first revealed, & preached the gospel of salvation while 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 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, & doing the will of their heavenly Father whether-soever 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, & all unrighteousness. Come ye off from the old ground where you have stood with wonder and amaze. Strip off your old vestments of pride, doubts, fears, bondage and unbelief. Let loose, and shake off the loads, and baffling chains of Satan, which has so long prohibited you from receiving the power of the eternal world. Yea, 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 godliness; both in word and 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 proclaiming 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 vary from the true words of your heavenly Parents. But thro' faith & simple obedience, shall the word, & will of God be made known, and placed in your mouth, to speak, and communicate according to the will of your blessed Parents, and agreeable to the gospel which they here 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, & the will of your heavenly Parents, you shall find that increase, which shall reward you for all the cross 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. Do dear children, consider your calling. Soon the burden will fall on you that are faithful; when those that have been eye & 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 some 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 Savior, & heavenly Parents by those of their own household; and even so will you be.

Fear not the powers of earth nor Hell; but sound the gospel trumpet to all who come to visit you. Be ye my brave

Be ye my brave soldiers that the Ministry of other believers, that come here to receive strength & 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.

Dearly Beloved, you are those in whom I feel great interest, & desire the blessing of God to flow upon you. Yea, you are those in whom I place faith & 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 for ever more.

Henry De Witt.

Derobign Bennet.

David Sidel.

Daniel Crossman.

Theophilus Sidel.

Franklin Barber.

From Father Joseph, to the Elders. June 28th 1840.

Eleanor Potter.

New Lebanon. — First Order Oct. 12th 1840.

Words by Elder Ebenezer Cooky, to Father Joseph's Class. Including both male & female, members of the first Church on earth; from the age of 30 years, down to 14. Written in union with Father Joseph, Mother Lucy, and the beloved Lead, in said Church. (Vol. XII. p. 3.)

O has a way, con des veen. The Le ne on vesta of Father.

Thus saith Elder Ebenezer, Dearly Beloved children, it is in union with Father & Mother, that I now write to you my word. Tho' it be not severe, yet I say, let everyone that ^{shall} an ear to hear, and a heart to understand take heed ere it be too late. For as the Lord liveth, this Zion must, & shall be made pure and clean. Those that will not come in at the door, and give themselves up to do the will of the Lord made known to them; know ye this; they shall ^{not} abide in Zion. But I say unto you, they shall be cast out into utter darkness. There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. For the Almighty God of Heaven hath spoken it. And verily I say unto you; the word of the Almighty never, nay, never hath failed, nor ever will. —

Know ye not, that the Lord created man a rational being? That he gave him power to choose, or refuse, that which would make him eternally happy, or, unhappy? And know ye not that ye children of this dispensation were born

like unto others, in all dispensations since the fall of the first man? under the dark veil of the flesh? And that ye are all tinged with this fallen, sunken nature, is a truth that cannot be disputed by those that speak the truth. But O! Dear children, could you sense the greatness of your privilege, to travel from this sinful nature, by simply bearing a daily cross; the privilege you have in this present day of the mercy & charity, and the great display & manifestation of God thro' your blessed Parents to you, is far greater than ever before was known.

They are continually showering the blessings of heaven upon you: & striving to help you along. Feeding you with the precious gifts of God, with the bread and waters of life.

But Lo! *pre destale, von cose mal e don sa.* Concerning some it hath seemed and felt to your heavenly Parents, that they were feeding creatures that were destitute of the fear of God. Imprudent, wasteful, yea, and unthankful. *A lon den ven pres ten der was ta.* Could you but see the great anxiety, & deep tribulation that your blessed Parents feel for your sakes, (says Elder Ebenezer,) that you should labor in low humiliation, to sense the great importance of obtaining your souls salvation while the way is open, plain and clear for you. Yea, now is your day, dear children,

to lay up a rich treasure in heaven to go to, when time with you is no more. 221.

Again, I say unto you. O that ye could sense the deep, the deep, the sore and heavy tribulation that your kind, tender & charitable Parents feel for you, you could not refrain, I think, to do their will. Yea, if ye could feel all that they feel for you; you would be willing to creep on your hands and knees for many days to release their burden, and to gain a swifter travel in the gospel. But this they do not require. All that they wish and pray for is, that ye all walk daily, yea, hourly, in the true fear of God, and in strict conformity to your beloved lead on earth; to their teaching, (says Elder Ebenezer,) and to many words of kind instruction that ye have received, and still shall receive, from time to time, from your Spiritual Parents.

O that ye would take warning by what little I have caused to be written for your sakes! O, I say unto you, that ye take warning. For in obedience, and in union with Father & Mother, & your spiritual lead on earth, do I write to you, that ye may know, & plainly understand your duty. That is to walk from hence forth, thro' time, in obedience to your faith, (for I know you all, that your faith is good;) that ye should love the Lord your God with all your might mind & strength; love the gifts of God, love to be humble, meek and low; love mortification; love tribulation; love to be honest to your

222 Elders & to your own souls. For this ye may know of a truth; that if ye will always maintain a strict of honesty & truth the victory shall be yours.

Further more, (says E. Ebenezer,) I would that ye bear every cross that is for you, with resignation, & in the fear of God; and by all means, that ye keep the holy, yea, the holy and true orders of Zion, that ever have been, or ever may be established for the protection of souls on earth. For in keeping them, ye surely will find protection from the enemy of souls, both without, and within. - Lo, se quoy, se mal ten der, e thon a was ka.

And now, (say E. Ebenezer,) as a friend, yea, as a true friend to your souls, have I given this epistle of truth and love to be written for your sakes.

With this, receive my love; and treasure up what ye have offered to you, or may have given for your furtherance, & increase and increase in the gospel.

Receive also, the love of all your spiritual Parents, for this they have given me for you, and I know it is pure and good. So fare ye well, dear children. Do be faithful and wise; doubting not at all the truth of my word but press for the kingdom of heaven with all good zeal; which, if ye are truly faithful, shall be given you. Amen says Elder Ebenezer Cooley.

Elisha Blakeman.

(Recorded in the public record Vol. XI. p. 3. -)

Brother Elisha Harlow's entrance, into the Heavenly World.

October 27th 1840.

Brother Elisha rode in a chariot, with Father William, and Father James, from the house, to the burying ground. They sung a Heavenly March on their way: And when they arrived there; four hundred and fifty Holy Angels, shouted many solemn shouts of praise and joy. Father William, Father James, and Brother Elisha then went back to the house. Mother Ann, Mother Lucy, and Elder Sister Olive Olive, went not back. But passed into the path which led to Brother Elisha's mansion. The path was straight and smooth, and appeared to be set with bright shining diamonds; and it was without spot or blemish. It was a path of perfect beauty.

The Holy Mother Wisdom, & Holy Spirit, stood at the door of the mansion, ready to welcome him to his mansion. When he came with Father William, & Father James, he held in his hand a Certificate, which he had gained from the Holy Anointed on earth. ~~It was written on~~ beautiful white paper, with a border of gold, a quarter of an inch in width. It was short; but Mother said he needed not a long Certificate; for the path which he himself had paved, and the mansion he had earned was a sufficient recommendation.

He showed the writing to the Holy Mother Wisdom, & Holy Spirit. A

privilege, which, Mother said, few before him ever enjoyed: and to be welcomed by them likewise to the heavenly world.

His mansion was not opened, until he arrived. It was lined with gold & set with glittering diamonds. And a table was therein spread with bread and wine, by the Holy Savior. The mansion was filled with fruit and flowers, with joy and peace. And all things to constitute a Heavenly Abode.

Anna Dodgson.

The Word of the Holy Selam, Preach by Father James.

November 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 bearers 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 in 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 judgment. I say, judge me not, neither judge ye the power by which
 I make known my will upon earth. I say, judge not the power by which your blessed
 Mother makes known her will upon earth. If ye do, in judgment 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 Mother's house. Judge not the
 Holy Laws of my Zion, judge not the Holy Order of Mother's house. The soul that
 judgeth me, the soul that judgeth my work, the soul that judgeth my power; in
 heavy judgment 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 through which I reveal myself 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 end.

Anna Dodgson.

A Communication from Mother Ann, Spoken by Elder Sister Olive.

Nov. 13th 1840.

My Dear children, as a friend and Mother, do I at this time, cause these words to be spoken unto you ~~at this time~~, that you may know I have noticed you all, in all things. Yea I have noticed the manner in which some of you, my young brethren and sisters, do retire. Yea, I say it has grieved me, and caused me to feel great tribulation to see that there was any one that would sit tilting back, or with their legs crossed. Some laughing and talking, and some scarcely get seated, before the bell rings for ~~retiring~~. meeting.

Now Dear children, do you think you carry much good into meeting with you? I do not think that you do. I will tell you what Mother Lucy used to say to the young brethren and sisters, when she saw them sit with their backs against the backs of their chairs. She used to tell them, that they were indulging the nature of the flesh. And I do not think it is any thing better in you, than it was in them.

Mother says it is crossing to her to speak these words to you, but she could not withhold any longer.

Now Dear children, in union with your beloved Lead, I will tell you

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the order in which you are called to retire. It is to come into the dwelling house in season, and be prepared to set down a half an hour before meeting. And you are ^{to} sit in one or two strait rows, erect in your chairs, with your hands folded in your laps. No tilting back, or sitting with your legs cross. And it would be my mind, that my young brethren and sisters should not touch the backs of their chairs. But I do not bind any one, so to do, unless they feel they feel as tho they can gain more mortification, and more of the fear of God, and be more prepared to go to meeting. Yea, says Mother; you ought to pray, and labor for a gift of God. So that when you assemble together to worship God, you can be a strength and comfort to each other; and in so doing, you will be a comfort to me.

Now, Mother says, there is one thing more, I will cause to be spoken to you at this time. And that is, do not, any one of you, my young brethren & sisters, let me see you singing the Holy, & Sacred songs that have been given you, with your chairs tilted back, or, in any other careless manner. Nay, I say, I wish never to see any one of ^{you} my dear children, do this thing again. For it is not pleasing me, nor any of my good spirits, that are surrounding you. And it is not any thing that your beloved head have taught you, or ever will.

So, now, my dear children, remember this is from a friend & Mother.

Therefore receive it into your hearts, and let it work the fear of God, and a humble spirit in all of you, my little ones.

Now Mother says, when you hear this my word, you may receive a present which I have sent to you all, that you may receive from your Beloved Elders, by going and asking them to be so kind as to give it to you. It is a slate and pencil from me, your Mother. And all, yea, every one of you shall receive one.

Now, dear children, I will tell you what I have given you this slate for. It is for you to watch your selves, and know every word you speak. And if you say any thing that is not necessary, I want you to write it down on your slates; every word that you speak, that you do not need to say. And if any one is over come to say any thing that is vain, light or empty in conversation, write that, very distinctly, and plain. And if any one is unmortified, and walks hard, and slams the gates and doors, or makes any unnecessary noise, write it down. And at the end of the week, I want all to read what they have written on their slates. Will you all do this, my little children, says Mother. If you will, you can see wherein, and what you can gain. And I believe there will be more of the fear of God gained, than there ever was before. And the gift

of repentance will flow free to all that will unite with this gift. And I can love and bless all my faithful children. And I want that all should receive at this time, my love and blessing; for it is in union with the Lead, that I cause this to be spoken. — It is from your Blessed Mother Ann.

(Recorded in the public record - p. 50.)

Matilda Reed.

Examine Father William's Word. 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. Though I do not consider you ~~ye~~ 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 covered 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 good faith; and must stand as firm and substantial pillars, in Mother's 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 a true gift of God.

This is your work, and this must be your labor. Consider this, and the responsibility you are under. For you shall not ^{be} left alone, when the rest of Mother's 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 Mother's 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, into 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.

N.B. The following peace, should have been written before the above.

Just, Anna Dodgson.

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 has sent a Holy Angel, with her Word; which she desires me to speak for her.

Mother's Word.

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 a protecting arm, to shield you from 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, & Mother Lucy.

Dearly Beloved Brethren & 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 into my first Church upon earth; and through-out 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 through which they can obtain the mercy and blessing of God, their Heavenly Father,

of their blessed Savior, and all their Heavenly Parents.

Therefore, be ye not discouraged, neither think it hard, that the word is so often sounded, and resounded, in your ears. Obeave 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 can scarce be found. — But dear children, it is your work, according to the day in which ye live, to find again, this straight path; and the foundation which was laid, and build thereon. And this must be your labor, and the labor of every one 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 to support you. So fare ye well.

Ans. Anna Dodgson.

New Lebanon January 17th 1841.

A Letter sent to the Elders of the First Order, by an Angel, sent from Mother Ann, bearing the name of the News Carrier.

Sabbath evening, this News Carrier, come from Waterliet. 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, resembling a paper of seals, which he distributed round, among all the brethren & 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 what ever tidings there be. But Mother Lucy will come, to-morrow, and read this letter to the Elders. I shall now return.

On the evening of the 25th of Jan^y. 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; & converse with you, as I used to when I was on the earth. I then loved my Elders, and I 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

are these correct?

234. you ~~were~~ ^{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 yet, wholly gained. Therefore, have I come to read unto you, the letter of which you are informed,

Your Heavenly Parents, by observation, ^{per}ceive there is a difference in the feelings & 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.

Beloved Elders,

Agreeable to Mother Ann's desire, I now take my pen, & 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 brought into 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 aright. And cannot be under the protection of God; for the order 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 another 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 thought 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 judgment upon those who are placed to protect the temporal interest. Nay, I say the order of the ~~order~~ 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 do that, to please my natural feelings, or else the thing will not ^{be} right. Or, ye shall release such a one from ~~their~~ ^{his} place; because ~~they do not~~ ^{they do} 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 every one} 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 that 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 prices, 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 into the family, without the consent of the Elders.

And here is a point where many have varied 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, pass their judgment 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 lots, 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. Though 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, until this Church is reestablished in true order, both in things spiritual and temporal.

And, Beloved Lead, my duty here, binds me state in the letter, the desire of your Heavenly Parents, concerning another 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 into the world. And truly, this is not as the Church was first established; but has ^{it} got in 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 be. 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 judgment, 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 garrned 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; through a disorderly un-governed sense, of those who ~~were~~ ^{were} called to go out for the support of the Church. But instead of doing their duty in obedience, ^{they} ^{according to} wanted to do their own natural feelings, and sought for a great name, and honor, ^{would} plead with the Trustees, and make their foolish excuses to their spiritual Lead; and entreat 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 Lucy 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 & tribulation. And no small measure, have you already passed through, 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 through disobedience; and their reprobated minds, are lurking round 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 another 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 it 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; so 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, that I do believe, that when the Church arrives to its perfect order, and rectitude, that you will be willing to receive through 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.

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 that 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 wilfully, 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 Church: 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 into it, why the Elders of the family, has not the same charge of the office, that they have of 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 hand? 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 know 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, for their counsel, who would look with an impartial eye, and judge with a heat of justice. And likewise prevent all jealousy, & 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 judgment 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, and 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, ⁿ or two; in one year, ⁿ or 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 blessings freely upon you. And, according to your request, do sound to you, the anxious desire of their souls.

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

Just. Eleanor Potter.

Ye well, my Beloved, with the Word, & Will, & everlasting
Love & blessing of your Father.

When the written word was finished, Father entered the room, & said
to the writer, write yet a few words more, for me; lest my beloved ones be not
fully satisfied.

Hear, O Beloved brethren in the Office, this the word of your
Father unto you. — I say, shorten your long journies; let nothing
but sickness, and very unexpected difficulties lengthen your time,
over four weeks. That is as long, as I feel willing to accompany any
of you; unless for some very uncommon reason. It is as long as
my Mother is willing that I should; & as long as she is willing that
any of the children of her first Church should be out among the
wen da waw vende back walens of this world.

This is my will, & was the Will of your beloved Lead, the Minister.
Now, dear brethren, read my word, and if you vary in your feel-
ing concerning it; keep silent, and wait the word of your ever blessed,
visible Lead. — So receive ye this, in union with your beloved Elders,
who in their lot & place, are ever ready to support & strengthen you in
your heavy burdens, with their love and blessing. — Lillah Potter.

A Written Roll, from Father Joseph, to the Elders. (February 28th 1841.)

O, Halon, halon. Si vas ca va lon, vo lon son. Roll, roll roll en
ve, e vas ka na nie was. Yea, hearken once more, O my Dearly Beloved.
 Yea, hearken once more unto the voice of your Father. Yea, in obedience to my
 Heavenly Father, the Almighty Creator, do I now, at this time, sound forth
 unto you, his word. Yea, and his eternal truth, which forever will stand.
 Though his Almighty power may be mocked and ridiculed upon by mortals;
 and they may fill their hearts with unbelief, rebellion and carnal reasoning.
 Yet, verily I say unto you, every soul will yet find that the eternal search-
 ing light and power of God, will yet search, and deeply search, the inmost
 feelings of every heart. And that his holy power, and eternal word, is
 that solemn and eternal truth, which forever will stand; and all the
 powers of earth ~~nor~~ ^{and} hell, can never overthrow it, nor cause it to be
 shaken.

And O, my beloved! hearken ye again unto my word. Yea, and
 the words of my Heavenly Father. O! Holy Sol valon! Roll va lon,
rollen, rollen vi vo. O twan twes wo wo wo! O yea, truth; truth;

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and the solemn truths of your Almighty Father, speak I now unto you. O, Hearken! Hearken! Hearken ye! Verily, verily, I say unto you; whosoever will, now, in this great manifestation of God's mercy unto man, harden their hearts, blind their eyes, and deafen their ears, yea, and still trust in the god of this world, and maintain their unbelief, heresy, and carnal reasoning, unto such I do say; hear, O! Hear the eternal word! Yea, all of you that dare ^{continues} mock, and scorn God's holy power, be ware, be ware. For thus saith God, your Almighty Father; upon all such will I pronounce a woe! and a woe! and an eternal woe! Yea, they shall be utterly disinherited from among my chosen, and in the holy abodes of the righteous, they never more shall dwell. But my judgments, saith God, shall continually follow them. And among all souls, they will be the most miserable thro' time, and all eternity.

Now, O Dearly Beloved, this is the word which my Heavenly Father bid me write unto you. Though warning after warning, yea, warning after warning, has been repeatedly spoken. Yet did my Heavenly Father say unto me; take my solemn trumpet in thine hand, go ~~ye~~ ^{thine} forth, and sound this my word, and was ea ha lan holy truth, throughout my Zion upon earth, till all shall hear, and understand. Yea, I say, till all shall hear and understand, and know it to be my holy power.

And now, O Dearly Beloved; listen yet a little longer. Thus saith your Heavenly Father; Come gather near, all ye my faithful children; and I will give you rest. Yea, my holy chosen people shall never be forsaken by me, nor my Holy Angels. Though, ye may, some of you, see the day when the remnant of my chosen will be few; yet, know ye, I will, with an out stretched arm, and protecting hand, ever protect my chosen.

And O, my beloved; lay ye up stores for your selves; yea, I say, lay ye up abundantly of those heavenly blessings. Now is your harvest time. O improve it wisely; gather, in abundance, and fill up your stores, of these, my heavenly blessings, that ye may have where with to support you, in the days of famine; and also where with to hand forth, unto the poor lost children of this world. For the day will come when many, yea, many souls will gather to Zion, to hear the word of God. Then, open widely your hearts; receive them, as ye have been received; clothe and feed them, as ye have been clothed, and fed. And teach them your blessed Mother's gospel, as ye have been taught it.

So dearly beloved, it is of all importance, that ye do wisely improve your precious time. O do, all be faithful, and press on in your blessed Mother's gospel. And it is my desire, yea, the desire of your Father and friends, that all may take warning). O my dearly beloved young friends, do all take

warning; do shun the awful road to death. Turn ye, O turn unto the Lord before it be too late; that ye may escape the awful judgments of God. O, do hearken; yea, hearken unto this, the word of your Father, and friend.

Dearlly Beloved, this is all that I have to write unto you, at this time. And this I have done, in obedience to my Heavenly Father, and my blessed Mother. My word is short, but sure, and will stand.

Sealed by all of your Heavenly Parents, with their everlasting love and blessing, to all that will prove themselves obedient children.

Recorded in Vol. XII. Inst^{ry} Mary Wickes.

A Small Roll from Mother Ann, to Elders Ruth, & Sister Asenath.

Copied Saturday March 6th 1841.

Dearlly Beloved,

After I had written the word of my Heavenly Father, I seated myself in the presence of four holy Angels, who are ever present in the hours of public worship; and wrote the following communication by the request of your Mother Lucy, to all the sisters, under the age of fifty years; who assemble

in God's Holy Sanctuary to worship him.

O, come dear children, hearken to me, your Mother. For lo! I still wade in tribulation, & my spirit resteth not. O! Alia vi me O! Ye that call on my name, while your hearts are afar off. Ye whose bodies are still clothed with earth's gaudy attire! which is, indeed, hateful in my sight! O! Pre ca si lan! Hearken ye to my word! What has been the teaching of my first-born, in this respect? Yea, and what are the examples of your present Lead? Do they teach you to follow the fashions of the children of this world? Do you see them assembled in the Sanctuary of the Lord, clothed in Babel's goods? Nay, nay; I say. Nor any one else, save those who assemble to worship a God of lust, and pride! O ar me sa lin!

Again, I say. Ask my first-born children, if they ever saw me marching to the place of worship, with my bonnet trimmed with pink coloured crape, or muslin? Either withⁱⁿ, or without? Ask them if they ever saw me raise my hands in devotional praises to God, with silk gloves on? or, any other kind, for pride's sake only? O, young sisters! Ask the beloved Lead, to view your gauzy caps (and handkerchiefs, which you are so careful to preserve for the purpose of presenting your selves before the children of this world? Ask, ^{them} if they were able to worship

God to his acceptance, clothed in such fanciful, fi na les? Ask them if they can own, and bless you, in so doing?

Many, many are the times, dear sisters, that I have wept over you, in this sacred place. Yea, and even while going to, and from the house of worship. Many are the observations I have heard made, while you were passing. Both by faithful ones, and even the filthy sons and daughters of Adam; who stood gazing upon you, with wonder and surprise. O re sa len fi nee! But these I withhold.

Now I have no more to say at this time. But Mother Lucy says she longs to see you dressed once more according to your profession.

O, my dear Sisters, do not murmur at the plainness of my word, nor think that I forbid these things. Nay, only say; they are hateful in my sight; and in the sight of your visible Head, and my first-born faithful children.

No particular order shall I give you concerning these things, but shall only say, that those who wish to be my pretty, simple children, will never again be seen, walking back and forth on the Lords day, with yellow, purple, or pink-coloured capes and trimmings on their bonnets. But you ^{may} follow the examples we have set you. Yea, and of your beloved Head in these things.

This is the word of God, & Eternal Life. Given by divine Inspiration, in union with my beloved, & first chosen on earth.

Written at the Second Order.—

Sabbath evening, March 14th. 1841.

Father Joseph, by liberty of the Elders, went round to different rooms in the dwelling house, to give a present sent by him from our Heavenly Parents, to the brethren and sisters.

Father said, "I have come to see you once more. And I have brought a present for you. It is a gold leaf for all those over 40 years of age. Written on it, Peace. May my peace remain with you while on the earth: And my peace shall rest with you in Heaven. Receive ye this, in remembrance of me, said Father.

And, unto you of my class, do I present a Gold cup of tribulation. Drink ye of this bitter cup. O let it not pass by you. But drink it in remembrance of the sufferings that Christ passed thro'. Also, your Heavenly Parents for you.

Know ye, dear children, that the time is near at hand, when ye will have to drink deeply of this cup. For my stay is short with you. But, dear children, gladly would I remain with you; or, take you with me. But nay, my Heavenly Father's call is, come. So I must bid you adieu. But I shall not leave you at this moment.

And O, dear children do be good; do be faithful. And when I have gone, gone, gone! to return no more to make my will known unto you, never look back; neither take ye one step back. But persevere right forward, in the strait & narrow road."

So fare ye well in love. (Recorded, Vol. XI.)

Harriet Goodwin.

New Lebanon March 17th 1841.

Dear & Beloved Elders,

Yea, Elders of the first Order of the first church upon earth; even unto you it is that I write. And indeed, it is with true pleasure that I write at this time. For, it is in true obedience to my Blessed Mother Ann, & my Beloved Father William; and very satisfying to my own feelings, that I spend a few moments, and move my pen at this time, to give you some information concerning the Roll which I brought unto you, and placed upon ^{the} Wall, in your room. So Beloved, listen a moment, and hear my Word.

It was, at the hour of four, on the morning of the 14th that I was present with my Blessed Mother Ann, in her retiring mansion. All was perfect silence for a few minutes, when suddenly Father William entered, and, bowing low, he said. O my Mother, my Blessed Mother, I have come, and I am ready to unite my word with thine, and to write further: All that my Mother desireth me to write.

Mother said, "Yea, indeed you are ready, and I am ready: and the hearts of our beloved ones on earth, are now ready, and prepared thro' deep tribulation, to receive that which we have for them now, and hereafter. But, go ye, Brother William, and retire in solemn prayer, and bow before thy Heavenly

Father. And that which thou shalt receive, return here quickly & write; for the Angels of God are now waiting to sound words unto you which are to be written in this Roll. (I then saw in Mother's right hand, a very large Roll, there was much written in it, But, I could only read the first words, which, were these. A Sacred Roll of Holy Instruction.)

Father William obeyed Mother's word, and retired. All was perfectly silent in his absence. And when he returned, Mother gave him the Roll, saying; fill the Roll even full. For the Holy & Sacred word which you have received from God, the Father of all, is quite sufficient to fill it, and answer every purpose.

Father wrote, and filled the Roll, then sealing ^{it} with 7 seals said to Mother, there the word is written, and the Roll is sealed: And none but the Angels of Heaven are ever to unseal the Roll; or, read the word. For it is a word of Holy Instruction from the mouth of the Almighty; and our word of solemn truth, for, and unto our dearly beloved ones, even those called to stand as Elders in the first Church on earth. Yea, those that now stand in that place of burden, & those that may hereafter be called to succeed them: sufficient I say, to answer every desire of their souls, and enable them to learn, and know, at all times the will of God, their Heavenly Father; and the desire of their Parents above. Yea, when we shall

finish our word unto them, through mortal Instruments; or, at least, our word for a season. And the time shall come for them to receive this sacred word. Then shall it be made known unto them by power, and means of God; even of the Almighty. Mother answered, yea; even so it is, and so it shall be. It is the word of God; it is the strength of God; it is the power of God.

Mother now bid me arise, and take the Roll, saying, come my truly faithful crop-bearer; go ^{thou} ye unto our beloved ones, even the Elders of the first Church on earth. Give unto them this Roll, and speak what ye have heard and seen. Take with you the everlasting love and blessing of all the heavenly Hosts, to ever remain with them. Tell them that the Love Love, and the blessing of their Mother, is without end, to her faithful few. Father William repeated the same, and I left them.

And well ye know, beloved, I did speak of these things unto you, when I gave you the Roll. — But, when I returned to the mansion of my Mother, she said to me — We are not yet satisfied. Therefore, write all that has passed, concerning the Roll, and then will we speak indeed further. I immediately wrote thus far; then said Mother Anni, & Father William; write for us these words unto the Elders of the church.

O, Beloved, hearken a moment; for we your Parents of perfect love, once more speak words of strength unto you. O yea, remember dear children, that although you walk the low humble path of true self-denial, you walk not alone; you walk with

us, your Parents. And though you often drink of the cup of deep tribulation, and a sup of bitter waters; yet, you drink not alone; but with us, your Parents above. And when heavy scenes of sorrow, beat forcibly upon you; remember us, your Parents, (and we will ever remember you, in times of trouble. O, forget not your Parents, that have, with you, for so many months, daily travailed in the low valley of time; and listened attentively to the cries of our needy children. Forget us not, forsake us not, (and your Heavenly Father will never forsake, or, forget you. Nay, nay; indeed with his own hand, will He provide well for you.

So press ye on beloved, bear ye cheerfully, and with patience, the heavy burden that is daily weighing you down. And when we are called to enter our Mansions above; no more for a season to come so near unto you as we have for some time. we will leave with you, the comforter of your souls, which shall in no wise be taken from you. Yea, even now by our intercessions hath your Father in Heaven, at this time condescended to give us his Eternal Word, sacred, pure and holy; Particularly for you, O, beloved Ones. This we have written, this we have sealed, and this we have sent unto you. But know ye, that no mortal hand, is to handle that Sacred Roll; that Holy Gift, no mortal tongue, or ear shall ever hear, or, ^{hear} speak; and no eye shall behold that which this Roll contains, save only by the means and power, which God himself shall provide. Know, again, it is the

ready answer of that which ye will often times desire to know, when we are done on earth, and our day is past. So, thankfully receive it; and be assured, your Holy Father in Heaven hath not forgotten the faithful number that have boldly sounded forth His Everlasting goodness, and have, at all times, rendered unto Him, the glory & honor of His own work. This indeed, dearly beloved, you have ever done. And great will be your reward in Heaven.

With these words receive, without measure our love, and ever increasing blessing through time. Be not over anxious to know the written word you have received; but rest assured, the All-wise God that hath sent it forth, will cause it to be revealed unto you, in due season, and at proper times. So farewell, fare ye well, in everlasting peace. Yea, the peace of Heaven we ^{do} send ~~send~~ unto you; and the peace of the righteous shall ever remain with you.

From Mother Ann, and Father William, to the Elders.

This, Beloved Elders, was that which my Beloved, and Blessed Parents bid me write unto you. And, although it was only intended for a word of information, yet I think there is a great measure of strength and comfort; and indeed good for your little few; even Mother's faithful few. For she bid me, fold in this letter a large portion of Heavenly, pure, and Holy Union. Yea, even many balls of this, did my Blessed Mother prepare, and bid me fold. For, says Mother; Heavenly Union, and Holy

Order, are for my beloved ones. These my Heavenly Father hath bestowed upon me freely, ~~and freely~~ and freely I will bestow them upon my dear children on earth. And let it be remembered says Father William, that every one of Mother's first born, and those of Mother's Class are to receive a ball of Holy Order, of Heavenly Union, of pure blessing, and of perfect love. Yea, let each one receive, and be thankful. — And now with my everlasting love, I must close, and bid you farewell.

(Recorded in Vol. XII.)

From Father James, to The Elders.
Aloah Zillah Potter.

From the Prophet Isaiah, to Elder Sister & Detsy. Feb. 7 24th. 1841. ✓
Beloved Elders,

I will now improve the pleasing opportunity of writing to you a few words; which, by my own desire, & Mother's request, the privilege I have obtained. — Firstly I will inform you, of the meaning of my writing at this time especially to you.

On the evening of Feb. 22nd I had a satisfying privilege of seeing your beloved little flock, the sisters who live on the 3rd 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 Mother's good children. While I was with pleasure listening to what they were saying, St. Paul stepped into the room, and addressed me

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in the following manner. I am going to attend the brethren & sisters singing meeting,
are you not? I told him I thought I would. Accordingly, we followed the sisters
into 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 Northern 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 & knowing as much as they do now

or, of having us with them. — I have now received permission, and will proceed.

Beloved Sisters, I will cheerfully inform you, the meaning of these lights, which 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 the Lord covenant with our Holy Mother Wisdom, that they would spread their searching light and power upon the earth.

And also that they would cause visible & natural lights to appear in the atmosphere, 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. Although some have pretended they knew some reasons, and would give their sensible 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 more signs will be given; and have already been given as signals of the great work of God, which is preparing for the earth. — Yea, these lights will always continue; and will, at times, be more diffusive and volent than others.

Now I will proceed 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, & over; and in perfect equisplence, & regularity of motion, causes it always to occur at just 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 & 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 & honor you with all my heart & soul, might, mind and strength. So farewell in love.

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

Marcanda Barber.

Words from Mother Ann. March 18th 1844.

Written on a piece of silver, and placed under the looking-glass, in every room by Mother Ann, in retiring time. When Mother entered the room, in the first place, she viewed every one individually; then she placed the piece of silver under the glass, with the following words written there on.

”Hearken, hearken, O hearken dear children, unto the words of a Parent; for my word is this. Always remember and keep the sacred orders of the holy Church, pure and clean, And I, your Mother, will always remember you; though you may not

hear me, as you now do. But my spirit will be near to the hungry soul. Yea, I say, not one of my children shall suffer any harm, if they will always be faithful and true to their Holy Deed here upon earth. "

" Now dear children, if you should not all of you, ever receive any thing from your Mother again, when these words you read, think of me, your friend and Mother, when God my Heavenly Father calls me home.

Now my little ones, receive my pure and holy, undefiled love.
So kindly farewell, from your affectionate Mother in the gospel. "

(Recorded in vol. XL.)

Mother Ann.

Saturday Evening March 27th 1841.

while we were in meeting
Mother Lucy came in, and spoke as follows; O my little lambs, behold! look & see this beautiful basket, filled with beautiful roses of pretty love. Do you all want some? Yea, was the answer. Well then, follow me, and you shall receive it. Mother then placed a basket at each end of the singing ring, and said all might go and partake thereof. She said, "these roses are quite small now, but as you increase in love one towards another, these roses will enlarge, & increase in beauty, till they completely cover you. This is pretty love that I have brought unto you. Now, love ye one another with that love that

you would be willing to be loved with. Bless ye one another with that blessing that ye would be willing to be blessed with. Treat ye one another with that treatment that you would be willing to be treated with. And speak ye one to another, in that manner that you would be willing to be spoken to?"

Then spake Mother to the young, in particular, and I said, "What I would to God is, that you would never, in no wise, no case or place, ever show, or use any disrespect to the aged. Though you may think they are decrepit, and deformed, and not as bright in faculties as they were once; remember this, my little ones; if you mock, or ridicule them; you will be met, with that judgement that you know not of at this time."

Mother then said that there were a company of Angels at the door, and if there was liberty, she should be pleased to have them come in. Liberty ^{was} soon given, and the little Angels went forth in the worship, with the brethren & sisters, labouring backwards, facing them. Mother said she wished the brethren and sisters all felt as free as these little Angels. But you do very well said Mother; but I should be pleased to have the brethren ~~and sisters~~ all turn facing, and kiss each other, and ^{the sisters do the same & to have all} smile a little; and see if you can't have more love. Accordingly all went forth in Mother's gifts.

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Harriet Goodwin.

Notice to Zeruah Clark, from Mother Luey. March 29th 1841.

Mother says, "Zeruah, I will tell you what you can do. You may labor for love. I have placed a large ball upon your head, & you may have this to feed upon. You are my pretty child; I own, love and bless you."

Then spake Mother to the sisters present, and said, "I will tell you the cause of Zeruah's fall. For some time there has been a portion of slimy water gathering round her heart. This water has many times come very near touching the heart; but never has quite, till Sabbath evening March 21st. When this water wholly surrounded her heart, and touched a very small spot on one side. This may appear very strange to many, why it did not kill her. But know ye this; that the hand of the Lord was with her. Although it brought great distress upon her feeble frame; It caused her sight, and nearly every remaining feeling of the nerves to be with drawn at the time. She then raised her hand to take hold of something that she imagined was within her reach. (This imagination was caused by a distress of the head;) and she continued to lean forward, till she fell to the floor." And again, says Mother, "Even at the time she fell, did the Holy Angel sound forth his first trumpet, to call her home; and he will continue to sound, till he has sounded forth his 14 trumpets; and at the end of the 14th. will her days

on earth be closed." And again, says Mother Lucy. "I told her, when I was upon earth, that she would live to see her Blessed Mother's 2nd manifestation; and see Zion flourishing in beauty, and in holiness. And she will not be released, till this work is completed. — But, know ye, dear children, had it not been for her; yea, and the prayers & cries of all Mother's first-born children; I say, had it not been for the sufferings they have passed through; the wrath, yea, the judgment of God would have fallen upon his people before this day. Yea, often have their cries and prayers sounded through the heavens." O Heavenly Father, do visit thy people in mercy, and not in judgment." Therefore, he has condescended to visit you in mercy & not in judgment.

Harriet Goodwin.

A Present given to Sarah Smith, from Elder Sister Olive. March 29th 1841.

O my little one, said Elder Sister, be ye comforted, knowing that I have placed round your waist, a beautiful gold band, . It is 8 inches wide, and a gold chain is also fastened to this band, and then fastened to the visible Leard in this place. So be ye patient under sufferings; knowing that you are not forsaken. There is a writing upon, and band, and what do you think it is, Sister Betsy? said Elder Sister Olive, why it is Eldress Sarah

Elder Sister then spoke to the sisters that were present, and said. "Do you

265. not all love Eldress Sarah? Yes, was the answer. Can you not all kiss Eldress Sarah? Yes, Can you not all say Eldress Sarah? Eldress Sarah swas freely spoken. Elder Sister Olive then said. I have placed 2 little Angels upon Sarah's shoulders that never have known the condemnation of sin. These little angels will remain with you thro' all your trying hours. So go ye cheerfully, & take comfort; knowing that you leave this place in peace, though you may never see it again. or, you may; it is not known. But remember you leave this place, in peace with your parents in heaven, & in peace with your relation on earth. So go ye now, & be comforted; & gather in the wandering sheep. And while ye are gathering in the sheep, be careful not to gather in the wolves. Sarah replied, that she hoped she should be blessed with sight and deservment to know. Elder S. Olive replied, fear not, but go ye in obedience, & know ye, that I will many times be near. And in your most trying hours, I will be with you, & help you.

Sarah, returned her kind thanks to Elder S. Olive, for her notice to her at this time, as well as many others. And the kind motherly feelings & care she had always felt for her. Elder S. Olive made her welcome, and said; yea, a motherly feeling, a parental care, I have ever felt for you; and it shall in no wise be lessened, from this time henceforth. Mother Lucy then spoke & said, Sarah was my little girl once. I well remember when she was quite small. I saw her, & called her to me; and called her my little girl; and noticed her considerable: But, now I acknowledge her as Eldress Sarah. — So, go ye now in my love, & remember that you have the love of all your heavenly parents: also their peace to take with you.

Elder S. Olive said, she thought it was a good time for her to come, & cheer up Sarah, for she seemed to be very much down in her spirit; & so did all around her. And I think no harm in this, said Elder Sister Olive.

Note. The Elders were informed after meeting that while Elder S. Olive was preparing the Götal band for Sarah, Elder Wm. John came, & desired to write thereon; accordingly he wrote the above mentioned Eldress Sarah. Harriet Goodwin.

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