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Small Memorandum

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Kept while on a Journey  
to the East. Visiting

Seven different Societies of  
Believers. viz Enfield Con<sup>n</sup>

Herward, Shireley, Alfred,

Gloucester Cantubury, Enfield

New Hampshire

Our Company Daniel Crompton

John Dean, Sarah Bates, Angelic  
Hannah Ann & the Writer

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August 16<sup>th</sup> 1849.

After nearly a year's inactivity we leave this highly favored place New Lebanon, at 4 o'clock A.M. with many farewells resounding both by song & by word, as we move along up the hill, and our vessels filled with love to the brim. Pass thro' Hancock, received another addition of love from Elder Dr., Elder Sister Joseph, <sup>Pullen</sup> and others, thence to Pittsfield corner of Tollen, over Washington Mountain to Chester, at the foot of the Mountain, or in a low valley after descending some frightful hills. Bated our horses at Luzell's Hotel, small, but very accommodating, get here, at one o'clock



August 16<sup>th</sup>

came 28 miles, took a dinner of Lamb  
 &c, and start on our way again, thro Puffet  
 corner to Westfield, 19 miles put up for  
 the night, most a beautiful place, and a  
 merry run of the Cars almost constantly.  
 Some temptations to preach the gospel in  
 this place. but fear its reception.

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> Nights rest rather poor. Put  
 off about 6 o'clock, go to West Springfield,  
 Cross Connecticut River, into east Springfield  
 about 75 rods. 9 miles from Westfield.  
 Take breakfast at the Union House.  
 The table was loaded, at least with 9 kinds  
 of meat, and other things accordingly -  
 4 waiters and every thing in style  
 One of the inmates of this dwelling was the  
 Gen. Henry Clay, & some of <sup>his</sup> relatives, who  
 saluted us by a shake of the hand, and

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August 17<sup>th</sup>

some complimentary words. An old Veteran, of 90 years, came in to address his Majesty a little, he seemed quite conversant, with the most of people. but the spectators could not forbear publishing in the papers that it took 4 waiters to get his regality from the carriage.

Saw a woman who had previously been at our office she <sup>was</sup> very desirous to purchase something of us, and did so. I was very sociable. Leave Springfield, altho we rode round Uncle Sam's plantation, or the United States Artillery, about one mile, and a splendid circle, thence thro east long meadow. to Enfield. Even the streets we pass, note the liberality of the people, wide enough for a poor man's farm. We arrived about

August 27<sup>th</sup>

3 o'clock P.M. very kindly received by  
all. The Elders soon came to see us.  
viz Asa Tiffany George Wilcox, Anna  
Erwin & Elsa Persons, all very loving &  
agreeable. & made us <sup>a</sup> hearty welcome.

Took supper, then visited the School,  
the Dairy, went in to the house where  
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he used to preach, here, Elizabeth Wood  
sang Father James song for us to  
dance; thence to the burying ground  
accompanied by many of the brethren &  
sisters, saw Father's grave, sung many  
songs, with various exercises, returned  
to the Office, singing as we march'd along  
retired to rest, after the family's meeting,  
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 brethren and Sisters, Perry Tarry Jefferson  
 White Sarah Danna, Purking come,  
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No time lost to day By George  
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 where we saw the Elders a few moments,  
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 Timothy Tarry, Clarissa Peas, & Mary  
 Pruepel, they presented us with a bowl  
 of Peas, raisins and figs, with which  
 we refreshed our selves, we next visited  
 the brethren & Sisters about an hour  
 50 in Number, we walked over the  
 shops and dwellings a short time,  
 saw the well, that the Aronick was put  
 in by a reprobate some years previous  
 they informed us, they had a saw mill  
 burned 3 weeks before. cost about 500  
 dollars, At 10 o'clock we were conducted

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August 1<sup>st</sup> Enfield

to the Mount of Olives, accompanied by some from the church, as well as the North, but more especially Mother's first born, had a good meeting, many expressions of love & thankful feelings, were manifested & received, many spiritual presents &c, but, as time was limited, made a short stay. Thence to the East family, attended by Br George, El. Sis - Clarissa P. and Mewy. here were 9 brethren and 5 Sisters, belonging to the North family. Prather dreary times, but we labor to discharge our duties according to the best of our understanding - Joshua Allen & Azuba Clark, stood to the head & knelt down first, in this place,

We returned to the Office to dinner, Again we were hurried off by Br George to the south, or gathering family, the El. Sis came out into the street to meet us,



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These names, I will <sup>here</sup> mention Elisho Allen  
Medael Smith, Agnis Mansel, &  
Sarah Ann. Benton, by them we were  
made welcome, and conducted to the  
Office Where we see Croastus Webster  
and others, they show'd us round the  
dwelling and informed us they had  
some money stole from them a short  
time before, & was obligated to get a  
safe to secure their money and valua-  
ble papers, (Cost 30 dollars)

Thence to the meeting room to see the  
family. No. 49. of likely interesting  
people, a large english family have  
come in within 2 yeers, and quite  
a number attached to them, .

We had a pretty visit of about 2 hours  
and then went to the West family —  
accompanied by Sarah Ann Benton  
Here we had quite a laighable time,



August 19<sup>th</sup> Enfield

This family is under the care of the southern family. Philip Burlingame & Pelly Foster stand first, No about 27 — saw a <sup>Portigee (Portuguese)</sup> Portigee who made much sport for us — his name was Jacintho, Antonia, Santors, and always a laughing I should think.

And another man, who sung with his mouth very much twisted, & his eyes turned to things above, also Richard, Lyon, who thought they better not do to much, to expose their weakness, & that they had taken all the likely ones out of the family, ~~and~~

Petronid home, to the office tired & weary. took supper and visit the Elders a little more sing a song in remembrance of home, and go to bed. As we began to doze, the door came open, and we were again shower'd over

Con. August 19<sup>th</sup>

with love from the Elders brethren & sisters, we again, shut our eyes, with our heads very near crazy from weariness of body.

Sabbath day 19<sup>th</sup> Pleasant weather to day at half past 9 o'clock, we assembled in the meeting house, some of the church attended the the public <sup>meeting</sup> ~~meeting~~.

The meeting was opened, by Elder Br. Amaziah C. After which we had some exercise of marching round, Next Wm White delivered, a very interesting discourse upon mens showing they sought God some way in an external manner but did not seek him in their hearts also, Philip Berlingame and a French man spoke some, very solemn truths, the name of the latter, was Frederic Hey's and a young believer. — After a good meeting, Elder Br dismissed the world

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by telling them — we wish'd to have a little conversation to our selves.

We then, doubled our diligence and heaven's blessings seem'd to shower upon us without end, — But Elder Br. fearing we should be too lengthy — gracefully step'd forward and observed,

Our blessed Mother once told us there would be a day, when we should meet, to part no more but brethren and sisters, this is not the time you can be dismissed. Every one shot a cross the room to the door, instantly —

At 2 o'clock visited the brethren and sisters in the church, & 3 in number and many of Mother's first born —

At 5 o'clock, attended the church meeting, it commenced in the meeting room, thence into the dooryard, here we see diverse gifts, and operations but all of the same spirit, The Natives also

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brought some treasures for us. The Patriarch Noah got into Jacobs Well and baptized us with its waters. and to sum it up, we received bountifully from those out of the body as well as from those in. Robert Schen a young believer (an English man) who had been the means of gathering quite a number to the faith — spoke very affecting, concerning his former experience and his thankfulness for his present privilege, & determined obedience to his faith. — Meeting lasted 2 hours, and every part was well filled, George Thelex being a bold captain of the band. — We bid a loving farewell to all and repaired to the office — collected our things together and made ready for a start. Having been treated with every degree of kindness from all Elders Deacons Brothers & Sisters

August 20<sup>th</sup>

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> Take breakfast at 5 o'clock and go on our way, thro' east long meadow, to north Wilbraham where the railroad was built up 72 feet from the surface, thro' Palmer to Warren 26 miles Took dinner —

Came to the Chickopee river in North Wilbraham, and followed it most of the day. — From Warren to west brookfield. There are 3 villages in brookfield and a handsome pond.

When we were passing along — there came out 3 gentle looking school boys walking on stilts for curiosity.

Go thro' Spencer, to Leicester, put up for the night 20 miles. — At Hatches Hotel, a brother of Christy's who had previously given him notice of our coming, we were kindly received, and lodged.

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Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> Started on at 6 o'clock go to Worcester 7 miles, and take breakfast at Liffords Hotel, neither of a dirty place. Thence to west Brailton. Just before reaching there, we met a man, who informed us, that one of our people, was waiting in the valley for us, accordingly we fixed our faces right to meet him.

On our arrival, we found Elder Bro John Crossman, Elder St Olive Hatch. Nancy Arthurton, Harriet Proutie, very pleasant faces, appeared on all present at the meeting —

From thence they conducted us to Clintonville, half a mile out of way to see a large gingham factory lighted, by 130 windows from the top, and covered more than an acre of ground. It was surrounded by small dwelling houses, for the

August 22<sup>nd</sup> Shirely

innates to board, at. We arriv'd  
it a short time, then pass'd on thro  
Lancaster Village, to Shirely. about  
13 miles from Boylston, arriv'd  
at 3 o'clock P. M. very kindly rec'd  
by all, took dinner, had a short visit  
with the Ministry, & Elders, the remain  
der of the letter, were Jacob Willard and  
Ann Godfrey - Went out to the hen  
Park, west of the dwellings, thro the  
garden, thence, to the house where  
Mother Ann used to live and was  
persecuted. We entered this place in the  
fear of God, and knel'd in the  
closet where Mother hid herself when  
follow'd up by the wicked.

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> The Ministry conducted  
us to their shop, and Meeting house,  
with them we had a good visit. Elder  
Grove related to us the story about



Shrewsbury. August 22<sup>d</sup>

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Peter Pelham, who broke into the Meeting house, a number of years ago with others, in the absence of the Ministry & remained there 3 day and seized their Maker, or untill they were arrested by the select men who were obligated to break in one of the windows to get in and secure them -

At 9 o'clock we went to the North or gathering family accompanied by Elder Br. John and Elder St. Olive

We firstly visited the Elders - names as follows Elder Joseph who was very feeble in body Wm Wetherbee Eldress Louiza & Lucretia Godfrey. Secondly the family 17 in number, among this number was one of the advents who had just embraced the faith. We gave out the love which was thankfully rec'd by all. This one with great fervency



August 22<sup>nd</sup>

by clapping his hands higher and higher  
 From them we received a bountiful  
 store of love, and closed our short visit.  
 This family were finishing off a large  
 brick building for a Sisters shop and  
 wash house. very much needed as the  
 family seems in rather low circumstances

We returned to the office to dinner -  
 Mr. Trach went to the south family  
 where lived an Englishman his wife  
 and 2 children, with 2 other children.  
 They look to the church for their tempo-  
 ral support, as one brother and 2  
 sisters have to stay there most of the  
 time, and to their North family for  
 their spiritual ministrations

From here we ascended the Holy Hill  
 of peace, accompanied by Elder Grove Br.  
 Samuel, and most of the Elders & a  
 number of the brethren and sisters,

Shirley August 23<sup>rd</sup>

Had a good meeting of about an hour and a half. gave, and received, the fruit of the land. and sowed the good seed of Lebanon. Considerable labor has been spent to fix and complete, the ground fit for a place of worship. 2 spectators were there, hanging round on the fences but not much the wiser for the sight of us. Return home, from the Mount visit the aged sisters, and attend meeting with the church in the evening.

We gave out the treasure of love and simplicity sent by us — which had the desired affect upon all — we mingled our treasures for the space of an hour or more, when we sung a farewell song, and retired to rest.

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> Walked about in the different apartments in the church, saw some more of the aged; went to the house where

## Shirely

Father Joseph used to labor — and into  
 the room — now occupied for a spin shop  
 Next to the Elders room where we  
 were treated with melons & nuts &c  
 Here the Miracles of Christ was brought  
 to mind — of turning water into wine  
 only — the same was reversed — for our  
 comfort — Lastly we visited our good  
 office friends Br James Huling  
 Lucy Bodgg, Harriet Proutie and Jane  
 Whitney — Walked about <sup>the</sup> office which  
 is built upon the same plan of ours,  
 only rather more convenient — We then  
 packed up our goods and bid fare-  
 well to Shirely and at 2 o'clock started  
 for Harvard accompanied by the good  
 Ministry — We had a tremendous  
 shower most of the way — arrived about  
 4 o'clock — met with a kind reception  
 with our office friends here — 6 in

Harvard August 23<sup>rd</sup>

number - Abel Jewett - Simon Arthur-  
 ton, Elijah Myrick - Eliza Babber  
 Saphrona Ayer - Susan Channel -  
 The Elders shortly came to see us, viz  
 Thomas Hammond John Cloutman -  
 Nancy Orment & Margarett McGood  
 -win, from them we received a hearty  
 welcome - We took supper consisting of  
 6 raw pies, or perhaps they might have  
 been warmed - with some bread and  
 butter - and the record may well think  
 how Sarah looked - We all ate spar-  
 ingly and made the best of it -  
 The family took supper at 5 o'clock, &  
 soon as convenient we repaired to the  
 meeting room. Tho very rainy - to see  
 the family of about            in number  
 and the hall cannot be expressed or  
 described on paper - the emotions of  
 joy that apparently loos'd every tongue

August 24<sup>th</sup>

and did not cease to move upon the body of almost every one externally—  
I cannot now paint— suffice it to say, not a moment was lost till 9 o'clock— and then we could scarcely get away— as every one strove for the last word

Friday 24<sup>th</sup>

Went to the North or 2<sup>d</sup> family  
Here we saw the Elders (Lorenzo G. Joseph Parker, Mary Gravenor, Bath orine Hall, a short time, next the brethren & Sisters, 4<sup>th</sup> in number, with them had a free sociable visit.

Bro Augustus G. suspecting our visit there, hurried home from Boston, and scarce give himself time to get out of his buy coat, before he was in to see us, & made us welcome to all the comforts of their habitation. We took dinner of a plain kind. and bid fare

Harvard August 24<sup>th</sup>

well to all. Here we had a chance to send our love home - as there was a load expecting to visit there soon - viz. the Elders, save Elder Br with Nathan Robinson and Susannah

We were <sup>now</sup> met to the door by Moses Finny who conducted us to the east family about 2 miles - The rest of the Elders from the south Family soon came over, Elder William Elders, Mary Babbitt & Olive Chandler, - this family is under the care of the south family Elders - & about 14 in number mostly adults - Jesse Mirick & Clither Walker stand first - the latter being a young believer of only 3 years - and has passed thro' many serious trials - and like many others has had a wonderful experience - In this place we improved some of our faculties - such as preaching

# Hurward

singing Exhorting—strengthening the weak and comforting the strong &c &c about one hour and a half— Thence we were conducted by the Elders to the South family— and a more flourishing one, we have not before seen— It is about 2 P.M.

We walked thro' their dwelling house which was newly finished in the best order— then thro' their out buildings— all very neat— Nancy Fairbanks <sup>then</sup> gave us a very delicious supper— after which we had a little visiting— & singing meeting with all— Elder Wm seems well suited— and exactly fills the place—

Almost every countenance wore a smile— or at least did not see any who appeared to gall their necks with the yoke— They are mostly converts and not over a dozen has lived in the family over 3 years— with them are



August 25

had a pleasant interview; and imparted the treasures with which heaven had blest us - and bid farewell in love here, some feeling their vessels run over <sup>with</sup> joy and loud hallooia to Mother, till it ~~morely~~ reached the heaven

When we finish'd our visit - it was 4 o'clock - and Eldress Mary & Sr Olive rode with us home to the Office and we were glad of their assistance - for we found the Office sisters had been out on a whittle berry scout with Elder Grove and Br Samuel - gathered 3 bushels -

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> After breakfast we went to the square house here we saw Sr Betty B. and 13 more of the saints Joseph Mayo & Jonathan Chumler included - here we saw the room that Mother Ann formerly lived in; and where



Harvard

Father James used to receive—

In this place Mother made herself known & bestowed her love on all present— which sweetened our short and interesting visit very much— for this, we returned thanks on our bended knees, and spent a happy hour— We then parted with this pleasant company and went to the school house— Then to the Vineyard where almost every tree was bare but a few scattering pears & apples a famine which seems to go thro' the whole country— We sit down in the grape bothe and quite a social chat. After dinner visited in the sisters shops till 3 o'clock— then assembled on the Holy Hill of Zion. With sister Newland, the Elders and about 30 of the brethren and sisters from

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August 26<sup>th</sup>

The church - Here we received many precious gifts, and gathered abundantly of the fruits and flowers of this consecrated ground. Sowed the good seed from Holy Mt, & left the blessing of the first born; Holy Mother bestowed upon us a peculiar blessing. also the Prophet Jeremiah gave us a present of fruit. We did not fail to partake of the fruit of the vine, which had a powerful effect on all present -

Joseph Billingsworth arrived here this afternoon - The church had a very powerful meeting in the evening which we could distinctly hear, Sabbath 26 at 9 o'clock went to the dwelling house and had a very good singing meeting both one hour long. At 10 o'clock we attended the public

# Harvard

meeting accompanied by Simon A. & Lucy Ann Hammond. The meeting was opened by Elder Br Lorenzo G. — After singing a hymn, carrying <sup>ing</sup> two parts Elder Wm spoke a few words in the way of exhortation — then commenced Marching — while in this exercise at intervals — we heard a good word from Dennis Peatt, Catherine Wm & one of the advent brethren, expressing their unshaken belief, in the gospel of our ever blessed Mother — after marching 4 or 5 songs & singing some extra songs in two parts Elder Br Lorenzo — prayed a hearty vocal prayer for <sup>the</sup> children of men — also spoke much more to the spectators. he then gave notice, that some of the sisters sometimes used the freedom to speak their feelings — at this Abigail Cook

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course & deliver'd a short - but very interesting discourse - showing a real sympathy for her fellow beings, & showing the importance of forsaking sin and seeking God - This attracted almost every eye of the spectators, present - also Sarah Ann Church an advent sister, and Naham Hunter spoke something, in like manner touching some important facts concerning their faith, resolution. &c, good sound doctrine; Elder Wm then address'd the world in short and dismissed them, After which we had a pretty little love feast improv'd in the gift as we previously had done which was quickly received by all. Br Augustus came forward and knelt with his face to the floor expressing a great desire, for the

## Harvard.

blessing of God to be handed to him by Mother's children, which was granted, & the meeting was dismissed —

At 2 o'clock we again assembled with the church — Joseph Gillingham requested a privilege to attend with us, which was granted, he spoke several times in the course of the meetings and seem'd to possess quite a humble spirit —

A general interest of freedom and simplicity prevail'd thro' out and a great blessing was bestow'd on us, by the hand of the Holy Saviour — also a notice of present of <sup>the</sup> fruits and flowers of heaven was given to us — And we had the opportunity and place of showing forth what we had really gain'd by the gospel of our blessed Mother.

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August 27<sup>th</sup>

The meeting was very agreeable and satisfying to those who love mortification. — After meeting was closed we went to the Elders rooms in the dwelling house, on the garret left and visited till supper was ready while here we received a notice from our blessed Mother Lucy —

We spent the remainder of the day conversing with our good Office friends and others. —

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> After breakfast went to the Ministry's shop — a very nice, new building — well accommodated for room Elder Grove & Br. Samuel's were empty sewing rooms — and the sisters spinning or sewing — in this place we again received the blessing of our Holy Mother, Ann, blessed Mother Ann — which we could feel and realize —

August 24<sup>th</sup>

The rest of the day we visited around  
promiscuously - at evening had ano-  
ther interview with the Elders -

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> - Take an affectionate  
farewell - nearly every individual  
was present - and we parted with  
a farewell song - while in our carriage  
Simon A. and Elijah M. accom-  
panied us in a one horse waggon  
to <sup>the</sup> railroad - here we met with Br  
Augustus and William Wetherbee -

The sisters all got into the cars with  
Simon - Augustus and William,  
and went to Boston, where we  
arrived about 10 o'clock - leaving D.C.  
J.D. and Elijah M. with the waggon  
who arrived at the same place about  
4 P.M. - Here we, to our great joy, met  
with Br Edward, also Thomas Corbit  
and David Parker from Canterbury,



Boston August 29<sup>th</sup>

Edward & David assisted us in making some purchases. and all were very attentive to us --- at evening we all collected together 13 in number in the Beacomfield house, where we had a little meeting, sung many songs --- gave & received much love &c &c the singing was considerably noticed by the indwellers, who gave very good attention & requested us to sing much more than we were able --- retired to rest but not much sleep for this night being disturbed by the rattling of carriages

Wed 29<sup>th</sup> Walked round some. saw the Boston common 20 acres square a complete place for all the shakers on earth to have a meeting --- finish'd up our trading business --- and bid farewell to all our dear brethren, who were very accommodating to us, Pr Wm very



August 29<sup>th</sup>

ingeniously bought us a little box of peaches and conveyed to our room in our aboeme — Leave Boston about 2 P.M., crossed Winnisquam river about 1 1/2 miles across into Chelsea, passed on thro the edge of Lynn to Salem 15 miles over some of the poorest land that ever grew on the Lords footstool put up for the night at Lovetts inn rather loomsome to night, after leaving such pleasant company — had to leave our dwelling after we got in — on the account of the gathering of soldiers for general muster — we were better satisfied than before — The Militia edified us with their music sometime — just as we were going to bed we were astenishingly met by Thomas Doorn from Canterbury the 2<sup>d</sup> family Doorn, <sup>with him</sup> we chatted awhile exchanged love &c — retired

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August 30<sup>th</sup> Hampton Beach

to rest - had a good lodging and breakfast  
Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> Start on about 7 A.M.

from Salem to Beverly into Wenthorn  
4 miles thence thro Spowich - Rowley  
to Newbury port 24 miles bated our  
horses - drop Merrimack river into Sals  
bury thro Seabrook Hamton Falls  
to Hamton beach 12 miles, road nearly  
as smathe as a house floor, pass by  
more than 10,000 hay stacks on the  
the salt marsh, I should think so  
the horses have to wear snow shoes  
to draw off the hay - we arrived about  
5 P.M. and took up at Smiths Hotel  
and to make the story good we found  
a load of invalids from the gathering  
of family - Penitbury, viz, Hanson -  
Chase, Eliza Libby, Nancy Whitche  
Betsey Haine, - we have now seen  
some from every family in the place

## Hampton Beach

We walked around the big pond, & drink  
 some of the rolling waters - &c  
 At 7 o'clock collected together to sing  
 some - at this - the inmates as  
 there were some 30 persons - gathered  
 around - and requested us to sing  
 more and even to dance if we were  
 willing - but this we did not do

After some conversation we retired  
 to rest - but was so amazed with  
 the rolling of this mighty Ocean  
 almost to our door steps that  
 we could not sleep much.-----

John complain of rather too much  
 business on hand thro the night -  
 Friday 31<sup>st</sup>

Take another sip of the rolling deep  
 and some of us take a plunge -

After a breakfast of blue fish -  
 shad and Bass - we walked on

September 1<sup>st</sup>

to what is called Great Boars Head - it is said that a mile of this Point has washed off into the Ocean - Here we discovered 3 vessels at a distance thro a glass also the Isle of shoals - We then walked round on the west shore where it was said - they were about to attempt catching some fish - but they failed in their object - and we returned with out the sight -

After a poor dinner we bid farewell to our friends and went on our way - pass thro North Hamton Strattham, New Market, Durham into Dover - 19 miles - put up for the night at a temperance house kept by Smith - got in about 1/2 past 7  
 Saturday Sep: 1<sup>st</sup>

A heavy shower of rain fell thro the

September 1<sup>st</sup>

night - start on at 7 o'clock - our  
fare being about right - Go thro'  
Somers Worth - to ~~where~~ Great Falls  
where the factories are nearly with  
out end - thence thro' South Bur-  
wick to North Burwick 11 miles

Here we met Alonzo Gilman from  
Alfred a very sociable brother about  
23 years of age - been among  
believers 16 years - luted our  
horses a little, and went on thro'  
Sanford to Alfred the distance  
of 15 miles - the latter part of  
this, was a sandy desert, nearly  
void of inhabitants untill we reached  
the town of Alfred - after we entered  
this town, we again viewed the ful-  
fillment of the Great Command -  
for we were followed by a company  
of teachers and scholars called

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Alfred

the Institute - & about 100 in No  
to the believers dwellings - where  
they walked around some - not  
an uncommon occurrence with  
them - We arrived at this place  
about 4 P.M. were made hearti-  
ly welcome by all, in the Office  
viz Nathan Freeman Benjamin  
Bailey, Prudence Hodgson, Sally Frost  
and Lois Westworth. We shortly  
partook of a very excellent supper - &  
then had a loving visit with the  
good Ministry - They bade us make  
ourselves at home - and share of all  
the comforts Alfred could bestow.

After the evening meeting we rec-  
the love of all the family - & retired.  
Sabbath 2<sup>d</sup>

A very pleasant morning - arrange  
our affairs for another Sabbath -

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At 8 o'clock the Elders came to see us, and these were their names - Merrill Bailey Saba Ping and Harriah Wakefield, almost every lot appeared to be in a three cornered position.

At 9 AM - we go to the dwelling house and visit the family - 70 in number - found some very good - singers to cheer our spirits - our stay was about 2 1/2 hours -

Two thirds of this No. were Sisters and 20 of these over 70 years of age

We next took dinner and rested a little, and prepared to attend meeting at 1/2 past one o'clock - here we felt the need of praying to God on our bended knees - to bestow on us his blessings - feeling ourselves incapable of forming to their feelings. The society all assembled that were



Alfred

able - Elder Joseph seem to carry the burden of the whole meeting with the exception of Elder Brotha singing some and giving the love and a few words from two or three of the brethren - the rest of the meeting was made out by us - brethren & sisters each exercising in their own end of the room -

After meeting the Ministry took us into their apartments - where we refreshed ourselves with some fruit in their pleasant company -

Took supper at 4 o'clock - and in the eve - some of the young Brethren made us a visit and exchanged songs &c &c -

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup>

Visit about in the church saw a number of the aged sisters, say

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20 above 70 years of age - all looked like the foundation pillars of Mother's house - Most of the aged brethren have found a past port to the other world - thence to the Ministrys shop - where we had a pretty visit. - then to the garden attended by Peter Coffin from there to his shop where we were treated with mellons apples - pears &c - Peter related to us some interesting narratives, relative to the natives who first settled in this country - We sung to him a song - (now receive ye my love here) to which he remarked - I heard that song a few nights since in my sleep and know it come from heaven - thence to the Sisters shops &c -----

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# Agreed

About 2 o'clock went to the feast ground some rods east of their dwellings. To a beautiful square prepared with some exertion. We were accompanied by <sup>the</sup> Ministry and most of the church brethren and Sisters. Here we broke thro' the ice - where we could taste the good fruits of heaven - not but a few by standers some hearty expressions of love and gospel thankfulness from many individuals - Mother Ann bro' some wine, and some almost refused the dose for fear of its effects - while others took a hearty drink - Peter Coffin made some remarks in acknowledgment of Mother's work or the glories of the bright occidental star meaning Mother Ann - Our little company did not fail

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of improving their faculties according to the best of their understanding -

We returned home, and in the evening Elder Br & several of the brethren came to see us - sang many songs and appeared quite simple and free -

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup>

At 10 o'clock Elder Joseph and Sister Deborah conducted us to the North or gathering family where we saw the Elders, viz Josiah Bangs - Lydia Nowell - Paulina Springer.

The Brethren & Sisters soon collected together 20 in number - with them we had a pretty little meeting.

We then walked to a nice grist Mill tended by a Scotchman of one years experience - thence to the further end of Alfred - into 2 other towns

Second Family Alfred

by going 5 rods to a young beloved family by the name of Worm Wood, who embraced the faith about 2 years since; Here we finish'd our short visit and returned to the 2<sup>nd</sup> or Middle family to dinner, and supper. — The Elders of this family are Hiram Tarbox Charles Vining, Ruth Thurlow, Abigail Nickey, and the number of Brethren and Sisters about 30 with good Br James Pete and Paul Nowell, who seemed to be the adorning of the family. — with them we had a satisfactory visit and returned to the office about 7 o'clock. — before we were hardly seated a messenger came in with some letters from our sweet home — we felt ourselves

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much revived by the amusing contents contained in them -

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup>

We visit about in various places sisters shops wash house. &c saw a large barn fill'd with good hay where they milk some 23 cows and another smaller one with the stable lathed and plastered intended for Cows. At the close of the day saw the Elders and Deacons to which we bade farewell for the last time for aught we know, and imparted to them our everlasting thanks love and blessing, for each and every one -

Thursday 6 The good Ministry accompanying us to Gloucester to day Start about 1/2 past 5, passed

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## New Gloucester

thro' Lyman Waterboro here Elder  
Joseph called out a boy for us  
to see, who was 13 years of age  
and weighed 226 lbs - a likely  
looking lad - Pass on thro' Hollis  
cross Saco river into Sternish

Bated our horses and ate some  
dinner bro't by the Ministry - of a  
first rate kind - John by a little  
Mother witt paid the bill. &c  
Go on cross Presumscott river into  
Windham thro' Grey to Gloucester  
by Sabbathday pond

Arrived at 12 past 4 o'clock, we  
were joyfully received by those in  
the Office Br. Ois - Ramsome  
Gillman - Eliza Abbe Nunez  
Pierce and Rosanna Crowell -

They soon prepared a very neat  
supper of bread butter and honey &c



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of which we partook heartily, We next had a short visit with the Elders viz - John Coffin, Sarah Palmer, Lucretia Tutton, a very pleasant and agreeable company - and retired  
Friday 7<sup>th</sup>

Woke up in Gloucester sick of visiting but redouble our patience and go on again, Elder Joseph & Sister Deborah does not neglect us in any way but are with us almost constantly - After breakfast we visit the Sisters in the spin house & help the girls spin some thence to the dry house wash house Horse shop &c - their chief employ is manufacturing wool into flannel knitting, Drawers, socks &c - all done by hand <sup>even</sup> to the dressing and making up - (and wearing)

# Gloucester

This family number about 40—  
 22 brethren 12 boys, 46 sister & girls  
 Saw George Parsons a brother 43  
 years of age now blind, who paid  
 his Father in his youth, 36 dollars  
 for his freedom to enjoy his faith  
 among believers, he related to us  
 the interesting circumstance—

In the evening had a little visit  
 with the Ministry and Br Olio  
 the latter relating many interest  
 ing incidents. — relative to Lovell  
 Dow and others—

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup>

(The Ministry escort us to  
 Poland Hill— Here we see a very  
 beautiful family of about 35 in a  
 number— Elders— Jesiah Benge—  
 Charles Burington Chervity Polans  
 and Lydia Merriam— Josiah Went

September 9<sup>th</sup> Polaris  
worth Deacon - the letter came  
from Alfred, about 2 years since  
had a pretty visit, and held a  
little meeting with them.

This family is much engaged in  
preparing for a large stone house  
A quarry of stone has lately  
been discover'd near their dwellings  
from which they can receive much  
benefit - they are now building  
a new barn - and built one the  
year previous - they have some  
hired help - and a plenty of work  
to do - they have a great desire  
for enterprize, and ambition suf-  
ficient to bring about wonders -

We return home and clean up  
for the sabbath -

Our little company attend meeting  
together - and espousure are benedict.

# Hill Gloucester

kinces earnestly solicit the prayers  
of our good friends at home to help  
us on our journey —

Sabbath 9<sup>th</sup> — — —

Saw the little boys and their care  
taker (John Brown and English  
man — next visit the brethren &  
Sisters 2 hours — & for the first,  
have time to write a letter home,  
Daniel writes the most of his  
in the night —

At 1/2 past one o'clock attend  
meeting at the meeting house where  
both families were assembled  
Here we were again fed with the Holy  
things of God — and even from the  
Holy Mounth, a basket was brot by  
a seraph right from the church  
meeting fill with the love and blessing  
of the good Ministry — as well as that

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of the Elders brethren & Sisters.

This, together with many other heaven  
ly gifts, made us a rich feast.

Notwithstanding all this - we all  
had to make some exertions to seat  
the Devil from this region - as it  
appears he has some feet held here.

After meeting we had a short inter-  
view with the Ministry in their apart-  
ments - or in heavenly places - where  
we could sit, and regail ourselves  
on the fruits of the Terrestrial Paradise.

After supper visit the Deacons  
where we could sing and converse  
upon many things - - -  
Monday 10<sup>th</sup>

Go where our Office friends reside  
a small building only sufficient for  
their work rooms - and to entertain  
some few of the world - Br Otis

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informed us that this was their  
tribulating house and that a  
year previous they had 200 dollars  
stolten from it in the night —

by a man of the world, who climb  
up to one of the windows and  
broke it in — Those in the house  
supposing the Deacon to be unwell  
and up for some cause — did not  
search it out till to late —

Saw James Holmes the one above  
mentioned who is now to far advanced  
to stand in his place — yet can  
make his own types and can print  
1000 seed bags in 20 minutes —  
next to the nurse shop — garden &  
various places — Take some roast  
veal and plum pudding for dinner  
thence to the Ministry's shop — a  
nice little dwelling, where we had another  
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completing visit in company with  
 Br Otis - next to Mount Herman  
 accompanied by Elder Joseph & Sister  
 Deborah and most of the church  
 family - Here we were told that  
 Father James Mother Luey, Br Eliab  
 and Sister Susannah were present  
 and bestowed heavens blessings upon  
 us - (This company we were informed  
 before we left home were going with us)

We received many rich presents  
 from this place - and a good degree  
 of simplicity was maintained - Br Otis  
 sung one or two new songs which  
 he then received; and his thankful-  
 ness seemed to be without <sup>and</sup> which he  
 felt to Holy Mount and its inhabitants  
 In short - our souls were filled  
 again, and again, to overflowing -  
 This place is situated west of the



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church family on a little rise of ground  
some rods from the dwellings.

On our return home we, called at  
the Manstry's shop, and there refreshed  
our bodies with some drink, water  
melon &c -

After this, take an affectionate  
farewell of every one individually I  
should think - all feeling our hearts  
somewhat softened - and pack up  
our things for another start -

Tuesday 11 -

Leave at 5 o'clock with Conter  
bivy in view - in company with Br  
Otis to Portland - pass thro' Princeps  
Gulley - Grey - Cumberland to Portland  
24 miles - as we entered this place  
we cross'd one corner of the Ocean on  
a bridge - found a man making  
land into its borders of some 9

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over for a building spot - to the  
expense of 2 or 3 million of dollars  
a sum left him by his father -  
his name was Clapp -

We went into the center of the City  
and stoped at the Hotel of J. M.  
Thomson, call'd the Casoo house.

Here we found Nathan Freeman  
from Alfred - & Isiah Wentworth  
from Poland Hill - With them we  
had a short visit - and all took dinner  
together - (Isiah charging us to  
eat heartily - as it would not cost  
him any thing) - and we had a little  
spare time - we went in persuit  
of J. Glacker - found him in  
a very small - tho' neat dwelling,  
and in the absence of his mate,  
he seemed pleased to see us, and gave  
us seats - he and Br Daniel had

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some discourse - by which I was -  
convinced, that his tongue was alm-  
ost perpetual motion - and his  
thoughts are as quick as lightning

We did not tarry long - but made  
our way back - call'd into a printing  
Office, where there were less than a  
million of Bibles - religion enough to  
stock the whole world, were it circula-  
-ted - A very neat and orderly place  
first rate, for young females &c.

We now bid farewell to all our  
dear brethren, and were once more  
left to ourselves, started out at 3  
o'clock - went thro' Scarborough - pass  
cape Elizabeth on the left - into  
Looe - 15 miles - put up for the  
night at Westworths Tavern - feel  
the loss of good company - greatly -  
Hannah Ann and myself were

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obliged to lay heads and points thro' the night without daring to turn over, as the width of the bed would not admit of us both one way, so not much sleep this way of doing business—

Wednesday 12<sup>m</sup>

After a breakfast of fried fish we start on craps Saco river into Biddeford to Hennebunk in sight of the Ocean again—thence to Wells and North Berwick 24 miles—bore our horses—

go on thro' middle and south Berwick to Dover 11 miles to the same tavern that we staid when going to Alfred—found the place very much thronged, 275 of the rail road stockholders had been there to dinner— but we found a com—

portable lodging for the night —  
 Thursday 13<sup>th</sup>

Take breakfast at 6 o'clock go on thro' Burrington to Northwood 18 miles and hard road — bote our horses at a private house, as there was no tavern. —

Here we learned that a load from Canterbury had been here to meet us, and had returned 6 miles to Opron to wait till 3 o'clock for our arrival — At this sound we hastened on our way and soon found the lovely company, and a joyful meeting we had — the indwellers being not much less pleased than ourselves

They brot us along an excellent dinner — but this we could not eat our stomachs <sup>being</sup> well guarded against this time — not succeeding in this

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some water mellow was prepared with sugar and brot to us - which we could not refuse -

The names of those who met us were as follows - Henry Blin Joseph Hersey - Zolpha, Wheeler - Mary Wheeler - Emerline Robbins and Asenith Stickney -

We now loaded into our carriages with some change around and were safely conducted to Canterbury about  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 6 o'clock - On our arrival most of the family were collected to the office - singing a welcome song - this great display mixed with so many strange faces and new ideas almost petrified us - so that we had hardly sense enough to get out of our carriages - We understood that an alarm

Friday 14<sup>th</sup>

was made by ringing the great bell at 3 o'clock P. M. for our arrival and the family nearly all collected together - And so much for getting to Canterbury -

The Ministry Elders and all made us welcome - supper was soon prepared - and we regulated our affairs and retired to rest - Tho' let me not neglect to say that some precious Items were handed to us from our sweet home which occupied some of the moments

Friday 14<sup>th</sup>

We are now in Canterbury the long anticipated place - We firstly had a pretty visit with <sup>the</sup> Ministry Secondly with the Elders viz Robert Faulk Williams Dennot Marcia Hastings and Mira Bean - The Ministry



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presented us with some heavenly fruit which they received from good Father Job previous to our coming — on purpose for us —

We were then conducted by the Elders thro' most of the work shops and buildings which were numerous, & where we had a privilege to see many of the sisters — also to the clothiers shop — here was a knitting machine and many other conveniences — 2 looms erected to go by water warping &c &c —

On our return saw them milking some 20 cows in first rate order

They had the misfortune to lose an ox to day his hump was put out of joint while shewing him —

In the evening we attended meeting with the family, 3 welcome songs were

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sung including our names - we visited  
-ed sung and danced - give, and  
received love. Elder Br Robert  
gave us some love from our dear  
friends at home. &c &c

In short we had a very free meeting  
well mixed with simplicity

The family number 160, 43 brethren -  
23 boys - 77 sisters - 17 girls  
Saturday 13<sup>th</sup>

Br James Heime took us to  
the 2<sup>d</sup> family - Here was another  
lot of good Elders - Jesse Danford  
William Libba Betsy Hastings  
and Rebecca Adams - The brethren  
and sisters consisting of about 50  
in number gathered into the meeting  
room, where we visited, a heap, they  
sang<sup>us</sup> a welcome song composed for  
the purpose, the singing continued &

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dancing soon followed, in this time we received many presents from our heavenly Parents also from Elder Isachari, whose presence seems visible to all, - even to the tremor of the heart - This meeting continued 2 hours - ~~et more~~

After <sup>dinner</sup> visit the office friends, Thomas Deum, James Blanchard, Clarissa Foster, Sophia Loud, & Love Dow - (This family have rather humble means at present - but much spare room, for the increase of numbers) We next went thro the shops & into the garden - here we all sit down in the grape bothe a very delightful place, accompanied by the Elders & most of the sisters - here we chatted sung and read many interesting peices upon religion which

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we found attached to this little cabin for the purpose of entertaining the stranger and weary pilgrim-----

We then all went to the burying ground which was in perfect order every grave, had a head and foot stone, cut round at the top and the name engraved upon it.

We now finished our visit by singing a farewell song - and return to the office-----

Sabbath 18<sup>th</sup>

We are not left to ourselves one moment to day, After breakfast we were invited to see the boys they all sit in one straight row 23 in No-----

Heard them relate, (each one) a peice of poetry, sing, tell their names and ages &c &c.

Went to the dwelling house to see the

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the family, firstly the brethren and then the sisters, this visit, was rendered very agreeable by changing around so as to converse with all... which took all the forenoon - ate dinner - & then took the 2<sup>nd</sup> of grapes, mellons. &c

At ½ past one, attended meeting or over 2 hours - Great freedom and simplicity was displayed. We received a word of blessing and comfort from our blessed Mother Ann. by Br. Abraam - also from Father Job & Mother Hannah - by the Shepherdes (Dorothy Dargan) with a short song -

At 5 o'clock the Ministry & Elders, with one of the Instruments (Sally Seely,) came to see us -

The latter having received 2 songs from the stone carried from the Mount - after singing, a squaw

Sabbath 10<sup>th</sup>

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spirit came in and told her ex-  
perience & read from Mother's  
Gleby book several chapters which  
took the lead of 'any thing I over-  
heard (I'm. the same) She told us  
how she first got thro' the Co-og-ge  
as she exprep'd, and her bitter lamenta-  
tion for the loss of her daughters —

She wore a large pair of spectacles  
to favor her sight — as she said  
her years were many —

We also shared a little in the ~~stuff~~  
gift of taking snuff or made known  
by sister Gletcher, and recommended  
to clear the head and regulate the  
nerves — and how to dance in the  
the crop — &c —

CanterburyMonday 17<sup>th</sup>

The company all but Hannah Ann and myself visit in the church family - over the farms work shops Hitchens &c &c

The latter took an early start for Lowell in company with Br David P. Filinda Miner and Elizabeth Stickney to see the carpet establishment and purchase some yarn - had very good success and returned back at 1/2 past 7 o'clock found our little <sup>company</sup> in a singing meeting at the office - with which we quickly united. -----

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup>

Visit the North or gathering family - The Elders John Praine Robert Shepleer Maria Whiteher and Eliza Ann Libba<sup>they</sup> paid every





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sound doctrine & by the means  
helped each other to considerable  
mortification —

One said she meant to go boldly thro'  
the gate, altho it took every bit of  
strength she had to raise the latch

And that she felt so much more  
confidence than she did, to creep  
under the fence or get in some other  
way, like a thief and a robber. —

And they did really wedge war  
with <sup>the</sup> Devil and his imps

The Elders taking an active  
part and interest in it

I could not see but Mother's  
gospel was the same two edged  
sword on these rocky hills — as at  
Holy Mount

The Halleluias did not cease till  
nearly 5 o'clock when we ate eat

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supper and bid farewell to all.

In the evening we went to see the boys of the church family at their work, 20 of them were knitting a very curious sight — and Michel Blake their instructor — right in her element — She informed us their knitting done the year before rainy days and evenings amounted to 100 dollars — — — — —

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup>

Saw the girls at their different occupations — they too sung us a song including our names — Next to the printing shop — here 2 brethren were printing the book of Holy Wisdom

Went to the sewing room, saw a sewing machine, that could sew any straight seam with one hand

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to tend it. Then to the Ministry's shop, a new building with 4 rooms besides the garret loft and close prep— from here the Ministry Elders— and a number of the brethren and sisters— say 3 waggon loads of us all— went to the carding machine— tended by Ephram D. and — carding and spinning wool— thence to the turning mill— where they turn out tubs spools broom handles &c &c tended by James Johnson— Levi Stevens Henry Hersey—

At half past one— Went to the feast ground, accompanied by Br. Abraham, the Elders from the church, and a number of the brethren and sisters, It is in a north east direction from the church— about

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3 fourths of a mile - It is bordered round with trees and a small building erected on the ground -

We had a very simple meeting - received a peculiar blessing from Holy Wisdom - by the Prophet Jeremiah - (Elder Br Robert instrument) also from all our heavenly Parents - thro' the Native spirit Jack - from Grand Mother and all the simple spirits -

We sung and danced many songs putting old bondage aside

On our return we stopped at the Indian camp, which is about half way in the edge of the wood -

Heard them speak the good faith - & took a present of warm cake and roast potatoes, Br Jack received a song on the occasion - And the boys

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had a lively powow -

We then finished out our march with singing and shouting till we reached our home - - -

The time <sup>was</sup> fast approaching, when we must leave our good <sup>friends</sup>, with whom we have taken so much comfort, began to feel heart trying -

We put up our things once more for another stretch. In the evening 14 of the youth girls come to the office to make us a farewell visit, and stayed with us thro' their meeting time. - - - -

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> Take breakfast at 4 o'clock and bid a lasting farewell to Canterbury and its lovely inhabitants - We were accompanied by the Elders - half way - -

Pass thro' Northfield Samtaten

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Enfield N. H.

Franklin to Andover 24 miles

Here we found another load of our good gospel friends, from Enfield N. H. ready to meet us, - and every thing prepared for our arrival.

The brethren put out their horses, and we all gather'd in to the tavern, not a few in - dinner was soon prepared which was bro't from Canterbury and Enfield too. And we all feasted and fattened ourselves, as did the Prodigal's Son. - The names of those we met was Br Chase Allard, Gasper Hart, Susannah Curtis, & Caroline Slack -

When dinner was thro', we all gather'd into one room, and took



# Thursday

our farewell visit with our good friends at Canterbury - and then loaded into our carriages -

Elder Br Robert struck a farewell song in presence of us all, and quite a number of the world, who seemed struck at the scene,

We then went on thro' Wilmett New London Springfield by Sampoer Lake, to Enfield 21 miles a very hard and disagreeable days ride had <sup>it</sup> not been for our good company -

We arrived about 6 o'clock & suffice it to say they took us in -

Here presents another handsome situation of believers - a beautiful pond laying north and east of their buildings - which afforded

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a most tranquil appearance to  
gather of the that of the village -  
which is not in the least lacking  
Our good office friends (Caleb Dyer  
Otis Helbrook, Linn Huntington  
Mary Fall, Caroline. Whitcher,  
& Susan Robinson, staid us  
away for the night - - - - -

I have forgotten to say, we  
received 2 letters on our arrival  
one from Harvard stating Elder  
Joseph's death and the other  
from home, which contained a  
draft for some 3 hundred dollars  
of money, (a present from New  
Lebanon to this place) on the account  
of a previous fire, which consumed  
a machine shop and machinery -  
cost - between 2 and 3 thousand -  
dollars - - - - -

## Enfield N. H.

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> Arose in the morning  
and from our east windows viewed  
their most magnificent stone house  
It is 4 story above the cellar  
100 by feet by 80 - 30 windows  
in each end - and 20 in front  
and as many in the rear -

A. M. The Elders Orvil Dyer  
Chase Allard. Abigail Bowden  
& Hannah Taylor - conducted us  
round to the sisters shops - and  
from top to bottom of their dwelling  
house - every room appeared to be  
furnished alike - and every thing  
in order - from the gallery we  
could see a great distance off -  
This building contains 140 members  
and is large enough for many  
more - The like we have not  
before seen on any shaker premises

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Saw the little girls 17 in number  
and their caretakers —

P.M. Went to Mount Airy  
about one half mile west of the church  
family, accompanied by the Elders &  
13 of the sisters — had a pretty love  
meeting received many presents  
from Father Job Br Garrett the  
natives and others — Br Garrett  
offer'd to take a charriot load of  
good things, and convey to Holy Mount  
for us if it would be any accommodation  
which was readily agreed to —

On our return, some of the company  
walk thro' the nursery and got some  
fruit &c —

In the evening we attended meeting  
with the family in a nice meeting room  
39 by 42 — feet —

We gave out the love, at which they all

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fell upon their knees to receive --

They then sang us a welcome including all our names as usual --

Meeting continued about an hour & we were dismissed for this time

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup>

Visit the brethren's shops till 9 o'clock -- then <sup>went</sup> to the North or gathering family -- The Elders John Lyon, Hiram Irish --

Lucinda Herford, & Melinda Hubbard made us welcome in their hearts to the privilege of visiting their lovely family of about 53 in number --

We took much pleasure in viewing the neatness of their dwellings --

The sisters are <sup>well</sup> accommodated for rooms -- They have a large stone shop with the lower part, for washing & darning work --

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I could not see but they had every thing needful and comfortable & a good degree of the gospel. —

We took our leave of this pretty family & returned to the Office about 4 o'clock. —

At 5, we saw the good Ministry coming — and our little company placed ourselves at the south side of the Office to make them welcome.

After they had refreshed themselves a little they made us a short visit —

We then prepared for another sabbath — when the family's meeting was thro' we were refresh'd with their hearty felt love, which gave us a good night's rest —

Enfield N. H.  
 Sabbath 23<sup>d</sup> After a good breakfast of tomatoes - we were conducted to the boys meeting, they have 2 care takers and 25 boys - And the like of simplicity we had not seen before on our journey among children - six of them sung - while the rest step'd the time attended by the power of God. - Some spoke their faith - It a pretty little meeting it was -

We attended the public meeting with the 2<sup>d</sup> and North family -

Elder John spoke some, moderate - ly to the world - also to the believers - they exercised some 6 or ten songs - - - - - and many spectators were present - - - - - sung several extra songs, but I have seen more zeal.



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September 23<sup>rd</sup>

At half past one o'clock - the church family collected in the meeting room for a visit - firstly the brethren and then the sisters - every moment was well improv'd; and almost every tongue loos'd - for the space of 2 hours - -

Again at half past 6 - we assembled with the family for meeting. The good Ministry was present - And when they all enter'd the room one would think, that the strength of jehus host, had appeared -

And when they went forth in solemn worship, every limb seem'd to bow & bend in its order and in subjection to every command -

Many simple gifts were improv'd in, such as kneeling to receive a blessing, sitting upon the floor, &

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singing - turning leaping shouting  
and various operations---

We were invited to sing for them  
to dance, which we did -

And for one I felt my soul  
fed, from the celestial regions -  
we retired to rest, jolly satisfied  
Monday 24<sup>th</sup>

We were invited to go to North  
Enfield this morning - where the  
church family own a grist mill  
and a carding machine, which  
is tended by the world -

It was rather rough and cold -  
but still we accepted the invitation.  
Accordingly we fixed up and got  
into our carriage - in company  
with Elder Br Orvil - and Susan  
Robinson - The brethren chose to  
go on foot - - We crossed the new

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bridge across the pond 60 rods in length, which had lately been completed - by the church to the expense of about 4000 dollars - but much to their advantage, as they had to cross in a boat or go 6 miles around - it only now being 2 miles -

We found a nice grist mill & well tended - and a machine where the wool was taken from the sheeps backs and made into cloth, mostly flannel -

We made a short stay and returned back, as the weather was cold

The Ministry <sup>next</sup> invited us to their shop - Here we found Joseph Dyer ~~son~~ with a water melon which he raised himself - 2 feet long and 29 inches round - This with

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some others which was sweeter - was served up for us to eat - a most delicious feast - -

Joseph was well pleased to bring this gift as well as we, to receive it - He said it was his delight to <sup>do</sup> good to his brethren - - -

After dinner we were conducted by Br Abraam to the 2<sup>d</sup> family which is nearly one mile south of the church -

Here we met with another lovely lot of Elders - and a flourishing family

The names of the Elders were Timothy Shanlet George Thurston - Hamey Allard and Loiza Thurston - - -

By them we were conducted over the dwelling house, which was very neat and clean. it was rather

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singular shape, by the many additions to it, It had 4 wings projecting each way. ~~It~~ very accommodating for all classes of people -----

Hence over the sisters shops & wash house. — This is quite a machine house. It is occupied for colouring blue & other colours, a place to chivin by water, also 4 spinning machines and a yarn twister with near one hundred spindles & many other curiosities —

Then to the nurse shop — where they prepare Valerian essence for sale — it is put up in small bottles — from 50 to 100 Dozen per week — the main dependance for the support of the family — save the manufacturing of some of their wool. —  
Go to the brethrens shop barn &c.

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There we found a good old cow which was born on Lebanon mountain she looked just like home!

Sometime along in the afternoon we were called to the Elders shop to store away a platter of water melon and a dish of plums ---

This we did, returning our thanks to the Giver of all good - and his lovely waiters - - -

In the evening saw the little boys 23 in number, all bright and lively. The next move, was to the meeting room where the brethren & sisters were collected for a visit.

We took a turn around with first one and then the other - as fast as we could make it go - - - -

A few moments before meeting we were permitted to retire - - -

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At 9 o'clock we all assembled for  
meeting — the family numbering  
112 — We now gave out the Love  
for the last time — making 42  
times in public — This was more  
thankfully received — (if possible)  
than ever — and I must say  
it appears that the best had been  
kept till the last — Elder Br  
Timothy bounded around like a  
ball of yarn upon the floor — & so  
it went thro<sup>o</sup> the whole meeting —  
if there was a stiff dry limb there  
we did not discover it — — bondage  
had fled from this region

Almost every one improved in  
some gift of simplicity — our meet-  
ing continued for the space of 2 hours  
without a vacant moment — when  
we retired — singing as they left the



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room - I must not forget to say we received many heavenly & eternal presents - together with the Love of every individual in a beautiful measure! - -

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> - Take breakfast - then go over the Office & visit the inmates - viz Samuel Barber Jason Hilder - Irena George Betsey Allard & Calista Slack; all warranted not to cut in the eye - Then finish'd out our visit with the sisters & girls in their devoroe exercises - - And returned back about 10 o'clock to the Office We then took a walk thro' the burying ground - which was just completed with slate stone for each end of the graves, well lettered - purchased, already prepar'd -

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in very neat order — In the P.M. quite a number of brethren & sisters collected in the dwelling house for a little singing meeting & to support a little union too —

We all attended with them —

The time had now come for us to pack up our things for the last time which was attended to with thankfulness of heart — the not without feelings of gratitude to every individual whom we have seen on our journey — for every one apparently did really strive to make our journey a pleasant one —

In the evening we take our farewell visit <sup>with</sup> the good Ministry — Deacons & I might say all — the not without feelings of heart felt affections — Retire to rest, about 10 o'clock —

## Leave Enfield

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> Start on our way - accompanied by the good Elders all, excepting Br Chase the lack being made up by George - one of the young brethren

We now bid farewell to all the eastern societies - and each lovely inhabitant of its pleasant hills and rich valleys, and turn our eyes and senses to Holy Mount, our delightful home, or Paradise on earth.

But, at this parting moment many feelings of gratitude were called forth from our hearts to ~~send~~ for the unbounded kindness we had received

While many eyes were wet with the tears of tender love and affection by which we were all knit together

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Pass thro' Lebanon, Plainfield - Cross  
Connecticut river - into Windsor 22 -  
miles - Here we all took dinner  
and finished our last affectionate  
visit - with our dear friends -

We now began to feel in some hurry  
to reach home.

Go on thro' Weather's field - Spring  
field to - Chester - 44 miles to day  
Put up at J. Kelly's tavern -

They are building a Rail road  
from Ballows Falls - Thro Rutland  
to Burlington -

Thursday 17<sup>m</sup> Take quite a good  
breakfast after a poor nights rest  
Go on thro' Andover Landgrove  
dairy & Landgrove 16 miles - bated  
our horses and took dinner -

We were now informed that we were  
5 miles from the top of the mountain

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We now finished climbing the hills till we reached, Peru, and were surprised to think we had found its top with so much ease - -

The mountain not being so steep on the east side as on the west -

We then commenced going down down, where borrows where -

I do not - One place the rocks being directly over our heads - -

but we did not stay there long - -

but still kept going down till we reached factory points - thence thro

Manchester to Arlington, 22 miles put up for the night, at Edies Hotel

The prospect on the west side of the mountain is very beautiful -

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> Go thro Shaftsbury &  
 East Bennington 15 miles take our  
 Horses - Go to the pottery - this puts me  
 in mind of becoming clay in the hands  
 of the Potter - (a hard job)  
 It cannot be fitted without much  
 labor - On, thro Townwell to  
 Williamstown 13 miles - Here we put  
 out, for the last time, very good accom-  
 modations,

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup>

Theres joy within each heart  
 And praises on each tongue  
 As we now turn our eyes  
 To the Measur of Lebanon  
 We pass thro Williamstown  
 Then on thro Hancock hallow  
 Right by New Lebanon Springs  
 And a great many other things -  
 We now could see the tillage

By the inmates of the village  
And soon we see the hive  
With all the bees alive—  
When we met this little flock  
It was nearly one o'clock  
The thirteenth of September  
As we all do well remember

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Of them of life's journey  
 December 24 1866

Attracted by a spirit friend  
 And wishing to a moment spend  
 And thus approached they said to me  
 Can you relate your history  
 I answer'd not so very well  
 But some few incidents can tell  
 They then replied come go with me  
 And let's look over life's journey

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 Come view the morning of thy days  
 And see if they will merit praise  
 See if you've kept a forward pace  
 Since you commenced the heavenly race  
 Did you receive the gospel call  
 When you was young & very small  
 And did you in obedience come  
 And have your journey well begun

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And at the door did you come in  
 By honestly confessing sin  
 And did you every fault relate  
 And every crooked path make <sup>open</sup> plain  
 Did you expose deceit and lies  
 Just as they were without disguise  
 All little thefts and childish weeps  
 Did you commit them to the blaze

And as you did advance to youth  
 Was your foundation solid truth  
 Then did you every passion slay  
 Of lust and pride & vanity  
 Or now and then did scure a crumb  
 Then tried to think the work well done  
 Or did you say I've done enough  
 And will I had done is but stuff

'Tis nothing but a woman's plan  
 Or else twain's studied up by man

Then did you see that Monster I  
 Who has a policy to try  
 I always knows a thing or two  
 And which of all I mean to do  
 I have a lead tis very true  
 Some brothers and some sisters too

But, I have some wit of my own  
 Well reitred within the bone  
 This I will keep close by my side  
 For did it all I mean to ride  
 Well when to riper years ariven  
 Did any of your treats lепен  
 Or did you think you was amply  
 To manage the Atlantic cable

Then did you wish to have it known  
 You was quite sufficient all alone  
 Or how long did you feel so smart  
 Before you got a broken heart

Did you not think if you could be  
 An Elder Deacon or Trustee  
 Or stand upon an elevation  
 You'd get more public approbation

Where your abilities would show  
 Applauded by each friend & foe  
 And where your judgment could be <sup>heard</sup>  
 For by this people you was heard  
 To think you had so little sense  
 Would often give you sore offense  
 Also such bounded liberty  
 Deprived of your activity

Well when you get to later date  
 And trials all along your fate  
 Then did you think you'd want to see  
 The justice of eternity  
 Think there's a God who knows it all  
 And all his creatures great & small

And you would have your just reward  
 If in this world you were obeyed

Now of the evils of this life  
 Are you at war and daily strife  
 And have you put them all to shame  
 And given to each one their name  
 Now to the Altar have you come  
 And in rotation one by one  
 O have you with your souls desire  
 Consumed them in the gospel fire

Now if you can't remember me  
 Just trace it back & you will see  
 There's many little funny scrapes  
 His said was done by George & Kate

End

Answer to the Poem of 24<sup>th</sup>  
 December 27<sup>th</sup> 1866

Again I meet my spirit friend  
 And at this time do condescend  
 To answer what you asked me  
 And give in short my history  
 For true I was a child quite small  
 When first I heard the gospel call  
 And ne'er can I forget the scene  
 In eighteen hundred seventeen

I was just then in my fourth year  
 When first the shakers did appear  
 And brought in time com'g' grace  
 The beauties of a shaker face  
 So bright so lovely and serene  
 Their garments persons all so clean  
 To hear them sing their notes of praise  
 Has been conviction thro' my days.



And more than this they said to <sup>me</sup>  
 A little shaker you must be  
 Your Parents you must always mind  
 Confess each fault leave it behind  
 So after this I did my best  
 All disobedience I confess'd  
 All thefts and lies & all deceit  
 One at a time, I did repeat

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 All filthy language or foul play  
 With all my churlish jealousy  
 I strove with all my little might  
 To bring it every bit to light  
 When youthful days advanced along  
 And nature's passions did grow strong  
 I put the battle to the gate  
 Made all its crooked windings straight

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 All the imaginary seas  
 Its lusts & pride and vanities

I singled out just one by one  
 And did confess them with my tongue  
 And when big I came up to view  
 I caught my eye give that a clue  
 And said I've heard you long enough  
 So now begone with all your stuff

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 When satans did come up in mirth  
 To set his kingdom upon earth  
 Saying my disciple ye must be  
 Then all my glory ye shall see  
 Said I your glories I have seen  
 They're very few and far between  
 And all I have to say to thee  
 Is Satan get ye behind me

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 My eyes do brighter scenes explore  
 Than all I see on earth's dark shore  
 For greater beauties do arise  
 From making willing sacrifice

When to the cross I was resign'd  
 True solid comfort I did find  
 Instead of being great by I  
 I said, myself I will deny

I lov'd my leaders ore and all  
 I lov'd my brethren great and small  
 I lov'd my sisters kind and true  
 And that's not all, they lov'd me too  
 For toils and labors I did join  
 And made their heavy burdens mine  
 Then of their joy I daily shar'd  
 And from sweet heav'n was met the word

The pleasures of this mortal life  
 With all its cares and worldly strife  
 I thankfully did lay it down  
 To gain a pure immortal crown  
 Thanks be to God, they will be mine  
 And all I have O Lord is thine

My time and talents all I give  
 And for thy cause alone I live

And to this world I've bid adieu  
 And life eternal have in lieu  
 For all that I do sacrifice

A full reward do realize

Now Father, friend & Isaacar B

If you my little note should see

Know it is from your Daughter Ann

That's doing all the good she can

End

The first part of the book is a list of names  
 and addresses, which are written in a very  
 faint hand. The names are mostly of the  
 same family, and the addresses are all  
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## Visitation of our Saviour

Awake awake all those who sleep  
 And of my spirit drink ye deep  
 For I am come as a consuming fire,  
 Of truth to raise the standard high  
 My power is rooted in the lead  
 His love and charity in deed  
 And all who seek shall have a part  
 To cleanse & purify the heart

O judge ye not this righteous plan  
 For sever tis not the work of man  
 But God the Father hath sent me  
 To set bound souls at liberty  
 Once I was call'd a Nazarene  
 But now a Saviour from all sin  
 My mission's with the souls of men  
 And in the fold to gather them

The darkest cloud that does surround  
 The proudest heart and strongest hand  
 The depths of all iniquity  
 Cannot a farthing hide from me  
 My Father is a cloud of light  
 I am his Son & his delight  
 And I shall search & overturn  
 Untill ye are as a tried stone

In former days there was a sign  
 Which was fulfilled in its time  
 But now I be come in very speed  
 To hasten on my work with speed  
 Gods heavy judgments have been sent  
 From pole to pole the earth is rent  
 And men have run in wild career  
 Forgetting that their God were

But first in gien is my call  
 Be striped from every selfish scall



Your lamps be trimmed and burning = <sup>bright</sup>  
 Your tabernacles all set right  
 One jot or tittle from the right  
 Must to a fraction come to light  
 All deviations from the truth  
 Be strait from aged to the youth

All filthiness of every kind  
 Must be removed from the mind  
 And let no lust, deceit or pride  
 Within your temples seek to hide  
 Let your tabernacles of clay  
 More cleanly be from day to day  
 And tho' your cloud in lowly main  
 Let every vestment be made clean

Bring all your forms and fashions to  
 The gift of God made known to you  
 And have a real distinction seen  
 From those who are in this world of sin

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Let order prevails all your farms  
Gardens dwellings Kitchens Barns  
Your implements all in their place  
Your premises with beauty graced

This gospel's placed in your trust  
And all its precepts keep you must  
So let all turn to Zions cause  
Maintain her statutes & her laws  
Since ye are Gods selected few  
Let not his blessing pass from you  
Lest you're cast out to floods of sin  
And other souls are gather'd in

Our brave sons <sup>of the</sup> of liberty  
Come and strictly follow me  
Denying all this world can give  
This is the way your Lord did live  
Lay up no treasure on earth's dust  
To be corrupt with moth and rust

But your hearts treasure do conceal  
Where thieves cannot break thro' & steal

My Kingdom is not of this world  
Therefore your sacred birthright hold  
A natural life freely long design'd  
Then life eternal you shall find  
Tho' you should suffer scoffs & scorns  
And even wear a crown of thorns  
I think what your Saviour pass'd thro'  
And that he gave his life for you

Words Repeated by an  
Unknown Spirit Feb 17 67

To there life in a hard stone  
Or veins of metal in a dry bone  
If not then let all look at them  
And see what's treasured there  
Will a dark cloud shed rays of light  
For a cloud set the earth all right  
If not then take a clearer sight  
And see just what ye are

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# A Prophecy Jan 1<sup>st</sup> 1867

Fifty righteous souls shall be  
 called home — seen  
 And many more shall be called.  
 And those who are left will realize  
 That Zion's number still will rise  
 A remnant will be called forth  
 From all the kingdoms of the earth  
 And Zion's light again shall be  
 Conveyed across the rolling sea.