Some Notes Kept of a Journey

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About the 21st year of her age she was married to Benjamin Coope, and settled in the verge of Bradford meeting, of which she was a diligent attender, and increas’d in usefulness among them, labouring with friends in supporting Church discipline, and visiting those who miss’d their way. She several years acted as clerk to their meeting. In the year 1804 information was sent down from the yearly meeting to the quarterly and monthly meetings that the settlement made by friends among the natives on the Allegany river was now so advanced as to need their assistance of females in instructing and exampleling their sex in domestick concerns. Requesting that if a suitably qualified friend & his companion should feel their minds engaged in the concern to come forward as volunteers. When it information was spread in the monthly and quarterly meetings of which she was a member her and her husband’s minds became
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On the 8th day after they set off at the Big Meadows on the third fork of Pine creek the country became such a wilderness, the road thro' so little improved being often intersected by the fallen timber, as to render getting their waggon thro' at that time impracticable, consequently they were obliged to leave it part of their bedding, clothing &c and pursue their journey mostly on foot their horses being loaded with the necessaries of what they could take - they were four in number a young man who went to assist them.
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how I have fared.— Thou knew it was a close trial to me, to give up to be thus separated from you; and I have often been made thankful that I was favoured to get into a state of resignation. I think I never enjoyed a more comfortable state of mind, than since residing here. One first day even when they were long, feeling the want of society, to introduce a new train of ideas for the mind to dwell on—a little before the sun withdrew from us his rays. I walked out alone, seeking for some new objects to amuse me, and pursued the new road about ¾ of a mile to the river. as I walked along my mind unintentionally was engaged, in ruminating on my native home, my dear relations and friends, and why I should be thus separated from them. I was satisfied that it did not proceed from any will of my own but much in the event, and in submission to inward impressions. As I was thus
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April 1st. To a friend. "Thy letter of June last came safe to hand. The wholesome counsel together with the interesting information, was truly acceptable; for it reached me at a time when I was very desirous of hearing from my native home; being of the latest date of any I had received. I was pleased to find thou hadst been to see my dear father Cooper, whose situation I have near by felt, knowing it was a close trial both to him and us, to be thus separated, now in his advanced stage of life. Indeed when I view'd the prospect not only of leaving him but society in general, with my dear friends and relations, to many of whom I have of late felt an increasing nearness, with desires for the advancement of our Zion, and to live so retired in an uncultivated part of the country, was so in the cross, that at times I
for it. Hence after much debate ytf Henry Obail
son of Cornplanter being permitted to speak
said, ytf why this image you worship was once
a little sprout that grew out of ytf the ground
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made like ytf a man and we worship it still
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sort of Great Spirit we worship, can’t hear can’t
speak - give ytf me leave and I will make way
with it. Atytf length it was given up to
him, and he tumbled it into the river &
ytf it floated away -- but they watched him
thinking some evil ytf would happen him
for so doing -- Notwithstanding their image
is ytf gone they still continue regularly twice
a year their dances, offering ytf sacrifices, some-
times burning tobacco & cytf 12mo 23ytf ytf From her diary. It has been snow-
ing more or less these two days ytf - ytf 25th ytf ytf ytf Various reflections pass’d thro’ my
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was almost ready to run counter to secret impressions; but knowing my peace consisted in obedience; and remembering how it was with good old Jacob, when he left his father's house to go into a strange country, that in the course of his journey, when alone, he had to acknowledge, "Surely the Lord is in this place and I knew it not," and how he was preserved and blessed, so that on his returning, "I am not worthy of the least of thy mercies, for with my staff I passed over this Jordan, and now I am become two bands." As these considerations revived with renewed faith, that the Divine presence, is still the same, that ever it was, to those who are truly devoted to serve the Most High—my faith was a little strengthened; the mountains gradually disappeared and a belief increased, that if it was the Lord's will for us to go,
some hour when the watery clouds are discharging their whitened substance and the trees of the forest are clad with the icy snow—while my mind is unmolested with the cares of this life—and my thoughts absorbed in awful meditation—may I view all temporary scenes as fading toys, and revere that hand from whom all good comes—Now at this solemn period attend O my soul in humility wait to be learn'd by this inward teacher — O my faltering mind, how long wilt thou blundering along in thy journey Heavenward. thou hast often seen this insufficiency of human frailty therefore in full confidence, rely on that Power which at seasons, thou hast felt to be precious.— And now O Lord permit me to intercede for a renewal of thy holy aid, that when thou in thy wisdom may see mete to hide, as it were, thy face from
he would support us, our eye were fixed upon him. Thus as I endeavored to become resigned, I felt at seasons a comfortable consolation, and have experienced, even in this remote part of the country, a brook by the way, that will refresh the weary traveler. Our religious opportunities are mostly attended with a lively sacred. It is encouraging to hear that the petitions of those who are still are have been as valiant as in our Israel are ascending on our behalf. Surely it calls for grateful returns of thankfulness to the Author of all good.

The natives appear friendly disposed and are gradually increasing in the idea of civilized life. Some of them are much spirited in cultivating their farms and ingesting more comfortable houses.

The concern feels weighty and important, and I have no doubt but that it was rightly founded; and if those engage
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me I may be enabled, in patience
and humility to wait for thy coming;
and when thou art pleased to be near
and feed me I may not slide from
the true path; for in thee alone is safety.
All things as to the outward glide comfortably along but I
have often to pass thro' seasons of deep humiliation. -- Thou only Lord knows the
anguish of my spirit and sincerity of my heart, that I desire above all things
to serve thee but, the cross and the assault of the enemy. - Will I never be able to
overcome the many hindering things!
Thou hast at seasons clearly manifested to me thy will-- and sweet peace
accompanied faithfulness thereto
Then Oh my soul why dost thou doubt.
dwell low; in humility wait. let not
thy faith fail, that so in the littleness thou mayest be enabled to do the Lords will.
Therein are careful to dwell near the Divine
direction they will be preserved; and may
at a future day have to view their labours
with satisfaction.

30% In answer to her brother JS who
desired to be informed of the customs & man-
ners of the natives, "says. Since the young
men resided here, the natives had a great
image cut out of a Pine tree and made
after the figure of a man, and painted,
so as to look frightful, which they called
the Great Spirit. They had set times of
worshipping and dancing before it. But
as their minds became more enlightened
some of them grew uneasy within
this image, and they had many confer-
ences what should be done with it, but
they were fearful of destroying it, lest
some evil should befall them. At
length one of their chiefs proposed taking
it into the woods and putting some beans
and corn by it, to shew their good will.
23rd and first of the week-- My mind when favour'd to get into the quiet has enjoy'd comfortable state of tranquility; but thro' sundry requests of the natives also as the white people in passing up & down this river make this house a stopping place - and many travelers latterly calling some being detain'd- occaisioned us some difficulty in sitting quietly down in our religious opportunities. Oh that we may be enabled thro' difficulties to dwell near that fountain, from whence preservation and heavenly instruction flows - From her Diary — forward 9 leaves: 2 Month 22nd To her sister MS. When I wrote to father I mentioned that we expected to build a house near this, for a school house which is now accomplished, and altho’ the weather much of the time since has been stormy and river difficult to cross, yet have not been unimploy'd. As soap making is a novel to most
for it. Hence after much debate Henryblat
son of Complanter being permitted to speak
said, Why this image you worship was on
a little sprout that grew out of the ground
it could neither hear nor speak—well it was
made like a man and we worship it still
it can neither hear nor speak—is this the
sort of Great Spirit we worship, can't hear can't
speak—give me leave and I will make way
with it. At length it was given up to
him, and he tumbled it into the river &
flotted away—but they watched him
thinking some evil would happen him
for so doing—Notwithstanding their image
is gone they still continue regularly twice
a year their dances offering sacrifices some-
times burning tobacco &c

12mo 23 From her diary. It has been snow-
ing more or less these two days—
25th. Various reflections pass'd thro' my
mind to day as I sat knitting of which
the following is a part— A! This lone—
of the Indians nay many of them
seldom or never wash their clothes or even
their hands or face. To impress their
minds with habits of cleanliness appear'd
to us the first necessary and important
step; accordingly in the fall we proposed
to them, to save their ashes and fat, and when
our house was ready we would teach them
to make soap— for when they bring their grists
to mill in their canoes the materials could
easily be brought with in them— for they
generally live 10 or 12 miles each way generally on the
opposite side of the river. tho’ their principal
town is within 3 miles. There has been several
girls out of 6 or 8 families who have at
different times attended, and who appear'd
anxious to learn; they were much pleas'd
with having considerable quantity of
good soap to take home with them.
between whiles they nit and spin a little.
they bring provisions and cook for themselves;
we shew’d them our way to make indian bread
some hour when the watery clouds are discharging their whitened substance and the trees of the forest are clad with the icy snow—while my mind is unmoistened with the cares of this life—and my thoughts absorbed in awful meditation—may I view all temporary scenes as fading toys, and reverence that hand from whom all good comes. Now at this solemn period attend, O my soul, in humility wait to be led by this inward teacher, O my fumbling mind, how long wilt thou be blundering along in this journey heavenward? thou hast often seen the insufficiency of human frailty; therefore in full confidence, rely on that Power which at seasons, thou hast felt to be precious.

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sunshine is not always best for us. The time of the arival of the last packet, and the precedingly week was a proving season-- here I was, no change of society, no neighbouring meeting where perhaps I might receive a crum - Well it will cause me to get deeper and to know that my dependance must alone be on Divine help. -- I trust it was a season of renew'd instruction to me. 3 Month 22nd I feelingly sympathiz'd with you. Truly it must be a great consolation in believing she was prepar'd for her awful change, which I have no doubt was the case. Oh that it may have an awakening tendency on those of her contemporaries who attended the solemn scene. Tryals of this sort and many others frequently occur during
29th and first of the week. My mind when favour'd to get into the quiet has enjoyed a comfortable state of tranquility, but the sundry requests of the natives also as the white people in passing up and down this river make this house a stopping place and many travelers lately calling some being detained has occasioned us some difficulty in sitting quietly down in our religious opportunities. So that we may be enabled thru all difficulties to dwell near that fountain from whence preservation and heavenly instruction flowed.

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feel weighty and important - and have set times to confer together with a view, to keep the subject lively, and to seek after a plan, that may be most conducive to their improvement. - and often among ourselves express a concern that we do so little. - yet when we reflect that we are endeavouring to do the best we can, labouring to keep in the patience, improving every favourable opportunity that may offer - way may yet open for our encouragement -- The children of Israel in their journey through the wilderness were directed when they saw no way to go forward to stand still. and way open'd beyond their expectation. I have had for some time past humbly to crave for patience both inwardly and outwardly, and have laboured to seek after wisdom that is able to direct. -- Thou knowest there are seasons when discouragements will assails us in
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With respect to ourselves we enjoy goodytf health,
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giving me for drink- buttermilk (howytf differ ent from thy dinner at Aunts) in the mean time two girlsytf (perhaps 10 and 12 years of age) who had frequently been at Tunesassah came inviting me to their house.ytf they ran before and prepared a seat for me by their mother whoytf was sitting at the door weaving a belt curiously decorated withytf beads. The eldest impatient to try her handytf at knitting-and her sister closytf by on her knees clottyf by gazing with pleasing attention to see the dexterity of herytf fingers- in a few minutes she performed much better than the womanytf did in half an hour-- when she got in the way of it I left it withytf her and made several visits in the upper part of the town. When Iytf return’d she told me by her fingers that she had knit six needles-ytf and that 30 stitches were on a needle-- she reluctantly parted withytf it but time urged me homewards, having on my way several calls yetytf to makeytf
That may be allotted me. That Nero's rights and depths, I may at seasons, be favoured to partake if but a crumb of that bread, that nourishes and strengthens the soul, is what my spirit earnestly breathes for.

To her sister E.S. The recital of thy short excursion in the country, revived a recent visit made by me to Cold Spring an Indian town and I was led to view the contrast. As true a picture of mine cannot be formed in my ideas as thine can in mine. However to make a beginning—As the cornfields have lately called the attention of the women from their spinning it afforded us some leisure and I seized the opportunity to visit them in their own houses. Jacob Taylor going on business to the town, and offered to escort me there—When we came to the river an Indian with a canoe being there who cheerfully took us across—I had a pleasant walk up the river, viewing the
I had victuals at another place set for me which my paper, as I have some other thing to mention to thee, will give me no room to describe. I got through to the fording place about six where two families live who in turn were to share of my visit and who expected to take me across the river - but my expectations were erroneous for the houses were shut and no one to take me over - here alone, I took my seat and bundle of shingles waiting for some favourable event -- with which in half an hour I was finished for an Indian coming to the opposite side got a canoe and took me over and I returned much pleased with my visits --

------ We had the assistance of 10 or more Indians for two days in raising a barn - the day of the eclipse proved to be one -- the Indians had been told some time before that on this day the sun would grow dark - but some said "they were sure white people could tell no such things," however
mountains on the opposite side intermixed with narrow valleys clothed with spontaneus herbage for the nourishment of the dumb beasts. When we arrived in the suburbs of the town we were hailed by some of the inhabitants to know where we were bound to. Jacob informed them that I purposed spending the day among them, and by and by would call on them—as his business did not lead him far thro' the town, I was bound too then left me. Mckenson I have found to be a pleasant covering for the feet in dry weather, and my last summer's pair being worn out, I called on this woman who made them, to speak another pair when I came to the door I saluted her in their way. Schano ah shano she replied—looking pleasantly—her five little folks being around. I invited my self in, also to a seat which I took on the end of a long bench. The day was warm yet she was churning close by the
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growing darker and darker untill for a
few minutes itytf    became total the atmos-
phere resembled dark twilight and a
umberytf    of stars made their appearances.
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to cry too for it look so strange.ntytf    ytf   Copied
ntyf 6 Month 30th To her brother NS.
tyf After passing thru a long winter & part of the spring with
ntyf We were favored after passing, with
but little intercourse,ntyf    we were favoured to
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ytf for reading and meditation is much
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many comfortable hours have been sacri-
ficed to these desires-- Altho I
often feel poor and striped yet as
patience is abode in the comfort-
able belief, will prevails the streams of Divine
love are extended, to all the sincere
wherever scatter'd or how ever far remote from
the bosom of society. will prevail.
The query the yong man put to his Lord
has of late affectingly accompanied my
mind. “Good Master what good thing shall
I do to inherit eternal life-” after enumerat-
ing several things he added “go selly that thou
hast and come & follow me.” this was a hardy
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giving me for drink—buttermilk (how different from thy dinner at Aunts), in the mean time two girls (perhaps 10 and 12 years of age) who had frequently been at Tunesassahcam inviting me to their house. They ran before and prepared a seat for me by their mother who was sitting at the door weaving a belt curiously decorated with beads. The eldest impatient to try her hand at knitting— and her sister on her knees lost by gazing with pleasing attention to to see the dexterity of her fingers—in a few minutes she performed much better than the woman did in half an hour—it she got in the way of it. I left it with her and made several visits in the upper part of the Town. When I returned she told me by her fingers that she had knitted six needles and that 30 stitches were on a needle—she reluctantly parted with it but time urged me homewards, having on my way several calls yet to make.
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We had the assistance of 10 or more Indians for 2 days in raising a barn the day of the eclipse proved to be one. The Indians had been told some time before that on this day the sun would grow dark. But some said they were sure white people could tell no such things; however
again be with you-- In regard to thy
debilitated situation and want of health
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when the obscurations began it continued growing darker and darker until for a few minutes it became total. The atmosphere resembled dark twilight and a number of stars made their appearance.

Well says one of the Indians the white folks does know more than us—another said he expected a great many of the women were crying, and he had a mind to cry too for it looked so strange.

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To her brother S.L.

After passing thru a long winter part of the thing with us we were favoured after passing with a short little intercourse we were favoured with a little intercourse there a long winter and part of the spring to receive a number of letters and was much pleased with finding among them one from thee— and may tell thee and dear sister tho' we are far separated from the bosom of society partaking of many hours of retirement that formerly we
27th. From her diary. This eve my dear brother JS. arrived. it was a joyful meeting to us both. he brought me a number of letters from my dear connections. Oh how many blessing do I receive. may I ever walk worthy thereof and quietly acquies in your way cast up for me - with a heart devoted to love fear and obey. Heavenly Father, is the frequent breathing of my spirit. 28th. To her sister P.S. -- If our school could be fill'd with girls learning to spin knit &c days would pass pleasantly away. A number when their corn is gather'd gives us to expect their company. -- The man’s wife who has the sawmill is a weaver and could we have a piece of the Indians spinning for her this winter to weave, it would prove a strong incitement for more of them next spring to sow flax. The committee who has lately been among us
were in a degree strangers to, yet I am thankful that mostly I enjoy a quiet resigned mind and have not in the most trying dispensations I have experienced since being here. Thought my lot hard, nor dare indulge one murmuring thought. — my relish for reading and meditation is much increased, and can truly say that my comfortable hours have been sacrificed to these desires. Altho I often feel poor and stripped yet as patience is abode in. the comfortable belief that the streams of Divine love are extended to all the sincere hearted wherever scattered or how far remote from the bosome of society will prevail. The query the young man put to his Lord has of late affectingly accompanied my mind. "Good Master what good thing shall I do to inherit eternal life?" after enumerating several things he added "Go sell that thou hast and come and follow me." This was a hard
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1806
1 mo 29th. From her diary—Letters were received today informing of the death of dear cousin Hannah Jackson's mother—she is now no doubt reaping the benefit of a well spent life. May we who are left behind so follow her footsteps that when our final change comes, we may be prepared; time to us all is uncertain, and the period when we shall be called hence we know not.

9 mo 18th. To me. I dwell but little on the subject of my friends or when I shall
access to those hidden treasures in store for the faithful.” is a sentiment express'd in closing subject in thy last and feeling the energy and sincerity in which it was penn'd—my spirit said amen—Well knowing if faithfulness is adhered to what this desire will produce—Thou hast pass'd thro’ some close proving seasons all intended for the trial of faith and to fit thee for further usefulness in thy day—then let not the cross stand in the way but give up and the enjoyment sweet peace will be thy reward. I speak from a small degree of experience, for after I was given up to this service some little prospects opened upon my mind accompanied with the belief that was my duty to perform previous to leaving my native home—alas they were like mountains to the natural will. In thankfulness I may acknowledge
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1807

2 Month 21st To a niece who had lately lost her companion. -- The perusal of thy valuable letter was truly satisfactory. It was comfortable to find that thou was favoured with so much fortitude and resignation. It is enough my dear to experience a Physician near to heal all our maladies; may we in our varied allotments daily endeavour so to walk, as to witness our minds more and more redeemed from the perishing enjoyments of this world. For what is self with all its acquired arts or what is there here that is worthy placing our dependance on.

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not having strength to resist yielded to their
powerful assaults. She weaken'd fast
yet appear'd to lay with an easy man.
her bodily pain was great and hav-
ing found some relief by being mov'd
often made the request. She would
look very affectionately at me at times
and say, 'tis father I feel very un-
easy, I believe I must be mov'd a little
I suppose thou wilt think me very
troublesome, but it gives me some relief.'
So it was moving to see her so.
Transcription

advice; and when they heard she was
ytf no more, their countenances manifest-
ed much sorrow. ---- She departed
ytf 16 of the 8mo 1807, ---- the next
day beingytf fixed on for her burial, invi-
tations were sent among the In-
dians, ytf & near 20 of the graver sort attend'd
principally women, a numberytf coming
into the room, and after looking at the
corps in muchytf brokenness quietly took
their seats untill it was closed, which
wasytf not untill after a time of solemn
silence.- Several of the Indians who
ytf did not come in sent their excuse
saying, They could not bear to seeytf her
for the sight would overcome them and
they would weep aloud. Theyytf follow'd
to the grave in the same becoming
manner. -- They return’dytf into the room
and took their seats for I suppose
15 minutes. They wereytf then serv’d with
fresh bread and in a few minutes
ytf
afflicted yet I was glad I was with her, she appeared so much in the innocency, no anxiety manifested concerning her situation, her mind much resigned and a willingness to comply and act just as was thought best.

The day she deceased her pain much abating, she lay more easy tho' a high fever was still her companion which so affected her mind as to cause it to be much afloat particularly when in a doze. About three o'clock she appeared in fervent supplication tho' not clearly understood, and frequently in the few hours remaining, that she continued with us her mind was similarly engaged not only interceding for herself but others which fully evinced that her day would close in peace. About this time her hands and feet began to grow cold, and her pulse to beat more feebly tho' very quick. I asked her if she knew
after individually shook hands with
us and bade us farewell, some of
themytf saying to us that they were very
sorry Rachel was taken away but en-
ytf couraged us to bear the trial patiently
for such things must happen toytf the
white people as well as the Indians.ytf ytf Cornplanter lived down the river
about 12 miles and he came in a few
ytf days to see us. his countenance mani-
fested him to be a trueytf sympathizer.
his said he was very sorry for what
had happened among usytf and hoped
we would not be discourage for this
was the first since theytf settlement
was made among them and that
such tryals would be the lotytf of white
folks as well as Indians. he took
leave of us with tears inytf his eyes.ytf