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 attendent, 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 mo. 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 exampleing their sex in domesting concerns. requesting that if a suitably qualifyed 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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worshiping and dancing before it.ytf But
as their minds became more enlighten'd
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sort of Great Spirit we worship, cant hear can’t
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with it.- At ytf length it was given up to
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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 renewed 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 disappear'd 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 un-molested with the cares of this life - and my thoughts absorbed in awfully 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 if our eye were fixed upon him. — Thus as I endeavored to become resigned, I felt at reasons 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 savor. It is encouraging to hear that the petitions of those who have been as valiant 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 in getting more commodate houses.

The concern feels weighty and important, and I have no doubt but that it was rightly-founded; and if these engag
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 and thee
alone is safety.- All things as to the out-
ward 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 Father clearly man-
ifested 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 Lord's will.
Herein 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.

Mme. 30% "In answer to her brother I S who desired to be informed of the customs & manners 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 worshiping and dancing before it. But as their minds became more enlightened some of them grew uneasy within this image, and they had many conferences 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 bees and ear by it, to show 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 natives
also as the white people in passing up &
down this river make this house a stoping
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:
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 Henry Keel, son of Corporal Keel, 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 & it floated away—but they watched him thinking some evil would happen to him for so doing—Notwithstanding their image is gone they still continue regularly twice a year their dances offering sacrifices sometimes burning tobacco &c."

12 mo. 23 From her diary. It has been snowing 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!
of the Indians nay many of them
seldom or never wash their clothes or even
their hands or face- Toytf impress their
minds with habits of cleanliness appear'd
Toytf 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 brought with in them – for they
generally live 10 or 12 m each way generally on the
opposite side of the river. tho’ their principal
town is within 3 m.- 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 themselves;
we shew’d them our way to make indian bread
some hour when the watery clouds are discharging their distilled substance and the trees of the forest are clad with the icy snow—while my mind is un molest ed 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 led by this inward teacher—O my faltering 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.—And now Lord permit me to intreated for a renewal of thy holy aid, that when those in thy wisdom may see me to hide as it were, thy face from
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zen of our girls in their native dress should un-
ytf  expectedly pass thro’ the entry at West Town
ytf  what an admiration it would raise- for the
contrast is great.- andytf  their is a satisfaction
in trying to instruct them- notwithstanding-
ytf  ing their great ignorance- their souls also
are equally as precious inytf  the sight of the
Supreme Being as ours. -- At unexpect-
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ing in all things to be instructed whether
to be fullytf  or empty, to abound or suffer
want - I find you have entertain'dytf  an
idea that I have enjoy'd some comfot-
able hours since myytf  residence in this
solatery abode, which has truly been
the case:ytf  but alass! an uninterrupted
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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 and thee alone is safety."

1806: "All things as to the outward glide comfortably along but inward often to pass thro' seasons of deep humiliation. Thou, 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 assaults - of the enemy. Will I never be able to overcome the many hindering things? Thou hast at seasons O Father clearly manifested to me they will - and sweet peace has accompanied. Faithfulness there to Thy kind soul why dost thou doubt, dwell low in humility wait. Let not my faith fail, that so in the littleness thou mayest be enabled to do the Lord's will."
sunshine is not always best for us. The time of the arriving of the last packet, and the preceding 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 renewal instruction to me. 3 Month 22nd of your precious sister had reached us- and feelingly sympathized with you. Truly it must be a great consolation in believing she was prepar'd for her awful change, which 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
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1 mo. 29th—From her diary—found 9 leaves.

2 mo. 22nd To her sister Mrs. 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 although the weather much of the time since has been stormy and the river difficult to cross, yet we have not been unemploy'd as soap making is a novel to most
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for good to them who love and fear the
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not earlier applying themselves to iti 5 Month 11 To me Thou requested an infor-
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the latter but little advancement is yet
made among the females-not owing I
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intrusted with by our society and expect
to give samples of its concern we often
of the Indians may many of them seldom or never wash their clothes or even their hands or face. To impress their minds with habits of cleanliness appears 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 when they bring their quids to mill in their canoes the materials could easily be brought with in them—for they generally live 10 or 12 m each way on the opposite side of the river. Their principal town is within 3 m. There has been several girls out of 60 or 80 families who have at different times attended and who appear anxious to learn—they were much pleased with having a considerable quantity of good soap to take home with them. Between whiles they met and spun a little. They bring provisions and cook for themselves we showed them our way to make Indian bread.
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 thro’ wilderness were directed when they saw no way to go forward stand still. and way open’d beyond their expectation. I have had for some time past humbly to crave for patience inwardly and outwardly, and have laboured to seek after that wisdom that is able to direct -- Thou knowest there are seasons when discouragements will assails us in
and they say they like it much the best.

If you think we mean to teach them to spell, the plan appeared to be well received by both sexes. One of the chiefs said, "That was the very thing." I had a dozen of our boys in their native dress should unexpectedly pass thro' the entry at West Town.

what an admiration it would raise for the contrast is great and there is a satisfaction in trying to instruct them, notwithstanding their great ignorance. Their souls also are equally as precious in the sight of the Supreme Being as ours.

At unexpectedly receiving a packet of letters she says, "Well, dear sister, I have been endeavouring in all things to be instructed. Whether to be full or empty, to abound or suffer want. I find you have entertained an idea that I have enjoyed some comfortable hours since my residence in this solitary abode, which has truly been the case; but alas! an uninterrupted
all weighty undertakings but if we endeavor to dwell near to the fountain of life, light may permitted to shine as our of a dark place -- and to own they necessity of those proving seasons and not to glory in any act of our own—yi I do not mean to convey discouragement relative to the concern-- for lyf think the work is progressing-- but great matters all at once must not be looked for. Many of the men this spring appear in good earnest to have more cleared land and enclosed fields, but they long established custom of having the women in their cornfield is not easily relinquish'd. With respect to ourselves we enjoy good health, live agreeably, have a comfortable house &c. the prospect of a good crop of grain (but a barn to receive it will have to be built) the improvements that are gradually making on our farm looks pleasant which
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3mo 22nd Dear cousin Previews to the reception of this letter, the tidings of the decease of your precious sister had reached us, and I feelingly sympathize with you. Truly it must be a great consolation in believing she was prepared 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. Trials of this sort and many others frequently occur during
added to the returning spring, feelsytf animating-- The sawmill has steadily been kept going and manyytf thousand feet of boards set in rafts down the river toytf Pitt[sburgh]-ytf 5 mo 25thytf ytf To her Uncle WS. We have lately had a visit fromytf the Agent placed by govern- ment ofytf the six nations.- he resides at ytf Buffoloe about 80 miles from thisytf place. The Indians on this river hadytf not receiv'd a visit from him since he was intrusted with hisytf office- and we being entire strain- gers to him and his sentiments,ytf respecting our being here on the errant we are- we were anxious toytf have an interview with him. The next day after his arival at Cold spring he had the Indians collectedytf (our men at- tended). He communicated many pertinent remarks toytf them, suitably adapted to their capacities; endeavouring to impress onytf their minds, the advantage of industry and sobriety, and theytf cultivation of their land. Requesting them to be careful to bring ytf
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The Indians are increasing in industrious habits. At a late council they held among themselves they agreed and information was sent to the absentees— that at a certain stated time, each one must relinquish their hunting and be in readiness to attend to the labors of the field, being sensible that last spring a loss was sustained by not earlier applying themselves to it.

To me Thou requested an introductory letter respecting both ourselves & the improvements of the natives; as to the latter but little advancement is yet made among the females, not owing, I think, to our neglect— the charge we are intrusted with by our society and expected to give samples of its concern we often
up their children to labor; endeavouring to convince them of the advantage it is to farmers to live separate from each other and not in little towns. -- A silversmith had made many exertions to settle among the Indians, which we entirely disapproved - - The Agent desired them not to suffer him to come on their land, for we would get their money for broaches and bobs that would be of no use to them. for when they wanted a yoke of oxen, if they had money they could go among the white people and get them, but if you take a basketful of these broaches they will not take them.- he also descanted on the great benefit of having the Quakers among them, and the advantages of the mills; signifying there were no people who had done more for them than they had-- He came home with our young men, and the eve was spent
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He said it was aytf great undertaking for us to leave our near connections and fri[en]ds but necessity call'd loudly for some ytf attention to be given them- signifying he had heard of our societyytf giving them some assistance, but had no idea so much was done-- Onytf parting with him we had his good will and wishes for our ytf success--ytf 6 mo 20ytf ytf from her diary A fine refreshing rain after a week of warm drytf weather all kinds of vegetation is revived but my poor mind feelsytf dull and lan-ytf guid, and the necessity of having faith and patienceytf under every dispensation ytf
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I do not mean to convey discouragements relative to the concern. For I think the work is progressing—but great matters all at once must not be looked for. Many of the men this spring appear in good earnest to have more cleared land and enclosed fields. But the long established custom of having the women in their cornfield is not easily relinquished. With respect to ourselves we enjoy good health, live agreeably, have a comfortable home. The prospect of a good crop of grain (but a barn to receive it will have to be built) the improvements that are gradually making on our farm looks pleasant while
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mountains on the opposite side intermix'd with narrow vallies clothed with spontaness herbage for the nourishment of the dumb beasts-- when we arived in the suburbs of the town we were haild by some of the inhabitants to know where we were bound to- Jacoby inform'd 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, he shew me the house I was bound too then left me- Mockensons I have found to be a pleasant covering for the feet in dry weather and my last summers pair being worn out, I call'd on this woman who made them, to be another pair-- when I came to the door, I saluted her in their way. schano ah schano she reply'd- looking pleasantly- her five little folks being around- I invited myself 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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a belt curiously decorated withytf beads.
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knitting-and her sister clost by on her knees
clostytf by gazing with pleasing attention to
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
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thing to mention to thee, will give me no
room toytf describe. I got thro’ and to the
fording place about six- where 2ytf families
live who in turn were to share of my visit
and who Iytf expected to take me across the
ytf river - but my expectations wereytf erroneous
for the houses were shut and no one to take
me over--ytf here alone, I took my seat and bun-
dle of shingles waiting for someytf favour-
able event -- with which in ½ an hour I was finish-
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side got a canoe and took me over-ytf and
I returned much pleased with my visits--
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Indians for 2 day in raising a barn - the
ytf day of the eclipse proved to be one- the
Indians had been told someytf time before
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growing darker and darker untill for a
few minutes itytf became total the atmos-
phere resembled dark twilight and a
numberytf of stars made their appearances.
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folks does know more than us--ntytf another
said he expected a great many of the
women were a crying,ntyf and he had a mind
to cry too for it look so strange.ntyf ytf Copied
nyf 6 Month 30th To her brother NS.
ytf After passing thru a long winter & part of the spring with
ytf We were favored after passing, with
but little intercourse,ntyf we were favoured to
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increased, and can truly sayytf that ma
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ced to theseytf desires-- Altho I
often feel poor and striped yet as
patienceytf is abode in the comfort-
able belief, will prevails thatytf the streams of Divine
love are extended, to all the sincerytf hearted
wherever scatter'd or how ever far remoetytf from
the bosom of society. will prevail.
The queryytf the yong man put to his Lord
has of late affectingly accompaniedytf my
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subject of receiving visits from my friends when I shall
I had rituals at another place set for me which my paper, as I have in view some other thing to mention to thee will give me no room to describe - I got there and to the sorting place about size where 2 families live who in turn were to share of my visit and who I expected to take me across the river - but my expectations were erroneous for the houses were shut and no one to take care over - here alone. I took my seat on the middle of shingles waiting for some favourable event - which in 2 or 3 hours I was furnished for an Indian coming to the opposite side got a canoe and took me over and I returned much pleased with my visit.

We had the assistance of 16 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 or whether we shall again meet in mutability, I hope submission and fortitude will be my companions and not only in that, but the varied dispensations that may be my lot to encounter. but dear father pleas to accept of the feeble breathings of thy daughter, that as thy natural abilities fail, and infirmities with age come on thou mayest be preserved a live in that that endure beyond time. -- I was pleased to hear from my dear aged grandmother and wish to affectionately remembred to her. I have often reverted to sensations impressed on my mind when in company with some dear friends near their close of time here, also on visiting some infirm ones who were confin'd and for these I often feel a lively sympathy.
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.

zu tho 30 th To her brother S. L. After passing three long winter's part of the spring we were favoured. after passing with but little intercourse we were favored to cut 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 societypartaking 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 connexions. Oh how many blessing do I receive. may I ever walk worthy thereof and quietly acquies in way cast up for me - with a heart devoted to love. The frequent breathing of my spirit. 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 gathered 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 sacrified to these desires. Altho' I often feel poor and shroued yet as patience is abode in. The comforatable belief, that the streams of Divine love are extended to all the sincere hearted whatever scattered or how far remote from the bosone of society, will prevail. The query the young man put to his Lord has of late affectingy 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 follow me." This was a hard
say they are much improved in cleanliness- and in many little matters I think they have gained instruction, which will open the way for greater. It is no small task - to begin with girls 13, 14 and 15 years of age - who are ignorant of all most every thing but hoeing corn and chipping wood-- the wheel runs back - the yarn tangles - it twists into curls, the end runs down, and such like-- which requires patience both for the teacher and learner -- Our knowledge of their language is still very limited - so that we have shewed them by signs - we have to keep up a pleasant countenance-- and repeating the words by and by you will get in the way of it-- considerable improvement in different branches is already made by some -- Not in Joshua's 30th To a near relation. -- Not without casting a longing desire for a free
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1806
1 mo 29th. From her diary. Letters were receiv'd to day 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 home we know not.

9 mo 10th. To me. I dwell but little on the receiving visits from subject of my friends or when I shall
access to those hidden treasures inytf store for the faithful.” is a sentiment express'd in closing aytf subject in thy last-and feeling the energy and sincerity in whichytf it was penn'd-that my spi-rit said amen -- Well knowing if faith-ytf fulness is adhered to what this desire will produce-- Thou hast pass'dytf thro’ some close proving seasons all intended for the trial of thytf faith and to fit thee for further usefulness in thy day-- then letytf not the cross stand in the way but give up and the enjoy-ment ofytf sweet peace will be thy reward. I speak from a small degree ofytf experience, for after I was given up to this service some littleytf prospects opened upon my mind accompaned with the belief that itytf was my duty to perform previous to leaving my native home-- butytf alas they were like mountains to the natural will. In thankfulnessytf I may acknow-ytf
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ledge that as I laboured to get into the quiet, and faith have a resigned mind - I was strengthened far beyond my expectation to do the little that presented - my consolation at times has been great, feeling that the Divine presence was near when the glimmer of light was small. I feel cautious of dwelling long on this subject lest I squander little good that I conceive has increased since I began to write - about 10 mo 3rd in the other 6th. About two weeks ago the committee left us, and three days since my dear brother. I sensibly feel the strip, the sweets that are to be derived from society, and in the company of our near relations assumed their native force, and powerfully prevailed that had I indulged those impressions they would soon have made me discontented and unhappy in my present retired situation, and for a season they did unsettle.
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28th To her sister J.S. - If our school house could be filled with girls learning to spin knit etc. the days would pass pleasantly away. a number when their corn is gathered gives us to expect their company. The mami'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
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30th To a near relation. Not without casting a longing desire for a free
and to crave thro’ all trials I may be preserved from the least shadow of murmuring - and a ray of hope reviv’d with a renewal of strength. 1807

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. The winter thus far with us has been very severe -- The ground these three months past been covered with snow. - but we have
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a good warm house to shelter us from the northern blasts. A number of Indian girls has this winter given us their company - some of whom has made an encouraging progress - a short piece is now in the loom principally the industry of two girls. - another piece is on the way - and a considerable quantity of very good thread has been manufactured and distributed among them generally. - Those two girls are desirous of having wheels of their own, and spin at home - and their request we mean to grant. Altho’ the disposition among the men to relieve their women in the labour of the field, has greatly increased; yet when the time for planting corn comes, the females have to give their assistance more or less, thro’ the summer. still there are intervals if they were so disposed, that might
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19th Feb: Near two weeks past I have had a painful gathering in my thumb. I have had in this slight affliction renewedly to seek for patience.
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with much composure and a solid countenance she answered. "I have been endeavoursing to stand resigned and have my mind prepared if such a change should take place— and I now feel quite easy under a full belief that there is a place of rest prepared for me." A while after she looked very affectionately at me and said "My dear father, I am glad thou art here. I heard of thy being poorly, and was fearful thou wouldst not be able to encounter so arduous a journey; therefore could never urge thy coming, but I am glad thou art here, and I hope thou wilt get safely home."

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a doze. About threeyetf Oclock she appear'd
in fervent supplication tho' not clearly
yet understood, and frequently in the few
remaining hours that she continued yetf with
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not only interceding for yetf herself but others
which fully evinced that her day would
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1807

2mo 21st. To niece who had lately lost her companion — The perusal of thy valuable letter was truly satisfactory. It was comfortable to find that thou wast 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 enjoyment of this world. For what is self with all its acquired arts or what is there here that is worth placing our dependance on.

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right; and to resign'd to the event
be it as it may is what I ardently
wish.
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her self or we have from any of her
letters. Believing her situation claimed
the company of some of her relations
my daughter Edith and myself prepared and the 12 of the 7 mo 1807 left
home and in 13 days arrived at Tunasas.
The family received us with expressions of joy in their countenances. particular-
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northern blasts.

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of whom has made an encouraging pro-
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gragements and at the point of despairing of our notyf geting there. She with the rest of the family were in the enjoyment of health. Eleven day were agreeably spent in free conversation, mutually gladyf after a separation of more than two years to be in each other’s society The 5th of the 8 mo. She was taken un-well, and in two days in the dayf was prospect of her recovery look’d gloomy. She was givenf over by the Dr. at this moving period. I thought it best to make her acquainted with her critical situation, that the probability of her being raised was small. after a short pause she reply’d - I wouldyf have been willing to have continued a while longer with my dearyf husband assisted in the concern we came here about, and to haveyf return’d with him to our friends; ytf
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departure I tookytf hold of her hand to
feel if she had a pulse, apprehending
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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 innocence, 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 disjoint 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
them saying to us that they were very
sorry Rachel was taken away but en-
couraged us to bear the trial patiently
for such things must happen to the
white people as well as the Indians.
Complanter lived down the river
about 12 miles and he came in a few
days to see us. his countenance mani-
fested him to be a true sympathizer.
he said he was very sorry for what
had happened among us and hoped
we would not be discouraged for this
was the first since they settled
was made among them and that
such trials would be the lot of white
folks as well as Indians. he took
leave of us with tears his eyes.