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SUMMARY: Nondenominational, itinerant evangelist from Whitby, England. She was the daughter of a Methodist preacher but her beliefs closely paralleled those of Friends and she travelled “under the appearance and character of a Quaker.” Ripley travelled to the United States several times for the “good of the poor Africans.” In 1805 she landed in New York and then visited Native Americans at Oneida, South Settlement, Stockbridge, and Brothertown.

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Hand who shutteth the lion's mouth ; and quencheth the violence of fire." I am a monument of Sovereign Grace, and rich mercy ; and stand resigned to suffer and do the Will of God, if it be ever so painful to accomplish it, if I am only kept from evil all the days of my pilgrimage while I am journeying up and down among birds of prey.

I have been twelve nights at Phœbe Taylor's, whom I think a merciful woman, and among the number of the best Methodists in this place. I had a comfortable meeting in the Court-house, among a number of young merchants, who paid great attention to what the Lord enabled me to bring out of His Treasury ; and visited the Jail, and had three meetings with the Africans, who principally were slaves, who rejoiced at the sound of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was much satisfaction to me ; as well as several other meetings roundabout, that I believe will not be labour in vain.

Faith is a precious thing ; the Lord increase my Faith, and confirm my Hope, and perfect me in Love that surpasseth all things for its illumination. [*Albany, 24th 7th mo. 1805.*]

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One woman, of the name of Tally, was among the squaws, who came early this morning, and she told me, that "She had been to see a new prophet, which has risen up from among an Indian tribe two hundred miles off. Tally said, that this prophet told her, He was formerly very wicked and much given to strong drink; but being sick for three years, he became sober, and one day as he sat by the bed side, one knocked at the door, which the

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wanted animation in his delivery, which was a great disadvantage ; nevertheless they were very attentive, and fully satisfied by *Doctor Peter's Energetic Speech*, that indicated, "They were thankful that the *Good Spirit* had sent me over the *Great Water* to visit them ; and they hoped the *Great Spirit* would take care of me ; and conduct me safe back again to my own native place, requesting another visit from me next Sabbath morning if I would indulge them with my company." *Doctor Peter* was a Chief, as well as their *Speaker*, and delivered their speech of gratitude with great punctuality, which I lament on account of not having it translated. *Blacksmith*, the old *Pagan Chief*, was highly pleased with my prayer, and sermon, and desired the favour of my "Coming again," when I bid him adieu. His ears were slit, and hanging down, and his forehead, nose, cheeks, and chin were painted red : he had a hairy cap on, with a red tail half a yard long, with a yellow striped ruffled dress, that came down to his feet, and the sleeves thereof to his fingers, bowed together with age, having on his breast a large ornament like a *half moon* of silver. In this part, they who knew him, said that he thought the white people devils, because they never were infested with rats, or crows, till they settled round them. To my eye, he appeared a complete savage : and I venture to say, the remembrance of him in time will never wear off, I was filled with such dread awe while he described the white preachers to me, and I hope his situation will arouse me to pray for the completion of those promises respecting Jesus Christ, "He shall take the heathen for His Heritage, and the uttermost part of the earth for His Possession." "And all shall know the Lord, from the least to the greatest."

In the afternoon, I went two miles to the other settlement of Indians, on the Oneida ground, where numbers collected together with the Indians, and my Interpreter went for the purpose of relieving my anxiety, which was great, from a desire to benefit those whom the Lord my God had caused me to sow in tears for ever since I was a

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I had a pleasant reception from my kind friend Abigail Eames, who was rejoiced that the Lord had brought me safe to her in peace, and much better in health than when I left this City, being almost fatigued to death. I walked down Pearl street, and was much surprised to feel myself saluted by the Spirit of God, who awed my mind exceedingly, from this intimation, that "If thou dost stay in this city, and take the yellow fever, thou wilt die," commanding me also, to "Flee for thy life to Boston: for the fever is going to break out." Without one consideration, whether I might be deceived, yea or nay, I went to enquire for a vessel bound to that port, praying all the way that I might be directed to that vessel, which my Master Jesus intended for me, as He knew all things, and required me to move to answer His own purpose by me. I looked for some time among the vessels, and then my friend A. Eames, and I stepped on board of a small sloop that was named Victory, as it passed through my soul like an arrow, "Go in that, for thou always dost get the victory," I was at a word, and subservient to the Spirit, and we enquired immediately what the Captain would take for my passage? he answered, "Ten dollars, and I shall

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In the evening I held the third meeting at Vernon, in a new large barn, belonging to my kind friend *Calvin Young*, which contrited his spirit among the rest who were deeply affected under the Power of that God, who sends by whom He will, and uses the most feeble instruments to glorify His Name, which is had in remembrance by all who revere His *Majestic Person*, for His *Mercy, Love and Justice*. This was a large gathering, and my heart was filled with thankfulness that the Lord had furnished me with strength to go from one part to another this day, and at the close to enable me, in His Fear, to testify, " Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all Her paths peace," thus *Wisdom* was honoured with the *Lord my God*, who has prepared my way, and given me an increase of *Faith* in *Him* for this people, whom my lot is cast among.

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I went out to the other end of the village to have a meeting in a school-house, where many assembled to worship God, and hear a stranger. May the blessing of the Highest attend my feeble efforts, for without this, in vain will my labour prove : yet, I am of opinion, that my work will have its reward in that day, when every secret thing shall be made public to all Nations, and this my love, for the salvation of precious souls. I can appeal to Thee, my God, who art the Searcher of all hearts, that the Kingdom of Jesus Christ is my glory, yea, my chiefest joy, that absorbs all my powers of soul and body. When I came from New York, it was to suffer Thy Will ; trusting for mercy from Thy Endless Liberality, that has thus far prepared the hearts of the people to receive my labour, and entertain me as a messenger sent out from God, the Father of our Lord Jesus, and the whole family of Heaven and earth.

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Yesterday I went to the Indian Castle alone, and walked from one cottage to another, till I had a number of women to join in supplication with me, and feeling great sorrow of heart on their account, I besought the Benign Parent of us each, to open their blind eyes, that they might see Jesus, the Saviour of His people ; and believe in Him, who is the Light of the world. I felt great refreshment in my spirit thereby, and a hope that He who is merciful will meet those after their own way, and according to His unbounded Love and Goodness, which is manifested in and through His Son Jesus. They were very solemn, and sat as still as possible during the time of prayer, while the tears trickled down their cheeks. When I arose they each lifted up their eyes to Heaven, and then looking earnestly at me, lay their hands on their breasts or hearts, still melted in tenderness in my presence, and gave me to understand that they knew something of the God whom I approached, and felt what was said, though it was not in their language, and they knew not mine. We parted in much affection, and I returned home to my friend Young's, and was thankful that I could go and refresh my body with the comforts of life, having fasted from morning to night.

I am no ways calculated to live as the Indian squaws ; yet believe the Lord can enable me to endure great hardship if He sees meet to call me to work in that part of His vineyard, or soften my sorrows, and assuage my grief, by supplying me bountifully, as at this time by His extraordinary kindness, sending me help from a quarter that I might the least expect. I conclude the day with holy aspirations to the Giver of all my Mercies, for His Spirit to whisper peace, and free salvation unto all this people, who appear in a forlorn condition.

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Every day brings me nearer my mansion of bliss, that is prepared for me to dwell in at God's Right Hand. In all my conflicts betwixt flesh and spirit, the world and satan, my prospect is sure : for a determination is in my soul, through Christ's strengthening me, to abide faithful. Fiery baptisms are my lot here ; but they all tend to make me more complete in holiness ; more like the Image of my Lord and Master. Earthly joys cannot delight me ; no, it is the salvation of the lost sons and daughters of Adam, that I am comforted with : therefore, O my God ! give me seals to my ministry, that I may rejoice therein, and be a useful instrument in my day and generation. Thou art growing up in me, and I shall be perfect by Thy Spirit's Covering, by Thy Robe of Righteousness put around me. How beautiful will the King's Daughter be then ! How comely to the eye ! How precious in His Sight ! no cross, no suffering shall I decline ; moving by His direction, and submitting to His justice, when His holy fire burns up the dross of sin, that remains from the contaminating influence of satan, whose dark influence is poured forth all around this world, while he walks up and down, to and fro, seeking whom he may overturn or devour.

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I was not sorry that Judge Dean gave me a refusal: for as soon as I saw him, it passed through my mind, that he was not a suitable person to administer spiritual comfort; he might do to make treaties, and receive of their lands a reward, if they were disposed to trust him so far. Our riding eighteen miles, will not lose its reward of the Lord my God, who has heard the sentiments of this wise man, respecting his poor Indian brethren: and I have no doubt, when all Nations are at the Bar of the Eternal

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As I continued in this part, I went among the Pagans again, and sat in silence with them sometime at the place where I held the last meeting. All the week I had travailed in my spirit for *Blacksmith*, the *Chief*, who was nigh an hundred years old, and in a state of gross darkness, which has bowed down my mind in awful silence before God, during the last night, that I might be a "Savour of life unto him, and a sweet smelling Savour to the Lord my God," who has crowned my life with His Loving Kindness, and Rich Mercy, from the consequence of being offered unto Him before I was born, by a man of faith, to succeed him in his Gospel Labour; for, before he expired, he cried out, "When you are doing well, if it be possible, I will look down from Heaven, and smile on you," which has come into my mind at this present moment, expecting this little service of mine will give additional pleasure to him, from whose loins I proceeded, to glorify his God and mine, in the regions of blessedness, when time is swallowed up in Eternity.

The *Old Chief* received me with cordiality; but my Interpreter was gone a long journey, and I had to apply to the Spirit to make them understand, as He did by the same Spirit in the day of Pentecost, when they all had the revelation of Jesus Christ made manifest in their hearts through the outpouring of the *Spirit*, while they were assembled together. As I was praying, my desire was very great for the Salvation of their precious souls; and I saw the heart of *Blacksmith* exceeding hard and dark, like a *beast's heart*, such as *King Nebuchadnezzar's* when in his state of degradation in the field grazing: but continuing in supplication with great ardency of spirit, the *Lord* shewed me, through His *Revealing Power*, that He

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After I went to my lodgings, I set off three miles, to attend an appointment, which I had engaged for five this evening; and I am thankful I can say, my Great Master accompanied me thither, and opened my mouth to testify that He was made a *Mock King* for our sakes, although Heaven was His *Throne*, and Earth His *Footstool*. His submitting to have His *Back scourged by Pilate*, who made long furrows thereon, affected me so much, that I could

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Yesterday Peggy Young, daughter of Calvin and Eve Young, rode with me nine miles further to the West, to have a meeting with a Presbyterian congregation. As we were going the horse stopped all on a sudden, and would not go one step, but as I expected we both should be thrown out, as we were on the midst of a hill, which scared my dear companion so much that I was obliged to force her to jump out of the chaise, to prevent her fainting away, which she did, as she reached her father's residence, running thither for some one to make the horse move.

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We got safe home, and I feel thankful that the God of Jacob preserved our lives; and I am fully satisfied with my journey, and can assign a sufficient reason at the close of this day, why I was stopped on the road, which I have learnt from an *Indian*, who has come to inquire, "*Why I did not go to Stockbridge, four miles off, yesterday?*" as the *hunters*, and the *fishing Indians* stayed at home, having been informed, that *I intended going there*; which was a mistake from some who took a wrong message. In all my ways may I acknowledge the Hand of Jehovah, which guards my naked head.

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I went to-day to take my leave of the *Indians* settled on the *Oneida ground*, which is a beautiful tract of land, and I could not but notice how love to them unites my heart to the Lord more abundantly; for, *He delights in His creatures shewing mercy one to another.* An *Indian woman* lent me her horse to ride on, from one hut to the other, till I paid many visits: but, not being accustomed to ride on horseback without saddle or pillion, the horse was going to throw me off, which perceiving, I took the advantage of the creature, and jumped several yards, and it was out of sight before I recovered from the surprise and stun that I received by falling heavy on the ground after I alighted: but even in this instance, I have to say, the *Delivering Hand* of God was ready to assist in this solitary place, when only a little *Indian boy* was with me; for, on looking behind me I saw a chaise, with two men, advancing forward as fast as possible; having seen me fly, and the horse take its departure, who cried out to me, while I sat on the ground, “Don’t go after the horse; we will go after it,” and the youngest lifted me into the chaise, and then enquired where I was going, and set me safe at the cottage, with the politeness of *Christians* or merciful men, which I praise God on the account; and that my bones were not broken by His not suffering me to dash myself against a stone, believing death, and ten thousand dangers at all times, surround all mortals.

I was greatly led into sympathy with my *Indian sisters*, and their little helpless infants, whom with pleasure I could aid, was the Lord to give ability to a heart filled with generous sentiments to all His offspring. The women brought me some *Indian corn bread*, with large beans stuck all over it, which I thought were raisins: but, found my mistake as soon as I took one: and it being very sad, and boiled, I chose to fast all day till night, rather than eat it;

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In returning home alone I saw a number of Indians lying all their length on the ground, with a small fire in the midst, smoking their pipes; and as I looked up to Heaven, for a blessing to come upon them through an outpouring of His Spirit, they all cried, "Sago, sago," which I accepted as a salutation of their love. I might, and should have been alarmed at this sight of miserable looking men, had not my mind recollected, that I felt love, and good will to all; neither would I injure a worm, could I pass by it without trampling thereon. The Lord was with me, though I had no other companion that day; for I thought I would try and go alone, which I did several other times, unnoticed here; and I feel thankful, that I can say some of bad disposition said, "No Indian hurt you, need not fear them:" which, I answered, that I believe; for I love, and pray for them all. [7th 8th mo. 1805, Vernon, Oneida County.]

A solitary ride of twelve miles has been my lot to-day, being scarcely able to sit up all the time: and as I was going I heard a terrible howling, which threw a damp on my spirit; but pursuing further my journey a drunken Indian of the Pagan party, advanced me, crying out like one almost scared to death, stung with remorse and the rebuke of the Spirit. I stopped the chaise, and hearkened to what he had to say, which was, "Lord! Lord! you madam, you madam," and then he remained silent; for he was quite ashamed of his conduct, having a few days before made me believe that he felt very good when I was preaching among the Pagans, telling me where, by laying his hands on his breast; bemoaning at the same time, that he had no one to boil his pot; for his wife was killed by one of the wicked Indians, who pretended she was a witch; he told me they came and took him a great distance; and then went into

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There was a youth with me in the chaise, who was much surprised that I was not afraid ; he said, " There is not a woman in this neighbourhood, who durst have gone by that Indian," but I fear the Lord, who has made the wildest beast of the field, and therefore, I trust He will have compassion on me and preserve me from every harm : but His Will be done.

I have held this day, a meeting in a large barn, where many assembled together. The attention of the people was fixed upon me, which I laboured to draw to that Gracious God, who restored David's soul, and led him in " The paths of righteousness for His Name's sake." I told my hearers they must pass through a death unto sin, if

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I think, without God had aided me in my soul and body, it would have been impossible for me to support under what I felt for the people this day, as they were many of them in total darkness. Few are the number of Christians in this part; but may they be increased by the faithful labourers, exercising their graces upon the Merits and Mercy of a Redeemer: for He it is who restoreth from the fall, and maketh true Christians. I am anxious for the kingdoms of this world, to become the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ. [*Petersburg, 8th 8th mo. 1805.*]

From Petersburg, I returned back to Vernon this morning, and am rejoiced that I have got nearer Eternity, that pleasant sound, the Saint's delight. There I shall not pass through one spiritual baptism for sinners, neither feel the fatigue one moment that I go through now, because the children of men are so unlike their Maker, and are swallowed up with trifles of the meanest sort. In this world the Kingdom of Grace is my glory: How much more will it be in Eternity? There I shall never weep for the souls of men; nor feel pain, or weariness of flesh or spirit, occasioned by moving to and fro, and refusing to be comforted, knowing Israel's seed is sifted over the earth, and fast bound in the captive chains of the devil; but that happy day is hastening, when satan shall be bound, and his power lost for a thousand years; then the Lord my God will comfort His saints, and great shall be their peace, who have laboured to build up Jesus Christ's Kingdom, by precept and example; doing and suffering His Will from one year to another. May the purity of my soul, qualify me to enjoy complete happiness in Christ, in God, my only Friend, my sure support, when the mountains melt as wax before the fire, and all the proud shall stand aghast, confounded by His Might. I tremble for the unwise, when I contemplate their awful situation,

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As I was desiring the Lord to enlarge my coast, a person came for me with a horse, to hold a meeting five miles from this, so I immediately went, and found already a people gathered in a barn. After sitting a little in silence, I arose with the words of King David, "The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want." I felt renewed life and power to rise in me, which covered the place; and others bore testimony, that it was good for them to be there. Having no where to lodge this night, a woman of the name of Webster asked me home with her when the congregation separated. The house was a small log one, made with two places for light to come in, but no glass to keep the air out; and it being a damp night, the cold seized me, and my body was brought into affliction, which made me groan under the weight of a corruptible house, that I shall be as glad to part with, as the log one. How many times when I am comfortable, am I made restless by the Spirit of the Living God, who moves me to stir up the gift of faith in my heart, and thereby seek the lost, that have wandered from the Sheepfold of Jesus Christ, my Merciful Master, who ever excites His servants to suffer

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Having rode five miles in the burning sun this morning, I feel like Jonah, and mourned for a shade, as he did for his pleasant Gourd, which withered away for his instruction. The person who went with me, left me in Stockbridge, at the house of Abraham Serjeant, who has been a missionary to that Tribe of Indians nineteen years successively, and since he first visited the Indians, he told me "It was thirty." Feeling much distressed by a violent pain in my head, first with cold, and then with heat, I could not take the satisfaction I would, in case I had been well: nevertheless, it was a duty lay on me to visit some of the Indian women, whom I felt dear to me. Kneeling in the midst, my prayer was offered in faith for them and

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I saw a white woman among the rest of the females, who was from the State of New Jersey, she was smoking, and had two children naked, being married to an Indian. I was told that she had a third child, an infant; but last winter it perished for want of clothes: poor babe! its sorrows are at an end, and it is shining with the robe of Jesu's Righteousness! I told her, "She ought to be a pattern to the Indian women; and to induce her, I gave her a long morning gown, to make her helpless children each one, requesting Abraham Serjeant to let his daughter make them: but he said "It is too good." "It will last the better I replied, for being fine and good." Afterwards I had the pleasure to see this white woman at a meeting: for she with many others came a long way, and I had an opportunity to preach repentance and Faith in Jesus Christ, and was blessed in my own soul abundantly, for feeling the miseries of my fellow-creatures in every direction, attending to the Spirit of God in me. [12th 8th mo. 1805, Stockbridge.]

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Appointments are made for me in five places, one for each day ; so my work follows me, though I feared being kept idle. The insatiate thirst for souls which I feel, is a thousand times more than for my daily bread, or necessary raiment, therefore I am continually brought into perplexities and doubts for the different situations of my hearers. In many corners here, I find some desiring to know what they shall do to obtain Life Eternal ; which I am baptised for, as I pass along from one place to another,

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I am going to the Centre, six miles from this, and my feeble fabric can scarcely support itself ; but obedience is required if I faint by the way. This is the consequence of leaving some of my morning's work to do at noon. Take warning, O reader ! and do the work of thy life seasonably, then thou wilt be at liberty to rest in pain, and thy vigorous hours will honour Him, who finished His work at noon, by thirty-three, being Obedient all His Days. Had I gone forth at the first call of my Heavenly Father, my flesh and bones would now have rested in hope, and my spirit entered the pearly gate of the City of the New Jerusalem, which is free, and the Mother of us all, who are sealed to the Day of Redemption, when our bodies shall be raised from the dust and formed a celestial temple, for the glorified soul and Spirit of the Living God to dwell in forever. "It is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body : and so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul, the last Adam was made a quickening spirit." "And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the Heavenly : " "For the trumpet shall sound ; and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed." [14th 8th mo. 1805, *Vernon, Oneida County.*]

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The 16th I went to Brothertown, to collect the Indians there together, in the school-house. My advice to them was, "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His Righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you." Which things I explained, were the necessities of life, that the Christians are entitled to, by the special promises and care of our Heavenly Father, who watches over His children from day to day. Those Indians were Baptists, divided in two classes, one part believed in election, and the other in free salvation. Where I was, they had refused their minister, because they said "They would not worship such a cruel God as he served, as He only took care of a part of his creatures," and drew this comparison, by asking a question concerning their women: "Would not she be a cruel mother, who having two children, took the one and nursed it; and left the other to perish? so we will worship a God who takes care of all His children;" which I think was an excellent conclusion, and a sound argument was advanced to shew how far an Indian is capable of believing in the Living and True God, who

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A large number assembled on the 17th for worship, who had come, from two miles to ten round this neighbourhood ; but having no other place better than a school-house, when it was full, the people came and requested me to "Go out into the open air, to accommodate them who had come so far." I therefore got into a cart, and lift up my voice with authority, and said in the words of my Lord and Master, "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in Heaven." I was much favoured with the Presence of God ; for this opportunity required great fortitude, as I never was before called to stand out in the air, exposed to the burning sun, though I screened myself as well as I could. There is great courage also necessary for such a calling as this, which females are not in general possessed of ; because a false delicacy prevails over the mind that is termed refinement, which shudders at the very idea of standing a gazing stock to men of the basest passions ; unless they have been betrayed, and desire to insnare their fellow-mortals, which is now become so common, that a prudent woman must be very guarded to shun the censure of the vulgar, if she wish to maintain her character, as a virtuous woman, among mankind.

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AN ADDRESS

From the Women of the Muhheconnuk nation of Indians, written on their behalf, in their native language, and translated into English by Captain Hendrick, one of the Indian chiefs, and presented to Dorothy Ripley, on her departure from amongst them.

DEAR SISTER,

WE, the poor women of the Muhheconnuk nation, wish to speak few words to you, to inform you, that while our forefathers were sitting by the side of their ancient fire-place, about eighty years ago, our father, Rev. Mr. Sergeant's father, came amongst them with the message of the Great and Good Spirit, which he then began to deliver to them. He was the first minister of the gospel that ever preached to our fathers, and the Great and Good Spirit blessed his labours, by which means many of our poor natives were turned from darkness to light.

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Sister, While we were sitting by the side of our fireplace here, we saw you coming, and when you opened your mouth we believed you was sent by the Great and Good Spirit to visit us (poor natives of this Island.) We feel thankful to Him that He has put such a love in your heart, that you was willing to undertake such a long and tedious journey on purpose to deliver His message to us. We thank the Great Good Spirit that He has protected you on the way, that you arrived here safely.

Sister, In behalf of the rest of our women, we now heartily thank you for your kindness and for the pains you have taken to visit us.

We hope by the help of the Great Good Spirit, we shall ever remember you, and the good words which you delivered to us. Although we do not expect ever to see you again, yet we believe that the Lord Jesus is able to help us that we may hold out unto the end, that we may see you among His Sheep on His Right, where we shall never be parted again.

May the Good Spirit protect you on your way, that you may have pleasant journey unto the end, farewell.

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My dear sister, although we are uncertain whether ever we shall see each other's faces again, and though the billows and the wide ocean may roll between us, still I hope our hearts will be united together in love, and one voice in glorifying God, and in celebrating His praises for His unbounded Love for such vile creatures as we are. And now my dear sister, as I am about to bid thee farewell, I must beg of thee to remember me in thy prayers ; as for my part I shall never forget thee, but shall ever pray that thou mayest be preserved through all thy trials on this earth, and be preserved by the Almighty's protection to arrive safely on thy native shore, and finally that we may meet when our day's work is done here, at the right hand of God the Father, amongst the lambs of His fold, and never to part again, which is the sincere prayer of thy sister in the Lord, who wishes thy welfare both here and hereafter.

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“ *Brothers*, the occasion of the present meeting reminds us of the uncertainty of human life, and the instability of man's resolutions. Our brother, the *white man*, thinks he narrowly escaped being killed by one of our men, so lately as yesterday morning, and this young Indian man but a little while ago, made a solemn promise to refrain for ever from the intoxicating draught, which disarms the man of his *right mind*. Alas ! how uncertain our enjoyments, both as to life and its peace and quiet ! had blood been spilled, this day would have been darkness to us ! and we all buried in a flood of tears and grief ! Let us all again thank *God*, that no vein has been opened to endanger human life ; the wound of friendship can easily be healed. It is truly a grief to us, that the abuse was given to a man who has always been friendly to us Indians, and never did them an injury since the time he first came by their *fire-side*. But other *white-skins* have whipped and beaten some of us poor *Indians*, because of our frailties and follies ; and chased them from their houses, with such whips as they use upon refractory horses. Alas ! how are the times changed ; in the days of the glory of our forefathers it was not so, the language then was “ *Brother walk in, sit down, rest yourself, here is a dish, refresh yourself,*

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A person of the name of Alexander, who keeps store here, invited me to sup and lodge ; thus the Lord still follows me with earthly mercies, which makes me pass over many insults ; and I had rather ten thousand pierced me by vile reports, as myself be found once in the practice of evil. To-morrow I purpose leaving here, though Wm. Carr, Inn keeper, has told me if I tarry with them over first day, to have a meeting, it shall be no expense to me. My money I hope will hold out, that I may not want in this quarter, where it seems so scarce ; for I am more

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With much affection I conclude, and remain thy sincere sister in the Lord Jesus Christ.

DOROTHY RIPLEY.

29th 8th mo. 1805, on board of Sloop

William, to New York.

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