

A Diary of  
God's dealings and Providences with  
a most unworthy sinner.

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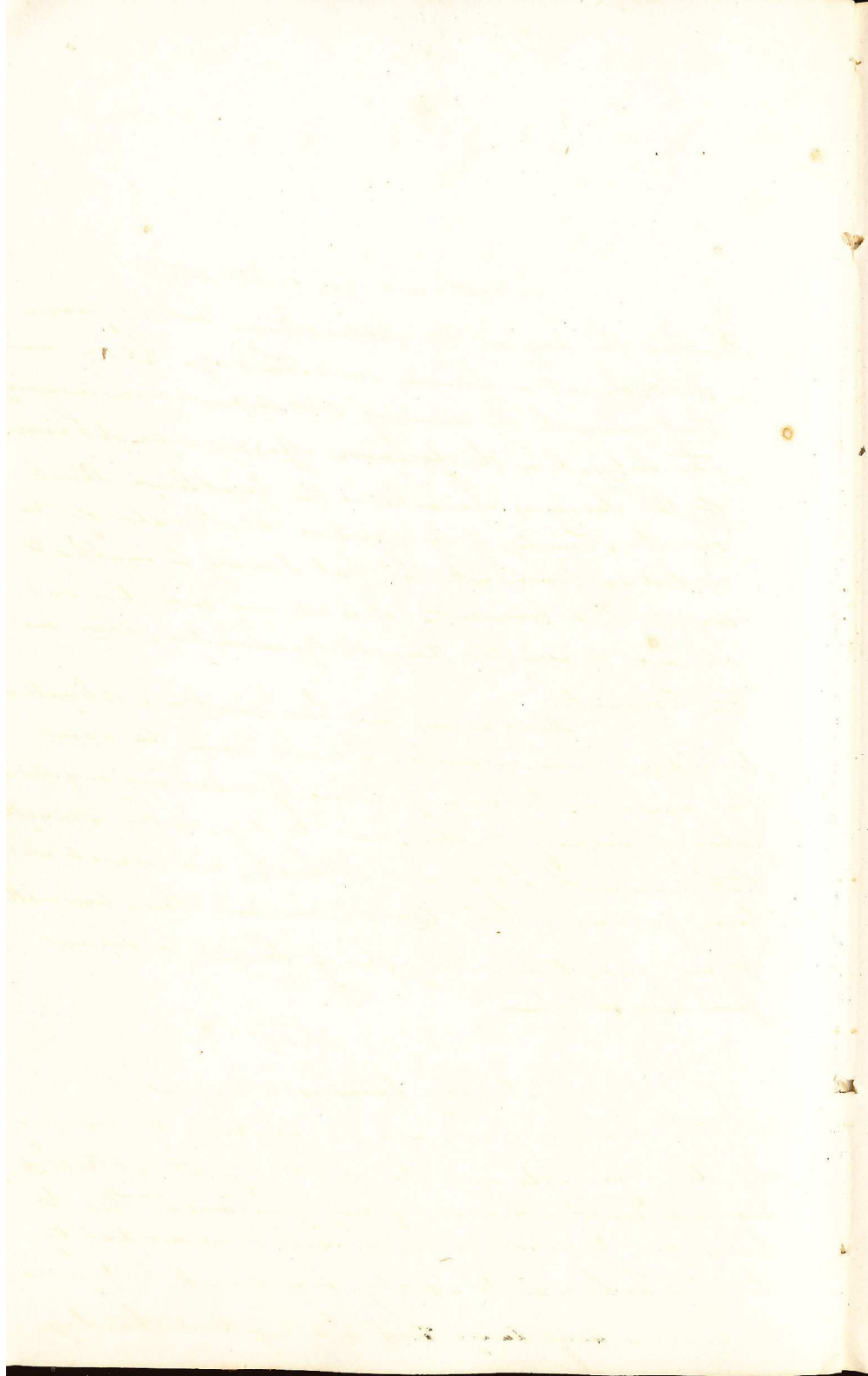
A Diary, &c.

For a considerable period, I have been resolved on keeping a register of the dealings and Providences of my Heavenly Father towards me, but what thro' want of what I consider a fit opportunity, and thro' what was often a greater cause - Spirit ill. Sloth - I have hitherto neglected it. When I first began to think of the subj<sup>t</sup>, various objections appeared to me to be against Diary writing altogether. It would give room for Spirit. pride; it led persons to measure themselves by themselves; and as it is not easy to determine, but the motions of the Spirit, and the natural workings of the unrenewed conscience, or the artifices of the Deceiver - there is a danger of forming incorrect jud<sup>s</sup>. - These and various other reasons kept me a long. of time from determining for the thing. Of late, I have got over these objections entirely, and am now of opinion that such a rec<sup>d</sup> may be of much service to an individ<sup>l</sup> to peruse him with matter for prayer and self-examination, and to be a monument to God's faithfulness. In commencing this Diary, I have chosen the date of my Ordination to the wr<sup>l</sup> of the Ministry, and Pastor & ch. of the Reformed Presbyterian Congreg<sup>n</sup> of Newbrackin. This is to me the most sol<sup>l</sup>. the most interesting event of my life - the day of death cannot be surer<sup>ly</sup> with a more impressive scenery. Reflect on it for a moment - How awful the charge! Who wd not stagger and the wr<sup>l</sup> of its responsibility? A minister of the Gospel is to watch for the souls of others as they go. must give an acct. (Heb. xiii. 17.) - he is to give that Gospel by wh. he himself and them go. - he him shall be judged - as an Ambassador, he must negotiate with rebelled guilty men, hold out yr. offer of grace and pardon to yr. in st. a man, so that he may cover the home of his sorrow, and if he be unsuccessful, that he at least, deliver his own soul. Contempr<sup>g</sup> st. an undertaking, may we not exclaim with the Apost. of the Gen.

2. <sup>2</sup> titles - "Who is sufficient for these things?" "Lord! Let thy grace  
be made sufficient for me - let thy strength be perfected in  
weakness!" - From an early period, I was led to des. the off-  
of the Ministry, I trust, from a sincere des. to be instrumental  
in the saltn of pe. sinners. On the 25<sup>th</sup> Decr. 1826, the  
des. was partially fulfill<sup>d</sup> by my being Licensed by the Pres-  
bytery to preach the Gospel. After having been employed  
in this work in various places, of wh. an account will be  
g. in another pl. ( ) a call was presented to  
me from the Congreg. of Kilschbln, in Belfast, on the evening  
of Augt. 28<sup>th</sup> 1827, for the accepting of which, I hope  
I had direction from the Church's glori. Head. Having  
given in to the Presbytery second time (Oct. 10.), and sep-  
plid regularly, at Kilschbln afterwards, Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> April,  
1828, was appoint<sup>d</sup> as the day of Ordina<sup>n</sup>. On that occasion, amidst  
m<sup>ch</sup> weakness, I was enable<sup>d</sup> to give myself to the Lord & y. service  
of the Chr. by thank<sup>g</sup> y. Ordina<sup>n</sup>, in full. tho' it was, was graciously  
accepted. I have reason to fear yf. I had suff<sup>d</sup> my mind to be  
"cumber<sup>d</sup> with many things", & that I had not, with due solemnity, weigh-  
ed yf. an<sup>d</sup> yf. respons<sup>y</sup> & great<sup>ness</sup> of y. work of y. ministry; & yf. I  
blas<sup>d</sup> y. Lord, He did not permit me to rush on the thick  
briars of his buckles in entering upon it. I was enable<sup>d</sup> in  
some measure to give myself ov. to the Lord, desiring to spend  
& be spent for the sake of his glory & the saltn of sinners - &  
relying with some degree of confidence on his own grace & prom.  
that "He wd. nev. leave me nor forsake me."

In looking back at yis sob. transactions, I rec<sup>d</sup> re-  
m<sup>br</sup> yf. vows which I then utter<sup>d</sup>, & yf. mercif. succor given me  
by my Heavenly Father. - Did I not yet feel, yf. I had, kneel<sup>d</sup>  
him not to myself, but to Him yf. did & rose up? - yf. I had  
esteem<sup>d</sup> it my right honor, to be an Ambassador of Chr. - yf.

I wt. give myself wholly to yr. wks of going, & yr. in passing &c. 2.  
I wt. do my duty, & study to show myself a true affec<sup>t</sup> of yr. go<sup>t</sup> - that  
it wd. be my chf. concern any man to seek to win souls to Chr.  
- yr. chf. lay myself out to wr. book, & invite you with all long-  
suff, gentleness & authority - yr. the flocke cont<sup>d</sup>. to my care by  
yr. Gt. Shepher, I wt. wisely watch ov. that a new l. - & yr. in  
all yr. care I wt. h<sup>o</sup>ld myself prep<sup>d</sup>. to write heartseaps, suff<sup>r</sup>.  
p<sup>r</sup>inc<sup>es</sup>, & ever myself unto yr. line, p<sup>r</sup>. giving yr. self hearts, & being  
in Div. cons<sup>l</sup>. & strong, for all yr. lit. suff<sup>r</sup>. suff<sup>r</sup>. & success  
wh. I wd. require? The trouble was my soberness. It was  
entire into, unto several s<sup>er</sup>moning times. The better in yr.  
mind, who visited me, were not copidial in yr. work, & the Cong<sup>o</sup>  
was in a broken, dispirited cond<sup>o</sup>; besides yr. char. was yr.  
yr. had been a stubble, p<sup>r</sup>inc<sup>es</sup> p<sup>r</sup>. Some of yr. th<sup>o</sup>s perhaps  
might on my mt. at yr. time, & coming with my own  
concup<sup>ts</sup>, & yr. tempt<sup>o</sup> of yr. story, prevent me from having  
as much spirit<sup>l</sup> enjoy<sup>mt</sup> as yr. ones: as I wd. have desired.  
Yet were even these th<sup>o</sup>s of use to me - & in looking back<sup>d</sup> &  
- can see in yr. yr. grace's sing<sup>g</sup> of God. They to me wd. yr.  
may of looking for help at man, even to Him who made  
yr. Heaven & yr. etc, & while yr. impr<sup>d</sup>. me with a sense  
of my own weak<sup>ness</sup>, & insuff<sup>r</sup>. yr. wd. to me yr. blessed  
assura<sup>n</sup> "My Grace shall be suff<sup>r</sup> for you, for my strength  
is made perfect in weakness" (2 Cor. xii. 9.)



Sabbath evening - Nov. 23?

Preached this day at Knockbrecken - Lectors from  
Heb. VIII. 1-5. - Simon on 2 Tim II. 14 - "Let every one  
that nameth the name of Chr. depart from iniquity."  
The subject in the forenoon afforded a bright view  
of the Saviour's character as the great High Priest  
over the Family of God, and as the Mediator of the  
everlasting Covenant. Oh! that I may be enabled to  
say of that Covenant - "It is all my salvation and  
all my desire." O thou, All gracious One, show me  
thy Covenant!

How many and how great my obligations  
to depart from iniquity. I would desire, to name  
thy name, in the way of solemnly renewing my dedi-  
cation of myself to thee, and to say, in thy strength,  
that 'henceforth I will not go back, nor turn, at all  
from following thee'. Enable me, and those committed  
to my care, O thou Holy One of Israel, to depart  
from iniquity! -

Monday Evening. Dec. 1st

Another week is gone, and the sickness of some of  
my dear friends, and the death of others (Robt. A.)  
me, no doubt, designed by my gracious Father to  
bring me to consider more, my own mortality.  
Lord! Teach me to apply my heart to wisdom -  
to number my days that I may live them by.



18. On Wednesday last (Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>) was our day of Annual Thanksgiving. It is sweet to commemorate the Lord's goodness to the Church, and to ourselves individually. But Oh! what a mass of ingratitude is in my heart — The day scarcely gone, when the lively remembrance of Divine mercy effaced from my mind. May the Holy Spirit, without the working of whose mighty power, I never can be freed from the malignity that reigns within, revive and quicken me! — Lectured from Phil. iv. 4-13. Preached from Ps. cxxxvi. 1. & again in the evening, at Ballymacarrett from 1 Cor. iv. 10 — "Hein is loo is. What a wondrous consideration the love of God shows in redemption! What a fulcrum of Divine mercy & grace seen in the Propitiation that God hath sent!" What shall I wonder un to thee for having made known to me such transcending compassion! Oh! that the love of Christ may constrain me not to live to myself, but to Him that died for me and rose again.

— Yesterday — Discoursed from the latter part of Heb. VIII, on the nature of the New Covenant, and its great and glorious blessings. Afternoon (at Drumbo) to many who, I fear, are without the saving knowledge of the Redeemer, and are living without God in the world — Subject Judges III. 20. "I have a message from God unto thee" — May the Spirit, the Comforter, give those to whom I was sent, to see the import of the Gospel message, and to feel their own personal concern in it! — I desired to record my testimony to the Divine faithfulness, who gave me enlargement of

heart, and enabled me to speak the words lately -  
"How is me, if I preach not the Gospel?" -

Sabbath evening - Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> 1828. -

It is an evidence of a bad state of affairs with a person in relation to temporal things when he is backward to look into his books, or to examine his accounts. The distance of time since the last entry in this diary, would, I fear, say that I have not been striving in spiritual things. A fortnight of the span allotted me on earth has fled away. What have I been doing the while? What advances have I made in the divine life - in my preparation for the judgment? These are momentous inquiries, and much do I fear that I can return to them no satisfactory answer. Bless me, O Lord, from secret faults! Sometimes, if I be not deceiving myself, I have a taste of God's graciousness, and I think I feel the unchangeable Redeemer precious to me. At others, corruption obtains a melancholy ascendancy, and all seems lost. What coldness and formality in duty! What want of zeal for the glory of God! What absence of sensibility even in relation to my own personal concerns! Revive & quicken me O Lord - Thy power alone can overcome the malignity of my heart - can free me from carnality, can make me spiritually minded.

On the evening of Thursday last, organized a new Society in the house of Widow Covert's Pally-upton. My heart's desire is that its members may be all taught of God. Return, O Lord, & favour Zion! Build up the walls of thy Jerusalem of thy good pleasure.

To-day - Discours'd at Throetbraekton - forenoon  
Lect. Heb. ix. 1-11. "Furnit. of the Tabern. typical of  
Christ." Afternoon - John viii. 35. - "Spil. Letty which yr.

10. Rescuer has provided for his people? Oh! that I, brought  
by secret experience to know the liberty of the sons  
of God! Deliver me, O Lord, from the bondage of con-  
sumption - from the slavery of Satan - from the love  
of the world, - from the fear of man - from the dread  
of death. This evening - Preached at New Toronto (St.  
McClure's) - Psalms. 8 - "The redemption of their soul is  
precious." Oh! that the Divine Spirit would convince  
Sons that hear, ~~of~~ the importance of this subject!  
May there come of the travail of the Rescuer's soul  
fruits among this people! I have done in abundant  
weakness, but thou, Lord, canst raise in power. -

- Thursday evening, Decr 18<sup>th</sup> -

Yesterday evening - preached at Dundonald - from Rom.  
iii, 25, 26. "Doctrine of the Atonement" - was enabled to  
speak the word boldly as I ought to speak. Oh! that  
the all-purifying blood of Atonement may be spread  
tho' on this sinners, and that it may come up before the  
Mercy seat with acceptance being presented through the  
Intercession of the glorious High Priest within the veil?  
This audience was unusually large, and throughout the  
discourse most attentive. My prayer to God is that it  
may be blessed for the conversion of some, and the  
edification and comfort of others.

How deplorable, how deeply distressing the  
ungodly conduct of professors! Grant, O thou Watch-  
man of Israel! that that wretch (P. Wxxxxxs) may be  
recovered from his deeply aggravated sin - and Oh! let  
not thy cause suffer from the unholiness of professors.  
Why hast thou, O Lord, a controversy with us. Lead  
us to see in our own sins, the cause of these trials.  
Give, thou Fountain of Lights, direction to the rulers  
of thy house, what will be best to be done - most  
conducive to the promotion of thy glory and the

good of thy Church, in this most painful case! 21.

To-day employed in catechizing the young, and afterwards in Sepulchral business. It is sweet to obey the commands of the Redeemer (tho' how imperfect is the obedience!) and, through love to them, to feed his lambs. What unspeakable honour does the exalted one, who has the Government upon his shoulders, confer on us, in associating us with himself, in the role of his busi-  
ness!

Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> (Sabbath evening)

Yesterday had an interview with Dr. Rowan (New York) who has been sent to these countries to recommend the American Institution formed for affording an asylum for Jews professing Christianity. Dr. R. appears to be a very worthy man, and to support well the character of a Christian Minister. — I trust the plan will succeed — My heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they may be saved.

To-day preached at Knocktraquen and in the evening at New town, as from 1 Pet. ii. 24 — "Various bearing sin" — Have had much reason to complain of languor & coldness in the services of this day. Oh! that thy sins of my best services may be blotted out.

Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>

In the morning of this day, had some solemn thoughts about my ministerial office. It is now 2 yrs since I was licensed to preach the Gospel. What have I been doing during this time? Have I any evidence that my labours have had the effect of gathering in any of the harvest of my Redeemer's soul? Alas! how poor the account I have to render. I have but living too much to myself, and too little setting before me, the honour of my Divine master. Oh! let me not fall under the dome of the unprofitable servant. And Oh that by the power of the Spirit accompanying my feeble instrumentality, one sinner might be saved from the error of its ways! — I should have desired greatly to have

22. had this day for retirement, in order that I might examine  
in more narrowly my conduct in the ministry, and con-  
sider more attentively my views and my motives in that  
great work - was prevented from having to attend to other  
important public business. May the Lord search & try  
me, and see if there be any wicked way in me (and Oh!  
how much evil and hidden wickedness) - and may He perfect me in his  
everlasting way!

Attended a meeting of Presbytery to-day.  
Rev. Mr. Henry preached from Mat. v. 14, 15, 16. - "Light shined  
It was a good missionary Discourse. - The melancholy  
case of J. Coxon spread a gloom over the minds of all  
the members. Was deeply affected with this case. What  
will become of the covenanted interest in Belfast? But  
why this despair? Cannot the glorious King of Zion make  
of us, notwithstanding circumstances, redound to his praise, &  
contribute to promote the welfare of his Church! - It  
is devout to reflect, amid every calamity, that the King of  
Zion reigns to all generations (Ps. cxvi. 1); and that His  
love to his Church is unchangeable.

Sabbath, Dec. 28<sup>th</sup>

Preached to-day at Knocktrauck - Lect. Heb. ix. 15-23  
"Without shedding of blood is - How amazingly rich the  
provision of redeeming mercy! How precious the blood  
of the Lamb! Oh! that I, and my little flock, and every  
one that this day heard me, may be sprinkled with  
this precious speaking blood! Let none of us, Good Lord,  
be found, by our impenitency, trampling it under foot,  
or counting it an unholy thing. -

Preached - afternoon - Phil. ii. 14 - "Holding  
forth of word of life" - Many those that heard, with of  
unworthy speaker, he gives of "Word of life", as a principle  
dwelling & growing in their hearts, and may they be  
enabled to comply with the solemn admonition of of  
Spirit, in of text. -

Evening (Newtown) - Luke vii. 50 - "Thou

of Saving Faith, & concern in yr. Saltn. of yr. Sinner."

I thank my Heavenly Father, that I was strengthn'd to  
Speak yr. word this day, and that I had some measure  
of enlargement of heart - "Not unto me, not to me, but  
to thy name be the glory" - But Oh! the solemn thought  
often recurs - What will be yr. end of this preaching?  
Let it not, Mr. gracious One, be to my own condemnation  
- Keep me from yr. dead cond: of those, that, after they  
preach to others, are yr. castaways - And let none of  
those who have heard yr. Wd. yr's day, be found in yr.  
state in wh. yr. part of yr. wd blinds yr. eyes - in which yr.  
Gospel is hid from yr.!

Yesterday (Saturday) - Saw (Dr. McE.) a young  
member of yr. congregation - He seemed to have before him  
yr. prospect of death; and it was refreshing to find yr. his  
hope seem'd cast within yr. veil - I trust, in attending exor-  
ordinances in themselves glorious, but dispens'd with yr. golt.  
imperfections, he has been profited - May his soul be  
given him for a prey!

Wednesday evening Dec. 31.

And now another year is on yr. point of vanishing for  
ever. It is a solemn thought - I saw a year near death  
and the judgment. A God, who is full of mercy & com-  
passion has dealt with me as with yr. barren fig tree -  
He has spared me another year, and has been employing  
on me means of cultivation - Oh! that mine may not  
be yr. doom of yr. fig tree. Thou only, yr. knowt. yr. end  
from yr. beginning, knowest whether I shall ever see  
in time, yr. return of another closing year. Shouldst  
thou spare me, Oh! enable me to be now devoted to  
thy service - to be now spiritually minded - to see  
joy in yr. invaluable blessing of redemption yr. hither-  
to. And shouldst thou remove me hence, before the  
lapse of another year, Oh! grant that whenever, and in  
whatever manner yr. Messenger Death may come, I may  
be found ready. May to me to live be Christ and

34. to his gain!

Returned to-day from Bonaire, where I was on the business of our merrym society. Trust this Association will do much good. May the God of missions favour the undertaking! Without thy blessing, we can do nothing. "Revised they who in yr. midst of yr. years"

Have been reading, of late, Brown on yr. "Passion & glory of Christ." - I have not met with any book containing more exalted views than a few of the last chapters of the 1st part of this vol. contains. Often has it led me to ask myself 'am I a Chr. at all?' and it has afforded me many new and glorious views of yr. Person and work of my dear Redeemer. -

I have experienced much delight in studying yr. early part of "Milner's Eccles. History" - The memoirs of eminent Chrs. in the first ages, are a most valuable part of that truly excellent work.

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Sabbath evening - July 4<sup>th</sup> 1829.

Lectured to-day on the unsearchable riches of Heb. x. from yr. 33<sup>d</sup> v. to yr. end. What a bright view does yr. Spirit give us in yr. pass. of yr. efficacy of yr. Saviour's blood, and of yr. great blessings he has purchased! Oh! to be brought to put on Christ, and daily to be in yr. attitude of looking for his coming.

Preached from Luke xxi. 30 - 1st pt. of a Disc. to yr. young. I fear that I have been too little in yr. performance of these duties in times past. Make me O Lord, more watchful; & thou, Great Shepherd of Israel, take from these little ones, some of thy flock - some that shall be made heirs of thy kingdom. -

Monday evening - July 25<sup>th</sup>

Subjects of Discourses these three weeks: -

- Mark vi. 12 - (Evangel. Repenters) - Newtown Abaco July 11.
- 2 Cor. iii. 18 - "Revelation of Saviour's glory" - Dunderbats July 14.
- Luke viii. 12 - "The Way-side Hearers" - Knockbreaston July 18. -

Rev. VIII. 14 - "Stat. and Evidence of Slavery" - New-Torolua - Jan'y 25.

Rev. VIII. 3, 4. "Interception of Ch't." - Levent - Jan'y 22? -

1. In III. 2. "Rev. and Justice of the Sons of God" - Springfield -

Jan'y 25. -

lects - Feb. x. 1-11. x. 11-18. x. 19-26. -  
What a set of glorious truths have I thus heard! My ear-  
nest desire is, that they may be blessed to them that have  
heard them. May the fruit appear, tho' it should be many  
days hence! - And Oh, Thou Lord of the Harvest, forbid that  
I should fall into yr. awful condemnation of those, who  
after they have preached to others are themselves Castaways!

I find myself, in regard to my spiritual state, in the  
condition of a vessel at sea. Sometimes there is favourable  
weather, and a good hope of reaching the desired Haven. At  
others, there are clouds and tempests, and all hope of safety  
is gone. The most distressing circumstance in my case, is  
a liability to languor and spiritual sloth, and much  
remaining casualty of mind. "O Lord! revive and quicken  
me, for thy name's sake." Amid all these decays, I would  
desire to say of the Covenant that it is well-ordered &  
sure, all my salvation and all my desire - I would set  
to my soul, that God is true - and I trust I can say  
that yr. Redeemer is precious to my soul. May I never  
be moved away from the hope of my confidance! Oh  
to be made to know more of yr. excellency of that  
new name which the God of Salvation confers on His  
redeemed children - may the "Spirit of Adoption" be sent  
forth into my heart, whereby I shall be enabled,  
with filial affection, to cry "Abba Father"! -

Sabbath evening - Feb'y 26.

Thursday was our day of Fasting, appointed by Synod -

Directed the people in the duty by an exposition of Revels.  
III. 1-5 - "the epistles to Sardis." It is to me an awful thought  
it of the Angel (minister) of the Church that the Redeemer  
primarily declares - "I know thy works that thou hast a name



26. To live and not dead" - When a Church is in a decayed state, it will generally be found that there is ~~the~~ absence of spirituality from its ministers - that they are either, in reality, spiritually dead, or are in a shuffling, indolent condition. Alas, that such may not be my state - Quicken me O Lord! according to thy word. My earnest desire is, that I and this people may be found here walking with undefiled garments, and at last, walking with yr. glorified Redeemer in white.

On the evening of Thursday, examined in town, the Class of Children - was much pleased with their answering. I trust some saw a bringing to a serious concern about eternal things - It is comfortable to think, that when we are numbered with our fathers, there will be a seed to serve the Redeemer.

Friday - Aug 30. Met at Ch..... (a member of the Congregation) in a state of intoxication. Was deeply affected with such an instance of inconsistent walking - "Lord who hath bel'd our report, and to whom has yr. arm of the Lord been revealed?" "Stretch out my hands all day to a gainsaying and rebellious people" - "God of Israel!" I pray to turn yr. hearts of this people - thou only canst do it - Nothing but thine Almighty power can effect a change.

Saturday - Aug 31. - attended the funeral of Mr. Spaken. On Thursday evening (at 9 o'clock) the weary pilgrim was dismissed from the body, and I doubt not was received into the joy of his Lord. He was in his 74th year, and had been 40 years a steady and consistent communicant. He had been for 10 years the subject of incessant & violent disease, and for 14, exposed to troubles in the Church. About 6 months ago, he was received by us into full communion in the Church. This unburdened his mind, and afforded him comfort in his affliction. He died in peace - and was gathered to his fathers.

Pray we that remain be brought to consider our latter end - 27.  
It to be faithf. unto the death - "Helps God, because the godly  
man doth daily fade away." -

To-day - Lectured Feb. 4. 25-32 - "The danger  
and doom of apostasy" - Preached Ser. 78. 12, 13. - "Return & back-  
sliding Israel" - Evening - (Newtownbridge) - Ephes. ii. 18 - "For thro'  
him, we both have access." -

I fear there has been little spirituality  
in my services this day - "Ridily service profits little." - May  
the good Lord, pardon! Oh! that atoning blood were sprinkled  
on the whole service. "Cleanse me from secret faults - keep  
back thy servant from all presumptuous sin" -

Sabbath evening - Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>

Preached to-day at Hurockton and Newtownbridge

Lect. - Feb. 10. 32 - end. Sermon - Phil. iii. 8, 9 - "Winning  
Chrt. and joy of vital union to him" -

Evening - Eph. ii. 18 - "Access thro' Christ."

Oh that I may be given to win Chrt. - many I be in him  
is a city of Ref. - an ark of security - a root of living Infless.  
of the of a glass and invis. Ch. - my carnal des. is, that many of  
the peop. to whom yr. Ld. has sent me, and who yr. day was bro't  
to hear yr. pub. proclm. of yr. Gospel by my mouth, may be given  
to know experim. to know yr. high priests - and may be led  
into a ready confeder. with yr. exhorters of yr. Div. Spirit. -

During the last <sup>at</sup> visited several persons in affliction -  
Two cases much affected me - the one of an aged woman, who  
totally on yr. brink of yr. grave, and who, I have reason to fear,  
got uncovr'd of sin. May the Div. Spirit, yr. all - quickly Agent  
enlighten her! The other - of a persons who is in yr. last stage  
of consumption - had be on a sensible Covenant, but had  
relinq. his profn, fallen into sins of drunkenness and unchast.  
and had be yr. occas. of sin to his children. It hard to try  
convinced home to yr. Ld. of yr. rgt. Specul. know yr. truth -  
Spoke to him of yr. falseness of yr. hpt. salvn. He did not  
express any thing yr. Ld. had one to see that he had a good  
hope in yr. prospect of death - Quoted, with an expn. of des.

"bones full of yr. sin of youth, wh. shall be down with him in yr. grave!" — And I can only commit him to Him yr. mighty to save — May he be deliver'd from yr. wrath to love. Let not, O Lord, yr. sins and errors of my yth be remembered. — O save me, for yr. mercies' sake!

Thursday Evening — July 12<sup>th</sup> —

Preached yesterday evening at Dundonald. Had much bodily weakness, I was strengthened, and enabled to decl. yr. whole counsel of God. "What shall I render to yr. God for all his benefits towards me!"

Have been reading, these few days, the life of Mr. Whitfield. He was, no doubt a blessing & a shining light — Oh! for a portion of such a spirit-strengthen'd parent-devotion to yr. service of my dear Redeemer! What high delight will it be to meet with st. a saint in the upper world in my Father's house, and to hold converse with him on yr. preciousness of redeeming love, when we shall draw draughts of life from yr. Fountain of life! But I recal my thoughts — let this be ever the hope that will animate me — "When I awake, I shall be satisfied with thy likeness" — "So shall we be ever with the Lord?"

I have been made of late to feel yr. weakness of yr. body more yr. usual? May I feel yr. my friend of late hour is to be but short, and be by this excited to more diligence! And Oh! grant, Lord, yr. if my outward man should decay, yr. my inward man may wax stronger day after day. Suffering consid. bodily pain this morning, I was comforted by the declaration in Is. XLV. 17. "No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper, & every tongue, yr. shall rise agt. yr. in judgment. thou shalt condemn" — and by yr. whole of yr. beautiful chap.

Oh! to be brought to yr. des. to "depart and be with Ch. wh. is far better!" —

Monday evening — July 23<sup>rd</sup> —

Have been preaching these two last sabb. on the "Glorious righteousness of yr. saviour" — from Phil. III. 9. — and lecturing on yr. mat. and walk of faith" — from Mt. 1-11 — My earnest desire is, that I may know what it is to be in Ch.

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entirely stripped of my own rights, and clothed with his  
evangelical rights— Now polluted is every thing of mine—  
I am myself altogether an uncle thy, and all my rights is as  
filthy rags. I think I have seen of late more and more  
of my own vileness— May I be led to have a higher,  
& more abiding question of yr. Rede's expy!

Discussing the 3 Sat. evngs last on the Sav's  
dth from Is. Liii. — I have had reason to complain that  
I have not been suffy affected with the thought of yr. Sav's  
matchless love. What a one does it afford of yr. vileness  
if my ht. does it give, that I am now affected with  
some account of the inhuman death of a pet. creat.  
than by the recital of yr. exorciz dth. of my dear Red-  
eemer! Oh! that yr. Spirit were given me yf. I might  
mourn for Him (Jeh. xii. 10. + And may I have that  
remembrance of his sufferings that consists in "always  
bearing about in my body the dying of yr. S. Jes."  
(2 Cor. iv. 10) —

March 12<sup>th</sup> (Thursday evng)

This day attended the funeral of Doctor Young  
(Prof. of moral Philo. Belfast College). He died rather sud-  
denly, aged 47. He was a man of profound talents,  
and extensive erudition— and I trust, a believer in the  
crucified Redeemer. That is the grand point. Philoso-  
phy! how little canst thou do to support the mind  
amidst the trials of life. How useless is thine aid  
to remove us to the darkness of the grave, or to  
prepare us for the eternal state! May I be in  
that state in which living and dying I shall  
be the Lord's! Oh to be found here living a life  
of fth on the Redeemer; and able to say on good  
grounds— "he loved me and gave himself for me."

30. And when I come to die; let the appearances of the  
concluding verses of the 5<sup>th</sup> of the Romans be mine  
— "I am persuaded in." —

Heard yesterday evening an excellent Dis-  
course from my esteemed friend Mr. Dick- on 2<sup>Thess.</sup>  
v. 12— "Pray without ceasing."— Oh to have poured out  
on me, and all that heard it, the Spirit of grace  
and supplication!—

Being at Quendonald (Tuesday, yr. 10<sup>th</sup>)  
examined and admitted to Ch. membership. Ser. &  
Ch. Woods— the first fruits of my feeble labours  
in that quarter. May they be of the sheep of yr.  
Pastor's flock— and may He himself, by His Spirit,  
minister to them that nourishment, without which  
all my instructions will be vain! My earnest des-  
ire is that there may be added to the Church daily  
such as shall be saved—

Monday evening— March 10<sup>th</sup> 1829.

The labours of the preceding holy Sabbath, I found  
to be pleasing and agreeable. Blessed be the God of  
my health— he is faithful who has promised—  
he has more his grace sufficient. I felt weak  
and languid on Saturday afternoon, and had some  
apprehensions that I might be unfit for the labours  
of the Sabbath— but the Lord sustained me.

Had delightful subjects—

"The Faith of Moses"— Heb. xi. 23-29

"The tenure of helms"— Phil. iii. 11.

"The Lord lifts up— mighty to save"— Isa. xli. 14, 15—

(Evening at Newtownbreda)

Oh! to be more & more possessed of the high hopes  
of helms— to be more constantly fr. looking to yr.

Gifts of Sev.!

"What shall I read to you for all this benefit  
to me?"

Friday Morning - March 27<sup>th</sup>

On board the Britannia Steam Packet.

Seeing it to be my duty to accede to the request of the Directors of the Missionary Society - I am thus far on my way to visit the Society in Liverpool.

The determination to go, and the preparation for the journey subjected me to various exercises of mind. My little flock became dear to me as I had the prospect brought before me of being absent from them for a season. On last Sat. I set before them the 'advantage of walking by faith' (Heb. xi. 2) and the security in terms of trial of having a shelter in the Chambers of the Covenant - (Isa. xxvi. 28, 29.) Then I desired to have them. Oh! that every one of them may be found in that strong place of defence! Thou, the great Watchman of Israel, will keep them. May the Shepherd of the flock preserve them and me in safety, and at last give us the crown of glory that fade not away! -

How great is the loving kindness of the Lord - how surpassing great his goodness! Yesterday, from sea sickness previous to my getting out, & from the effect of the vessel's tossing, I felt unusual debility - and as is usual, desires of the great Enemy, various doubts and fears were flung across my mind. I might never reach the place of my destination - when there, I might be confused by

Sickness - I had not heard from any of the Society lately - this might be altogether a useless journey there might be no door opened for my preaching the Gospel. These thoughts perplexed me sadly - till at last, that consolatory declaration was brought home to my mind - "The Eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms" - This dispelled my fears, and strengthened me in the midst of weakness. I slept, I walked, for the Lord sustains me - and this morning, I have felt in comfortable circumstances. Lord, what am I that I should be so favoured? May I henceforth live up to myself, and more to the glory and service of Him that died for me and rose again!

Yesterday evening and this morning, from beholding the Lord's wonders in the deep, I was much engaged in meditating on the power of His word. What a comfortable thought to a believer, - how awful to the unregenerate sinner! That Power which rules the elements, that can control the waves of ocean, - can surely change this vile heart, and can completely transform it after the image of holiness. There would I rest - Give me then to know, O Lord, the "exceeding greatness of thy mighty power" (Eph. i. 19.) -

Sabbath evening - Liverpool, March 29<sup>th</sup> -

To-day I lect. to the Society and a few others in St. Dionis; from Heb. vi. 15 - end - One of the built. decls. of Schork's conduct and love towards his peop. yt. any wh. to be f. in yr. Susps. vol. I trust I was enabled to decl. yr. whole counsel of God. Expl. yr. coming pt. of yr. 63<sup>d</sup> ps. - Oh yr. inexpressib. pain to be able to say of Schork. yt. he is my father! May I know his love wh. is better yr. life,

and many yr. ever. of my m<sup>d</sup>. be to fol. hard aft. God! 33.

Preached at 3 o'clock in the Chapel of yr. Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr. Widows.  
(Independent) - Rom III. 25, 25 - "The Atonement" - nat. mercy - pur-  
poses served by it -

I commend unto yr. & my b<sup>o</sup>dy, yr. feet: service  
I shew yr. day: needs yr. - Let yr. atoning b<sup>o</sup>. remove all its  
imperfs, and let it come up with accepted bef. v. Mercy  
at thro' yr. med<sup>n</sup> and Intercessor

Letters I had sent among my intention of coming  
had miscarried - & had nev. reached yr. peop. My visit altho.  
y<sup>r</sup>. unexpected. Ob! of Div. pow. w<sup>o</sup> to accomplish it. -  
The Society has lost, by removal, several of its mo. act.  
memb<sup>s</sup>, and the state of our cause here appears lower  
y<sup>r</sup>. in any former time. Why has yr. Lord yes a controversy  
with us? I fear we have not been sufficiently prayerful -  
The emb<sup>d</sup>. not yr. opportunity y<sup>t</sup>. appr<sup>d</sup>. parkle, and it is  
perhaps gone for ev. What an instruction does yr's give to  
yr. memb<sup>s</sup> of yr. Ch. and to ins<sup>ts</sup>, y<sup>t</sup>. we sh<sup>d</sup>. hear  
when God calls - y<sup>t</sup>. we sh<sup>d</sup>. give all diligence -

My ex<sup>o</sup>.t. des. is, y<sup>t</sup>. God w<sup>d</sup>. rec<sup>d</sup>. yr. captivity  
of Jacob, and y<sup>t</sup>. he w<sup>d</sup>. send times, of refreshing & re-  
viving from his pres<sup>en</sup>ce -

Mr. M<sup>r</sup>. Eborain, an eld<sup>r</sup> of Mr. Gambles  
who had been in England for some time on business,  
was present to-day. It a strange way in w<sup>h</sup>. God  
leads his peop. Neither of us ev. have had yr. smallest  
tho<sup>t</sup>. of meeting here - he of having a covering meet<sup>g</sup>. in  
Liverpool, or of preaching y<sup>r</sup>. to an eld<sup>r</sup> of the Ch.  
May we, after a few mo. wanderings, meet in Aber-  
deen! -

Tuesday evening - March 31<sup>st</sup>

Preached this evening in the Welsh Calvinistic Chapel  
in Pall-mall - Text - Rom III. 21. "To the prin. of all evan-  
gelical obedience." The Congregation was large and atten-  
tive. I feel an interest in these people. They are sim-



34. ple in their manners, and pious. They are the descendants of the followers of Whittfield, and have maintained among them, since his time, and undeviating adherence to the doctrines of grace. May my feeble ministrations be blessed to their edification and establishment in the truth!

Wednesday evening - April 1st  
Met this evening with the Society - Few present, though all the members, except one or two. Covered on Micah vi. 5. and gave them a few plain directions, urging the necessity of holy living, and of being more devotional in their social exercises. Oh! that the Lord who has justly been displeas'd, and has scattered us, would return and bless us!

Thursday - April 3<sup>d</sup> -  
Breakfasted this morning at Mr. Murrain's Hope St. - Met with Bro. A. Wilson of the Scotch Church, Romney St. He is a frank, interesting man - Fond of speculation on theological subjects, but apparently alive to the necessity of points and practical preaching.

Is a disciple of Assoc. Estlin's - and with a high veneration for Edw. Living, has adopted some of his views, particularly that the Son of God in his incarnation took fallen human nature into personal union with his Divine. Is it not said, that he was made flesh, he was made only in the likeness of sinful flesh - (1<sup>st</sup> Cor VIII. 2.) - Either I do not understand Living's view, or it appears to me very unscriptural. Mr. W. in the course of conversation, said Mr. Living held entirely the sentiments of Lutherans respecting the duty of the Magistrate to promote, with all his influence and authority, true religion. Before parting with Mr. W. I spoke of the necessity of practical preaching and the danger of perplexing our congregations with speculating on points of Divinity - I was happy to find he entered into my views. I sincerely hope he may be found a workman that need

It not to be ashamed.

On the latter part of this days I was very un-  
well. Was led to think that the period of my service  
on earth will be short. Oh! that I may be the more  
diligent - and when the day of work here is over, may  
I be admitted to that blessed company where they serve  
God day and night in his temple! -

Friday - April 3<sup>d</sup> -

Considerably better, though still weak - let my soul  
now hope and rest in God

"For ye know I shall him praise

"Who graciously to me

"The health is of my countenance,

"(Ye mine own God is he)" Ps. xlii.

Sabbath - April 5<sup>th</sup>

Preached to-day in the Chapel in Sir Thomas's  
Buildings - three times - Subjects - Explan. xv<sup>th</sup> ps. -

Morning - Lectured Heb. ix. 23 - and

Afternoon - Isaiah liii. 11. "Behold the travail of the  
Rever's soul."

Evening - 2 Cor. iii. 18. - "Beholding the glory of the  
Lord."

The audience was large in the afternoon, and especially in the  
evening - and though the discourses were long, was very  
attended. Oh! that among those that this day heard the  
Gospel by my mouth, there may be found some  
of the travail of the Rever's soul. What amazing  
goodness is here! That I, a worm of the dust, a most  
unworthy and ungrateful creature should be so regard-  
ed as to be one of those for whom my dear Lord travail  
ed as in birth! Enable me, being bought with a  
price - Oh! what a price! - even to glorify this O Lord,  
with my body and my spirit which are thine.

How bright and transforming does the  
glory of the uncreated Jehovah shine in the person and  
work of the Saviour! May I each day be found be-  
holding it - and may I, by the view of it, be changed  
into the same image from glory to glory, even as by  
the Spirit of the Lord! -

Liverpool, Tuesday - April 7<sup>th</sup>.

Preached this evening in Bethesda (the 3<sup>d</sup> Independent Chapel in town) - Subject - (1 Thess. I. 10.) "Waiting for the Coming of the Son of God to Judgment." I bless God, I was enabled to declare the whole Counsel of God. Amongst this people, it is my earnest desire that many, may be found waiting for the coming of the son of God from Heaven - and at his coming, shall be found of him to praise and glory and rejoicing! And Oh! that thou, when I shall see him as he is, that I may be like him! -

Liverpool - Wednesday - April 8<sup>th</sup> -

A year of my ministry at Brockbracken has terminated. On this day twelvemonths, the most solemn transaction of my life took place - I then entered into engagements, I trust not in my own strength, to be a faithful labourer in the Resumer's vineyard, and was, by the imposition of the hands of the Presbytery, set apart to the work of the ministry.

Had proposed, some time ago, to set apart this day, as a day devoted to the service of the Lord - and especially as a time for confessing ministerial unfaithfulness - praising God for the mercies experienced - and seeking his guidance for the time to come.

After seeking the assistance of the Divine Spirit, I spent examining myself on the following points in reference to my ministerial work - and, after much reflection, I came to the conclusions and resolutions noted below -

1. What were my views in entering on the Ministry?
2. Was I single - &c. in the dedication of myself to the Lord?
3. In preaching the word, have I been careful to make diligent preparation for the pulpit - have I maintained

a constant dependance on Divine Influence and has testified.  
When preaching the Gospel, rested on my mind an impression  
of the importance of the work - what has been my  
conduct afterwards?

4. Visiting - Have I preached from house to house

5. Preaching - (Rom. xiii. 5.) Have I preached with diligence  
in seasons - & kept my conduct in Purities and Reproves  
such as becomes an Ambassador for Christ? -

Church of Christ in general - What have I  
done to heal the breaches, and promote uniformity &  
peace? - Have I given "the Lord no rest" - (Isa. lxxv. 7. 8.)

6. State of the Congregation - Neighbourhood -  
Young; -

7. Is Christ in me, or am I reprobate?

(2 Cor. xiii. 5.) -

8. Lord what wilt thou have me to do?

Replies -

1. Did not make it matter of sufficient consideration  
- but cannot say. I was actuated by any worldly motives -  
and to unblame chiefly of a kind of insensibility which  
keeps me from feeling the importance of sacred things -  
No fasting - lit. prayer - O Lord, revive and quicken me for  
thy name's sake.

2. Think I can say, in some measure, I was - tho'  
I am sensible there is much imperfection here too.

3. Tho' I have been wonderfully & graciously sup-  
ported, and would desire to acknowledge it, to the praise  
of God's glorious grace - I have much to be forgiven  
on this point. I have allowed other engagements to dis-  
tricate my mind - left off preparat'ion till too late  
in the week - Have not that sufficiency on the matter of  
y. disc. pref. begging to write -

Fear that my petitions for supernat'l  
aid have been formal - neglected some things - Have  
had too much on my own understy. - tho' by own  
aposts, argts. I cd. persuade men - How often have  
I entered the pulpit with this import. - Have thus wot

38. and lifeless - When felt it, have spoken boldly, as I ought  
to spk. Have much reason to complain that the truths  
I utter, do not do any ht. - often am cold and  
lukewarm and indolent afterwards - What the cause?  
Not necessarily on the truths I spk. not rooted and go:  
in love - Oh! this carnal heart? -

4. Fear I have not dealt pointedly enough  
with yr consciences of gov. to whom I minister - Some  
families much neglected - How can I give acct. for yr.?

5. Have not cause of thanksgiving here - Tho:  
most unexpected, I have been quised hitherto thro' diffies in  
safety. - Forgive, O Lord, where in, in any case I should be in-  
fluenced by a less mot. yr. wit. zeal for yr. glory. -

Can only say that yr. interests of Zion are  
do. to my ht. - Have been trying a lit. to excite a Missy  
Spirit. Fear however that I have not been suffy earnest  
in prayer for yr. good of yr. Ch. - Oh! yr. time to pass  
Zion not speedy come! She be mo. covered - mo. act. - Be  
no true danger of Zion yr. does not seek her good a-  
bove his chief joy.

6. In it some men of prayer - a few, I fear,  
careless - others not ent. circumspct. 5 deaths - 4 Abolts  
and a child - Hope all died in pr. Young begining to be  
sory impress? - All need exicty to mo. acting - Spirit -  
One fallen grievously - I th. - another excluded for fre-  
qts dancing. On the whole, yr. prospects sh. as to make  
us joy with trembling - Establish thow yr. wks of our  
hands - establish you O Lord!

Mighty death in ignorance - dark.

7. Have reason to hope - I can say - "my be-  
love is mine and I am his." -

Evid. es - 1. He do. to make his fins. rights  
my sole go. of depende.

2. Hope I can say he precious to me.

3. Love his people. 4. Des. no. and no. conforming<sup>39</sup>  
to his inv. 5. Love his 2<sup>d</sup> Congreg. - 6. Acquiesce in y.  
method of labor provided - Say of y. Govt. - "It all my  
labor, and all my des." -  
"What shall I send to y. Govt  
for all his benef<sup>t</sup>s towards you?"

8. Resolutions -

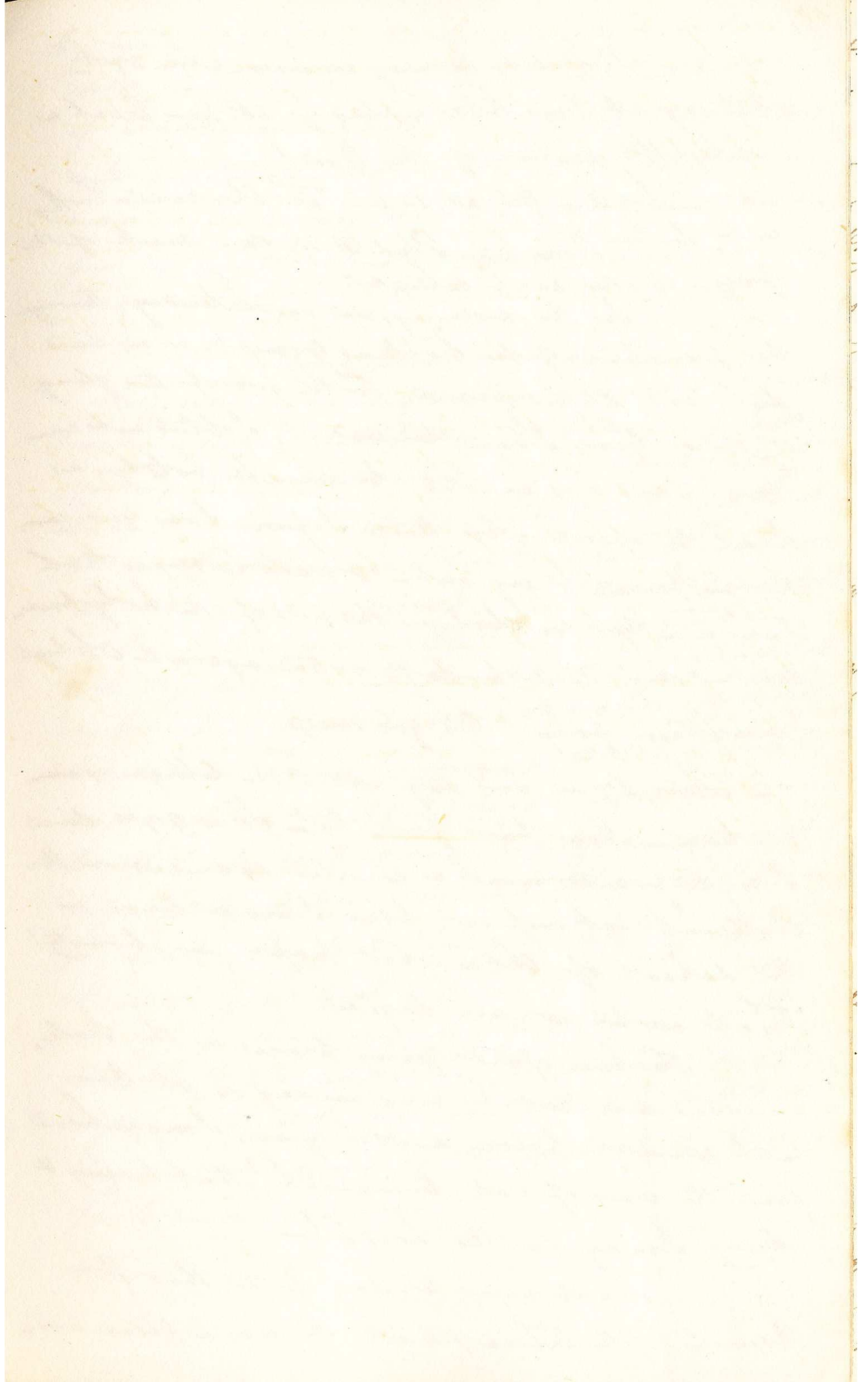
1. To seek mo. Dio. guides and assist<sup>ts</sup>.
2. To be at more pains to prep. for preach<sup>g</sup> y. Gos-  
pel - med<sup>g</sup> on what to s<sup>pe</sup>k - feed myself upon  
it.
3. To watch mo. dilig<sup>ly</sup> aft<sup>r</sup>s.
4. In y. languag<sup>e</sup> to deal mo. pointedly with in-  
d<sup>iv</sup>ids - Let me always be in mind that "I water  
for y. souls of others, as y. y<sup>t</sup>. must give acct." -  
Require to visit mo. strictly - Inspt. y. State of  
y. neighbour<sup>hd</sup> - Attempt some exercises of preach-  
ing or catechising in various places. -

These resolutions I would forew in y. strength  
of p<sup>er</sup>son. grace, and I pray that thou, O God of my  
life, wouldest enable me to live in y. diligent dis-  
charg<sup>e</sup> of them. -

Note Afternoon - Remained in Liverpool till  
Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup> - Preached on the lat. p<sup>er</sup>sec<sup>u</sup>ting, & times, to our  
poor people, in the Chapel, Mr. Otho's Building, - We were much  
the low state of the cause of the Covenantal Reformation among  
them - "The way to Zion with waste - the wayfaring man heaseth"  
it. Why is it that Israel is not gathered? Is it that there is do-  
lit. prayer among ministers & people concerning the desolations of  
Zion? - O God, revive us and ex<sup>al</sup>t us to live in (thy) it! -

Enjoyed much mercy & goodness in this visit -  
Preached in the different Chapels of the Welsh Calvinists in Liver-  
pool, and got acq<sup>u</sup>ainted with their preachers (Jones & Williams) and with

40. Some of these people. They are a simple, and seemingly an affectionate people - Thus: I shall meet with many of them, gathered in at the head of the Red's boat, when I shall have finished my course, and shall have recd. the "crown of righteousness, wh. of. Ld. of. right. shd. will give me" in the day of his coming. - Was preserved in safety on my return, and had a short and comfortable passage. Found all at home well, and thro' the tender mercies of my God, the people of my charge in peace. The man at Koo-dit (Wm. Murphy) whom I had visited in his illness, had died in my absence. I had several times been with him - his reliance appeared altogether on the finished righteousness of Jesus Christ. - I trust he has indeed entered into the rest that remaineth for the people of God. What reason have I for thankfulness and devotedness? Can I spare - my wanderings are noted in God's book - and wherever I have been, I have experienced much mercy, and have seen much of Divine power and love put forth for my help and deliverance. I may truly say "this year has abas'd to the chief of sinners" - Oh! that I may now be bold to say to adopt the resolution - "Because thou hast been my help, therefore in the shadow of thy wings, I will rejoice" (Ps. lxxiii. 7.) -





Belfast, Monday evening - Apr. 27<sup>th</sup> -  
 Yesterday at Three Morn. exp. of 28<sup>th</sup> ps - "What a  
 delightful portion of the Word!"

Lect. - Heb. xii. 1-4 - "The Chr. race" - "Looky  
 into His." - Preached - Phil. iii. 13, 14. - "Mark of the  
 prize of the high calling."

In the morning, and on Saturday, through  
 the prevalence of indissolving corrup<sup>n</sup>, in a dead  
 dull and stupid frame. To the praise of the glory  
 of His grace, I have to rec. it, I obtained much con-  
 fult., and was enabled to speak boldly, as  
 I want to speak. At times I fear I am yet con-  
nat - forced to cry out - "O wretched man that  
 I am!" - Yet can decl. in the wds of the holy psal-  
 mist - "my soul he doth restore again" - Oh. Lof.  
 I may nev. forget his goodness.

- Apr. 27<sup>th</sup> - This day attend. the College exam-  
 inations - How time fleets by! - It is 9 yrs since  
 I myself underwent a similar exam. in this  
 Hall - What improv. have I made since in  
 the school of Ch. - what prep. for eternity!  
 "Teach me to no. my days" is.

The bust of Dr. Young placed in the Hall,  
 reminds me that he was among us at the  
 last exam. - before another year, I may have  
 gone the way of all living - Oh! that living &  
 dying I may be the Lord's! -

Heard news to-day of the Rev. Wm.  
 Brown's (of the Tabern.) death. He was a pious, wor-

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they men, tho' from bodily ailments and other causes, unfitted for pub. duties. He had his share of troubles here - but, I trust, has now entered into everlasting rest. - How sho. thou that remain in the weary lab. which it called today, for the night rapidly cometh, wherein no man can work. -

Monday evening - May 21<sup>th</sup>

Yesterday (the morning very wet) preached at Brook-  
brahma - subject both forenoon & Afternoon - Jas. 2:  
17. "Therefore to him ye know to do good, & doubt it not,  
to him it is sin." - What a deeply searching declaration  
My sins of omission are without number - How it not  
that there is rich forgiveness with the Lord as I could have  
no hope. 'Lord shed me thy mercy, and visit me  
with thy salvation!' The thought would be inconceivably  
awful if it should be found that while preaching  
this discourse, I was drawing up the bill of indict-  
ment against any of my people - and still more  
so, if I should have been preparing it against  
myself. May mercy prevent it! Oh! that I may  
be enabled henceforth always with all my might,  
to do the good that I know!

La. y. evening, held my first meeting  
or Sabbath for catechising the young - 60 or 70  
might be present. My heart's desire is that there  
may be found many of the lambs of the Redeemer's  
flock among them -

Friday May 22<sup>d</sup>.

Have been engaged these two weeks in visiting the families of the Congregation—find this a most useful exercise. Is it not that of which the Apostle speaks when he tells of "preaching from house to house" (Acts xx. 20.) My earnest desire is, that by these ministrations, many may be warned and invited, and led to the Saviour, and many may be built up and edified in their most holy faith.

Sune 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday.

Have been reading, for some time past, the 4<sup>th</sup> Vol. of "Milner's History of the Church of Christ." The author does ample justice to the character of Luther. Such a book was wanted after the manner in which this eminent Reformer was treated by Mosheim, Robertson & other historians unworthy the name of Protestants. The reason of such apathy is to be found, I doubt, in this, that these writers themselves knew little of experimental religion, and were consequently unable to estimate the motives, or appreciate the exertions of men who felt on their hearts the constraining power of the Gospel. Luther was unquestionably a "burning and shining light." I admire greatly his intrepidity and decision, and his disregard of the censures or opinions of men, and his deep reverence for the authority of the sacred Scriptures, in prosecuting his labours. Ignations yet unborn will have occasion to bless the Lord, that he raised up Luther. He had his defects, as what man is there that liveth and sinneth not? I can find several things in his opinions of which I cannot approve, and something in his temper and disposition, particularly in his disputes with

his fellows of the Reformation, which is not uninformed to the mind that was in Christ Jesus. Yet, after all, there is perhaps none other of the Reformers, who, if placed in Luther's circumstances, would have effected so much. What cannot the grace of God enable men to do! —

Friday June 5<sup>th</sup>

Attended a meeting of Presbytery this evening. It is painful indeed to find that ministers in Ecclesiastical Courts seem to forget that they are Overseers over the Redeemer's flock — appointed by the Holy Ghost, and responsible to Him, for the manner in which they attend to their charge. May I ever be deeply impressed with the solemnity of this office! May I obtain strength for the faithful performance of its important duties! —

Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup>

Sabbath — June 7<sup>th</sup>

Monday — June 8<sup>th</sup>

Spent, these days, at the dispensation of the Ordinance of the Supper at Kellavater (Rev. Mr. Dick's) —

Subjects of Discourses.

Repair Sab. — Rev. I. 17, 18. (Rev. J. Dick)

Fast day. — 1 Thess. v. 22. (Rev. J. Dick)

Isa. xvi. 8. (Rev. Simon Cameron)

Saturday — Ps. xxxiii. 12. (Rev. Simon Cameron.)

1 Cor. xi. 25. (T. Houston.)

Sabbath — 1 Thess. v. 23. (Arthur Linnon — Mr. Dick)

Exod. xxxiii. 14. (Mr. Houston.)

Monday — 1 Cor. xv. 25. (T. Houston.)

Rev. xi. 1. (Rev. S. Cameron.)

It was a devout and refreshing solemnity — I trust the presence of the great Head of the Church was with us. I was enabled, in the midst of much weakness, to renew the dedication of myself to the Lord — I felt it was indeed my reasonable service to give myself soul and body to be His, who had created, preserved, and redeemed me. This was the gracious promise which He gave me, as the ground of my sure

46. hopes, as I sat at his table — "my presence shall go with you and I will give you rest." Oh! that in all my after life, I may be enabled to glorify God, with my soul and body, which are his!

Friday — June 12<sup>th</sup> —

Preached yesterday evening at Danversfield — from Chil. 3:11  
10. To the intent it is. — Many came to hear. I trust some may have heard so that their souls shall live. How manifest the wisdom of God in every part of the scheme of redemption — how manifest does it appear, in the arrangements of my own lot! —

Monday — June 15<sup>th</sup> —

Yesterday was the Preparation Sabbath, previous to the dispensation of the ordinance of the Supper with us.

Let. Heb. xiii. 1-9. Text. Mat. xxviii. 5 — "Fear not ye for I know that ye seek Jesus, who was crucified" —

I bless my gracious God, I was enabled to exhibit the richness of Divine Grace — and something of the excellency of the unchangeable Redeemer. In prayer, I felt comfort in casting my burden on the Lord — and, thanks be to his name, I was given something of the persuasion that he would sustain me and my people. Be thou, O Lord, the breaker up of the way before us — let thy presence go with us. —

Evening — At half past 7 o'clock, died Mary Mawhinny child of Surgeon Mawhinny. At her early age, she gave some evidences of grace, and death was to her, I trust, gain.

Thursday — June 18<sup>th</sup> (Day of Humiliation)

This was the day of Humiliation with us. Preached in the forenoon on Mark xiv. 72. "And when he that thence, he wept. How often have I denied my Lord and Master. Oh! that I may be led into the exercises of genuine Repentance — and, as I reflect on my numerous acts of departure from God, may I be brought to sorrow after a godly sort!"

Afternoon — Rev. A. Dick preached.

22 from Deut. v. 29. — "Oh that you were like an altar, in them as 47"  
In a forcible manner, he established the point that 'religion  
if it be real, has its seat in the heart — and that if the heart  
is not engaged in the service of God, there is no religion' —  
And in the close, he illustr: of importance and advantage of pa-  
rental religious instruction. How often have I been lifeless in  
the service of God — how many times, while I was possessed  
by serving him, had I been setting up my idols within me!  
"Oh that there was in me such an heart." &c.

It was gratifying to see the appearance of  
the Congregation to-day. The audience was even larger than  
what it usually is on the Sabbath, and all were deeply at-  
tentive. I trust there were many waking mourners in Zion,  
in our assembly this day.

Friday — June 19<sup>th</sup>

My heart is dejected and desperately wicked. Find, that,  
while preparing for the solemn services of the Sabbath, and  
meditating on the great work before me, my thoughts are  
wandering and my affections vile. Such things are designed  
perhaps to keep me humble, and to make me long mo-  
and mo. for deliverance from a burden of sin — "O wretched  
man that I am" &c. — Has yet allowed some access to God  
in prayer — "Trust God, for I shall praise him yet, his con-  
tinuance is mine aid" —

Saturday — June 20<sup>th</sup>

This morning examined young persons and others seeking  
admission to (the membership of the Church — and proposing  
to communicate for the first time. On Thursday morning,  
13 young persons were admitted — I have felt the solemnity  
of this work — These persons can only be rightly admitted  
on giving evidence of being gracious subjects — In this degene-  
rate day of the Ch. how difficult is it to find, among  
the hearers of the Word, such evidence as is completely satis-  
factory. And then, they are an addition to the flock, to  
which the Holy Ghost has made me an overseer — I must  
watch for their souls, as one that must give account to  
God. My fervent prayer, when thinking on these things, has  
been that there may be added to the Church such, only as

45. shall be saved. —

Forenoon — Rev. Wm. J. Barclay preached from 1 Cor. xi. 28. — "Let a man examine us. The discourse was plain and practical, and the applications pointed the way to wh. he gave why communicants should spy the work of self-examination was striking & solemn. — "God will examine us." Text of, during the delivery of the discourse was I led to prefer the Psalmist's request — "Let me, O God, & throw my st. thy me and throw my ths. Has he if you be any" "wisest way in me, and had me in yr. way everlasting" (Ps. CXXXIX. 23, 24.)

Sept. xiii. 12. Afternoon — Rev. James Dick preached from ~~1 Cor. xi. 28.~~ "Oh yr. yr. was st. an ht. in you & co. or two pts. he strongly insists — "that religion, if real, has its seat, in yr. heart." — and that for parents being believers, and performing all parental duties, blessings will descend upon yr. children." "Teach in me O God. O God, and renew a st. spirit within me." —

Sabbath — June 31<sup>st</sup>  
(Communion Sat.)

In the morning, was considerably dejected in spirits from the appearance of the day being unusually wet, and from a view of the magnitude of yr. work which lay before me. In prayer, felt my fears, in some measure, dissipated, and had some confidence in casting my burden on the Lord.

Commenced the services in the house —  
Morning meditation — Ps. xliii. 3, 4 — "Observe —"  
Psalm explained — xxvii. 1 — 7.

Action Sermon — Zeph. iii. 17, 18. "In yr. day, it shall be said to Jerusalem, Fear thou not; & to Zion, let not thine hands be slack. The Lord thy God is in yr. midst of yr. is mighty; he will save, he will revive so. you with joy; he will rest in his love. he will joy over you with singing"

The subject was great and commanding, and I trust I experienced something of yr. inner strength, with w. I trust he mightily strengthens his

people in handling it. What an amazing consideration <sup>49.</sup>  
is the everlasting, unchangeable, undistinquishing  
love of God! How our believing the view of our  
Father's condescension of manifests him resting with  
eternal complacency in doing good to vile, apostate  
rebels such as we are! The house was filled to ex-  
cess, and the large multitude sat, fixed in mute  
and motionless attention, as the Gospel was preach-  
ed. Oh! that it might be found in the records that  
shall be unfolded in the Great Day, that a word  
of power came home to the hearts of many while  
they listened to the discourse!

Mr. Dick fenced the Tables - and Mr.  
Starchy delivered Addresses at the 2<sup>d</sup> and 3<sup>d</sup> - I  
trust it was enabled, from the heart, to renew their  
personal Covenant with the Lord, at his table; and  
to give myself, and my people over to him in  
an everlasting Covenant never to be dissolved.  
The declaration was exceedingly comfortable to  
me - "I see God Almighty, walk before me, as  
"he thou perfect" - (Gen. xviii. 1.) - I saw that in having  
God for my Portion, I had enough - all that I  
could desire - exceeding abundantly above all I could  
ask or think. Every other object appeared to vanish  
from my view - And I hoped I would in reality  
then say - "Whom have I in heaven but thee, and  
"ye is none on ye earth whom I desire besides thee  
(Ps. lxxiii. 24.) The command indeed appeared of dif-  
ficult performance - but yet in the strength  
of him, whom I took as my Portion, I felt  
drawn to enter on its performance, and my  
greatest desire was, that it might be brought  
to the measure of the Statute of a perfect man in  
Christ Jesus.

In the evening, Mr. Starchy preached in  
the open air from Is. xxi. 17 - "Low thou knowest all  
things, thou knowest that I love thee" - A large no.  
of attentive hearers remained till the conclusion -  
My earnest desire is, that many days hence, this



50. Communion Sabbath may be remembered as a  
time of refreshing and reviving sent from the right  
hand of the Most High. —

Monday — June 33<sup>d</sup> —

To-day — Mr. Dick preached in the forenoon —  
from Act. xiii. 13. — "Let us go forth quæ." It was  
a most powerful and impressive discourse. Mr. Stone  
by preached in the afternoon from 2 Tim. i. 12. — "For I  
know whom I have believed &c." — a discourse full of  
comfort and consolation. And I dismissed the people  
with a word of exhortation from Deut. xxxii. 45, 47.  
"Let your hearts &c." —

Reflections. —

1. Oh Lord! thou hast for frailty to thy beloved  
land — thou hast, with a mighty hand recalled the  
captivity of Jacob.
2. Unson what wily obliquities am I led by this  
renewed act of Div. goodness, to live not to myself  
but to him that died for me and rose again?
3. It is only known to Him, who knew  
and from the beginning, whether I and this people  
shall ever be permitted together to ascend another Mt.  
of Communion in this world. The impression on my  
own mind is that my day of labour shall be  
short. If we are again permitted to rejoice together  
in such a scene, may we be found to have lived  
up to our solemn engagements in the interval;  
and if any of us are removed, may we be admit-  
ted to everlasting & uninterrupted Communion  
with God in Heaven!
4. We now take our departure again for  
the wilderness — let thy presence, O God of Israel, go  
with us — and may we always act in the world un-  
der the deep impression of the mercies we have re-  
ceived, and the vows we have renewed in this ordinance.

Subsist. - June 28<sup>th</sup> - 1829.

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Brookhaven - Preached in the afternoon from John 1. 11. "Holy Father we." Felt that it was exceeding-ly supporting to commit myself and people, when after a solemn occasion, going again into a world of temptation, into the keeping of a God reconciled in Christ Jesus. What a wondrous consideration is Union to Christ! Of all the subjects of Gospel revelation, this is one of the most mysteriously gracious - Oh! that I may be one with the glorious Head of the Church, and with all believers in him, as the Father & the Son are one! -

Thursday Evening - July 9<sup>th</sup>

Preached this evening at Dudsons on the great Duty of Non-Comformity to the World - from Rom. 12. 2. "And be ye transformed." - I have reason to praise God who supports, and enabled me to speak his word with boldness. My earnest desire is, that I may be enabled to live a life of holy singularity - and above all, that I may be the subject of the transforming and sanctifying influences of the Holy Spirit. May there be gathered in of the fruit of the Redeemer's but - fruit among this people!

Saturday - July 11<sup>th</sup>

On the preceding day, I travelled to Romney, and to-day attended aft Rev. Mr. Staveland's, Kithoughts, it being the Saturday preparatory to the Disputation of the Communion of the Lord's Supper there.

My respected friend preached in the forenoon an excellent Discourse from John 5. 2 - 10 - "Cur of the Impotent man, at the pool of Bethesda" - and I preached in the afternoon from Job 12. 13, 14 - "Let's be closing the Cases from Dead Works, and fitting for the service of the living God." - The Congregation was very large - the Pastor, in

50. the evening distributed, I should think, about 250 to 300 of gratis fellowship to persons who came forward to receive them. It is delightful to contemplate the increase and prosperity of the Church - May there be many spiritual worshippers among this people!

Sabbath - 12<sup>th</sup> July.

(Kilraught's Communion Sab.)

This was externally a calm and serene day. An increase of wind convened at an early hour in the busying ground adjoining the House of worship. Every object was fitted for producing solemn thoughts. The heat reminded one of the thump of our fathers' sufferings, when Scotland's Martyrs assembled on their native mountains, and gave thanks to God's name, & to Israel's testimony. The silent dead that lay slumbering beneath - the wide, clear expanse of the heaven stretched as a canopy above - the morning of the weekly rest, the day when the Saviour rose, and completed the wisdom of his victory, and showed forth his power to save - and especially the solemnity of the Communion Sab. - all combined to add interest to the scene, and to render it one of the most hallowed and endearing that may be looked for on this side the grave.

The solemn services were commenced with introductory observations, and an exposition of the 29<sup>th</sup> ps. by the Rev. Mr. Stacey. He afterwards preached the Action Sermon from 1 Cor. xv. 24, 28. - "On the First Reign of the Redeemer." The Discourse contained many exalted views of the headship of the Saviour - and strongly prevailed to the minds of the hearers of the word the glorious announcement to which I look with regard when he

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enjoins it on them to say unto Zion - "thy God  
reigneth." - Mr. S. fenced the tables, and served the first.  
Mr. Dick and Mr. Cahill and I followed them in suc-  
cession - there were 7 tables.

Mr. Dick preached the evening Discourse from  
Ps. Lxxxviii. 7 - "Oh my soul - springs are in thee!" It was  
a powerful, and impressive discourse. About 9 o'clock,  
in the evening, the large Congregation retired from the  
place of assembly. I trust the occasion was sweet  
and refreshing to many. I was enabled to renew the  
solemn dedication of myself and my people to the  
Lord, and I hope he heard the voice of my prayers  
and petitions.

Monday - Kilsnoo.

Mr. Cahill explained the 100<sup>th</sup> ps. and preached  
from Acts. x. 28. "And when he came, and had seen you  
of God - &c."

I, in the afternoon - from Rev. xiv. 4. "Then are you  
wh. fol. you. Lamb - &c." - Oh! to have fully than char!

Ballymena, Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> July.

(Meeting of Synod.) -

At 5 o'clock this day, the Synod met.

Rev. Dr. Hewthorn preached from  
2 Cor. x. 5. "For we preach not ourselves, but Christ, do-  
ing his will; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake."  
It was a plain, and practical discourse.

Mr. Dick was unanimously appointed  
Moderator. - This evening, after the adjournment, the  
Annual Meeting of the Missions Society was held. It was  
gratifying to find that the Society had been increasing  
in its friends and supporters - My anxious desire is that  
the Divine Blessing may rest upon all its measures &

174. conductor, and that it may be the means, in the  
hand of the Spirit, of advancing the interests of the  
Covenanted Reformation, throughout the nation.

The entire proceedings of Synod, this year,  
afforded me much gratification. I think there was  
evidence given on the part of many of the members  
being influenced by a sincere desire to promote the  
glory of God and the good of the Church. I have  
much cause of grateful thanksgiving manifested  
towards myself in particular. I was concerned in  
one or two cases, which necessarily brought me in-  
to collision with the opinions of ministers, much my  
seniors in the Synod, and yet I was conducted safe-  
ly through them; and I trust I behaved in a Chris-  
tian spirit, and manifested Christian meekness in  
managing them. I dare not impute any part of the  
success to my own presence or skill. It was of the  
kindness and tender mercy, O Lord, that such a re-  
sult was brought about! One thing I ought to  
revert to the praise of Jehovah's faithfulness.  
Alas, my gracious God, led me to resign, in prayer,  
the ordering of the case into his hands. I was  
enabled to say to Him, 'do as seemeth thee good:  
'only if these matters go against me, grant me  
a full resignation to thy disposal' - leading me  
thus to deny myself my own understanding, be-  
stow, above my expectations, and infinitely be-  
yond my deserving, granted me all that my  
heart could have. May the remembrance of this  
lead me, in all time future, to place unreserved  
confidence in him!

The Synod closed its proceedings at 1 1/2 o'clock  
on Friday afternoon. It was altogether to

me an interesting season. I think I was able to discern some signs of the Lord's intention to raise and favour his Zion, in the zeal and spirit manifested by the Rulers of the Church—May such signs be rendered still more and more apparent—and may the times to favour Zion, the set times of Abraham's appointment, speedily come!

Rathfriland Sat. July 26<sup>th</sup>—

Reached to-day for the benefit of the R. Friland Sch. Union from No. VIII. 12, 13. It was a fine, serene Sat. evening—the discourse was delivered in the open air—The teachers and children of the different schools, were present, and many of the neighbouring Clergymen and their flocks—it was said, there might be 5000 people present. I trust I was enabled to speak to them the word boldly, as I ought to speak—The thought of yr. past depravity in the Judgment Day, took hold of my mind & affected me much. Oh! that then, at the appearance of the Great God and my Saviour, I may, thro' yr. infin. merits of my Red. stand with acceptance before him—and y<sup>e</sup>, yr. I may have some given me for a crown of rejoicing!—

Tuesday—July 28<sup>th</sup>

To-day the Anniversary of yr. R. Friland Soc. Society was held in Mr. Tate's Meeting House. I spoke on the "Signs of the times"—It is pleasing to see the young professing an interest in the advancement of the Red's Kingdom. I was much gratified to have my young friends Messrs C. and M. present—young men, I hope, of sincere piety, & who will one day, be active and zealous labourers in the Redeemer's vineyard. Their Addresses were practical and impressive. Oh! that I might always feel deeply of—

50. facts about the perishing heathen, and about the condition of thousands in lands nominally Christian, who are living without God, and without hope in the world! It is a tremendous thought that, under Heaven or among men, there is no other name given for salvation but that of Jesus, and yet vast multitudes know him not - and many, who in words acknowledge him, in works deny him. Oh! that men may, every where, be turned from darkness to light, and be delivered from the bondage of Satan into the glorious liberty of the sons of God. -

Thursday Evening - Aug. 27<sup>th</sup> 1829.

Have been for a length of time past so busily occupied with fatiguing journeys, and public exercises, that I could not command leisure to note transactions in my Diary. I fear, while I have been keeping the vineyards of others, I have neglected to keep my own vineyard. The great business of self-examination has been greatly overlooked; and secret prayer has been cold and formal. Oh! that I may be cleansed from secret faults - and may the Holy Spirit revive and quicken me, according to the gracious word of Jehovah's promise! -

On the evening of Thursday - 13<sup>th</sup> Inst.

Spoke at Kibbinceby - at the house of a man named Patterson - Text - Is. liii. 10. - "When thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin &c." - The last clause "the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in his hands" was to me peculiarly comforting. This is my hope, that all that concerns my deliverance from sin - my guidance thro' life - my performance of ministerial duties - and my introduction to Heaven at last is in the hands of my Redeemer - and here is the promise of the Father - the unalterable stipulation of the New Covenant, that it shall prosper in his hands. May this ever be the ground of my holy rejoicing - my comfort in life, and

support at death!

The day was exceedingly stormy, and the evening wet - the attendance was of course small. This was the country in which the goodly Livingstone, one of the most eminent of Scotland's early ministers, preached and prayed. How has the Landstich he has removed out of its place! Oh! that it would please the Great Head of the Church to revive his work in this place; - how greatly honoured would I be, if it should be through my worthless instrumentality.

Returned this night to Mrs W's.

From the wet and fatigue, felt unwell in rising to rest. I had a presentiment on my mind that my day of labour would be short - and my desire was, that I might be enabled to spend it till its close in the service of my Master, and that then I might be received into the joy of my Lord. Oh! how transporting the thought to be with him, where he is, to behold his glory! -

Sab. 23<sup>d</sup> - Preached in the afternoon at Tully West, for the benefit of the school there - Text. Psalm Lxxviii. 5, 6 - "His Testimony &c." I have much cause for grateful acknowledgments, the day was favourable, and to a large number of perishing sinners, I was strengthened to declare the Word of life. Oh! that many were led to see the val. of the Deposit - and be found faithfully keeping it, and transmitting it entire to the generation to come.

Tuesday - Augt. 25<sup>th</sup> - Preached to the young in the Lane schoolhouse - a Disc. from Eccles. xii. 1. - How little I myself have remembered my Creator in 24. days of my youth! - how fegt. and awfl. has been my forgetfulness of God! May I hereafter ever remember Him as my Creator - Benefactor - Redeemer - and may my remembrance of Him be affectionate, reverential, Practical and Constant! I praise God, I was enabled to speak the word freely - I trust I enjoyed enlargement from above. Oh! that the bread cast upon



58. The waters, in this service, may be forced many days  
hence! — In the labours which I have undertaken,  
I have been supported — the Lord has dealt bountifully  
with me. He has given me many grounds of praise  
and thanksgiving — and has laid me under many obli-  
gations to serve him with my whole heart. I have  
indeed been sadly characterised by ingratitude, and  
carelessness, and indolence in his service. Yet I hum-  
bly hope — let me express it with fear and trembling,  
that the Lord has gracious things in reserve for me —  
that he is carrying on a good work in me — and that  
he will, in due time, perfect that which concerneth  
me. — "Lord stirs thy, mercy lasts; do not  
"Tear our hands' works forsake." —  
"Create O Lord a clean heart — renew a rit. spirit  
within me." — C. H. —

Saturday night — Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> 1839.

This week, I have been rather busily occupied in  
public labours — On Sat. preached twice at Drogheda  
and in the evening in Belfast — Sabbath

Leet. — Mat. V. 33-43.

Text — Rom VIII. 5.

Evening Disc. — John XIV. 15, 17. — These are search-  
ing subjects — How little have I minded the things of  
the Spirit! How little do I know of the abiding Comforter  
of the Spirit, the Comforter! Yet I will trust in the Lord —  
Surely it is good for me to wait on the Lord! —

Tuesday evening — Lecture at Dursoats  
in Oliver Lamb's — Sabbath! — 1 Pet. V. 5-13. Had much ex-  
perience <sup>had</sup> in this exercise of the kindness and supporting  
grace of the Master whom I serve. From bodily fatigue,  
and I fear, from carelessness of mind, was all day  
in a stupid and dull frame — and yet was enabled to  
speak the word freely, and I trust profitably to my  
self and to some present. May I never forget this  
goodness to me the most unprofitable of my Father's

Thursday evening—Preached at Dearbourns—  
 Titus iii. 5, 6—“Washed by w<sup>th</sup> of high w<sup>th</sup>.”—What a glorious  
 consid<sup>r</sup>—Salvation is, in all its parts, the fruit of God's dis-  
 tinguishing mercy. There is provision in the washing of re-  
 penance and in the renewing w<sup>th</sup> of the Holy Spirit for the  
 cleansing away of my sin, and for conforming me wholly  
 to the Divine likeness. May I obtain these blessings—

“wash thou me, and I shall be whiter than the  
 snow” “Stay me with thy free Spirit”—

Have seen several sick persons this week—one  
 young person in the last stage of Consumption—One  
 aged woman, near the end of her pilgrimage—Have  
 heard of the death of one of my flock—Mrs R. she  
 has been long unwell, and was rather disturbed in mind  
 for a considerable period before her departure. I hope  
 her latter end was peace—The Divine Spirit could work  
 even on the waves of a troubled mind—I trust he  
 brought her, by his powerful leading, to the haven of  
 eternal rest. May I learn, from these instances of  
 mortality, to prepare for my own departure—and  
 Oh! my Father and my God, grant that whosoever  
 the messenger of death comes, I may, thro' thy mercy,  
 obtain an abundant entrance into thine everlasting  
 Kingdom!—

This is the eve of the holy Sabbath. How pleas-  
 ing the thought of again assembling with those with  
 whom we expect to spend an eternity of joy, in the  
 Courts of the earthly Sanctuary!—How peculiarly de-  
 lightful the hope of being taken by the hand of the ever-  
 Merciful Redeemer into his house of prayer, and made  
 joyous there! I would desire to leave behind me, this  
 night, all earthly thoughts—Oh! that I may be sanc-  
 tified against the morrow. I am called, as a minis-  
 ter in the Sanctuary, to very solemn a service—to  
 stand between the living and the dead—to declare the

60. whole counsel of God - to woo every man - to comfort the mourners in Zion. Sanctity of heart and life is specially needed for such ministrations - 'The pure in heart only shall see God & Oh!' that I may have created within me a clean heart, and renewed within me a right spirit. - When preaching the word to perishing sinners, may I be constrained by the Saviour's love - may I be enlightened by the Divine Spirit - and Oh! that my feeble instrumentality might be accompanied by the working of the Spirit, that sinners might be converted, and the saints built up and edified! -

On a coming morn, many eyes will be looking to the Redeemer - many hearts praying after him - Lord! let the light of thy favour shine on thy people - make them exceedingly glad with the light of thy countenance - and satisfy the poor of thy people with bread. -

To H. -

Tuesday Morning - Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>

On Sabbath last, preached three times - twice in Knock-braher & once in Belfast

Evening Disc. - 1st v. 5. 'Who is he of whom we speak, but he of whom the Lord says, "I will be a Father to the fatherless, and a Father to the poor?" - How excellent a principle is faith! What wonderful effects it produces! May I be enabled to believe to the saving of my soul, and, at last, may I number among them that are made conquerors and more than conquerors thro' Him of whose love they are!' -

One great reason why we are so much entangled with the world, and why we suffer so many defeats, I have been thinking, is to be found in the circumstance, that we are not given to meditate frequently on the person and work of the Saviour, & that we are not coming daily to draw out of his fulcrum. Hence we are <sup>of</sup> less comfort - our hearts more heavily in slumber - and we wander at noon-day, as in

darkness. It was never designed that we should obtain  
strong consolation in any other way than by daily  
"looking unto Jesus" - and never do any arrive at the  
full assurance of hope but by "giving all diligence"  
(Heb. vi. 11.) May I live in the constant remembrance  
of these things - and Oh! that, by the Divine Spirit,  
I may be enabled to keep myself in the love of God,  
and to continue in patient waiting for the Lord! -  
A. S. -

Thursday Morning - Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>  
Yesterday evening - Preached at Newbury - Text - Heb. xii. 1, 2  
"Let us lay aside every thing etc." Was enabled to set forth of Christ-  
ian race - and to present the Command of the Leviticus fully - Oh!  
that many of those, who heard me, may be found running  
with patience the appointed race - May I know more of the  
will of my own besetting sin - Strengthen me, Lord, to lay it  
aside, in the way of rigorous & constant mortification, &  
to cast from me every weight that would retard my prog-  
ress heaven-ward! May I each day be passing giving heed  
to my Christian course - "Enlarge my heart, O Lord - so shall  
I run in the way of thy commandments." - And, above all,  
may I be daily looking unto Jesus! This, I am well assured,  
is the only way of comfort and safety. Without this, Di-  
vine Service, I can do nothing. Make thy grace suffici-  
ent for me; and Oh! grant that my thoughts and af-  
fections may be drawn off from other objects, & placed en-  
tirely on thyself. Enable me, from the heart & without  
reserve, to say - "Whom have I in y<sup>e</sup> heavens but thee, &  
there is none on the earth, whom I desire besides thee." -

Monday Morning - Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>  
Preached yesterday at Newbury in y<sup>e</sup> morning - Ps. xlii. 4 -  
"Call yourself in God's name." What an important duty & high prize is it  
- delights in God. I fear that without other objects have been  
with me objects of delight - May I be effecting the emptiness  
of you - May my affections be purified & set on things above -

62. And Oh! that in throwing God sovereignly as my God & Father  
I may be enabled to delight in him!

In the Afternoon, I went to preach for the  
benefit of the "White Missy Society" in Rev. J. Down's (Scotch  
secessers) - Text - Ps. LXXXV. 20. "Have respect to ye Lord, for ye  
dark places of ye earth are ye habitation of cruelty." How painful  
the condition of those places that are unvisited by the Light  
of divine Revelation, or unacquainted with the saving know-  
ledge of the Res! I have surely felt hitherto too lit. im-  
pulses on this subject - Oh! that I and others to whom I  
have been sent, be more deeply affected with the deplorable  
state of ye blessed Heathen - and, thro' God of Mercy,  
have respect to ye Lord - Oh! let the interests of true religion  
be revived in lands nominally Christian - and in dark places  
of the earth, may every habitation of cruelty become speedily  
a temple of holiness and peace!

C. H. -

Monday morning - Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>

Preached yesterday at Anockba - Rom VIII. 5 - "Spirit is misdeeds"  
Afternoon - Lect. - Paul. VII. 19 - "Little Horn vi." - Do not re-  
member preaching any Sabbath under so much bodily weak-  
ness, & yet I have much reason of thanksgiving, I was sup-  
ported & carried thro' the service - I trust, in some measure,  
profitably to myself & others. Last week I had an in-  
disposition, brought on by cold & excessive fatigue in walk-  
ing, that confined me to bed for w. days, and left me since  
I considerably debilitated. There was much mercy in the  
provision. I trust I was given, when extended on the bed  
of sickness, some views of my own unworthiness which  
I had not before - and some discoveries of the rich mercy  
of God revealed in Christ to perishing sinners which I  
had not before, the matter of thankfulness I had that  
with the word, I had wrought in me some degree of resigna-  
tion to the will of my Heavenly Father. I was enabled to

say - "It is the Lord; let him do what seemeth him good" and could feel that however the affliction would torment me, it would be well with me.

Now that I have been, through the tender mercy of God, spared a little longer, my earnest desire is that I may be able to give the experience of the man after God's own heart as mine - "Before I was afflicted I went astray; but now have I kept thy word" (Ps. cxix. 67.) May this chastisement, which was sent in great mercy, yield to me afterwards the pleasurable fruits of righteousness - (Heb. xii. 11.) - When under this rod, in my outwards on my bed, the concerns of my people lay near my heart - I felt that I had been wholly an unprofitable servant - that I had not been sufficiently earnest with them that are out of the way - & that I had not been touched sufficiently with the awful state of perishing sinners.

May these thoughts after recur to me afterwards, & may I feel myself laid under new obligations to spend & be spent in my Master's Service! I am all weak, but thou with whom there is everlasting strength and support & uphold me. Hast thou not spoken to me and said - "Cast thy burden on the Lord" & added thy all-generous promise - "He shall sustain thee" (Ps. lv. 22.) - I would, relying on thy unchangeable faithfulness, come and cast myself and all my concerns upon thee - Thou wilt, O Lord, uphold & deliver me - Surely, I have experienced already enough of thy loving kindness to assure me that thou wilt "never leave me, nor forsake me" (Heb. xiii. 5.) - "Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel, & afterwards receive me to glory" - (Ps. lxxiii. 24.)

Yesterday, two years expired since I began to minister to the Congregation over which the Holy Ghost has raised me overseer & after accepting their Call. On the 1<sup>st</sup>

64. Sat. of Oct. 1827, I presented to them my first discourse  
after that went from Exo. xxiii. 20. — "Behold I send an  
angel before thee, to keep thee in the way, & to bring  
thee unto the place which I have prepared. — My angel  
shall have the fulfilment of this gracious promise! I know  
nothing of the path that is before me — Whether it is to  
be long or short — whether smooth or difficult is un-  
known to him who knows the end from the beginning,  
& to whom the issues from death do belong. I rejoice  
in committing all the interest I have in these things  
to his charge, who is excellent in counsel & wonderful  
in working — Praise O gracious God! deny me not this  
one request — send thine Angel — the Angel of the Co-  
venant with me, to keep me in the way, & bring me  
to the place thou hast prepared. When I would van-  
der, may he sustain me — when in darkness, may  
he enlighten — & at length, may he perfect that  
which he began to me, and introduce me into those  
mansions which he hath gone to prepare for his  
people! —

S. H.

Shuckbracken, 11<sup>th</sup> Nov. 1829.

Wednesday Morning. — I have been latterly so much  
occupied in traveling that I have found little time  
for writing, and by much too little for retirement.  
If I would have my spiritual concerns prospering,  
I find I must be often alone — engaged in medita-  
tion on Divine things, and cultivating intercourse  
with Heaven. Surely it is my sin that I am so  
languid, and carnal, when occupied with the pub-  
lic concerns of the Church. Oh! to be quietened  
by the Spirit — Oh! that it might soon habitually  
be impressed on my mind, that I have here no

567.

continuing city - May I daily, as a stranger & pilgrim  
or captive, seek one to come.

Was favoured with being present and as-  
sisting at the Dispensation of the ordinance of the  
Supper at Hillwater (Mr. Dick's) on the 1st Sat.  
of Nov: (Nov: 1st) It was a sweet and refreshing  
season. Mr. D's discourse was on Rev. 20. 8 - "And ye  
"rest not day nor night &c." - I trust the presence of  
the Great Head of the Church was with us - May  
I and all who engaged in the service, take frequently  
to remembrance our solemn vows, and may we  
be concerned each day to fulfil the dedication  
we have made!

"Iniquities prevail against me: as  
"for our transgressions, thou shalt purge them  
"away." -

T. H. I

Saturday night - Nov: 14<sup>th</sup> 1829.

Have been a lot reflecting on my forgetfulness of sol.  
conf: and thinking of yr. awful magnit. of yr. merit. w<sup>th</sup>. My  
heart is dull & deeply wicked & were it not yr. merits of  
my Lord: an of infirm. val. and officing, and yr. it is nothing  
help yr. Almy pow. yr. is employ. in applyng yr. precious  
salon, I could have no hope. Oh! to be read. mo. watch  
ful - more fragrant - and to have shed upon me a more  
copious effusion of yr. Spirit's comforts yr. I have yr. en-  
joyed! I dare neither distrust yr. ability nor willingness to  
do. How dare even sh. a rebel as I am, while yr. yr. one  
of my own heart and life, is awfully ducti - Lord! help my  
unbelief - Cure my apostasy, and enable me, in yr. lang.  
of holy rejoy to say - "Praise God is hee. my sator."

How unfit am I for yr. sacred office of yr. Chr



86. *Henry!* in many cases, yr. heart has said? but put in an earnest  
appeal - May yr. eye of yr. power appear to be of God,  
& not of me! to think of watching for souls, as one  
of yr. must give acct. - to consid. yr. diversif. cares of yr  
gt. wt. upon yr. anxiety of yr. wd. - some atty. dead - some  
und. conscious - some present - others doubting & about  
desp. - some wth in yr. faith - & others comfortless - to  
reflect upon yr. just. of yr. Gt. Day, agt. me, if I keep  
bk any pt. of yr. truth - agt. my h. if yr. ac. <sup>not</sup> yr. a?  
as for God, & his ~~part~~ of the with yr. Arg. - There are  
wt. & unft. matters - wth wh. involves sh. conscious surely  
aye. ~~with~~ <sup>supra</sup> super. hum. strong. to purg. it. 'find to  
let. and dir.' - May yr. Spirit teach me what I sh. do  
thru. - May the rit. afft. my own lt. with yr. wt.  
and importa. of yr. mess. and with yr. mercy & patit. con-  
v. of you I may deliv. it. And, O God of my labor, g. to  
yt. when I have find my ev. & ming. wth. I trust I  
will from yr. B. ds. I may be able to adopt yr. expos.  
of yr. apost. in his farewell ch. to yr. Elders of Ephes.  
- "I kept nothing back, yt. was profit. to you, but have  
shew'd you & sent. you publicly & from h. to h. &  
(Act. xx. 20.) - & agn. - "I am pure from yr. b. of all men.  
"I have not shew'd. to decl. unto you also yr. counsel of  
God" - (v. 31.) - O yr. long Lab. may I enjoy yr. pres.  
of yr. Gt. Teacher in my work - may his bl. purg. way  
my in - may his Spirit enter my darkness - may yr.  
be by his mighty pow. for every good w. & wt., and sh. do  
his Gt. Sup. in yr. mess. of h. w. I may be  
employed in sp. - S. H.

Street Church, 17<sup>th</sup> Nov (Tuesday)  
Yesterday evening in Rev Mr Morgan's Meeting House  
the fact was held the 17<sup>th</sup> evening of the General  
Society. The meeting was most numerous & attended,

and I trust many were benefited by the <sup>57</sup>doctrines delivered.  
Now then press away! It is now five years since this ci-  
ty was first organized. May this consideration urge me to  
increased diligence in prosecuting my own spiritual call-  
ing, and may it lead me to be more active and perse-  
vering in exertions to bring sinners to the knowledge  
of the Saviour! Two afflictions <sup>have</sup> rested on my mind  
from the appearance of the meeting— One of gratitude  
to the God of Missions who has done so great things  
for us— the other that we ought ever to go forward  
fearlessly whenever duty points, relying on the Divine  
strength & direction. The Female Society had a small  
beginning. The persons who originated it, were unacquaint-  
ed with the management of Missions Institutions— and  
yet it has prospered, and yet continues to prosper.  
It is obviously benefiting the souls of the young persons  
engaged in the work. They approach it with more  
interest, and are, I trust, more profitable than  
before. The funds have increased nearly \$100 during  
the last year— and the Society has the countenance  
& support of many of the Friends of the Redeemer.  
This hath the Lord wrought— to his name be the  
praise. May the Society enjoy more & more of the  
Divine Blessing— may its managers be blessed, and may  
its proceedings tend to the spiritual illumination, &  
glorification of many! — J. B.

Thursday morning— about 30<sup>th</sup>

Yesterday was our day of Annual Thanksgiving.  
Preached at New Hope—

Ps. Lxxv. 12—15.

Lect. Luke I. 67—76.

Text— Is. xxxv. 2, 3— "A vineyard of red wine."

68. How many causes of thanksgiving have I! I have  
been preserved thro' a most disobedient and ingrati-  
ful child. My gracious God, over the back of my sin  
and departure from him has been crowning me with  
loving kindness & tender mercy. "Blessed be the Lord  
"God of Israel, because he hath visited & redeemed his  
people." Let me always delight in God. It is a won-  
der of mercy that I am spared, and yet I am pre-  
served by my Father's goodness, and he is working out  
manifold salvation for me. Oh! that I may, as a tree  
planted by the great Husbandman, bring forth fruit  
unto his name - O may I enjoy the fulfilment of the  
incomparably gracious promise of the Keeper of Israel  
- "I the Lord will keep it - I will water it every mo-  
ment; I will keep it by night & by day." -

Such a season as we recently enjoyed is un-  
imaginably calculated to cherish the spirit of religion in  
the Church. Oh! that, as ministers & people, we may  
prize <sup>and</sup> the blessings we enjoy. May the law of grate-  
tude be written on our hearts. May the fruit ap-  
pear many days hence! - J. H.

Sho. Abstraction - Monday evening - Dec. 27<sup>th</sup>  
Have been, for a few weeks past, in journeyings  
oft, and my Journal has been neglected - I have reason  
to lament that, when engaged much in public services  
self-examination is omitted, and devout prayer & reading  
of Scriptures is attended to in a hurried & haphazard manner.  
Oh! the stupidity & hardness of my heart. When often  
called to preach the Word, & to attend upon the other

public concerns of the Church, do I not require thee, above  
 all, to seek, & maintain, deparura or Division strength-  
 ing? Do I not need thee greatly, to be vigilant & to  
 exercise a goodly jealousy, over myself? I have much  
 reason to fear that my faithfulness in the ministry  
 may be tried to this source. May I be more watch-  
 ful! Pour out on me, O Lord, the spirit of grace & of  
 supplication.

Three years have expired (on the 20<sup>th</sup>) since  
 I was first licensed to preach the Gospel. During  
 that period, I can say to the praise of God's wondrous  
 grace, that he has supported me - often prevented me  
 with his goodness, - and done for me exceedingly above  
 what I was able to ask or think. Of myself I have  
 nothing to boast. My desire has been that God might  
 be glorified, & sinners saved. My motives, as well as all  
 my services, have been polluted - this is my only hope, -  
 that in the precious blood of the Lamb, there is what  
 can take away all "the iniquities of my holy things" -  
 and free me from all sin. I have felt often that neces-  
 sity was laid upon <sup>me</sup> to preach the Gospel - & I have  
 aimed to spend and be spent in the service. For  
 the past, O Lord, forgive - may some saintly spirit  
 to the praise of thy glorious grace, appear from  
 the feeblest services! For the future - let thy grace  
 be sufficient - let thy strength be perfected in my  
 great weakness. -

On the evening of Thursday last 24<sup>th</sup>

70. Last) preached in the New Schoolhouse Ballymacaree,  
an, Killybegs. — on Lu. I. 14. — "and the Word was  
made flesh &c." — The audience was large & attentive —  
I am much concerned about this neighbourhood — It  
is the scene of the labours of the goodly livingstone,  
but now the land is to be visibly removed from its  
place — Return & Era, with thy disputes glory — & seal  
the captivity of Zion, with a mighty hand." —

Yesterday — Feb. Decr 30<sup>th</sup> Preach'd at Knock-  
bracken — Lu. Mat. 23. 21. — and — "Not one of us."  
What an alarming declaration to barren professors &  
lame Ministers! —

Text — Rom 8. 13. — "But if ye thro' ye Spirit,  
do mortify ye deeds of the body &c." — May I be  
given the Holy Spirit to enable me to crucify the flesh  
with the affections & lusts! —

J. H.

Ballymacaree — 18<sup>th</sup> March, 1830.

It is wonderful the gracious dealing of my Heavenly  
Father, with such a weak creature as I am. I have been dejected  
and many a time prevented with his goodness — and here I  
am, a living monument of redeeming mercy. Oh! but my  
heart bleeds, and it shall praise thee. Oh ye gods in examining  
the societies of the congregation — I find it a pleasant and  
profitable way to communicate instruction by catechetical  
visitation — May my people and myself attain to  
the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus, our Lord! "The  
"is life eternal, that we might know thee, the only true  
"God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent."

Yesterday — I enjoyed a remarkable instance  
of Divine support and enlargement. I had got a severe cold  
from lecturing & examining in a damp house on Tuesday —  
I felt very unwell, when about to engage in a similar even

on the Wednesday evening - was unable to prepare for the  
exercise - and left both in the lecture (Sab. Rev. 11. 9-12.) and in  
the Catechising (Sab. evng. ser. & the book of Gen.) was borne through  
with considerable enlargement - and to-day, I fell much bet-  
ter than I expected. Let me praise thee, Lord, because thou hast  
halt very bountifully with me. Oh that I may be found  
pursuing in lively remembrance, the abundant goodness & a-  
bundance which from day to day, I enjoy. - "God's mercy  
I will ever sing of" - (Ps. 136. 1. etc.) -

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Monday - Mar. 22<sup>d</sup> 1820.  
Preached yesterday at Lebanon near Hills -  
Leb. - Lev. xv. 25 - 28.

Text - Lev. iii. 10. "See, thou hast kept yr. word of my  
Cove." - etc. This is a darkened night - the people are in general  
Presbyterians, but sunk in selfish apathy and ignorance. A  
few of my people live among them, and tho' I have hope of  
them individually, I regret their inactivity. - The audience  
was large, and especially in the afternoon, unusually attentive.  
I have reason of gratitude because so many were brought  
under the blessing of the Word, and because I was streng-  
thened to declare to them fully the Gospel of rich grace.  
Oh! let not they word return to the void - My earnest  
desire is that some of the goats which I this day scattered,  
may spring up to life & salvation. Gather in, thou mighty  
Reaper, from this people, some of the straw of thy seed  
and I shall see an abundant reward of my labours; &  
for this I shall ever give thee.

Returned to town this evening, and heard  
Dr. McLeod from New York, preach in Berry St. Meeting  
House, a collection sermon for the "American Society for a-  
mely the condition of the Jews." - Subject Gen. xli. 10. -  
"Hiloh - to him the gathering is" - Tho' chiefly dwelt on this,  
yet the Saviour is a fit moral center for the gathering  
together of the whole redeemed family in himself. - He  
manifested himself therein, & it remains that needs not to

72. be ashamed— there was anunction of spirituality in all that he said, giving evidence that he had tasted and seen that the Lord ~~was~~ gracious, and that he was living experientially on the truths which he proclaimed. Returned home after the disc. serv., but comforted & refreshed in Spirit by what I had seen and ~~had~~ of the Lord's goodness to the sinner of sinners this day.

Mallymacarrett— Tuesday evening— Mar. 25<sup>th</sup>  
Have had several opportunities of meeting with Dr. M. Lee this week. He is an excellent man— indefatigable in his exertions to do good, of much characteristic simplicity of manners, and spirituality of mind. On Thursday evening last, we enjoyed from him an eloquent and impressive address, at a meeting held in Rev. Withers' room, convened in order to form an auxiliary to the American Society for ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~benefit~~ <sup>benefiting</sup> the condition of the Jews. This Society was established, and I trust it will be found a means in the hand of the Divine Spirit of leading many Christians to take an active interest in the ingathering, and spiritual restoration of Israel. —

Thursday, April 8<sup>th</sup> 1830.  
Have been employed in lecturing and examining some Societies of the Congregation— find the method of conveying instruction by catechetical exercises admirably fitted for the ignorant & then that an out of the way. My own Spirit has been refreshed, and, I trust, my people benefited by these labors. My earnest desire is, that while the great Prophet is, that my joyful exertions, giving to this people ~~has~~ <sup>has</sup> ~~been~~ <sup>been</sup> a little & then a little— many may be built up and edified in their most holy faith, and the fruit may appear many days hence.

Another year has fled by since my dedication to the work of the ministry. It is now two years since I was ordained by the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery, and set apart to the service of the Church, and

to the pastoral charge of my Congregation. — Let me <sup>73.</sup>  
review my engagements — call up before me my solemn  
charge — and consider how I have been profiting in the  
ministry, and what account I can render of my stew-  
ardship. In a year nearer my final account, I  
know not whether I shall be permitted to continue another  
in the Vineyard. What is my present state? What is my  
future prospect? Lord, send forth thy lit. and thy truth, and  
let them guide me; and oh! that the Holy Spirit, of Comfort, be  
given that I may be able rightly to ascertain my real char. &  
may come to a right concepn. how I stand, in yr. sit. of yr.  
Lord, with whom I have to do. — The following, I consider,  
to be matters of main import. — or the settlement of wh. mt. of  
my present comfort, and eternal fut. felicity depends —

1. Have I really tried & seen that the Lord is great?
2. If so, what witness have I of growing likeness to Christ?
3. What have I been doing for yr. advt. of the Saviour's glory?
4. In what manner — temper or. have I ministered, in yr.  
sincerity?
5. What has been yr. constant prin. actually my labors?
6. What fruit appears in the Congregation? —
7. Things to be amended? — Work to be set about? —

Replies — a —

1. This is a sob. and self-inqy. Eternal interests depend on  
the settlement. Let me read the All-seeing eye; & do thou, O God,  
sh. & try me, and see if there be any wicked way in me. O keep  
me from self-deception. Let me know the worst rightly myself  
— may the Div. Spirit, whose eyes are "like a fl. of fire," &  
who "sets yr. ht. & tries yr. reins," make manifest to me my  
real state — & O that I may be guided into the abstr. truth.

I think I can say I have had some experience  
of God's love shed abt. in my ht. by yr. Holy Spirit. The  
time in wh. I was set impud. with a curse of my last state



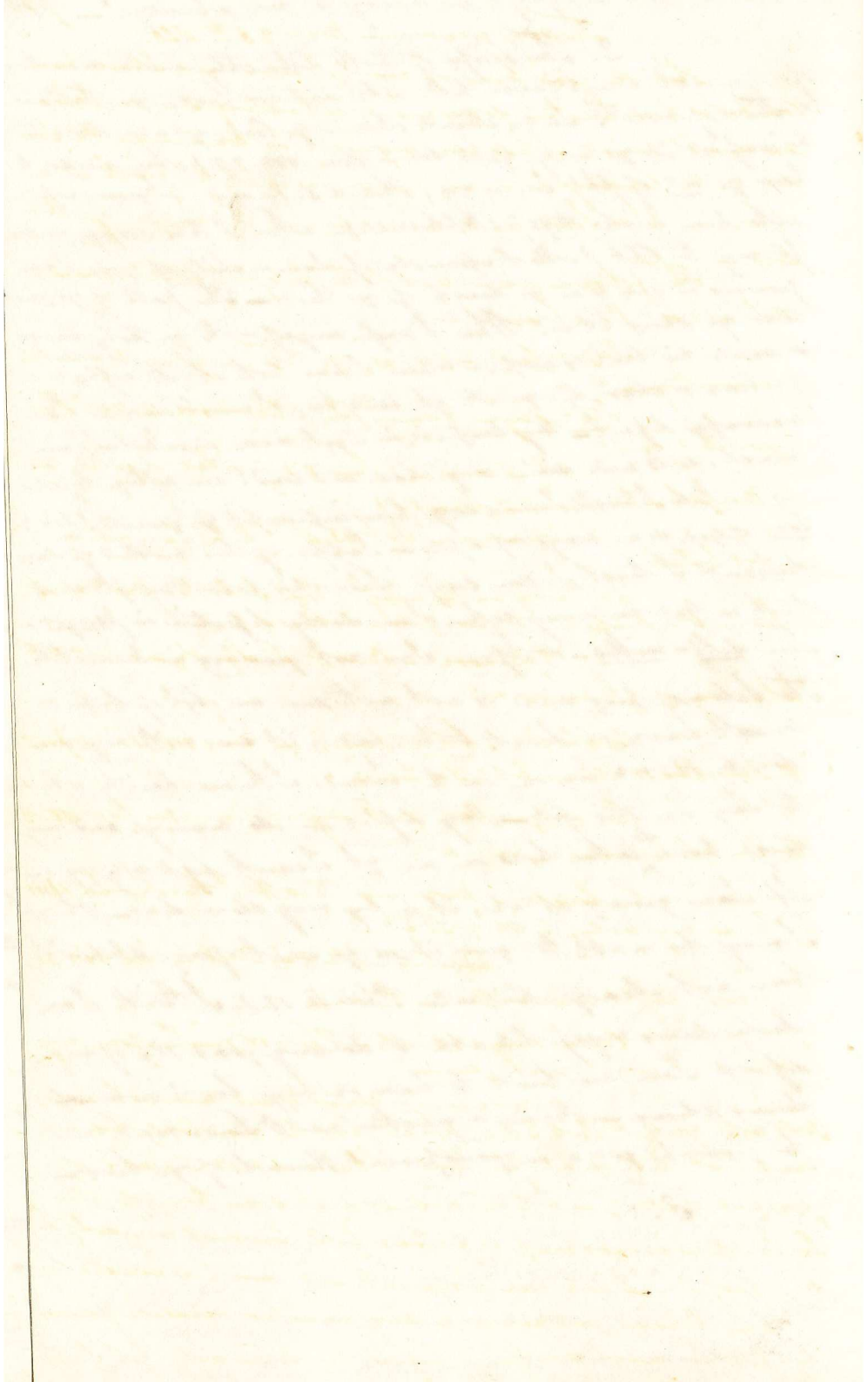
Y<sup>th</sup>. by nature, and had a discov<sup>y</sup> of y<sup>r</sup>. way of y<sup>r</sup>. S<sup>av</sup>r., I can  
-distinctly recoll<sup>t</sup>. - Bless God, I rec<sup>d</sup>. a relig<sup>i</sup>ous educ<sup>n</sup>, and was  
brot. up in y<sup>r</sup>. nurt. and admon<sup>n</sup> of y<sup>r</sup>. S<sup>av</sup>r. y<sup>r</sup>. care of  
godly parents. Some 12 or 13 years ago, I remember the  
preaching of y<sup>r</sup>. W<sup>or</sup>d. and the other orders of y<sup>r</sup>. Sanct<sup>y</sup> made  
a deep & strong & saving impress on my mind. - & I was  
led to see y<sup>r</sup>. way of y<sup>r</sup>. S<sup>av</sup>r., and y<sup>r</sup>. Suitab<sup>l</sup>s of his fin<sup>e</sup>  
sub<sup>l</sup> to my necessities. But I was drawn y<sup>r</sup>. conduct.  
I have meant, aspt<sup>y</sup> myself, less from the time & circum-  
stances of the charge y<sup>r</sup>. from what I have exper<sup>ie</sup> since.  
I spk<sup>t</sup> with s<sup>er</sup>v. for and trembl<sup>y</sup>. - Oh! that mine may not  
be y<sup>r</sup>. hope of y<sup>r</sup>. S<sup>av</sup>r. wh. I seek. - I trust I can say,  
I have, at times, been enabled to rejoice in God as my Portion,  
& then meth<sup>ks</sup> I c<sup>d</sup>. have parted with any thy ch<sup>er</sup>, and  
felt that I had al<sup>l</sup> ready deprived of any out<sup>er</sup> friend, &  
any thy y<sup>t</sup>. y<sup>r</sup>. flesh etc. dear. Am I dead? Not thou and  
y<sup>r</sup>. Portion of my cup & inherit<sup>y</sup>. - y<sup>r</sup>. health of my out<sup>er</sup>  
ye can mine own God. I have seen, by f<sup>th</sup>, & admir<sup>d</sup>  
the Divine beauty in the grace of y<sup>r</sup>. Gospel; and sometimes  
I have been surpris<sup>d</sup> with y<sup>r</sup>. display of School's manifest  
wisd. and with y<sup>r</sup>. harmony of my Father's lovely attributes  
in y<sup>r</sup>. words: scheme of redempt<sup>n</sup>, and in y<sup>r</sup>. manifest  
y<sup>r</sup>. amazing proof of God's love in sending y<sup>r</sup>. S<sup>av</sup>r. to  
be a poor s<sup>in</sup>ner as I am. In y<sup>r</sup>. ords. I have had some  
faint glimpses of y<sup>r</sup>. S<sup>av</sup>r.'s glory; and often as I have beheld  
y<sup>r</sup>. King in y<sup>r</sup>. galleries, I have s<sup>ee</sup>d his glory dimm<sup>d</sup> earthly  
objects, and humbled me in the dust. I have then know<sup>n</sup>  
y<sup>t</sup>. ye. is a reality in commun. with God, and have someti<sup>m</sup>  
longed to dep<sup>t</sup>. and be with Ch<sup>r</sup>. - I trust I can not, in  
y<sup>r</sup>. spk<sup>g</sup>, mistak<sup>l</sup>y trust feeling for y<sup>r</sup>. abiding impress of  
y<sup>r</sup>. Divine Spirit - The views wh. I have ment<sup>d</sup>, have  
be<sup>n</sup>, I must confess, often as passing glimpses, and this has  
fuzz<sup>y</sup> led me to sto. in debt of myself - Yet, I hope, I  
can say in truth - "Wh<sup>o</sup> was I was once W<sup>or</sup>d., now I see  
'th<sup>o</sup> I can thin<sup>k</sup> - & love me" - How shall I pay y<sup>r</sup>.

So be. he hath magnified his mercy to me abundantly! — 75.

2. The Scrips of truth distinctly make mention of a moral resemblance bet. babes and yr. Saviour, yr. Father & Son of yr. Father. In yr. eternal char. in yr. love, yr. own desire to be conformed to yr. im. of Gods love? (Rom. VIII. 29.) They are so. to have yr. mind of Chr. Es. in yr. (Phil. ii. 5.) — and to "grow up unto him in all things" (Eph. iv. 15.) — Am I thus ading in conformity to Chr. ? Most assuredly, if I am a child of God, I am growing in grace & in yr. knowl. of yr. Saviour — "The state of yr. just is as yr. thing lit. as?" When I compare myself with yr. Holy Saviour & consider his birth & temp. — when I even look at its reflex in yr. love & char. of yr. str. yr. hand be, I must confess, I am morally deficient — My temp. is, in a g't. meas. unsubs? — I am carnal, sold und. sin — my char. and cond: are attemp. defiled.

Yet I trust I am ading (how impercept. yr. growth!) in yr. Love of God, & his ways of peace — I suffer of his method of being saved — & I trust I can say, I love his law. My fth and trust in God are very weak — I am sadly defective in prayer — I am self-willed — & I fear I am not growing in humility. The Suborn of being saved is not with me an objt. of deep & constant concern, as it ought to be, and as it was with my dear Lord. Rest a ben on earth. Indeed, I know hardly what to say on this pt. — My defects are so many, and my iniqs have taken hold on me y't. I can't lift my eyes — If I am growing at all, it is by very slow steps — Oh y't. I may be enabled to give it as yr. acct. of my state — "I have not already attain'd us" — (Phil. ii. 12.) — I think I am daily doing myself less able to do any good thing of myself — & I am now bro't. to lean on my Saviour's arm of saving strength. — Reviv & quicken me O Lord — enable me to grow in grace & in yr. spiritual knowl. of yr. Saviour —

3.



Tuesday evening - May 25<sup>th</sup> 1820.

Thro' the good hand of my God upon me, I have been conducted thro' another solemn and interesting service. For a considerable period, I had been employed in examining the statistics of the congregation, and having brought this work to a close, on last Lord's day, we celebrated the supper of the Lord.

The following is a list of the subjects of discourses delivered on the occasion -

Preparatory - 1 Cor. xi. 29 - "For he who eateth & drinketh unworthily &c."

First day - Morning (Rev. J. Dick) 2 Chron. xxx. 18, 19. "The good Lord paid &c."

Afternoon - 1 Sam. vii. 6. "And ye gathered together to Mizpeh &c" (Rev. W. S. Sturtevant)

Evening - Est. x. 4, 5. "Behold I am sick &c" (Rev. S. Dick)

Saturday - Morning - Rev. J. Dick - Exod. xii. 13. "And ye shall eat the flesh of the lamb &c"

Afternoon - Rev. W. S. Sturtevant - Mat. v. 6. "Blessed are ye who hunger &c"

Sabbath - Active Service - Song. iii. 11. "Go forth O daughters of Zion & behold King Solomon &c"

Evening - (Rev. J. Ewing) - Mt. Amer. 1 - Rev. II. 12. "To him who overcometh &c"

Monday - Morning (Rev. W. S. Sturtevant) - Job. xliii. 10. "If any man will give his soul for his neighbor &c"

Evening - (Rev. J. Dick) - Luke xxiv. 32. "Did not our hearts burn within us? &c"

Closing Address - Phil. iv. 1 - "Therefore, my brethren, dearly beloved &c"

It was a very weighty and momentous subject which ye great Prophet of ye Ch. by the mouth of his servants bore before us at this time. It was indeed a season of joy and gladness - I trust I saw in it something of the Lord's special goodness & favour both towards myself & my people. I had been worn out and much exhausted by labours before, and never on any similar occasion previous, felt so much weakness before the solemnity. Yet I was

77. born through - Jehovah manifested himself the health of  
my countenance, and my own God" (Ps. xlii. 1.) He took  
not his word utterly out of my mouth, and I trust I experienced  
something of the strengthening withal mit. by the Spir.  
in the inner man, wh. is by yr. Spir. sent down from Heav.  
ven. May the goodness of that Sacramt. deb. towards me, the  
most worthless of the Presb. servants, yr. richest of his cuncts, never  
depart from my remembrance! "Bless the Lord O my soul; & all  
that is within me, bless his holy name; Bless yr. Lord O my soul,  
" & forget not all his benefits." (Ps. ciii. 1. 2.) -

In loving kindness and in great mercy has my  
Heavenly Father dealt with me. After all my former breaches of  
Solenn. engagements, I have been permitted once more to appear  
yr. Lord's Table, and in the most solemn manner, before a gr. no.  
of outward and a still larger multitt. of invis. Spectrs, to renew  
the dedication of myself to God. Thus I breathe in yr. dedication?  
Oh, Thou, yr. love & dust me, grant that, thro' yr. sprinkling  
of the blood of Chr. yr. service may be accepted - "I am thine,  
O Lord, save me, I have set yr. precepts." And in relation to yr.  
people over a home, I have been placed, my earnest des. and prayer  
to God for yr. is, yr. the desc. of yr. Spir. may plentifully water  
& fertilize yr. and sow - and yr. the resolutions wh. yr. formed  
may abide with yr. many days herea. "Keep them, Holy Father,  
from yr. evil of yr. Word." Oh! Thou gr. Shepherd, accompany  
as yr. go down from yr. Mt. of holy Ordinances, and may be  
called upon to engage in yr. warfare with sin and temptation -  
Preserve yr. by yr. mighty power - May yr. be a holy and peace-  
ful people - pure, free unspotted from yr. Word, and at last, presented  
witht. spot or wrinkle or any st. they before yr. throne of  
everlasting blessedness. Thou art able, O Thou Gr. Presb., to do  
this - harken a do for yr. name sake, I beseech, and to yr. with  
yr. Father, & Holy Spir. shall be all glory & pr. ever witht.  
end -

There was a peculiar solemnity in the services of yr. com-  
munion. - The discourses were powerful and pointedly practical. I  
trust, they may have prod. & will contin. to prod. thro' yr.  
riches of yr. Spir. a saving & sanctifying effect upon yr. pts & lines  
of many. May yr. Lord, yr. Spir. freely bring you to lively re-

members! The way of School's Period is wonderful. Mr. Ewing,  
our brother from Amer. & I stud. in yr. Logic Class, together  
ten years ago - He was yr. in Conn. & with yr. Squad of Uster  
He had gone to Amer. - came into Conn. with our Ch. - mar-  
ried yr. daughter of C. D. Black of Pittsburgh, & he resides in a  
Cong. near Pittsburgh - He has been indisposed for some time, &  
is on a visit to Ireland for yr. benefit of his health. "They part,  
& I do, are in yr. deep, & yr. way in yr. mighty waters" - I have been  
sore, and permitted to contin. in my ministry hitherto, while  
many apply me, vigors & robust have been cut off. Enable  
me to pass yr. for what thou hast done for me - & if I may  
ask it, grant that I may be permitted to contin. in yr. ministry  
doing yr. will to wh. thou hast called me, till yr. time of  
my removal hence - & ye, O ye, let me enter into yr.  
joy of my Sd., mine eyes having seen yr. labor!

My body is weak and decaying - my constitution  
not robust - If ye be yr. last Comm. wh. shall be per-  
mitted to enjoy with my people on earth, may I be prepared  
to sit down with my exalted Red. at yr. table wh. shall never  
be drawn into yr. Kingd. of Heaven - and may my beloved peo-  
ple be ever kept by yr. Shepherd of Israel, and our dear bef.  
him, by whom ye shall be fed! -

Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> June, 1835.

Returned yesterday from assisting at the Dispensation  
of the ordinance of the Lord's Supper at Hillswater. - It  
was a sweet & refreshing season. Mr. Dick discoursed on  
Sat. in the election sermon from Rom. viii. 23 - "And we  
ourselves also wh. have yr. first-fruits of yr. Spirit, &c." I have  
seldom been more deeply affected under any discourse -  
I trust it was the Spirit sealing his own word upon  
my heart - Oh! that it may abide there.

For my own part, I have abundant cause  
of thanksgiving - I was greatly supported. I went to the  
place amid forebodings of body, & under no small afflic-

79. mention that I would be unable to perform the part  
of the work assigned me. Yet did, say how abate in  
strength, and that hands of my arms were made strong by  
ye forms of the Mighty God of Jacob underneath. before  
have I enjoyed mo. enlargement in preaching the word.  
My subjects, to wit. I trust the Spir. led fine, were solemn  
and refreshing - That day - Nov. XIII. 9 - Saturday - Exod.  
XXV. 30. The mercy st. ye pl. of Commen. with "p.d." -  
Saba Addresses at ye. tables - The Attempt - 5. The Cloud  
of Witnesses - Chr. ran - Looking to Es. - Monday - Mount.  
x. 29 - Chr. a pilgrim journey to Heav'n - Oh that these sub-  
jects may long dwell in my own remembrance & the recollection  
of us many as help me, and many the Dio. Spir. and. ye. pro-  
cess. and constant prizes, act ye life & conduct!

Since my return, have read the acct.  
of the dth. of Rev. H. Stone, a dear friend of the Lord's, who  
was taken away in the night of life, from an extens. sphere  
of work - "There is no vanity in" - Have find several of those  
in whom we here I am deeply interested, in affliction, and under  
family distresses - The lang. of such appointments to me, is un-  
doubtedly, that I should consid. you that afflicted as long with  
you, as being myself in the body - May the good Lord afflct.  
a good termination to these troubles! Let me see be for ever  
passing day apply. y. my ltr. to visit. - mention. my days  
carry mo. of I should think. & truth, as seen in the glorious  
person, and find. with of my dear Rev. that I may grow  
thanky!

T. H. -

Barnacarrick, 29<sup>th</sup> June.

The last Lord's day was, assisted at yr. Dispensation of yr. ordination of the Sacrament with Mr. Starchy, at Derrook - The following were the subjects of Discourses -

Proph. Sab. - Rev. III. 20.

Day of Testing - Ps. cxviii. 2 & Prov. xxv. 17.

Saturday - Ps. cxxx. 7, 8 (c.)

Afternoon - Rev. xxv. 17. (Mr. Leslie)

Action Sermon. Rom. v. 8. "Command of God's love."

Evening - Ps. cxviii. 27. (c.)

Monday - morning - Ps. cxviii. 14-17 (c.)

Afternoon. Ps. cxviii. 4, 12. (c.)

To me this was, as I trust it was to many a sweet and refreshing occa. I had been labouring in paper, and from fatigue & weakness of body, I seemed to myself un-sufficient for engaging in yr. service. Yet as I would say, suppt. - my great God put a new song in my mouth - He made himself known to me in yr. breathing of life, and, I trust, conformed with me, amid my own abundant weakness, his everly love, & in all things secure. -

At the Lord's Table, I was enabled to make a hearty, and I trust sincere dedication of myself to the Lord - It is renewing my personal covenant, and setting to my seal that God is true, & that I could commit my eternal interests - my people, and all my concerns in my Father's hands, with the assurance that my dedication, tho' most imperfectly made, was accepted, and that what I had committed to Him, would be kept safely against the day of my Saviour's 2<sup>d</sup> coming. I hope I can say, on good grounds, "he hath made with me an everly covenant in all things and sure" - Surely it was his will that he should to me - "I will never leave thee or forsake thee".

On Monday I preached on the text - Ps. cxviii. 4 - "One thing I desired of yr. Lord &c." This will be with me a song long to be remembered. What a theme "beholding the beauty of the Lord" - How inspiring amiables my love, God, and all his ways of dealing towards me, and all the instructions of his grace! In the morning, my meditations, as I looked back to the labours of yesterday, affe<sup>d</sup> me sweet thoughts of Him. Oh! who can tell the privilege of having the Eternal God as a refuge,



11. and of feeling unworth the power & the love of the weary  
arms. - God, keep me ever in the daily contemplation  
of the Beauty, the matchless beauty of the Lord. - It  
doubtless was not a delusion - I saw thy stately steps in  
the Sanctuary - and every object around led me on my knees  
my heart to the Fountain of all Goodness & Love. My heart  
was melted within me, in thinking of such love and of a  
desire to sit a vile creature as I am, worn on the back of  
afe my backsliding & unworthiness - Oh! keep me from  
returning again to folly - May I, all days of my life,  
bask in the Sun of the Lord, that a many see his beauty, &  
inquire in his temple! -

P. Macarrett, 4<sup>th</sup> Aug. 1835.

It is, I perceive, a considerable  
period since I have made any entry in this diary. I fear  
that the cause may be found in a sad spiritual indolence  
to which I am prone, or in ceasing to exercise a constant  
godly jealousy over myself. This is my besetting sin, &  
I find it followed by correction from my Father's hand -  
I become in consequence languid - cold and listless in my  
services, and I am left to walk in darkness & to have  
no light.

The season that has lately passed over me,  
has been of a mixed character. The Lord has, in many in-  
stances, dealt heartily with me, and I would de-  
sire to record it to the Honour of His name, that  
my fears have, many a time been disappointed, and I  
have enjoyed strength proportioned to my day of trial  
and labour. In one thing I would desire to be fixed  
ever rejoicing - 'Thy times are wholly in my Redeemer's  
hands. My outward trial; - no power of hell or earth  
will be able to withdraw me from the field of la-  
bour, till the time appointed come - None shall  
pluck me out of my Father's hands. May this ap-  
pear

rare animate me to more diligence - and may I  
often realize the comfort of it in days of affliction &  
labour!

On the 2<sup>d</sup> Sat. of July last (11<sup>th</sup>) I assisted  
Mr. Tuttle, at the dispensation of the Ordinance of the  
Lord's Supper in his Congregation at New-tower-Parish -  
I was his only assistant, & the service was therefore  
labourous, but I was strengthened & abundantly refreshed.  
On Saturday, I discoursed on Jerk. xiii. 9 - "For behold y.  
stone of I have laid" &c.

Sat. - Jer. i. 29 - "The Lamb of God art" (Mr. T.)

Tables 2<sup>d</sup> & 3<sup>d</sup> - (2<sup>d</sup>) - Exod. xxiv. 10. "had y. saw  
y. God of Israel" - (3<sup>d</sup>) - Mat. xii. 28. - "An innum. co. of angels

Evening - Rev. ii. 28 - "And I will give him y.  
morning star"

Monday - Disc. on Eph. v. 1, 2. "Be ye ye-  
fore folks of God, as do. child" &c. -

This was the 4<sup>th</sup> Communion that I at-  
tended this summer - How great the privileges I have en-  
joyed! In some of them, was I consumed when I came  
before God, and, I trust, my sins were heard and ac-  
cepted. I want to draw to look to the all-purifying  
Blood of Attonement for the removal of all the defile-  
ment of these services - and to the almighty grace of  
the Saviour, that I may be enabled to walk worthy  
of the high & holy vocation wherewith I am called.

On Tuesday, the 12<sup>th</sup> Ult. the Synod of  
our Ch. held its meeting in Obervaine - Dr. N. Good preached  
at its opening, and he and Mr. W. Livingston from  
Scotland, & Mr. Gordon T. Ewing, a minister of our Ch.  
from America were present, & took part with us in  
the deliberations - It was altogether a refreshing  
season - Much harmony prevailed, and several plans  
were entered upon which would seem to promise, in ful-

13. two, an extensive spread of the cause of truth. With  
one part of our proceedings, I was particularly plea-  
sed - and for it, I would desire to be made grateful  
- A considerable portion of an evening meeting, was  
spent, by the members, in devotional exercises. I  
had proposed this measure, at our first morning's  
meeting, & was much rejoiced to see it taken up.  
The exercises were refreshing, and the effect upon our  
after proceedings was most salutary - There was obvi-  
ously less strife, jealousy observable than on former  
occasions - May this be the beginning of the out-  
pouring on the Church of a Spirit of Grace & suppli-  
cation, and the precursor of days of the right hand  
of the Most High. -

Since my return from Synod, I  
have been fully endeavouring to scatter the seed of  
the Word among the destitute in various places - My  
desire is that the seed of these services, on my part,  
may be forgiven, and that the seed sown may be  
watered by the dew of the Spirit, and may be  
watched over & nourished by the Great Husbandman,  
until it springs forth, and produces in some thirty,  
in some sixty & in some in hundred fold.

Let thy Spirit, O God of my salvation,  
teach me, and thy right hand & holy arm support  
& strengthen me - and may thy light of thy countenance  
be lifted up upon me - so shall I be enabled to  
hold on my way, & shall still be in peace and safe-  
ty. - and I will ascribe to thy great & excellent name  
through the Redeemer, with praise - J. H. -

B. Macarrett, 27<sup>th</sup> Aug. 1830.

84.

Returned to-day, amid a heavy gale of rain, from preaching in Hillinshay. I was there on Wednesday, and preached from Psalm 51. 10 "Rep. ye: son of:— What an instance of your slow conversion ye: such an exhibition shd. be tend<sup>d</sup>. to lost sinners! May I be found ever yielding it ready compliance! I have been repulsed in observing the spiritual hungering & thirst that is observable among this people. They have been destroyed for lack of knowledge, and are in a perishing condition. The most painful symptom is that they appear sensible of the insecurity of their former opinions & practices. My earnest desire is that upon them a spirit of grace & supplication should be poured out, and ye: from among them, some of the travail of the Redeemer's soul may be gathered in to his spiritual kingdom.

On yesterday (Thursday) I travelled through the country, and was in the remembrance of one of the old woods for which, in former times, this district of country was renowned, and where, it is not improbable, Livingstone & men of kindred spirit in his day, offered up prayer & praise to God. I thought of what his place had been once, and of the dearness of its present moral condition. It was a sweet morning— In ye: wood, I poured out my soul in prayer to my Father's God, ye: he would agree to ye: captivity of Zion; and, I trust, I was enabled to take hold of his covenant promise, that he would ye: make ye: long forsaken land, a land married to ye: Lord, a land

delighted in. How would I consider myself honoured,  
 in being made instrumental of bringing sinners to re-  
 sistance, and in raising up again a Coarcted Banner  
 for yr truth! If I am not worthy, O Lord, send by  
 him whom thou wilt send - but Oh! for thy truth &  
 thy mercies' sake, arise and vindicate thy cause, &  
 deliver yr soul of thy truth. The whole face of yr  
 country is beauty & vitality - every where abound, lux-  
 uriant vegetation, and splendid mansions meet yr  
 eye - But sad & distressing is the moral landscape.  
 No dwelling in which the morning & evening sacri-  
 fice is presented to God - few yr. have the Gospels of God  
 before their eyes. Tho' fullness of bread, their hearts are  
 ravaged with, and yr. are estranged from God. How my  
 bowels of compassion yearn for this people! Oh, yr.  
 Spirit would breathe, with his life-giving influence  
 on yr. dry bones and slain that they might live!

I saw a poor, weak, worthless labourer in  
 my Master's vineyard - Yet, I hope, I can say to see  
 his name is precious, and his service sweet. May I  
 be strengthened for more abundant labours - may  
 a way be opened, through my feeble instrumen-  
 tality for the spread of the truth, and above all,  
 may the rains and dew of heavenly influence, de-  
 luge and water the seed sown, and cause it to bring  
 forth plentiful fruit to yr. praise of the glory of  
 yr. Redeemer's rich mercy & inexhaustible grace.

J. H. -



4<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1830 - Saturday evening.

It is near the close of another week - This period of my time is fled away, to return no more. What need have I to be preparing to meet my God, & to give in my account! Let me, every succeeding week, be applying my lit. to wisdom - & measuring my days. And when the time of my dismissal comes, may I then have an entrance into yr. rest & reward for yr. people of God!

This week I have been visiting some of the families of my Cong. & preaching - I fear much that, in these exercises, it is with me, more bodily service - Lord, forgive yr. sin of my holy things - sprinkle us, & all my poor services yr. bld. of atonement. so shall I be whiter than yr. snow & my feeble labours shall be accepted. - May I be given furniture out of yr. stores of yr. Gr. for yr. coming Sab. Morn. to feel more sensibly yr. preciousness of yr. redemption of yr. soul - to be more affected with yr. awful cond. of being sinners - & to see more of yr. sweet & easy way of yr. Gr. Give me, & my Father in heav. - lit. & streng. from on high - Give me a resp. from yr. prop. to yr. prop. to whom I am sent - and, every yr., let yr. wd. have free use & be glorif. ! - T. H. -

5<sup>th</sup> Sept. - Monday Morning.

Disc. yesterday evening in Belfast on Eph. iii. 15 - "Reas. long depth & height of yr. Love of Chr." How vast of dimensions of yr. Lovers love! It fills time and eternity - finds its objects among the most wretched & yr. most needy & enriches them on whom it is fixed with all the fulness of God. May it be mine to comprehend it - to have no. on

87. burred conceptions of it - to have an assurance of an interest in  
it - to experience its power in my heart - and to have its  
constraining influence over my whole life & conduct. Let  
shed abroad thy love in my heart by the Holy Spirit sent  
down from heaven. May I dwell, each day, much in  
the believing meditation on the love of the Redeemer - &  
may the thought of it kindle my cold affections into  
a flame of love to God, and the Father.

The Tabern. of old was a dark place, and  
yet it was made bright and glorious by reason of the candle-  
stick and its 7 Branches that were in it. How dark was  
the Church and its ordinances be were it not for the light  
that shines in them from Christ, the Sun of righteousness,  
- the glorious Fountain of all spiritual Illumination!  
My understanding is naturally dark itself - and after all  
the excellent means of instruction that I have enjoyed, I  
find many clouds yet over my mind - I know nothing as  
I ought to know. May the Spirit shine into my heart,  
to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the  
face of Christ. Let me be assured and I, that if I would have  
light and life in any duty - and would have sure direction  
in life, walking in the light of the living, I must derive  
it entirely from the Saviour & his precious & precious Atonement.  
"In that purest light of them, I shall surely see life" -

J. H. -

Barnacarruth, 15<sup>th</sup> Sep. 1830. "Theory morning."

Addressing last night, at the examination of the Barnacarruth Society, on Rev. 11. 1-5 - "The throne of glory" It is a very exalting subject. O. h. that I may have a well founded hope of being admitted, after my day of labours on earth is done, ~~to be~~ ~~examined~~ to share in the blessedness that run ains for the righteous in the Kingdom of Heaven! Thanks be to God, there is a door opened in Heaven - I have been invited up thither - may I be enabled to obey the invitation, my thoughts and affections now being upon things above, and in due time, may I, in laying off this mortal, put on my house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens! My heart is very wicked and deceitful - my secret ains are very many - my thoughts wandering, and, even after solemn service, ~~are~~ carnal! May I be brought to live more at the fountain of purification, & that, by the working of the Divine Spirit, I may be quickened, my affections and lusts may be subdued, & I may be made a temple of mercy, fitted for the Master's use in the Sanctuary above.

J. H. -

Monday, Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> 1830.

I feel myself a poor, lost, and some creature - my own righteousness, but as filthy rags - when I would so good evil is present with me. Great have been ye privileges I have enjoyed, and yet how exceedingly little the



improvement I have made. Now little experience I get here of the length & breadth & height & depth of redeeming love! Now carnal are my thoughts & senses! how cold, and lifeless, in all my duties and how transient the impression made even by the most solemn services in which I am called to engage! One that at this moment bears me up, & preserves me from sinking, amidst the deep waters - It arises from this precious declaration - "The blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanse us from all sin" - (1 John. 1. 7.) There is surely efficacy in the blood of the everlasting Covenant to purge away all my defilement, & to remove entirely all my guilt - O show spirit of all grace! sprinkle me with the blood of Jesus - Cleanse my conscience from dead works and give me, looking to the wondrous atonement, to have some measure of joy & peace in believing, and to put on some degree <sup>of sanctity</sup> for holy service & for special spiritual enjoyment.

Oh yesterday, we set our faces forward. It was the Sabbath of Preparation for the solemnisation of the Ordinances of the Supper again, in the congregation this season. Thanks to the God of my lips, that He has graciously maintained the lot of our inheritance thus far! He has spoken to us at this time - "I will be sanctified in them that draw nigh me, & before all the people I will be glorified." O God, let the preparation that comes from thyself be given to us at this time. Touch us with the light of thy countenance - May we all be enabled to sanctify thou in our hearts, and so thou get thyself glory by "working all our works in us" - by our present & everlasting salvation. -

Barnacoret, Thursday morning, 21<sup>st</sup> Oct. - 90.

This is our day of Atonement. I have been reading the 2<sup>d</sup> Ch. of Job. How awful is God as a Judge, & yet how refreshing to view Him as a God delighting in mercy! What important part of the services of such a season rests with the Ministers of ye Sanctuary - to "Sanctify ye people"! Lord! create in me a clean heart. Let the Spirit ye Sanctifier be sent down from above - and may I and the people, this day, be conducted to the fountain of purification - that all our iniquities may be removed, & that we may be prepared for coming, in the Great Solemnity, & worshipping the Lord in the beauty of holiness! -

Friday Morning - 22<sup>d</sup> Oct. -

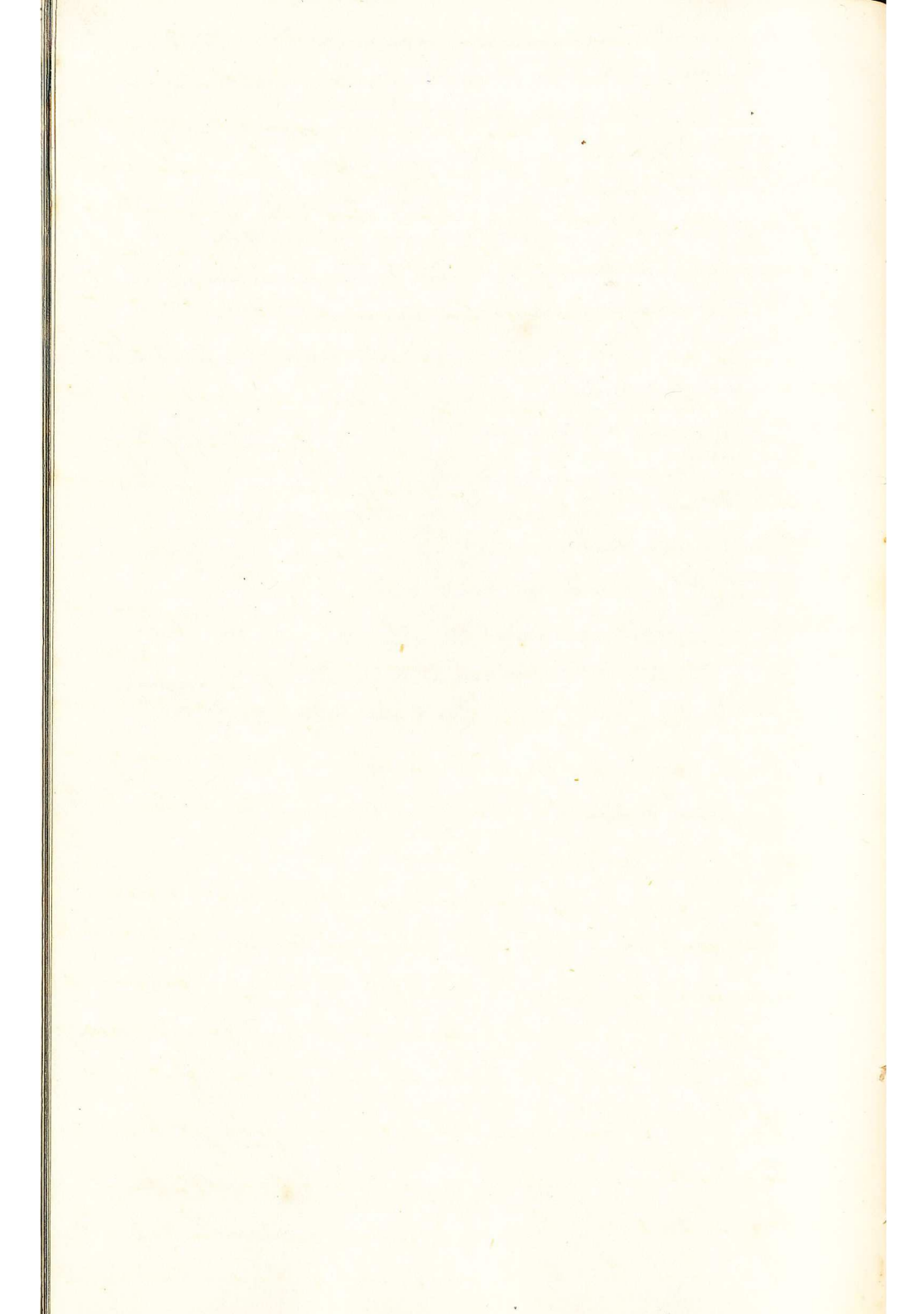
Thy ways, O Lord, are all goodness & truth. When I consider myself, I am a poor condemned, hell-deserving sinner - my best services polluted - and my righteousnesses as filthy rags. When I look at Thy glorious character, I behold Thee glorious in holiness, and inflexible in Justice, and yet a God that delightest in mercy. What a wonder of mercy is it that a remedy has been provided, and manifested to such guilty apostate rebels as I am! - & above all, to be permitted to come to <sup>the</sup> mercy seat, and have confidence in God's mercy; and be allowed to entertain any, the least assurance, that my sins shall be blotted

91. out, thro' the wondrous atonement - this is a privilege  
unspeakably great - "Bless the Lord, O my soul, & all that  
is within me, Bless his holy name" -

Yesterday, we were permitted to meet in the  
sanctuary, for the purpose of confessing sin, and of ma-  
king supplication for forgiveness - It was a day much to  
be remembered - I trust there were many sincere mourners in  
 Zion - O that this may be the four-remover of a time of  
repentance from the presence of the Lord!

In the fore-noon, I preached from Acts. iii.  
19. "Repent ye therefore" &c. "The nat. effects & seasons of Evangl. Re-  
pentance" - Afternoon - Mr. Graham - Mat. xi. 38 - "Come unto  
me" &c. "The invitation of the gospel - Rest that Chri. has pro-  
vided" &c. Evening - Mr. Dick - Lu. xiii. 36. "If the Son of  
man shall make us" - "Vision provid. by the Savr. - bestowed upon his  
people" - "May the Lord the Spirit seal home <sup>the</sup> instructions  
conveyed from these suitable subjects upon my heart, & on the  
hearts of all that hear it" - J. H. -

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Tumybrack - Hillswater - Saturday evening - 94  
Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> 1830. -

Thro' yr. abundant goodness of my Father  
in Heaven, I am here, on the eve of another Sacramental Feast  
of my dear Redeemer's dying love. How utterly unworthy I  
am of such a privilege! During the short period that  
has passed away since our Communion at Knocktopher, I have  
forgotten my solemn vows, and my heart has gone after its  
idols. Often am I wonder to myself. Surely it is of the  
Lord's mercies that I am not consumed. In reviewing my past  
conduct & yr. state of my heart & affections, & on considering  
the compassion that has smil'd on me & yr. tender mercy that  
has visit'd me, I see every day more of my own vile nefs, &  
I have constant cause to adore & love my gracious  
God & Redeemer. - After my many wanderings, I am fully  
persuaded there is satisfaction to be enjoy'd now here else, but  
in union & fellowship with the Covenant God & Portion of the  
Redeemer - "Return, O my soul, unto yr. rest, for yr. Lord hath  
dealt bountifully with thee." -

On Thursday (Fast day) preached from  
Ezek. xxi. 52, 53 - "God's establishing his Covenant with his peop.  
- the foundation of experient. knowl. of his fulness & sufficiency -  
a spring of genuine repentance" - do - says - from Job. xiii. 7.  
"The blood of God's Justice, awakes ag't. the Security" -  
Oh! that I may be enabled to say on good grounds that the  
Lord hath made with me an everlasting Covenant. - This I  
trust, I may declare that I do fully acquiesce in God's method  
of salvation thro' the glorious counsel of peace - that I wish

95. to be saved in no other way than on the footing of Abraham's  
Covenant Love - and that, every view I take of this wonderful  
transaction discloses to me more of the glory of Divine Wis-  
dom & Love in thus providing Salvation, and of my own  
wickedness & sinfulness. Oh! that I may now, and for ever  
be found interested in this wonderful Compact - May y.  
Resources be my Shepherd & friend - and may I, as an  
 heir of Covenant Love, from this time forth go forward  
resting in the Lord, making mention of thy righteous-  
ness, & thou called Mediator, and of thine only!

Thou a very solemn transaction is mine,  
and I have reason to read that I am ill prepared for  
appearing before the holy Lord God - I would desire, if my  
heart advise me not, to be found in Christ, not having on  
mine own righteousness, but being clothed with the righteous-  
ness of my Elder Brother - Let me take hold now of Sa-  
muel's Strength - O Lord! let thy strength be sufficient,  
& may thy Almighty strength be perfected in my weak-  
ness! I am a poor, unworthy sinner - relying to God, my Resour-  
ce is a mighty One - his arm mighty to save - his blood suf-  
ficient to cleanse from all sin - himself the same yesterday,  
to-day & for ever. Relying on his strength, I would desire  
to renew the dedication of myself to the Lord - I would cast  
away my idols - renounce my own wisdom & righteous-  
ness - and take God the Father to be my Father; the  
Son to be my all-sufficient Saviour; & y. Divine Spir-  
it to be my guide and sanctifier. Be thou, O God of  
Salvation, thou Eternal divine Echoak, my sure Por-  
tion now and for ever. Henceforth, it is my humble, but  
sincere resolution, to be only thine - his, and for thy glory

and employs continually in doing thy work - and it is my 95.  
earnest desire to have thee for my ever present help - to be  
here found glorifying thee in my soul and body, in my  
substance and influence which are exclusively thine - and that  
eternity, may it be mine to behold & admire thy beauty,  
& celebrate in each song, the praises of thy wonders!

Signed, Thomas A. Austin. -

Romana, Tuesday Morning, 9<sup>th</sup> Nov. 1830.

The solemnity for which I have been conducted to  
this place is over. The table is withdrawn, - pro, with  
the weight of renewed powers, and in the remembrance  
of much mercy enjoyed, I am again to set forward  
on the path of the pilgrimage that is before me.

On the whole, I have much reason to  
admire thankfully the Lord's goodness experienced on  
this occasion. I was supported in preaching the glorious  
Gospel, and was enabled, I trust, with some measure  
of faithfulness, to declare the counsel of God, and to  
warn and beseech every man. The Discourses, which  
I heard, shall, I hope, long remain with me. The Ac-  
tive sermon contained a rich exhibition of the pre-  
cious privileges of the Gospel. - Oh! that I  
may have always this comfortable & supporting  
hope that God is for me! I know & feel that  
there is much internally & externally that is against



97. me; but I rejoice with humble confidence, when I consider the character of my covenant God, & the relation in which he stands to all his redeemed. I would say, taking hold of his Almighty strength, and resting in his finished righteousness - "I know in whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed to him against that day." - May I ever be enabled to walk worthy of "the vocation wherewith I am called."!

The discourses delivered on this interesting occasion were on the following subjects - viz

Sabbath - Lev. vi. 5, 6. & Rom. viii. 30. (Pentecost.)

First day - Exod. xxi. 62, 63. (S.)

Saturday - Jerk. xiii. 7. (S.)

Sabbath Action Ser. Rom. viii. 31. - Evening Disc.

"What shall we then say?" - (Mr. Dick)

Monday - (Act. xiii. 20, 21. (S.)) -

Parting Address - Luke xi. 31. & Effect.

3 Chor. - v.

From this feast, I have not obtained the same degree of comfort that I have experienced at other times; and I have to mourn over much unobscured corruption that defile my best services, and shut out from me the light of my Father's countenance. Yet I trust the solemnity has been greatly profitable to me, in showing me more of my own wickedness, & leading me into a more close & constant dependence upon Him who is all my salvation, and desire - throwing his great names I would say - "Thou shalt never get well: I trust in him." - J. H.

Barnacrest, Thursday morn - 11<sup>th</sup> Nov.

I have much reason to bless and praise my gracious Benefactor continually. I am here, in my father's house, after a temporary absence, and after the refreshment of another's night's repose, while thousands are now by nature than I am enjoy none of their blessings. May I be made thankful! Since my departure from home I have seen and heard strange & good things. Oh! that I may remember the solemn dedication that I have made of myself to the Lord at the Lord's Table, on no fewer than six occasions this season - and may I be found each day performing my vows! It is of the Lord's mercies that I am not consumed; - and yet I enjoy not long-suffering mercy alone, my gracious Heavenly Benefactor is preventing me with his goodness, and satisfying me with the fulness of his holy plan. "One thing have I desired of the Lord, and I will seek after all days of my life that I may dwell in the house of the Lord that I may behold the beauty of the Lord, and inquire reverently in his temple."

J. H. -

Saturday night - Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> -

This week, I have been at Killybegs, preaching the Word to the descent of you - to whom Livingstone & Bann & Shanister ministers. The Church has been a long time removed. How highly honored would I consider myself were I to be the instrument of reviving the good old cause in that place! Alas, there does app. evidence of some fruit

99. from my most imperfect labours. May it be sustained by the  
deus of the Spirit, & nurtured by the good shepherdsman, till  
it arrive at perfection! "What an I or my father's hee P.  
At the close of another wk & in prospect of the holy Sab: 29  
would revive to give myself anew to the Lord - "I am thine,  
& save thou me" - May I be washed from my sins in the Sav-  
our's bld. - and Oh! that I may be strengthened by the Spirit  
for the arduous wk. of preaching the Gospel, and made  
an humble instrument in the Divine hand of converting sins  
& of building up and conifing the lambs of yr. Redeemer's  
flock! Let thy wd. Lord, thine merciful intercession, have  
for us & be glorified - & I will render pr. to thy name now  
& for ever mo. -

J. H. -

Barnacum, 24<sup>th</sup> Nov. 1830.

This was our day of Annual Thanks  
giving - Preached to-day at Knockton on 2 Cor. x. 15 - "God's  
unspeakable gift." - The blessings bestowed upon me and my  
people had been very numerous & distinguishing - Oh!  
that we may be led to value them aright, and may  
the thro'ts of our minds, and the soles of our feet, & the  
actions of our lives be a continual testimony that we  
have received God's unspeakable gift, & that we are daily  
being impressed with its greatness & its excellency!

Proposed to the people the plan of a Con-  
gregational Missions - the design being to make efforts  
for bringing those that are living in ignorance & sin  
in the neighbourhood around to the knowledge of the  
Saviour. (It is my earnest desire that we may all  
be led to see more fully the necessity of such exertions,  
- & may this noble attempt, begun with a view to, pro-

note the Redeemer's glory & the advancement of his truth,<sup>100.</sup>  
be accompanied with the Blessing that frequently causes  
the little one to become a thousand & renders the small  
one a great nation! -

B. Macaruth, Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> 1831.

Since I last took up this Diary, I have  
passed the boundary of another revolving year, & been  
graciously preserved, though, like that Balaam's Ass,  
I have been only a "limb-borer of the ground". Surely  
I have been kept in safety, in several instances of  
personal danger, & have been supported, in manifold  
labours. Oh! that I may be undecorated & thank-  
ful. Frequently it is with me a matter of rejoic-  
ing that "my times are wholly in God's hands"  
- often so I strive to be enabled, with the Psalmist,  
to say of my kind Preserver, - "Show not the health  
of my countenance & my own hand."

Preached yesterday at Killiney -  
and drew large & remarkably attentive. Oh! that  
then some fruit might spring up from my  
fruitless labours - that the cause of the American  
Reformation might in that place be revived &  
that some of the "Fruit of the Sermon's Seed"  
may be gathered in. - Have been just reading  
"Seven on Spiritual Gifts" - One remark is striking,  
- 'that gifts are taken away when not improved' -

101. & that - "a shell sanctified by grace, is the only  
proper soil for gifts to flourish in." May I  
enjoy greater copiousness of sanctifying grace, &  
may I still, thro' Christ strengthen me, im-  
pune the day of my merciful visitation!  
of H. -

Pomacassett, 18<sup>th</sup> Feb., Friday.

Let a part this day in conjunction  
with my brother Jas. Dick (not present in Liverpool) for  
fasting & seeking Direction respecting the "Covenant",  
& other concerns of the Church.

It is plain the duty read various parts  
of yr. W. - as Achem. vi. Ezra viii. Eccl. xx. Jer. xi. Rom.  
xxxii. xxxv. xxxvi. I. cxxxii. - Was called to see a sick  
person (Mrs W.) - wh. prevented my return within the duty  
all day as I had designed - Interrupted by the calls of  
a friend - & disturbed by doctache. May I not fear that  
some of these are the attempts of the Adversary to keep  
me from the duty? How get yr. accessions of my own  
heart to any thing searching & spiritual! The law  
of sin in my members is full continually had me into  
captivity to yr. law of sin & death. "Wretched man yt. I  
am, what shall I do, to be free from yr. body of this death!"

Made inquiries relative to the following  
matters -

1. Personal sins.

(She be called to you be confessed, pray  
is agt. - forsaken) In yr. - I have I divid<sup>d</sup> yr. yr. compass of yr.  
Wt. has be. sub? ? Ans. - I. I have come with the burden  
of my sins to yr. door, & am encourg<sup>d</sup> by that declar<sup>n</sup> the  
yt. speak to yr. G<sup>d</sup> by me, I will in no wise cast out."

2. Have seen something of yr. horrid nat. - defilement. & ag. 182.  
guilt of my sins - "I abhor myself in dust & ashes!"  
Yet the abasement of my spirit, or acct. is not  
suff. low. -

3. Envy & detestab. of Ch. & his rights counsel. dis-  
cord - "Bliss of. So. & my st. - he not forgetful of all his  
pains & hrs." -

2. What are yr. prev. sins of my st. &  
life? Ans. In heart - Unbelief - Hardship - Confid. in yr.  
flesh - Carnality - Stupid & ungodly.

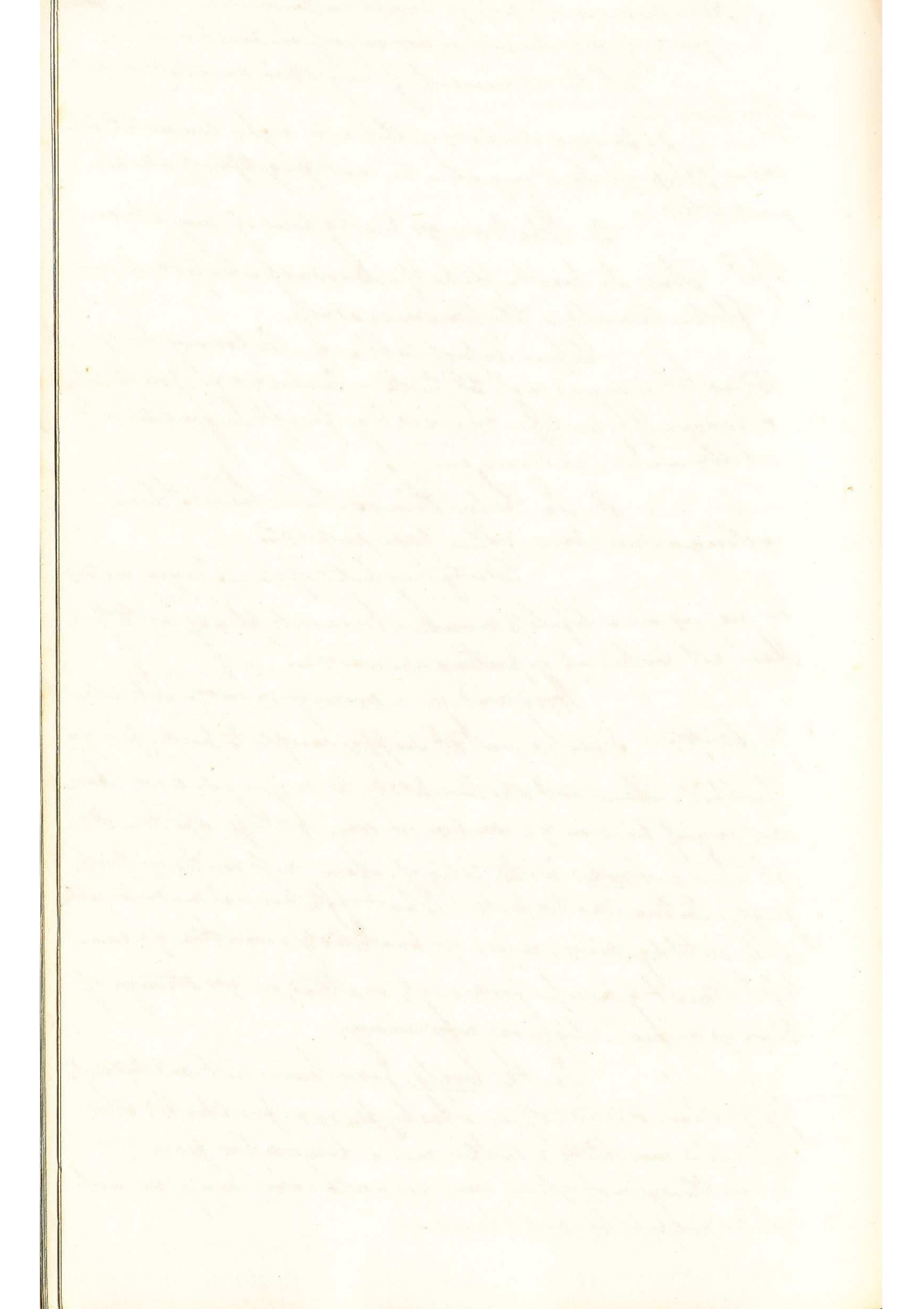
Life - Unprofitable - Conforming to yr.  
W. - Not a sacred neg. to truth - Curious nov. Youth folly  
& vanity - Whole life charac. by fear. Ingratitude &  
rebell. - "I am ungodly - &c."

3. In holy things, how have I been  
neglecting - how have duties been performed?

Duty neglected often - Prayer uttered  
or pursued in a listless, want. & careless, phar. with God.  
Have not looked up expecting an ans. -

Word read in a cursory man. - Lit. study  
yr. Scripts. Preach. - Not suff. careful to prep. for yr.  
pulpit. Have not spoken ptly. to any man's course. Have  
not myself lived in yr. remembrance or some of things spoken of.  
Yr. have not trud. "with diligence". Have not visited yr. prop.  
freq. Intere. not spilt. What efforts have I made to gether  
w. in outwardly sins, recover yr. backsliding, awaken yr. care-  
less? Must give up for a capt. & attend, in yr. strength, of  
Div. grace thro. diligence, or myning.

In the world, fear have not wanted sup-  
ply yr. char. & want of an Ambassador for Christ? Shd.  
up. sin. no. ptly; better. no. a holy dep. from yr.  
w. - Study no. yr. in mo. minutes across, may so act  
of yr. Gospel be not blamed. -



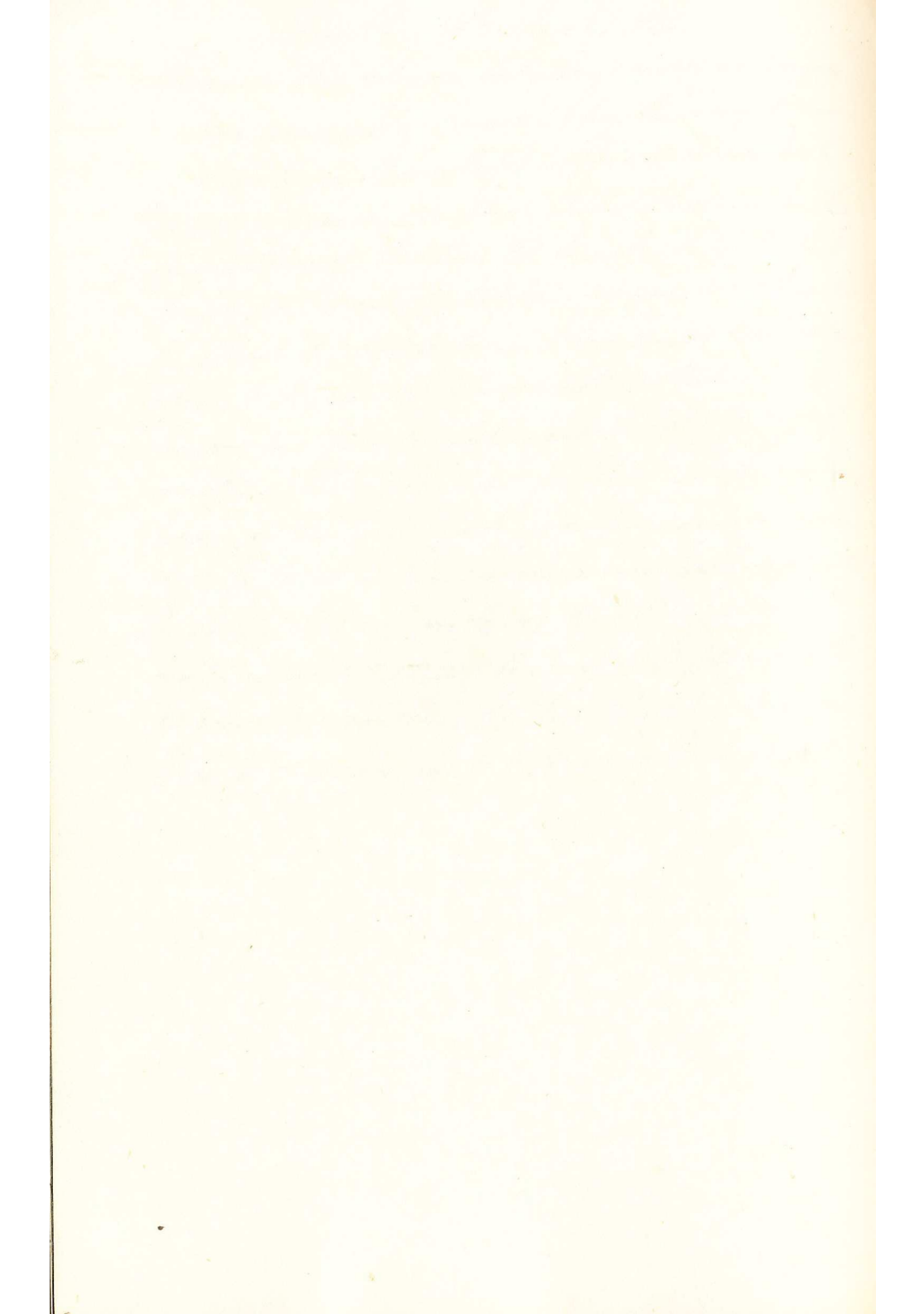




Dublin, 14<sup>th</sup> March, 1831.

Arrived in this city on Saturday morning, having  
 been graciously preserved by the way, & my  
 mind having been kept in peace & comfort.  
 Yesterday, preached in Union Chapel (Session) to the  
 Congregation of the Rev. D. Stuart - Subjects Acts  
 11. 69, 70, "Death of Stephen" - evening - Isaiah xxxv. 11.  
 15 - "Christ the Foundation" - I had much that fatigued  
 before, & the new situation would distract me, &  
 hinder me from ministering comfortably to myself  
 or others. Why am I so faithless? Let the remem-  
 brance of the Lord's past goodness encourage me  
 ever to trust in him. I was wonderfully supported.  
 Trust the Lord with me strengthening me, &  
 enabling me to deliver the Gospel Message with  
 freedom & power. May the Lord bless his precious  
 Word to my own soul & to all who hear it!





B. Macneil.

Wedning morning - Apr. 20<sup>th</sup>

This morning I have been busied fratching arrangements for setting out to Scotland to attend the Synod in Edinburgh on the 25<sup>th</sup> - In considering my own weakness, & the important Missions on which I am sent, & seeking direction from my gracious God, I find that I have no strength at all, of my own, adequate to the work - My rejoicing is that there is sufficiency enough in my Father's grace - I have committed my way & all that concerns me to God in this matter - & I humbly rely on his goodness, support & blessing - Let me say with Jacob - "If God will be with me, & will keep me in this way that I go . . . so that I come again to my Father's house in peace, then shall the Lord be my God" - J. H.

Loonhead, Saturday night - Apr. 23. 1831.

Arrives here from Edinburgh, yesterday morning, after a passage of 20 hrs to Glasgow, & a journey from Glasgow to Edinb<sup>h</sup> the preceding day. It was the Day of Humiliation preparatory to the administration of the Lord's Supper in the Cong<sup>o</sup> of my dear friend Mr. Anderson. -

That night Moses, seek to cultivate much intercourse with God in retirement before undertaking to lead the people through the wilderness. I fear that the fatigues of travelling, & the new objects that meet the eye have an unfavourable effect upon the mind, & easily tend to unfit for holy service. Hence, perhaps, it was ordained of old that persons on a journey should not eat the Passover with the rest of the congregation of Israel. I had been distressed with sea-sickness, & had afterwards got cold in travelling, & was very apprehensive of being unable to perform the service expected from me on this solemn occasion. This day, my fears have, in a great measure, been disappointed - I was enabled to proclaim fully the glad tidings of salvation, & I had, I trust, the everlasting arms underneath sustaining me. Oh! to have my desires, & earnestly renewed - & to be able to entertain a lively sense of Jehovah's kindness & tender mercy to me, the very chief of sinners. Let me now say - 'What shall I render to the Lord for all his benefits to me?' I will utter

the act of salvation! —

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The order in prospect is undoubtedly very  
sober & — It is an awful matter to eat & drink judg-  
ment to oneself. I have sadly forgotten former en-  
gagements & lost sit. of Commem. occas when yr. past.  
Do thou, Lord, by the work of thy Spirit bring sin  
to remembrance — O send to that forgiveness, wh. is with  
ye & enable me to rejoice in thy rich pardoning  
mercy. — Have been reading the acct. of the last suf-  
ferings of my dear Red. (Luke xxiii.) — Oh! to be suitably  
affected thereby. My heart is hard, & my affections cold.  
Quicken me for thy name's sake. I would remember  
that in this ordinance I am called to commemorate  
the Saviour's dying love — to hold communion with  
God & yr. Sts. — & to renew my solemn personal  
Covenant with God. For none of yr. services have I any  
the least strength. Pray that there is sufficiency  
in the glorious Meal. May I enjoy its plentiful  
Communications at this time. "Lord — hold up  
my goings — guide me in thy paths divine" — &c.  
To thee I submit myself for praise for all yr.  
I need — Show yr. none are disappoint. that trust  
in thee. Be my strength, & salvation at this time — &  
to thy name with ascribe endless glory & praise.  
J. H.

Edinburgh, 30<sup>th</sup> April, 1831.

Yesterday evening the Sessions of Synods closed, & the brethren have separated perhaps never again thus to meet about the concerns of the Ch. or world. Much peace & harmony pervaded the deliberations. I bless my gracious Father for what I have seen in this place, at this time, of Jerusalem's good. Doubtless there is something to explore among the ruins in the house of the Lord; but there is much a sect. of which, we should bless God & take warning. My heart is knit to many of the young ministers; they are talented, zealous & devoted, and afford great promise of much fruit to the Church in a future day. May they be prepared for trials, & arise there, may they be undeviating faithful, & steadfast to the end!

What a warning & correction have we all recd. in the case of Stobson! A man of talent, & for a time of fair promise, becoming immoral & heretical, & leading many into fearful delusion. What a curse to the person & others is talent when not sanctified & restrained by Divine Grace! May this case be a loud warning to others - & may all of us who stand, take heed lest we fall - may we give Faith to enable us to stand! -

This has been to me a week of great privileges - On the first day of it, I was permitted to join with dear friends, in the land of my father's sepulchres, in commemorating the services & dying

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love & throughout its succeeding days, I have been  
privileged to sit in judgment & enjoy increased in-  
tercourse, with brethren who are active & persevering  
labourers in the Lord's vineyard. I have not for  
a length of time been in a worse state of health;  
yet still my life is preserved, & I have abun-  
dant cause of thankfulness. Let me consider  
myself afterwards laid under various obli-  
gation, while I have being to give praise to God—  
may my future life be a thank offering con-  
tinually presented through the sacrifice of the  
great Mediator. — &c.

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Barnacastle, Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> May.  
To-day, I landed here in safety after a short  
& pleasant passage from Scotland — myself  
very exhausted & weak, but all here well.  
I have been restored to my father's house —  
Should not the resolution of Jacob be mine?  
"Then shall the Lord be my God" — (Gen xxviii.)

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Barnacastle,  
Wednesday evening, 18<sup>th</sup> May.

I have been a Transgressor from  
the womb until now. The heart I daily feel to be deceit-  
ful above all things & desperately wicked. It is lamentable  
to find how much so long a row we forgetten, how fre-  
quently do lusts that seemed subdued, break out  
again with unthought violence. I am carnal, sold under



113. sin. Fearful is the thought that sometimes distresses  
me, that I may, all the time that is past, have  
been deceiving myself - & what is worse than all, even  
in such a case there is a cold & stupid indifference  
that serves to hold in security & keeps from fleeing  
for refuge to the hope of the Gospel. "My soul,  
I may truly say, chafes to rest - & quicken me.  
If I am to be an heir of everlasting salvation, at  
all. I am persuaded that Divine Power can alone  
subdue my will, desires & restrain the wanderings  
of my heart, & that it will be a matter of astonish-  
ment & wonder to myself & to the holy angels that  
such a child of hell ever was made meet for &  
brought to heaven.

J. H. -

B. Macarrett, 26<sup>th</sup> May, 1838. - Morning -

I have been brought in tender mercy to the commencement  
of a day of solemn humiliation - the day of fasting, prepa-  
ratory to the dispensation of the Ordinance of the Supper  
at Halloweater. In my usual course of reading the Scriptures,  
I have read, this morning, the 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> of the chapters of Zechar-  
iah. Solemn & weighty is the inquiry - "Have ye fasted & mo-  
rned? & did ye abridge your food, & wear to me? & have ye  
sought for the voice of the Lord? & yet when I consider the  
endured strength of your also corruption - how unprofit-  
ful a sinner I am - & how little affected I am by the thought  
of the sufferings & death of Him y<sup>e</sup> die that I might  
live; when I think of the hardness of my heart & the  
number & aggravation of my secret sins, I am ashamed  
& confounded for greatly that I have, in times past, fasted

is made to myself - One that alone supports me - Thou! 173.  
is yet rosin in my Father's bosom of tenderness, & in his  
arms of compassion for the returning prodigal. Oh! that  
I may, this day, be enabled to make a sincere & hearty  
return to Him from whom I have departed! Show me  
Lord, the way of spending this season with thee - Give  
the Spirit to convince of sin - to lead to the Father, & give  
for sin & uncharity - to reveal to me Christ crucified  
as being for my iniquities - & to take away my hard  
& stony heart. And Oh! that thou wouldst extend  
to me thy rich grace & pardoning mercy.

S. Maria. Saturday morning, May 30<sup>th</sup>.

Am here thro' the tender mercy of my God, for the  
purpose of taking part in the celebration of the Lord's Supper  
on Sat. next. I am thus called to my solemn service,  
& I have reason to fear my preparation is not as it sh<sup>d</sup>.  
be. Let me now, as in the person of the Searcher of hearts,  
inquire what is my state & frame - what my motives  
for engaging in this holy service.

How I put on the Wedding garment of  
my ~~Close~~ Brother's righteousness? - Am I in a gracious  
frame, believing, hoping & rejoicing in God's salvation?  
Am I rightly affected with sorrow on acct. of my many  
& great transgressions; & is Christ in his offices, both as  
my Redeemer & my friend precious to me? On such  
subjects as these, it is a fearful thing to be over-Oh!  
Send forth thy light & thy truth, let them guide me -  
& thou, Divine Spirit! condescend to enlighten & direct

114 me. That I can say I have relinquished heartily & for ever all my own righteousness, & that I am willing to take Chrs for my wisdom, righteousness, sanctification & redemption. My own wisdom is folly, my strength is absolute weakness, & my very best actions are polluted & vile. I have chiefly to complain that I am not sufficiently impressed with the excellency & desirableness of Chrs righteousness. Yet I hope it has been put on me by the Holy Spirit, & I would desire ever to say - "surely in the Lord have I righteousness & strength."

My frame is not such as I would desire to have in coming to the table of the King. Wandering thoughts & cold & lifeless affections are & distress me. Oh! that I may be given a thorough sense & sight of my vile nature. Let me come & look upon Him whom I have pierced. That amazing love & tenderness in my Reas. suff'g & dying for me a wretch as I am! Oh! that I may be enabled to love him because he first loved me. If my heart do not desire me, I would desire to lie at the foot of the Cross, confessing myself a lost & undone creature, deserving of nothing but wrath & condemnation. I would acknowledge & lament all my quivous departures from God & my continual carnality, unbelief & hardness of ht. & I would now desire to forsake all, my idols, & to come & dedicate myself anew to the Lord.

O Eternal Father! who desires not the death of a sinner, & who art reconciled in Christ. Love us in thy st. because of my many & aggravated transgressions - I would rejoice with thee my ht. in the persuasion that thou hast made for the salvation of lost

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Sinners - I thank thee, O Father, Lo. of Heaven & Earth, be-  
cause thou hast hid these things from the wise & prudent &  
hast revealed them to babes. Truly to me has been thy merc-  
cy & most abundant thy grace. I have been created &  
preserved by thee. Thou didst be with me, when I was in-  
belling against thee - didst early provide me with  
instruction in thy word - & hast brought me, in thy gr-  
mercy, thus far & hast all along been my help. Truly  
thy lines have fallen to me in pleasant places & the  
inheritor I have yet equals in beauty. Above all  
would I bless thee for thine unspeakable gift, the gift  
of thy Son - I thank thee for what thou hast discovered  
to me of his Mediatorial character - of his finished right-  
eousness, - & of his suitable excellency. Bless thee  
for the great blessings that flow through his  
wondrous Atone-ment, & especially for the gift of  
the Spirit as a Teacher, Sanctifier & Comforter.

And now, I would come to thee, as thy  
rebellious child & say, approaching thee, as seated on thy  
throne of grace - "Father I have sinned agt. heaven & in thy  
sight." I would give thee the glory that is due to thy great  
name. I desire willingly to perish & have nothing  
of myself that I can present to thee as an offering to  
appease thine indignation. O glory to thy name, thou hast  
found a sacrifice - I would lay my hands on the Sacrifice  
of thy Son, & beseech thee to accept of it on my be-  
half; & on the gr- of that Sacrifice, I would desire now  
as in thy presence, to renounce all my own righteous-  
ness - forsake all my transgressions, and dedicate my-  
self wholly to thee. And I would, in the strength of  
thy grace, claim now to take thee as my recorded Gu-

118. Now, thy love is my all-sufficient deliverer, & thy Spirit as my sanctifier & guide - beseeching thee, for Christ's sake, to make me hearty & sincere in this dedication - to accept of me in it - & to give me grace & strength in all time future, to live in the remembrance & performance of this solemn engagement.

Sat. morning - In the morning of this holy communion sabbath, I have read over & considered this solemn engagement. My Father's voice has addressed me "Return, ye to me; for I have redeemed thee" - & he has given to me many gracious & encouraging promises, to induce me to come & dedicate myself to the Lord. In the remembrance of my past transgressions, I fear this see with awful fear & trembling - but resting on the grace & strength that are in the Mediator, as in the presence of the All-seeing Witness, I would now give myself <sup>unreservedly</sup> to the Lord - & subscribing with my hand to him, I would say - "Lord, I am thine, & save thou me" - Thomas Hoveston -

Mr. Dicky preached (Sat.) on Ps. cxiii. 1. "The Lord is my Shepherd" &c. I trust I was enabled to take this grace as my Shepherd, & to return to him. In the evening, I preached on John xiii. 3. "Lay to prep. a pt." &c. This a sweet text - Is my exalted Pt. 2? (in my seed age? in this wld for me, & will he again come for my salvation? &c.) that from henceforth I may love him, & prep. for his coming more than I have ev. yet done! -

Tuesday, May 31. - Ballyjane. In this day, a visit in the ordination of Mr. Somerville as a Missy for St. John & N. Brendwich, giving the charge after ordination. I was strong? I hope, with might from above & enabled in faithfulness to speak as an Ambassador of Christ - My own spirit was refreshed.

117.  
Bonacarrat, Sat. Morning.

June 10<sup>th</sup> 1831.

This day, on which my dear Rev. ascended on high, I am called to go before the people, in making preparation for ascending the Mt. of Communion. I have abundant reason to wonder that I have been brought hitherto - a weak, worthless laborer & yet not cut down as a Cumber of the ground - And is it so that I & my people will again be permitted to come & appear before God? Let my strength & sufficiency be from the Lord. - I am weak, but those, O God, are mighty to save - I am polluted, but thy blood cleanses from all sin - I am dumb, but art thou not "my life & saving health?" O God, "commune my strength" - Give fitness for serving thee - & this day, grant that thy glory marching may be before thy people's feet, & that the Cords of thy strength may be made to sh. b. for joy.

Same day - Evening.

Saully there is none that has such access as I have to sit still & admire my gracious God. I have been rebellious from the womb till now - On looking back, I find it has all on my part been a course of stiff-necked & perverse rebellion - on the part of Him whom I was desirous to call my Father & my God, all has been one discovery after another of yet & inexcusable goodness. Let me add the words in verse of this day for all the other instances of my Father's tender

118. mercy & manifold compassion towards me. I have been getting  
supple. - my tongue made as the pen of a ready writer -  
I enable to take sol. and worthy views of God's rich mercy  
& of the glory & exalt. of Immacul. - Died on Feb. 19.  
18, 1747 - The Court a testament. - Ser. of glor. testator - they legates  
- the legates - the execs, was the aut. & alleg. themes on  
wh. I vised. - May the Spir. give to me & to them of his  
mercy, the execs. of these legates - & oh! to be enable. to  
thk. aut. & love aut. the glor. Testator! - What a  
Debtor I am to your grace - May each day feel the  
oblig. & may my whole life be an offg. of grat. to  
Him who has visited & redeemed me! -

I have sol. work in view. I have been re-  
flecting on that work & the purpose I am for applying bef.  
God; & the care of my prop. is near my ht. - I find  
I must come to this - & blessed be my God, who gives  
me this priv. - to cast myself & my prop. upon him  
for all the purpose wh. we med. - & to say in the words  
of the 52. ps. -

"My strength with respect  
Depends on God ind?  
My strength & my salvation doth  
From him alone proceed."

"The only my salvation is,  
And my strength with is he;  
The only is my sure defense,  
Much more I shall not be." -

J. H. -





B. Macarrett,

Saturday morning, June 18<sup>th</sup>.

Am approach my an. of Mt. of God - Find I have  
no suitable prep<sup>n</sup> for this holy service - Am weak in body  
& wd. Appro. to myself, w<sup>h</sup>olly unfitted for the great w<sup>o</sup>rk  
w<sup>h</sup> I am called, but we cast myself at the foot stool of  
Div. mercy, & turn not away the fear of thine An. -  
For David's sake, do not withdr<sup>e</sup> thy gra<sup>ce</sup> - Streng<sup>th</sup> the  
son of thine handm<sup>en</sup> - Let thy streng<sup>th</sup> be suff<sup>ic</sup> in my y<sup>ou</sup>th  
weakness. Labor myself - & had me to repent in dust & dead  
ashes. - Th<sup>o</sup> this day, give me a token for good - & in thy  
thy wd. may my weakness be dispell<sup>d</sup> - my unbelief down away,  
& may I be given tokens of fav<sup>or</sup> & accept<sup>ion</sup>. - J. H. -

B. Macarrett, Thursday Afternoon, June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

To day, have been endeavoring to look back  
on the late solemn service in wh. we have be<sup>e</sup> en<sup>d</sup>.  
On this work I entered with much fear & trembling -  
my bodily streng<sup>th</sup> weakened & my mind languid  
& sadly depressed; & yet I beheld the Lord my grace  
God, & have been before th<sup>o</sup> - streng<sup>th</sup>. Streng<sup>th</sup> by  
the emblast<sup>ing</sup> arms under wh. & upheld by the mighty  
God of Jacob. "The angel did wonder" - In no  
former occ<sup>as</sup>ion was I pro. visibly supported, & at no  
pre. occ<sup>as</sup>ion since my ordina<sup>tion</sup> were th<sup>o</sup> given  
to the people by the Lord's direct<sup>ion</sup> mo. w<sup>o</sup>rdy & solemn  
instructions. - Surely the Lord was among his people, giving  
to see the good of his Chosen, & to rejoice with his  
inherit<sup>ance</sup>. On this occ<sup>as</sup>ion, we were pleas<sup>ed</sup> by my wh.  
Lord's brethren in the ministry, Rev. Mr. Anderson of

down had. Few things in these days possess more simplicity of purpose & devoted energy of mind than he - He is truly a "burning & a shining light." - I love him with my whole heart - & pray for him that he may be mety supported in his many labors & may be given many for the crown of rejoicing in the day of Christ's Les.

The imppt. subjts handled on this occasion were the following -

- 1<sup>st</sup> Day - Acts x. 15. - "The Restoring of Liberty"
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Day - Exod. xii. 8 - "Passover"
- Job xlii. 5 - "Self-abhorrence" (Mr. Dick)
- Saturday - Luke x. 15 - "The Passover of David's Desire" (Mr. Anderson)
- Job xlii. 5 - "Repentance" (Mr. Dick)
- Sabbath - Action Disc. Ephes. I. 10 - "Yielding to Christ"
- Evening - Act. I. 3 - "Christ sitting down in heaven" (Mr. Anderson)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Day - (Mr. A.) - Jacob's Ladder -
- 4<sup>th</sup> Day - (Dr.) - Shipmen of the East -
- Monday - Palm xxiii. 5 - "Victory" (Mr. Dick)
- 1 John III. 10 - "Love of the Brethren" (Mr. Anderson)

The services, conducted with excell. talents, urged with much fervor & earnestness on the hearts & consciences of those of our brethren. We trust that the Living Spirit may be given to have an abiding impression on our hearts - & my earnest prayer is that the fruit may appear abundant & prosperous.

At the Lord's table, I hope I was enabled to renew my personal love to set to my seal that God was true - & to give myself heartily to that Lord. Great sin & imperfection, I know, you would

in yr. power, but I trust for yr. removal of all  
 my depilement by yr. purifying bld. of yr. Lamb; &  
 I wd. humbly hope that I was bro & accepted in com-  
 munity w<sup>th</sup> yr. conca<sup>d</sup> me for time & eternity - & all  
 the concerns of my Pass<sup>d</sup> group & all the inth<sup>s</sup> of my  
 people into my dear's h<sup>rs</sup> - My grace filter d. to me  
 - "I will be merciful to thy iniquity & thy sins &  
 iniquity will I remember no more." -

Now let me ask what the Lord wd. have  
 me to do, when I have come down from the Mt. & am  
 agn to set forth in my pilgrimage journey.  
 Tho. I not live w<sup>th</sup> in the number of my J<sup>h</sup>s goods  
 Tho. I not cleave to the L<sup>d</sup>; & not I not, each day,  
 to be go. my delight - mo. spirit - & place more in  
 affec<sup>n</sup> on th<sup>g</sup>s ab. yr. I have ev. w<sup>th</sup> the to do. I  
 I have professedly (& I trust really) recd. L<sup>ft</sup>. L<sup>s</sup>. yr.  
 L<sup>d</sup>. - O h. I to be enable. to walk in him. I wd. draw  
 w<sup>th</sup>. to any own cost. for. & weary supplic. - "Keep  
 me from the wil<sup>d</sup>" of yr. wd. - Give me lit. streng. &  
 life - & O h. I let me br. yr. o<sup>r</sup> often say, g. - "I am  
 w<sup>th</sup> yr. in all places whither thou goest" - & "I  
 will not leave yr." & - (Yer xxviii. 1)

of H. -

Barnstable, 4<sup>th</sup> July 1831.

123.

Monday Evening. -

Preached yesterday at St. J. No. -

Lect. - Jer. xv. 6-11 - "God's mess. to Jerubbab." -

Text - Ezek. xvi. 8 - "The time of love is." -

The subjects were solemn & dearning, & Bless the Lord I was supp'd. in delivering the message of my master. The two days before, I had been greatly oppress'd with weakness & languor of body, & with deadness & carelessness of mind. May I hope that the Lord sent me deliverance while proclaiming the tidings of his love to perishing sinners?

It is most precious to reflect on the character of the Mess. as the conductor of the b'g. of mercy. As far as concerns my own eternal state & the interests of my people, which are ever dear to me, I would give to rest here that blessing is the Author & Finisher of Faith - "The hands of Jerubbab. to the found. of this bn.; his has shall also find it." Wonderful is the acct. given of the Sinner's state - of the Sinner's love - of the backsliding of the child of God - & of all the Father's dealings towards him in that xv. of Ezek.

Nothing I could stand still & view admire the tenderness & love of my Lord in bringing near his Sinner to - & a perishing out of it as I am, & in sparing of spirit of his rights over me. Oh! many qualifications

124. fill my soul - & may I have after a realising  
sense of God's "time of love". I am still sick & spoken  
to - but Oh! it is wonderful, indeed, that my great Redeemer  
visits me, restoring my strength, & giving me the hope  
that my sins are pardoned thro' his blood & I am covered  
with his righteousness. From this time forth, let me love  
him more than I have ever done, here, but let him love  
me - let me be faithful, obedient, devoted to my God  
& So - Oh! that he may take possession of my thoughts  
& of my whole heart, & keep me, staying as my shade  
all my iniquities, till I come to that blessed shade where  
perfect love casteth out fear! -

J. H.

Sabbath evening - July 10<sup>th</sup> 1831.

I have come hither this day from your  
sanctuary with much cause of praise & thanksgiving. Surely my Redeemer  
helped me - Spoke in my favour before the chief officers.  
Seeing in doing God's will, & thus praising in your language  
of the family of God - (Mat. xii. 46 - end) - Afternoon  
called my people to devotion for your advancement of your  
Lord's cause - 1 Thron. x. 14. 5. - Let me consider my own state  
& my solemn obligations. I am very sick - I feel I have often  
been employed doing the will of my flesh; & yet I  
trust, I can say I love my Master, & his service,  
& would desire to do his will. And is it indeed so? -  
Does my dear Redeemer regard me as his mother, & sister,  
& brother? What signs & consolation is here? Let  
me ever think of his love, & let my whole life be to

him as continual thank offering. I have cause to  
135.  
bless you for the display manifest by the people  
this day to consecrate their service to you. O. H. make  
them hearty & sincere in your work. Drive away the selfish-  
ness & worldly-mindedness that so much prevail. Prout a spirit  
of grace & supplication. Advocate, give me cause to  
rejoice in many of this people going over to the O.  
This is surely a very solemn office. It is my responsibility.  
To the O. H. look for strength & vigor. Do me  
& my people in your arms. Require not the O. H. of any  
at my loss. O. H. let none perish or neglect the  
great labor and abundant means of grace. My heart  
desires for all the people is that they may be  
saved! —

J. H.  
I have been speaking & thinking something  
about the awful condition of them that are perishing —  
without God & without hope in your work. I fear I am  
not a right effect on your subject. 500 millions of  
Heathen! I tremble that — daily descending to your sides  
of the pit — one soul more agreeable than ten  
thousand worlds. O. H. let this matter be often a burden  
on my spirits. May the Church be roused to zeal  
& prayer for the conversion of the nations. O. H. then  
O. H. of the harvest, with whom is your vision of the  
Spirit. raise up & qualify laborers — O. H. have respect  
to your cost — may your Kingdom speedily come, & you will  
be soon on earth, as it is in heaven! — J. H. —

P. Macarett, Sat. Morning, July 17<sup>th</sup> 1831. -

Again in yr. good providence of my dear Father, I have  
 to bro't story. my reason why my dear Father for the justice of  
 all yr. given him to be rec'd. from any man. What a words  
 event was the resurrection of Les. left from the d? The scene  
 of infim. Lord and thereby accompa. - the Eternal Father, as  
 the Record. Les. gave if Justice prof. that all his wrath was  
 appeas'd & he was well-pleas'd for his rights sake - ye  
 glor. Sundry. has drunk of yr. brook of fluffys yr. mil in  
 yr. way, & yr. he lifts his ho. on high - yr. holy angels  
 sw'd with yours. ye began triumph, & hailed with joy  
 yr. risen Lord. Incapable of ex. it. too many yr. con. eyes,  
 result from the bring of yr. First Begotten from yr. d?  
 Death destroyed - a new & living way opened up to yr. Hell  
 of all - & a convincing testimony affords that you yr. self in  
 Les. with God beg. with him. May I be "risen with him"  
 & this day, may I be enabled to seek those things that  
 are ab' for him left sitt' at yr. rt. hand of God!

Oh! to be this day given, in spirit, to  
 enter within yr. veil & to see Jesus! Lord! quicken, strengthen,  
 sanctify me, & may I be bro't in yr. abundance  
 you to my heart & filled with yr. Father of thy holy Pleas!  
 T. H. -

P. Macarett,

Thursday Evening, Aug. 11<sup>th</sup>

I have of late been much among scenes of  
 affliction - concern hat occupied in family visiting  
 & occasionally preaching the Word to the aged &  
 to ignorant, careless sinners. These are the situa-

199.  
tions that put to the test the reality of inward  
principles. I find my heart is very deceitful, con-  
stantly liable to turn aside from following the  
Lord, or to sink into a state of stupid insensibil-  
ity. I am beginning to discern much meaning in  
the command - Keep the heart with all dili-  
gence &c. &c. that I knew more of the practice  
of the duty.

To-day, I stood for a considerable  
time, at the bedside of a dear friend (Mrs. G.) who  
is apparently fast approaching her dissolution.  
I had seen her often during her illness - Amid acute  
suffering & imperfect views, there was much resigna-  
tion & a simple reliance on the strength & suffi-  
ciency of the Saviour. To-day the state was  
placid, the inward condition, I should trust, one  
of undisturbed tranquility, though the bodily  
suffering was at times severe - the communi-  
cation with the external world in a great  
measure cut off. Such a scene is so solemn, &  
ought surely to yield lasting profit. What  
I have witnessed to-day may be ever long  
my own case - and certainly is that the  
hour is approaching when I must thus stand  
on the shore of eternity, the body, it may be,



128. racked with pain, & the powers of the mind en-  
feebled. Oh! let me now cast my hope as an  
anchor within the veil; and may I be drawing  
out of the Mediator's fulness, & laying up good  
store against the time to come! "Should ex-  
ercise confidence in my gracious Father - may  
it not be a pious do- presumption - He will  
not be sorry to me than he has been - nor worse  
than he has said He will be -

"Surely that which concerneth me  
He will perfect make;  
Lord, still thy mercy last; do not  
Thine own hands' works forsake." -

P. C. xviii. -

B. Macarrell.

Saturday night, Aug. 20<sup>th</sup> 1831.

Another walk, marked by the death of several young  
acquaintances, has come to its close. R. H. in yr. bloom  
of youth, & Mrs. G. aft. long & p. suffg. Tofter words  
in they seem spaces, while others are thus swept away as  
with an overflowing fld. and me. Oh! that I might have  
length's wife that I have any in meetness for a better  
state - & that I could say on yr. gods - "to me to live is  
left." I seem to myself by times, placed amid yr. over-  
flowing of a mighty riv. yr. rolls on contrary, & a how powerly  
waters carriage off one aft. another of my gods from my  
side. Shortly I too must be launched on the waters  
of eternity. May I be pr. ready when yr. hr. of my depart.

129.  
concern! While I suffer to remain here, my constant desire is  
that I may be enabled to lab. faithfully in my Master's ser-  
vice - & to adorn his glory. - No more is the Sub. just  
tho! that I may live in yr. Supp. or yr. Soc's supp. & be  
fitted for spending it as an emblem of yr. rest wh. remains for  
yr. purp. of life! - 2<sup>d</sup>ly.

P. Macarrett, 24<sup>th</sup> Aug. Wednesday.

Being this week left engaged in travelling among the people  
(going to the harvest) & after I was some time past, I  
proposed to spend a few hours this morning in consider-  
ing my ways & the state of the Church - in confessing  
sin & in seeking direction of God.

How profuse is my heart! The  
corruption within continually struggles against such  
an exercise as this - & finds out the Enemy of souls  
takes much occasion against us, working by means  
of in-sinelling sin, in the way of retarding us in  
duty. On reviewing the past & considering my  
present state, I find that I have been the recipi-  
ent of much unmerited favour from my gracious  
Father in Heaven, & yet all the while I have been  
heart or backslider: - ever now, I am a poor, un-  
repentant sinner. (Especially have I been led to see  
the iniquity of my trespasses in the breach of solemn  
Covenant engagements, & to lament this sin before  
God. This is the ground of the Lord's continuance

130. with one & the Church & the nation. I have read  
this morning, many passages of the Div. Word that  
speak of this matter - & I have been impressed by  
reading Sermons, by Mr. Case on the occasion of the taking  
of the Solemn League & Covenant in 1643, wherein  
with much plainness & power, he sets forth the sin  
& danger of Covenant Breaking. Th<sup>t</sup> that I may  
be fully humbled on this subject - I have sinned &  
may blush to lift up my face towards God. My only  
hope is in the blood of Jesus, an atonement for our  
this sin. My earnest prayer is that it may be ap-  
plied to my heart & conscience - and th<sup>t</sup> that the  
nation may be awakened to a sense of guilt in this  
matter - & that the Church may be humbled & prepared  
to enter anew into the bond of the Covenant.

Can there be a doubt that individuals,  
& Churches & States are bound to avouch the Lord to  
be their God? Fearful is the ignorance that prevails  
on this subject in our day. The apostate Roman  
acts on no vain words that nations shall yet  
take God to be their God in Covenant - & many  
people shall go off to join with their false thir-  
ward, and shall join themselves to the Lord - Let  
us earnestly seek the coming of that day - may the  
Lord hasten it in his pleasure!

Finding that my life is uncertain  
that I have a great work to do for which of my-  
self I have no strength, and remembering all the  
great goodness & mercy with which I have been

followed, I would desire, on a man, in the name of <sup>131.</sup>  
strength of my gracious God, to commit myself  
& all that I possess, fully & heartily into his  
hands - praying for strength, inward holiness &  
vindication, & willing to be made an humble in-  
strument while I live, for asserting my Master's  
glory, & earnestly desiring that, at whatever time  
I may be removed hence, I may be enabled to say  
- "Now let that thou thy servant depart in peace; for  
mine eyes have seen thy Salvation." -

"Thou Lord, 'sist me." Thomas Houston.

Bromacarrill, 8<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1831.

What a vile worm of the dust I am! Lying among  
the living & the dead, & yet my heart continues  
hard as the rather millstone. When I think I have  
made some progress, I am cast back again - lust  
enraged against a new with even greater power  
than before - "Iniquities jealousy pursued against  
me." O my God! quicken & sanctify me by thy  
Spirit - Without thee, I can do nothing. O Holy  
& gracious God, mortify sin, in me - The whole  
work, I must work over on thyself - From the  
not the work of thy hands - Oh! perfect that  
which concerns me.

To-day, the King of these nations  
will be crowned, & many will be anxious to  
bring to him their affection & loyalty. Let me ever  
bear faithful allegiance to Republish the Prince of

132. the Kings of the earth. It is cheering sometimes  
to a deepening spirit to think on the loyal ac-  
acquiescence of the Mediator & to reflect that  
Jesus, my Saviour, has Kingly power & authority  
given Him for this purpose that he may sub-  
due all enemies & command obedience for  
his redeemed. May the Crown of my salvation  
forever flourish upon Him! & Oh! that by  
his saving strength, he may bring down evil  
desires & sinful imaginations within me, & make  
me a vessel of mercy made meet for his  
own glory. J. M.

Amacarrith.

Thursday Morning, 10<sup>th</sup> Sept 1831.

To-day, I purpose, I. v. to set out for Liverpool to  
preach for a few Sabbaths to the scattered adherents of the  
Covenantal Reformation residing there. I am a bad tra-  
veller, being weak in body & unbelieving in heart: going  
across the sea, I know not what may befall me; -  
& leaving home, I have objects very dear to me - my  
congregation - my parents & beloved friends. I trust I  
have had a sense of duty to this service. I do pray it  
in the strength of the God of my salvation. O thou,  
who art called Jacob's Mighty God, I do, ah, that is  
dear to me here. Thou good shepherds watch over my  
flock - thou God of the families of Israel, preserve my  
household & pursuit them with thy goodness - To thee  
I commend all pertaining to me - my life, health, safety,  
friends, people - I trust that thou art able to prosper

that which I have committed to thee against the 1. 1833.  
- say. Oh, lead me & guide me in a right path. surely  
my safety cometh from the Lord who hath made  
the Heavens & the earth. May my journey to  
L. pool be blessed to the people to whom I am sent.  
Thy' prayers of thine own good self, for them. Eternal  
Father, be my portion & stay, whenever I go. In the  
Lord's name to dedicate myself - Surely, thou wilt  
give me with thy counsel while I live, & afterwards  
receive me to thy glory. - J. H.

Liverpool, 17<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1831.

Thro' the tender mercy of my God, I have been bet-  
titten in safety. What a wonder it is that I am  
spared, & carried thro' many trials & dangers, even when  
I am most unworthy & ungrateful! Time is work-  
ing its changes. This place is considerably altered  
since I was last here - my friends are fast far  
from me, some to distant lands & others have been  
removed by death. How sweet the comfort - Jesus  
never changes, & the Word of our God endureth  
for ever! May the ever light Bless. be my fr.  
& that imperishable Word may it remain in  
my heart!

Called to preach the ev'ng. gospel to a  
few scattered people in this place, may I have  
help to speak as I ought to speak - & th. that  
Divine Influence may accompany my words spoken,

134. & beg it home, with power to yr. let! I feel that  
I have been kindly dealt with in my journey  
hither. — P. dispose me, by thy help, to give yr.  
all the pr. — My people left behind have been  
much on my spirits — Oh! Thou Shepherd of Israel,  
watch over them — feed them. May escape the bene-  
fit of their prayers — & may my faith supplica-  
tions for them be true & graciously answered thro' yr. Meds!  
(S. Woods, 25 Parke St.) J. Houston.

Liverpool — Sat. evening. —

Sept. 18th —

What shall I render to yr. L. for all His benefits  
towards me! I have been graciously supported in ministering  
to the people to whom I was sent this day — The audience  
was small (for noon abt. 45 — being twice yr. no.) —  
but very attentive & deeply affected. I trust some  
here in yr. — May yr. Spir. enable to form & act upon  
yr. determination — (1 Cor II. 2.) — & Oh! that this people  
may live in God's sit! — Give me, Great One, to  
inhibit those specious promises in the Syst. Ps. — May  
Lebeck's feathers hide me, & my trust ever be under  
his wings! — Let me have yr. J. H. —  
& I wish them have cab. —

Liverpool,

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Friday evening - Sept. <sup>3</sup> 22<sup>d</sup> 1831.

Returned hither again in safety & comfort after an excursion to Manchester by the Railway. I bless the Lord for the provision made for me on that journey. He has shown me indeed that I must not build on earth, & that dependance is not to be reposed in man; but He has sweetened even disappointment with such abundant goodness, that I have been constrained to rejoice in the Lord, & made to rest in the comfortable assurance that all things shall work together for good.

During my residence in Manchester, I enjoyed much enlargement in approaches to a Throne of Grace in family worship & in secret; & I was led out much to desire that the Lord would open up a door for the establishment of the Covenanted testimony in that populous town. Oh! that it might please the Great Head of the Church to direct to means for this purpose. Let us wait the Lord's time, but let us give Him no



136. just till He establish & make his Zion a pros-  
in the whole earth.

Two things were cheering & interesting  
to me in this tour. The stupendous monument  
of human art, the Railway, I did not much  
think about, saw that I sometimes rejoiced  
in thinking that these improvements of ill doubt-  
less be reversed subservient by the God of Zion  
to the more rapid & extensive advancement of  
Messiah's Kingdom. But I was gladdened by  
finding that in Manchester there are some de-  
voted Ministers & many sincere Christians in  
elevated stations in life. Would that such ex-  
amples were more numerous! Yesterday, I was  
present at two public meetings - the one polit-  
ical; the other for the Newfoundland Schools,  
which was addressed by the Rev. Paul Wilson of  
Islington & other speakers. I trust my heart was  
cheered by intelligence concerning the spread of  
the Kingdom of Christ. Let the political par-  
ties pursue his bubble & trust in man who  
is but a worm, may I never follow Him who  
has his feet dipp'd in blood, & who is Prince  
of the Kings of the earth! May the interests  
of his Kingdom ever be dear to me - Thy King-  
dom come!" - J. H.

Liverpool,

Thursday night, 28<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1831.

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How gracious & compassionate to me is my Govt  
for! This day, I have been pressed, & pressed  
in my way - & what is to me sweet & refresh-  
ing farmed with the intercourse of some who  
give evidence of being real Christians. What  
an ornament is grace about the neck of a well-  
educated female! The expression is far too good.  
Heart purity is all that is substantial & ex-  
cellent in character - the rest is all tinsel &  
shadow. What an excellent woman is Mrs. H.  
Few young merchants in any place exceed her -  
chaste & fervent; not to mention the saints the excellent-  
ones of the earth, a place with them my delects!  
I thank the Lord for giving me interest with such,  
when separate from my beloved flock & my dear  
relatives.

On Monday evening last, met with the  
Society - admitted to membership of Alex<sup>r</sup>. Murray -  
May he be indeed such a one as shall be saved!

Do desire this night, sweet? as I am with abundant  
goodness, & apt under bodily weakness, to give  
myself over to the Lord - O, may the hearty  
in the dedication, & so then, my dear Father,  
accept of the offering, & make me a vessel of  
mercy, fitted for thy service! Thos. Houston.

Thursday Morn'g,

6<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1831. - On board the  
Hibernia Steam Packet.

Thro' the tender mercy of my God, I am bro't thus far on my way to my father's house. Truly I have abundant cause of praise & thanksgiving. It is now more than four years since I went first to Liverpool to preach the everlasting gospel to a few, poor, neglected children of the dissenting Church. During that period, I have seen several of my former companions in study removed by death, & others permitted to fall into deplorable sins, or suffered to be afflicted in various ways. And, w<sup>ch</sup> I see, I have been spared supported in the ministry, & thro' the grace of the Most High, I enjoy a considerable portion of bodily health & mental vigour. 'What is man, O Lord, that thou art thus mindful of him? - What art thou for my father's house?' 'This is not the manner of men O Lord.' - Just now, I seem to myself less than nothing & vanity, a poor rebellious worm of the dust, ever forgetting my gracious Benefactor, & prone every moment to depart from him. And the God who has fed & fed me all my life long till now, appears infinitely amiable - surrounding my path continually, hedging in my way & daily presenting me with his goodness. How good God is! O h! to be enabled to praise him aright for his goodness. There is a precious command given in Ps. cxviii. 32 - on which I have been reflecting with delight this morning. How

joyful is it here to exalt God's name in the company of  
his saints; - how ennobling will it be in the 1st.  
Meeting of the General Assembly on the day of the 2d.  
coming of my dear Lord, & thro' eternity, to join with  
the holy Angels & the redeemed around the throne in  
exalting the name of my great God & spreading  
the universal fame of Jehovah! And then the heifer  
will be fatter for the exercise - no sorrow, no dis-  
trasting that will remain any longer. The affections  
will be stired up to their most vigorous exercise,  
& the whole soul will be full of God. Tho' in remem-  
berance of all the goodness & mercy that have hitherto  
followed me, endeavour to set my affections on  
things above. Thou, that art my sure Portion whom  
I do choose in the land of the living, enable me here-  
forth not to go back or turn from following thee.  
Thou art worthy to have all my heart, for thou  
hast delivered my distressed soul from death, & set  
free my feet from falling & my eyes from tears. Oh!  
guide me with thy counsel while here, & at length  
bring me to thy glory.

Last night, I had large experience of the  
wondrous loving kindness of my heavenly Father. I  
was oppressed with sickness & the sea was tempestuous.  
Yet I was enabled to lean upon the everlasting arm, &  
I was surrounded with precious promises - The 91. psalm  
was especially comforting. Felt that God was for me,  
& I need not be afraid it would all be well. Oh! may  
I never forget this season - And now that I have been  
spared & permitted to return to duties all important

& all-ingrassing, may I enter with new vigour on  
 my course heavenward, & may what I have seen God  
 to be, & what I have experienced of his goodness in  
 time past, form a prevailing motive to induce me  
 to repose upon confidence in him, in every trial  
 & danger to which in future I may be exposed.

J. Houston.

E. Macarrett,

Morsey night, 17th Decr. 1831.

In returning to my people. Yours much cause of  
 thanksgiving & at the same time, matter of heaviness  
 & incensed watchfulness. The interesting & promising  
 youth (L. Ray) had been suddenly removed by death—  
 others brought to the brink of the grave— & roots of  
 bitterness had sprung up & troubled some. Let me  
 confess & lament my want of prayer & watch-  
 fulness for this people. Oh! may I regard the Lord's  
 voice speaking to me in these visitations, & may I  
 thereby learn Divine wisdom!

Thro' the abundant grace of my  
 Covenant God, I am permitted to look forward to a  
 renewal of my personal covenant at the Lord's  
 Table. I have much furniture for this solemn ser-  
 vice. Is there not enough to spare in the trea-  
 sury of the Lord; or is not the glorious Day-spring,  
 a beautiful Dispenser of its blessings. O Lord!  
 lead me to that inexhaustible store— give  
 me then supplies of grace & strength that I  
 may— Oh! manifest thyself to me & to thy people  
 as our God & our Portion. — J. H.

Alameda,

Saturday morning, 23. Oct. 1831.

Have been conducted to this place to assist my dear  
 loved friends in the dispensing of the Lord's supper to his prof.  
 & to join with them in commencing the death of my  
 dear Lord & Saviour - How sad & pearly the scene!  
 Eagerly I fear I have no suitable papers for this  
 moment to write - My heart is hard as the nether mill  
 stone - my thoughts wandering, & my affections lifeless.  
 How suitable the provision of the evening feast - how  
 vast & incomprehensible the mercy of my God & Saviour.  
 Not only is there a great feast prepared & lay-  
 ing out & furnished as freely invited to come & take  
 the bread & water of life; - but also they are  
 made ready for their coming - a new & living  
 way opened - a garment of acceptance wrought out -  
 & the blessed Spirit freely offered to restore the  
 soul, & purify & quicken the heart. Lord, enable  
 me to believe & see to salvation - I know all things  
 are possible to the believing. Then my bones may  
 live. Come, thou Div. Spirit, & breathe upon  
 my soul, that I may know in thy sight & be en-  
 abled in this scene, to walk wif. God in the light  
 of the living! -

Sammybrook,

Saturday night - Oct. 22<sup>d</sup> 1831. -

How lovely & pure the tubercles of Lehook's gem. This day, I trust, God has conformed to and the w. of his god - lives per-  
mitted to meet with his prof. - enable to split his w. - & given  
some enlight. of h. in his serv. - The comm. of God to his prof.  
on wh. P. rises, was Josh. iii. 5 - Sanctify vs; for to-morrow  
the Lord will do wonders among you? - It is a solemn & ex-  
press. comm. to. upon an eff. with the people. I feel my-  
self unable to obey act. - yet so I see to have all my sin  
taken away, & to see Jehovah in yr. beauty of holiness.  
O Thou Eternal Spirit, come & sanctify me - Give me  
all yr. purport. I need - when the Ld. will do wonders  
of love & pow. may I behold them - may they purport in  
stems me - so that my w. may be made rit. glad in  
God's mighty w. & I may triumph in the works of his  
hands! - J. H.

Romantic.

25<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1831. Sunday.

In tender mercy & gr. compass. I have again  
been brot. back to this pla. in gr. safety. Let me review  
the wondrous goodness that I have enjoyed & Oh! that  
the review may deepen within me serious impressions,  
& may lead me to constant thanksgiving & watchfulness.  
My preservation from danger or accident in journeying -  
the health of body & vigor of mind continues while ten-  
delling or laboring in the ministry - the support so  
frequent<sup>ly</sup> enjoyed in speaking the word & the peaceful & com-  
fortable intercourse enjoyed with pious & Christians in the  
fellowship of the church - these things surely ought to

ascite my gratitude & take forth my pain. Part 4 123.  
would desire to be more especially grateful for the  
spiritual blessings which I trust I have enjoyed on this  
occasion, while I sat in heavenly places with Chr. Jesus.  
 Surely the Lord hath some great things for me. At the  
 holy table of the Lord, I was disposed & enabled to re-  
new my personal love & to give myself over to  
the Lord. I was made to see my own weakness, & to allow  
myself & repeat in dust & ashes. The character of Jesus  
as my Redeemer & my Friend, appeared lovely & precious  
to me. His merciful judgment seemed not only  
suited to my helpless & needy case, but vastly tran-  
scending all the measure of my guilt, & expanding my  
former conceptions. And I feel it strengthened, & trust  
in sincerity to embrace Chr. in all of his offices & to  
draw out of his fulness for my supply of my every  
need. My hope is that I was not deceived in this exer-  
cise. The Ld. heard my vows & my dedication was thus  
accepted in heaven. — May I be enabled to live accord-  
ing to my solemn resolutions — may I be thence, &  
from my gracious Redeemer, now, henceforth & for ever!

The whole occasion was solemn & refresh-  
ing to many who witnessed it. The Ld. visibly  
performed wonders. — The actor & sermon was on a mo-  
rally & glorious theme — the "fulfillment" of Chr. (Gal. 3. 12.)  
& in all the services, the Rev's glory shone forth.  
My dear brother (Mr. D.) was wonderfully supported  
as great & excellent was the gift that he brought —  
Many of my beloved friends & brethren, the flock  
committed to him, go on still in the strength of the





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having mercy. I see that grace, in acting, manifestative,  
of the wisdom & love of God - Oh! what infinite depths  
are here! The remedy is perfectly suited to my disease -  
the supply is seasonable & fits for my need; & then  
it is to me wondrous indeed that God's glory & exal-  
tation of such a poor rebel, as I am, should be  
linked together - Such thanksgiving is too high for me to  
understand - yet I see it is, it must be so, & I will  
rejoice now & eternally to rejoice in this great salvation  
brought about in a way so wonderful. Oh! to be  
shewn mo. of Jehovah's only Covenant - to have a  
clear witness of being personally instated in it - & to  
be given to enjoy mo. abundantly its excellent & glorious  
provision. My reconciled Father (what the Father  
for a creature such as I am) will perform this - I must  
not dishonour him by my fears & unbelief. He is my  
God, my fortress, in whom with all trust - Confid. p.  
in him, I shall assuredly lack no good thing.

P. Macarrell,

Tuesday morning, Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> 1821.

Yesterday (viz. in sol. w. brot. w. my people. It  
was the day of consecration preparatory to the ordina-  
tion of the Ministers of the churches in yr. Cong. - Preached on  
Zech. III. 2, 4 - "Removal of the filthy garments." In yr. evening  
note a public Supper, and admitted seven persons to the mem-  
bership of the Church. In the whole of this service, I  
threw the Lord, - was wonderfully supported - in singing  
& in hearing yr. wd. (in the evening Mr. Dick preached on Sol.

146. vi. 57.) I was given enjoyment & was enabled, I trust, to  
speak to my own conscience & those of others. May the Lord  
follow this day's work with his abundant blessing! -  
Oh! that when brought to you yet work before us,  
the Filthy Garments may indeed be taken away - &  
may be given "Chaps of raiment" & may obtain a plea  
again them that stb. by! Surely the Lord will perfect  
that which concerns me - ("Thy mercy O Lord endureth for ever;  
forsake not ye, O Lord, of giving our hands.") - 9. H. -

P. Macarrett,

Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> Nov. 1831.

What a monument of sparing mercy I am! I  
have been a transgressor from the womb, & my best  
actions have been, all along, fearfully polluted. Yet  
has the Lord graciously spared me, even when rebelling a-  
gainst him; & as to the terrors & all my unworthi-  
ness & Ingratitude, he has been continually watch-  
ing over me & remembering me for good. Recently,  
I have been greatly pardoned - so my people were  
brought to the Mount of God - no visible back-  
slips upon us - & glorious were the discoveries made,  
& abundant the blessings enjoyed.

On Saturday, Mr. Smith preached on  
Ps. xlv. 7 - "That the liberation of Israel was  
come out of Zion."

Action Com. Is. xl. 24 - "Surely shall  
one say, in the Lord have I right & strength."

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Monday - Mr. Dick - Mark x. 5 - "It is good to be  
here" (a plea & practical piece) -

In reviewing the whole occasion, I am  
constrained to testify of the Lord's marvellous goodness  
to me & the people. Tho' very unworthy, I was suffi-  
ciently & enabled to declare freely the Great Salvo.

My dear brother, Mr. D. was sent to us, with peculiar-  
ly suitable & excellent messages to the people - & tho'  
some were unconcerned about their solemn privilege,  
many, it is hoped, with desire, looked forward to the  
Occasion, & did find it a season of spiritual joy  
& gladness of heart. Some were greatly distressed be-  
cause of a burden of sin & death - at the close  
of the solemnity, many appear refreshed in spirit  
& to have been furnished with the matter of a new  
song. With much elevation, the large or lat. eveng  
sung at parting, the 73<sup>d</sup>. Ps. 283 - 290. - I trust  
many joined in the song, in the lively exercise  
of appropriating faith.

Now, that the whole work, on this  
great occ<sup>n</sup>, has been brought to a comfortable issue,  
let me stand still, & admiring the abundant  
goodness of my heavenly Father, say - "Praised be  
the Lord who helps." - And since the vows of the  
Lord are upon me & my people, give me, O Di-  
vine Spirit, to feel the oblig<sup>n</sup> it is unable men to live each  
day in the performance of my solemn Cove<sup>n</sup>. - May  
the people also be kept in the frequent & lively

148. remembrance of what ye have seen & heard! Alas! etc.  
then, preserve them from the evil that is <sup>in</sup> the world -  
enable them to bring forth much fruit, that Christ  
may be glorified, & many may be built up in  
holiness & comfort thro' faith un to eternal salva-  
tion! —

J. M.

Saturday night.

Nov. 19th 1831.

How unworthy & unfit I am to engage in  
the sol. service of yr. Sanctuary! & many were tho't fit within  
me - & without I am beset with enemies. It is hard to  
be assailed by those who are brethren in yr. Ch. & who, as  
Minist. shd be act'd. by another Spir. - In sh. a case, &  
it is mine, may I be enable to combat my cause to  
the gl. of justly rightly! - It is an excellent work of good  
Nature. Henry - "We can't expect too lit. from near, mis-  
erable comfort, are yr. able; nor can we expect too much  
from God, for he is yr. G. of mercy, & yr. God of all  
comfort & consolation." (Vol. III. ps. 59.) - I have been so  
tried, yr. I have been disposed to say - "Oh that I had  
in yr. wilderness a lodging pl. of wayfaring men, yr. I might  
my peop. & go from you" (Jer. 17. 2.) - it is sufficient  
right. that God is a present help. Let me still trust  
in him, who can bright. out of darkness & shd. out  
of confusion. Especially I see that yr. use of truth be  
not injur'd, & yr. name be asham'd for my sake. Tho'  
in yr. use help me, I am unjustly accused, yet yr.  
fidelity, if my yr. has be. sh. & my best acts have  
been & yet are so polluted yr. I deserve trial of  
my Ho. - O do, my God - to me help, shame & conf.

of grace to you, with a trust. Don't me to a at in - 144  
part of this dispensation - I set not my rights as suppo-  
sure ye. hts. of my wrongdoings - and give me grace  
from ye. hts. to forgive & love with sincerity. -

I feel ye. amid these distresses, I need expect  
you for ye. get w<sup>th</sup> of being of ye. serenity. I. give me  
ye. spir. to prep. me art. - & get. that, that ye. do. of my  
transgressions, you may be convey<sup>d</sup> to my ab. intentions of heart  
& accept<sup>d</sup> - & th<sup>t</sup> that I may have put out on me & ye.  
prop. ye. spir. of grace & suppl<sup>y</sup> - "All my day is, so let  
my strength be!" -

J. H. -

(Written on ye. occ<sup>o</sup> of Mr. P. B. at the Convention  
in ye. Newsletter - Oct. 18.) -

Barnaburth

Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> - Wednesday Morning.

Day of Thanksgiving. -

To-day, in the good Providence of God, we are called, as a  
Congregation, with dear brethren in diff<sup>t</sup> places, to review  
the Lord's mercies during the past season, & ascribe  
Thanksgiving to his name. May we be enabled  
to bring the heart to this exercise! There is praise  
truly comely, when there is a willing dedication  
of the time & of all the faculties of mind &  
body to the Lord. As a people, we have of late  
been greatly favored. When I consider my own in-  
firmities, I seem to be surrounded with goodness on every  
side. Not the least of the Lord's mercies towards  
me is his sparing mercy & his preserving goodness.  
Oh! Divine Spirit, whose it is to bring all things

155. to Remembrance, aid me this Day - give me matter  
of a new song - Give the inspiration of my heart -  
& apply to find the benefits of the great labor -

On Tuesday, the 22<sup>d</sup> Inst. my Grandfather  
Willm. Houston, aged 90 departed this life - I am thus  
reminded that the time of my own departure approaches,  
May I be enabled to labour in the ministry, as in  
the immediate prospect of eternity!

On Sat. last - preached in Bally Lane  
to a large & attentive audience, composed chiefly of per-  
sons not belonging to the Reformed Church. This is a  
wicked neighbourhood, & there the teachers of error have  
served to perpetuate the darkness. Bless the Lord for  
this opportunity of declaring the counsel of God. May  
the seed sown be watered by the dews of the Spirit,  
& my heart's desire is that to them a Corner Stone  
for the truth may be raised up! J. H. -

B. Macaneth.

Monday night - Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>

Discours'd this day on Isa. 40<sup>th</sup> & engag'd them -  
Ezek. 34. 2 - "The Lord is my strength & song" - "What glory & ex-  
cellent relations have these!" "My strength" - "my song" - "my  
God" - "my father's God" - What a wonder that the great  
I should shd. w. enter into you in help of any creature!  
In looking back, I am constrained to say "The Lord has  
been my strength" - I trust I may add "He has become  
my Deliverance" - Oh! that I may give to know him  
more as "my God" & portion. How vast my obligations to

rich, sovereign, unmerited grace - Let me prepare you  
an habitation - Let your exultation be to you chief seat, in  
my thoughts & affections; & do then come in, O Thou Blessed  
One! & dwell with me, purifying my heart by thy grace  
& giving me communion with thyself -

In reviewing my mercies during the  
past season, I find for myself, & my people abundant reason  
of thanksgiving - We have by spans, - enjoyed peace  
in our borders - & some favoured with many visitations  
from above. How unthankful & ungrateful have we  
been, amidst all this goodness! Oh! that the sea in  
gratitude of our mercies were entirely removed. For the  
future, I do resolve just to give myself to the Lord to be  
sanctified & saved by him, & employed by him in what  
ever service he may see for his glory & my good. Let  
me make him my strength & song - Let me prepare  
him an habitation - & just go forward trusting in  
his might. Surely the Lord is concerned for me He will  
make me perfect - I can believe & hope that all things  
will be well - Oh! to be found at least among that  
glorious company, spoken of in the 20<sup>th</sup> of Revelation,  
who stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of  
God in their hands, & have gotten the victory over the  
beast, & over his image, & over this mark, & over the  
number of his name! Then, with higher joys & more  
elevated strains, will we sing the song of Moses & of  
Lamb - "The Lord is my strength & song &c." -

J. H. L.



P. Macarick,

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> Dec. 1821. —

This day I have purposed in company with some dear brethren in the Ministry (Messrs. Howard, Fitch & Toland) to spend in Fasting & Prayer. The special purpose is to bewail the low state of religion in our own hearts & in the Church; & to seek the Lord in reference to our own future labours & condition, & likewise to implore the return of his favour to Jim Dupuy. Solemn & important is this work, & fearful would it be to have that declaration given by Jehovah against any of us — "Thou art profane & scornest — & saidst ye I will not see thee, even to me?" — (Zech. vii. 11.) — In time past I much fear this ~~indignity~~ will be to my condemnation. Oh! that I may now be kept from mocking God in the service — May the Divine Spirit be given to convince me of sin, & may I be fitted to present the sacrifice of the contrite ones!

These things I earnestly desire to be taught of God — What is my actual state before God? —

Am I yet unrenewed, or am I an unprofitable believer?

What are the sins & their aggravations which I should especially lament & forsake?

What is the character of the God with whom I have to do, & what the relations in which He stands to me?

What are my wants, & what the fulness to which I must look for their supply?

The state of the Kingdom of Christ throughout 153.  
the nations, — with a right & affecting view of  
the fearful danger of rebellious sinners, whether in  
hears nominally Christians, or in the abuses of Methu-  
anism. —

The condition of the Covenanting Church of Christ  
throughout the earth — & the case of her ministers.  
The case of my beloved brethren with whom in spirit  
I spend this day — & their conquests. —

And I need much to implore direction  
respecting — The interests of my immortal soul —  
My outward condition in life —

The condition of my Congregation —  
The public concerns of the Church with which  
I am occupied — The conducting of the Covenanters in  
the present emergency — And my duty & the duty of  
the Church in their days of perplexity & threatened visi-  
tation. —

Evening O'Clock. I have been endeavoring to ex-  
amine & try my ways before the Lord. My fears have  
I to complain of the backwardness of my heart to such  
an exercise. Truly I may say — "When I would do good,  
evil is present with me." — Great is the depravity of  
my heart, & mighty the power of indwelling corrup-  
tion in my case. If I have any love to my great  
Redeemer, it is like a little, trembling spark amidst  
a multitude of waters. — & then, O how great is my  
carnality & pride, & unbelief & stupid indifference.  
Yet, and all this, I do not gainsay the grace  
that bringeth salvation, nor refuse to acknowledge  
that the Lord has dealt bountifully with my soul.

154. I trust I am not self-deceived. My hope that I shall  
pass from death to life is grounded upon my acquies-  
cence in God's method of <sup>salvation</sup> ~~salvation~~ — on my attempt of the  
Serious & his finished work, — & my desire which the  
weak, I trust is sincere, to glorify God in all my  
ways, & to enjoy salvation in the way of universal  
holiness. This method of salvation by the manifesta-  
tion & death of God's Son, I see to be a most eminent  
& glorious fruit of Jehovah's infinite wisdom & love.  
The compact of the everlasting Covenant is well-orden-  
ed & sure — & I wish to make it all my salvation  
& all my desire. What amazing mercy to deal with  
us by that's equality — What strong love still to re-  
gard the sinner in him, & to view him not as he is in  
himself, but as he appears before God in the glorious  
Intercessor! Yet that it actually is. Should not my soul  
rejoice in this wondrous plan of salvation, & oft that  
his written me be stirred up to magnify the holy name  
of my God. If redeemed, as I trust I am, by the blood of  
Christ, how far am I yet from that blessed state  
which I should possess. Do not feel right my obli-  
gations to admiring love, nor reflect enough on the great  
things that God has done for my soul. Carelessness,  
apathy, hardness of heart & spiritual indolence are  
by character me. My temper is irritable or peevish,  
my conversation earthly, & my conduct marks me a  
most unprofitable servant. Sometimes I seem to my-  
self to have the whole work yet to begin. Oh! that  
the Divine Spirit may be given to help my infirmities

And may I beg your more faith to look to the crucifixion 155.  
labour - for may my sins be blotted out thro' his blood,  
& my heart be mortified by a constant looking to his cross!  
My earnest desire is yet I may be made like him, & when  
He shall appear, may it be mine to appear with him  
in glory! As he is in Trinity so he is in the New Testament;  
I see to be altogether glorious & excellent in himself & trans-  
cendently amiable & desirable as He is made known to me  
in the Gospel? Is it not marvellous beyond compare that  
this God should be my God? O Abba Father! Thou art my  
Adviser, my guide, my comfort, light, sanctifier &  
Father in the land of the living. O v! that I may be given  
more of the disposition & character of a son of the Lord  
Almighty. Blessed be the God & Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
it hath pleased him that in the Mediator there should  
"all substances dwell" - & it is beyond then just to be  
communicated to such needy & worthless creatures as I am.  
How rich the provision - how vast & inexhaustible  
the store! May I just be enabled to rest & confide  
in that precious assurance - "my God shall supply all  
your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus" -  
(Phil. iv. 19) - Oh! he wants me many - I need more faith,  
humility - strength for doing & suffering - wisdom to  
direct - grace to quicken & sustain - & holiness to make  
me fit for glory. But resting on this blessed promise,  
I have enough. I cannot doubt the faithfulness of  
my Lord & God - The supply will come in the way  
that seems best to his infinite wisdom, & not  
one want will in the end remain unsupplied.

I have seriously considered the state of the  
Church universal, & of the Coercing Ch. & her ministers

15th. Thought of wd. - It is most affecting to think of the perishing  
ing Heathen - the thousands that are daily descending to the dregs  
of the pit - & the fearful condition of the outcasts of Israel.  
And it is sad to reflect on the unconcernedness of the  
members of the Church on this subject. I have been heard  
in spirit, because of my own indiffer, & her of the apathy  
of the Church in this pt. - May the Lord put out a spirit  
of holy zeal & prayer on the Ch. - May the means in pro-  
vision be blessed for the conversion of a world long in wicked-  
ness. - Our own little community is an object of special  
sympathy & her interests are dear to my heart. As  
Ministers we have been unfaithful - have not cultivated  
spiritually - & have not shown the flock an example  
of rootness & zeal - the people have lost much  
of the spirit, if not also the knowledge of the princi-  
ples of their fathers. Worthy ministers, & many  
division & dissenting are visible - & the great love of  
many is waxed cold. Ours of Zion! returned & beset  
the, or visit, they visit - Receive they work in the midst  
of the years; & before a time of trial comes, & grant  
that many have retraced their steps & returned to  
the Lord. My people - & my brethren in the ministry  
with whom I this day have associated & their flock  
I have com. to the care of the Great Shepherd - resting  
in his sure promise, that he will lead them in  
a right way, & make his glory yet in their salu-  
tion, & cause all grace to abound to them.

My soul & body I resign to my G. in heaven  
as to a faithful Executor, to be us. & sanctified & saved -  
"My confidence for ever is in God's mercy" - Surely he will  
perfect what concerns me."

Respecting my outward condition, I would adopt the leaf of the Sept. 21. — "The Lot of our inheritance." —

My Beloved People, I send to the Chf. Shep. — & let every man or he gett'd into his pots — many sows he send — the outcasts bro't away the b'ls. of Ch't. — & this contin-  
tates to the Lord a job or every in the whole earth.  
The Public concerns of the Church — My heart's des. is  
that Sasa's cities may be built up — & by so or or effec-  
tually opened for the spread of the truth — & many faith-  
ful labors sent in to the harvest. —

The "Coverer to" — In seriously reviewing my  
concern in this little work, as in the sit. of the heart — say  
God. I find 1. That the des. was, sincere, with an humble  
des. to adorn the Med's glory & to promote the Ch's in-  
fluence.

2. I can not say that impurity has not  
been mixed with the motives, & a selfishness has not  
been found in conducting it.

3. Yet no consideration of personal ease  
or profit has entered into the undertaking.

4. And it has uniformly gone forth with  
a earnest desire that it might be blessed to many.

5. Finally, I trust to believe some good  
has been effected by this feeble instrumentality.

In reference to present Difficulties  
I can trust in the Lord that he will deliver us out of  
them, & by them glorify his great name. I have  
assigned the case entirely to him, hoping to be direct-  
ed & supported under trial, & bro't forth, a great  
gainer by the trial. For the future, I look to Him  
who has all hearts in his hands, that he will in-  
fluence any even it. & those of us who may contin-

...to us, to write what many a sinner mightily  
 his teeth, & contribute to the salvation of sinners. -  
 The S. will, I know, just give the world such suc-  
 cess as will be for his glory & the Church's good.  
 This is enough - I wish to be content. I am for instan-  
 ce in his he., bound to lay out all my powers for  
 his glory. May I be enabled to go this fully & to the  
 end - then I shall rec. the crown of Righteous. That  
 glori. reward will make up for all hardships & trials  
 in the way.

(Propose to write or obtain papers for publi-  
 cation - or Chrs. ability to save - Chrs. preciousness - The three  
 ment - The Spi. & his work - Evidence of grace -  
 Missions - Bible Education - The present duty  
 of Chrs - What have I done for Chrs - Conventing. Social,  
 Family, secret W. p. - Psalms - other - self-examina-  
 tions - Terms of Communion - Discipline - The Church.  
 Prayers of usefulness &c.) -

Now, I wd. as. to close this days solemn  
 work, with a recogn. of my Cal. relation to God, & by  
 the renewed surrender of myself to Him. I confess my-  
 self by nature & practice a guilty, wretched sinner. From  
 my whole heart, I thank God for the discovery to me  
 of his amazing love in Chr. I wish to approve  
 heartily of the Divine method of saving sinners - &  
 talking bold of the Eternal Cal. & embracing God by  
 Chr. & Spirit in all your relations & as my Portion  
 for ev. I resign myself entirely to His Glori. I wish in  
 Chr., henceforth to do his will as by his grace I shall  
 be enabled, & to be guided, protected, sanctified, & saved  
 eternally with an everlasting salva. signed, Thomas M. W. etc.

Innocent M.

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Saturday night - Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> 1831.

To-night, the 5<sup>th</sup> year since I rec. leave to seek yr. arduous  
joyful comes to a close. How I trust it was to be humble  
at the same time grateful in taking the review?  
I have been barren & unprofitable, & have made little adv.  
haviour since that time - My lab. has I fear been greatly  
a bodily service - How little have I kept before the  
Peer's glory; - how much indulged in carnality & earthly  
how little been impressed with the greatness & the unforgotten  
possibility of my lab.! Yet thro' yr. Grace of my Peer, I  
have been casted in diff. services - made retreats, at times  
to send yr. whole cost of 1000 - & given, (I slept with for 20  
times) to see some fruit of my labours. Tho' unprofitable  
may I, I am yet allowed to continue in the Peer's? tho'  
I have been in a humble of yr. Grace - Let me etc. etc. etc. &  
admit what the B. has writ. - May the good Lord thro'  
the merits of the sanctity, pardon yr. errors of my youth,  
& take away the impurity of my holly things; - & may  
He be my Strength & Long - my eldest of portion in the  
time to come. Whether I am to contin. longer or short  
in the ministry is known only to God - I've dec. to leave  
it with him, saying that to my times and wholly in his  
hand. O h! let me have this one request - As my day  
is so let my strength be! - And O h! that I may  
be made a work in the of adv. the Peer's glory - promote  
the edification of his Ch. - & big but desire to yr. love!  
May I here forth ever advance yr. obliga of yr. cond. &  
in anticipation of yr. prom. - "He that faithfully trusts in God  
will give you a corona of life." - J. H. -



B. Macarrell,

Friday night, Aug 13<sup>th</sup> 1833.

This morn. I am ~~astonished~~ to testify to the wonders, compass  
 & tender mercy of my God towards me. I have been pre-  
 senced with bodily fatigues, & enabled to attend to  
 important duties, & still the Lord preserves my soul  
 from death & my feet from falling. Oh so I feel  
 that I need more faith & love. How pr. & worthless  
 are my best services! How vile & polluted my  
 heart! Oh! that the Divine Spirit may recover  
 me & make me to live! It seems to me that the  
 present times call for more than ordinary zeal &  
 devotion & spirituality from all that occupy im-  
 portant stations in the Church: & certainly when  
 Judgments are abroad & Satan's hts. are failing them for  
 years, the Watchmen shd. be men found in the higher  
 orders of gr. & communion with God. Their faces should  
 shine before the people, that they might from them  
 be inspired with courage, & prepared to meet with  
 God. How much does this judgment condemn  
 myself! My attainments in the Divine Life are of  
 the lowest kind. — I am compelled to come & rest  
 myself on the Lord, & to seek that He wd. work  
 within me to will & to do of his good pleasure: else  
 the work will never be done. Comfortable is the  
 assurance that thus ye. God of labor will confirm  
 his mercy to all that trust in him. "My mercy  
 O Lord, endureth for ever; forsake not the work of  
 your own hands." —

Amarett.

Friday night, Jan'y 20<sup>th</sup> 1832.

What a column of debt you are in, that I see.

20- "The harvest is past, & your sowing is out: & we are not east!  
 Each person, who enjoys you, must of you in any way. - had  
 his sown & harvest time, which if unimpr'd, speedily flits  
 by, & leaves him naked bef. your terrors; sev. of Div. sects  
 (both is with nations & Churches - if they refuse to sub-  
 mit to you. Med. & reglt. to so you will assign you, & you  
 may expt. to be freed & to have your legs taken from  
 you & confid. on a natn. thing fth. your fets of rights. - The  
 day returns no more - the sun of blessing, and for us, with you,  
 & your lot of your paper is irrevocable. - Oh! that I may  
 be deliv'd from sh. a fup. ves! May I be enabled  
 to buy of the fets of rights now - to lab. in the sum-  
 mer & harvest times, & may I reap the benefit  
 that a com. eternity! J. H. -

It. - Saturday night - 11<sup>th</sup> Clock - Jan'y 21<sup>st</sup>

How stupid & insensible is my heart - how  
 sadly disinclined to sol. serve! Surely in this we have  
 a melo. proof of the depravity of the nat. & of your streng.  
 of indirectly corrup. The angels co. serve God with de-  
 light - There is not one of Jaks you but. Wots, who is  
 not solt. to be employ. in your miny of reconciln. "They  
 desire to look into these things." And yet a creat. of the  
 race for wh. your words remedy was provided, to whom  
 it has been made known, has to be dragged to the sea -

162. sin of so good & great a Master, & in duty wh. is his  
high. priv. the wheels move heavily. Oh! that I  
were given no. low - no. ft. - no. zeal. Let a live  
cl. be taken from the altar, & let my lips be teet. &  
may yr. L. say to me - "Thine iniquity is taken away, &  
yr. sin purged." At the close of this week, I do desire,  
heavily, all my wandring of ft. & des. & lamenting yr. low  
state of relig. in my sl. to renew my sol. personal  
desire to God - this I know to be my most valuable  
service - In the strength of yr. L. & grace, I do des. this  
night, to cast away my idol, & to take the L. to  
be my God, resigning my body & spir. - my all  
into his hds now & for ev. Oth. accept, I humbly pray  
yr. of the service - enable me to confide fully in yr.  
pow. & faithfulnes - trust in yr. wisd. & rest in yr.  
L. mercies - I do then make me what thou wilt  
have me to be, & do by my compass, & imputing to our  
Unwieldy grace & strength. till thou bring me to Heaven at  
length. -

S. H.

B. A. Carnell,

Wednesday, June 25<sup>th</sup> 1832. -

To-morrow is the day of prayer set apart by yr. appointment  
of Synod for fasting & humiliation. How can we have I  
to engage in such an exer.! The state of religion in my heart  
is very low; at times, weakly & carnally, & of yr. pow.  
- my sol. vows are forgotten, & I am ready & inclined

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to yr. service of God - May my prosp. too, I fear, there  
is lit. growth in you - to some, my labors have been  
in str. - Gory, being golly abs. - the nation seems  
bent on backsliding - natl. sins daily inc. - of yr.  
hd. of God is lifted up in yr. way of just. - Oh! that  
I may be fitted for some apt. a godly serv. here. of  
these evils. Methinks, my h. is laid as yr. nether mill  
stone, & seem golly a strag. to yr. judges & men of yr.  
gen. part. - May yr. Div. Spir. revive & quicken me!  
And when, on an ensuing day, yr. congreg. of ch. may  
go up to yr. Hd. of God, may yr. <sup>be</sup> many brother in spir.  
- many sighs & weep for yr. abomin. as some in yr. land!  
- Lord! let yr. justice go before the face of yr. peop. - Oh  
come for our sake - stir up yr. strength & might.

B. MacCarrick

Saturday night, 28<sup>th</sup> Aug.

On Thursday last, I thank we enjoyed the Divine  
Presence in the sanctuary, which engaged in compassing a nation  
ing for sin. What a blessing are such seasons of exclusion  
from the world! - Inscr. from Heb. xii. 29 to show my  
people what the Pres. is doing thro' yr. nations & to wa  
ye of coming jud. - May they & I be prep'd to meet  
God! - O that my portion & rest may be in those things  
that can't be shaken! This morn. I remember that  
I am come to yr. use of another holy sabbath - & have  
the near prospect of going again to the church, & pro-  
claiming yr. tings of eternal life. The priv. wh. I enjoy,

104. an surely very grt. — the duties to wh. I am called are  
arduous — as my fitness for their performance very  
little. Let me come to yr. State of all graces commu-  
nications. Oh! that I may be richly furnished out  
of the fulness of the government with the grace &  
strength that I need. wd. close the walk with God:  
on the morning of a new day, if I stand, may I be  
gr. in the Spirit — & may my graces God work abun-  
dantly in me! — J. H. —

B. Macarrett,

Saturday morning, Oct. 3. 1833.

This morning I am called to the col-  
lege wh. of in med. prep. for the mins. of the Society of  
later I have felt a consid. portion of body weak, & what  
is no distress, by far, my mind is early unfit for yr.  
service of God. Bless the Lord however I am yet a sinner  
& He does still give me abundant cause to praise & bless  
him. This morning, in visiting a few poor children who  
may come to me to be catech'd I was given out of  
h't. — to set before you affecting the char. & condition  
of Ch't — & to tell them of the Lord's love to come. My heart  
was moved with compassion for them — I do trust some  
of them will be led to flee for refuge to lay hold on yr.  
hope set bef. them. At 7 o'clock too, in med. on  
the 21<sup>st</sup> of Oct. of God — ("The Lord's rising Sabbath for Israel")  
I obtained some refreshing view of the way in wh. yr. Co.  
Ser. of Henry Dineen takes poor unbel. sinners & brings yr.  
into a new rel. to himself. I saw the words & nat. of  
his love, his vast condescension, & unceasing care over them

whom he expresses in rapt & faithful. It appears & chits me  
to me to be made willy to leave all beloved objts &  
go to Les. — Rebecca has bro. yr. pane of Ls. & she  
nat. y. costs to go. She fr. him me y. in yr. fields — He  
sed. her & looked her & she see. his. So yr. Abor. Res.  
begs his wnts to dec. to yr. of. en. off. his  
canonized pane — By his gr. he inclines yr. to  
come — He himself is in haver me y. on yr. see &  
justly yr. to yr. A. — He begs yr. ar. & yr. see. his  
by a bond wh. life nor sth. he nor earth can  
nor. dissolve. Oth. he yr. drawn out aft. left. — to  
be brot. to him as my Musto, Sto & Lo — & to be  
made yr. instrument, like Abn's servt. of wining  
souls to Ch. —  
O. H. —

B. Macarrell

Sabbath night, Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> —

Manifold is yr. tender mercy of yr. Cor. Tho' appear  
before its com. with weakness of body & langu. of m. This  
day I have been wond. y. suppt. — Last on Mat. xvi.  
13-21. I obtnd some suppty. visions of yr. glory of Ch. &  
of the sturg. & staty of his Ch. : & I trust I was enable  
to see. yr. whole ans. of God to my pop. — I was  
refreshed & comfort. besides with yr. news of a spir. of  
zeal & devoted. being, in some meas. rev. many my  
pop. : And, in addit. to ab. his other instances of long.  
kind: yr. Ls. sent to me a y. g. servt. in the ming.  
by whom yr. pop. were soly wnt. & instruct. from Ch.

166. II. 1. I wd. des. to h'to in perpetual rembr. what yr.  
L's. hath done for me - & my earnt. prays. is that yr.  
L's. may confirm what he has wrot. for me. For wh. yr.  
is hopefull. among my peop. I wd. des. to be thank'd? or to  
be more than thank'd - "Not content us in" - O that yr. Spi-  
rit. would. to breathe on yr. dry bones & yr. sh. yr. yr.  
many live! Many wks. h'to. may be ruin'd up, & not only  
among my flock, but that yr. whole ch. may yr. be  
a grt. & powerfull revival, till Zion bud & blossom as ye  
rose! I wd. be sensible of yr. renewed mercies of this  
day - lay me und. grt. obligs. to spend & be spent in  
yr. service of so gr. a trust. - L's. strengthen me - confirm  
my resolves - make yr. gr. sufft. - Oh! creat. me to cer-  
tain. of the gr. & the in yr. ear, may I see yr. crown  
of right. What a sol. offer that of yr. being is! So  
watch for els. as yr. grt. must give acct. - to open yr.  
tomb. of yr. w's. & disperse out. of yr. for yr. w't. of  
young sinners - & to br. yr. keys of yr. Kingd. so gr. what  
yr. be. or the is be. in heaven - how sol. & moment. yr.  
wks! - There may we say "Wh. is sufft. for your things"  
This is my only hope, & had I wd. des. ever to rest -  
"Show in whom I have betd." - He grt. gave yr. prom. &  
wh. to make it good - "As thy day is, so shall thy strength  
be." -

J. H.

Sabbath night

July 30<sup>th</sup> 1832.

At the close of another day of the Son of Man,  
I wd. des. to make mention of the Lord's wonderful

goodness. Great to me ward ever are his loving-kind-  
 nesses. This day, I endeavor to address to my people  
 a sol. warning from Job. x. 21. — "It is a fearful  
 thing to fall into the hands of the living God." —  
 I felt it awful to handle the terrors of the Lord —  
 but I trust I was enabled, in some measure, to  
 deliver my own soul. Oh! that the people may  
 take warning — May the solemn address of this  
 day have the effect of awakening them that  
 are at ease in Zion, & of bringing some poor  
 sinner to the feet of the Saviour who has  
 hitherto remained at distance, leading him to  
 cry out "What shall I do to be saved?" —

How inconceivably vast appears  
 the worth of the soul when viewed in the light  
 of the Redeemer's sufferings! May my own soul  
 be given for a prey, & knowing the terrors of  
 the Lord, may I be enabled to persuade men!  
 My earnest desire for this people to whom I  
 am sent (Oh! that the God of all mercy would  
 grant my request) is that they may escape  
 the wrath to come — & may the Lord revive  
 among them his work in the midst of the year,  
 & in wrath remember mercy! S. H.



R. Macarrett,

Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> Feb'y, 1832. —

How vile & worthless a sinner I am, & how very unfit for any holy service! Yet when I consider of you, God of salvation, & especially when I meditate on you, get into the arms of you, Mess. when they have put away sin, I feel that there is no room left for despair. The Blessing of you, dearly-beloved of you. Father, cleanses from all sin. My Redeemer is able as he is willing to subvert all my conceptions & to deliver me from every evil work. May I ever have a lively sense of his great Love, & of my own obligations to love & to serve him! Whether he has performed all things for me most perfectly. Many a time has he supported me under manifold infirmity — comforted me the word of his grace & given me songs in you, my heart. How ought I to be ashamed of myself & unbelief in relation to the future — O to be enabled to say at all times — "I will trust & not be afraid, for you, O. I look to my strength, & say, — he also is become my salvation."

I am abt. to sing in an important exercise — that of instructing in a catechetical way, a portion of my flock. May I be given out of you. Every thing new & old — those great Propht. have been given you, grace & peace & may both myself & those committed to my care be made wise to surely salvation! How precious you are from — "All thy children shall be taught of you, O Lord" — may I be given to experience just & eternal accounts!

J. H. —

B. Maccurrh.

Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> Nov. 1832.

Since I last took up this Diary, I have been made to feel much of my own weakness, & have been given to experience not a little of the Lord's loving-kindness. - At Presby, last week, I was much comforted & refreshed - I trust the Lord guides the deliberations of his servants in answer to prayer. The wrath of man he ever makes to praise him. His case is now taken up by the Presby, & tho' I may yet be called to suffer considerably on this subject, I trust I shall be enabled to rest in the assurance that the Lord will direct - correct me in measure - & at length, bring forth my righteousness as the light & my salvation as a sword that shall burneth.

It is likely that with me the time of such services shall not be long. This week, from a state of rather confined health, I have been reduced to great weakness. On Tuesday, I was exposed to wetting & cold in warming a society of the Congregation - This has occasioned weakness & soreness in the chest, with expectoration. Yet how wonderfully am I supported. Yesterday, after being in a feverish state the day & night before, I went to examine another society, at a considerable distance. Altho' I have been so apprehensive of injury before entering on any public service, or so oppressed with a sense of infirmities for its performance. - Yet did the Lord bear me up - & was enabled to go thro' the exercise with a measure of comfort to myself, & I trust, profit to others. - The audience was numerous & very attentive. May the Great Head of the Church bless it to the souls of my people, & undisturb a means of bringing

170. Some that are afar off might buy the blood of the Cross! Many  
times has that precious promise been fulfilled to me—"as they  
say is, so shall they stand to be". What reason have I, at all  
times to trust in the Lord—often has he confirmed to me the  
word of his grace. The future is in a great measure concealed  
from my view—But I am assured by the resigning self-  
to the guidance & protection of my Father in heaven. He has  
hitherto done all things well. Thus will he still do. My  
times are wholly in his hand. Oh! that I could unequivocally  
say—"To me to live is Christ" then might I entertain the  
fullest confidence—that "to die" would be gain." J. H.

Braintree,

Wednesday Evening, Mar. 14.

These two days, I have been confined to my room thro' an  
indisposition. I have been chastised, as a bullock unaccustomed  
to the yoke; & yet how merciful & kind is my Father's  
hand! Afflictions are surely great blessings, to them who  
tho' hopes have betaken themselves to God's mercy & who rely  
on him with confidence. In looking back, I see on  
my part, many sad & grievous instances of transgress-  
ion & of rebellion against my best benefactor & friend.  
Sometimes, I am in great doubt, on acct. of my unfaith-  
fulness, the Lord's hand or by untho' full dispensation,  
lay me aside from the ministry & say he has no  
further need of me. Yet when I consider his gracious  
character, & the sure & precious promises on which he  
has made me to rest, my fears flee away—I am  
made to possess a sweet resignation to my Father's  
will—& I triumph in the hope that all will be

well, in the end. I trust I am not deceiving my-  
self - How amazing the plan of redeeming mercy!  
I have been thinking on that wondrous acct. - "Which  
hath red<sup>d</sup> us from yr. use of yr. Law, being made a case  
for us" (Gal. III. 13.) - What a gr<sup>t</sup>. & divine! How affecty  
yr. method whereby it was accomp<sup>d</sup>.! Oh! that my el-  
couth talk, <sup>in</sup> yr. discourses of love, & mercy & holiness, &  
justice gain white. - Let me often think of yr. vast-  
ness of my obligations & may I live as a monument of  
the exceeding rich grace, yr. long & broad, & height & depth  
of which, Eternity will not be able to unfold! -  
J. H. -

Barnwell,

Friday Night, Mar. 16<sup>th</sup> -

Have been lately reading "D. M. Gie's  
History of the Reformation in Spain". The progress of  
the Reformed opinions in that country, notwithstanding  
the power & vigilance of the Inquisition, is truly re-  
markable; dreadful too were the sufferings, & admi-  
rable the faith of those who thus loved not their lives to  
the death. Marvellous truly is the power of yr. Saviour's grace.  
Among the Spanish Martyrs, we find persons of high rank  
in life - & several females, who, amid much surrounding  
darkness, & civil & spiritual oppression, witness'd a good  
confession - manifest'd an intimate acquaintance with  
the great truths that concern the sinner's natural state,  
yr. Gospel remedy, & yr. way of a sinner's acceptance - &  
display'd much of yr. power of vital godliness on yr.  
lips & lives. - How bright's now is Spain! How degra-  
d'd thro' yr. domin<sup>n</sup> & sadful empire of Popery! Oh!

179. That in these last days, the Lord would overturn the accursed systems of civil & spiritual thralldom that prevent the spread of the truth throughout the nations of Modern Europe. In beholding the present aspect of this dark & gloomy, as it is, our next relief from looking forward to the period when the Men of Belin will be brought down, and the reign of peace & righteousness will universally prevail. The mouth of the Lord hath spoken it - His prospects are based on the immutable promises of Jehovah - & tho' we cannot see how the accomplishment shall take place, yet forfios us to doubt. The Lord is able to do what he has said - & sure we are, that tho' he appears to tarry, he is not slack concerning his promise. - How joyful will be the state of the Church, when degraded Spain, & enslaved Portugal & infidel France shall become a willing people - & all darkness & superstition shall have for ever fled away!

Saturday Evening - Mar. 17th 1832.

In the eve of another holy Sab. I am in this place, a monument of yr. Saviour's sparing mercy, & I thank, a trophy too of His redeeming love. Wk. in body, & yet far from having attained yr. measure of sanctification, which constitutes a nutcracker for glory, I seem to myself to stand upon yr. brink of a riv. wh. seps my past from my future existence. Looking back at yr. past, I br. des. to rest all on yr. precious Death - "I have clothed out as a cl. of yr. transgress. & as a thk. clo. of yr. sins." (Ex. 16. 22.) - fixing yr. eye on yr. future - & wd. des. to resign yr. my times and wholly in God's hands. I wd. entertain no un. anxiety - "This God is my God; He will guide me even to death." - J.H.

