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July 28. Arrived at Liverpool. Attended a class. Two in distress, one of whom obtained a measure of peace, and has since joined the society.

Sunday, August 1. Attended the 7 o'clock prayer meeting in the chapel; a powerful time. At two, spoke at Moreton, and at Hoylake at six.

Monday, 2. Visited and prayed with about twenty families. Some wept, but others appeared careless. Spoke in the evening at Hoylake, to a large and attentive congregation.

Tuesday, 3. Went to Upton in search of a preaching place. A publican offered his house. But heaving that W. Webster, Esq. had erected a day school, I applied to him, and obtained his permission to preach in the school room; and he shewed me every mark of respect. I went round to the villages, and invited the people. A great number assembled, and I spoke with great liberty, and some trembled under the word. This is the first opening our people have had in this place.

Wednesday, 4. Visited Greasby, and, with some difficulty, obtained liberty to preach in a house; invited the people; and the house was filled. Whilst I was addressing them, a man rose up and contradicted me, and did all he could to disturb the people. But they kept their seats, and I continued to speak, until he was ashamed and withdrew.

Thursday, 5. Visited Moreton. Prayed with a number of families, but could not prevail with some to bend their knees. Spoke in the evening to a good congregation. A solemn time.

Sunday, August 8. Spoke at half-past ten in the chapel at Liverpool. The glory of the Most High overshadowed me; one soul was awakened, and has since joined the society. In the afternoon held a lovefeast at the society room, in the Park, At the commencement, there was a copious out-pouring of the Holy Spirit; tears flowed in abundance, and some overwhelmed, sunk to the floor; and one was in deep distress for the blessing of (entire) sanctification. Spoke at night, and after preaching engaged in prayer; the power of Elijah's God moved in our midst. Six were brought to the floor, and three obtained the pearl of great price, This day the Lord was very precious to my soul.

Wednesday, 10. Prayed with a number of families, and afterwards went to a place called Hnyton, (*Huyton*) to attempt an opening. The people appeared afraid of me coming into their houses. And finding it impossible to obtain a house for preaching, I ventured, in the strength of the Lord. to preach at the cross. A goodly number attended. But some shouted and made a great noise to drown my voice. But the Lord was my helper; and, glory to his name, my labour was not in vain; one woman was deeply convinced of sin, and opened her house for preaching, and we have since had excellent congregations, This is the first opening effected by our people in this village. It has long been a stronghold for the devil.

Thursday, 11, Set off for Knotty Ash, another nursery for sin, enquired for a house to preach in. The people treated me with the utmost contempt, and gave me to understand that they did not want Methodists in their village. But at length, I got the liberty of a house, and went round to invite the people. Some bolted their doors, and others pushed me out. I however, succeeded in collecting a few, and exhorted them to flee from the wrath to come, God grant they may.

Sunday, August 15, At nine spoke in a wicked part of the town of Liverpool. At half-past ten in the room, and in the chapel in the evening. One deeply convinced of sin under the word.

Sunday, August 22. Held a Camp meeting at Moreton. The morning was wet and unfavourable. Our exercises were short, lively, and powerful: and the Unction from the Holy One rested upon us.

Sunday, August 29, Assisted at the nine o'clock service in the open air. The police interfered, and threatened to send us to Bridewell. But the Lord would not permit them.

At 10½ I spoke in the Park, and at six in the chapel, and held a prayer meeting after the preaching service. One in distress, but did not obtain liberty.

Monday, 30. Visited a number of families. Spoke in the chapel in the evening; had good liberty. The word was attended with power. After preaching we engaged in prayer, five were in distress, and one obtained liberty through the blood of the Lamb.

Tuesday, 31. Visited from house to house. Spoke in the open air to a large assembly, who paid serious attention.

Sunday, September 5. Spoke at nine in the open air; and at six in the evening in the Park room, One in distress.

Sunday, Sept. 12. In company with a friend, to open new places. Spoke in the open air at Knotty Ash. The people were listless and indifferent. At six at West Derby, to about three hundred people, who listened with a degree of attention. Obtained a house for regular preaching.

Thursday 23. Went to Garston and obtained a house to preach in. Invited the people. The house was filled, and it was a powerful time.

Monday, 27. Visited a number of families in Hoylake, and spoke in the evening to an excellent congregation.

Wednesday, Oct. 13. Visited a sick man who had been a professor a number of years, but had never obtained the witness of the Spirit. I exhorted him to expect the blessing there and then; the Lord enabled him to believe fully, and he rejoiced in a sin-pardoning God. He is since dead; and I have no doubt has joined the blood-washed throng.

Spoke in the evening in the Park room, A weeping time. Two in distress, and one obtained peace with God, through our Lord Jesus Christ,

Friday 16, Missioned several villages, but did not effect any openings,

Sunday, October 17, Spoke at nine in the open air. At two at Knotty Ash, and at six at Hnyton. Good congregations.

Wednesday, Nov, 3. Visited a number of families at Knotty Ash, and spoke at night to a goodly number. After preaching some stopped; and I impressed on them the blessedness of being joined in a religious society.

Sunday, Nove 21. Spoke at two and six at Hoylake, Much cast down, but the Lord helped me, and the word appeared to take effect.

Monday, 22. At Hoylake; prayed with a number of families. But some refused to bow their knees. Spoke at night to a large congregation, and invited them to join in class: five stopped, and expressed a willingness to serve the Lord. I gave them suitable advice, and the Lord spoke to their hearts. I was truly rejoiced to see the tears roll down their aged and furrowed cheeks,

Friday, 26. Visited Brombury, (*Bromborough*) obtained permission to preach in a house. Invited the people and the house was filled. It was a solemn affecting time. Many wept.

Sunday, Nov. 28. Spoke at half past ten in the chapel. The word had free course; many wept and praised God with aloud voice.

At Two, held a lovefeast. The people spoke with great liberty and rose: into faith, and into God. The power of the Lord descended; God began to work; sinners were affected, and begun to cry, "God. be merciful to me a poor sinner."

And, praise God, they did not cry in vain, two were enabled to rejoice in the God of their salvation.

Spoke at six to a large congregation. A solemn impressive time. This has been a day of the Son of God. To him be all the glory. Amen.

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