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After passing through many storms of wind and rain and snow, by night and by day, and wading rivers and waters many, and seeing many out-pourings of the Spirit of the Lord, and many sinners saved during the last nine years, Jan. 8, 1832, I spoke at Shildon, three were converted, and many went away under convictions. Shortly after, the class rose from thirteen to twenty six.

March 20, I spoke at Fairl, two got converted.

March 26, Attended quarter day at Hexham, and was called out to travel in Hexham circuit.

April 5, Led a lovefeast at Slaley; a powerful time in speaking, many were filled with the glory of the Lord till they sunk to the floor. A shout was heard for mercy; two received pardon of sin, one was cleansed from all sin.

15, Dalton. While in prayer and singing, the power came down and a mighty shout was raised, so that I was some time before I could take my text. After speaking, held a prayer meeting; several were seeking the Lord, one found pardon of sin, others got good.

Tuesday, Visited sister Walton; wife of one of our local preachers. She was just upon the borders of eternity; she had been a steady member of our society for some years, but did not expect death so near, I told her that in a little time she would be an inhabitant of another world, and she must give up her husband and children to the Lord. These remarks impressed her mind: we prayed, the glory descended, and she burst into raptures of praise saying, "It is done, it is done, I shall soon be in heaven." I rose from my knees and said, "You will soon be with Jesus in heaven, clothed in white" The scene was solemn, but how heavenly and sweet!

Her husband came forward and delivered her up into the hands of the Lord with great fervency of spirit; while the rest who were present were weeping round the dying saint. I felt as if on the wing to go with her to rest. The house was filled with a heavenly influence, and her countenance was shining as if in heaven already. I bade her fare well, and at the end of two hours she died.

April 22, Spoke at Catton, 2 o'clock and 6; the Lord attended the word with power, two were in distress. At night we held a prayer meeting after preaching; the power of God came down, some run out of the chapel through fear, declaring the chapel was falling.

26, Spoke at Dalton, Here satan raged, stones and sods assailed the house; the windows were broken, and some man entered the meeting and set to striking the women with a whip over their bonnets, to stop them from praying. — But this had not the effect intended, I left the pulpit and desired them to go to their houses, and go to their knees and pray to God to have mercy upon them, I told them they must repent or go to hell.

May 27, Attended a Camp meeting at Bavington, and held it near the hall belonging to R.S. Shafto, Esq. F. Smith and me attended the camp ground at nine in the morning, the people not being assembled, I withdrew from the stand and found the Spirit of the Lord to be upon me; and, during the forenoon had great liberty in speaking, and while wrestling with the Lord in a praying company, the power brought me to the ground. In the afternoon a large company attended— — not much liberty in speaking. We broke up about five o'clock, and sung to the chapel, and commenced a love-feast. I had no sooner opened the meeting but I felt the glory of the Lord rest upon us. I told the people the glory was nigh, and some would be filled with the holy power: the people spoke with great liberty, and the cloud of glory burst upon the meeting; and some were brought down to the floor, while others shouted the praises of God. This was a great day, and long to be remembered.

June 3, Attended a Camp meeting in Hexhamshire; the weather was fine, many attended, there was great liberty in speaking, and in one praying company the power of God came down upon us, some were brought to the ground, and others shook like leaves before the wind.

Sep. 23. Spoke at Catton, and while holding a prayer meeting at night, I saw fire come down as from heaven; it came toward me, and then to one side of the chapel, the dear people were particularly blest in that part of the meeting more than the other.

Oct, 10, Visited a woman at Henshaw. She had got a bad leg; her mother raged much, forbidding us to come any more, saying, "we will send for the priest," and she left us. I spoke to the woman about faith; and while at prayer the Lord greatly blessed her both body and spirit.

Oct. 19, Held a fellowship meeting at Hexham, one got liberty.

28, Spoke at Rothbury. Being tried in my mind, as I saw little fruit through my labours in this place, I visited an old pilgrim, who told me a little girl had got converted under my labour there; she was only twelve years of age; she had been much given to lying and swearing, but the change was visible to all who knew her. Lord help me to persevere.

Nov. 11, I travelled eighteen miles, preached three times, and led three classes.

Dec. 16, Led a lovefeast at Hexham, one in distress; spoke at Spital Shields, one got deeply convicted. Br. Joseph Spoores spoke afternoon and night, at Catton, a powerful time. I spoke on the Monday, and the Spirit of the Lord came so powerfully upon me that I could hardly stand to give out my text. While speaking the people broke out into shouts of praise — In the prayer meeting they laid hold of the glory by faith, and were brought down, one lay as dead a long time, I came to Spital Shields, brother Spoores gave an exhortation; the powers of darkness set in upon us like a cloud; I rose and commenced a fellowship meeting; faith rose, the cloud broke, the power descended, darkness dispersed, the people spoke with great liberty, but some from another place were shut up in unbelief, I concluded the meeting, and they went away. We commenced again, the Lord poured the glory from heaven upon us like rain. Some fell to the floor, others danced like David before the ark. The sound of the meeting, and the sound of heaven were going together; here I beheld a glorious scene, a woman laid hold upon sanctification, while one of her daughters lay as dead on the floor. Another daughter, twelve years of age was struggling for liberty. The Spirit of the Lord came upon her, and she rose up a new creature in Christ Jesus. A young man struggled for liberty, but did not then obtain it.

March 10, Here at Catton, we had one converted. Here there is a revival.

Good Friday, went to a lovefeast at Crosshill, a good time.

Travelled twenty miles, spoke at night, one joined society. Spoke at Henshaw, and visited a man taken ill suddenly. He had been very wild, and was in great distress for his soul; I prayed with him, and found this sickness was unto death. I told his brother I had hope for his soul, but none for his recovery, His doctor and friends shut him up in his room, suffering no one to pray with him. But, like Peter in prison, prayer was made without ceasing for him, and the Lord pardoned his sins; and in a few days he died. This was a brand plucked from the burning.

May 6, Went to open a village near Hexham; a few friends accompanied me; we sung through the village, I spoke in the open air, with great liberty, and hope good was done.

May 8, I went to open another village, and a door was opened. I had six miles to go home in heavy rain, and waded a river on my way. Next day I went to see my sister, and found her very ill in body, but happy in God; shortly after which she died in full triumph of faith, having travelled twenty years in the way to heaven.

Sunday, May 12, Travelled eighteen miles and spoke twice.

15, Got a few friends, and went to mission a village called Milkridge, on entering which we met a drunken man, who was swearing in a dreadful manner; I got upon some stones in the street and hoisted the banner of Christ. The man raged in a horrible manner. He called some hounds together, and then he fell into a quarrel with a man, which ended in a fight; and the men were falling before us in the street. What a scene of sin was this! I went on all the time with my master's

work, and found him present. In the midst of this confusion I had liberty, and great attention was paid to the word— — Lord save the people in this village.

June 24, 1833, I attended the quarter day at Hexham, and found an increase of thirty two members, during the quarter, and that I was appointed for Carlisle circuit.

Tuesday, 25, Held a fellowship meeting at Spital Shields, as a farewell meeting; which was a very powerful time. We sung a parting hymn, the Lord was so present, our minds were carried above the present parting to that great meeting in heaven. Thus I concluded my labours in the Hexham circuit.

Daring the last eleven years i have attended thirty Camp meetings, have travelled about nine thousand miles, to the means of grace, and I am as ready to pursue my way as ever.

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