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SUNDAY Sep, 20. In the morning at Scotter; had not fall liberty, yet many appeared to get good, and some wept. In the afternoon spoke at Messingham; had good liberty, and the word was received with gladness. This place I hope is improving. At night preached at Scotter, a Funeral sermon, on the death of E. North; wife of one of our Travelling preachers. The chapel was crowded to excess, and several went away who could not get in. I spoke with good liberty part of the time; and then felt a heaviness come upon me; some however wept; and on the whole it was a good time. We held a prayer meeting after but not much power. There is here a prospect of much good, and a general expectation of a greater work, We have had a glorious revival. Our society has increased from thirty to nearly seventy, and many are living in the enjoyment of sanctification.

“Lo the promise of a shower,
Drops already from above.”

21st. In the morning I visited, conversed and prayed, with a few families, and felt the presence of the Lord. One woman informed me that a few nights ago when in bed, she was seized with trembling and terror, and seemed as if she should immediately die and be lost. She arose and asked her daughter (a member of our society) to pray with her, but could not prevail. Her husband read a chapter or two in the Testament, and she felt a little better; but still could not believe with her whole heart unto righteousness. She had been in: this way once before; but her convictions were more powerful the first time.

22nd. Called at Mr. Wakefield's on my way to Ashby, and was blessed with them, and particularly so, while at prayer. At night I preached at Ashby; a large congregation, and a good time. The people received the word gladly. In a friends house after preaching, four souls groaned to be set free. And cried to God in prayer for pardon. i prayed with them but they did not obtain liberty. O Lord send salvation. At Ashby we have preached about a year and a half; for a long time our prospects were gloomy, but the clouds begin to disperse, and light begins to shine. We preach in a school-room, our congregations are very good, and ten have begun to meet in class.

23rd. In the forenoon visited a few families, and felt the Lord to bless me in the work. I found several on the way side, many resting in good desires, and some were groaning for liberty from the bondage of sin. Lord speak the soul restoring word. At night preached at Burringham to a small congregation; and felt a good time. Here we have a society of twelve members.

24th. In the morning I felt much liberty in private, and was wonderfully blessed. After breakfast I walked to J. Harsley's took dinner with them; prayed, and felt access to God. At night preached at Scotter and had a good time. After preaching, I visited a sick young woman, apparently near eternity, and not ready to die; but in great-earnest for her soul. I read a chapter, conversed and prayed with her and felt the Lord wonderfully present.

25th; I again: visited the sick young woman, and found her still crying to God for mercy. At night preached at Messingham to a large congregation, and had a good time. While I was preaching, a young woman began to leap for joy. Several were affected. After some time all became calm, and tears rolled down the cheeks of many. In a short time the young woman began to shout Glory! Glory! Glory! Others also began to shout with all their might, so that my voice could not be distinctly heard. We concluded and many went away under good impressions. I returned to Scotter. The sick young woman was worse, & for more than half an hour had such a struggle between hope and despair as I shall never forget. She cried out, “Oh pray for me — Oh!

father, mother, aunt and Pol (her sister Mary,) pray for me! Oh! Oh! I am going!" I encouraged her to believe in Jesus. She replied, "Then I will believe—I do believe — O Jesus, Jesus! glory, glory, I am happy! I am happy! I shall go to Jesus.

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