comforting family visits before we left Richmond — It is rather lowering to my spirits to be here for a second time (we stopped here on our way down the Ohio) as it looks rather like a retrograde movement; but I trust it is "all right". I think I may acknowledge that my Holy & adorable Lord & Master, is affording me adequate evidence from day to day that I am moving within the character, & under principles, of an old-fashioned Quaker preacher, I am not running counter to his gracious will — May I be entirely given up to his service!

Stillwater 6mo 20.

Bro. Hyde's, the house at which dear H. Hull died 3 years ago — on his way from Ohio to Indiana Yearly Mtg. The 8 days since my last entry have been spent, I hope, satisfactorily. The meeting at Steubenville was a very good one; refreshing me for long little. Good meetings since at Smithfield (2 more) Short Creek (2) Concord, Harrisville, Westfield, Flushing (2) & Clairsville, & Plainfield — also enjoyed a pleasant time with the pupils & teachers &c. at the Y. M. School at Mt Pleasant — Some aid given to the cause of scriptural instruction. Bro. Wright was my companion through a great part of these meetings; & now B. Ladd, a choice elder, is conveying me to Indiana. The unity of friends is still my comforting portion, & I humbly trust will continue to be so: but considerable trepidation of mind, has accompanied me, in feeling for some dear friends who have been drawing pretty close to me, but are nevertheless on the borders of disaffection — ~~[illegible]~~ actually approaching free from the real leprosy which marks this peculiar disease of soul, in the present day. My advices to them have been candid & strong; all in the line of quietus; & I have a hope that in the tender mercies of the Lord, it will be accepted & of use. One of the parties is a highly gifted woman friend — greatly loved & valued by many. May she be preserved & blessed! I feel considerably unengaged on the subject; & not ~~me~~ the happiest for our communications; but I trust I have been enabled to take the right line. It has also been quite trying to my natural feelings, not to call upon E. Bates & his family; but I have believed it best not to do it; & am satisfied in having avoided it, his conduct towards me having fairly closed the door to my intended visit. In fact, I have not dared to set some of my friends an example of social intercourse with him. From these causes, or I ought to mention painful feelings in departing from Mt Pleasant; but 2 two previous meetings since have revived me. The Mo. Meeting at Plainfield 6th day