truly thankful love I felt for it – My relatives & friends & the world combine to be very precious to me. Indeed I may freely acknowledge that the Lord is very near to me in his abundant loving kindness, & tender mercy – but great & deep is my infirmity.

John Walker's 11mo 26 First day Eve.

We arrived at our friend Jesse Kinshaw's, New Salem on seventh day in time for the select meeting, & we were there met by the intelligence of the death of dear old Dr. Nelson with whom we had held a comfortable family setting on 4th day. We have every reason to believe that he died in peace, & is gone to the glorious rest of his Lord. That evening we had a precious meeting – intended for the public but attended chiefly by Friends; & the Quarterly Meeting on 7th day (yesty) was well attended & remarkably favored. The whole occasion was crowned by a blessed meeting this morning. The cold weather moderated & the meeting was held out of doors, the attendance being very large – It was quiet & solemn; & there offered to be free course for the preaching of Christ & his salvation. A good deal of quiet useful conversation with an Irish. This morning on the Resurrection Controversy, which is a sad little thorn in the sides of the Society. I shall consider it a great favor indeed, if it shall not impede my course of service – Hitherto it has not done so – although in these parts, it might perhaps have been expected. It is hard not to attempt describe the low pits & holes that I have been in at times during the last few days – & I can only marvel at the wonderful goodness of the Lord in bringing me forth from them in every needful hour & in freely administering to me, the pen anointing for his blessed service. Praise & bless the Lord, O my soul! New Garden Second day 12mo 14.

I have to speak through many seasons of barrenness & suffering since I last wrote; but it has been a time of remarkable favour, nevertheless. I have scarcely known such meetings before as some which have, during this period fallen to our lot – Sec.d day Kennet & the gold mines – lodged at dear N. Hunt's – 3.d day Piney woods – General Gray & other slaveholders attending the meeting – dined at Benj.n Kendalls – interesting sitting in the woods with David Moffatt. 4th returned to N. Hunt's Jr. 4th day, a wonderful meeting at Springfield – & precious concluding evening at N. Hunt's – sweet & refreshing is our gospel fellowship. 5th day. Deep River – Jamestown, & a meeting in the evening at Joseph Coffin's. 6th day. Dover – lodged at Jos Stanley's – 7th day fearful meeting at Hopewell: & a large one in the evening at Isaac White's. Yesterday &