Natl. Quarterly 7th day Eve. 1mo 13. 1838

Here I am at another comfortable abiding place with every accommodation around me. After attending an interesting mo. meeting here - the friends here all very fine & kind - Cedar Creek - the overwhelming by degrees in the meeting & appeared to crown all at last - I rather hope too that my visit to Dr. T. Bates's was useful - it certainly was quite agreeable to myself - & I felt there was an open door of the heart as well as the house. My intercourse with Micajah Bates at Richmond has also been decidedly satisfactory & agreeable - & I have again to look back upon a week passed according to previous prospect & in a manner relieving to my own mind - yet I have from time to time felt myself to be "feeble & sore broken". I trust & humbly believe that I am permitted to find a home at the feet of Jesus.

For our next week I have prospects of somewhat a formidable nature. May the Lord be pleased graciously to realize them for a purpose of his own glory!

Twelfth day morn.

Alas for the tides in which I have been immersed during the last few low dreary hours - I have indeed been again brought very low - But though persecuted by my soul's enemy I think I can feel that I am not forsaken - though cast down, not destroyed. Night. We have been favoured with a pretty good 'field day' - one for which I desire to be humbly grateful - I trust slavery amongst other evils has received a blow; as a well-informed ~~man~~ slaveholder who was present today at the morning meeting said that the sermon was one of the strongest abolition discourses he had ever heard - Yet not a single syllable was uttered on the subject. If the close practical preaching of the simple gospel can fairly be so taken, it gives the lie to the monstrous declaration of the Methodist Conference in Georgia that slavery as it exists in the U.S. is "not a moral evil". The morning meeting was very large. A second long meeting at Walter Crew's in the afts. ~~& a fine~~ close we enjoyed a memorable time with the old grandmother of Kelsow family, Unity Bates's mother. At the day was concluded by a pleasant visit to Samuel Crew & his family, & a ride home on horseback, by moonlight. A good degree of peace is my portion this night, notwithstanding the loss, by theft probably, of both our cloaks!