sense, as when I have no anticipation whatever in my own mind of its nature. This pointing of previous exercise cannot, as I well know, always be avoided. Yet it is much more cooling & reposing to my spirit, when the exercise comes upon me, as it did this morning, à l'instant. I wish to be preserved from such anticipatory exercise as far as possible — & to adopt an old quaker's image to go to meeting as a blank sheet.

Third day morning Ellis Yarnall's I was deposited with this beloved, tender spirited, & good friend last evening, closing comfortably with my learned elder Wolfe's after a good sitting at in a large family. I am love as velvet, as to love vanity & some personal care. But words cannot set forth the degree of painful battery with which the enemy has been assaulting me; chiefly in reference to the meeting last 1st day week, in which I had to unfold the difference between Hicksite & true Quaker views, & to illustrate the latter by various points in the history & conduct of the society. The meeting ended as I hoped with much solemnity — but I have been full of misgivings, as that & many other subjects

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Since the last entry, I have been favoured to realize divine help from day to day through no small variety & depth of exercise of mind. I have abundant cause for gratitude in the retirement of the Watson family with which amount now amounts to 110 — ending with that of Sd Lledgard at Lemon Hill: ~~the~~ A large public meeting, a sixth day week very relaxing. The Yearly Meeting of M. & Ls. a seventh day. A time of close exercise of mind; though there was very little of an unpleasant nature — that confined to Isa & Wm Q. whose are still evidently hard towards me — But yesterday (1st day) was one of much relief & satisfaction. Two large meetings, & well favoured, at the North, & Mtg Sd I was rather largely engaged in both of them — A goodly call on Dr Legan, Rotewardin Grellet, Hicks, H. Haines & Dr. — & a very interesting evening with Hicks at Dr Parrish's. The Gospel was fully preached in that dear Hicksite family — I trust not entirely without effect. I am very thankful for close unity with such men as S. Grellet & Hicks — They are after my own heart! Surely I come in no better boat! In the mean time,