my children during the last 27 years — especially in the late dispensation of illness — & with a degree of humble reverent confidence could I pray, that now my will in everything might be so subjected to his will without reserve — that whatsoever may have been amiss may be forgiven & corrected — & that pure wisdom may be abundantly bestowed, for my guidance during the remainder of my service in this land — until a joyful dismissal may take place, & I return with all my home darlings if it please the Lord. The prayer offered up in much subjection of spirit; & in the name of the one Advocate. The weather is too damp to allow of my going out to day. Quiet waiting — humble abeyance — is my calling & my lot. May I learn rejoice & praise the Lord for his goodness & for his wonderful works to the children of men!

2mo 16. 7th. day. Poor accounts of Mary Parsons came last evg. which with a trouble some indisposition respecting myself occasioned me a very restless night. & this morning I was informed after breakfast of her decease. It has been a mournful day to us all — a weight of sorrow resting on the circle — but I took a long ride (8 miles) in the sunshine & called on Judge Lawrence's kind wife — & this afternoon we have all been very graciously comforted in a religious sitting at S. Parsons — "Unto the upright there arisetth light in the darkness!"

Mary Post's Westbury 2mo 18. 1st day. We had a good meeting yesterday — & I felt (as the Lord had whispered to me that it would be — I believe) stronger & better for the work then on 5th day. (In the afn.) I attended the Friends' reading. The whole day was calm & calculated for the relief of the sorrowful.

The night was also one of mental quietness & in a good degree of sleep — but the distress of body in for want of breath — chiefly on waking even thereon — was considerable & occasioned me some serious thoughtfulness. I am lareover of the judgment that dear R. Kenilen is right in asserting it to avoid in the church. We had an excellent setting in their family this morning — & another debt of love was discharged to my satisfaction & quite unexpectedly to myself the way opened very pleasantly, for an evening letter 18 miles. I have a blazing log fire & a large chamber with a south aspect. The change of air & scene is very a breathe — & I believe I have renewed cause to take courage in Christ