but exactly at the appointed hour of God it ceased up — a large congregation 1000 + assembled under the Oaks — & my voice received itself — & we had a joyful meeting indeed — I think Eve Fox might have perhaps applied to it his epithet "glorious". Immediately after the solemn close a sprinkle of rain fell which, 2 minutes sooner, would have disturbed us sadly. We had a most precious time of religious retirement in S. P's house with them the Members & Jane Barne in the evening & the flowing of peace was my portion on retiring to rest. Next 2d day morng pleasantly in letter writing & calls — & returned to N.Y. with S.P. ~~Jr~~ Mary, & RK in the evening. Rather trying discussion with Wm F. M. respecting the outside meeting houses — wch however did not prevent a hallowed leavetaking — at Nicholas — many friends being present — before retiring to rest. ~~Not disturbed~~ A seal then evidently rested both on the past, & the long untrodden journey before me — a fresh Abrahamic pilgrimage, I think it may be called. A not disturbed night. Pleasant voyage this morng with HH, Stephen, Robert, & Sd Clarkson Griffin (who happened to be in the boat) to this place — We have thoroughly inspected the prison this morning — a scene of wondrous industry — but ~~we fear~~ the stimulus alas! is that of the whip in the arbitrary hands of overseers or under keepers. I should like to see tried the stimulus of a share in their wages as a substitute. The prison much more than pays its way. Proportion of blacks 1 in 5. I am not at all sure that this system under truly righteous government might not be better than the Separate system in Phila. — A meeting with the prisoners is appointed for this afternoon. My mind has been set to work & this prison-inspection to a trying degree. May I find repose in the depths of the Rock of ages, & be graciously helped thro' the approaching meetings. Sweet & solemn have been the feelings which have marked the commencement of this new pilgrimage — Very much like those on leaving Liverpool. O Lord, in the plenitude of thy mercy & love indeed be to me!