reverently put my trust in the Lord & stay myself upon my God. Though indeed I am one of the very weakest & poorest of his children & feel low enough - not quite right in body too, this morning much better than I was - & discouraged ~~about~~ at seasons, about my mission. But it will not do to give way to low feelings. Lord, Be thou pleased to replenish my cup - anoint my head with oil - & spread a table for before me, even in the presence of mine enemies -. Keep me in tenderness & love towards all, & in deep lowliness & humility towards Myself - but cast me not away from Thy presence, nor take away Thy Holy Spirit from me!

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I must acknowledge that no small measure of lowness & discouragement is my portion this evening. O! I feel that I am feeble & vacillating - Cast me not away from Thy presence O Lord & take not Thy Holy Spirit from me - restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation & uphold me with Thy free spirit."! O the inexpressible desolation of my poor heart! Yet I have a hope that the Lord will strengthen me for my work in body & soul - & will in the end produce my peaceful & release from this field of labour. I have tried the experiment of some recreation this week - but am not quite sure that it has served much purpose as to my state of body yet but I have had much enjoyment - Last 1st day an exercising & bodily labourious meeting at Hartford largely attended - dined at Dan'l ~~Le~~ Strang's & afterwards went on to a public meeting at friend's Wm Lane at Somerset. This was a very good meeting - We thrashed cherries & drank tea at Jacob Haite's - & returned ~~by night~~ at night to Michael Robson's - at 7 p.m. & the next morn 2d day - we started for Lockport - & received our kind friend's Jesse P Haines's to breakfast - There I ~~got~~ received some interesting letters - & after breakf. we went on by Rail Road to Niagara - my object being, first to see & study the sight - secondly to avail myself of 2 or 3 days absolute leisure & pleasuring. The first of scenery was ~~first rate~~ delightful - namely, the view on the Canada side which occupied the first afternoon, with a shower = bath under the falls - Third day - morning spent on Grat Island - very interesting - the tower, the rocks where poor Dr. Hungerford was killed - Fourth day, delightful excursion to Queenston heights - The afternoon spent on the Canada side, Table rock &c. Fifth day morn - a quiet little sitting - we three (Jos Tallen H. H & I) & our three young friends from Rochester & Dr. L. Moore - & Thos. Jos Cornell. Then a few hours more on Grat Island - Took the steam boat at 6 to cross - fine voyage up the River