that weak & poor as I am, I shall be favored to see the line of light before me. The Lord grant that I may be enabled to follow it in the obedience of faith!

Earlham Second day 10 mo/12. 1840.

I look back on the last week with a degree of peaceful satisfaction. Tuesday I have had some little pain & have not been quite well. On 4th day with Rachel & Anna to N. W^m meeting a very precious time with large family circle. My dear brother Buxton returned with us & dined & lodged at Earlham. His company very agreeable - religious prospects evident. 5th day. Our quiet & comfortable mo. meeting. A few remarks on the searching influence of the Spirit in solemn silence. After meeting a private conversation with one of my dearest friends rendered painful by a difference of judgment & feeling on a practical point of considerable importance. However it led to a still closer setting & clearer development of the subject; & I have since found much peace in pursuing my own course. Yesterday - much agreeable & I think satisfactory. We all went to Wymondham meeting (R.F., my children, Alex, & Johnet Sarah) - Ith & I on horseback - had a good meeting in which J. Bayes was well engaged in preaching the gospel. We all afterwards dined & spent the afternoon at his house - & returned home to our evening reading. The weather delightful. Much

happiness enjoyed by one of the most unworthy of the Lord's children & servants. - We are looking forward to company during the this & next week - Reading meeting here to day - Harkness & Moore Preb. - the Edwards expected in their turn. May my gracious Lord & Master be with us! one little day & by the hour!

The dark gathering clouds of the political hemisphere - indicating approaching war - with a commencement of it (an atrocity of folly on our parts!), in the East, have kept very sober feelings on my mind - not to mention the corresponding money-market disorders - but I humbly trust that under the controlling power of the Lord, the tremendous evil of war between France & England will yet be averted. The remainder of wrath, He will restrain.

Third day. Yesterday too was a day of favor. We had from 30 to 40 young friends & Mary here at the reading meeting. A pleasant entertainment - & a right good feeling prevailing & uniting us all. -

Earlham Fourth day, 10 mo/21st 1840

On the following 5th day, after the last entry, an interesting expedition to Darlington - the mo. meeting with John & Sarah - many friends there; kindly received at Rob Alexander's: an encouraging enlivening time. Last first day rather remarkably good meetings at Norwich.