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*Third Journal of Mr. Azariah Horton,
Missionary in the Province of New-
York, from 6th June to 10th Octo-
ber 1742.*



Rockway, June 6th, 1742; preached. My Hearers attended with Seriousness, and appeared to be somewhat thoughtful.

Memik, June 7th. They were thankful for the Instructions given them, and said, they would strive to comply with them.

Fortneak, June 7th. p. m. preached: Some few were glad of the Opportunity of hearing; but, in general, they attended with Coldness and Indifference.

Issup, June 8th; preached. Two awakened to a considerable Sense of their sinful, dangerous Condition; others concerned before, brought under fresh and strong Impressions of their guilty State, of their Need of Christ, and to earnest Enquiries after an Interest in him: And, in general, they were very devout and attentive. The Lord grant these kind Appearances may be carried on to a saving Issue in the Hearts of my poor Indian People,

Islup, June 9th. Preached to the *English*, and made an Address to some *Indians* that attended the Service: Some were considerably moved. In the Evening most of the same *Indians* attended an Exhortation I gave them. Some had their Distress greatly increased; two or three were brought under some small Degree of Thoughtfulness about their eternal Welfare. One *Indian*, that appeared exceeding stubborn and resolute, who derided his Fellows that went to Meeting, now is so far convinced, that he gives a listening Ear to my Instructions and Warnings, and says he will attend publick Worship for the future. Conversed with an *Indian* this Evening, who was first awakened last *January* at *Moricbees*, who gave some Reason to hope a saving Change was wrought in his Heart; he was a most notorious Drunkard, and Profaner of the *Sabbath*, and he is now vastly altered: He seems to be very much afraid of offending God, and to have his Heart set upon Things above, and to be concerned for the Souls of his Fellow *Indians*.

Islup, June 10th. Preached. Some awakened to a deeper Sense of their Sinfulness, and made to lament their wicked Way of living.

Maslie, June 11th. Preached. Some brought under stronger Convictions,

Pattessquash, June 12th. Preached. Some few had their Concern much increased, and many were made more deeply sensible of their past Miscarriages, and resolved, by divine Help, to seek after a deep and hearty Repentance. It may be noted, that these in general are already exceedingly reformed.

Moricbees, June 13th. Preached. Two *Indians* awakened, and several others under distressing Concern of Mind. In the Evening exhorted; they were very attentive, and many of them complained

of heavy Hearts. It may be noted, most of these are endeavouring to learn to read.

June 14th. Arrived at *Shinecock*, in *Southampton*, and the *Indians* discovered themselves wonderfully rejoiced at my Return to them.

Shinecock, June 15th. Preached. And surely the Lord was in this Place; his Power made known, in bringing some that were concerned before, under distressing Apprehensions of the Wrath of God, of their Need of Christ and his Salvation; and in refreshing some that were hopefully his own Children, by the refreshing Influences of his blessed Spirit. One Squaw more especially, who had, for some time, been in the dark, and in Time of Exercise, this Day, was labouring under the Remains of a wretched unbelieving Heart, (this was what she complained of bitterly) and was ready to think God would never return, that *his Mercies were clean gone*; but the Lord was pleased to dispel the Cloud that overspread her Soul, and to put her Faith in a lively Exercise. She brake forth in a most affecting and delightful Strain! She now said, "She had gone from Wigwaam to Wigwaam, and had wander'd up and down the Field, but could not find him whom her Soul loved!" And now she was filled with Praises to her dear Redeemer, and with Joy and Affection commended him to the Beholders.

Shinecock, June 16th. Spent the Forenoon in conversing with the *Indians*. P. M. preached: Many were under distressing Concern, filled with Anxiety of Mind, and enquired, What they should do to be saved? Some were abundantly refreshed with Joy and Comfort in the Holy Ghost. O what adoring Thoughts of free Grace, and redeeming Love! O what Wonder did they express at Christ's stooping to them, poor undeserving Creatures. The Lord

was with us of a Truth: Blessed be his Name. At this Time I baptised three Children for a Squaw, who owned the Covenant some Years ago, and was baptised by the Reverend Mr. *Joseph Laing*: She was one that I hope was converted last *October*.

June 18th. Arrived at *Montaick*: The *Indians* gladly received me. Many among them are now sick; and it has been a Time of distressing Sicknes for some Months past: Some are under Concern, and others careless, notwithstanding God's Judgments with which they have been sorely visited.

June 19th. Spent most of the Day in visiting, from *Wigwaam* to *Wigwaam*, both the Sick and Well.

June 20th. Preached. Some few complained of their heavy Hearts, and appeared to be inquiring earnestly after an Interest in *Jesus Christ*; and, at this Time, most of them who are hopefully converted were visited from on high, had their Souls sweetly refreshed, and were heard to long after greater Likeness to *Christ*, to know him better, and love him more. Oh that these kind Visits may prove as Pledges of more remarkable Effusion of God's Spirit! to refresh them that love *Christ*, to encourage the Distressed, to make speedy Flight to the alone Physician of Souls, and to awaken the Secure to be up and doing, to use Diligence in the important Business of their eternal Salvation,

June 23d. Spent most of the Day in Visiting. Conversed with an *Indian* and three Squaws, who, by the Accounts they gave, and their Conduct and Conversation consequent thereupon, are hopefully converted: And these Conversions were wrought, according to their Accounts, while I was upon my Journey to the *Western Indians* upon *Long-island*.

June 23d p. m. Expounded. One Squaw, being concerned, brought under distressing Apprehensions of the Wrath of God, and to inquire with Solicitude after Christ.

July 27th. Preached. Some were refreshed, some mourned bitterly for the Remains of Sin and Unbelief, and the Dishonour thereby done to God. Many this Day had their Concern brought upon them a-fresh; in a Word, the Lord I trust was with us. Glory be to his Name.

July 4th. Preached. Some Tokens of God's Power discovered, both with respect to the converted and unconverted. At this Time two young Squaws owned the Covenant, and were baptised, that were hopefully converted the latter End of August last.

July 5th. This Day conversed with an *Indian* Girl, by an Interpreter, and I hope she has had a saving Change wrought in her Heart: This while I was gone Westward. Conversed also with a young Squaw, who appears to have received a saving Change. She was brought to see herself perishing, her Need of Christ, and his Fulness and Beauty: And now her Heart, she says, is drawn out in Love to Christ; and, when she awakes first in the Morning, her Thoughts are upon him. This Conversion was hopefully wrought about the Time of her Return hither.

July 8th. Expounded. And at this Exercise an *Indian* (who was hopefully converted while I was Westward) owned the Covenant, and was baptised, together with four of his Children.

July 11th. Preached. One Squaw brought under deep Concern. others somewhat affected.

Shincock, July 13th. Spent most of the Day in giving private Instructions, Cautions and Admonitions to my *Indian* People. Towards Evening, preached:

preached: Attended with an engaging Prospect of Success.

July 14th, p. m. The Power of the Lord still observable among these poor *Indians*.

July 15th, p. m. Preached. Former Concern continued. Two Squaws owned the Covenant, and were baptised. These all were hopefully converted last *October*.

July 16th. Conversed with an *Indian*, and, by his Accounts, I hope he was converted; sometime the last Summer, he, and another *Indian*, at this Time owned the Covenant, and were baptised. In the Evening preached; and many were greatly distressed, inquiring earnestly what they should do to be saved! One old *Squaw*, unawakened before, now deeply awakened: And others were ravished with a Sense of the Love of Jesus to their Souls; free Grace, free Grace! was the Burden of the Song; and, in a word, it seemed like a little Heaven here upon Earth.

Montauk, July 8th. Preached. Some few were quickened, and enabled to feed upon the spiritual Crumbs that fell from their heavenly Father's Table. Blessed be the Lord, for any small Refreshings of his good Spirit.

Shinecock, July 22d. This Evening, gave my dear People some Cautions and Warnings against some Irregularities that abound in our Land at this Day, and by which their best Interest has been much endangered. After this, preached: Some had their Distress renewed and increased. Others appeared to be sweetly composed, and to find by fresh Experience the Ways of Religion to be Ways of Pleasantness, and her Paths Peace.

Montauk, July 25th. Preached. Some hopeful Movings observable among my *Indian* Auditors.

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August 1st. Preached. They were attentive in general: Some were considerably comforted from on high; others filled with deeper Concern.

August 4th. Spent the Day chiefly in giving private Instructions and Admonitions. Towards Evening, expounded: Several were much comforted; two more especially, who had almost overcoming Discoveries of the dying Love of Christ. At this Exercise an *Indian* and his Squaw owned the Covenant, who have for some time given me Reason to hope they were Christians indeed, and were baptised together with three of their Children.

August 7th. Visited a sick *Indian*: Instructed him about the Way of Life by Jesus Christ, and urged and admonished him to make sure an Interest in him speedily; and he appeared to be considerably affected therewith.

August 8th. Preached. Much of God's Presence observable in comforting his Children, filling their Souls with sweet Peace, in a Way of Believing, and increasing the Concern of the Awakened.

Shinecock, August 10. Preached. Attended with hopeful Appearances.

Onuck, August 11th. Preached. Some considerable Movings observable.

Morichees, August 12th. Preached. The *Indians* were very attentive: Some few had their Concern renewed, and fresh Views of their Danger given them.

Pattesquash, August 13th, They attended seriously, and some appeared to be concerned.

Morichees, August 15th. Preached. Some were deeply distressed: Some that attended this Exercise came twelve Miles, and others Twenty, on Purpose to hear the Word preached.

Morichees, August 16th. Spent Part of the Day in learning the *Indians* to read, and in giving them

private Instructions, relating to their Souls best Good.

Conversed with an *Indian*, who, by his Account, has hopefully received a saving Change; it was, by his Account, at *Sabbonneck*.

April 5th. In the Evening preached. Some were brought under stronger Convictions of their perishing undone Condition, and to enquire earnestly after an Interest in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Onuck, August 17th. Preached in the Evening. One Squaw brought under a more lively Sense of her undone Condition.

Shinecock, August 18th. Conversed with an *Indian*; and I cannot but hope, he has received a saving Visit from the Lord Jesus Christ: By his Account he was at *Quoag* last *March*; he appears to have had a very clear View of his own utter Insufficiency to help himself, and to have such a Discovery of Christ, as now engages his Affections towards him, and says, he still feels a Need of fresh Supplies of Grace and Strength to keep him from Sin, and to enable him to serve the Lord aright.

Shinecock, August 19th. Spent most of the Day in private Instructions, and in learning them to read. Towards Evening preached. Some were comforted abundantly from on high. One Squaw particularly, who spake of Christ, in adoring and exalting Terms, and of herself, in the most abasing and Self-abhorring Language. One Expression, among many, came from her Mouth, which I shall note, *viz. O that I had Wings to fly from my filthy Self.* And others were filled with an agonizing Sense of their Exposedness to the Wrath of God, and brought to inquire anxiously after an Interest in the great Redeemer. At this Exercise, an *Indian* owned the Covenant, and was baptized, who was hopefully converted sometime last Summer.

Shincock, August 20th. Preached. Several deeply wounded, and others wonderfully delighted in the inward Man. Heaven, by God's Presence, was brought down to Earth. The glorious Effect of Electing and Redeeming Love. At this Meeting baptized four Children belonging to three of the Squaws, baptized July 15th.

Montauk, August 22d. Preached. This Day the Power of the Lord was evidently displayed in strengthening the Convictions of some, and in heightening the Joy of others. It may be noted, That seven Squaws came hither from *Shincock*, on Purpose to attend publick Worship, and that one of the Number was hopefully converted in the Time of Service, and another in the Evening. The latter has been under deep Concern of Mind almost a Year, and has very diligently attended the Means of Grace, and earnestly sought after an Interest in the Lord Jesus Christ, which, I hope, thro' Grace she has obtained.

August 26th. Died the Squaw mentioned in my last Year's Journal, of *September 11th*, who was reputed to be in her 104th Year; her Character I then gave in brief.

August 29th. Preached. Some considerable Movings attended the poor Labours of Love used among my dear People.

September 1st. This Day was observed as a Day of publick Thanksgiving. Preached; and I trust some were sincerely thankful, being possessed of a new Nature. Some few were enlivened and comforted by the Influence of the Holy Ghost.

Shincock, September 5th. Preached. Some few much enlivened, and some deeply distressed, groaning under the Burden of their Sins.

Shincock, September 6th. Visited the Sick, and preached, attended with hopeful Appearances. One

Squaw, that has often had clear Views of the Love of Jesus to her Soul, and deep Discoveries of the Plague of her own Heart, was at this Time filled with abundant Joy, in Way of Believing, and appeared to lament deeply the remaining Filthiness of her Heart; and she, who was altogether unacquainted with human Rhetorick, spake a few Words in the following Manner, *Mourn my Heart, it is better to go mourning to the Grave, than to go laughing down to Hell*: How pathetic is the Language, and how likely to be the Effect of divine and heavenly In-breathings!

One Squaw, at this Time, having been long under deep Concern of Mind, was hopefully visited of the Lord Jesus in a saving Manner. Being asked, *Why she loved Christ*? She answered, *Because Christ helped her*; and, 'tis likely, if she had been acquainted with the Bible, she would have said, *Because Christ first loved her*.

Shincock, September 7th. Visited the Sick and Well, and towards Evening preached. At this Time the Effusions of the blessed Spirit were very evident among my dear People; some had strong Views of the Love of Jesus, and were filled with Pity and Compassion, with longing Desires for the eternal Welfare of their Christian Brethren. Of many had their former Concern increased, were brought under an agonizing Sense of their miserable State, and made a more ardent and steady Application.

On the 8th, was preached a most glorious Sermon of free Grace and Redemption, *How many are made and forgiven us on the Cross, and how many are perished Ours of the Earth*: Not a man, woman, or child to the Name of the Lord, but he has given out all the Glory.

Shincock, September 9th. Spent the Day in giving private Instructions, and in learning them to read. Towards Evening preached: Some were enabled to rejoice in God their Saviour; others appeared to be deeply wounded, and put upon Enquiry after Salvation with great Solitude.

Shincock, September 10th. Visited and preached. The Out-pourings of God's Spirit still evident and conspicuous among my dear People, affording some divine Consolation, and bringing others under deep and distressing Concern, such Concern, as engages them to plead importunately with the Lord Jesus Christ, to pity, help and save them.

Montauk, September 12th. Preached. A few had fresh Visits from the Lord Jesus, such as led them to commend him highly, and to abhor themselves. One Squaw awakened, who has attended our Meetings but twice or thrice since my coming first, one that has been very resolute in her former *Indian* Way of living, often reflecting upon those that attended publick Worship, telling them, That their Meetings were the Occasion of the sore Sickness and many Death, which they were visited with.

September 15th. In the Evening expounded; some few awaked.

September 19th. Preached. Attended with encouraging Appearances; in the Evening gave a Word of Exhortation, attended with much Power. One Squaw that had been long under Doubts and Fears, but them remained, and her Evidences for Heaven shined up, and brightned; and several others of the Children of God were rashed with a Sense of the Love of Jesus to their Souls, and were ready to wish for Wings to fly and mount upwards, even to the Realms of Bliss and Glory, where they might take their Full of Love in the Embraces of their dearest

Redeemer. Some were brought under deep and distressing Concern; and one Squaw, at this Time, hopefully brought out of Darkness into marvelous Light. One that has been a long while Struggling under a deep Sense of the Plague of her Heart, the Opposition that was in her to the Way of Salvation by Jesus Christ, now, she says, Things appear new, and that she feels, as if she was in a new World, and says Christ wrought this great Change for her, and she cannot help but love him above all Things here below.

September 22d. Spent the Afternoon in Visits. In the Evening expounded; they attended with Seriousness; at this Time four Squaws owned the Covenants, and were baptised; and also baptised a Child for one of them; two were hopefully converted the latter End of *August* last Year: One last *June*, and the other last Sabbath Evening; and these, with some others, were considerably refreshed this Evening from on high.

September 26th. Preached. And most of God's Children among them were considerably refreshed. One Squaw brought under some Concern of Mind.

Skincock, September 28th. P. M. Visited the Sick. In the Evening preached; some Movings observable among them

September 29th. Preached; attended with hopeful Appearances.

September 30th. P. M. Visited the Sick and Well. Towards Evening preached; some were deeply wounded, and many others exceedingly comforted: They had astonishing Views of the glorious Fullness and Excellency of Christ, which led them to speak of him as *the chiefest among ten thousand, and one altogether lovely!* In a Word, they spake of him in the Language of a strong and lively Faith, in
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the most ravishing Manner, and of themselves as unworthy, undeserving Creatures! They were filled with Admiration at t^e amazing Greatness of Christ's Love to them; and lamented that their Love was so cool and faint to him. They longed to love him more, saying, they could never love and praise him enough! And, to judge according to the Appearances, I think I never saw so much of Heaven in the short Course of my Ministry, as at this astonishing Season! And I cannot but observe, with Joy and Thankfulness, how wonderfully these Heirs of Paradise were now endeared to me, and my Soul inflamed with strong Desires to advance their immortal Welfare. And to do them Justice, I must observe how frequently their Mouths were filled with Praises to the Lord Jesus, that he put it into the Hearts of any, at a great Distance, to make Provision for the preaching of the Gospel among them, and into my Heart, to come and preach, and endeavour to promote the best Good of their precious Souls.

Moriches, October 3d. Preached. In general they attended very diligently, and appeared to be thoughtful: Some few had their Concern increased, and were made to beg earnestly of the Lord Jesus Christ, to help and save them. Spent the Evening in giving them private Instructions and Admonitions.

Pattessquash, October 4th. In the Evening preached. Many appeared to be very thoughtful about their eternal Welfare; they were very ready to be instructed, and seemed to rejoice greatly at the Opportunity.

Ishup, October 6th. Spent the Evening in giving private Instructions and Cautions to some of my *Indian* People gathered together for that Purpose; they were greedy to hear, and very thankful to me for

my Instructions. It may be noted, these *Indians* have frequently gone (since I left them last Summer) sixteen Miles to attend publick Worship.

Islip, October 7th. Preached; some deeply affected. In the Evening exhorted; some, still affected, complained of their heavy Hearts, and were resolved, thro' Grace, to seek the Lord till they found him.

Wocruskhouse, October 8th. Preached; one Squaw brought under some small Concern.

Fortneck, October 8th. In the Evening preached. They acknowledged what I delivered was true, and said they would strive to regard it, but yet appeared to be very indifferent in the Things that concerned their everlasting Peace.

Rockway, October 10th. Preached. The *Indians* attended with Seriousness, and some appeared to be under some Awakenings about their eternal Safety: The *Indians* here are considerably reformed, and are ready to hear and receive Instruction. The Hints given in the foregoing Journal are a plain Account of my Endeavours with, and hopeful Success among the dear People of my present Charge.

The Lord continue to smile upon, and bless the noble important Design.

AZARIAH HORTON.

P. S. It may be noticed, that there are almost Four hundred *Indians* upon *Long-Island*, old and young.

A. HORTON.

A further HISTORY of the SOCIETY'S MISSIONARIES in *America*, viz. Mr. *Azariah Horton*, and Mr. *David Brainard*.

LET. X. *From the Correspondents, to the Society.*

Honoured Sir,

SINCE the last Accounts that were sent to the Society, Mr. *Horton* and Mr. *Brainard*, the Society's Missionaries, have been diligently engaged in their respective Charges, and we trust have met with encouraging Success.---Mr. *Horton*, upon *Long-Island*, and Mr. *Brainard* at *Caunameck*, upon the Borders of the Province of *New-York*:---Mr. *Brainard*, by the Help of the Schoolmaster and Interpreter that was allowed him by the honourable Society, made some Progress the last Winter in learning the *Indian* Language, and was so successful among that Body of *Indians* with whom he has employed his Time hitherto, that they are now prevailed upon to join with the *Indians* under Mr. *Sergeant's* Ministry, and have actually removed among them, where there are Lands provided for their Reception. This your Correspondents think is a valuable Point gained; for now they are in the Way of constant and regular Instruction, and will have an Advantage of living in a Christian Manner, if Divine Grace incline and enable them to improve the Opportunity: We therefore thought it best immediately to send Mr. *Brainard* to the *Delaware Indians*; and, from a Visit he has lately made them, we have an hopeful Prospect that he will meet with a kind Reception, and earnestly pray,

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that God will give him abundant Success. We accordingly, the last Week, ordained him to the Work of the Ministry, and he immediately set out upon his Journey to *Delaware*. The *Indian* Interpreter and Schoolmaster, whose Name is *John Wauwampequinnawnt*, that assisted Mr. *Brainard* at *Caunameck*, performed his Duty, by the Accounts we have received, faithfully ;---and many of the *Indian* Youths made good Progress under his Instruction :---But Mr. *Brainard* being to enter upon his Mission among the *Delaware* Indians, this Person was not thought so well qualified to accompany him in this Undertaking,---there being some small Difference between the Dialect of the *Indians*, among whom he was brought up, and the *Delawares* :---Therefore we have dismissed him the Society's Service, and he has drawn Bills for thirteen Pounds sixteen Shillings *Sterling* upon the Society's Cashier in *London*, which is the Value of Twenty four Pounds *New-York* Currency, the Sum that was allowed him by the Society.---Mr. *Brainard* will still have need of an Interpreter :---We therefore trust the Society will yet allow the same Sum, or as much of it as shall be found needful, in order to procure him a good Interpreter in his present Undertaking, without which he can make no Progress in this important Affair.---And we should be glad, if a Commission were sent to Mr. *Brainard*, of the same Tenor with Mr. *Horton's*. Mr. *Brainard* has made considerable Proficiency in learning the *Indian* Language :---He has composed some Prayers in that Tongue for the Use of the *Indians*, and one or two Sermons ; so that, in a little Time, we hope he will have no Need of an Interpreter. We can with Pleasure say, that Mr. *Brainard* passed thro' his Ordination-trials, to the universal Approbation of the Presbytery, and appeared uncommonly qualified

lified for the Work of the Ministry. He seems to be armed with a great deal of Self-denial, and animated with a noble Zeal to propagatè the Gospel among those barbarous Nations, who have so long dwelt in the Darknèss of Heathenism; and we cannot but hope, that he will be a blessed Instrument, in the Hands of the Redeemer, of *turning many of them from darknèss to light, and from the power of Satan unto God.* We have been diligently inquiring, but cannot yet find out any *Indian Youth*, that we think suitable to be educated for the Work of the Ministry; and we are unwilling to employ the Society's Money, without a good Prospect of Success -- To give the Society a clearer View of the State of Things, the Missionaries have sent their Journals,--- and I have sent the Correspondents Minutes, which refer to Mr. *Brainard's* Removal from *Caunameck* to *Delaware*.---I have also sent a Letter I lately received from Mr. *Brainard*,
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 from the Forks of *Delaware*, giving an Account of the Reception he met with in his first Visit to them. We ask the Continuance of the Society's Prayers, for the Establishment and Enlarging of the Redeemer's Interest in these remote Parts. This is subscribed in Name of the Correspondents, by,

Directed, To the Preses of
 the Committee of Direc-
 tors of the Society, and
 dated New-York,
 -----June 1744.

Honoured Sir,
 Your most obedient,
 humble Servant,

E. PEMBERTON P. C.

XI. Correspondents Minutes.

At a Meeting of the Correspondents for the Indian Mission, at Elisabeth-town, April 5th 1744.---Present Mr. Ebenezer Pemberton, Mr. John Pierſon, Mr. Aaron Burr, and Mr. Jonathan Dickinson.

MR. *Brainard* being returned from his Mission among the *Indians* at *Caunameck*, has given an Account of his Conduct with thoſe *Indians*, and his having brought them into ſuch a Friendſhip with Chriſtianity, that they are generally willing to remove to *Stockbridge*, to be under the Miniſtry of the Reverend Mr. *Sergeant*. The Correspondents are exceedingly well ſatisfied with his faithful and painful Diſcharge of his Truſt there, as well as with the Pains he has taken, and the Progreſs he has made in learning the *Indian* Language: Though we cannot but be grieved to find, that the Fatigues that both Mr. *Horton* and he have gone through among the *Indians*, have born too hard upon their Conſtitutions, and been very injurious to their Health.

The Correspondents underſtanding, that there is at preſent a good Proſpect of Mr. *Brainard's* doing Service to the Tribe of *Delaware Indians*, in that their King, and ſome others, are willing to receive a Miniſter among them; the Correspondents deſire Mr. *Brainard* to return to *Stockbridge*, and endeavour to get an Interpreter from thence, and to return from thence to the *Delaware* Tribe, as ſoon as he conveniently can. And whereas the *Indians* among whom Mr. *Brainard* has ſerved, are to remove to *Stockbridge*, where there is a Schoolmaſter provided to inſtruct them, the Correspondents do determine, that there will be no further Need of improving and maintaining

the young *Indian* that has hitherto been their School-master, and Mr. *Brainard's* Interpreter. And it is concluded, that the Money allowed by the Society for his Maintenance, be improved as far as we shall find necessary for the Reward of an Interpreter, to go out with Mr. *Brainard* among the *Delaware Indians*.

The Correspondents direct, that Mr. *Brainard* be ordained the second *Wednesday* in *June* next, and that he make an Exegetis upon this Question, *An peccatum Adami omnibus imputatur?* And that he preach from *Acts* xxvi. 17, 18. The Ordination to be attended at *New-York*, and Mr. *Pierston* preside in that Affair, and Mr. *Pemberton* preach the Ordination-Sermon.---Ordered, That the Reverend Mr. *Sergeant* be notified of the Ordination, and that he be desired to conclude that Solemnity with an Exhortation to the Candidate after the Ordination is attended.

XII. LETTER from Mr. Azariah Horton to the President of the Society.

Dated Southampton. Nov. 19, 1743.

My Lord,

THE Letter sent me, by Order of the very worthy and honourable Society, came safe to my Hand the 18th instant, and I heartily concur with their Agreement, at the General Meeting upon the 17th *March* last, for my Continuance among the *Long-island Indians*; though many Difficulties and Hardships accompany so extensive a Charge, I can't but look upon it as a special and kind Providence, that these poor Natives are like to enjoy the Means of Grace, though the Dispenser be weak, and unequal to the arduous Employment. I find
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more and more Need of Strength, and Direction from above. I find more Discouragements of late to press me down, and weaken my Hands, in my ministerial Labours, than before.---Religion at present is in a languishing Posture amongst the *Indians* under my Care. Some few that I have hoped were converted, oblige me to quit my Hopes; others gave me Reason to suspect them.---And some (blessed be God) still give good Evidence of a saving Change, who lament frequently under a Sense of their indwelling Corruptions, and live, in some good Measure, *as it becometh the Gospel*. Some that have been under strong Convictions of their guilty miserable Circumstances, are grown very careless, apostatized to the Practice of their old darling Sin of Drunkenness, and are but remiss in attending upon the publick Worship.---Many others unmindful of God, and their best Interest;---some of which attend the Means of Grace, and some that wholly neglect.---I might observe, that the *Indians* of *Shincock*, in general, are forward to attend religious Exercises, to receive private Instructions, learn to read, and (I could humbly and thankfully speak it) treat me with Kindness and Respect;---some of which appear to be considerably distressed about their eternal Welfare.---The Account I have given affords a melancholy Prospect: But yet, I think, some Grounds of Hope remain; and I cannot but be encouraged, inasmuch as, I trust, the All-wise God directed to the afore-mentioned Result, of continuing the Gospel-ministry among these my dear People, in order to their future Good. Though now it be dull and decaying Times, I humbly hope the Lord has Grace in Store, that he will return in Mercy, rain down Righteousness, and visit these poor blind Heathen with the Knowledge of Jesus Christ. 'Tis probable
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the Apostasy, Security, and Decay of Religion above-mentioned, is owing partly to my Absence, being always from some Part or other of my Charge; and partly to the Prejudice some endeavour to fill their Minds with against me and my Instructions; and partly to the frequent and strong Temptations laid before them suited to their beloved *Constitution*, together with the pernicious Examples of some People with whom they are conversant. But, however this be, I shall endeavour to prosecute the Trust reposed in me with Faithfulness and Diligence; humbly requesting an Interest in the Prayers of the honourable Members of the Society, that I may have divine Light and Life in Proportion to the Difficulties of the Work before me; and that the Lord would abundantly smile upon, and succeed the glorious and important Design.

May the Father of Lights, from whom descends every good and perfect Gift, grant you all those Blessings in this Life, that he, in his infinite Wisdom, shall see meet, and unwithering and Soul-refreshing Joys in the heavenly Mansions. My Lord, I am

Your Lordship's most humble, and

Directed, *To the most
honourable the Mar-
quis of Lothian.*

most obedient Servant,

AZARIAH HORTON.

XIII. From Mr. David Brainard, to Mr. Ebenezer Pemberton.

From about 12 Miles above the Forks of Delaware in Pennsylvania, May 30th 1744.

Rev. and honoured Sir,

ALtho' I have had but little Time, as yet, with the *Indians* of this Place, not having been with them more than three Weeks; yet, according to your Desire, I have taken the first Opportunity to inform you of the Attempts I have made, and the Entertainment I have met with amongst them here, and elsewhere. When I left *New-York*, about the Middle of *April* last, I returned to *Caunaumack*, where I spent the last Year, and, according to my Orders, took Leave of the *Indians* there, in order to remove to the *Delaware* Tribe: But left most of them under the ministerial Care of the Reverend Mr. *Sergeant*, where they had moved for the Sake of further Instruction.

On my Journey to *Delaware*, I met with a small Tribe of *Indians*, at a Place called *Minisunks*, more than 130 Miles from *Caunaumack*, and upwards of 60 from the Place where I now am. I paid them a Visit; and after I had saluted their King, and others, with all Tokens of Friendship, I told the King, I had a Desire for their Happiness, to teach them the Christian Religion; whereupon he laughed, turned his Back upon me, and went away. I then addressed another considerable Man, who told me, he was willing to hear what I had to say. I then followed the King into his own House, and renewed my Discourse with him; but he declined talking, and committed the Affair to one that seemed to be a considerable

able Man amongst them, and a Man of some Sense, who talked very freely with me for some Time, but grew very earnest, and somewhat angry. The Substance of his Talk was in this Strain,----Why do you desire us to become Christians, when the Christians are so much worse than we? The Christians lie and get drunk, and steal worse than we, and your Wia-wauses, or Rulers, are forced to put Ropes round their Neck to keep them from stealing, and still others will steal :----But the *Indians* are never hanged for stealing, and yet they are not half so bad, and the like.----I was forced to own, that this was indeed a sad Truth, with regard to some that are called Christians; but told him, that these were not Christians in Reality, that I hated such Things as them, and did not desire that they should become such kind of Christians as these they complained of; that I hated any body should abuse the *Indians*, and cheat them out of their Lands, and the like; at which he seemed very calm. I then asked him, If I should come and see them as a Friend? He replied, He should be glad to see me as a Friend, but was not willing to be a Christian. The next Day I went on my Way, and when I came to these *Indians*, I found their King kindly disposed, and willing to be instructed in Christianity. After I had been at his House a few Times, I found he was a great Friend to me, and told me, he would do all he could to get the *Indians* of those Parts together: The Thing is so new, that many seem surpris'd; but yet I have sundry Times got near 30 together, and most that have had Opportunity to hear me, seem very attentive and well pleas'd; their Number, I have Reason to hope, will increase, as I have farther Opportunities with them. There is one Thing worthy of Observation, and that is, that two or three of them that could understand,

tho' they could not talk *English*, came to hear me preach to the *Irish* People; and one of them was brought under very apparent Concern for her Soul, and continues so still.---Another told me, he would try to have other *Indians* come and hear me preach, and seemed himself to have some Concern upon his Mind.

Here is but a small Number of *Indians* near about this Place; I believe not more than 60 or 70 Persons, old and young.---Their Language differs very much from that which I have gained some Acquaintance with in the Year past; but still I find the Pains I have taken in that Respect will be of considerable Advantage to me here.---I am much more encouraged, and fixed in my Labours here, than among the other Tribe. Tho' there is but a small Number here, yet there is a great Prospect, that, if these receive the Gospel in the Love of it, this will prove a Means of opening an effectual Door to the *Susquahannab* Tribe, where I hope the Lord will, in his own Time, give us a plentiful Harvest. I am very desirous to make some Attempts for the enlightening of them poor Souls, if my Life and Health be continued;---but the Undertaking is very difficult,---and who is sufficient for it? As I have great Reason to believe, *Sir*, that you are much concerned for the Advancement of the Redeemer's Kingdom among these poor Heathen, so I trust they and I shall have an Interest in your Prayers continually for that End.

I am,

Sir,

With great Reverence and Honour,

Your obedient humble Servant,

D. BRAINARD.

Follows the Journals of the Missionaries.

XIV. Fifth Journal of Mr. HORTON,
from April 13th to Aug. 21st, 1743.

Rockway, April 14th. Preached. Some few appeared somewhat attentive and thoughtful.

Jerusalem, p. m. Conversed with a Squaw, who appeared a little concerned about her Soul.

Fortneck, ditto. In the Evening gave some Instructions and Warnings to a small Number of *Indians*, that were together; but they still remain blind, and almost altogether thoughtless of a future State.

Woozuskhouse, 15th. Visited the *Indians* of a few Wigwaams, and solemnly warned them of their Sin and Danger, and earnestly intreated and exhorted them to seek the Lord while he might be found, that Peace might be their latter End; --- but these also appeared unaffected and unconcerned about their eternal Welfare.

Islup, 16th. a. m. Visited, and gave solemn Warnings to the *Indians* present; but they seemed very stupid, except some few. In the Evening---conversed with a Squaw, who appeared to have some Sense of her miserable helpless Circumstances.

Ditto, 17th. Preached. Some were made sensible of their Sins in some Measure, and appeared to be a little concerned about their Soul's Welfare.

Shincock, 20th. Returned to the *Indians* there, and they appeared much rejoiced, --- and were glad of further Opportunity of being instructed.

Ditto, p. m. Preached. Some were moved considerably with a Sense of their Sins.

21st. Visited. Conversed with the *Indians* about their eternal Concerns. Preached.---Some few deeply distressed; others appeared very thoughtful.

Montauk, April 24th. Preached. Some were enlivened and refreshed; and, as I hope, made more humble.

27th. *p. m.* Spent some Time in conversing with my People about their eternal Concerns. Towards Night preached; two or three of the Children of God were hopefully revived and comforted.

May 1st. Preached. Some small Movings observable in respect of Comfort and Concern.

Towards Night preached. Attended with the divine Blessing, for the hopeful quickening and refreshing some few, that, as I trust, were made alive to God heretofore.

Shincock, 4th. *p. m.* Preached. Some few were made to lament the Coldness of their Love to the Lord Jesus Christ, and had a deeper Sense of their Inability to quicken and comfort themselves.

5th. *p. m.* Preached. Attended with hopeful Appearances: Some were filled with Love to Christ, and others brought under fresh Concern for their eternal Welfare. At this Exercise baptized a Child for a Squaw that entered into Covenant some Time the last Summer.

Southampton, ---6th. Set out in order to visit the *Delaware Indians*, to make an Offer of the Gospel to them.

Rockway, 8th. Preached. There appeared a Forwardness in some to receive Instruction. I might observe here, that the same Grounds of Discouragement remain among the *Indians* of *Montauk* and *Shincock*, which I mentioned in the Close of my last Journal. And I cannot well omit observing, the great Necessity of one to instruct, caution and exhort them in a more steady and uninterrupted Method than I possibly can, seeing they with the *Indians*, of many other Places upon *Long-Island*, live at so great a Distance from each other, it being at least 100 Miles from the two Extremes:

Smithfield, May 18th. 1742. After a long and tedious Journey, arrived at *Smithfield* upon *Delaware*, where I found but few *Indians*. I propos'd to meet them the next Day.

May 19th. p. m. Made a short Address for an Introduction to the Message I came upon, by an Interpreter, to the small Company of *Indians* present, being but four, besides a few Squaws and Children. After this, my Interpreter inquiring how they received my Proposals, one old *Indian* answered, in Name of the rest, to this Effect, I rejoice in my Heart, that there is a Prospect of a new Sun's rising upon us to give us Light, to see the Way clear before us: But further said, He was the only old *Indian* present, (the rest being at a great Distance) and it being customary for the elderly and chief ones among them to consult together, could not come to a full Conclusion in the Affair treated of.

Towards Night met them again, and went to instruct them; and, when I had finished the Exercise, my Interpreter made farther Inquiry how they approved what they had heard; the forementioned old *Indian* answered, that they liked it, saying, they were sorry that while some of their Fellow *Indians*, living lower down upon the same River, were instructed by some *English* People, they were neglected and left; but rejoiced that now one was come to instruct them; and said, they would carry the Message they had heard to their Fellows that were now at a vast Distance; and further, tho' they could not go on, and fully determine the Matter, by reason so few of their Number were present, yet they earnestly desir'd one would come to teach them, (mentioning a particular Time) when their chief ones, and a great Number of others would be at this Place.

Smithfield, May 20th. This Morning proceeded to instruct the forementioned *Indians*. They attended the Exercise with Seriouinets, and profess'd they were still desirous of Instruction, and confirmed their Request made Yesterday of one to teach them. Blessed be God for the encouraging Prospect. May he who hath wrought the small Beginnings carry them on to the saving Conversion of Multitudes of Souls among these poor benighted Heathen.

Morichees, June 2d. Preached. Some were distressed under a Sense of Sin. The *Indians* hereabouts are much reformed, and very ready to receive Instruction.

Shincock, June 5th. Preached. Some few were considerably affected with a Sense of their Sin and Danger. At this Exercise a Squaw entered into Covenant, who was mentioned as converted *August 22d*, and was baptized and her Children, two in Number.

6th. Preached. Some hopefully refreshed, and brought near to the Lord, others filled with deep Concern for their Souls.

8th. Preached. Attended with reviving and encouraging Appearances.

10th. Preached. Some affected with Joy in Believing, some with Sorrow on Account of their Sins.

12th. *Montauk.* Preached. They appeared serious, and some were concerned about their future State.

Shincock, 19th. Preached. Some few had fresh Visits from the Lord, which gave them a mournful and humbling Sense of their own Unworthinets, of their Defects and Deviations from the divine Laws. Some had fresh Convictions of their guilty, miserable and helpless Condition.

July 1st. In general they attended seriously. Some were much affected with a sense of their miserable undone Estate.

Montauk, 3d. Preached. Attended with some small Appearances relating to Comfort and Concern. At this Time baptised a Child for a Squaw, who herself was baptised last *January*.

Shincock, 24th. Preached. They were very attentive. Some were hopefully visited with fresh Discoveries of the Love of God to their Souls; such as were accompany'd with high and reverend Thoughts of the holy and glorious Majesty of Heaven, and with mean and abasing ones of themselves. Some few were deeply distressed.

Shincock, *August* 3d. *p. m.* Preached. 5th *p. m.* Spent some Time in conversing with my People about their Spiritual Concerns. In the Evening preached. The Concern of some renewed, and increased.

9th. *p. m.* Mr. *Newal* preached. They were attentive and serious in general. One had renewed and strong Impressions of his miserable Condition, and said, He wanted Christ to help and save him.

Shincock, ---14th. Preached. Some small Appearances, relating to Comfort and Concern. At this Exercise, baptised a Child for a Squaw; herself baptised last Winter.

18th. *p. m.* Preached. Some were considerably distressed, under a Sense of Sin and Misery.

I might observe, that the *Indians* of this Place in general are steady in attending publick Worship; are attentive to the Word preached; and are very desirous from Time to Time, that I should continue with them, more than I possibly can; considering the Extensiveness of my present Charge. And I desire to mention with Humility and Thankfulness, that their Affections are much placed upon me, notwithstanding the repeated Endeavours of some to prejudice them against me. And hence it appears more likely, that I should be made instrumental of good

good to their precious Souls. The Prospect now looks more encouraging than what I mentioned in my Journal of the 8th *May* last, with respect to these *Indians*.

Rockway, August 21st. Preached. Some few attended, but with considerable Indifference. And seeing Example is of great Influence, the bad Examples of the White People thereabout tend to discourage the *Indians*, and to render the Means used with them in a great Measure fruitless.

AZARIAH HORTON.

XV. *Sixth Journal of Mr. HORTON,*
from August 25th 1743 to March
8th 1743-4.

ROckway, August 25th Preached. After Exercise was finish'd, conversed with them about their Spiritual Concerns.

Jerusalem, August 26th, a. m. Conversed with a Squaw about her Soul.

Islup, 28th. p. m. Preached. They heard attentively, and some few affected with a Sense of their Sins. In the Evening preach'd; they attended seriously. I might note, that some of them that were concerned here, are grown careless, and sometimes return to their former abominable Practices. I solemnly warned them in Publick and Private of their dreadful Danger, and compassionably exhorted them to consider the Things that belong to their everlasting Peace.

Shincock, September 8th. This Day was observed as a Day of publick Thanksgiving. The Exercise was attended with Seriousness and Decency, and hopefully blessed for the gladening and rejoicing the
Hearts

Hearts of some under a Sense of the great Things the Lord had done for their Souls, and for the exciting of others to reflect mournfully upon their past Forgetfulness of God, and their vile Ingratitude to him.

A beautiful Sight to behold those gathered together, to worship and bless God, who, before Gospel-light shone among them, were wont to meet to sing and dance, carrouse and give a Loose to vain Mirth and Jollity. A comforting and reviving Thought!

Moniak, 11th. Preached. Some few lightly touched in Conscience.

13th. Visited, and gave private Instructions.

15th. Observed, this Day, to give publick Thanks to God, and I trust some did sincerely observe it, and were favoured with some small Refreshings of Soul. Others were visibly serious.

18th. Preached. Some small Appearances relating to Comfort and Concern.

Shinecock, 23d. *p. m.* Preached; and conversed with them about their eternal Concerns.

Shinecock, September 25th. Preached. Some were distressed, others comforted. One Squaw in particular favoured with lively Views of the Beauty of Jesus Christ, and her Soul ravished therewith; at the same Time she had humbling Views of her own Weakness and Unworthiness, and mourned greatly that her Love to the Lord Jesus Christ was so small, her Desires so cold and faint, and said she wanted Strength from him to walk thro' this Vale of Tears, and to serve and glorify his Name.

29th. *p. m.* Preached. One young Squaw considerably awakened.

Montauk, October 2d. Preached. Towards Evening conversed with an *Indian*, who appeared to have

a humble Sense of his own Unworthiness and Vileness, of his Need of Divine Help to keep him from falling into Sin, and to assist him to an acceptable Performance of his Duty.

Shincock, 8th. Conversed with an *Indian*, who appeared to have a considerable Acquaintance with the Vileness of his own Heart, a deep Sense of the utter Insufficiency of his best Performances to save him, and to have chosen the Lord Jesus Christ as his only Saviour. He now appears to have Sin in Abhorrence, and to have an endeared Love for the blessed Redeemer; and further, to have a deep Sense of his constant Need of fresh Supplies from him, who is the only Fountain of Grace and Strength.

9th. Preached. Some few hopefully refresh'd from on high, attended also with some small Appearance of Concern.

Montauk, 16th. Some few faintly comforted; others lightly touched in their Consciences.

17th. *p. m.* Visited.

Shincock, 23d. Preached. Some few considerably distressed about the eternal Welfare of their precious Souls.

Montauk, *November* 6th. Preached. Attended with some small Appearance of Concern. At this Time baptised a Child for an *Indian*, himself baptised a Year last *August*.

7th. Conversed with an *Indian* and Squaw, who appeared to have gained in their Acquaintance with their own Hearts, and to have a mournful and humbling Sense of their Imperfections and indwelling Corruptions.

Shincock, 13th. Some considerably affected with a Sense of their Sins and the Wrath of God, to which

which they were expoted, and brought to inquire what they should do to be saved.

18th. Spent Part of the Day in visiting.---Converted with an old *Indian*, who gave me considerable Reason to hope a saving Change was wrought on him, ---and by his Account it was sometime last Summer.

20th. Preached. Attended with encouraging Appearances; many had their Convictions encreased, ---brought under deeper Apprehensions of their own Weakness, and led to beg ardently of Christ to help and save them.

Montauk, 27th. Preached. Some few appeared to be serious and thoughtful.

Quaog, December 10th. This Morning I had the Pleasure to hear three *Indian* Children repeat a considerable Part of the Assembly's Catechism, and to hear each of them spell in the Psalter, and the two eldest repeat the two first of *David's* Psalms: It may be noted, their Mother can read well, and is painful, after her Capacity, in giving Instructions to her Children.

11th. Preached. The Exercise attended with Serioufness.--Some few had lively Impressions of their miserable helpless Circumstances.

13th. In the Evening expounded,---After Divine Service was ended, I told my People the News I had received from *Scotland*, viz. of my Continuance among the *Long-Island Indians*. They universally manifested what great Joy and Satisfaction it was to them, and they explicitly declared their Thanks to the great God, for his kind Providence herein.

Quaog, 18th. Preached.---Attended with encouraging Appearances, At this Exercise, baptised two Children.

Mowauk, 25th. Preached. Some of the Children of God brought to a deeper Acquaintance with their

own Hearts, and made to mourn bitterly under a Sense of their indwelling Corruptions. Towards Evening, instructed four or five young Squaws, who came to visit me, about the great Business of Salvation.

Quog, January 1st, 1743-4. Preached. They attended with Seriousness, some few with Gladness of Heart.

3d, *a. m.* Visited. In the Evening expounded. One much affected with a Sense of her remaining Corruptions.

8th. Preached. Some had their Concern revived and increased. Some were hopefully invivened and comforted from above; they now mourned, that their Love to Jesus Christ was so small and faint; their fervent Desires were, that it might be increased and inkindled into a great Flame, and that they might be made more humble and thankful. The Exercises of this Day were attended with much of the Divine Power, with reviving Appearances.

Montaub, 15th Mr *Newal* preached.---Attended with an hopeful Appearance.

16th. Mr. *Newal* preached. One *Indian* awakened, others had their Concern revived, and others enabled to rejoice in the Lord

Quog, 22d. Preached. Some few visited from above with inward Peace and Sundry refreshings, accompany'd with a humbling Sense of their own Unworthiness.

Moriches, 22d. In the Evening preached, visibly attended with Divine Power; some had a distressing Sense of their miserable Estate, and many that were hopefully the Children of God favoured with wonderful Manifestations of his special Love to their Souls, that *Missionaries* with Joy and Admiration and deep Abasement.---They gloried at his Love
 beloved

bestowed upon them, and mourned that theirs was so small to him. After public Exercise was ended, several of the above-mentioned sung part of a Divine Hymn, which contained Ascriptions of Praise to God the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and I trust they sung with sincere and grateful Dispositions of Soul. Blessed be God for such a reviving rejoicing Prospect!

It may be noted, that a great Part of my Hearers this Evening came from *Quaog*, which is twelve Miles, and that the *Indians* of this Place go frequently there to Meeting.

Montauk, January 29th. Preached. Some few faintly refreshed from on high. Conversed with an *Indian*, who has long been under deep Concern, and, by his Account, now hopefully converted.--30th, Spent in visiting my People, giving them Instructions, Reproofs and Warnings with Reference to their Souls best Good.

Quaog, February 5th. Preached.--Some distressed, others visited and sweetly refreshed with the Communications of Divine Grace and Love. At this Exercise two *Indians* entered into Covenant, and were baptised, both hopefully converted a Year last Summer, and also baptised three Children for one of them.

Quaog, March 3d. p. m. Gave private Instructions and Exhortations.--Conversed with a Squaw, who appears to have been made sensible of her Sinfulness and Misery, of her utter Insufficiency to help herself, and to have received the Lord Jesus Christ upon the Gospel Warrant; this about a fourth night ago.

4th. Preached. Attended with reviving and encouraging Appearances. At this Exercise two *Indians* and two Squaws entered into Covenant, and were baptised; and also baptised five Children. I might note, that the *Indians* of this Place, after asking my Advice

vice, hired a Squaw this Winter past, to teach their Children to read. The Squaw mentioned *December 10th.*

Moricbees, March 5th. Preached. Some few much distressed.

Pattessquash, March 6th, p. m. Visited, and conversed with some of my People about their Spiritual Concerns. In the Evening preached; they were generally attentive, and some few affected with a Sense of their Sinfulness and Misery.

Islup, 8th. In the Evening endeavoured to inform my People in the great Concern of a future State, and prest the solemn Affair.--They gave good attention, and one or two appeared to be touched in their Consciences.

Whoever seriously peruses the foregoing short and plain Account, must allow, that the Spirit of God has been gloriously operating in the Hearts of some of my People, and consequently (I think) will be led to rejoice and praise the Lord, and pray that the Redeemer's Interest may flourish amongst them yet more and more.

AZARIAH HORTON.

It doth not appear needful to publish here very exact Journals of the Reverend Mr. *David Brainard*, another of the Honourable Society's Missionaries, in this History.--The Reader hath a short Account of his Success among the *Connecticut Indians*, to whom he was first sent, and among whom he laboured near one Year, in the tenth Letter from the Correspondents to the Society.--Also in the Minutes of the Correspondents marked Number VI. And, last of all, Mr. *Brainard's* Letter marked Numb XIII. relates his Reception by the *Delaware Indians*, and his Prospect of Success with them.--If there had been Room for it in

this Number, I would rather chuse to publish in this Country the Reverend and Worthy of much Esteem Mr. *Sergeant* of *Stockbridge's* Letter to Dr. *Colman* of *Boston*, containing Mr. *Sergeant's* Proposal of a more effectual Method for the Education of *Indian* Children, &c. made publick by the Venerable Doctor *Colman*, and recommended by him; but this must be referred to afterwards, if the Lord permit. Past all Doubt, the preceding History will excite many to pray for much of the Lord's Presence with the above Missionaries.

Mr. *Balfour's* Letter of the State of Religion in *Nig.*

R. D. B.

SINCE *February* last, that I sent you a State of the Revival of Religion in this Parish, the Work of Awakening has proceeded upon new Subjects more currently than in any former Period, and still continues, to the Praise of free Grace; with severals it appears to be more distinct and lively than formerly. The first Effects of it are, That the Awakened apply to the Minister and others for Assistance and Direction, under an apparent weighty Concern about their Salvation. They utter grievous Complaints of their Ignorance, former Carelessness about their Souls, Misimprovement of Gospel Ordinances, the Neglect of Christ, and Contempt of his Grace. Such as are more openly profane in their former Course of Life, abound in Confession of such Evils as they were addicted to, with Profession of great Remorse and Shame on Account of them. All express an exercising Sense of natural Corruption, as well as actual Sins; their Need of regenerating Grace

to renew their Nature; and declare they look for Salvation only through Christ, and on Account of his Righteousness. They instantly commence more tender and regular in their Conversation, engage with Zeal and Diligence in all professional Duties, and punctually attend to all Means of Edification. As to Relief and Outgate from a Law-work, most of those who have been lately awakened, and severals formerly under Convictions, and continuing so still, are much dissatisfied as yet, thro' prevailing Fears, Damps, and Doubts about their Sincerity, and the Reality of a saving Work of Grace upon their Souls, about which they are much with me and others for being resolved: But I observe none of them under actual Despair. They seem indeed to hope in his Word, as the Psalmist when he cried out of the Deeps; and are supported by some suitable Passages of Scripture, which they take hold of, or some more general Views of Gospel-grace and Salvation thro' Christ; and thus they entertain some feeble Hopes, and some dim and remote Prospects of a comfortable Issue of their Concern, in a Way of believing Expectation, tho' they have not as yet attained to such Confidence and Distinctness in the Way of a believing Application, as they profess they greatly desire, and much long for, and hence they have grievous Complaints of Unbelief, Hardness of Heart, and other Soul Distempers. They appear very sensible of their Impotency, to do any thing of themselves, towards their own Relief, without the special Aids of the Spirit and Grace of Christ. They are extremely apprehensive of falling off from their Concern, and bringing Scandal upon their Profession, by returning again to their former Follies. Severals declare with much Regret how oft they had stifled former Convictions, and dropt their Concern thro' a Variety of Temptations,

ations, wordly Distractions and Divisions, and sundry Discouragements, to which they had given Way; and how oft they had broke through many good Resolutions and Purposes. And at the same Time they likewise express a thankful Sense of the Lord's gracious Forbearance towards them, and his Condescension in reviving their Convictions, and Challenges with greater Efficacy, notwithstanding their own Sloth and Frowardness. I meet frequently with such as complain thus, and are from this very Consideration the more apprehensive about the Consequence of their Concern.

The Awakened generally resolve their Concern, as to its first Rise, into some special Passage of Scripture, or some searching Gospel Subject, making deep Impression upon them in or after the Hearing, and filling them with an exercising Sense of the Danger of their Condition, and Apprehensions of the Wrath of God due to them for Sin: For Instance, there was Yesterday a young Lad with me; a poor illiterate Servant, and very silly to look at, of whose Concern I heard nothing of before, who upon enquiry gave me the following Account of its Rise; That upon hearing these Words, *Awake O Sword against the Man that is my Fellow*; he came under a Concern about his own Salvation. I askt him, how he understood and applied this Passage, so as to be concerned from the Consideration of it? He answered, That he gathered from it, that as the Father gave Commission to the Sword of Justice against Christ for the Sins of his People, the same Sword must get Commission against himself for his Sins, unless he attained to an Interest in Christ's Sufferings and Satisfaction in his own Behalf. And upon further Inquiry, he informed, That often in Sickness and Distress, he had solemnly purposed to lead

a religious Life, but that upon Recovery and Enlargement he had dropt his Purposes, and that a Reflection upon this was another great Cause of his present Concern, and drove him over many Demurrs and Difficulties (which he also mentioned) to make his Case known to me, and to some of the Elders, to whom he had applied before his coming to me. The Accounts given by most others are in the same rational and scriptural Way, and fully as pertinent, but I have given this as a Specimen, as having last occurred.

This awakening Work has now become pretty general, by which I mean, that some of all Degrees, Ages, Sexes, and Constitutions, are become the Subjects of it. I hope I may be allowed to observe from this, that it cannot possibly be resolved into any thing merely constitutional or mechanical, as I am certain that Persons of all Sorts of natural Tempers, and as divers and contrary as can be instanced in, are concerned. Indeed such as would account for it in any such Way, would do well to try their Skill in applying their mechanical Powers and Principles to the several Operations and Effects, which result from a religious Concern and Thoughtfulness about eternal Salvation; and shew how, and by what Laws of Motion, the several Springs and Mechanisms do operate in the Case, and so give us solid Demonstrations instead of fantastical Declamations. And when they have succeeded in this Essay, they may next proceed to give us the Dimensions of Thought, and describe the various Movements of Syllogism. I am confident this is fully as practicable as the other.

The far greater Number that profess Religion in this Parish are illiterate, and understand on y^e the *Irish* Language; all that I shall say of the Language

is, that it is no Disadvantage to their Edification and Instruction in Religion. I never conversed with more intelligent, savory, and distinctly exercised private Christians, than some illiterate Men in this Country, or that challenged, and got more Respect on a religious Account from all Sorts of Persons of their Acquaintance, and especially from those who consider true Religion, and practical Godliness as the most valuable Attainment, and brightest Excellency of the human Kind. It is surprising to observe with what Industry many, especially of the younger Sort, endeavour to acquire Reading. Some read the Psalms in *Irisb* Metre, and teach others in the same Way, without knowing or attending to the Power of Letters, or the Use Syllabication, by considering Words as complex Characters, which are to be always pronounced in the same Way whenever they occur: As single Characters in some Alphabets denote the complex Denomination of Letters in these Alphabets represented always in the same Form. Some of the elder Sort likewise recover their Reading, which they had been taught young, but neglected and had forgot afterwards. But as the generality are still illiterate, that Disadvantage is much made up to them, by the hearing of others read the Scriptures and other good Books, which they translate currently as they read, and without any Stop. Such a Readiness has been acquired this Way, that it is become very practicable to those that understand both Languages. This Way of reading is one of the Exercises performed in the several weekly Meetings for Prayer, as also in many Families. By these Means the Knowledge of the Scriptures, and practical Religion is greatly increased. It is really astonishing to me to observe what a copious and pertinent Use of the

Scriptures many illiterate Persons have acquired, and with what a Readiness and Fluency they pray in Scripture Language. I love not to make Comparisons, nor at all to exaggerate Things, but I must be allowed to declare ingenuously, they oft fill me with a conscious Blush, when I am among them, and hear them Praying, as well as Speaking to religious Cases. Thus in the most literal Sense, *Faith comes by hearing. Surgunt indocti, & caelum rapiunt.* The Men of Letters dispute Heaven, These live it. O what a sweet Significancy is there in our Lord's Words, *to the poor the Gospel is preached, μαρτυροῦντες ἐν παντί τοῖς πτωχοῖς.* The Poor are evangeliz'd. There must be some thing else intended than the external Administration, for that was offered then, and still is, to all as well as to the Poor. I cannot conceive of what is peculiar in it, but what the Apostle mentions *Rom. vi. 17.* And the Accomplishment of one of the great Old Testament Promises under the Evangelical Dispensation, *Isa. lvii. 13.* accommodated by our Lord, *John vi. 45.* I think it were easy to abound in such Reflections, but I must conclude, and refer to another Opportunity, if Providence afford it. I beg the Help of your Prayers still, and that you kindly remember me to the Reverend and worthy Brethren in your Bounds, particularly Messrs. *MacLaurin* and *Corse*. I am with most affectionate Regard,

R. D. B.

Your most humble

Servant in our Lord.

JOHN BALFOUR.

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P. S. The subsequent Account of the State of Religion in the Parish of *Roskeen*, which lies within six Miles of the Town of *Tain*, was lately transmitted to me by the Minister of that Parish, and is transcribed *Verbatim*. The worthy Man in his Letter to me, desires such Corrections may be made in the Stile, as may be needful, to fit it for publick View, in case you think proper to Publish it. This I leave to you to do therein as you shall see Occasion.

State of Religion in the Parish of
Rosekeen.

MR. *Daniel Beton* Minister of the Gospel at *Rosekeen*, was transported to that Populous Parish *April 1717*, and is the first *Presbyterian* Minister there, since the Restoration. The Lord blessed the Ministry of his Word there at the Beginning, so far that he was encouraged to celebrate the Sacrament of the Lords Supper in the Year *1721*, tho' he had then but six or seven of his own Paritioners that were admitted, as far as he can remember: There was a pleasant Appearance of Good in his Parish, for nine or ten Years thereafter. The Number of serious Persons encreasing, Love and Holiness maintained among them, such of these as are yet in Time (as the most of them are) seem to be growing in Grace and in the Knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. But from the Year *1732*, to the Year *1742*, Things were much at a Stand, comparatively, tho' during that Space, one and one was engaged to the Lord, and a Testimony left in the Conscience of some, which appeared thereafter, and the Lord's Hand held to them whom he had prevailed

vailed with more early. But from the Harvest 1742, to *Martinmas* 1743, or thereby (which he reckons the most remarkable Period of his Ministry in that Place) there came a surprizing Revival and Stir among the People of this Parish; about the Number of six and thirty Men and Women fell under a Concern about their Salvation, during that Period, were some Weeks thereafter received into the Monthly Fellowship Meeting in the Parish; several of them were admitted since that Time to the Lord's Table, and others of them are to be admitted, if the Lord shall spare them and their Minister, who is much broken in his Constitution by sharp Afflictions of different Kinds.

This Work began most sensibly about the End of *October* 1742. He found by conversing with these Persons, that the Subjects the Lord blest most for their Awakening, Drawing and Encourageing them (together with close Catechising thro' his Parish) were *Hosea* xiii. 13. *He is an unwise Son, for he should not stay long in place of the breaking forth of children.* And *Gal.* iv. 19. *My little children of whom I travel in birth again, till Christ be formed in you.* And *John* iii. 3. *Except a man be born again, &c.* But especially the first of these Subjects was the principal Mean of the first Stir. In the general, some of them were plunged in the Deeps of Fear and Dispondency, and are still for most Part: Others have attained to more Courage in a Way of Believing; and all of them as yet walk suitably to their Profession. And it is hoped, the Lord has not ceased to add to the Number of these: For this Season some few are coming to the Minister in a private Way, to communicate the afflicted Case of their Souls by Reason of their Sin and Misery; and honest People in the
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Parish tell him, that others are upon the Way of coming. The Lord knows what may come of these Things, but we hope for the best.

Some Children, Boys and Girles, in the Easter End of the Parish, about Twelve in Number, betwixt Nine and Fifteen Years of Age, began Winter last to meet in a private House, (the Landlady being a godly poor Widow) every Lord's Day Evening, and Monday's Night, where they exercise themselves in Praying by Turns, Singing, and Conferring about what they hear in the Publick. They keep strict Discipline among themselves, and admit none into their Society, but such as undertake to Pray with them. At first some of the serious People of the Place, hearing of it, came to over-hear them without their Knowledge, who were greatly surpris'd and affected with their massy, sound Expressions, and the Savour they found with them in Prayer. And now one or other of the serious People join often with them. They watch close over the Behaviour of each other: They are constant Hearers of the Word, and examine one another about it. Their outward Deportment is grave and quiet, without any childish Levity yet discovered about them. They are Illiterate, but fond of Learning.

Letter concerning the present State of Religion in the Parish of *Rosemarky.*

Rev. and dear Sir, *Rosemarky May 1. 1744.*

YOUR *Christian Monthly History*, cannot fail to be most acceptable to all the Children of *Zion*, as it furnishes them with so satisfying Accounts of the gracious Triumphs of *Zion's King* on both Sides of the Globe, as may have Influence to encourage
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their Faith, excite their importunate Prayers, and quicken their earnest Desires for the blessed Period, when all the Kingdoms of the Earth shall become the Kingdoms of the Lord, &c. I should therefore be very Sorry, if such an Undertaking was dropt for Want of Encouragement.

I had no Mind to trouble you in this Way, did not the mention I find made of this Parish of *Rosemarky*, in the second Number of your History (which with some of the rest came but lately to my Hand) give Occasion for it.

It is indeed but a Day of very small Things with us, in comparison with the Goings and Steps of the Majesty of our God and King in his Sanctuary with you, and elsewhere; but ill would it become us to despise even that, or even conceal or disown it; a humble thankful Confession and Acknowledgement, being a special Part of the Return he expects, tho' I know a more publick mentioning of it, requires much Prudence and Caution, much of a single Eye and upright Heart.---The least gracious Revival is the more remarkable to me, as I had been groaning under the Burden of labouring in vain, as to any considerable Appearance of Success for several Years before.---Of the few Professors of serious Religion in the Place, the most lively and judicious were removed by Death, others of them carried away by the Secession; being plied hard by some of the most zealous and insinuating Promotters of that Way.---In such melancholy Circumstances, it must be peculiarly Refreshing, that the Lord of his own mere Goodness should in any Measure have visited us. His coming was not indeed with Observation; being attended with none of these more extraordinary Circumstances, as in some other Places, but in a gentle gradu-
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ual Way.---Since the Communion here in *July* last, the Bulk of the Congregation, seem to have a Desire after Instruction, and the Knowledge of the Gospel, much greater than formerly, which appears in their more orderly, frequent and punctual Attendance on Ordinances, and their heedful Attention and seemingly serious listning to the Word. And this holds with respect to the more private as well as more publick Ordinances, for in the Course of my Examinations last Winter and Spring, I never had so little Reason to Complain of Absents, being croud-ed wherever I went, by Persons from other Corners of the Parish, besides those who were then to be catechised.

There are now about thirty Persons of different Ages and Sexes, who since that Time, have come to me under Convictions and Awakenings of Conscience, thro' the Word. Upon Conversing with them, I found severals had been under some gradual Work of this Sort for a good Time before, (some two Year.) tho' they never discovered it till now, and many of them, as well as of those whose Awak-nings have been later, seem to be very distinctly exercised, and have been favoured with such Dawnings of Gospel Illumination, discovering the great Savi-our in such glorious, lively, suitable and Soul-attracting a Light, as has powerfully drawn out their Hearts towards him, and made them find Rest to their weary Souls in him. Others of them are still in much Confusion, Perplexity and Distress. There are now four Praying Societies in different Corners of the Parish, (some whereof meet Weekly, some once in the two Weeks) beside a general Meeting with myself once a Month. I am informed by some

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of the serious People, of several others in their respective Neighbourhoods, to the Number of 14 or 16, who seem to have some promising Appearances of a Spiritual Concern beginning in them, but they have not yet been to speak with me; and indeed I have found none of them forward to discover any thing of this Kind, as long as they were able to conceal it.--- I would fain hope, what of this Kind we have met with, are only some Drops and Forerunners of a plentiful Shower, wherewith the Lord of his sovereign Goodness, which he has prepared for the Poor, will refresh this Corner of his weary Heritage, as he has done other Corners.---I am the more earnest in this longing Expectation, when I observe the stedfast Eyes, the piercing Looks, the seemingly serious and greedy Desires of many in the Congregation at Times in hearing the Word, who as yet have discovered their Concern of Soul in no other Way. And indeed one principal View I have in this, is to engage your Interest at a Throne of Grace, and that of such of the Friends and Children of Zion, as you think proper to communicate it to; that you and they would strive mightily in Prayer for us, and give the great Lord of the Vine-yard no Rest, till he look down upon this poor desolate Country-side, and this Parish in particular, that is under some peculiar Disadvantages, and turn our Wilderness into a fruitful Field.

I see mention made in the same Number of your History, of some other Parishes in this Synod, as *Nig, &c.* I doubt not you'll have more distinct Information sent you, of what of the Redeemer's Grace and Power is appearing there, and at *Roskeen* and *Killinnair*. I have heard likewise comfortable Accounts in the same Kind of the Parish of *Logie*; (whole

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(whose worthy Minister is lately called Home) all these are in the Presbytery of *Tain*. I have also had very agreeable Accounts of the Success of the Gospel in the Parishes of *Anefs* and *Kilearn* in the Presbytery of *Dingwal*. In this Presbytery of *Chanry*, there is at *Cromeray* a good Number of lively solid and judicious Christians gathered in, by the Ministry of their godly and judicious and now aged Pastor, Mr. *George Gordon*, and their Number has considerably encreased of late. The Work of the Gospel is likewise advancing in *Kirkmichael*, where I am informed there were 15 new Communicants admitted at the last Communion there.---I hear likewise of some promising Stir beginning in the Parish of *Avob*.

If the publishing any of the Hints I have mentioned, would advance any good Purposes, I should not stand in the Way of doing it. But the main Inducement that led me to give you the short State of this Parish, was, (what I mentioned already) that being privately communicate to the Lord's People in your Bounds, we might have the more Access to a Share in their Prayers and Sympathy ; as you, and the Lord's Work in your Hands, have the best Wishes of.

Reverend and dear Sir,

Rosemarky May 1st
1744.

Your very affectionate Brother,

and humble Servant in the Lord.

JOHN WOOD.

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I shall immediately subjoin an Account of the State of Religion at *Muthil*, and of the Perseverance of these, who gave hopeful Evidences of their being Subjects of a saving Work of the Holy Spirit in that Congregation. The Reader will be pleased to have it in the Reverend Mr. *Hetly's* own Words in his Letter to me, dated at *Muthil*, August 28th, 1744.

Mr. *Hetly's* first Letter concerning the State of Religion at *Muthil*.

Reverend and dear B.

I Know you very much want to know the State of Religion in this Country. Besides some particular Persons here and there, falling under Convictions, such as they cannot conceal; Ministers and others have cause to Notice, that for some Years past, there has been a more close Attendance upon Ordinances, and that never such Multitudes of People have been seen attending Communion Occasions, and the Number of Communicants every where increasing. Besides this, we generally observe, a more close Attention to the Word preached, a receiving of it with something of an apparent Appetite, and much Tenderneſs appearing amongst many of the Hearers; which makes us hope, that a gracious God has begun and is carrying on a good Work, with many more than we know of, and such as have never opened their Case to us.---As to this Congregation, tho' the publick Awakenings are much ceased, (which I never expected would long continue) yet we hope there are still some, in a more silent Way, brought to feel the burthen of Sin, and to see the Need of a Saviour. Some Evidences of this was observed a little before, and at our last Sacrament, which I hope
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a gracious God owned for the Confirmation and Consolation of many of the Lord's People, and to some of these who had lately come thro' the rough Hands of the Law.---And I may with freedom say, with respect to the great Numbers of People formerly awakened, that so far as Men can judge, the far greater Part of them are persevering in the good Ways of the Lord, and nothing is seen in their Conversation inconsistent with a gracious State. And I think the Lord is dealing with them, in their spiritual Exercises, as he uses to do with those that love and fear his Name. And to condemn all this Work here and else where, as a Delusion, and a Work of the Devil, is to strike a Blow at the vital Parts of Religion, and has a visible Tendency to confirm Deist, Atheist and the openly Prophane, in their cursed Opinion, that there is no such Thing, as a real and saving Operation of the Spirit of God upon the Souls of Men. And if regarded and believed, has a woful Tendency, to shake the Confidence of *old Disciples*, when they see such an observable Agreement of the Way of the Spirit with them long ago, and his Way with many of late in our Day, answering to one another, as Face answers to Face in the Glass.---O what Ground of Grief and Lamentation does it afford, to see Men professing great Friendship to Religion, so blinded with a Party Zeal, as to limit the Holy one of *Israel*, and the saving Workings of his Spirit, only to their Party and Faction. And to give it out upon the Matter, that there can be no Conversion to God, unless there be a Conversion to them. And it seems, if the Subjects of this Work had presently deserted the Ministry of those Ministers, whose Labours the Lord had blessed to them, and come over to them, it would no more have

have been reckoned a Delusion; and this would have been accepted as a solid and satisfying Evidence of a gracious Change. May the Lord open their Eyes, and prevent their running into any further dreadful Extremes.---I thought *Carnock* Sacrament was an agreeable Occasion. But we must wait a little to see what may be the Fruits of it in that Country. It was refreshing to the Souls of some of my People. Dear Brother, continue to Pray for us, and to praise God for his Goodness to this Congregation. And I am, with great Respect,

Muthil August 28.
1744.

Your affectionate Brother

and Servant in our Lord.

W. HETLY.

There have been, this Summer, surprizing Accounts of an Awakening Work of the Spirit of the Lord, among the *English* Soldiers of the Army in *Flanders*; whereby many of them have been brought under great spiritual Distress, and Concern about the Salvation of their Souls; and severals of them are hopefully changed to the Better. The Instruments the Lord hath been pleased to make Use of, were not the Chaplains or Ministers of the Army; but mean and despised Soldiers, who appear to be acquainted with the Doctrines of Grace, to have an experimental Knowledge of the Way of Salvation by Faith in Jesus Christ; and to have a considerable Zeal for the Salvation of Souls, and promoting the Interest and Kindgom of our glorious Redeemer. And tho' I am far from approving of Lay-Exhorters, and preaching in a Church or Society, where there is a Ministry doctrinally Orthodox, as to the Essentials

tials of Christianity ; yet I am perswaded, that in the Case of the Army, as now stated with Ministers, having some Kind of outward Call, but unsound as to the Doctrines of Grace and Salvation, these zealous good Christians appear to have had God's Call to instruct, warn, and exhort their fellow Soldiers, and all these in as publick a Manner, as Circumstances, from Time to Time brought them into. The Lord hath remarkably countenanced them ; *This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our Eyes.* For this my Soul doth magnify and praise the Lord, and I call others of his Servants and People to do the same, and to pray much for them, that they may be enlightned yet more and more in the Knowledge of the Truth, as it is in Jesus ; that the Lord may give them Humility and Self-denial, and preserve them from despising the ordinary Calling of a faithful Gospel-Ministry ; and that the God of Peace and all Grace will yet Countenance them, and succeed their Endeavours to recover Sinners out of the Snare of the Devil, by whom they are taken captive at his Pleasure : And that he may be pleased to give unto the Army, Pastors according to his own Heart, and both the inward and outward ordinary Call, that shall feed them with Knowledge and Understanding.

Amen.

The most particular Account that I have of this wonderful Event, is contained in the following two Letters.

The first is from the Reverend Mr. *William Holly* Minister of the Gospel at *Mutbil*. It gives also a further Account of the State of Religion in that Country, where he Ministers, It was written and received in *November* last.

Mr. Hally's second Letter concerning
the State of Religion in *Mutbil*.

November 1744.

R. and D. B.

I was much refreshed with the savoury Account, some of my People gave me of your last Sacrament; it was a Time of Refreshing from the Presence of the Lord to their Souls. Some of them (I know) stood in great Need of it, who had for some Time past, been walking in Darknes, and their Souls much cast down in them, who came away from that blessed Ordinance, singing, *Return unto thy Rest O my Soul, for the Lord hath dealt bountifully with thee.* 'Tis Matter of great Joy when stupid secure Sinners are awakened, convinced of their Sin and Danger and brought to Christ. 'Tis an evident Token that the Lord is in the Word, and a conquering Power going along with it; yet when we see no more but the Souls of the Lord's People, revived, strengthened and comforted, let us not think this a Day of small Things. This, as well as the other, is an Evidence of a gracious Presence in, and a special Blessing upon Ordinances. Many more of my People would have been with you, had they not been hindered by the Harvest.-- I long to have a further and particular Account of that blessed Occasion, if your Throng in other Business will allow you. When at *Carnock*, we had some agreeable News from *Indians*, not of Victories by our Armies; but of some Conquests, that our renowned Redeemer is making there, by mean and despised Instruments. I had a fuller Account of it in a Letter I had Occasion to see, from a Soldier in the Army, a Countryman of our own, who

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seems to be acquainted with Religion. I send you the Account much in his own Words. "He says
 " there is a strange Alteration in our Army, I hope
 " it is of God; There are four Soldiers, one a Dra-
 " goon, one of the Train, one of the third Regiment
 " of Guards, and the fourth of a marching Regi-
 " ment; they daily preach the Gospel, beginning,
 " for ordinary, as soon as they can see, and some of
 " them preach frequently five Times a Day; and af-
 " ter the Tuto, which is at Sun-setting, they as-
 " semble and preach; and by their so doing, preach-
 " ing in the Front of the Line, from Right to Left,
 " of the *British Army*, a great many that were no-
 " toriously wicked, Swearers, Drunkards, Cheats, gi-
 " ven to Whoredom, have quite forsaken their evil
 " Ways, and, by all Appearance, turned to be good
 " Men; I think it is the Lord's Work; I have
 " heard them often, and been much refreshed; I
 " think they preach the Truths of God, and Sal-
 " vation thro' the Lord Jesus Christ, and that
 " they who seek it any other Way shall never find
 " it. They press to be denied a Self-righteous-
 " ness, and at the same Time press Gospel Holiness.
 " Our Army has much need of the Gospel preached
 " to them, for I think there is none more wicked.
 " I seldom ever heard their Ministers discoursing our
 " Fall from Innocency, but for ordinary some Breach
 " of Duty; and some destroying what they preach by
 " a lewd Conversation, going unto unlawful Games,
 " even upon the Sabbath Day; these Preachers de-
 " claim openly against them." This is the Account
 he gives of that noticeable Work in *Flanders*, which I
 thought would be entertaining to you. I have no-
 thing new to acquaint you with, from this Congre-
 gation. I hope the good Seed that has been sown

has taken Root in the Hearts of many, and the agreeable are Fruits appearing in their Lives. They have their various Exercises, but in the ordinary Way that the Lord deals with them that love and fear his Name. There are some of late, about the Time of the Sacrament, and since, that the Lord has begun to deal with, being brought under a Concern that seems to abide. We must wait the Event. D. B. Contribute to pray for us, and as our praying Meetings are not unmindful of you and yours, so I hope you'll put them in mind to remember us at the Throne of Grace ; and I am,

*With much Respect, your
affectionate Brother and*

Servant in our Lord.

WIL. HALY.

The second is an Extract from a Letter written by ----- of the Right Honourable, the Earl of *Rothes* Regiment, presently at *Bruges* in *Flanders*, dated 24th of *November* 1744. to the Brethren of the Congregational Church at *Maxton*.

He *first* writes of his Health, and Marches, and then adds as follows :

Dear Brethren,

THE above is but needless Discourse ; I write you more joyfull News than to rehearse my Travels to you, which is the Lord's being pleas'd to look upon the Lukewarmness of the Ministers of the Army, and their Idleness in their Ministerial Office. He, out of Compassion to Sinner, has been pleas'd to raise up some amongst ourselves to beseech us to
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come to Christ ; and I can assure you, tho' they were very little thought of at first by a great many, blessed be the Lord who has been pleas'd to stand by them ; and strengthen them more and more, and to bear Testimony that the Work was his, and that by turning a great many from their wicked and prophane Way, to seek the Lord with all their Heart and Soul, which I am fully perswaded of. And I have been both late and early with them, that have been under Convictions this Summer, thro' their bearing Testimony to the Truth as it is in Jesus Christ, and warning Sinners to fly from the Wrath to come, and lay hold on eternal Life, before it be too late, as it is offered to them in the glorious Gospel. And I am perswaded he has been pleas'd to bless these Exhortations to a great many this Summer ; for, as I told you before, I had Opportunity to converse with some of them, when the Lord was dealing with them, and awakening them out of their deep Sleep of Security by Nature. O the Devil, the Devil drove hard at them by his Suggstions, telling some of them that there was no Repentance or Mercy for such Sinners as they were ; others telling me that they really thought many Times, that the Devil was standing by them when they were at secret Duty, ready to drag them from their Knees ; others telling me, that they were so tempted in the Time of Prayer, that they would give it over, and go with the World again. Indeed I have been so put to it at some Times, when they were telling me their Cases, that I was so struck, that I could not speak one Word to them for some Time. Their Cases are various, there were severals went on this Summer bowed down. O blessed be the Lord, who sent Light and Comfort to these mourning Sinners in his own good Time,

so that they can say, the Lord in Truth is their Righteousness, and are now going on rejoicing and singing Praise to the Lord, for their great Deliverance from the Temptations of Satan, the great Enemy of their Salvation.

Brethren, The first Beginning of this Work, was by *John Hains* a Dragoon of *General Coe's* Regiment, and *John Ross* one of the Train, and one *Clemond* of the Foot Guard, and afterwards was join'd by one *David Bishop* of Colonel *Johuston's* Regiment, and one *Joseph Binns* of the said Regiment, and then by *John Greenwood* of Colonel *Dyke's* Regiment; their Use was as follows;

When in Camp, all this Summer they join'd together every Day publickly, in reading the Scripture, praying to God, and singing of Praise to his Name, and exhorting their Brother Soldiers to refrain their wicked Ways, and turn to seek the Lord, while he was to be found. Thus they continued three Times every Day this Summer, except when they were marching, and now, when in Winter Quarters, two Times a Day, which is wonderful to a great many how they are able to hold out to speak so every Day. O blessed be the Lord who gives them Strength that to go on, declaring his Word and Message to his People. Let you and me join together in Prayer to God, dear Brethren, that he may enable them more and more to go on boldly to declare his Gospel as it is in Christ Jesus, and to give faithful Warning, and not to be afraid of what Men can do.

They are all *English* Men, that has made this publick Appearance, and were brought up in the Profession of the Church of *England*, but they are coming off by little and little, as the Lord opens their Eyes. I have not join'd them as yet, I know not how

how soon I may ; but being very intimately acquainted with some of them, I am dropping a Word to them now and then, and putting them in mind of some Things that ought to be in such Societies. Indeed I have heard them several Times to my great Satisfaction, and have been many Times made to think on that Place of Scripture, where the Lord says.--- *And I will pour out my Spirit upon all Flesh, and your Sons and your Daughters, &c.* I hope, I need not doubt but I have the Sympathy of your Prayers for me, that I may be preserved from the Snares and Temptations that I am cast amongst.

AMENDMENTS of some Passages of the Preface to this CHRISTIAN HISTORY.

UPON the first *Wednesday* of *December*, there was given in unto the Moderator of the Presbytery of *Glasgow*, in the Time of their Meeting, a Pacquet by one of their Officers.---It was found to contain a Letter, directed to the said Reverend Presbytery, from the Reverend Mr. *Samuel Mather* Pastor of a Church in *Boston* in *New-England*, accusing me of publishing Things false and slanderous concerning him, in my *Christian Monthly History* for *November* 1743, and craving Reparation. The said Pacquet contained several other Papers, relating to Mr. *Mather's* Charge against me.---I was not present at the Presbytery's said Meeting. I hear they read all the Papers, and found them so exceptionable, as they could take no Notice of them, especially seeing their Officer, upon Inquiry, declared that they
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were put into his Hand, by one of the Servants belonging to the University at *Glasgow*, and who went off immediately ; and also that the Reverend Principal *Campbell* and Professor *Leishman*, both present, disowned their having any Hand in sending these Papers to the Presbytery ; and finally, that there were none appearing to own these Papers, or could give any Account who employed the College Servant to give them in.

I called afterwards for the foresaid Papers. I have no Design to animadvert upon them, and expose them, tho' there is great Room for it ; but my real Intention being, as a faithful Historian, to narrate every Fact with the strictest Truth, as far as is known to me by the best Information, I do therefore, freely of my own Accord, without any requiring it of me, or desiring me to rectify what is narrated in said *Monthly History* anent Mr. *Mather*, as far as Justice and Truth obliges me from the foresaid Papers

Previous to this, I observe to my Readers, That the evident Design of my Preface in the foresaid *Monthly History*, was to vindicate the injured Characters of vast Numbers of Innocent Persons from the uncharitable and unmerciful Accusations of a Set of Men, who endeavour to represent them as graceless and unconverted, while they know little of them : And who, at the same Time that they profess Zeal against Censoriousness, and Ucharitableness in others, strive to Ruin or Wound the Characters of Thousands, without Evidence, and seem Impatient, if Things of *publick Notorety*, relating to their own Characters, are touched upon to lessen their Power of hurting that of others.---It is also my Design on said Preface, to defend the Characters of the
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numerous Asserters and Promoters of the late *Revival*, from Accusations tending to represent them as Savourers of *Ethiopianism* and *Delusion*.---How averse I was to enter upon the Argument of comparing Characters, if it could have been avoided, the Reader may observe from the Foot of Page 22 of said Number.---This was what I was forced to do as to Mr. *Mather*, tho' with much Reluctance. The *Glasgow* Publisher of Mr. *Mather's* severe Accusations, ushered them in with a Recommendation of his Character as *long established*, the better to hurt the Character of so many thousand Ministers and others: Was it not then Justice to those worthy and innocent Persons, to shew that their Accuser's Character was not so well established as some here represented, who it seems wished that what is known to be of publick Notoreity, as to Grounds of Jealousy in *New-England*, should be a Secret here?

First then, Mr. *Mather* accuseth me for saying in the 24th Page, of the first Number mentioned, *That Mr. Mather and others protected and countenanced Caldwell a Preacher, and a notorious Thief, even after they had Reason to judge him of a bad Character.*

That Mr. *Mather* was one reputed to have done this among several others of that Stamp at *Boston*, I had, what appeared to me, good Vouchers for it. But now Mr. *Mather* having made an Affidavit before a Justice of the Peace, *That he was so far from Protecting or Countenancing John Caldwell, that he never asked him to Preach for him, nor ever went to hear him Preach; That he never received a Visit from him, nor ever visit said Caldwell, and that he never had Conversation with him but once, which was accidentally;*
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which Affidavit I find amongst Mr. *Mather's* Papers; I do therefore delete said Allegedance against Mr. *Mather*, and judge my Authors from *New England* have been misinformed.

As to the second Charge against me, that in the foresaid Page I narrate that *he was dismissed by his own Congregation, because his Character was such, both in regard to Principles and Life, &c.* This is afterwards explained by *Grounds of Jealousy, and Dissatisfaction both with his Doctrine and Life.*---The Council, convened upon this Affair, call them *unhappy Grounds of Jealousy.*---He himself acknowlegeth in his Letter, and other Papers, that he was dismissed by the Majority of his own Church, and this by the Advice of the Council of four Churches. And therefore the only Thing to be rectified here, is to Change the Word *Congregation*, to the Word *Church*. The Church, *viz.* The real Communicants, and not the usual Attendants upon the Hearing of the Word, which are the Congregation, having the Government in the Congregational Churches.

I do further acknowledge, that the Council of the four Churches, having voted that Mr. *Mather's* Church had Reason to be dissatisfied with Mr. *Mather's* Preaching, respecting several important Doctrines of the Gospel, and his being one of the eleven Ministers, who recommend and vindicate Mr. *Samuel Osburn*, as observed Page 24th of the foresaid Number, tho' I avoid making particular mention of Mr. *Mather* in that Case; all this, I say, gives me no favourable Opinion of Mr. *Mather's* Doctrinal Principles.---His Conduct hath certainly, as the Council of the four Churches judicially found, given

unhappy Grounds of Fear, and Occasions of Jealousy; as calls for his deep Humiliation before God.

After all, I willingly and chearfully receive in a Letter, I have been favoured with from the Venerable Doctor *Benjamin Colman Senior*, Pastor of the Church in *Brutle-Street, Boston*, *That Mr. Mather was dismissed by the Majority of his own Church, not for Immoralities proved upon Mr. Mather, nor for Errors in Doctrine of that Nature, and to that Degree, as to merit such a Judgement against him; neither of which I asserted.-- And that Mr. Mather bath since that Time been ministering to the Part of the Church that clave to him, and now erected into a Church, as the Doctor hopes, to his own, and their spritual Advantage, and is an acknowledged Pastor in their Association, and a joint weekly Lecturer in the Town.*--- I pray the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ; that he may be long continued and enabled thus to Minister, and that he may not only walk in the Steps of, but exceed in Usefulness, Zeal for the Truth, and Holiness of his justly renowned Ancestors, for whose Memory I have great Respect.

The Reverend Doctor condemns *his Letter he sent to Scotland as faulty*, and saith, *that as soon as he saw it, he told Mr. Mather, that he was grieved to see it.* And I desire to hope from the Doctor's Testimony, that *Mr. Mather's Trials* have been blessed to him, and that he shall be an usefull Labourer in the Lord's Vineyard.

I shall conlude the first Volume of my *Christian Monthly History*, with this sixth Number.-- And seeing upon the one Part, the Printer complains, that there are far from being such a Number of Copies sold as will defray the Charge of printing; and upon the other, some of my learned and pious Friends, think

it Pity that the Design should drop, and urge me to continue it. This last I am willing to do, with a Dependence upon the gracious Assistance of our God, and with an Eye to his Glory, providing there be near Four hundred Subscriptions to take it for this curent Year, at a Penny a Sheet, common Paper, and Three half Pence a Sheet the fine Paper, as has been done the last Year.

There are more then a twelve Months Materials in my Custody, besides what will occur from Time to Time.--- Those who incline to subscribe for another Year, are desired without Delay, to signify their Intention at *Glasgow* to Mr. *Barry* Bookseller, or to *James MacCoul* Merchant there.-- At *Edinburgh*, to Mr. *Trail* Bookseller.---- At *Aberdeen*, to the Reverend Mr. *James Ogilvie* Minister of the Gospel there.--- At *Dundee*, to the Reverend Mr. *Glass* Minister and Bookseller there:--- At *Dumfries*, to the Reveend Mr. *Scot* Minister there.--- At *Biggar*, to the Reverend Mr. *Jack* Minister there.--- At *Perth*, to the Reverend Mr. *Henry Lindsay* Minister there, and for *Stirling* to the Reverend Mr. *James Mackie* Minister at *St. Ninians*.-- We shall wait to the End of *March* next, and if a sufficient Number of Subscriptions appear, then we shall proceed, if the Lord will, with our History, as proposed, otherwise will drop it. The above Brethren and Gentlemen may be pleased to signify to Mr. *Robert Fleming* Printer in *Edinburgh*, or to me at *Kilsyth*, before the End of *March*, what Number of Subscribers offer, and condescend upon the Way of transmitting Numbers as they shall be published, to these several Places. Here the Reader may have the same religious Intel-

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ligence, for Twenty six Pence *per Year*, which cost at *Boston* five *Shillings* and four Pence, for the said Number of Sheets, and some Times more. I am chearfully willing to be at the Labour, and even at some Part of postage Charges, for the Propagating of such desirable and religious Intelligence; expecting still that Ministers, and others, will send their Informations as free of Charges as possible.

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