

## **William George Hall (1858–1913)**

*William George Hall, Quaker missionary, was born at Leominster on 1 May 1858. He was the only surviving child of William Hall, a boot and shoemaker, and his wife Susannah, née Dalley, described in census returns as ‘dressmaker’. While Willie was still an infant the shoemaker died, leaving Susannah to support herself and her son by her needle.*

*Forster’s Education Act had not yet been passed, but Willie was lucky: he attended the local National school, and soon gained prizes for being, as he tells us, ‘punctual, clean, and regular in attendance’. He must have shown scholastic promise too, because on reaching the school leaving age of thirteen he was one of two selected to become pupil teachers. Pupil teachers were children who continued their own education while instructing their juniors: they were indentured for five years, at the end of which period they were examined and, if successful, sent to a college for teacher training.*

*For a boy born to near-destitution it was a glittering prospect, but for Willie it was not to be: four years into his apprenticeship he fell ill. Worry made his condition worse. ‘The anxiety of not being well enough hindered any hope of recovery,’ he wrote, ‘and the doctors said it would never do to return to school. This grieved me much after nearly completing my apprenticeship.’ He was now seventeen.*

*Instead he was apprenticed to Newman & Son, the local grocers. The Newmans were Quakers: indeed Henry Stanley Newman edited *The Friend*, the national organ of the Society of Friends. Willie, brought up in the Church of England, found himself attracted by the Quaker form of worship. ‘I had attended some of their meetings,’ he wrote, ‘very timidly at first, sitting at the back for fear some should say I had gone to please the Governors, but the truth was that I wanted a religious home, which I could not find in the Church of England.’*

*Thus it was that Willie joined the Society; soon he began to speak at Quaker meetings. ‘When I first stood up I trembled from head to foot, but after I had finished I felt an inward peace and joy I had never felt before.’ During his long illness he had, he tells us, ‘made a sincere promise to his Heavenly Father that if he was spared he would endeavour to do something in His service, little thinking how the Lord would in time open the way for it’.<sup>1</sup> His path was now clear. He moved to Almeley, a village some thirteen miles from Leominster, and began to proselytise.*

*It was at this point that Newman urged him to keep a diary, ‘so that you may be able at the end of every Month to send our Committee a really interesting account of your progress and work’. Willie took Newman’s advice: what follows is the result. The manuscript diary, covering a period of some four months, is contained in a single notebook; the final brief entries, crammed into the last page, suggest that there was no sequel. At all events none has survived.*

*The remainder of William Hall’s career is briefly told. In 1885 he married Elizabeth Holl, daughter of John and Mary Holl of New Radnor, becoming in due course the father of three sons and two daughters. In 1892 he moved with his growing family to Henley-on-Thames; in 1897 from Henley to Woburn Sands; in 1904 from Woburn Sands to Cardiff; and finally, in 1910, from Cardiff to Wanstead in East London. He continued to make converts to the end.*

*William Hall never recovered fully from his youthful illness. He died on 6 June 1913 in the London Hospital, and was buried in the Friends' Burial Ground at Wanstead. He was 55.*

*His success as a missionary may best be judged from the words of others. That his influence at Almeley endured long after his departure was confirmed in 1897 by Ellwood Brockbank of the Home Mission Committee. 'On a recent visit,' wrote Brockbank, 'the attendance at the Quaker gatherings was 356 as compared with 70 at the two churches in the neighbourhood.'*

*What of William Hall the man? He was highly emotional, and often tactless. Conservative Friends who objected to aspects of his ministry – to his advance preparation of sermons, for example, or his insistence on the right to sing hymns – could be met with outbursts of exasperation which gave offence; but his detractors were few, and his admirers many. Let one such admirer, George Ash, have the last word:*

*'He was a tender, sensitive soul. He could, and did, enter into the spiritual and physical troubles of others, and feel them as keenly as his own. He was not always understood, and sometimes misunderstood, which cost him many tears and sent him often in prayer to his Father.'*

<sup>1</sup>From an autobiographical fragment, part of which is written in the third person.

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#### **The Diary of William George Hall: 1 May to 25 August 1884**

[1st May] My Birthday, 26 to day God has spared me thus far and my 26th Birthday finds me labouring in his name, how different the purpose of God to that of man read until 10, then visited on Almeley Common, from here to San House, reported to W.W. a/c of Monthly Meeting, from here to Stocks, thence to Woonton, and arranged with Mrs Cook for a Meeting at her house every Sunday afternoon at 2.30 – saw about benches – visited Davies, Farmer Woonton had a good time with them returned to dinner, showery afternoon, – read and spent a little time drawing – visited an aged man at Almeley (Evans) sick, then made several calls at Almeley Wootton, meeting at 7.30, 16 present good time subject Psalm CXXI.

[2nd May] 9 to 11 Recreation and calls in Almeley Wootton; till dinner, correspondence to JOJ, W. Brown, Mother & WAC. Afternoon rainy prepared for 3 meetings First Day, after Tea visited the sick man Evans, he has given up the world for Christ, and still holds on, on my return from this cottage I met the good old Vicar Warner who politely enquired if my name was Hall, I said 'Yes', he then said he had been to see me, I invited him to return with me to my room which he did, he first reminded me that he was doing all he could towards the spiritual welfare of the people in the District, I said he had that repute, and I had come to help; he enquired if I had been sent to make proselytes to our creed, or converts to Christ, I said both, I told him some of the reasons which induced Friends to send me here, and some of the reasons which induced me to come, that Friends had established themselves in the neighbourhood over 200 years ago, and that they had existed ever since more or less, we were not working on new ground but old and our own, he said that was perfectly right but it was a wonder that Friends did not find more thickly populated districts to spend their money in, he knew of one clergyman having alone the care of a whole parish of 11,000 souls, I said that no doubt Friends would have an eye to the welfare of

such places when they found them out, he carefully enquired into some of our views which were new to him and paid a high tribute to the Quaker Doctrine "The Guidance of the Holy Spirit in the human heart" but said he if you have wine or water you must have a vessel to hold it, and our rites & ceremonies are the vessels, but I must confess the use sometimes have led to the abuse, he said but you have singing in some of your meetings I said yes in our Mission Meetings but not in our Meeting for worship unless a direct feeling is manifested for one but we generally remind the people not to sing anything that does not fit them, and as for a set order of things I had often gone with something on my mind to teach the people and when I had got there I felt that I must tell them something else sometimes we had 2 Hymns, sometimes 4 sometimes a chapter read but all according to the feeling of the conductor he has invited my cooperation with him in his summer open air meetings at Woonton and neighbourhood, all doctrinal subjects to be avoided I said I would consult my Friends and let him know, after talking on various subjects relating to the welfare of [the] village, which I believe the dear old man has at heart, saying what a blessed thought to him that in the countless ages of eternity there would be no sects, I concurred it was a blessed thought to me also, he left promising to help me in all he could by lending me freely any book he had at the vicarage, so ended a most interesting interview with the vicar of Almeley 7 p.m.

[3rd May] (7th Day) Breakfasted read chapter walked to Almeley Wootton, called to see Mrs Nicholas ill, went farther to visit an absent attender who was from home, returned home by the Bache about 10.30, this is a walk I take regularly and is about the best recreation I can have, the rain continued to come at intervals until 3 this kept me in doors, which I spent again chiefly in preparing for the 3 services on the following First Day the sun shone out about 3 pm and I at once proceeded after visiting Mrs Williams Almeley to San House, from there in company with W.W. to Woonton giving invitations to all the people to the afternoon meeting in their village from there we went to the Mere, the Mere Common here we found a great many houses some of which were Roman Catholics for we were in the neighbourhood of Broxwood, from thence we journeyed to Logaston giving invitations & tracts to the cottages as we passed we had one very interesting call at a well-to-do Farmer of the name of Lilwall, the rain here came down very severely and night approaching we returned homewards it being then too rough to visit Ferny Common (a rather out of the way place) returned home wet cold & hungry.

[4th May] (First Day) God has been very good to me today, more than I can ever expect again, Meeting for Friends Worship about 20 very heavy storm came on at 15 to 11 and lasted until 11, I spoke (Ho, every one that thirsteth, Isaiah 55:1) W. Watkins & father both offered prayer and Millward of Almeley, had dinner then proceeded to Woonton the meeting here exceeded my expectation, between 50 and 60 were crammed into a large room of a thatched cottage, & Mr Davies Farmer told me there were 10 or 12 outside that could not get admittance, the room was very close with so many people in it, I felt my littleness very much and knew that by their anxiety to get to the meeting they were expecting more than I was able of myself to give them, I therefore lifted up my heart silently to God that I might be helped and that they might not be disappointed, it pleased God to help me beyond measure and when I saw tears trickling down some of the Mothers faces, I returned thanks to God for having heard me, the neighbours were very kind in lending their chairs &c and yet several had to stand in the cottage (Subject) Seek ye the Lord Isaiah 45 I had tea with Mr Davies Farmer Woonton, whose Mother had been a Friend at Pales, and returned to Almeley and from thence to Almeley Woonton to our Mission Meeting

at 6.30, here we had a full meeting 54 being present, (the body of the Meeting House only holds conveniently about 50) a great many young men were present, and the Prodigal Son was expounded to them WW read a chapter & Nicholas prayed, I felt Gods help in this meeting too, and my own unworthiness and insignificance, visited the Sick Man Evans, prayed read & sang with him, visited Mrs Williams too but she had retired.

[5th May] (2nd Day) went for a walk returned 10.30 wrote in diary read *Friend* & letters wrote to HSN &c to dinner time then visited E. Williams (sick) then to the Bache visited there and gave invitations to our meetings again, heard the excuses of some who had promised to come. I am rather inclined to think that want of clothes to wear keeps some away who do not care to appear shabby by the side of their neighbours had a good time with Jones the Cripple (Jones the Saint I should say) he told me his history which would make a good & interesting tract, he is perfectly happy. When asked how he was today replied, weaker Sir, nearer my home, I feel that it is now not very far distant he is 80 years of age, we prayed together until I wept, the old man interrupting ever and anon by a pious amen returned to Tea. Band of Hope at 6, first time, 2 came, a few minutes later 5 more 4 boys & a girl, then followed 5 more, 2 & then 2 & then 1, 12 in all, 1 more came in in a mistake he was told it was a Band of Hope meeting and he seemed rather taken aback, and said he would ask his Father about signing, I explained the nature of a pledge to them as well as I could and they all signed, thus commenced the "Almeley Band of Hope" we practised from Hoyles Melodies with my Melodeon and I read to them and we closed, visited the sick Primitive Woman at Almeley Wootton who could shout Amen well while praying, then went to the sick man Evans nearly 9 o'clock.

[6th May] (3rd Day) Breakfasted read *Friend* & *Crusade* &c started at 10 to walk to Lyonshall, met Frank Carins at Church (L) proceeded with him in trap to Kington marketed &c, then seized the opportunity of visiting the isolated Friend Josiah Rogers Everyobb whom I wished to see, Everyobb a place 4 or 5 miles this side New Radnor, examined the old Meeting House at Walton facing the Village Inn.

[Drawing by WGH of 'Walton Quaker Meeting House discontinued about 40 years seats about 6 Friends'.]

I was allowed to see within the old place it was well plastered, and contained Milk Tins & potatoes, and was useful as a little store House. The woman who showed me the inside said that she *had heard* that it had been an old Quakers Meeting House. I had some talk afterwards with the keeper of the Toll Gate Walton who remembered very well the place being used and those that used it, a Mr Edwards a well to do Quaker Farmer lived then at a neighbouring Farm, and was looked up to not only in the district but in the whole county as worthy of his creed, the Josiah Rogers that I visited at Everyobb was his trusty servant the nephews and nieces of this Mr Edwards still live at Brinsop near Hereford, and two are in Leominster, I felt very pleased with the visit to Josiah Rogers he is deserving of a good deal of sympathy, he has lost his wife and has no one to care for his young family, I believe he attends a small Baptist Chapel in the village when he can, the shop keeps him busily employed in the week day, from here we drove to New Radnor Station where I caught the 6 Train Home getting to Almeley about 7 visited the sick man Evans.

[7th May] Breakfasted, wrote in Diary, read chapter &c went for a walk, prepared for the nights service at Marsh Dinner time, sketched from about 1 to 2, then visited in Almeley, found some out probably at Hereford Fair had a good time with an old person, name Mrs Bowket, told me her history they all like to do that – 80 years she is – visited E. Williams getting better, the sick man Evans was asleep so did not disturb him; had Tea went to Davies & Nicholas Almeley Wootton, and then walked to Holmes Marsh, called upon about 20 cottages and gave invitations to the Meeting at Mrs Prices the Marsh, the people here all seem very poor, several men and women had just returned from the fields wet & hungry, how are we to come Sir, we want our supper and then dry ourselves for tomorrow, it was raining then, about 22 were present which the aged Primitive Local who lived on the Marsh said was wonderful as the cottage Meeting had dwindled down to nothing, the cottage would hold about 24, W. Watkins joined me just before the Meeting commenced, and he and the old Local prayed in the Meeting. I had previously before entering the Marsh prayed at one of the stiles for God to give me a Meeting and to bless it, and now I & my companion prayed upon the road, silent and deserted, but beautifully lit up by the moon and thanked God for his goodness to answer my prayer we parted at Almeley Wootton Wesley for San House Green I for Almeley.

[8th May] (5th Day) After Breakfast read & Diary waited for letters got the account of the Suicide of the Leominster Town Crier, what is it not, when the human mind is bowed down with grief capable of doing, lesson take all our griefs to Jesus, he will carry us through, proceeded to Almeley Wootton beyond the line, visited all the cottages, my first visit to the part, called at Evan Lewis, no one at home but the little girl, she said ‘that father went to the Baptist Chapel at Lyonshall’, I said I should like to have seen him, I gave him through the little girl an invitation to Meeting but it will not I expect be accepted, proceeded to Drews Spond Mrs Drew is a niece of Josiah Rogers of Everyobb Spond is 1½ or more miles from the Meeting House and has a bad road to it, consequently it is only the sons & daughters that occasionally come to meeting Mrs Drew said she had not been for 12 months she has mixed with Friends a good deal in her younger days and seems much attracted to them and their principles, I said the people considered her a Quakeress in the district, she said she was not yet good enough, I replied with the Hymn If you tarry till you’re better You will never come at all Not the righteous sinners Jesus came to call, they seemed to think in fine weather they might be able to come to Meeting a little more & now I am come to live in Almeley, I returned by Dinner time. Afternoon prepared for service at night, had early tea went to Sick man Evans Mrs Morris, Mrs Williams chose & practised Hymns then to Meeting 19 present 5 took part they came in very late (on the road to Emmaus).

[9th May] (6th Day) Breakfasted letters, Diary, went for a walk 10 until 2 pm prepared for Sunday and had dinner, 2 to 3 sketched visited sick man Evans, wrote letters, had Tea went to San House, thence to Stocks and several cottages about from there to Lyonshall and then by rail to Kington to the Meeting returned by road late.

[10th May] (7th Day) Went for a walk until about 10, read until 11, then prepared again for Sunday and had Dinner, 2 to 3 drawing, 3 to 4 visited Mrs Seaborne sick, called at Nicholas, Tea then to Evans sick, read News &c, then to Summer house to see Miss Southall & Miss Pumphrey.

[11th May] Breakfasted Bible Class at 10 a.m. 5 men present with myself & Mrs Davies and Friend from Woonton this is the start of our School, Meeting (Friends worship), 40 present, Miss E. Southall opened with prayer, then spoke, Miss Pumphrey then followed (Repent ye) and I closed with a few remarks (mighty faith Peter & John heal the cripple) then prayer, Meeting at Woonton about 50 present, no seats for all Miss Pumphrey spoke at length I followed for a short time Wesley prayed (subject Watchman & wedding garment) Meeting at Almeley Woonton at 6.30, 70 present, and a dog which kept very quiet during the Meeting I prayed, read a Psalm Miss Southall spoke then I sang a Solo then Miss Pumphrey spoke at length (on the Sandy Foundation) Wesley spoke & prayed and then C.W. Pumphrey offered prayer, the Gallery had to be used at the evening Meeting.

[12th May] (2nd Day) Read & wrote till 10, went to Station saw Miss Pumphrey off, met Mr S. Southall Leeds, introduced to him returned home, then met him & Miss E. Southall by arrangement and went for a walk. Dinner then in afternoon went to Almeley Wootton visited Mrs Seaborne sick Mrs Nicholas & Proberts the Bache called at several houses where the people were at Kington Fair, went to Morris Old Castle steward of the Newport Estate, found Mrs Morris a very friendly person they seem to be church goers but the husband comes to our special meetings, they wish me to renew the visit, after Tea Band of Hope 13 present 5 New ones, 3 who joined last week having broken.

[13th May] (3rd Day) After 10 went to Upcot visited H. Mainwaring and cottages in neighbourhood. Afternoon wrote letters &c, read, then to sick man Evans, after Tea to Mrs Morris & Mrs Edwards Almeley had some conversation with them about Friends principles.

[14th May] (4th Day) Started early; walked to Kinnersley trained to Hereford bought some of the necessaries of life saw Gooding Tolley &c returned, train 3.40 got to Almeley 5, had Tea started to Lyonshall meeting rather small in the Railway Carriage, people out at work while it is day light, returned home rather footsore.

[15th May] (5th day) Rainy until about 11 then visited Mrs Edwards Mrs Bowkett Mrs Morris sick man Evans after dinner read, then went and weeded in Meeting House Garden then visited Mr & Mrs Seaborne sick. After Tea read &c then went to Meeting after seeing Davies about erecting Tent, poor attendance all at Eardisley Fair short distance from here.

[16th May] Went to Almeley Wootton, arranged again about removing the soil, helped to pull down wall &c and take up gate post, after Dinner prepared for Sunday & wrote to H.S.N. after Tea went to Woonton had a good time of visiting, invited the people to hear the word of God either in their own village or at Almeley Wootton, had a long talk with the grown up drunkard sons of a Woonton blacksmith, I tried to convince them of Sin, of judgment and of Gods mercy, but failed I believe to make any impression upon them, this is the second time I have conversed with the one, they never go to a place of worship & nor their old father and Mother, who are very old people, I have invited them to come but there is no response, returned home at 9 pm.

[17th May] (7th Day) Went to Meeting House helped with soil, and superintended at the wish of the Davies until Dinner time, after Dinner until 3 prepared for Sunday & wrote letters, then

sought for a carpenter to make and put in a new post for the gate and to repair the gate the wall is to be put up by us on Monday, returned after Tea and assisted the Carpenter until 8.

[18th May] (1st Day) School at 10 a.m. 7 Present, 3 fresh ones 1 absent. H. Mainwaring present, Friends worship at 11. 26 present Nicholas prayed I spoke (This know also that in the last days perilous times shall come) meeting concluded with prayer from myself Meeting at Woonton house was again full say about 50, I entreated the Lord for help in conducting the Meeting, some young men Farmers sons, came in and helped in the singing a little; I spoke from the disobedience of the children of Israel in the 20th of Numbers. Meeting at Almeley Woonton 60 present Nicholas prayed, the singing here went better, subject Zacchaeus, truly God is good I thought at the close of this days labour, and yet I felt dissatisfied at the little service I had rendered him and the imperfect way in which I had proclaimed his message visited a man who had been ill used administered words to him.

[19th May] (2nd Day) Visited Bache & neighbourhood sang & prayed with Jones the cripple, found the sick man Evans down stairs over 80 years of age, 3 weeks ago the Doctor said he could not live a week found him then in a dying state, he professed to find peace on my first visit, his pains were great, and I knelt down and asked God if it was possible to raise him up for a little time, and to relieve him of his pain when I saw him today sitting up on the couch dressed, I reminded him of Gods answer to my prayer, oh if we had more faith, what is it that could not be done, after Dinner I visited Mrs Seaborne sick and her husband, then to lower Almeley Wootton distributing tracts &c and from there to Drews Spond, had a time of prayer with Mr & Mrs Seaborne and Mrs Bowket her sister whose united ages would be about 240 years, had also a time with a young woman aged about 23, who being destitute had been taken in by a young Farmers wife who had known her when in health and prosperity, read to her and prayed I had previously asked how was it with her soul, and found that she had not found the Saviour, when we rose from our knees she was weeping and I then asked whether she could yet trust Jesus to which she replied Yes, let us hope that she will endure to the end.

20 [May] (3rd Day) at Leominster to see my Mother and make purchases.

21 [May] (4th Day) visited Mrs Seaborne sick Nicholas; and Mr Evans who is now able to walk into the garden, went to Holme Marsh, first to San House found W. Watkins ill with his face much swollen then gave invitations to the people to come to the meeting about 14 present it seems very hard to get the people out in this neighbourhood they are at work as long as they can see (subject at Holme Marsh Disobedience of Israel).

22 [May] (5th Day) Paid a 2nd visit to W. Watkins found him better, then went to the Stocks upper and lower, the people at the upper Farm being attenders at our meeting, from there to Hopleys Green to the Jenkins home by 1 midday after Dinner wrote 4 letters (H.N., WHB, EHM and GB) read for service at 7.30. 20 present a good meeting (subject Unbelief).

23 [May] (6th Day) Studied in morning for 1st Day next, after noon walked to Upper Almeley Wootton visited sick young woman who said she was still trusting in the Saviour then called at Mr Williams Farmer who said he did not go to meeting often because he could not hear, but he read Friends books a good deal lent him by a Mr Hughes of Broad Heath near Presteigne who is

very much attached to Friends principles, & will on special occasions come miles to attend them, for he is 10 miles removed from our meeting. Mrs Williams & 1 son attend our meeting, the Husband & wife are members of the Peace Society and the wife and youngest son are Teatoters, after Tea wrote letter and prepared for Band of Hope 14 present, 4 new pledges, learnt them Hymns &c from Hoyles Melodies, afterwards saw Mr and Mrs Seaborne still very poorly.

24 [May] 7th Day Prepared for Sunday until 2 then arranged room &c wrote letters (WAC, WJS, GB,) Tea then visited sick man Evans, Mrs Morris, Mrs Edwards had some conversation with them about our views, later on had a visit from Mr Warner the respected vicar who came to enquire what arrangements I had come to with regard to working with him in the open air I said I had not yet come to any decision, he remained with me for about ½ an hour.

25 [May] (1st Day) School at 10 a.m. small, Nicholas absent & 2 young men that came last week absent too it rained a little, Meeting at 11 good time, about 30 present I spoke (Heb II 1 to 5) W. Watkins prayed & I. Watkins (shopkeeper) meeting at Woonton good, house full altho not so much of a cram as the week before (subject) Barren Fig Tree Meeting at Almeley Wootton 80 present the largest congregation I have had, I have much to be thankful for, the way the people come out, I looked up to the Lord for help to feed this people & W.W. prayed that God would enable me to do so I spoke from Jeremiah XVII The Heart is deceitful above all things &c & sang as a solo, We are gathering homeward &c the congregation taking up the chorus. E.L. Jenkins was there and helped in the singing. I thanked the Lord most heartily for his goodness to me during the day.

26 [May] (2nd Day) Walked to Newton Kinnersley & Ailey distributed my tracts &c at the cottages and Farms spent some time with a Mr James Station Master at Kinnersley in reference to the opening of a mission, he was a man whose information I could rely on, and he seemed to think there was hardly an opening yet no cottage to be had, and perhaps hardly the time for an open air meeting, after noon spent at H. Mainwaring and had Tea there called at the cottages in neighbourhood pressed some of the men to come to the Bible Class at 10 am First Day Morning some of them said they did not like to come because they could not read, I told them I would gladly learn them if they would only come, they promised to come.

27 [May] (3rd Day) Visited the Bache a woman named Stokes lives here who attends our meeting, she seems through the ministry of Friends to have yielded her all to Christ, but longs and prays for her husband who gives way to Strong Drink to find the Saviour, he has come once to our meeting and has promised to come regular, the woman has a daughter at home poorly, I had a time of prayer with Jones the Cripple, after Dinner went down to see Mr & Mrs Seaborne found them still very poorly saw others in the neighbourhood, went to Mrs Morris of Almeley Common had Tea with them, I trust these people man & wife who are now desirous of a close walk with Christ may become members of our Society, I had some conversation with one of the Sons who is rather given to Strong Drink 3 of the younger children are members of my Band of Hope. The Father and Mother I think will sign the pledge on purpose to show an example to their children.

28 [May] (4th Day) Recreation until 11, study, visited Mr Evans, wrote letters then went to San House and proceeded to Lyonshall distributed tracts took tea at Lyonshall. Then had a time with

E.L. Jenkins and his wife showed us all over his stock, then returned to village and distributing tracts and giving invitations to the meeting at 7.30 rather larger meeting than last, but yet small, people seem to make the most of the day time in their gardens, there seems to be a good opening for an open air meeting at 6.30 on a Sunday as no meeting exists at that time, but all the Chapels have their meetings in the afternoon, I understood that the Railway Carriage in which I hold my Lyonshall meetings has been used previously as a Drinking Saloon and the scene of dancing parties and all kinds of revelry now – what a change!

29 [May] (5th Day) Studied &c until about 4 (the 7 churches) visited Mrs Edwards at her home, also Mr Edwards at the station went to meeting about 19 present nice time distributed tickets for sale of Tea party, had some conversation with Mr & Mrs Morris about their feeling towards our Society.

30 [May] 6th Day. Read & Studied until dinner time wrote letters, after Dinner visited houses on road to Woonton and in Woonton including Davies the Farm, called at the house of a Mrs Sairgar whose husband gives way to drink, I said how nice it would be if he could be induced to sign the pledge she said that he had taken it so long that she did not think he could give it up without hurting him. I mean to try him the first time I had a chance, another woman said her daughter corresponded regularly with Sarah Bell of Alton and valued her help much, Band of Hope at 7, 20 present, 7 New Pledges.

31 [May] 7th Day. Study, and News after Dinner went to Hereford bought meat &c audited a/c of Rechabites.

1 [June] (1st Day) Bible Class 4 present only. Singing a little before Meeting very good, R. Baker and R. Lewis from Lemster present, I prayed then spoke (the Bow as a seal to the covenant) then R.B. spoke and prayed, 35 present, afternoon at Woonton house full others outside unable to get in. R.B. took the chief part, if fine intend holding it out doors next time, at Almeley Wootton R.B. spoke, then I followed ... (Peters doubt) good time I believe 90 present, at Woonton we noticed an old man present who had not been in a place of worship for years so it was said he wept as he heard the gospel like a child, someone said it was no good to invite him to Meeting he would not come, here is an instance of steady perseverance in invitation.

2 [June] (2nd Day) Visited Mr Edwards at station had a long talk with him, visited his wife, Mrs Bowket, this old lady seems very happy, altho poverty stricken saw others read &c after dinner, had a very early Tea, then went with W.W. on a long course of visiting, selling tickets distributing bills and nailing them on the gate posts, we had some very interesting visits, one was to a Farmer whose son-in-law is the lately appointed Minister of Kington, our John Bright seemed to have a large corner in his heart and he related some conversation which he had with the Almeley clergyman on the question of Disestablishment, we were enabled too, to show some sympathy to a Farmer who had recently lost his wife suddenly, it was our privilege to tell him of a home where there would be no partings, we visited the Sweet Farm towards Kingswood, then to Bollingham Upper Spond, then to Drews Lower Spond, called at Almeley Wootton then home at 8.30.

3 [June] (3rd Day) Morning study and 2 hours gardening, afternoon visited Jones Farmer Woonton then on to Mere giving tracts and publishing Tent Meetings called again on several

houses at Woonton through persistent inviting I remember seeing at Woonton Meeting those whom I little expected to respond it was distressing again to call upon (as I had often done), upon an old couple who were on the verge of the grave, and yet were uncertain as to where they were bound for, they seemed to be uncertain as to whether there was a God, and yet they ever and anon said they had to trust him they refused to receive my tracts, saying they had plenty of books in their house, they have 2 grown up sons confirmed drunkards, who is said to abuse them, I have conversed with these especially the one, the same reply. Have you ever seen God, no I replied but I have spoken to him, he then left me, returned home at 6 p.m. after Tea visited Mrs Morris out & Mr Evans Almeley.

4 [June] (4th Day) read & study morning, afternoon visited Davies, Woonton had Tea there went from there to San House met WW both walked to Holmes Marsh gave invitations and distributing bills, found the reason that they did not like to come to the Meeting was because they did not approve of the people in whose house we held it, at the Meeting I am pleased to say we had a good time the house (24) was full the subject the Nobleman's son seemed to have been the Lords, for one woman wept in her grief, as if the words were very specially for her, Lord Lord keep me humble is my prayer, we did not forget to thank the Lord for all his goodness to us upon the silent road.

5 [June] 5th Day. Morning study & reading, gardening &c. afternoon visited houses in Bache, from there to Upper Almeley Wootton, strange feelings seemed to come upon me, as I passed along the meadows to Upper Almeley Wootton, I seemed in an instant to have all the sins of the neighbourhood upon me, the evils of Drink impressed me much, so that I was ashamed almost to enter the houses on account of a fit of weeping which had seized me, I prayed earnestly to God that none may fail in this neighbourhood to get eternal life, and that if any fail to enter therein, it may not be through my neglect the Meeting at the Meeting House at 7.30 was attended by about 30.

6 [June] (6th Day) in preparation for Sunday &c writing in morning, visited in afternoon at one house in Almeley, then went to Hopleys Green to the Jenkins family stayed Tea returned and prepared for Band of Hope, 12 present, it raining, which prevented some living at Logaston 2 miles distant coming.

7 [June] (7th Day) Morning preparation for Sunday, read, a little gardening, visited Mr Edwards Station Master in reference to our principles and his application for membership, afternoon studied again wrote letters (LH, EHM), wrote diary, put my accounts straight, wrote report &c.

8 [June] (1st Day) Bible Class 5 men and 1 woman, subject David spares Saul's life, Morning Meeting 25 present, Subject (Romans VIII If God be for us) WW spoke and prayed, SK to dinner, after noon at Woonton good congregation not so full as it has been, it thundered and rained badly, subject (Good Samaritan) evening at Almeley Wootton congregation same as last subject Nobleman's Son. God be praised.

9 [June] 2nd Day started by Train from Almeley for Pales Monthly Meeting met WW at Lyonshall Station, HSN and UJS at Tolley proceeded together to New Radnor from there we went over the Hills spending some time at Water-break-its-neck and getting to Llandegley at 5, H. Newman, Geo Wood, & Norman Penny of Hawes came out to meet us after Tea we went to

Meeting at Penybont not very largely attended Geo Wood and HSN spoke slept or rather lay awake on a make up bed at Burton Amis Llandegley.

10 [June] Pales Monthly Meeting well attended 2 applications from W. Davies Farm Almeley Wootton and Eliz Williams were considered and good reports were received they were admitted applications were read from Mr Davies wife & 2 children Woonton from W. Jenkins farmers son Hopleys Green Farm Mr and Mrs Morris Almeley Mr and Mrs Edwards station master & wife committee to visit were H. Newman, J.O. Jenkins Hy Southall E. Southall H. Southall & S. Hobson. A Tea Meeting was held in front of the Meeting House premises and a meeting in the Iron Room Penybont.

11 [June] Returned home by about 12 by walking over the forest, prepared for service at Lyonshall started for there through San House Green, proceeded there with WW distributing bills of special services, small meeting, prayed with Mrs Hill who was ill said she was wishing for me to come.

12 [June] (5th Day) Went by train to Eardisley distributing bills &c and tracts did the whole village walked home through Upcot, afternoon at home, saw Mr Morris about benches and Platform for Tent. Meeting at 7.30 at Meeting House 30 present (Subject from Luke XXI) saw W. Davies and E. Williams.

13 [June] (6th Day). Went to Woonton visited Mr & Mrs Davies gave out notice of meeting there 15 to 3 p.m., saw some of the cottagers, in afternoon practised melodies &c for Band of Hope 25 present.

14 [June] 7th Day, working at Tent &c making Platform and putting up texts prayer for blessing at night.

15 [June] 1st Day Tent Meeting opened. 7 at Bible Class 70 at morning meeting John Pugh spoke at length & WGH. on sacrifice afternoon at Woonton open air 76 present others in the road, at night in the Tent perhaps 300. The Tent full, many unable to get inside. HSN occupied the chief time 'Behold the Lamb of God', John Pugh spoke, the power of God seemed to have been manifested in our midst according to promise James Lewis Woonton 29 Thos Williams Almeley Wootton 23 gave themselves up to the Lord James Lewis for a long time could not for some time give up one sin, namely drink, he said with tears now I have yielded to Christ I must sign the pledge, many we feel were convinced, we saw tears shed on many a weather beaten face some were present in the meeting that had not been to a place of worship for years.

16 [June] 2nd Day. Geo Wood and J.L. Pumphrey came & took meeting had some conversation with an old Farmer from Broad Heath Presteigne who always comes up to our special meetings he is much taken up with Friends views, some one in Leominster have been supplying him with Friends books which he reads eagerly he considered Stephen Grellet, the next perfect man to Christ, he seems well read in Friends views and says they are his own, his desire it is that he live the life of a true consistent Friend he is desirous that his relatives the Williams of Almeley Wootton may become members of our body, they already attend our meetings and show much sympathy with Friends.

17 [June] 3rd Day. Went to Kington had Tea at Summer House, meeting at night about 80 present Fleetwood gave his heart to the Lord a big strong man who never went to any place of worship he signed the pledge too for that had been his curse, another young woman servant to Mr Taylors too gave up for the Lord, the Vicar of the parish (Warner) was present and at my invitation came upon the Platform.

18 [June] (4th Day) Saw Mr Hughes again had some more talk about Friends views, told me he had one hobby that was Tobacco which the doctors had told him was necessary to neutralize the asthma I told him that what God wanted was a clean heart, and he professed to have that, went for a walk with Geo Wood to Bache and Upcot afternoon, visited with Southalls & Miss Pumphrey at Woonton & Hopleys Green. R. Baker and W. Hy Bruton present by tricycle from Leominster Geo Wood & J.S. Pumphrey spoke, Gods power was manifest, Fleetwood stayed behind to pray, Cheese gave up for the Lord, he confessed himself a backslider we commended him to the Lord, another woman consecrated herself afresh to the Lord, she had not lost hold of Gods promises but had become cold and lukewarm, she prays for her husband who said he could not decide tonight, arranged about Tea 90 or more present tonight, all those who have applied for membership present and taking great interest altho no vocal part in these meetings.

19 [June] (5th Day) Busy at Tent getting Tea Tables ready &c over 300 at Tea, or about an 100 more than previous years, the day was fine and the social cup was enjoyed by all I believe about 20 people were present from Leominster, the meeting was a good one HSN spoke first and left early Geo Wood followed, many remained behind to the prayer meeting, the Tent had not sufficient accommodation for the people some being outside the canvas there were conversions I believe this night.

20 [June] (6th Day) last night of the Tent meeting, very nice gathering not so large as last night many people got up and testified to the saving grace, among whom were Mrs Davies Woonton, Mr & Mrs Morris Mrs Edwards who have lately applied for membership, Mr Davies Woonton Mr Edwards W. Jenkins did not testify altho they told Friends afterwards that they wished they had, a man named Lewis came out for the Lord, also a Mrs Bufton of Woonton, removed benches &c that night.

21 [June] (7th Day) Saw Geo Wood Mrs Pumphrey & Miss Pumphrey off to Lemster had more words of counsel and advice from GW which I was thankful for came home read and studied rest of morning and read afternoon, visited Mr Evans Almeley.

22 [June] 1st Day. 10 men at Class, this is a real good start, 54 about at morning meeting E. Southall H. Southall W.G. Hall & C.W. Pumphrey all took part subject the shining light of the Christian afternoon at Woonton house full H. Southall C.W. Pumphrey & WGH all spoke & E. Southall prayed, evening meeting at Wootton meeting house full up and down perhaps the largest number we have had in it, say 130, CWP & EH spoke a prayer meeting afterwards which about 50 remained for 25 took part including Mr Davies Woonton & Mr Edwards and Mr W. Jenkins and W. Davies Almeley one of the grandest meetings that have been held in Almeley within the history of modern times, God keep me lowly.

23 [June] 2nd Day. Saw CWP EH and HS off, then saw Mrs Morris had prayer with her, about a load upon her mind read until dinner time, then afternoon visited Woonton, had prayer with a

poor sick young woman, also with an old person named Mrs Cresswell who seemed greatly relieved by my visit, she had a burden upon her mind, the result I believe of the Tent Mtgs. I think my visit relieved, had some interesting calls.

24 [June] 3rd Day walked till 10, then visited Bache Jones Stokes, Lewis & Pugh; Nicholas & Davies Almeley Wootton evening at Upper Almeley Wootton, Powell, Fleetwood, Williams & Seaborne had some religious talk with Albert Williams a promising youth who has been a teatotler a long while and is considered a very moral young man, told him if he wished to be considered a Christian he must publicly confess Christ.

25 [June] 4th Day visited W. Watkins also W. Jenkins then Davies Almeley Wootton then to Upper Almeley Wootton arranged for Friends to go to Leominster Tea tomorrow afternoon prepared for meeting Lyonshall, visited houses in Lyonshall including the 3 Public Houses had a very nice meeting, 2 Strangers present who had I was told stopped to hear a Friend speak, I hope they were feed with the right food, had prayer with Mrs Still a sweet Christian she is very ill & weak.

26 [June] 5th Day. Went out for recreation returned at 11 a.m. after visiting Nicholas and having a time of prayer with him afternoon study meeting at night held in the Graveyard the door being locked, and no key present, had a sweet time 40 present, 14 at Lemster subject Marthas care.

27 [June] After breakfast started at 6 and walked to Tetley met 8 a.m. Train to Leominster, attended Bible Study and Tent at night, dinner at HSN.

28 [June] 7th Day. Bible Study in morning, visited Friends & Dear Friend Mother better thank God for answers to prayer.

29 [June] 1st Day. Bible Class at 10 a.m. J.O. Jenkins from Llynmellin present subject last chapter in Acts, Morning Meeting at 11 a.m. Friends meetings between 30 & 40 present JOJ spoke from the words, He that humbleth himself shall be exalted WGH, 'Was there any sin in the camp', earnest prayer was asked for a blessing to rest upon the past gospel effort. Afternoon at Woonton the house was again full and the spirit of God manifest JOJ opened with the words 'No man can serve two masters.' Mr Owen his Uncle appealed also to the people to give up their old master Satan and serve the Good master Christ, 6.30 at Almeley Wootton we had a full house upside and down say 130 present, earnest prayer was first asked for a blessing upon the meeting, and perhaps never before have we felt Gods presence with us so much the people are gradually becoming more prayerful God keep them so. JOJ spoke first. I followed, how God can speak through imperfect vessels when he is asked, we feel much our short comings but if the Pope of Rome had been present, he could not have had more attention than was shown that night, at our invitation about 60 remained behind to pray, 25 about took vocal part, some again for the first time in their lives, all our applicants & members took part, one old lady Friend who was born a Friend tried to pray for the first time I believe aloud in meeting and broke down weeping. O my God what is it that the spirit of God *can not* do.

30 [June] 2nd Day. Morning Walk reading writing and entering up, afternoon wrote 4 letters and reports evening visited a little at Almeley Wootton, met 15 in Meeting House and practised singing.

1 [July] 3rd Day visited Bache had some interesting times with the Lewis family I believe they have received great good from the Tent Meetings, Jones the Cripple told me a party of 8 met at his cottage for prayer last week, his own son-in-law and daughter being 2, they have professed conversion, found Nicholas better, afternoon at home, evening to Almeley Wootton (Upper), saw Powell who seems a little better, his young wife seems a very giddy thing, altho poor body from her own talk she seems a saint, had a time of prayer reading with Seaborne, saw the old man who lives by himself at the top of the steps, said he had not yet decided to live for Christ, although he did not expect to live long, visited the Williams of the Farm, also their workman Williams.

2 [July] 4th Day Walk, Study, and Hoeing in Morning, afternoon visited in Almeley, started to Holmes Marsh after Tea called on road at Boars New House visited perhaps every cottage on the Marsh had a meeting on the Marsh in the open about 40 present with children (Garden of Eden) one woman asked me to sing to them at the end, the Hymn She only touched the Hem of his Garment.

3 [July] 5th Day morning recreation afternoon study &c evening meeting at Meeting House between 30 & 40 present, I spoke from Psalm XXXVII, W. Watkins Hy Millward J. Nicholas S. Davies prayed good time.

4 [July] Friday morning at home. Afternoon Woonton visited most of the Houses there and on the road there, 7 pm Band of Hope 13 present.

5 [July] 7th Day went for walk studied &c for Sunday in the evening read paper.

6 [July] 1st Day. Class at 10 a.m., 8 present, I Cor XI meeting in morning at 11 a.m., spoke WW prayed & Millward and Nicholas & Watkins Almeley (Garden of Eden), afternoon at Woonton (Ephesians VI) & the Devils cast out Matt VIII 28 to 32 House very full, Evening at Almeley Wootton 6.30. House full up and down 120 say good time (Psalm XCVI & the Talents).

7 [July] (2nd Day) started to Penybont to District Meeting of Rechabites got there by 12.30 had dinner transacted business public meeting at night to push Temperance principles and the Rechabite Society I spoke with Gooding and W.H. Smith Ledbury, one old man told me early next morning that as a result of the meeting he should sign the pledge for the remainder of his life and keep it he was much struck with one incident I gave them. I returned by 12.30.

8 [July] 3rd Tuesday wrote report of meeting. Then went to Meeting House with Friend then to Bache called at Cripple Jones our friend prayed there, then back home he returned by the 4.20 train afterwards visited Davies & Nicholas Almeley Wootton.

9 [July] 4th Day Wednesday, morning at Home, afternoon Hopleys Green San House Stocks &c then off to Holmes Marsh, small meeting about 1 doz or 14 present.

10 [July] 5th Day went for walk wrote letters prepared for service at night, afternoon at Upcot, meeting at night between 30 and 40 present, subject (the Wedding Garment).

11 [July] 6th Day Morning preparing for Sunday, read *Christian* &c wrote letters had letter from Mrs Spurgeon. Afternoon visited at Woonton had a time with the poor sick woman, who is still so ill, says she is happy she has 3 or 4 children, what a pity it is that missionaries are nearly

always poor, why don't the rich people become so, Band of Hope, small about 8, raining, spent some time with Nicholas getting better.

12th [July] Recreation until 11 a.m. other time preparation for Sunday, read news wrote letters, visit to Almeley Wootton then in Almeley.

13 [July] 1st Day Class at 10 a.m. 10 present (John I) morning meeting 6 took part good time about 40 present, afternoon at Woonton 70 present in Mr Davies Friends barn (the brazen serpent) WW spoke, evening at Almeley Wootton House full up and down, good time Nicholas spoke and WW shortly, I followed (The Withered Hand) prayer meeting afterwards about 15 took part 1 or 2 fresh ones from Woonton Thank the Lord the work (his work) has not been confined to Almeley but has extended elsewhere.

14 [July] Recreation in early morning paid several calls read &c afternoon wrote 4 letters evening visited Mrs Bowket Mr Davies & Mrs & Mr Seaborne & Mrs Williams Almeley Wootton, singing practice at 8 p.m., 16 present the men seemed thoroughly interested in it, I hope they will take it up permanently and look upon it as their own part.

15 [July] 3rd Day visited Bache Pugh, Watkins Lewis Jones & others in morning afternoon, reading, study rainy, after Tea went for walk and made a few calls.

16 [July] 4th Day took early train to Presteigne, was met by Mr R. Hughes' carriage and driven to his residence Broad Heath, spent the time up to 5 p.m. with him chiefly talking about Friends principles & religious matter he seems very wishful to become a member of our Society, had prayer with him before I left, his Son came with me to the Station, stayed at Lyonshall made a few calls, held meeting at Cabin, small meeting got home by 10 p.m.

17 [July] 6th Day morning short walk & study, afternoon walked to Logaston and visited at the houses, some of the people I found had been coming to the Woonton meeting, others stayed at Home on the Sabbath, and some I found were too old & feeble to come at all one little boy I found was a member of my Band of Hope, I had a sweet time of prayer with one lonely old woman living far away from the road side, who said that she in turn thought of her sons far away in America, and her daughters in distant parts of England and then she found relief in weeping and then reading her Bible, one interesting Farmer in this neighbourhood is a man of the name of Lilwall whose children and sometimes his wife attend my Woonton Meeting.

**17 [July] Thursday Morning short walk, read for night, afternoon walked to Spond saw Drews called at Powells, Fleetwoods Seabornes Almeley Wootton meeting at night 26 present.**

19 [July] 7th Day morning walk & preparation for Sunday also letter writing, afternoon in Kington, later on in evening Study again.

20 [July] 1st Day Bible Class 9 present, subject same as card, morning 33 present afternoon 40 at Woonton subject morning, The Debtors, afternoon Philippians III 14 camp meeting of Methodists therefore we discontinued our evening meeting.

21 [July] 2nd Day. Morning read walked to Kinnersley for recreation, evening visited Bache, and Williams Seabornes & Nicholas Almeley Wootton choir practice at 8, about 1 doz present hay making.

22 [July] 3rd Day Morning part at home, then to Upcot. Afternoon raining started at 4 to Logaston stayed there till 7 p.m.

23<sup>rd</sup> [July] 4th Day rain indoors until about 11 a.m. afterwards out, afternoon rain, started early to Lyonshall visited E.L. Jenkins above the station then Mr Still, then to Holmes Marsh went round the houses and invited the people had a nice little meeting.

24<sup>th</sup> [July] 5th Day visited in morning Woonton, found the one sick woman better, saw Davies of Woonton &c afternoon reading, meeting at night 30 present Pauls observation in Athens (Eyes & no Eyes) 4 took part.

25 [July] 6th Day Morning walk & visit to San House & Hopleys Green, & study in afternoon & Upcot Band of Hope 12 present remainder probably haymaking (self unwell).

26 [July] 7th Day Walk & Study afternoon study & letters evening walk & reading unwell.

27 [July] 1st Day Class at 10 a.m. 10 men present besides children Friends worship at 11 a.m. about 30 present 7 took part chiefly by prayer W. Jenkins a young man read the 53<sup>rd</sup> of Isaiah at Woonton the house was full, W. Watkins spoke on Naaman's leprosy, I followed, E.L. Jenkins and Jas Davies prayed. Meeting at Almeley Wootton the bottom full and the Gallery fairly seated, the meeting was chiefly left to me subject the 'Two Sons' a prayer meeting at the close to which between 30 and 40 remained about 16 took part.

28 [July] 2nd Day spent morning chiefly in seeing to John Watkins affairs who is in trouble about them, I myself am inclined to think he is in the wrong, he protests his innocence though. Afternoon raining, writing, 1 visit and reading, at 8 p.m. about 18 met to practise singing.

29 [July] 3rd Day started Kinnersley Station from there to Rossall 9 applications from this district were received into membership dined at the Graig, reached Lemster by 6 p.m.

30 [July] At Lemster with Mother and Friends, started to Lyonshall by the 6 train, missed train at Tetley had to walk from there to Lyonshall had a small meeting in the Cabin returned to Almeley by 10 p.m.

31 [July] 5th Day. Morning visited down the Bache up into Almeley Wootton, afternoon one or two places in Almeley, and prepared for the night service had about 20 there. WW JN Mrs Morris took part, subject the Holy Ghost.

1 [August] 6th Day. Morning walk & reading Afternoon visited Mrs Cooke Woonton, Mr & Mrs Griffiths, & one poor old man who had not been able for work for 20 years who said that Christ had saved him, living as he was a long way from the road side he seldom saw anyone, but his son who started to work early in the morning and came only in the evening when work was done, his wife was dead, and his son that was [with] him was unmarried; in his decrepit state he managed to do the work of the house, he was very dirty and so was house, found several people who never

went to any place of worship visited in Woonton had prayer with the sick woman. Tea at San House.

2 [August] 7th Day, Morning Study & walk. Afternoon study & letters, evening visited Hopleys Green the Jenkins spent some time in singing.

3 [August] 1st Day. 11 at Bible Class. Subject, Unfruitfulness morning meeting about 40 present Geo Reynolds and W.H. Bruton from Lemster Geo Reynolds spoke & prayed & W. Watkins and self spoke and prayed. Afternoon about 20 of us walked from Almeley to Woonton gathering as we went & singing, Geo Reynolds and W.H. Bruton chiefly took the meeting, & W. Watkins said that 80 were present. Meeting at Almeley Wootton the bottom full and the Gallery fairly filled, Geo Reynolds & W. Hy Bruton took the Mtg their remarks were chiefly directed against the young men. I counted 22 standing out upon the road afterwards, let us hope for fruit, we prayed earnestly about it.

4 [August] 2nd Day seized a trip to Swansea with 2 of my young men, Singing Class held at night & Band of Hope which had been left in care of Lewis Morris & others failed to be held owing to an accident.

5 [August] visited Bache called at Pugh's Jones, Lewis left tracts at other, others called at Nicholas, asked him about the widow Watkins, he said that the house belonged to Davies, Farm therefore it is out of the care of Mr Southall, afternoon at home reading & writing, visited Edwards & Morris and entered up accounts in the evening.

6 [August] 4th Day visited Logaston also Farm & Cottages on Common in neighbourhood, my mind seemed struck by the amount of dirt some people can live in, from there to Woonton to Davies Burtons Ables Lewis home in afternoon prepared for Holmes Marsh started to San House from there to Woonton from there to Holmes Marsh felt very ill and weak from an hard days walking and a burning hot sun meeting out upon the marsh about 25 present others harvesting W. Watkins helped me.

7 [August] 5th Day rested at home unwell, afternoon wrote letters to JAF & SH &c and read, meeting at night small say 18 present.

8 [August] 6th Day walked to Eardisley for meat &c distributed tracts &c called upon Sairgar (saddler) & Jay the father of my young friend who died so suddenly lately came home by train afternoon at Home, evening went up and waited some time for Maria Stephens and family, visited Mrs Seaborne and had a time of prayer with them.

9 [August] 7th Day. Went out in morning with Mrs Stephens & family afternoon studied, evening at Upcot to tea &c, after study until 10.30.

10th [August] 1st Day. Bible Class 10 men present, subject (The Wedding feast) morning 33 present, Mrs Stephens, & W.Geo Hall spoke & prayed, Fleetwood spoke, W. Watkins W. Davies prayed. Meeting at Woonton 60 present. M. Stephens spoke & W. Geo Hall (Jonah 1.6 Awake O Sleeper) evening at Almeley Wootton 110 or 120 place fairly filled M. Stephens & W. Geo Hall spoke (How shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation) prayer meeting about 30 or 40 remained behind 18 or 19 took part & a fresh one Mrs Morris daughter.

11 [August] 2nd Day morning walk & met HSN and Miss Edwards Brinsop, afternoon visited with them Eliz Williams Mrs Morris Mrs Edwards W.S. Watkins Mrs Davies Woonton, Tea at Summer House, all our members present except two children, HSN read I Cor XII and explained how one member cannot do without the others, then the working of our business mtgs and others, several hymns were sung and several prayers made, quite a happy company, Mrs Stephens with Ada and Alice contributed to our happiness, singing class at night in the Mtg House small.

12 [August] Morning read then visited with Maria Stephens James Cheese, Mrs Watkins from there to Almeley Wootton to Mr & Mrs Seaborne, ill, afternoon at Summer House evening Band of Hope, afterwards attended Gospel Temperance Mtg in the road at Almeley Wootton.

13 [August] Visited all about Woonton in morning afternoon at home, evening at Lyonshall small meeting.

14 [August] Thursday visited Bache with Maria Stephens afternoon letters & preparation for night, meeting at night about 25 present several took part.

15 [August] Friday walk & study afternoon drive to Kington with M. Stephens & daughter made calls in Lyonshall.

16 [August] 7th Day morning, walk & study, afternoon study and letters, evening at Summer House.

17 [August] 1st Day Class 10 present about 30 at Friends worship several took part, afternoon at Woonton about 60 present open air M Stephens & W. Geo Hall spoke, evening at Almeley Wootton place not quite so full, MS spoke and Psalm, I on 'Peters Fall'.

18 [August] 2nd Day Visited San House & Hopleys Green with Mrs Stephens & family, afternoon letter (ESM) & tea on the tump, Band of Hope at 7 pm small, told them we would put it off for a weeks practice, rather small.

19<sup>th</sup> [August] 3rd Day visited Bache in morning gave tracts, had prayer with Jones, and at Lewis for young William who drinks so much, let us hope for an answer, evening at Upcot called at Mrs Prattleys.

20 [August] Wednesday Leominster and at Holmes Marsh at night (18)

21 [August] Thursday visited Spond way afternoon all Woonton, evening 30 present at service.

22 [August] Friday morning walk then study evening at Eardisley.

23 [August] Saturday walk study & visited Morris and Edwards, study.

24 [August] Sunday 12 men at Bible Class, 40 at Friends meeting, several took part (pearl of great price) Woonton 60 present (one thing thou lackest) 100 at Almeley Wootton, prayer meeting 40 present many took part.

25 [August] 2nd Day Visit to Presteigne with Maria Stephens to see R. Hughes warmly received, MS had her mind relieved, singing meeting at Almeley Wootton about 50 present, trip talked over, nothing arrived at.







