

## “Occurrences for the Progress of Truth.”

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1754.

The following friends from abroad visited Friends Meetings in y<sup>e</sup> three Provinces in y<sup>e</sup> work of y<sup>e</sup> Ministry, Richard Reynolds, from Bristol, and Rachel Wilson, from Kendal in Westmorland. Elizabeth Ashbridge and Sarah Worrall, from Pennsylvania, visited y<sup>e</sup> meetings of Friends in y<sup>e</sup> province of Ulster, and several parts of Munster and Leinster. The said Sarah Worrall was visited with sickness at Cork, where she departed this life, in unity with Friends, y<sup>e</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> of y<sup>e</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> Mo. 1755. She bore her illness, which continued above five months, with patience and resignation of mind, and there is cause to believe she laid down her head in peace, having been heard to say a little before her departure, “The time is now come ; come, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” (Concerning Elizabeth Ashbridge, see y<sup>e</sup> next year.)

Elizabeth Hutchinson and Isabella Middleton, both from Leinster, visited y<sup>e</sup> Meetings of Friends in Ulster Province.

The summe total of Friends sufferings this year for Tythes, Clarks wages, and Repairs of Parish Worship houses was £1,590 1s. 3½d.

1755.

Elizabeth Ashbridge, mentioned last year, whose ministry was very acceptable and edifying, was confined many months by a tedious sickness, which she attributed to the greatness of her spiritual exercises, as well as bodily fatigue in travelling, but was sweetly supported under her affliction in a submissive resignation to y<sup>e</sup> Divine Will ; and, among other expressions during her illness, declared that she did not repent coming to this nation, altho’ she was thus tried, being satisfied that she was in her place, and that it was the requirements of Him who had supported her to a miracle, and that it now looked as if two poor women were sent to

lay down their lives as a sacrifice, whilst strong men could stay at home and be at ease. And, accordingly, she survived her companion, Sarah Worrall, mentioned last year, not quite three months, but departed this life in the 5<sup>th</sup> month at Robert Lecky's in y<sup>e</sup> county of Carlow.

We were also visited this year by the following friends in y<sup>e</sup> Ministry from England, *viz.*, Samuel Spavold (a 2<sup>nd</sup> time), who was at our Half years Meeting in y<sup>e</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> month, and visited many Meetings in Ulster and Leinster Provinces; John Storer, from Nottingham, George Mason, from Yorkshire, accompanied by John Bradford, from Lancaster, visited y<sup>e</sup> Meetings of Friends in y<sup>e</sup> 3 Provinces; Robert Holmes, from Norfolk, visited some Meetings in y<sup>e</sup> Provinces of Munster and Leinster.

And y<sup>e</sup> following friends of y<sup>e</sup> Ministry in this nation visited y<sup>e</sup> Meetings in Ulster and Munster Provinces, *viz.*, Samuel Neale, from Leinster, those in Ulster, Jane Taylor,<sup>4</sup> from Edenderry, and Sarah Williams, from y<sup>e</sup> County of Wexford, visited y<sup>e</sup> Meetings of Ulster and Munster Provinces and Isabella Middleton those in Munster Province.

On y<sup>e</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> of y<sup>e</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> month an extreme suffering attended some friends in Cork by a rude mob (who were encouraged by an Officer in y<sup>e</sup> Army) breaking their windows, because they could not conform to others in illuminating them in a night of public Rejoycing.

The amount of Sufferings this year for Tythes, Priests and Clerks wages, and repairs of Worship houses was £1,387 10s. 10½d.

1785.

Thro' the continued favor of Divine Providence, we are permitted to hold our Meetings peaceably. Little or no extreme sufferings attend us. And this year we have been visited by the following friends in the Ministry, whose labours of love were truly acceptable, *viz.*, George Dillwyn, from Burlington in New Jersey, Rebecca Jones, from Philadelphia in Pennsylvania, and Sarah Grubb, from Yorkshire, who visited the families of several friends in one Meeting in Ulster Province; Samuel Emlen from Philadelphia, visited the families of friends in the City of Dublin, in company with our friends, George Dillwyn and Rebecca Jones; Zacharias Dicks, from North Carolina, Mary Ridgway, and Jane Watson, from the Province of Leinster,

<sup>4</sup> The manuscript referred to on p. 114 gives Jane *Fayle*.

visited all the Meetings of Friends in Ulster, and the families in one Monthly or Men’s Meeting.

And, notwithstanding some account hath been heretofore given of our friend John Pemberton’s concern in holding meetings in sundry parts, with those not of our religious Society, yet we think the following account of a particular visit he paid to the City of Londonderry necessary to be noticed, *viz.*, Finding a strong concern upon his mind, accompanied with a persuasion of duty, to visit said city (notwithstanding he had been there several times before), which, after deliberate consideration, and laying it weightily before several Elders of the province of Ulster, and receiving their concurrence, he accordingly performed about the 20th 4mo., 1784, accompanied by our ancient friend, James Christy, in the following manner. It being the time of their Assizes, and on a market day, he passed thro’ the principal streets of the City, clothed in sackcloth, with out any molestation from the Inhabitants, and expressed himself nearly in the following manner, “Repent! repent! Oh! all ye inhabitants of Londonderry! and of this land, while the Lord’s mercies are continued to you.” A number of people gathering about him at one of the Gates of the City, after repeating the foregoing words, he expressed that it was a great cross to him as a man to appear as he did, in so singular a manner, but he believed it was required of him to be a Sign to this people, and, if the highly favoured people of this [? city] did not humble themselves, and manifest greater gratitude to the Great Author of all blessings, and live in greater humility and devotedness, and in His fear, it was easy with Him to permit trials to overtake them, as He permitted trials and chastizements to overtake the inhabitants of his native land for their sins and ingratitude, for great favors had been conferred on them as well as on this land.

The amount of our Sufferings is as follows :

			Tithe in kind.			Justices Warrant.			Repairs, etc.		
			£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Ulster	..	..	90	17	10	13	4	2	13	0	2
Leinster	..	..	787	10	1	89	4	3	3	10	8
Munster	..	..	245	13	11						
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1790.

We have been favored with religious visits in the work of the Ministry from the following friends, whose Gospel labors have been truly acceptable, *viz.*, Sarah Crawley (a 2nd time), and Mercy Ransom, from Hertfordshire, Samuel Smith, from Philadelphia, Elizabeth Bevington, from London, Ann Hunt, from Gloucestershire, Martha Routh and Martha Howarth, from Lancashire. John Hall (a 2nd time), from Cumberland, paid a visit to the City of Dublin; Joseph Proctor (a 2nd time), from the Bishoprick of Durham, visited most part of the province of Ulster and some meetings in Leinster province.

Several of the said friends, in the course of their service, had meetings with those of other Societies to good satisfaction, a great openness appearing in many places. Some friends in the province of Munster have been concerned in the same line to good satisfaction.

No extreme sufferings attend us, but graciously favored with a continuance of the enjoyment of our civil and religious priviledges.

A benevolent disposition prevails in some parts, amongst those not of our religious profession, in establishing Schools for more general education of the lower classes, in which some Friends have been instrumental, active, and useful, on which account some advice and care have been taken that no movement be made by any in membership with us, that may invalidate our testimony in support of the purity and spirituality of the principle of Truth, which we, as a people, have from our beginning held forth to the world.

The amount of sufferings is as followeth :

Tithe in kind and Priests' wages ..	1,361	17	3
By Justices Warrant .. ..	163	11	10½
Church rates, so called .. ..	43	8	1

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1685.—“Upon a query whether a Friend, prisoner in the county for the testimony of truth, having only a liberty allowed by the gaoler from his confinement to his habitation, may with safety and according to Truth remove himself & family out of the county to dwell in another, yea or nay, the answer is Nay, & that advice if occasion arise be offered to prevent such a removal.”—HARDSHAW M.M., *Lancashire*.