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God, the Real Paradise, of which the garden of Eden, the terrestrial paradise, in which Adam was placed, was only a type. It was exceedingly beautiful and glorious, seemed extensive beyond bounds and appeared to be that ultimate, permanent Rest, that is prepared for the people of God.

The copy from which the above is printed was written by Joseph Fry's grandson, Richard Fry (1807-1878), and dated "19 of 5 mo. 1832." The little book came into the hands of the late John Frank, who added the following :

"In another copy of the preceding dream or vision, copied apparently by my late brother-in-law, Thomas Sanders Capper (*obiit* 1852), the following addition is made. It was probably derived from information supplied by Joseph Fry's widow, Anna Fry (*née* Portsmouth), who survived him many years. 'He was at the time in his chamber under the influence of some indisposition, reclined on the bed, and about 5 o'clock in the afternoon. His wife had left him not more than twerty minutes, that on her return she found his mind greatly affected, when he desired her to write down the above account.'"

Another copy of this vision is in the possession of Claude B. Fry,

of Bristol, who has kindly collated it with a proof of the above and made two or three corrections, omitting minor differences.

For other visions see *The Journal*, vii. 97, viii. 91, xi. 74, 108, xiii. 16; card-catalogue in **D**.

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"Many are Convinced, but the baptized people w<sup>ch</sup> were met! together when we Came (I thinke I may say,) every man with his tobacco pipe in his mouth '& the drinke at ther noses' made such a smoke in the rome that it stanke excedingly, & after friends was Com they soe Continued not with standinge, the rome was thrunged Untill Jo: Crooke stood up & spake & when we had ended, Like swine whose nose must still bee in the troffe, they with soe much eagernes folloed the tobacco pipe againe as if they had beene famished."

Thomas Curtis to George Fox, dated "Reading this 5<sup>th</sup> of 11<sup>th</sup> month 1658." The district referred to seems to have been in Bedfordshire.

<sup>1</sup> The words "& the drinke at ther noses" were erased soon after they were written. Perhaps the whole was a somewhat overdrawn picture.