

company with Isaac Hammer, who was greatly surprised to see a Lobster, not having seen one before. Oh! he thought if he could but shew it to his Wife, how astonished she would be.

“ He told us in the Select Meeting that he left his own home on the 17th of 3rd month.”

JOHN GRUBB to Joseph Grubb, from Chelmsford, 16 vi. 1826.

“ I now find that the information I sent thee respecting Isaac

Hammer [xvii. 59] was not quite correct. Having mentioned it to a friend who was going to London, I have since received the following communication from him : ‘ Upon enquiry of John Row (who went to Liverpool with I.H.), it appears that he did not go on board the vessel called the *United States*, which is reported to be lost ; he went on board the *Leeds* which lay in the Dock at the same time & declined to take his passage in her and sailed in the *Canada*.’ ”

JOHN GRUBB to Joseph Grubb, from Chelmsford, 6 ii. 1827.

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### The Bible in Meeting

“ **A**NOTHER rather curious occurrence we have heard of is that at the last monthly meeting at Tottenham a friend in the station of a minister, Luke Howard<sup>1</sup>, brought a large Bible to the Men’s Meeting, and applied for liberty to have it with him in the Gallery and when he found a Concern to speak that he might refer to the texts &c., &c.. the proposal caused much discussion, meeting adjourned to the afternoon, & again to next day, but I regret I am not able to tell thee, what was the *final* conclusion of the meeting. I am surprised they should deliberate so long about it ; I think they might have soon decided in the negative ; for I believe the Friend is *deranged*.”

From a letter from John Grubb to his brother Joseph, of Clonmel, Ireland, dated Chelmsford, 22nd of 1st mo., 1827. Original with J. Ernest Grubb, 1920.

<sup>1</sup> Luke Howard (1772-1864) was a well-known and prominent Friend of London Y.M. His views on various subjects differed from those of many of his fellow-members, but he was certainly *not* “ deranged.” Luke Howard lived at Tottenham and had also a house at Ackworth. He was one of “the four evangelists of Tottenham”—Nathaniel *Matthew*, *Mark* Shuttleworth, *Luke* Howard and *John* Phillips—the last two being Friends (Compton, *Recollections*, 1893, p. 6).

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