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After his marriage with Mary Ferris John L. Eddy wrote but little in the way of memoranda. He had already attended perhaps all of the meetings of Friends in the known world that existed in the time of his journeyings, except one or two in the far off Oceanica, and many of these meetings he had visited repeatedly. Old age was now upon him, bodily disease was wearing upon his once strong frame and vigorous intellect, and his eventful and devoted life was fast waning to its close. Having been upheld by the potent arm of Jehovah thus far, the prayer of his heart was like that of David: "Oh God! Thou hast taught me from my youth, and hitherto have I declared Thy wonderous works, now also when I am old and greyheaded; oh God! forsake me not until I have showed Thy strength to this generation and Thy power to everyone that is to come."

The cause of the dear Redeemer whom he had so long served was still precious, and from time to time he pressed through the crowd of infirmities that gathered around him, and buckling on the armor he went forth to preach the unsearchable riches of Christ.

In the early part of 1865, accompanied by his dear wife, he set out for Ohio, and taking some meetings in the way he was favored to reach his former home, still occupied by several of his children, and after introducing his dear Mary to these, he writes: "There was a mutual friendship formed between my dear wife and my children, which is a great comfort to me."