

women in domestic science, and industrial work and mechanical training for young people of both sexes, David Willson, born in 1780, died in Sharon in 1866. He and his wife are buried in the graveyard south of Sharon.

As a religious man, David Willson was a progressive Quaker, with a deeply rooted and dominating consciousness of the glory and importance of the Jewish dispensation and of the need of its restoration.

The following statement, written by himself, reveals his peculiar mysticism, and also his attitude to the Jewish and to the Christian religion. Throughout his writings he speaks of Moses, David, and Jesus with practically equal reverence:

HIS VISION

"I apprehended I was called to retire into secret from all men. Accordingly I obeyed the call and went forth by myself. It was expressly spoken to me that if I would go I should see the angel of God. Half believing that such a thing should be, and still fearing the event of not going, I obeyed the command. According to divine promise, I saw a beautiful young man clothed in a scarlet robe. My understanding was enlightened in a moment. This was the blood of Christ Jesus, and a mission for me, or rather an evidence of confirmation to what I had already too feebly believed. He stood at my left hand in reach of my person, and signified by motion this covering was for me. He gently stripped the garment from his own shoulders and laid it on mine, and told me that through the sorrows of sin I must minister to the Christian Church, and that this was redeeming blood that was laid upon me, which I must be baptized in. He disappeared from me naked and beautiful, and I saw him no more.

"I returned sincerely confirmed in the belief that I had received a holy mission from God. During the appearance of the solemn-countenanced angel, I was accompanied with sorrow concerning the fall of Jewish glory, once offered to God, and thought by this mantle I should have part in the restoration of the Christian Church only, and no part with the Jewish order in God's holy habitation.

"I will here note that I hitherto had received some hope in having part in the restoration of ancient glory, and therefore