

## THE COMING OF THE LIGHT.

(Continued from last month)

We find also an entry in Wm. Savery's journal, dated Second month, 14th, saying: "A publication appeared in one of the public papers approving of what was delivered at Norwich and Bath; but I thank my God, who has yet preserved me from being elated or much depressed by the well or ill done of the world. If I can but obtain the answer of a conscience void of offence to God and man, that is the great object of concern, and will be enough."

Ah! if the meek preacher might have known what fruitage would yet be gathered from this planting of the seed of the kingdom, might he not have had his faith in his own power for the service of the Heavenly Father and for the help of his brother man strengthened?

On the 10th of the Third month Benjamin West was visited by our friend, in company with George Dillwyn. The American painter was high in favor with the monarch, King George III., and it was in his power to introduce his friends at Buckingham Palace. They were kindly received. Says W. S.: "The King, Queen and three of the Princesses, with Prince Ernest Augustus, met us with pleasant countenances. Being informed of my late journey on the continent, the Prince asked me many questions, but with rather too much rapidity. He particularly wished to be informed of the present state of Lyons, which gave me an opportunity of expressing my feelings on the horrors and miseries of war. I said that it must be devoutly wished by every good Christian that a total cessation of that dreadful practice should take place, and that every one, according to his rank and station in the world, ought to labor to promote peace. The Queen and Princesses gave an emphatic assent to this." After much kind and pleasant conversation with the Royal Family, W. S. remarks: "I could hardly take leave of them with

out tears." As the Friends departed, King George was heard to say to the Queen: "Charlotte, how satisfactory this has been."

On the 4th of Sixth month he writes of an interesting but affectionate visit to Newgate prison before his departure from London. The executions for small crimes were then very numerous, and even when extenuating circumstances would seem to make mercy the truest justice it could scarcely be obtained. "Oh!" exclaims William Savery, "when will these legal murders cease?"

On Eighth month, 1st, Wm. Savery, and his friends embarked for America, and in due time were again in their own land. The good man continued his work in the remaining years of his life, laying down his head in death in 1804, having reached only his 54th year.

His spiritual child, Elizabeth Gurney (now Fry), had entered upon the ministerial and benevolent work of her life. The cares and joys of motherhood were hers, and she was already able to bear glad witness to the power of religion to comfort and help mankind, and to elevate all who come under its influence to the plane of righteousness and peace. S. R.

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