

not sure that it would be of use to you, but it certainly has a historical value, and perhaps the fact that young people took part in our meetings much more as a matter of course in the first quarter of this century than they have more recently, is worth consideration. M.M.

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HULDAH HOAG'S NARRATIVE.

I joined in membership with friends in the eighteenth year of my age, by the name of Huldah Case, and believed myself called to the work of the ministry before I was received a member; but pleading that for an excuse from time to time, I did not feel great condemnation therefore; but still kept covenanted to be more given up, if called upon when a member. And when that time was fulfilled I found that my mind was deeply impressed, but still pleading for some greater evidence, which was mercifully condescended to in the way that I asked. But O, the distress that I felt for breaking my covenant no tongue can express! Then, renewing my covenant, the Lord was pleased to favor me next meeting in breaking forth in a few words, to the peace and humbling of my own mind, and the satisfaction of my friends. When twenty years of age I joined in marriage with Joseph Hoag, in the State of New York, who had also appeared in public a few times.

Our daughter Phebe, which was our eldest child, was a very exemplary child, and in the thirteenth year of her age she came forth in the work of the ministry, and was a faithful laborer; and when seventeen years of age she joined in marriage with Valentine Meader; he likewise was young in the ministry. They were both eminent therein: and she finished her course the 1st of the Seventh month, 1816. Departed in great sweetness, evincing us that she had done her day's work in the day time.

Nathan, our second child, appeared in public in the eleventh year of his age. He and his sister above mention-

ed both appeared in one day. He grew up exemplary, his gift has been acknowledged (also his sister's and brother-in-law's above mentioned in the same year). In the twenty fourth year of his age he joined in marriage with Abigail Rolison who since has appeared in the same way.

Martha, third child, appeared in the same line in the twelfth year of her age, and continues therein. In the twenty-third year of her age she was married to Ezra Meader: he also was called to the work of the ministry.

Our daughter Hannah appeared once when ten years of age. She has lately told that she let in some discouragements and concluded she would get through the world some *other* way, but found no peace nor satisfaction until she gave up thereunto again. In the twenty-second year of her age she joined in marriage with Ezra Batley: he is a steady Friend.

Elizabeth, our fifth child, grew up steady, and in the twentieth year of her age she joined in marriage with James Taber, who was a promising young minister; she joined him in the labour.

Our daughter Jemima, when seventeen years of age, was married to David Knowles, who has appeared in public.

And our son Joseph, who is sixteen years of age has also appeared in the same way for about a year. Their testimonies appear to be satisfactory to their friends. Our youngest son Lindley is eight years of age.

Now I have given thee a short account of my family.

HULDAH HOAG

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SOWING THE SEED.

There is the natural and also the spiritual, and in sowing or planting seed in the natural way we are mostly careful to select the best, so that we may reap that which is the best of the kind planted, and this care should be practiced with more vigilance if possible in planting in the spiritual king-