How blind seem these evangelists to the mighty political changes here in process, and to the portentous future which was the logical outcome of what was then passing in this beautiful land! They drove over 1,400 miles in France, seeing and feeling the state of the people, in a religious sense and otherwise, and to them it seemed that the French were open-hearted, unsuspicious people. Always kind and polite, dwelling in a pleasant land, fruitful and abounding, courteous to travelers, tolerant of differences of opinion, yet these pure hearted disciples of Christ can find little apparent service among them.

From France they have come ir.to the dear fatherland of England, where they found a kindred people, and where they can do their work without embarrassment. Diligently, did they traverse the land, preaching the word and ministering to all of that which they They passed through the had to give. historic spots where the first confessors of the Society of Friends bore witness to the truth; traversed Scotland and Ireland; and, returning in the later days of winter to England, clasped hands with Hannah More and with Wilberforce, and rode through Windsor Forest.

In William Savery's note-book was

iotted down this item:

"Second month, 3rd, 1798. Went in a post-chaise for Norwich, and reached a Friend's house about half a mile out of town."

This Friend's house was doubtless "The Grove," the residence of Elizabeth Gurney's uncle, and here she dined with him the next day. It is of interest to observe the brief mention of the meeting, so precious to one young seeking soul, which is in his journal:

"First-day, 4th of the month.—Attended their meeting; some, not members, stepped in, and there were about 200 under our name; very few middleaged or young persons who had a consistent appearance in their dress; indeed, I thought it the gayest meeting

of Friends I ever sat in, and was grieved to see it. I expected to pass the meeting in silent suffering, but at length believed it most for my peace to express a little, and through gracious condescension was favored to relieve my mind, and many were tendered. Had a meeting in the evening, in a large meeting-house in another part of the town. There seems to be but few upright standard bearers left among the members in this place, yet they are not entirely removed. Attended the public meeting, and the house, though very large, could not contain the people by several hundreds; but, considering their crowded situation, many being obliged to stand, they soon became settled, and through mercy it proved a remarkably open, satisfactory meeting, ending in prayer and praise to the Author of every blessing. The marks of wealth and grandeur are too obvious in several families of Friends in this place, which made me sorrowful, yet saw but little opening to relieve my mind; severa' of the younger branches, though they are enabled through Divine grace to see what the truth leads to, yet it is uncertain whether, with all the alluring things of this world around them, they will choose the simple, safe path of self-denial."

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