

My aged parents, who set too much by me, and I often found it hard for one to leave them, when I was well, were alive to God, and engaged for the good of souls, that they seemed to get above the affections and weakness of nature, and told me, that although my health was so very low, yet they never parted with me so easily before, and although I was so low, they had faith to believe, that I should be yet a blessing to some souls, before my departure out of the body, saying that if I went and wore out my days in the cause of Christ, and was the means of bringing any poor souls into his kingdom all was well; if they never should see my face more in time. It gave me great satisfaction to see them so strong in the Lord, as to overcome the affections of nature, and that far better love and affections reigned in their place, the heavenly and divine love in Christ, who had made us one in the bands of everlasting love in such a manner, that distance of body, nor death itself can ever separate.

Go with me, Lord, where thou wouldst have me go.

And give me strength the gospel trump to blow.

Bring home poor sinners, O my God, by me,

To sound thy fame, and ever reign with thee.

AUGUST 27th. I left Windsor. The vessel sprung her mast, so that we were obliged to put into St. John's river for a new one. I preached once while I was there; but it was hard preaching to such hardened, careless hearers.

SEPTEMBER 7th. We left Fort Howe on St. John's river; but the wind not being fair, the voyage was tedious for me, who was very low in body still. But God's providence was such, that a head wind caused us to go into Jones' river; when I told the captain, that I would leave the vessel, buy a horse and get along by land; which turned out very well, for I found a far larger country than I expected so far east. I staid and preached a few days in Bristol among a very dark people; but some were awakened under the gospel, and began to inquire after Jesus Christ.

15th. I WENT with three men, that bore me company, to Booth-bay, where I staid and preached about a week. I likewise found the gospel to take hold of some, and some that were awakened at Bristol, came over to every sermon that I preached in Booth-bay: and even some women with children in their arms travelled on foot. So great was their desire to hear.

22d. I RODE about four miles with William Mecob, Esq. (with whom I had boarded) where I stopped at one Colonel Emerson's, and preached there the next day to a