

He had great faith as well as great power in prayer, so that he was enabled to overcome obstacles that would otherwise hinder the work. At one time in Ohio, he went with some ministers and other Friends to hold a Meeting in a school house, there were quite a number of Spiritualists came to the Meeting, who endeavored to hedge up the way by seating themselves in a circle in front of the desk, thinking in that way to influence William and the others so they could do nothing, and thus control the Meeting by their presence.

William felt some of their influence he said, but the Lord gave him such liberty in prayer and speaking, that himself and others were wonderfully blessed. Some time after this they went again to the same neighborhood to an old Grange hall, to hold another meeting, but it was being repaired, so one of the principal Spiritualists invited them to his house to a room with seats in, in which they held their meetings or seances.

The Friends rather hesitated to go to such a place, but William said *he* would like to go for he believed the Lord would give them a great victory : so they went and had a glorious meeting. The man who invited them to his house said, they could never do anything in that room afterwards, and had to move their gatherings from that place.

Another incident showing his strong faith in the Lord's protecting power happened in Indiana, near the close of the war ; William had sent an appointment for a meeting to be held in a school house where the Knights of the Golden Circle held their lodge ; they swore no negro should preach in that house, they would egg him : he went at the time, with another colored man with him, a good singer, the people at the home where they called told them of the threat that was made, and asked what he would do. He answered, "*I will go*, if I can honor God more, by receiving a coat of eggs or the clubs of a mob, Amen." He went, they were there with their clubs and eggs, he walked among them, and spoke to them, but they did not touch him, he went into the house and the brother commenced singing, sung them all into the house, and then, William kneeled and prayed *for* them, told the Lord what they had come for, saying, "Now, Lord, thou did'st close the lions' mouths for Daniel, so Thou can'st paralyze the arm that attempts to harm Thy servants" ; they felt the power of the Lord come over the meeting. William held meetings there for two weeks, and took every one of that mob by the hand and took them into the Church ; he organized a meeting of seventy members in that nouse. Other instances might be given, but these will