

one visit for ~~visit to the~~ ^{house at Adelaide, their son William being the pastor}
of the church. Mr & Mrs Mackay are the main stay of the Society in this colony
when it was they have 3 children ^{as above} grown to adult age 3 Sons & 4 Daughters
the children adopt the language & dress of Friends and in a measure
seem to follow in their parents footsteps - they have 2 Daughters
married - one to H. W. the other to G. Phillips and a Son at Port Phillip
named Joseph of whom Sam^l. Allen of Hibernia was desirous of hearing
from; poor young man he has been very wretched & I was
enquiring after him of his Father, the news arrived that he was
thrown into Prison for defrauding his ^{employer} & has since been tried &
found guilty of stealing some Silk Handkerchiefs - Mr Barber Dist^o was
in the first days of the Colony contained many Friends. they had
two when Barton Hach was an active member a meeting House
on his land - centrally situated so that all could attend. but now his
property has fallen into the hands of Jacob Hagen who ^{resides} ~~lives~~ in
Adelaide & the only Families of Friends are Jos. Mays & G^o. Samueller's
~~John Mays has a meeting ^{in his house} & on ^{the} day ~~more~~ ~~was~~ ~~sent~~ ~~out~~
to land a meeting House in the ~~district~~~~

They each had live about 6 miles apart & each hold meetings
in their houses on 1st days finding it impossible to attend at over
the distance too great to allow of their meets together - with J. Mays
family see about 2000 ^{his wife also meet} ~~who married a Presbyterian & keeps a store at~~
~~the township about 2 miles from J. Mays generally meets & money had~~
been sent out to J. Mays for the erection of a meet's house but it is
difficult to choose a central spot for it & as there are now so few
friends here the time does not seem to have arrived for moving
in this matter - it may be left until more friends arrive either in this
part or until the young marry & settle around their parents - this
part of the whole of the plain of Adelaide ^{is} ~~is~~ rich all over it soil &
the W. Barter & Baroga districts which are separated from the plain
by a barren stringy Bark Range are formed of low hills with generally
broad intervening valleys of rich soil ~~to~~ ^{to} near the tops of
the hills the sides of most of the hills also partaking of the same
rich character ~~being~~ ^{being} thickly timbered ~~and the districts~~
~~being mostly that they have only to put the plough into the ground~~
~~with that it has the appearance of an English Park - affords the greatest~~
facility for farming & there being so little barren land ~~in both sections~~
of land generally not more than 80 acres ~~each~~ ^{each} makes it probably that
these parts will in time become thickly peopled ~~it this leads me to~~
hope a meet's house ^{that some other} may be requisite ~~to them at W. Barter~~

Some months since it was presented to my mind that I
must visit those connected with the Society of Friends in South
Australia and in waiting for further direction it was shown
me that I must lay my concern before the Hob. Town. 4th Meeting
^{by that meeting} having done so was liberated to visit the families of Friends in
South Australia and at an after sitting the mason ^{of 1849} who emigrated
with his wife & family some 8 yrs ^{me of it} ~~ago~~ ^{ago} to New Zealand but came
to Hob. Town for the benefit of his wife's health 3 or 4 yrs since offered himself
as my companion much to the satisfaction of the ^{meeting} meeting
we were detained until the 1st of Dec 49 did not get a vessel to take us
until the 6th of 1st Dec 49 & being 19 days on our passage did not arrive in
Adelaide until 25th of 1st Dec ^{to} notwithstanding ^{apparently long} ~~their~~ ^{long} ~~detention~~
many circumstances ^{led to convince} pointed out to us that we had arrived at
the right time & altho' it was at the hottest season of the yr. yet
the summer throughout all these Colonies has been remarkably
cold backward that we were, ^{surprising} ^{much} not so ^{by the heat} ~~inconvenient~~ ^{on that}
^{as we would have been in other seasons} ~~inconvenient~~ ^{on that}
~~as we would have been in other seasons~~ ^{at that time} ~~season of~~
the year was the most favourable ^{steps of the year} ^{of our} ~~year~~ ^{year} about, the rainy
season rendering all roads ^{in this respect} ~~meet~~ ^{meet} to be impracticable and altho' I was
obliged to lay by for 3 separate days from Hob. Town yet other weather

might have been still more ^{surrounded} from ^{to my} contribution which
is not so good ^{as} ^{& many circumstances} ^{concerning} ^{my} ^{with} ^{the} ^{which}
well knowest that He who requires anything at our hands will
make a way for its performance ^{yet} I may as well tell thee
how it was ^{enabled to leave my Province & Passages} brought about - In 11^{mo} 1845 I resigned the Secretaryship
to the Royal Society as ^{their Funds} had become ^{deficient} ^{through} ^{the} ^{enlarged} ^{state} ^{of} ^{the} ^{Funds} ^{of} ^{the} ^{Colonial} ^{Govt.} & therefore my
Salary could not be paid ^{to} ^{me} ^{by} ^{the} ^{Govt.} ^{therefore} ^{my}
Salary ^{there} ^{Funds} ^{had} ^{become} ^{deficient} ^{from} ^{the} ^{Govt.} ^{allowance}
falling short ^{on} ^{account} ^{of} ^{the} ^{financial} ^{difficulties} ^{of} ^{the} ^{Colony}
& more particularly as I felt that I had at that time nothing
further to do with the ^{Govt.} ⁱⁿ ^{accepting} ^{the} ^{appointment}
^{at} ^{the} ^{11th} ^{there} ^{was} ^{something} ^{more} ^{than} ^{worldly} ^{motives} ⁱⁿ ^{the} ^{matter} - and
way at this time opened for my obtaining the Appoint^{ment} of Surgeon
to the Rocky Hill Probate ^{Station} ^{where} ^{there} ^{was} ^{an} ^{office} ^{held}
by ^{one} ^(D^o H^o) when in consequence of the reduction of Probate ^{Stations}
& 5 Med^{ical} officers from the Dept^{ment} in Sydney being to be provided for I was
told that my duties would cease on the abandonment of the R. H. P.
Station (6^{mo} 4th) & that no further employment could be given me
in the Med^{ical} Department.

Thus I was left with only the tail at Mr. De Witt's Salary for w^{ch} was
£10-0-0 ^{& the principal salary of the families} ^{to} ^{attend} ^{at} ^{the} ^{probate} ^{Station}
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under his charge & the finding my appointment at the Rocky Hill ^{Station}
& some of the Inhabitants not suspecting him as he expected
determined on leaving the Dist^{ric} but could find nothing to suit
him until just before ^{as I was} ^{to} ^{leave} ^{for} ^{the} ^{yearly} ^{meeting} ^{at} ^{his} ^{arrange-}
was to ^{leave} ^{on} ^{his} ^{own} ^{at} ^{the} ^{yearly} ^{meeting} ^{at} ^{his} ^{arrange-}
the Dist^{ric} on 1st 4^{mo} 49 so that by getting him to attend to my Dist^{ric} at
H. P. I was left at liberty until the end of 3^{mo} 49. Thus this
matter had been brought about ^{when I returned to the Colony} ^{to} ^{leave} ^{to}
by Him who governs all things - ^{we} ^{could} ^{obtain} ^{no} ^{information}
respecting Friends in South Australia all were ignorant of the
matter ⁱⁿ ^{the} ^{Town} - and when we arrived at Port Adelaide &
called upon one Rob^t Galway a Builder but not connected with our
Society. we were told that there were but one or two Friends in
Adelaide. on going to the Town we called upon Henry Weston Phillips
to whom G. H. Walker had given The Mason a letter of introduction
as one of the principal members of the Society but although our hearts

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with our hearts were
some whom we had a comfort to ^{ed} have seen
& to ourselves. Jos. Hannah May all the main stay of the Society
& their Sons & Daughters that are at home adopt the dress & language
of Friends ~~they have meetings on their knees every day~~
~~no week day meeting.~~ At the time we were there the sad crew
of their son Jos who was a shop man at Mr Phillips having defrauded
his master was cast into Prison, he had been in business with one of
the Phillips in Adelaide & becoming dissipated was obliged to leave
they have 2 daughters married the one to G. Phillips the other to H.
W. Phillips whilst at Mr Barker we visited G. Saunders who is
a Farmer he has 4 Sons ~~2~~ & a Daughter by his 1st wife. 4 more Sons
~~children~~ by his 2^d wife & his present wife & her two children. Jan. Cook
our old friend is settled as a Storekeeper at St. Barker Township
his wife is a Presbyterian formerly a dressmaker at Adelaide
Mr Barker ditto money subscribed

the 2nd Mrs Greet is held affectionately at their

temperance. on which

The Principles & Practice of Teetotalism seems ^{to be very little understood} ~~to have been~~
~~thought of~~ by Friends in St. Australia, all but a few claim
the temperate use of Alcoholic Drinks. I am afraid our practice
& advice in this matter has had but little effect upon them
more than temporary effect upon them - Jos May accompanied
us part of the way on our Return to Adelaide & we took leave
of him under feelings that the Most High had truly sent us to him
~~and had our visit had been blessed that it had been more useful & would~~
~~us~~ with his presence. so that my heart rejoiced ⁱⁿ ~~in~~ was filled with gratitude
for this gracious condescension to so poor a worm as I am
arrived in Adelaide on 3^d day ~~it not being known that we had~~
returned we ~~had no one~~ ^{were alone} at our meeting ^{8th day} no one attending, as
with Friends at Mr Barker so in Adelaide. they imagine they
cannot hold a meet^s on 5th day's. and so few have been used
to attend 1st day meet^s that often the whole number has consisted
of Mr & Martha Watson & a Shoemaker named Grable & even the
proposal of an afternoon meet^s seemed quite to appeal them
it was only by calling upon their dearness to attend that
we succeeded, & then they seemed to come more with alacrity

our visit to Mr Barker was like reaching an oasis in the desert
or as thou. used to say a green spot in the wilderness, and was attended
with benefit to both visitors & visited. It may it tend to strengthen
the things that remain & are almost ready to perish. The Saunders family
consists of his wife & 2 ^{pregnant} children & 4 young men & a young woman by a former
marriage, the young people are quiet & industrious & I trust will be
willing to attend to the advice extended to them. but neither here nor at
May's do they consider it possible to hold week day meetings.
Sam. Cook has married a Presbyterian formerly a dress maker in
Adelaide he has opened a store a Mr Barker Township they usually
attend meet^{gs} at J. May in our opportunity with them we found much
openness to receive what I had to communicate & altho' his wife
does not understand much of Friends Principles she is very
favourably inclined towards them. ~~in our~~ we also had opportunities
with 2 young men R. Mackenzie who cultivates 40 acres of land near J. Saunders
& Henry Watson a dealer in cattle nephew of old Wm Watson of Adelaide
they were invited to our 1st day meet^g at J. May's but did not attend
altho' softened under what had been given me to say ^{to them} & the
we called upon Robt. Cook ^{of whom I have made mention in the} ~~who~~ lives ^{or 10 miles from Mr Barker}
but not being at home we requested him to come to meet on 1st day
with he did. & thus afforded us a religious interview with him. he
appears poor man very much out of the way, his children are very
much neglected & I am afraid he ~~is not~~ ^{is not} given does not practice.