

house at Adelaide their son William being the Fletcher  
one visit first visit to the colony -  
Dr & Garrison may be the main stay of the Society in this colony  
where they have 3 children <sup>at home</sup> 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 - the one to H. W. the other to G. Phillips and a Son at Port Phillip  
named Joseph of whom Sant. Allen of Hitchins was desirous of hearing  
from; poor young man he has been every wife & whilst he was  
enquiring after him of his Father <sup>employed</sup> the news arrived that he was  
thrown into Prison for defrauding his Master & has since been tried &  
found guilty of stealing some silk Handkerchiefs - Mr Barker dist. ~~was~~  
in the first days of the Colony contained many Friends. They had  
~~too~~ when Barton Hack 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 Hager who resides in  
Adelaide & the only families of Friends are Job May & G. & Samuels  
Job May has a meeting <sup>in his house</sup> 2 or 3 day course has ~~not~~ <sup>not</sup>  
to build a meeting house in that time

they each have live about 6 miles apart & each holds meetings  
in their houses on 1<sup>st</sup> days finding it impossible to attend at once  
the distance too great to allow of their meets together - with Jas. May's  
Family ~~as~~ absent Cook ~~who is~~ <sup>why wife also now</sup> married a Presbyterian & keeps a Store at  
the Township about 2 miles from Jas. May's generally rents & money has  
been sent out to Jas. May for the erection of a Meeting 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~~ settle in this  
part or until the young marry & settle around their parents - This  
~~district~~ ~~whole~~ ~~of the plain of~~ ~~Adelaide~~ is ~~a~~ ~~rich alluvial soil &~~  
~~the N.E. Barren & Baraga districts which are separated from the Plain~~  
~~by a barren stringy Bark Range are formed of low hills with generally~~  
~~broad intervening vales of rich soil rising to near the tops of~~  
~~the hills the sides of most of the Hills also containing of the same~~  
~~rich character ~~are~~ ~~thickly timbered~~ ~~easily cultivated & the soil~~~~  
~~very smooth that they have only to put the plough into the ground~~  
~~with that it has the appearance of an English Park affording the greatest~~  
~~facility for forming & then being so little barren land ~~in~~ <sup>the</sup> districts~~  
~~of land generally not more than 80 acres ~~good~~ makes it probably that~~  
~~these parts will in time become thickly populated if this leads me to~~  
~~hope a meeting House may be required to them at W.M. Bathurst~~

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 Hobart Town Monthly Meeting  
Having done so was liberated to visit the families of Friends in  
South Australia and at an after sitting the master <sup>of goods</sup> who emigrated  
with his wife & family some 8 yrs past to New Zealand but came  
to Hobart 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  
we were detained until the 1<sup>st</sup> Decr 49 did not get a vessel to take us  
until the beg<sup>n</sup> of Jan 50 & being 19 days on our passage did not arrive in  
Adelaide until 25<sup>th</sup> of Jan 50 <sup>but</sup> notwithstanding many difficulties  
many circumstances 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 <sup>that we were</sup> ~~so inconvenienced~~ <sup>by the heat</sup> ~~as we would have been in other seasons~~  
~~as well as we otherwise might have been~~ <sup>at this season of</sup>  
~~the year was the most favourable of our year~~ about the rainy  
season rendered all roads <sup>in this neighbourhood</sup> ~~un~~insipable and altho' I was  
obliged to lay by for 3 separate days from sickness yet other weather

might have been still more ~~in~~<sup>as</sup> & ~~more~~<sup>many</sup> ~~from~~<sup>in</sup> ~~to my~~<sup>in</sup> ~~for~~<sup>the</sup> ~~governor~~<sup>which</sup> which  
is not so good ~~and~~<sup>as</sup> when we last saw each other. Although thou  
well knowest that He who requires anything at our hands will  
make a way for its performance yet I may as well tell thee  
~~I was enabled to leave my position~~<sup>I</sup> & ~~patiently~~<sup>but</sup> I may as well tell thee  
how it was brought about. In 11<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1845 I resigned the ~~secretaryship~~<sup>defection</sup>  
to the Royal Society as their Friends had become ~~embarrassed~~<sup>deserted</sup> &  
thruys the embarras~~s~~<sup>d</sup> state of the funds of the Colonial Govt & therefore my  
Salary could not be paid <sup>partly</sup> to relieve them from the burden of my  
Salary these funds had become deficient from the Govt allowance  
falling short ~~on~~<sup>through</sup> account of the financial difficulties of the colony  
& more particularly as I felt that I had at that time nothing  
further to do in the Govt Service. for in accepting the appointment  
at the 1<sup>st</sup> of Jan<sup>r</sup> there was something more <sup>than</sup> worldly motives in the matter. and  
there was something more, when in consequence of the reduction of Prob<sup>r</sup> & Stat<sup>r</sup>  
way at this time opened for my obtaining the Appoint<sup>r</sup> of Surgeon  
to the Rocky Hill Prob<sup>r</sup> & Stat<sup>r</sup>. I held this appointment until last  
June (1848) when in consequence of the reduction of Prob<sup>r</sup> & Stat<sup>r</sup>  
& Med<sup>r</sup> officers from the Dept in Sydney being to be provided for I was  
told that my services would cease on the abandonment of the R. H. P.  
Stat<sup>r</sup> (June 48) & that no further employment could be given me  
in the Med<sup>r</sup> department.

Thus I was left with only the sail at W. Rd<sup>r</sup> & the salary for w<sup>r</sup> was  
£20 per annum ~~and~~<sup>as</sup> ~~any~~<sup>any</sup> ~~other~~<sup>other</sup> ~~for~~<sup>for</sup> ~~the~~<sup>the</sup> ~~expenses~~<sup>expenses</sup> ~~of~~<sup>of</sup> ~~the~~<sup>the</sup> ~~service~~<sup>service</sup>  
I waited for Dr M'Carthy having had the inhabitants before Mr. P<sup>r</sup>  
under his charge & he finding my appointment at the Rocky Hills  
& some of the inhabitants not supposing him as he expected to  
determined on leaving the Dist<sup>r</sup> but could find nothing to suit  
him until just before I left for the yearly meeting & his arrange-  
ment to leave earlier in his view & he had then arranged to leave  
the Dist<sup>r</sup> on 1<sup>st</sup> of April 49 so that by getting him to attend to my Dut<sup>r</sup> ab-  
R. Rd<sup>r</sup> I was left at liberty until the end of 3<sup>mo</sup> 49. Thus this  
matter has been brought about & when I got to Town I should leave to  
by whom who Governs all things - We could obtain no information  
respecting Friends in South Australia all were ignorant of the  
matter in Hob<sup>r</sup> Town. and when we arrived at Port Adelaid<sup>e</sup> &  
called upon one Rob<sup>r</sup> 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 C. H. Walker had given Thos Mason a letter of introduction  
as one of the principal members of the Society but although our hearts

brought  
were now at the account Roll Galway's Account yet the appearance  
of Mr. & Mrs. & his brother Mr. all we learnt from H. W. R. <sup>his wife</sup> who  
was <sup>old</sup> & such being totally opposite to those Friends produced still  
hated to produce in <sup>such</sup> style <sup>despite</sup> however <sup>despite</sup> Friends ~~produced~~ still  
his hot house greater despondency and on enquiring after lodgings  
he could give us no information stating he could not receive  
us as his wife was near her confinement & his Brother & also  
~~said he could not~~ he had lately lost a child so we left them  
hardly knowing where to go, lodgings being so difficult to procure.  
This being totally out of the question, however we bent our way  
to Mr Peacock a Tanner & cousin to Francis Cotton. on asking him  
to recommend us to a lodger <sup>for a few days</sup> he offered us what  
accommodation they could afford & we very thankfully  
accepted. He is an Independent & both himself and wife are much  
respected in Adelaide & believe are true Christians, but still it  
would have been more accordant with our <sup>feelings</sup> ~~wishes~~ to have  
been in a friends family we remained with our kind

Friends during our stay in Adelaide not feeling free to leave  
them without lodgings offered. we were no burden to them as far  
as pecuniary matters went. <sup>desirous his wealth from</sup> ~~desiring~~ of the Burra  
mine <sup>of which he is a director</sup> mine <sup>which</sup> makes him a wealthy man but his house was  
small as are most of the houses in Adelaide & the comforts  
were not such as either of us had been accustomed to.  
Thus this matter was settled & then came the difficulty of  
finding out Friends their names & dwellings. ~~this matter~~  
occupied a considerable part of our time having no one to  
assist us & whilst thus engaged our minds were much  
grieved at <sup>observing</sup> the very great departure from the principles of  
Friends, to learn more of the State of the Society we went to  
opportunity of visiting <sup>Took an early</sup> 25th May <sup>Adelaide</sup> ~~and~~ <sup>had</sup> ~~met~~  
Friends ~~for~~ at Mr Barker & there we got ~~an~~ <sup>an</sup> opportunity

some whom our hearts were <sup>ed</sup> & once blessed to them  
to ourselves. Mrs. Hannah May was the main stay of the Society  
& their 3 Sons & 4 daughters, that are at home adopt the scr. & principles  
of Friends ~~they have meetings in their house every day &~~ so weak day meetings. At the time we were there the sad news  
of their son Jos who was a shop man at Mt. Barker having abandoned  
his master was cast into Prison, he had been in business with one of  
the Phillips in Adelaide & becoming dissatisfied was obliged to leave  
they have 2 daughters married the one to G. Phillips the other to Mr.  
W. Phillips whilst at Mt. Barker we visited Mr. Saunders who is  
a Farmer he has 4 Sons & 1 daughter by his 1<sup>st</sup> wife & two sons  
~~children by his 2<sup>nd</sup> wife & his present wife & her two children.~~ Sam Cook  
our old friend is settled as a Storekeeper at Mt. Barker Township  
his wife is a Presbyterian formerly a dressmaker at Adelaide  
Mr. Barnes did more subscribed

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Meet<sup>s</sup> is held alternately at their  
temperance. On Sunday

The Principles & Practice of Temperance seems never to have been  
thought of late by Friends in Sth. Australia, all but a few claim  
the temperate use of Alcoholic Drunks. I am afraid our practice  
& advice in this matter has had but little effect upon them  
more than temporary effect upon them - It may account  
as 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  
~~I had ever wished had been blessed that it had been made of life~~ & bound  
it with his presence. so that my health ~~which was failing~~ was filled with gratitude  
for this gracious condescension to so poor a work as I am

Arrived in Adelaide on 3<sup>rd</sup>. day without being known that we had  
returned we ~~were alone~~ <sup>5<sup>th</sup> day at our meeting no one attending, as  
with Friends at Mt. Barker so in Adelaide they imagine they  
cannot hold a meet<sup>s</sup> on 5<sup>th</sup> day's. and so few have been used  
to attend 1<sup>st</sup> day meets<sup>s</sup> that often the whole number has consisted  
of Mr. & Mrs. Watson & a Shoemaker named Crablee & even the  
proposal of an afternoon meet<sup>s</sup> seemed quite to appal them  
it was only by calling upon them & inviting them to attend that  
we succeeded, & then they seemed to come more with shyness</sup>

earns than to wait in Silence upon their Maker but in this  
they were disappointed

The Barossa Dist<sup>t</sup> as I have mentioned before is part of the same  
country as tht of Mt Barker but contains a less proportion of pastoral  
land the stringy Bark Hills being interspersed amongst the thoroughfare  
it. last visit was to Mr. Barrett 20 miles from Adelaid<sup>e</sup>  
he is at present rent free or 3 Leagues the property of J. Hagen  
to lost his wife died some short time since & left him a  
widower with 3 young child<sup>n</sup> from them we went to  
Mr. Colman's who is suffering from disease of the lungs & has  
been for many years ~~occupying~~ so that the whole management  
of their Farm has devolved upon his wife Charlotte & her 2 Sons  
who are ~~now~~ entering into manhood. The only other person we saw  
was the March whose Father was left to Friends Provident  
Institution - he has been very wild & unsteady & spent all the  
money that his Father had sent him. indeed he told us  
that he had ~~been~~ been 3 days wandering in Adelaide with no  
food from as we afterwards learned his own master  
~~not~~ conduct he is now a ~~road~~ keeper of ~~nearby~~  
~~established~~ <sup>recently</sup> erected Bound placed on the opposite side of the Road

a Public House as he was in it rather conversed with  
the Master of the house who said he came over  
yesterday & was well filled with strayed stock w<sup>t</sup> the inhabitants  
had no means of getting rid of but the emigration assistance  
from this will soon cease & he will then be but poorly off.  
He is no doubt the dupe of the Publican who will throw his  
back upon him when money gets slack. we went to his case  
to Mr. May & also to Dr. Hecht who had care he came over  
& had interview with at which he seemed tendered & convinced his  
situation being an improved one, he offered to give up his present  
appointment provided he could procure some other way of earning  
a living we requested them to bear him in mind & say what could  
still be done to retain him - our visit to Barossa was  
equally comforting to a very welcome one, and was heightened by  
the discovery of a relationship exists between G. C. & S. M. & we parted  
with under the comforting sense of the presence & power of the Most  
High & returned to Adelaide

~~There abouts two miles off we find a very great many  
open spaces in the prairies but no streams except one or two  
small ones & these are mostly dry most of them are  
dry for ages & some of them are very small & dry for ages  
so that there is no water to be had for miles around & the  
country is very dry & hot in summer & cold in winter~~

~~which are one range a series of low hills with thick woodings with  
large Eucalypti of rich foliage giving the country the appearance of  
an English Park & having the valleys & most of the sides of the hills being  
one continuous covering a good depth of rich alluvial soil~~  
The Mr Barker & Baroda Dist. lay on the East side of a stony Banks Tier wh  
separates them from the rich alluvial plain of Adelaid - The whole of this  
country is formed of low hills with broad intervening valleys. The soil is rich  
mostly to the tops of the hills & so thinly covered with tall varieties of Eucalypti  
carrying beautiful rich foliage. ~~that the country has the appearance of an~~  
~~English Park - The sections of land are generally about 80 acres w<sup>t</sup> bearing~~  
~~the price of £1. per acre (unless were minerals have been discovered)~~  
~~I had it is highly productive the country will become from its affords~~  
~~such facilities for agriculture wide in time because thickly populated~~  
~~therefore I have been led to hope a Hotel House may in some time~~  
~~be other be reg'd for the country affords a prospect from~~  
~~considering the abundance of good land, the small sections of~~  
~~which it is divided & the certainty of obtaining water by sinking wells. I~~  
~~am led to believe it will in time become thickly populated~~  
~~not to mention the discovery of stones for the Geological formation~~  
~~is the similar throughout~~

Hence hope a Hotel House may sooner or later be reg'd at Mr Barker's

our visit to Mt Barker was like reaching an oasis in the desert  
was then used to say a green spot in the wilderness, and was attended  
with benefit to both visitors & visitors oh may it tend to strengthen them  
the things that remain & are almost ready to perish. Mr Saunders family  
consists of his <sup>present</sup> wife & 2 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 ~~the~~  
~~May's~~ do they consider it possible to hold week day meetings  
Sant Cook has married a Presbyterian formerly a draper in  
Adelaide he has opened a store a Mt Barker Township they usually  
attend meetings at St 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 an opportunity  
with 2 young marriage who cultivate 400 acres of land near Mr Saunders  
& Henry Watson a dealer in cattle nephew of old Wm Watson of Adelaide  
they were invited to our 1<sup>st</sup> day meet<sup>s</sup> at St Mayo but did not attend  
albeit softened under what had been given me to say to them  
he called upon Robt Cook <sup>of whom my mother inquired in their journal</sup> ~~also~~ lives 7 or 8 miles from Mt Barker  
but not being at home we requested him to come to meet<sup>s</sup> on 1<sup>st</sup> day  
which 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 & am afraid he ~~to~~ ~~the~~ ~~green~~ does not practice,