

never experienced the like descending of divinely empowering influence ; A person present penned her prayer down from memory, & it was presented to the Queen, who was greatly affected at the perusal, to the shedding of many tears : It is said she dispatched a Lord in waiting, with a message of kindness to M. D. directing that every attention, comfort, & accommodation, should be rendered her.

The Earl & Countess of Harcourt invited her to their home, to spend a few days with them, which she declined, having other Religious engagements in prospect.

A Clergyman who resided in the neighbourhood being present, invited her to have a meeting in his place of worship, to which she consented, & he took the pains of inviting the great people near him, & a very satisfactory meeting was held both at Windsor & at his own place, he expressed his full unity with her ministry : He very kindly provided some refreshment in the Vestry for herself & Friends, after the meeting was over.

This Clergyman again met her at Staines, where there was a very crowded meeting, mostly of the upper class of Society ; but M. D. having been much exhausted at the close of the Meeting, fainted ; when she recovered, the first person she saw, was the Clergyman assisting, to whom she said : “ What ! art thou here ? ” “ Yes, Madam,” said he, “ & what is of greater importance, God has been here.”

Thus, we see how all ranks of Society have been watered, the rich & the poor, whom the World seemed to care little about, have been favoured to taste of the heavenly bread.

From a manuscript in **D**.

Sleeping in Meeting

Bickersteth (near Wigan).

“ Preparatory Meeting,” 14 ix. 1697.

Minute 2 :

“ Upon the reading of the minuite in y^e sevnth mo: relating to Friends clearness of sleeping in meetinge, an Acc^t in general was given y^t dominion & victory, in a good degree, is witnessed ov^r y^t weakness by those who, formerly, have thereto been adicted.”

13. i. 169 $\frac{7}{8}$. “ Friends who have been adicted to sleep in meetinge keeps the ground they got some time agoe ov^r that weakness.”