

Providential Preservation

At the siege of Copenhagen, under Lord Nelson one of his officers writes "I was particularly impressed with an object I saw three or four days after the terrific bombardment of that place.

For several nights before the surrender, the darkness was ushered in with a tremendous roar of guns & mortars, accompanied by the whizzing of ^{those} destructive & burning engines of warfare Congreve's Rockets.

The dreadful effects were soon visible in the brilliant lights throughout the city. The blazing houses of the rich, & the burning cottages of the poor illuminated the heavens; & the wide-spreading flames reflecting on the water, showed a forest of ships assembled around the city for its destruction.

This work of conflagration went on for several nights, & the Danes at length surrendered.

On walking, some days after among the ruins ~~xxxx~~

I descried, amid this barren field of desolation a solitary house unharmed.

All around it was a burnt mass, this alone [was] untouched by the fire, a monument of mercy.

"Whose house is that?" asked I. "That," said the interpreter, "belongs to a Quaker."

"He would neither fight nor leave this house, but remained in prayer with his family during the whole bombardment." Surely, thought I

to thee in battle, a wall of fire round about thee, a very present help in time of need."

Divine Protection

A short time before the Irish rebellion George Johnson, a ministering Friend of Ireland, who was about to pay a religious visit to America, attended a Quarterly Meeting, in which another ministering Friend extended much encouragement to him by expressing a firm faith that the All-protecting Arm would be not only about him in his absence & would bring him safely home in peace, but that though "The sword would be near his dwelling - the dead bodies lying in the streets - neither hurt, nor harm should befall his family; for the Lord would encamp about them & preserve them as in the hollow of his hand from the rage & fury of the enemy."

This was remarkably verified, for while he was in America the battle of Antrim occurred where his family resided. The insurgents planted their cannon before his door. Owing to the crowd, the family could not escape, & all finally succeeded in getting into the house, where they remained during the continuance of the battle. The insurgents being vanquished, the family were in imminent danger