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should, by testifying to things to deep for me "swear falsely" & appear to arrogate to myself more than is becoming, to the low state of humility in which I desire to live; but now feel to record as the experience of my soul, "Neither hath the Lord sustained & supported me", or I must have given out by the way long before now.

And Truly I may say in all humility & abasement of spirit, knowing that in me that is in my flesh dwelleth no good thing, whether fruit be borne yea or nay, that I have been among this people, with much sorrow & many tears, under discouragement & heavy burdens which have been laid upon me, in heat & in cold, in hunger, in thirst & in weariness; in sickness, in weakness of the flesh & weakness of the spirit; in perils, in privations, & in ^{besetments of the enemy} discouragements; alone as to the outward & a stranger among a strange people; having home, wife, & children in a manner as though I had them not, yet hath the Lord supported, & by the right arm of his power sustained & upheld ~~me~~ in all, & through ^{all} even at times when his gracious presence has seemed to be withdrawn & as his hand been underneath, to keep bear up & keep from falling, yea & to make a way where man could make no way, & to overrule the counsels of the heathen & the machinations of evil & designing men; so that I have not only been preserved alive, through dangers seen & unseen, but even the heathen, & the enemies of truth & those who know not God have been made to esteem me well. Thus is indeed the Lords doing & it is marvellous in my eyes.