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up to the present time. He seemed much tendered and the tears of gratitude he wiped from his eyes; and a solemn pause ensued, - after which he says, "There is one thing I want to mention to thee; thou may live to see it, ^{more fully} I may not. This day* as I say in meeting, I see [saw] in the light of truth that there would be them of our own society that would come forth, claiming to be the followers of George Fox, holding to all the doctrines and testimonies of our forefathers, but not in the spirit and life that they lived in, and they will be very positive that they are right, hard and bitter in their spirits judging and condemning all before them.

And if the leaders of them are not taken up and disowned, it will lead into Rantism!"

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The above I read to Joseph Hoag and then asked him if it was correct, and whether I had got his words correct; he answered, it is correct. I then asked him if he was willing to put his name to it. He replied that his hand trembled so that he could not write, but wished me to write it for him, which direction with the acknowledgment of the correctness of the above statement, he mentioned next day in the presence of his daughter Elizabeth Meader-

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