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Note on dates: Early Quakers used the numbers, not the names, of the months and days of the week. Prior to 1752, English people mostly used the Julian ("Old Style") calendar, which was 10 days behind the modern ("New Style") calendar and began the New Year on March 25th.

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Deare hannah Bowne my deare love in the lord Jesus Christ doth
dearely salute thee and my prayers are unto the lord god of
my life for thee that thou may bee kept puer and clean
in the sight of god in his puer fear to dwell continually that
soe thy strength my bee renued day by day in the lord thy
god who is able to keepe and preserve thee in all thy tryalls
and exersises or what sooever thou may meete with all for
the tryall of thy faith that it may bee made more presious
then gould which is seven times tryed in the fier so dere
hart bee not discoriged but lift up thy hed and looke unto
him who is the auther and finishor of thy faith unto wose fatherly
protexyon I commit and commend thee who is our all god
blessed for ever more amen. deare hanna [MS torn] [whe]n I hard of thy
passing by I could have beene glad if it would h[ad] [MS torn] been the will of
the lord that thou had beene cast amongst us but what shall I
say but the will of the lord bee donne knowing [his] arme and his
power is not shortned but is the same yesterday today and for
ever for I being one that have had good experyence in the inlarg
ednese of his love with thousans more canot but blesse and prase
his most holy name unto whos arme and power I doe comit and
command thee who is able to keepe thee in all conditions
Remember my dere love unto allis [Alice] Sligh and her sone Joseph
living in Dubling¹ and the rest of frends in those parts
as thou art free in the lord my deare husband and daughters
remembers their deare love unto thee soe I rest thy deare
frend in the un changable truth Joan Brocksopp

¹ *Allis SSligh and her sone Joseph living in Dubling*: Dublin Quakers Alice and her son Joseph, a tanner (d. 1683).

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