

1817 - Oct 19<sup>th</sup> - Sunday -

having been very poorly with a cold did not  
 rise before ten - of course did not go to Chapel  
 the Day sombre in the morning but rain before  
 noon - all the family consisting of Mrs Jacob  
 Jane, George with Mr, Mrs Boyd and Henry  
 with be went to Chapel - Smith with the two Chil-  
 dren at home - No package arrived this morn-  
 ing after breakfast read Bishop's Chester's In-  
 stitutes or the sincere words of God - an excellent  
 book and notes respecting Regeneration and  
~~the new bible which appears to be very satisfactory~~  
 to prove Bapt. with baptism regeneration  
 a clergyman's see notes on 6 Thomas 110 -  
 Bishop's Tomline - Bishop's Chry 3 2 5 notes by  
 Bishop's Hull 58 Wells 58 Whitty - Hobbes of Gloucester  
 Ridley - Bishop's Beveridge - which perfectly agrees  
 with the doctrine of the Church of England and  
 a Christian Minister of the Church of England can  
 baptize an infant and read that prayer We give  
 thee heart to think on our merciful Father that in  
 baptism thou shalt regenerate this infant with thy  
 holy spirit - I say I cannot see how such a Minister  
 who does not believe in infant regeneration  
 can conscientiously belong to the Church nor  
 ought he to baptize an infant -

also in speaking of this subject - I cannot forbear  
 mentioning the Hypothesis for the Ministers of  
 the Church of England who hold the doctrine  
 of baptismal regeneration in a letter addressed  
 to the Rev G. A. Fisher B.D. by Christopher Fether  
 M.A. Dean of Chichester also the Bishop of  
 Gloucestershire's charge (1816) both which  
 books are reviewed in British Critic of Jun 4.  
 and March 1817 - all these authorities are quite  
 sufficient to prove without the specious disqui-  
 sitions of the opposite writers - and I thought  
 that more danger will accrue to the Church  
 and to Christian Doctrine by undistinguishing the  
 ideas of those who write against baptismal  
 regeneration than those who oppose it -  
 for my firm opinion is that if persons  
 do not believe in infant baptism regenera-  
 tion such persons should turn out where  
 or Baptists - cannot belong to the Church  
 of England -