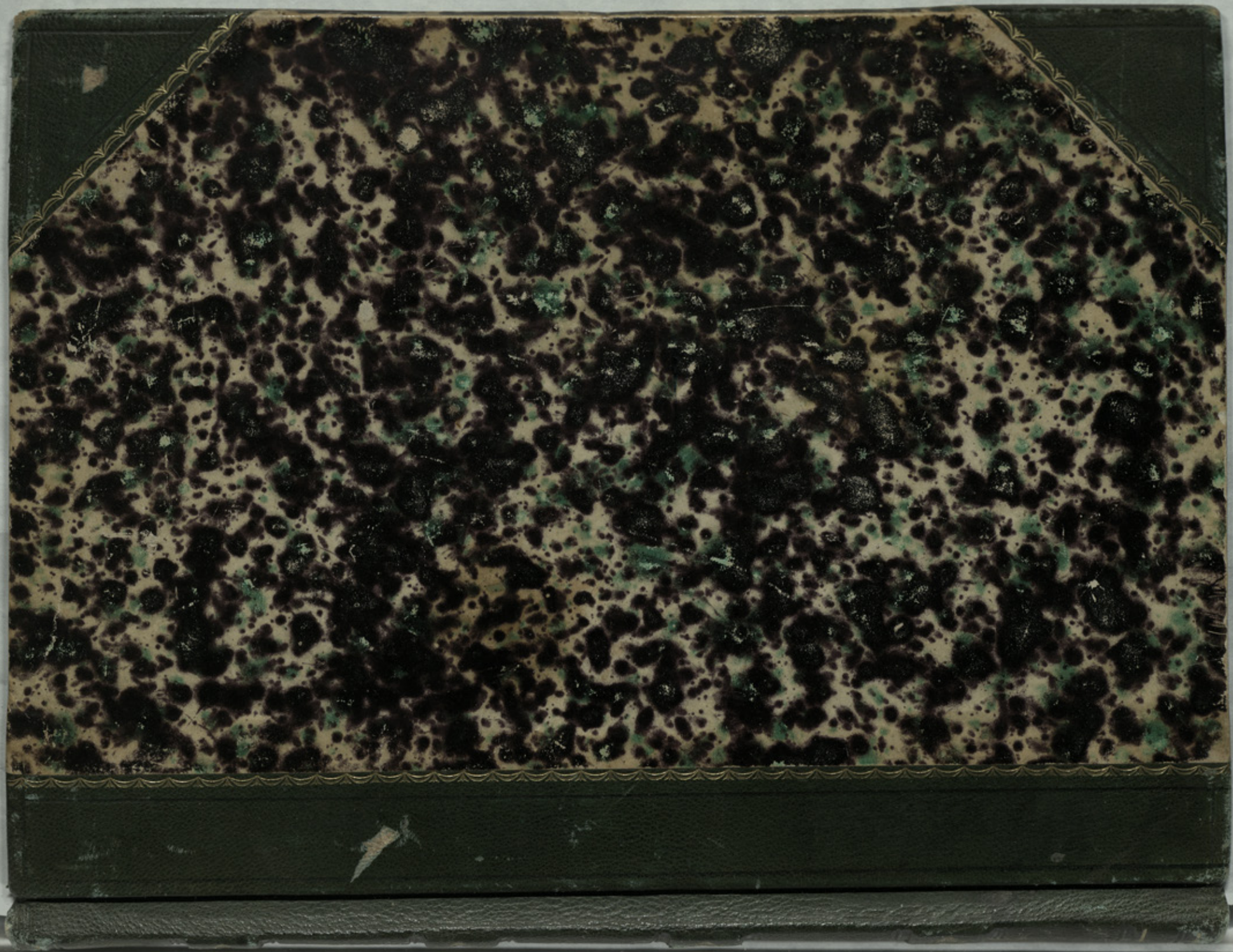


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This Journal I solemnly dedicate unto truth - Truth such as my own conciousness reveals and as God lies my heart - On Tuesday the 14th of last April - God first likened me unto - "what is truth" - I then felt that my sins were all taken away & I was washed in the blood of the Lamb - Since then, by the aid & light of Gods Spirit I have been trying to live a new life - This new journal I design to be a transcript of that life in its more inner & secret states & exercises - On Thursday May 24th I resolved to abandon my legal studies & become a minister of Truth - May God help me to set myself apart wholly for that work - On Sunday July 5th - I was baptized & united with the South Congregational Church of this place - Rev. Geo. Hepworth officiating & my dear brother Edwards went forward with me - It was one of the most deeply solemn & yet one of the happiest days of my life - Then - I felt -

"I am the Lords & He is mine" -

Now may God help me to be faithful to this Journal as I am not in other things

July 23 I am now teaching my fem Cousins & spend three hours each morning with them - I have been three Sabbaths have felt no special presence of Gods Spirit - My Prayer this morning was cold & formal. as it was also in the meeting last Evening. By my sins, I have, of late, grieved away the Holy Spirit - O God, have mercy upon me - is all the prayer I have any right to offer -

" 24th Rose this morning at a half past six - My Prayer was cold but I felt my dependence. I wrote a letter finished a letter to Ella & mailed it. Read Burgon yesterday & dreamed of Heaven - Read Gal. VI & VII - also Mark V. Loved to pray alone in the parlor at "recess" - I thank God for this desire to pray in my heart - O may it be increased & strengthened - My worst thing today has been indolence - I thank God that I have been free from another temptation which has been with me for the last week & at times made me & him - O My God forgive me - help me - Have mercy upon me - I will write in my Journal after my School duties are over in the morning viz - at 12 or 12½ M. - I will then have from 12 one day till 12 the next for my "Journal day" & "just" here the Exercises & Experiences of three hours - Last night

July 24th was an unusually happy one to me - I was pouring out my mind to her I love. Sometimes I fear I make these letters different from what they should be - Did any lover ever before make his mistress the receptacle of all his thoughts on all subjects? Ought I not rather to confine my writing to subjects that I know are best suited to her own taste & will most please & instruct her - Ella is mine - God will hold me to a strict account of how I have used this precious gift - a rich, young, pure, christian heart - all unreclaimed in my keeping & given up to my guidance - Next to my own Soul, must be my care for hers - that she may increase in faith & love & hope & charity - & every Christian virtue - May God help me to be faithful - O could help living -

" 25½ It is a week yesterday since this Easterly storm commenced - It has occurred three times in the midst of the hay season & has caused immense damage to the farmers - We have had only occasional glimpses of the Sun & the fore part was characterized by a great deal of Thunder & some damage was done by the Lightning and a number of fires & farm stacks came in this vicinity

July 25th. ity - God has been very merciful to me and my bowel-complt & "sore throat" have been much better during the last week in spite of the irritating East-wind. I fear that I shall never be able to preach in this Climate and among this people that I must be - because of this trouble - But I am in the hands of a Just & Merciful God. He will send me where He wishes me to be & He will continue me in health & life so long as it is for his glory. It seems so strange that I can be so unloving & distrustful of Him - my Eternal Friend - when I know that all my reliance is upon Him & when he in his great mercy reminds me daily of my own unbelief, moral & physical weakness & dependance - by my blunders - my sins & my illness - My prayers last night & this morning were not right - My Prayer at recess was more superficial - I have finished today "The Empire of Fire" by William Arthur - All I know of the Author is that he is the Author of this book & that he is an English Clergyman of the Methodist Church - This book has given me many new ideas & they seem commended by reason & Revelation - It deals manfully

July 25th. with the doctrine of the Holy Spirit - It refers all power for the conversion of sinners to its influence and strongly urges the idea that its power & modes of operation as well as the manner of obtaining it, is the same now as among the Apostles, on the day of Pentecost - and in all their wonderful labors & successes in spreading Christianity - I believe it - Help me, O God not to rely on any arm of flesh - any "prospects" or "intellectualism" - but on the presence & effectual power of the Spirit in the heart - the natural - the powerful sequence of "Christ formed within" the heart - the hope of Glory - I mean hereafter to retire alone for prayer at every "Recess" - May God help me not to be content with a little of His presence & power in the heart - I find myself getting lazy & negligent in my study of the Bible. Instead of loving & dwelling & thinking upon its blessed words - I skim over them as I would bring through an unwelcome task. or I neglect even to "skim" - O may God help me to overcome this sin

" 26th. There was no time yesterday that I could devote to my Journal - This was the day in which I prepared the day - Sunday - I rose at 6. took

July 26th a simple bath in my chamber
asked God to forgive my sins - continue
his blessings on me & mine & to cause
all my efforts this day made for
his glory - I went down & got Jenny
to consent - to attend the School & we
studied our Lesson together till Breakfast
At 9. We went to the School - The sub-
ject was Nebuchadnezzar a "Parable". I
tried to make the subject practical
& personal to my Class - Pride keeps
us from Christ - in the first place
& afterwards keeps us distant &
cold - We are proud even of our re-
ligious performances & are thus kept
from enjoying the blessing promised
the humble & meek - I sang in the
Choir during the Services in Church.
I always feel that this interferes with
my enjoyment of the Services - but
why all think that I ought to sing &
how can I refuse - I read passages in
Vicars life between meetings & enjoyed
a prayer in the parlor in the morning.
2nd - just before I went in the Vestry. At
four O'clock I attended a Young Ladies
Prayer meeting at the Methodist
vestry & felt that God was with
me in my prayer & Exhortation -

July 26th Rode down to my meeting at London
Hill at ½ O'clock - read the acct of Pauls
Conversion & remarked on it - also
made the closing prayer & felt when
I came away that the meeting had
not been without Gods presence and
approval - Mr Dodge preached in the Vestry
in the Evening - on the invitations of the
gospel to sinners - Christ died for all -
The morning text was "Christ is truth" & &
the afternoon text was - Hope - "Like an anchor
to the soul both sure & steadfast" -

" 27th My prayer in the parlor was respecting
this morning - The "School" has been as usual -
The Teacher getting impatient - one boy seems
poorly learned & I am crying over his
slight punishment - I sent a very
unsatisfactory note of a letter to Ellen
this morning - Sometimes I fancy the dear
girl will get out of patience with me -
but it is because the centre of my
heart & "love is blind" - O God help
me to be to her a faithful lover &
a faithful Husband - "How much is
implied in that one word faithful"!

" 28th I have received a letter from Ellen
this forenoon, informing me that
she had joined the Methodist Church -
This has made me unhappy -

July 28 I cant help thinking this step premature & ill-advised, but he aught to know - & do hope that he has not been influenced by the denominational zeal & flattery of the Methodist ministers - that he will not imitate their superficiality but will imitate Christ - I did hope that we should all be together - I am sorry he asked a "leave" so soon - Lizzie will be sick and unable to return with him - O that Chs movement be so impulsive & impulsive - Last night was a wicked & humiliating one to me - Evel have mercy upon me - a miserable sinner - I had a dear letter from Ella and answered it this morning - O that I might be unto her a savor of life unto life and not of death unto death - Read Cor. 1. XII - prayed in the parlor this morning

" 29 Have written Ella my dear this week so far - How much the enjoyment which I derive from this intercourse of soul - my prayers new calls & desires - today

" 30 I enjoyed our Praise meeting this evening very much - O God forgive me for this pride in His service which

July 30 to haunt me in my most public efforts - O for more of the Spirit of Christ - I sent a letter to Maria this morning & my daily prayer out of love to my sis Ella - The meeting last night has strengthened my faith & I enjoyed my prayer this morning more than of late - It is a cool & beautiful day My heart has been especially warm in gratitude to God for his great goodness - My letters to Ella are so full of my emotions & exercises that I feel as if my journal could be a transcript of them - I cannot conceal from myself that I love her too passionately for my own good - for my own advance in the divine life - O that even my love might be baptized, brought to the Altar & consecrated to Him who demands the whole heart - I have accepted an invitation to stay this coming Lords day night - O that I might overcome this vanity that leads me to ascribe everything to self and so little to Christ -

" 31 Here I was gay & thoughtless just like the rest - nobody would have known that I was a child of God from my conversation - O if I felt

July 31 as I have at times. I awoke in tears
prayed on Evening & given me Evidence
that I did not belong to this number.
O how unworthy I am of my Saviour.
Always upon his lips were words
of piety & wisdom. "at meat" & every where
he talked of virtue, religion & the King-
dom of Heaven & yet me, his pretended
followers. Silence our consciences by the
saying "a time for everything." My time
for anything. I feel & know is short-
& that I give any portion of it to
light & frivolous conversation - that I
be borne along by the current of folly
carried & content merely because I
see other Christians floating away. God
forbid. The dear Letter the delay of
which has given me many anxious
hours - came this morning & "She" thanks
God. was well & happy.
"Nearer my God to Thee - Nearer to Thee"
This is my prayer - but could my prayer
is -

Aug - 1 - Our Church meeting was deeply interest-
ing to me last night & the more so
because as it drew I learned that one
of my S. School Class was deeply interested
in Religion. I thank God since I
do pray that he would carry on his

Aug - 1 - work until they may all be gathered
into the family of Christ. I must
go and see her this afternoon and
may God assist me to say what
which she needs & see will approve.
I have sent a letter each day
of this week to Ella & she has omitted
only one day How God has blessed us
in this sweet confiding love. O that
it might fill our hearts with good-
ness to Him who is the Author of
every good & perfect gift. "The Morn-
ing day dispersing" the Chicken about going
to the "Land of". My prayer in the Parlor
this forenoon was very refreshing. Read
Mark 10th. & came in Abbotts "Young
Christian" where he inculcates the
duty of being particular & specific
in our private confessions to God.
I neglect the reading of my Bible too
much. O this indolence!
I'm not content. I might at all
"nobody to write to"! O I've been too
much given up to love this world.
God be with me while I seek that
engrossing Sinner Comforter.

" 2d " It is now the tenth year & while
I can look back over the happy days
since I have been separated from

Aug 2d — my Journal. This day (Sunday) Rev Mr Butterfield of St. Stephens preached in the morning his text was - "Thou the truth in love" I was greatly edified by the discourse - My School was quite interesting this day. I had no chance to have a private conversation with Sarah Emerson - the sixteenth - Henry Emerson went to London Hill with me - The house was quite filled with an attentive audience.

Aug 3d — Today was so full of joyful anticipations that I know not where I am. I went down in the Eastern Steamer to Bath - The sail was beautiful but how long it seemed! At half past 4 I was with my Ella - Emma & Julia Page sent her a sweet bouquet for which I will always remember them in love. Called on Ellas young Christian friend Eliza Fisher in the evening - Prayed with Ella in the parlor.

Aug 4th — Went up with Ella to Aunt James for the sake of each others society we did not attend the Commencement services - The "Concert" was grand. Frank was there & "introduced" -

" 5th — At Commencement - till 2½ O'Clock then at Aunt James with "my son"

Aug. 6 — till Evening -
Heard Edward Everett deliver his oration on Washington - Surely this is the perfection of oratorical grace! I was delighted - Was at Mr. Abbotts to a Party in the evening -

Aug. 7th — Called on Rev. Mr Robbins in the morning - Spent the afternoon with my Ella at Aunt James - That home is consecrated to our love - Offered Prayer in the family at Evening - At ten O'clock humbled down on my knees & did not hear me !!

" 8th — Returned to Bath & to Hallowell - The most romantic parting we ever had! God be with "her" - Took my Baglan & Valise on the R Road -

" 9th — Meetings as usual - S. School interesting - Meeting on London Hill very full - but the brethren backward - I had to do about all - But may God grant his Blessing -
A Young Student Mr. Donald preached to us in the morning from Ps CXIX - 25 - "My soul cleaveth unto the dust" very readily permit - to hear "dust" was the Subject - Ps. "If the Prophet had bid thee do some great thing &c" - I enjoyed the services very much

Aug. 10th I am now fairly engaged in the duties of my "Tabernacle" again. It is a little hard at first to settle down again. but I begin to be comfortable. I hope have numerous very pleasantly in prayer in the parlor at Recess. O this indolence! I pity now would kill sinner from Evil's holy Word

" 11th Sellie with me today - Read & prayed with him last night. Thank God for this privilege. Met my Sunday School Class in the Evening. Spent a social hour read & prayed with them. Another one of my class Miss Davenport thinks the hour a "happy" Thank God. Receive two letters every day from Ella - Am not well. Write them & receive pretty replies.

" 12 - School as usual - Got clear out of patience with Sam. O God give me patience to endure & then I shall conquer. Sellie went home today

" 13 Our meeting last evening was more than usually interesting. Pacific Loring was there & attended to me in such manner as to excite my pride. O God make me more humble and let angels watch at every thing that seems like the power of men. Yesterday & day before were Sabbath days. the kind of "Worth while" days that I love. that bring back the memory of many happy ones gone by. I renew the old buoyant feeling of youth & hilarity. I am happier than in them than ever before. for the bounds of my horizon are enlarged. It is no longer terminated by the dark line of death. but bright & beautiful prospects open up as I advance up the stream of time. Heaven opens. Life has a purpose & death no sting. O I thank my God for this sweet "hope" of Heaven through Christ.

Aug. 16 I have neglected my journal for two days. Last Evening I went to a "class meeting" & was truly refreshed from the presence of God. We had no preaching today but our Sunday School was interesting. I felt last night near to God. I am now. O Reveal Thyself unto me. Have me the sin that separates between me & Thee. Baptize me with thy Holy Spirit. O God.

Aug. 17. My meeting at London Hill was well attended. but the brethren manifested a reluctance to take part. I think this is in a great measure owing to the want of the Holy Spirit in me. When I feel as I do at times. I have no lack of help. I spoke in our Vestry meeting to. on the meanings of the fear of God. The time of my stay here is fast passing away and as yet I see no fruit. I know it is on account of my own great sins. Alex is to go to West Point. I wrote to Ella & Lizzie this morning. Last night was a bad night to me O God have mercy upon me. My labour was as usual this morning. but up to this moment I have neglected Prayer. God forgive me.

" 19th. A beautiful day. It has the old Autumnal aroma. It gives a happy feeling. It cleans the sense & elevates the soul. I have just arisen from prayer. O my God will thou please to answer my supplications & save my soul from death. Give me thy Holy Spirit that I may

Aug. 19 each have grace their way. I constantly feel that want of the Holy Spirit. that shall give efficacy to my words. I do not feel that God is in them because there is a distance from me. Monday Evening I spent with Fanny Baker. It was not a season to forget. I saw her "Affianced" yesterday. O God have mercy upon him & may his influence be sanctified made holy by Grace so that they may grow together in grace & the knowledge of God. A dear Letter from her Every day this week so far. No day so dark but it has had that beam of light & joy.

" 21 Last Evening I was at Mr Emmets to tea & met Rev. & Mrs. Gardiner. Wednesday night. the subject to which our attention was directed was the Holy Spirit. We had an interesting meeting. I had just been reading a circular letter by Robt Beale on this subject. I am now reading his Sermons. how they are dictated by the Spirit. I have been cold in my religious duties today to much so as not to recollect whether I have forgotten or not. God recollects. Had a

letter from Otis yesterday couched in terms worthy of his high christian character - God bless him

Aug. 22. "Another weeks daily work is done" & how stands the account between me & God? How have I spent these precious days of probation? I always thought that I would not be one of those complaining Christians but here am I away down in the low place which I so much dreaded

Return O Holy Dove Return
Sweet messenger of peace"

My God - My God, how can I live without Thee - I have been to see more of my St. Clair this Week, but it seemed as if my words came only from my head & fell as such words always do & fall only on the ear & go no further - Ellen is so through here & tells me if there was a possibility that it is impossible for us to see each other - What ails the girl - I was almost out of patience in the same time I was sorry for her O that I could go with her but I can't - I can see no way &

Aug. 22 I am so sick as to be almost sorry that the is going - Tomorrow is the Lords day & I am to point him to the Lamb of God - "Come Holy Spirit Heavenly Dove with all thy quickening powers" I need the Divine influence I must have it - or I faint - "Lord increase my faith" - I wrote to Mary Sprague today - O I love to sympathize with one who has just found peace in believing & joy in the Holy Ghost - A little passage in Ellen letter tonight giving the news of commencement of a friend of hers of my own age in a meeting at Bath have made me happier & more self-satisfied than anything that has transpired for this whole week - O this vanity - It eats me all up - religion & all - Few words of that kind make me happier than anything - O God forgive me for this horrid selfishness & help me to overcome it - O God make me love thee - thy law - thy Spirit - thy presence - the Salvation of souls better than myself or my own praises - I utterly loath & despise myself when I think of this damnable sin

Aug 22. but it grows upon me & I love the praise of men rather than the praise of God - May God have mercy upon me - if this nature is not more completely changed how can God make me the instrument to perform his holy work - I know my lungs are affected seriously & that I have but a short & almost a useless life before me & yet I spend it in sloth & inefficiency - I live as if I were going to live & enjoy the "world" like other men - But God - Who knows my heart - I would rather be pure & simple & humble - than to be happy in this life - but - Satan keeps his sway over his heart - & I am here a hypocritical soul in a hypocritical body hastening down to death -

If God does not perform a miracle - I am lost soul & body - My Father will then not glorify Himself by taking me for His child - to do His work in humility & love

" 25 Last night I spent at Congress with "my own Ella" - This morning was one of the happiest ones in

Aug. 25 my life -

" 29 - Ella spent the night in Hartwell last night on her return from Lawrenceville - I was with her in the evening & morning - How glad I am to know that she is to be at Gardiner till Monday, instead of riding to Worth in this dreadful storm - I hope to see her tomorrow. How it rains - There must be a flood. I have just got the S. S. Lesson with the children - How I need more of Paul's ministering Spirit before I know where he was called - I was dissatisfied with them - Am I an enthusiast? Is my religion of that kind which seems to most men strange & mysterious in its demonstrations? How does it seem to God? Is the Christ the only question in which I feel an interest -

O God show me truth - Answer my prayer this night - Afford & keep me from sin through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ -

" 31. I was at Gardiner yesterday & went to Church with Ella & she came up to Garden Hill with me. I have had some misgivings but I do hope & pray that her being with

me had no ill effect on them who I am trying to endeavor to submit to the Saviour. My S.S. Class was much broken yesterday.

Sep. 8. Obs visit has brightened my hopes & increased my faith - God grant that I may have known no evil motive in him - I suppose he goes home from Augusta today - Yesterday we went down to see Ellen - Last Evening I enjoyed a prayer with two of my S.S. Scholars very much - One, Delia Emerson is already a professor of religion the other, Sarah, has just found her Saviour.

" 10 We had one of the very best prayer meetings last night that we have ever had - May God grant that it is an indication of the visit of his Holy Spirit to the hearts of these Christians - O I do pray Him that the work of Revival may commence here now - After meeting I went to Ellen's Father beseeching him to "turn & live" - I penned a message yesterday to my God in prayer - O may this blessed Habit Continue -

Sept. 12 I was up at Augusta yesterday. Emma Martha is consigned to the Hospitals for the Insane! Strange dispensation of Providence - but Blessed be God for this confidence which He has given me that "He doeth all things well" - How like a tomb does that building look to me now - I think my conversation with Uncle has made me feel anew my dependence on God - O thou the Author of my being - My Preserver & My covenant Benefactor lead me to live Thee better every day I live - As the Annual Election approaches I am taught new gratitude to God by seeing how He has changed my heart & fixed my affections on a higher good than the pursuits of ambition afford - Last year at this time - my highest - or if not my highest - my all engrossing ambition was to become great and influential in the world of politics - How changed - how gratifying falls upon my ear the greeting of my old associates - "Knows the cause"? God knows my heart - He has enthroned one Cause there above all others & to that here I devote my little life -

Sept. 14. To you my Journal & to you alone will I commit my thoughts & feelings. To say that I thoroughly despise & feel a contempt for myself tonight would be to tell the simple truth. How has it been revealed to me today that I am simply a creature of impulse & passion - and that my heart is not fixed to serve God. I see more & more that I am not a man as other men are but am Enthusiast. a sentimental thing with a crazy head & an unsound judgment. Everything, even my religion is subject to my Emotions. A letter from Mr. Patten today has deeply affected me - partly because it has revealed my own weakness to me by showing his superior strength & partly because he has misconstrued my motive in writing him. My God, Thou knowest. Thou didst read my heart when I wrote that letter. Thou didst hear my prayer that night. Thou didst fill me with holy Emotion. Here comes in the error - self-judging man of the world & says it is all your imagination & your feelings. My God teach me what I am & where I am. Ella writes me that the Trustees & poor render. I wish I knew whether that is the judgement of the world. For reading was one of the talents that I thought I possessed & which fitted me to be a christian Minister. He also finds fault with my manner in prayer. With the assistance of God I will never pray to be heard of men but to be heard in Heaven - but I did think that God had given me the "gift" to pray daily so that the saints & the hearts of others might go up in unison with mine without pausing & pitying my personal weaknesses & infirmities or the impiety that men will be apt to do. O God of Heaven & Earth - Thou dost know me each day my own nothingness & dost turn away my sandy foundations. Thou dost know me true in that I have judged myself to be "gifted" I am not. May I so learn the lesson as to depend on no arm of flesh. I have arisen from my knees once more. My God - the world & all its influences - rest - from

the voice of my Lord as can shake my confidence in Thee - sometimes it seems to me as if I had no reason no right-judgment - but I have a blessed Saviour who directs that I might live - I have given myself into His hands. I have called him mine - I have hoped in his mercy - I have held sweet communion with him in prayer.

I have had this wicked thought-tonight - I mused over the trials & difficulties - the fault-findings & the heart-burnings of this week & I wished die - I wished go & be with my blessed Saviour - But I know this feeling is wicked & I will banish it - I will, with the help of the Holy Spirit wash all my sins "He bears the crop - endures the pain Supported by thy word" - Thy promises my God are my only hope - Some men wonder that Cowper felt as he did I only wonder that there are not more Cowpers - The wishing to die is wicked because - I wish it to avoid trouble & not to please my God - Take me O Lord Jesus & do with me as seemeth Good in thy sight - I would that I could act as if I was alone in the world - as if none cared for me. none watched me - My God may I be independent of all worldly influences & take that course which thy Spirit dictates - If I ought to be a Missionary teach me so - Lead me by thy Spirit where I ought to go - I have for the first time tonight doubted whether I ought to be a minister rather than a Lawyer - Ken fathers & Especially Ellen Otter has made me seem unfit for the service - the public service of God than I have ever done before - I have doubts & misgivings of spirit - But again & again - as long as I live I make my Profession be mine to thee - O God mine to Thee - The unpleasant - dates - the bad writing of this very Journal are testimonies to my indolence & faithlessness -

God have mercy upon me & make me a consistent faithful Christian - not moved about by every impulse & every passion

Sept 19. I have now returned to my room & my Journal after four days absence - I went to Leeds Sunday via Bath & came home Tuesday - & happy week indeed!

Sept. 21. Yesterday was a day of but little religious enjoyment to me. I attended my meeting as usual & felt better while there but the most of the day my condition could not be better described than John Bunyan did when he "felt as if his head was in a bag". I can see the cause for this as plain as I see my own features in a glass. The past week has not been one of prayer & earnest living. I have yielded to my natural desires & have often been led captive by the "old man". How strange it is that Satan should make use of our dearest Earthly enjoyments to entrap us in his meshes.

Ella has been all that I could desire, all that I could wish. She has shown that she has sense as well as love & has endeavored herself to me thousands of ways. I feel a new confidence in her if possible a deeper love. Otis & his family started for West Point Thursday. I have had my "School" as usual this morning with all my usual trials & a clear view of my own

Sept. 22 short comings -

Yesterday afternoon I went to visit Aunt Martha at the State insane Hospital. I find that the Doctor entertains but little hope of her recovery. I found her quite emaciated & with a wandering but suspicious Eye that never belonged to her. Yes the has lost her reason. Awful spectacle. O may that God who tempers the wind to the shorn lamb have mercy upon her afflicted husband & son. I do not remember having seen among all the books of religious consolation one prepared with reference to this species of affliction which is surely worse than death. I have written to Uncle this morning but how poor are my words. but thank God I have confidence in the consoling power of the religion of Christ. There is a balm in Gilead a sweet Physician there. Two happy winters of my youth have I spent with Aunt Martha '54 & '55. But she is nothing but a wreck of what I knew. Body and mind shattered by disease. the sooner her God takes her to himself to our

thus- since, the better it will be.
"Never the less not my will but thine
O Lord be done". Another letter from
his Teacher has pained me in re-
gard to Dellie. What can I do, for what-
ever I to do! A dear letter from
my Chosen One last night- was
very precious to my heart- O God.
May we be prepared to serve thee
in our day & live like Christians
in the fear & admonition of the
Lord-

Sept 23. A rainy morning but- a clear & windy
afternoon- I have written Ellen & Maria
Willey & Luther with Johnny-

" 24 I am sick today- I have a
dull heavy pain between my shoul-
ders & bleeding all through my
chest. It is my lungs & altho'
it don't hurt me much, I dread
the inroads of a disease which- if
it does not immediately remove
me from the works will unfit-
me for usefulness in it- O my
Father spare me to labor in
thy Vineyard if so it is best- if
not- make me ready to suffer
all that is best- I am in
the hands of a merciful God-

Sept. 24- Mr Butterfield conducted our meeting
last night- the first time since I
have been there- We had a good
meeting- My prayer is-
"Descend, O Heavenly Dove, descend"
O for more of the Holy Spirit- in
our hearts- our talk- our lives. Who
can resist- the Most High- I have
written for my room at- Bangor-
O may God spare me three three
years & may I so improve them
as to be a fit instrument- in
His hand for the upbuilding
of Zion

" 25 This is a delightful Centennial
day & I propose to go down to
Bangor this afternoon to see
a balloon ascension with the
Children- What is my place in the
world- Is it not among my own
countrymen & in the pulpit- using
what Eloquence God has given me
to persuade my people to accept
of Christ?- So it seems to me
now- I go to the Seminary that
I may fit & prepare myself to
do this work more effectually-
And it seems to me that my
studies & reading planned all the

directed to as to accomplish this our object - that I may "persuade men" -

Sep. 26. Another pleasant Communion day. I wrote to Ella & Aunt Lucretia this morning

Sept. 30. I have neglected my Journal for a number days - Sunday was a day of true religious life to me. Mr Butterfield preached at my meeting at London Hill & Mr Steele said in the Evening that the good Lord had been in his midst during his seven years ministry. We were frequent & fervent prayer - He had prayed how we as a Pastor ought to have prayed - Monday Evening I took Tea at Mr. Webbs in Augusta & had a very good time - Yesterday was without any striking incident. My School has been as usual all the week - Last Evening something occurred in regard to Johnny which has led me to doubt my Christian influence on him since he has been under my charge - If I have been unfaithful - O God lay not my sin to their charge -

Sept. 30 Saturday Evening I had a present of a beautiful Bible from my Sabbath School - It contained a note & picture of their own in a sheet - in their unfaithful Teacher -

Oct. 1. 2 A brisk Rain this day - I have two letters to Charles & Fannie B. on a few days I will be home - O God forgive me for this misspent life - Our Weekly evening meeting seemed to be without the usual devotional Spirit - My Exhortation & Prayer did not so much engage me as usual and as a consequence did not engage others

" 3 It is now 2 I have got through my Watership here - I think I have not been without benefit to the children but - I can see how my day might have been still more profitable - May my Father in Heaven forgive me what he has seen amiss in my teaching & Example - Aunt Ellen made me a present this morning of Whittiers poems in "blue & gold". Commenced them in last March - I do "thank her" for her kindness from the bottom of my heart - I received a dear letter from my Ella which Mamma had come yesterday -

Oct. 8. This is my last Sermon in Hallowell. God has greatly blessed me while here. He has preserved my health & life & that of my darling Ella. He has given me kind friends & good religious privileges. He has opened ways of usefulness & I have made some progress in the knowledge of Divine things since I have been here. But alas. how little, compared with what I ought to have done. His love has darkened almost every day has weakened my faith & smothered my love. This place will always be consecrated ground to me because here is the Church of my adoption. Here I have lived the first days of my Christian childhood & here I first confessed Christ before men. O my God assist me to keep good that Covenant & walk as a Christian should. May I have the mind which Christ had

Bangor Nov. 3. I came here from Leeds Oct. 23. (Friday) I parted from Ella at Auburn & arrived here at seven O'Clock that Evening. Slept in Robies room till I got into my own No. 11. Tuesday

Nov. 3. I have been very much pleased with Everything here. Our duties of study are all voluntary as is everything else & the great danger is that I will take advantage of this to become indolent & unfaithful. My Sabbaths are spent in this wise. Rise at 7, & breakfast immediately. Study S School in the morning. Attend "central Church in forenoon & lunch at Ladies at noon. go to some place in the afternoon & attend a S. School at a School House at 4. O'Clock P.M. & go to some meeting in the Evening. I am now reading "Richardson's on Prayer" for the first time. May God help me to profit by that excellent book. to which my attention was first called by Olin on his conversion. My days are too idle. We have a Lecture in the forenoon & a Recitation in Hebrew of the Gospels in the afternoon. The whole Atmosphere here is rather unfavorable to a high standard of personal piety. O may God protect me from personal sin & from the deadening influences around, that I may be an instrument in the hands of God for

Nov. 3 Elevating & vivifying the devotion & thoroughly Christian spirit in this Sacred Seminary - May my own faith continue bright & strong & my path be onward & upward.

We have had a rainy time for a whole week - but - God has blessed me with an unusual degree of of health - freedom from a sore throat & hoarseness. O may He continue to preserve me that I may one day preach his everlasting Gospel to a dying world - Tonight is our Class prayer meeting - O may the Spirit of God rest down upon us - & so clothe us with Christs righteousness at the start that we may be a Class distinguished by our humility & Christian walk & conversation - One week ago tonight we had a good meeting - O may God grant that this tonight may be still better in the living fruits of the Holy Spirit - Ella has been so good to me with her dear letters - I have had three & I hope another will come to night - What a blessing that sweet girl is to me -

Nov. 4 - I found a little of my old interest in politics awakened by the Election which took place in Mass. yesterday - but - I pray God that I may be kept from getting my feelings involved in any such political contests - Everything about them is calculated to magnify the importance of mere temporal interests of man as a temporal being - I wish to keep constantly in mind the "one thing needful" - feeling how all interests shall find their right place & development in the complete Establishment - of the Kingdom of God on Earth - I had a most Endearing letter from my Ellen last evening - I don't know as I see anything which brings out my unworthiness of Gods blessings more than this gift of another dear - another rich & beautiful nature engrafted on my own - How pleasantly has the sun risen this morning - How encouragingly he looked in at our windows at Morning Prayers - Now as I take up my Testament - may God assist me in understanding his truth -

Mr. 5- I fairly forgot my Journal yesterday. but the day was without particular incident or Experience. I was dull & indolent during the afternoon & our Prayer-meeting in the Evening was not-unlike to my Spirit- I will not judge which was out of the way most- I know I was greatly- I had a precious letter from Ellen after writing- Day before yesterday I visited Betsey Collier- How much she has suffered & yet how cheerful in mind & how sweet- in disposition compared with many of us prideful faulti-finding professed Christians- We have today another storm- but I know & feel that it comes from God- On the good Shepherd said- "It is such weather as pleases God & what pleases him pleases me"- I was quite struck with this passage in yesterdays Bible Lesson- How first findeth his own brother Simon & saith unto him We have found the Messias, which is, being interpreted- the Christ & he brought him to Jesus"- My Saviour may I be enabled to lead many to Christ Even as under the Providence of God my "own brother" was led-

Mr. 6. This has been thoughtful & beautiful day- I walked up to the Moyes green house this morning- It was muddy after the storm but the sun seemed like an old friend come back- Our Lesson was Christs conversation with Nicodemus- How plainly has he taught the doctrine of Regeneration by the Holy Spirit thro' Faith- Strange that men can see anything else in it- How true the observation of Prof Smith that the man of true Christian Experience recognises this and other doctrines with scarcely a difficulty-

" 10 A new sort of letter from dear Ella last-night- One from Dellie & one tonight from John- The storm which abated for Saturday still continues- I am down right Lazy & I am wondering what I can do to shake it off- Anna & Julia Page left for Dalleville this morning & I went to the Depot

14 with them

A clear cold winter day- How much God helps & prospers me! O may I serve him better & better every day- Tomorrow is the Sabbath- O may I keep it holy-

Nov. 15 - I have had one of the worst sins in my heart to-day - It almost seems to me like the unpardonable one. I have denied the Spirit of God in my heart in order to speak to or to please men & have a high reputation - God knows how I hate this device of the Evil One - It is the outgrowth of this wicked Pride - O my God - why will thou not make me as vicars as Baxter, as John was - as Paul was? Why can't I forget the world & its vain applause & live humbly & self-forgetful in the sight of God - O that I may have in me the mind that Christ had - Prof. Stephens subjects - A.M. "Can Joy and sin remedy" "Polly" "Rocky & Sandy foundations" - Last Sabbath "Elijah the Tishbite" - I began to sit with Mr. Bennett today in Church - There were eighty in my S.S. Class - I spoke in the Ch. Concert this evening - O that God would decide my poor wheels to induce some soul to turn & live - I prayed with Robie for an aged friend of his who is seeking an interest in Christ - a Mr. Godfrey of Yarmouth - May Christ God hear & answer our Prayer

Nov. 17 Last Evening I took tea at Mrs Cushing's Love remarks that men make her me to think that the jealousies of the world were not all banished from the Church - Yesterday I received a precious letter from my Ella which was unaccountably delayed - This morning I have walked and talked with Emmons - Obedience to God & our Liberty in Christ were our themes - I am writing to Albert today My Father, will thou forgive my sins and enable me to write him as if I were really a good man & may I be good - thy Spirit be in & go with my words -

" 20 Yesterday was Thanksgiving - Although I was not permitted to gather around our family board at home as of old I was to unite with my Ella at her home - Still the Morning day passed pleasantly with me - I dined at Mr Shepards & in the Morning I heard him preach on the "State of Maine" - I have had letters from my dear Ella every day this week so far - I think tonight will be an exception but I know tomorrow night will not - if the mails are regular. One of my greatest causes of gratitude to God yesterday was the prospect of that dear Dear - There were but few at

Nov. 26. At our Prayer meeting last night Yes. There were six and the form of the Sixth was like unto the Son of Man. It was a good meeting — — —

" 26. Today was the Massachusetts' Thanksgiving We joined with the kindred from that State in celebrating it. O How unfaithful are we O God, for all thy loving-kindness & tender mercies towards us. Tomorrow will be five weeks that I have been here. Outwardly they have been full of Gods mercy. I have been more happy than I had any right to be in view of my ill-deserving unfaithfulness. How often have I grieved His Holy Spirit away by my heart & my outspeaking sin. Our Prayer meeting is at this time (afternoon) O may we cling to it feeling a dependence on God & may we pray earnestly & feel fully the deficient & Heavenly influence

Dec. 3d. The winter months have come round again & for far as outward things are concerned means of knowledge & means of Grace I am in a good way but the heart the heart is cold & wandering. We have tonight finished (Monday) our experiences at our Class Prayer meetings. Ten out of 12. commit their first & strongest religious impressions as made by the prayers & tears of their Mothers. O Mothers — lay it to heart. One said tonight, my mother said she devoted me to the ministry of God before I was born. How vivid were our recollections of the prayers & tears of my own dear Mother often shed & sent me to bed for the night. O how Eminently she plead with God for her little ones. God has answered her prayers to some degree. Always be given us such a Still more abundant evidence of his full Grace in our hearts —

Dec. 7. Last Evening I heard Horace Mann Lecture on "Woman". The subject was trite but he treated it in a new way. If he did not suggest many absolutely new ideas, he treated many old ones in a new & attractive way. His Lecture was witty. His style is Ruskin like. finished. Easy. flowing. His figures are neat & graceful. His Reading (or Monotonous) his Lecture too long. He has many of the graces of Scholarship & Oratory. His Lecture was in marked contrast with that of Greeley two weeks ago. One Reminds one of College & the other Edits a newspaper.

& their differences are such as
we would expect from their different
culture - both are reformers - Greely
bold - ardent - original - But G-
was out of place in Congress - Mann was
in place as a woman as it gave him
opportunity of broaching many of his
favorite topics of reform

Dec. 13 This is the close of a busy Sabbath
but I have to regret & confess before
God that tho' he has been present
to aid & encourage me - I have not
seen him as I ought - I arose
at 7, rushed & went to Breakfast -
I ought to have been up to Prayers
but the Devil tempted me to
indolence to lie in bed - I quickly
ate my fine oyster Breakfast and
then went into Fordham room
to see Manners notes on my
S. School Lesson II. Cor. 12. - 1 to 9 - "Thorn
Paul Law" I spent some time there
in light & unprofitable conversation
& in looking over the pages of a
College Magazine - glanced at the
notes & then came home & got ready
for meeting - I then read in
my Concordance the petitions
for divine light & tried to pray
remembering especially the church
which I attend, the preacher I hear
the S. School - my own Class, myself as
Teacher & a meeting for prayer for
the Conversion of Sinners that we should
have to hold Conversion night - I
found some liberty in Prayer but
far too little - I went to the Ella
Hill meeting time - I felt vain
as I went into my place in Church
but I put up a silent prayer for my
Sincerity & for the presence of God's
Spirit - Prof Shepard's text was in Hebrews
"Ask for me & my house we will serve
God" - A parallel between a Christian
Leader & an ex-Christian one was very
striking - The commendation of those
called "Meff" & "Boyatt" by the world
pained me as other times very much -
At noon my S. School was not so
interesting as at times - but I tried
to make a practical application
of "My Grace is sufficient for thee" -
May God add his blessing - Pell.
The text was the S. School Lesson - and
surely the "things unutterable"
were made to seem more beautiful
than all that has ever been expressed -
Spiritualism was roughly

handled. Paul's glory in the Cross
was beautifully apostrophised. We
may we know but the particulars
of the place at the end we do
not know & never can till death
opens her portals. "It is not lawful
for man to utter". O may I stick to the
map & see only the light of God's
Countenance which beams so brightly
on its dark termination. I walked
quick to my Lt. in the Beaconsfield neighbourhood. When I arrived, there were
few there. There were in all 48.
I was enabled to speak freely
to my Class of God's way of Salvation
by our coming to Christ & asking
Him to save us. We believe near
spirit & attention. O may God
send his Holy Spirit. There were more
numerously. I finished my letter.
took it to the Office on my way
to Meeting. I went to the Free Church.
(Baptist) I found liberty to speak to
the Lives of young people those who
are living out of Christ. Since I
have come home I have tried
to pray that that my weakness
& wickedness may not lead God
to reject my words as a power

to accomplish His own Glory. O
may conviction rest upon some of those
hearts. I thank God for the blessed privileges of this day. O that I may
be enabled to draw nearer to Him
more & more & if I must
go hence O Lord may I be ready.
Now for my Prayer & my heart-
ly Petition will Thou assist me
in the former & keep me from sin
in the latter & may I be better &
live more this week than ever before.

Dec. 16. I have just come in from an Church
& rather wetty prayer meeting. O that
the eyes of this people would be opened
to see God. O that his Spirit might
descend here in copious showers. O
Lord. Is it not coming? O blessed is
that Servant who when his Master
Cometh, he shall find watching. May
I not be one to say "The Lord hath been
in this place & I knew it not". This
question has exercised me some of
late. How much do I love Christ?
How much of that which I do. do I do
because I love Him? I think I love
Jesus some. Do I love Jesus more? I
anticipate meeting Ella with delight.
Do I feel or much in view of meeting

Dec. 16. my Saviour? I am looking forward
& certain seasons in this world in
sweet anticipation & do I feel as much
delight in expecting a Revival? do I
pray as earnestly, watchfully, deeply, heartily
for the Glory of God, as I do for my
own delight in the manifestation of
that Glory? - O my Saviour, let the desire
of my heart be for Thee - May thy love
in me be a fountain, perennial - Eternal
May thy cross be before my Eyes constantly
& my own sin humiliate me while I
compare it with thy spotless purity -
I omit Recitation today for my own pleasure
I feel that it were wrong. O God forgive
me & help me to be more diligent & faithful
& self-denying in my studies - Ella & I have
set apart half part nine each evening
this week to pray for her Brother Albert -
I came home early from Lecture last
evening - God gave blessed little self-
denial & I found much freedom in
joining my dear one in prayer - Father
visit Thou he with me this new
sensibly tonight & with her - & O may
our Prayer be answered - Tonight was
the third night of our Prayer for
our Church in Hallowell - Emma
& I went & join in prayer directly

Dec. 16 after Tea on each Wednesday evening - O
that God would pour out his blessing
on that people & their Pastor & my
dear charge at Lincoln Hill - God
forgive me for not remembering them
oftener before the Throne of Grace -
My Ella's letters have lately been blessed
to my spiritual good greatly - O may
she continue to enjoy this presence
of her Saviour which lightens up not
only her own path, but mine & kindles
such a tender glow of love to Him in my
own heart - She complains that she is not
"excited"! O that my heart might be
more like hers - for indeed hers is much
more like Christ's. calm. peaceful. cheerful
faithful. tender. loving & unchanging -
When I think of her sweet purity I am
humiliated by the contrast with myself -
& I think surely I might not to take me
to modest, truthful, innocent, pure & holy
to be the wife of one so gross & full of sin as
I. But if I am so humiliated & feel so
unworthy by this comparison how ought
I to feel when comparing myself to Him who is
purity, holiness, Love & perfection - O
God have mercy upon me. If I have
no part of Him in me - I am all
corruption - It is now 9 1/2. O'Clock

Dec. 18 As I leave airiem from my prayer for our Mother I have been led to inquire Do I pray acceptably? Whom do I have most in my mind while I pray? Ellen - her Mother - or our Saviour to whom I pray believe who I pray - O God help me to reach my heart & to understand thy truth & thy will - Help me to pray. The subject of remark in our general prayer meeting evening was Christ's sympathy with his Children in temptation - O that my heart was so tender - so susceptible as to feel each moment the sweet sympathy of my Saviour but my prop desires - hardness & sin grieve away the Spirit -

My heart sunk tonight when I heard the mail carrier pass my door unheeded - but tomorrow night is no more certain to have good things for me - O my Heavenly Father there are so few kind to such a miserable being as I - How can I thank Thee enough for her - I have mailed "her" a letter tonight - & written one each to Caroline & my Mother - I was kept from Recitation today by the toothache - Prof makes two "cuts" this week - I am reading "Edwards on Revivals" —

Dec. 23. Last evening I heard Henry Giles lecture on Charlotte Bronté - How vigorous & keen his mind is - How close his analysis & how intensely he thinks & speaks too, for that matter - His manner is almost "crop". He pronounces Charlotte Bronté the first of female English novelists - He finds but few faults - among them that she does not give its due weight & influence to personal beauty - When all other novelists have played upon this thing - I can but think it fortunate that she has avoided it - I have not enjoyed religion much this week & I know why - O may God forgive me - Tonight is the Battenfield's Installation at Hallowell - Henry & I had an mutual season of Prayer - O may God take this occasion to revive his work there -

28 - Both my Classes were very interesting yesterday - I heard Prof Davis preach in the morning & Prof Smith in the P.M. Mr John S Sewall addressed the Children at our Anniversary in the Evening - Christmas day I attended the Episcopal Service & heard an excellent gospel Sermon from Rev Mr Dalton. I was very glad that I went -

Jan 2. '68 It is Sat- afternoon and I have done my "work" & am having a little time for reflection & writing before dark. This is the New year- the first thought which this suggests is God's blessings on me & mine since the beginning of the last year- First Ella & then I- then Otis, then Dellie. then Lizzie all. I have plucked as brands from the burning & brought into the kingdom of God- Mother has been very much revived in the Spirit of her mind little Guy & Gracie have been baptized & Father- Capt Patten & Albert have been especially & earnestly prayed for- I am looking to welcome them into the fold. In the circle of Otis' influence in Ill- many were brought to entertain a hope & three since at West Point. Of Ella's acquaintances- Mary Sprague- a dear friend- & Ellen Reed have found their Saviour- Seventy nine- Sarah L. Emerson in my S. School class at Healdsville. I had reason to believe is converted- & now, believes the whole record saith in righteousness. How hath he numbered us- an heritage? To whom is the arm of the Lord revealed?

Jan. 1- I have commenced the Bible this year intending to read it through in course as I have never yet done. I have planned my daily devotions in this wise & may my Saviour assist me to be faithful. I offer up a prayer the first thing when I wake in the morning- to attend the morning prayers at seven- to read my portion of Scripture in course after I have built my fire & set down to which- to offer prayer- to read a portion of the Testament & Psalms & offer prayer in the evening before retiring- I will have to vary from this somewhat when away from the Sem. but I trust- I will not run down above in the Spirit of devotion

Jan. 5. Yesterday was an annual day of fasting & prayer for the conversion of the world- It was a very precious day to me- There was a union prayer meeting of the three Congregational Churches in this City- & in the forenoon. there was great activity & earnestness in prayer In the afternoon this was not so marked but a blessed & true love seemed to pervade the assembly. I made the prayer by which the meeting was closed

Jan. 5- I offered it voluntarily because I was free to pray - & I have had some misgivings on account of my being so much of a stranger here - fearing that I might have appeared too bold in so doing - but I tried to pray in the Spirit of God and I am willing to leave the issue with him - I know not when I ought to speak or keep silent in public meetings - If I can edify I desire to do so - yet I would not bring a reproach upon the cause by being thought to be too forward for one so young - May God pour out his Spirit very soon & very abundantly upon all his people & upon sinners - Last Sab. Evening Bro Charles & I were to join in prayer for the outpouring of Gods Spirit in Leeds - O may we pray in faith & may our prayers speedily be answered - Hebden is dead - Yesterday I made my first attempt at fasting - I experienced no inconvenience from it or all

Feb. 28 Lo Winter is Spring! Why! we have had no Winter at all - little cold weather & little snow - It will be memorable as a mild Winter - How long I have neglected my Diary! Since I wrote - I have spent a week in Bath with my Ellen & two days at home - This was about the 20th of Jan. In fact since my return my letters & hers have been such a complete review of my days & such a full exposition of my thoughts & feelings that I have seemed to have nothing left for this book - I have not now been into Recitation for a week & a half - I was taken with a very fever & for a little while was quite sick - Robie had me in his room and was as kind as a Brother - Lee is now sick & I am enabled in a slight degree to requite his attention - I did not feel able to go to meeting today - but reserved my strength for my Mission School - There were 17 there today & a good degree of interest was manifested - May God pour out his Spirit there is my constant prayer - My own life is now at a full distance from close Communion with my Saviour & sometimes it seems to me as if the waters of Sin were again about to close over me - O may God have mercy on my Soul -

Feb. 28. I continued my prayers & readings with considerable regularity till I was taken sick. but of late I have missed the first aspiration of the morning which at the beginning of the year was so easy and natural for me. And of late, I have been conscious of that sincerity in the public efforts that I have made that I thought I once possessed. I don't know as I have made a single step advance in overcoming my indolence & my vanity & my lust are still torturing me. O that I might be delivered from the body of this death. My success in the Academy is very poor. & I have as yet made no progress in the study of Theology. I have learned some few things in Regent's place I have been sent & many better lessons in the depravity of my own heart. & this is the bane of my acquirements so far. Indolence I know is the great drawback. but it is to me like a chronic disease fastened on my very vitals. & it sometimes seems to me that by my ineffectual attempts to shake it off. I have lost much of the moral power of my character. O I have come with this polluted heart to

Feb. 28. the blessed Saviour more than my 70 times over. O will he not soon cast me off. soon reject me. soon cut down the barren fig tree. I write a good deal to my Darling. but in this there is no sin. it is only the following of natural inclination. But anyway I can look at it. there is a glorious blessing to me. O God never allow her to fail of Celestial Sympathy towards me. O may we both have Christ formed within us the hope of glory. may we be branches of the true Vine. Now is coming round the Anniversary of my first gleam of hope. O may I be prepared for it. O Lord hide not thy face from me. Reject me not. refuse not to indulge my petitions on account of mine iniquities. Once or twice I very seldom prayed. & when I tried my heart was always stone & the Heavens brass. Since then it seems to me that I have not deceived myself but that I have often had access to the throne of Grace through a crucified & risen Redeemer. "Truly the sum & substance of my heart is contained in that hymn of Watts's beginning

"'Tis a point I long to know
Oft it causes anxious thought
Do I love the Lord or no
Am I His or am I not" —

Mch 14. 1858 Now have come the times of refreshing from the presence of the most High. The Spirit of Revival seems to have spread over the whole land. Thousands are being converted to God. The Secular papers even are full of the wonderful effects of this outpouring of the Spirit. A daily prayer meeting in a large room down Street is every day crowded. but as yet there has been no special religious inquiry in Bangor. but we are looking. I now rise at 6. O'clock. dress & build my fire & then address myself to prayer until 6½. Then we have a prayer meeting in the R. Room of 15 minutes duration. The prayers are not over 4 minutes & I enjoy it very much. Ellen Aunt Rachel died Mon. morn. Mch 8th at 2. O. Hall. She had a painful illness which she bore with christian patience & resignation. She was ready & willing to go, trusting her all to her blessed Saviour. She has always been a fast & dear friend of mine. & her words & me have always been those of affection & wisdom. She had a lonely life to 61. yrs. in Ox. town. yet never was one blessed with more loving brothers & sisters did she deserve & repay their love. O may they follow her as she followed

Mch. 14. Christ & have such a peaceful entrance administered unto them into his Rest.

" 19 A letter from my friend Lieut Lee. dated Mch. 11. says. "I have found Jesus". O God will Thou help me to magnify & praise thy holy name for all thy wonderful works towards the children of men. Our daily meeting down Street was full today & another was held in the Adjoining vestry where there were 150. 600 is a low no. for those who attend these meetings. All. we feel is God's Spirit is yet greater power. O Father hear our prayers & let it come. O Lord let it come.

" 28 Yesterday I conducted my first Funeral. It was that of a little child in the neighborhood where I have my religious School. The child's name was Emma Cornelia Stillings. Set. 8 yrs. It was a mighty solemn occasion but God sustained me & enabled to perform the sad rites in decency & in order. O may it be greatly blessed unto the people & children of the family & the community. There is now a daily prayer meeting in each side the House. Both are fully attended. Not. less than 700 people gather daily at the place where prayer is now to be made.

Mch - 23 If anything strikes me unfavorably it is a disposition to look for comments & count - to watch for them as the only indications of the Spirits presence & power - they read & hear so much of revivals in other places that there is danger of a superficial outside work - O God grant that our individual hearts may be altars sending up sweet incense unto Thee - The state of things in Bath is very much as it is here - O God withhold not thy Spirit from the heart of thy children & then they will do the right thing in thy sight - & thy blessing will surely follow their labors & souls will be added of those who shall be saved - O there are some dear ones for whom I offer daily O Father, will thou not hear me for Jesus sake -

Apr. 1 - This is one of the most beautiful days I ever saw - The Glory of God speaks in the air & the skies - It is a fast appointed by all the Churches in the City in view of the partial outpouring of the Spirit with us here witnessed - that we may become humble & right to receive of Gods Spirit yet more abundantly O may it be so for Jesus sake

Apr - 1 - I ate my usual Breakfast & dressed here not been to Dinner but spent the usual dinner hour in reading & prayer - I have since taken a walk over to West Bangor & meditated on the goodness & mercy of God - I saw several immortal souls for whom my heart yearned - O that all might come to Jesus & now - O Lord what wouldst thou have me to do - It is ever praying, feeling - talking - & being silent - I will try to do it - O that I might be more faithful in all my duties - thus conversation & walk before men - O it is only in this blessed Saviour that I have any hope at all - O God have mercy upon me - I spoke in the Session meeting this morning & a little at the Lecture - Last Evening - I was in a little meeting at Mrs Gerrish's - It was solemn & attentive that was all - O God hear - O God forgive - O God hearken & do - for thy great mercy's sake - My dear friend Frank Gilman has lost one of the dearest & best of Mothers & his oldest Sister's reason broke down under the sudden stroke of the blow - But - thank God - He sees his Saviour in it - O Lord chasten him just more than he can bear -

Apr. 8. The meetings for prayer are not quite so fully attended this morning & while there seems to be less faith in the prospect of the work among Christians I cannot see that the unconverted are less serious & attentive - O Lord then count work without thy hand O do come by thy power into many a sinners heart - I heard day before yesterday of a blessed work going on in Haddonfield - Joseph Stickney & 2 or 3 of other acquaintances of mine are among the subjects of it - O Lord I thank thee - yet more Lord. more! Albert Rice spoke in the meeting & confessed himself to be an earnest "seeker" - O Lord may he find to the joy of his heart - I have written Hannah today to inquire for him - My Bible class meeting was solemn last Evening - but O I could see nothing - Yet why should I ask to see - I have the promise if I labor & pray in faith. that the work will be done some time - O for a more full & entire trust in God -

May 4 I suppose this journal is about a fair example of my Christian life - I may be less faithful to some other duties in the light of men than I am to this. but God who reads my heart sees how every good thought & deed is hindered

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May. 4 with sin & infirmity. "O wretched man that I am - who shall deliver me from the body of this death"! O how good is my heavenly Father - how glorious are his works among the children of men - Let me here record some of his merciful dealings among my acquaintance - those I have formed hope - Saml Adams - Lincoln Albert Rice - Augusta - & large no in Hallowell Helen Otis in Leeds - Anna S. & Violetta R. in Bath - Jesus as I humbly hope & pray are among the recent trophies of thy Grace & now O Lord do not stay thy blessed hand - In my St. class - three have given some good evidence of a change of heart - & Miss Smith of Orono - & Miss Sawyer of Monticello & & Miss McNeil of this City (Bangor) - I may say that in all of these cases my own instrumentality has not been apparent to me - It is true I have prayed & conversed & written letters, but it was done without faith as it seems to me. At any rate if the work has been there - God has mercifully - in accordance of his wonderful - hidden from my eyes - This is a beautiful May Morning - Nature is now in penitence but in praise to her Author -

June 7. I have just returned from a three weeks visit to my friends & God has blessed me with such a happy heart during this time that I feel that I ought to make a record of his goodness where I may recall it when this forgetful heart shall have grown ungrateful & unmindful of these mercies. I found my darling Nell looking like her own sweet self & with her heart in full sympathy with me in & the cause of our Master triumphing all around her. O the new faces I have seen in Bath & Hallowell among my friends. and one dear one in Leeds - O bless the Lord my soul & magnify his holy name - I was better pleased with Sellers State than before but not yet satisfied quite. O Lord take him as thine own child - Anna Healton gives some Evidence of a change of heart. Victoria & Helen - a decided one - I visited & prayed twice by the Sick bed of Dais Lane. It is sweet to hear that he is with

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his Saviour. It was good for me to be there - Ella & I were only too happy in each others Loving - We rode in a Chaise to Leeds & spent a week with Mother. I came back in the boat from Pertland and we had a Collision with a Vessel & in the darkness & uncertainty of the event - I had opportunity to ask myself the solemn question "Are you prepared to meet your God"? I cannot say reply. "Lord save me or I perish". I cannot seem to make by faith a single step towards my Master - but cannot only cry out to him in fear! O is this my faith? It seems to me that with the truth it might be said to me - Thou who has recommended religion to others - where is thy own? O God have mercy on me. I am no longer worthy to be called thy child - make me one of thy hired Servants - But after I prayed & retired to my birth I had more peace in believing - Thirty three were admitted in to the Central Church yesterday - I did not feel the occasion as I should - "Lord save or I perish" — The three of my class joined the Church yesterday

June 18. It is a beautiful moonlight Evening; just clouds enough to add grandeur to the Heavens & just light enough to make the Earth seem perfect in loveliness. Almost Eleven. My Journal I neglect you much - but I do love now & then this retreat to pour out my thoughts & feelings in. It is two weeks tomorrow since I returned from my glorious Vacation and I have literally done nothing by way of Study and have not written a Word on my Part. Somehow there seems to be a dearth of original ideas in my mind. I suppose it is chiefly because the mind is to idle if it would be active - it must effect something. I must do something soon or give it up. Tomorrow are the June Meeting at Augusta. I cannot deny myself anything but seeing my darling - that I can't. I had a letter from Otis tonight. He expects to be in Leeds next Tuesday. O may God bless his visit to us all. Fannie Baker also has sent me a good long letter, and I have received the last installment of my Bank money. Where I am to look

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Lesser glories are the works O Lord, God, Almighty!
I am seated on a knoll on Cars Island. Before me
the boundless Expanse of the illimitable Sea. Around
the birds are & the green fields. O I am happy!
have just visited a little School & talked & prayed
with the dear little ones & now as I come out I believe
in the presence of that Sublime Ocean. my heart
is full of God. Blessed be His name forever more!
We had a pleasant ride across the bay & now I will
jog along looking, - "O if Thou wert by my side, My Love"

Harpswell, Oct. 1858

July 4th

I was thinking yesterday how if God should take me away suddenly how this journal would read to my friends I have but one friend on Earth to whom I would commit it and she is indeed my own self. How little the world seem to value the solemn unity of the Betrothed. How little of reverence for the sacredness of this relation is usually shown. But I cannot persuade myself but that God looks upon us as we upon ourselves as already married already one. I have had a sweet sense of trust in God once or twice of late. Last night after spending rather an unprofitable evening I walked out in the darkness of midnight and a sweet sense of my security came over me because God reigned. This morning I had a feeling that I was lost and ruined because of the infirmities of my body. but O I cannot commit it maimed & debilitated by sickness & sin into his hands who accepts all to his own honor & glory

I attended six prayer meetings at Augusta this year most of the time in company with "my little wife". It is rather time for one of my cast of mind to interest myself in general matters of any nature when my whole

July 4th

heart is so engrossed with her & her presence & happiness but hope I gathered some thing of profit from that glorious convocation which was animated with the spirit of that blessed Revival which has swept over the Land. My absence at the first of the term and at the meeting has quite broken up my Hebrew studies and I have made no progress at all in them. Of late my mind has been taken up with visiting a "pair" for Annivers[ary] but it has been engaged more in thinking about it. than in visiting it or thinking it out myself. I have not been more completely under the dominion of my peculiar devil indolence than for a few weeks back. It seems impossible for me to work and with the prospect of disgrace staring me in the face in case of failure. I can't bring myself to it. In fact my body has woefully oppressed the mind and this is one of my worst days, when I hoped to do the most. Ella frightened me half to death by a proposition for starting on a sea voyage immediately. the reaction has filled me with unusual joy. Ella is at Leeds and I am in hopes will visit me. Sallie united with the Congregationalist Church at Auburn

July 9th

last Sunday - O God of grace. Carry in thy deep rich in his heart. I am 'live' in religion - my prayers are usually formal & my reading lifeless - indeed there is a general prostration of my whole being - owing mostly to physical causes but still throwing a weight of fearful responsibility on my moral nature.

"O for a closer walk with God".
I have always been there - but how different are its meetings at different times - It is only by comparing ourselves with our highest states that we see where we have ever been any nearer to God than now - My public prayers pretty well, but rather for lack of my own want of prayerfulness.
Our 13th Anniversary was celebrated two weeks ago last Sunday -

Aug. 28th - Harpswell - I came here three weeks ago today with Ada - the next day I preached half the day & Ada half & he returned to Brunswick that night - We have a good little meeting for prayer a week from the next Thursday - The next Sunday Mr Kellogg preached & I spent it very happily in Bath -

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last returned here Sunday - We have had four excellent prayer meetings - Last Sunday I preached all day - In our meeting, Mr. Hunt I know have regular prayers & some that I did not know have expressed a hope. two of them just before I came - God has begun a good work here & I am confident settlement are here to be made meeting in it - "O Lord revive me or I perish!" My own prayers are very feeble - too frequently offering - I have made about 40 calls & usually had some religious conversation with individuals & offered prayer - It is Sat. night & the storm has prevented our much desired Church Conference - Mr Kellogg is to preach tomorrow & we are to have communion unless this unfavorable weather should continue - The Church seem to be in a backsliden state - Two of the Brethren declined to pray Thursday Evening - When I came from Bangor I spent one Sabbath at home & attended Commencement in Brunswick - Ada went back to N.Y. last week ——

Sep. 26 When the Lord turned again the captivity of Zion we were as those that dream - Since I last wrote our meetings have increased Monday we numbers & interest till Lord is an ordinary No for prayer meeting & I have a list of one forty who have requested prayers & about half of these have expressed some hope in Christ - Next Wednesday We have set apart for a day of fasting & prayer & O may We so improve it that the Lord will have mercy upon us & pour out his Spirit in still greater measures upon this people - My own soul has been frequently refreshed but I do not feel as my heart longs to - O Lord have mercy upon me a miserable sinner - I have been in this place Seven Sabbaths & preached five - received pay for six & expect to remain for four more. Charles & Nettie were down all day yesterday - I spent Monday night at Topsham Ella was there - O my wife - When shall we take each other for good before the whole world as we

Sept. 20 have already done before our God -
Oct 13 Next Sabbath is my last one in Hartspoint & I expect Prof Packard to preach & administer the Ordinances - Ella was here & heard me preach last Sabbath - O she is a good girl - but good for such as I - Monday we went to the Mansion House & Bailey Island - My meetings are not so fully attended as formerly but new ones are coming forward every night - My list of Inquirers is over 60 - & half have expressed a hope blessed be the name of the Lord -
Nov. 3d I went as far as Brunswick on my way to Bangor & came back here because I thought it was my duty - Rev D. F. Stone has preached the last two Sabbaths & I have spent the time visiting & holding meetings - Tonights meeting was the first really dull one that We have had - 12 have united with this Church & I am in hopes that as many as 10 more will - O may God keep these dear lambs of the flock - Oct - 17th Nine united with this Church - Oct 31. three

Nov. 4

I have read some today in Pres. Edwards life of Brainard & it seems to me that I have no christian "Experience" & no growth in grace - It is truly a difficult question to decide & I dont know but that it is above human power - Brainard in such a character as mine is due to natural Enthusiasm & human sympathy & a selfish desire for my own happiness & success - & how much to the Glory of God in my heart - I am certain of one thing neither grace nor permanence has yet overcome the power even of prayer sin in my Nature - Since my supposed conversion I have yielded to it in many forms & when I have seemed to myself comparatively clean it has been rather from the want of temptation to sin - Or as it has been this fall by a tremendous outward effort & effort - I would not dare for any fellow being to know my heart & yet I feel glad that God knows it Even in the depths of its depravity & impurity - It is well that He in whose hands is the remedy should know the extent & nature of the disease -

Nov. 4.

This, my Savior perfectly understands & while I should shrink from having my sins emblazoned in the presence of an assembled universe - I feel that Jesus is my friend, my helper my only hope - God has this fall blessed my eyes & ears to see & know what - I have of his glory - but whether the work in me has gone deeper I doubt - I have at times been very happy - but success always makes me so - and how much of pure love I have for pure religion & real progress in holiness on the Earth it is hard for me to estimate - I have had much of outward - intellectual - emotional & nervous activity since I have been here & God has sometimes seemed to choose to speak thro' me - but I look in vain for proper humility - patience - & love on my part - I have had much feverish anxiety & too little peaceful Trust in Jesus - I am impatient of opposition - My Master was always opposed - seldom successful & openly spit upon - O God take this poor vile worm & make a man of him if it be for thy honor & glory -

Bangor
Nov. 24.

I came here last Tuesday & left Hartwell a week before. There was some signs of religious interest in Leeds & I attended the prayer meetings & tried to preach there. O may God grant them a genuine & pervading work of his Spirit. Ella was with me at Leeds & returned to Bath the same day I came here. God blessed me & filled me full a no of times yesterday. but this evening my sins to fill me. them & leaves as if Grace had no place in my heart. O the pride, vanity & wickedness of this heart. O it would be Hell enough to keep it always. I have been reflecting on the subject of burning my Hartwell Sermons & I am filled with dismay at the pride & selfishness of my heart. Ella must mistake. dear simple minded loving me. how little can she see the deep depravity of her chosen companion. O God let me bear the punishment of my own sin. - put none upon her.

Sat & Sunday were beautiful days God sent them for the sake of the Conference & Communion in Hartwell. O that the heaven

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of the Sun of righteousness might shine there as beautifully as do those of the natural Sun.

O vanity. is the bane of my life. a longing for human friendship & applause. not content with the approbation of Jesus even if I were sure of it. I long for that of poor weak wicked men & as I have reflected on the wavering nature of all their friendships. how I will be libeled for a little while & then discarded. how little real worth I have in me to virtue productive esteem I have gone sad. O that the love of Jesus might dispel this gloom. & yet I might to be punished. God be merciful to me a sinner. O I have been wickeder than any sinner. & I am more sinful now than any Saint. O God my hope is alone in thy mercy thro Jesus Christ.

Now Mr Peters preaches. O it is St John back again! Sabbath he preached at the 1st Parish. morning his subject was the president Thes Rsh. "doing good" — God help him. the Heaven where he is is too good for such a wretch as I.

Nov. 30th I have had for some days a peculiar peace of mind - It does not flow from any more perfect obedience so far as I can see & the impression is deepening on my mind that it is direct from God - The Saviour seems nearer - prayer - not formal & stated - but Ejaculatory & silent - is easier & more natural - I am conscious of a livelier faith & more evident love for Jesus than before - This peculiar state of mind commenced when I met with Mr Storer in Hampstead - I began to refer everything to God more under his teaching & feel less anxiety for the future in both the natural & Spiritual world - Since then I have been full of sin & uncleanness - and tho' I have not been conscious of that deep sorrow & repentance that it has seemed to me I ought to exercise - I have felt more than usual to cast all on Christ - Last Saturday I procured & read a book entitled "The Higher Christian Life" by Rev Wm Boardman I found much in it that corresponded with my own views - & the illustrations which he gave had some things in common with the exercises, I

Nov. 30 have experienced - He believes in what is called "Second Conversion" or as he terms it "full trust & full Salvation" not "Perfectionism" for there is still a sense of remaining sinfulness, but a full faith in the completeness of the remedy in Christ - that Jesus is made unto us not only Justification but sanctification & Sanctification - that our Sanctification depends not on our own works nor indeed (if I rightly understand him) primarily upon the visible working (consciously visible) & not working of the Holy Spirit - except in this - the Spirit gives us Faith in Christ & the moment we exercise that we are delivered as far as it goes, from sin & when the faith embraces all the sin then we have full Salvation - or rather when the faith embraces all of Christ necessary to take away our sin then we are at peace - He does not say that this process is instantaneous - but that like the original faith by which we were justified that it had a beginning like that more or less consciously marked - or whether marked or

Nov. 30 — not actually experienced as in cases of miraculous regeneration known by its fruits —

Dec. 6th — I made known the views above expressed to Ella & sent & had her to ponder the book referred to — I thank God that his Holy Spirit is aiding her in its perusal as to increase her faith & love for her divine Lord & Master — She read it yesterday (Sunday) & smiles full of peace in believing & joy in the Holy Ghost — "Bless the Lord O my soul — Bless & praise his holy name — for he hath visited his people — he hath redeemed Israel" — O may this be to her a permanent manifestation of divine grace which shall render her happy & useful all the days of her life — I have been in the valley for three or four days — full of sin & guilt — cramped by indolence & vanity & blinded by unbelief — O God have mercy on my soul — I believe — help thou mine unbelief — My classmate Hibbard sympathizes in my views & I have told him my own & Ellas feelings & we have tonight united in prayer for a "full salvation" — We have

Dec. 6th — planned a semi weekly prayer meeting where this subject is to be prayed about & light & guidance to be sought for Our Father & Our Saviour — May God lead & direct us into the entire consecration & the full faith of the Gospel — O may we be all his — I propose tonight to make a written consecration of myself to God — I do not think I was so good frame of mind for doing it as I have been at times but with his help will do what I can do nothing I will try —

Almighty God my Heavenly Father, permit a poor sinful creature to approach thy footstool & attempt to offer himself up unto thee in a covenant of consecration — I have been a base, ungrateful, unclean & [illegible] & rebellious sinner from my earliest moments to the present time — But I cannot now break off my sins by righteousness & my iniquities by turning to the Lord — I cannot be pure, unselfish & holy — I cannot please God & believe to [illegible] body & soul — & conscious of my own utter helplessness — I cannot come in deep humility & pray that thou wouldst help my infirmities & grant me thy divine Grace that I may be enabled to fully renounce every sin & consecrate

Dec. 6, all my powers to Him who made & owns them all - O God of mercy be merciful to me a Sinner - Help me to bring my wicked heart & lay it upon thy Altar - O send down upon it the fires of purification - O give me a will to be wholly thine - I would here bring my present & future professions of all kinds & give them to thee - I would bring my friends my Mother Brothers & my Ella & give them to Thee - I would bring my intellect & affections - all my powers of thought writing & speech present & to come - all the desires of my heart, the lusts of the flesh, the pride & vanity of life - My own life, health, strength - my influence - my hopes fears & expectations - O Lord help me to make a full surrender of all into thy just & holy keeping - O I confess the meanness of the offering all weakened & defiled with sin - all alienated by habit from thy service - But O God take me all & purify cleanse relieve & make me a fit subject to glorify thee in my body & spirit which are thine - O God forgive & take away my unbelief

Dec, 6 Give me full faith in the atonement of thy Son - O increase my faith! Help me to cast all on Him & be anxious for nothing but to glorify his holy name & build up his precious kingdom on Earth - O for a Baptism of the Holy Ghost - a permanent abiding in the Ocean of thy love - O be filled with all the fulness of God O to have Christ formed within me the hope of glory - I hunger & thirst after righteousness according to thy blessed promise - O Saviour - fill me - If the Lord is my Shepherd I shall not want - O be thou my Shepherd - my king my all in all - God see all Needful for me now - Purify thy self by me in thine own way - Give me full submission - not my will, but thine be done - O accept of the poor offering - I bring & leave me now & forever in Jesus name & for Jesus Sake —— Amen —

Dec 19 Sabbath Morning - 10. O'clock -
I believe the Lord has guided me to this Preface in the CII Psalm - 10 "Forsake not lifted me up & cast me down" — "Return, O Lord, return
Sweet Messenger of rest
I hate the sin that made thee mourn
And drove thee from my breast"

Jan 2. 1859 It is the first Sabbath in the New Year. I am unwell with a cold & fever, by the blessing of God, I hope to escape without a long fever — I heard from letters from my darling yesterday & a beautiful New years present of a Scarf. May God reward her for her precious love — O God revive thy work — pour out thy Spirit — Mr Cook went there — Come blessed Saviour & visit thine own people — Come —

Feb. 28 Just after I wrote the above I was sick a gathering on ankle & confined to my room for three weeks. I was away from the Lord's table a fortnight after my recovery & spent Sunday Jan. 30th in Hampstead. I found there much to encourage me to believe that the work in the fall was a true one & yet some have gone back. I have no confidence that I did or said anything right — but O God thou knowest & it is all with thee to do as thou will — I had my first ministerial presents while in St. & I will put them in here to remember — Thos Eaton gave me $3,00 Mary 1,00. Mr Johnson 2,00 Hamit Stone 2,50 I mean to log out there sums in books & I have already purchased Leighton works & "Lench on parables" as among the number — Thurs. 24th inst. was the day of fasting & prayer for Colleges & Seminaries of learning. It was a pleasant day to me & interesting in its exercises — but the countenance of my Saviour was in a great measure withdrawn as it has been now for a long time. on acct of my wickedness — I have tonight been trying to cry for mercy but O my heart is still hard & cold & dark & I can't feel it either! O the depth & hinderness of this sinful depravity — I, in my case, outdo all too.

O God have mercy — not me. do I ask for light & joy — but O crush this hard heart! Let me feel the awful enormity of sins. Break me down, crush, grind me to the very dust but O leave me not in this terrible, frightful State — Thy mercies have been inestimable — immeasurable — My sins have been as great as I could commit — The brethren might pray me — for my light has been very great — Jesus has been exceedingly precious & the Holy Spirit has taught me — & in spite of all I have never been thankful — never consecrated — never faithful — loving — self-denying — watching!

Apr. 10. — "This Sabbath is worthy of a notice in my Journal of any. It is one of the most beautiful days of this Early Spring.

"Sweet day — so cool so calm, so bright" The whole morning was a season of blessed communion with God — Prof. Harris preached on the Mission of the Comforter — & it seemed to me as I sat there that there was sympathy in our hearts — How good the hymns sounded! "Here was a sweet coincidence per Ellen Miles" "This has been truly a Happy day — I have had greater love & faith & peace than ever in my life before — and I have renewed my consecration to Christ both soul & body — Lord I am thine both now & forever — I cannot doubt — I have given myself to thee — Make me holy — Lord. Help me — I believe — Help thou mine unbelief — Darling — give me your hand & let us go together to the foot of the Cross — there to be sanctified as we hope to be saved — O how blessed that we may go together — that I am not speaking mysteries to you — that your heart beats with mine in its aspirations for Holiness" — O that my

heart was fuller of humility & thankfulness after Sabbath! There were 110 in my Mission School

Apr 14 — If I am really a child of God it seems to me that I was first conscious of Existence as such Ten years ago today. I had been reading & praying & God threw me a little light & gave me to feel that it was "light". O that it might shine brighter & brighter till the perfect day — I will not — I can not remember how my manifold & aggravated sins since I first felt a sense of pardon. I am nothing Lord — but — the most unworthy of the penitents on thy mercy thro' Christ — O then this night God might come in & take full possession of my Soul

"And then such cursed idol out"
That dares to rival Thee —

I have no excuse — the best of friends — the best instruction — the best opportunities of all kinds yet am I less than the least of all the Saints — O this impure, unholy, depraved heart of mine — O God help me to hate it — as Thou dost — O God make me sincere — humble — entire — pure — Christlike —

June 4- I returned to Bangor last Monday from a three weeks absence & as it may be useful for me sometime to recall the Events of my journey- I will try to write a diary of the days-

(9th " May- Left Bangor in Steamer "Lanfest" in a rain storm- with State room with Gov Shepard & had a good night- made pleasant acquaintances with Rev. S. Hunston- Rev. D. C. Litchfield- Rev & Mrs Chapin of Camden-

(10th " May- Spent in Boston mostly at Tremont House- Attended Old South prayer meeting- Saw Vaughan Otis- Rodney Hayward- Geo. Richardson- left at 5. P.M. for N.Y. via Norwich. Conn- joined in the cars before my arrival at Cotton place- Rev Mr Parker of Lebon- Emmons & Shepard- State room with them aboard boat-

(11th " May- In N.Y. Attended an Anti-Slavery meeting at the "Church of the Puritans"- & the Fulton St- prayer meeting with Emmons- left for West Point at 5. P.M. & arrived at Otis at 7- found Ella there- (Visitation with Mother- Emmons with E. around

(12th May- At West Point- Visited my cousin the Misses Phillips at Newburg- also Washingtons head quarters with Ella & Otis & Lizzie-

(13th May- Went to N.Y. City- with Ella to meet Albert- saw Uncle Lincoln & left- Ella with him- returned to West Pt- at 5. P.M.

(14th " May- Went to Episcopal Church heard Rev Mr French preach a good Sermon from Mal- 1- 6- Attended interesting S.S. of Soldiers children at 2. P.M. & Lectured in Soldiers chapel in the Evening from Gal- VI- 7, 8- Audience small- attention good

(15th " May- Went to Brooklyn for Ella- found with Uncle Lincoln in N.Y. at U.S. Hotel & had some religious conversation with him- he "hopes" in the mercy of God- We walked together in the Evening at Mr Elwells for Ella

(16th " May- Was at Brooklyn- dined at Mr E's with Ella & Albert- went aboard "Roswell Sprague" with A- bade him & his uncle good bye & returned to West Pt- at 5- P.M.

(17th " May- Gov Shepard visited us at the Pt- saw battalion drill- went to foot Parade with the ladies- Otis Lectured to the Soldiers in the Evening & I made some remarks- A Soldier came to O. & requested to have religious conversation-

(18th " May- Visited Otis recitation

June 4 — in Cemetery - visited some very interesting German boys by the name of [illegible] - they were R.C. children. Visited Cemetery with Ella -

(May-19) May-26- Visited Soldiers hospital & read & prayed with a man named Bloom - Attended a funeral at Buttermilk Falls of a Mr Gerdell - a ruling Elder & father in the Church. a very good man - ripe for Heaven - He selected his text for the funeral Sermon - Cant: 11-4 & 6- "He brought me to the banqueting house & his banner over me was love - His left hand is under my head & his right hand doth Embrace me" He was rich in good & knowledge - but rich in Christ - His text was his death bed selection - He had been living for 6 months in a blessed Revival of religion as he said truly in the "banqueting House" of the Lord - Alice & I stood to the prayer meeting in the Evening & had a good meeting walking home afterward with Some present from Mrs Grey - the minister's wife, of sweet memory -

(20-21) May ~~2 X X & &~~ These were very rainy days & rather barren of

June 4 - incident this part of happiness - May-22 Preached for Mr Grey at the "Falls" afternoon - Ella went down with me & taught a class in S.S. - A very happy Sunday - I attended a funeral two miles below at 2, P.M. & preached again in the Evening - I will long remember that highland funeral - He was a poor man of Italian extraction & had died of consumption - It was the first funeral of a grown person that I ever attended - I think his name was Mendijo - I read portions of Scripture - made a few remarks & offered prayer twice - I walked at the head of the coffin to the grave carrying a wreath of wild flowers which I deposited upon the Coffin as it was lowered - We stayed till the grave was filled & I pronounced the benediction - He had been baptized a week before & gave evidence of a renewed heart - May God bless his Widow & Orphans - We rode home in the Evening - & enjoyed a refreshing Season of family prayer which indeed was one of the blessings of this happy visit - I ~~enjoyed~~ esteem it a privilege to be with those we love in prayer —

June 4.
(May 23)

~~May~~ 26- Ella & I went down the Hudson in Steamer Thos. Powell- & revelled in its sublime Scenery- In N.Y. We visited the Dusseldorf Gallery & spent a pleasant hour. We also had an Ambrotype taken together at Cumms rooms- I left her with Elwell & went aboard the Norwich boat- at 5- P.M- We had a lovely sail out 20 miles when Our Engine gave out & We had to put back to N.Y.- I kept aboard the boat that night.

(May- 24)

~~May~~ 27- Went over to Brooklyn at 11- A.M. & surprised my darling- In town- called on Miss Rowland- took a walk by the Old Jefferson Estate- P.M. Attended the Anniversary of Rev. Dr. Buddington's Church & heard some grand Singing by the Children- I missed the boat by being detained by a prosperous returned to Mr Elwells that Evening- Had a very pleasant walk & religious communion with him- & a pleasant season of family prayer-

" 28 June- X In the morning Ella Mrs E. the children, Mary & I rode to "Greenwood Cemetery" & heard a delightful Address among its shady groves- looking about the homes, in that Vast vast City, of the dead- When I got to the Wharf- there was no boat- called on a Mr Bacon & went Over to Port Chester at 5½ P.M. I found my Aunt very low, thanked God that he had sent me there to see her once more-

May- 26)= Returned to N.Y. & Embarked on the Steamer Commonwealth- & reached Boston without incident- at 6½ Oclock next morning

" 27)= Called at Sailors Home- & Started for my home at 7½- A.M. & reached it- about 5- P.M.

" 28)= Went up to see Aunt Laura- called at Uncle Barneys & Warners

" 29)= Preached in the Old School House & visited a Sabbath School at "the City"-

" 30)= Mother drove me to Worcester- Spent the afternoon with Rev. Mr Perry- & reached Bangor at 7½ P.M.

Mistake in dates of One week—

Patten
Aug 31, 1859

The most busy & in some respects eventful days of my life have no record in my misnamed diary. I came here Aug. 9th After One Anniversary I spent Sabbath in Winthrop & One in Harpswell - Commencement interesting - I have preached here two Sabbaths & at Island Falls One - Otis & family have returned to West Point - Chas is at the Water Cure. Hill. N.H. Debbie in College -

Bangor -
May 6. 1860

I have entered on the last three months of my Seminary course - I question whether I am better prepared for the work of the ministry than when I entered the Sem. This is no fault of the Institution but of my own heart - It is sin in my heart that has hindered my progress - kept me from duty - led me to idleness & laxness in religious coldness & heartlessness - I had more to overcome than some & it has overcome me - This is a "Sweet day" & I am to hear the Gospel today - O God send it home sharply & piercingly upon my heart & Conscience - Awaken me to penitence & Love -

" 15th "

Preached in Yarmouth last Sabbath & Enjoyed it very well - went to Bath &

Sunday
Oct. 7th

rode to Brunswick with Ellen yesterday - Rev Mr Ellis preached for me in Yarmouth - I at Leeds -

" 11th

Ordination - Not very pleasant - attendance of both ministers & people small - Everything simple & solemn

Sunday
" 14

= Preached A.M. & a full house from Matt. 25, 40 = Mr. Whittier preached in P.M. I was hindered with a cane back = S.S. Concert was fully attended & very interesting

Sunday
" 21

= Preached on the duties of a Pastor - 1 Tim. 2. 1-2 - Attendance large - P.M. Lect Rev 3, 20 = Rainy in P.M. - Evening meeting thinly attended. Wednes. Ev. meeting at my boarding place - 25 present

Sunday
" 28

Beautiful Evening with a moon = Morn = Text Is. 40. 4 = P.M. Rom 10. 4 = Attendance large all day - Evening meeting fully attended but dull = Had great freedom in the P.M. Lemon Wednes - Evening meeting at Thos. Hunter's 2d

Oct. 30

Visited the following families pastorally - Dea Hunter = Wm Mc Intosh - John Craig - Virgil Craig - Samuel J. Craig - Hiram Craig - & Joseph Titcomb

Sunday Nov. 4th — Sick at home - Rainy. Rev. Mr. Morrill preached A. M. No meeting in the P. M. = Miss. Concert in the Evening

Wed. 7. — Prayer meeting at Rev. Mr. Burnhams - 35 present - too sick to attend

Sunday 11th Nov. — Sick, but able to ride out and attend Nellie Howes (aged 7. years) funeral - Rev. Messrs. Morrill & Sargent preached for me all day - Prayer meeting in Evening - very rainy all day = Was confined to the house by a feverish attack 7. days =

Wednes - 13th — Prayer meeting at Mr Butters 40. present. Visited Messrs Fairbanks, Townsend Whitman, Luce & Capt Luce = On Monday visited Mr Howes - Tuesday Mrs Hayes. Miss Smith Mrs Merrill. Mrs Rescott - Mrs A. Belcher - Had before called on Mrs Titcomb (2) Stanley - Rogers. Stewart. Boswell, Butler - Dr Perkins - & Rev J. Burnham & Rev. Mr Morrill - P.M. at Mr. Butters

Sun. 18th — Our third stormy Sabbath. Quite a fall of snow the first - Preached at Hampton in the A. M. from. 1. Jn. 1. 15 - P.M. 1 Peter II. 7. & administered the Sacrament assisted by Leslie Rogers - Concert in Eve - & Bible presented to Mr Merrill Supt of S.S. 100 - at day Service - as many in Evening — P.M. at Mr Hopkins

Sunday Nov. 25 - — Preached all day - Wed P.M. at Mr. Connells

Dec. 2d — Rev. D. C. Marsh Miss. to Mosul preached in the A.M. - & spoke at the Miss. Concert in the Evening - Attendance good. Wed. - at Mr Goodenows - good meeting

Dec. 9 — - Exchanged with Rev. C. Fuller A.M. - P. Concert - Evening attended on acct. of the cold -

Wednes. P. Mtg at - A. Hardys - Few -

Dec. 16 - — A.M. Preached on Rom & P.M. on the Conversion of St. Paul - Hampton =

Wed. P. Meeting at L. N. Rescotts - Few -

Dec 23 — Exchanged with Rev. Mr. Rogers of Farmington Falls - Few at P. Meeting - but solemn & attentive listeners =

Dec. 24. — I have made pastoral visits to the following families not mentioned above - Mr Rice - Mr Hutchinson - Dr. Clark - Mr Hayes - Mrs Beale - Mrs Tarbox (2) Mr Greenwood. Mr Chas Davis - Mr. Jones = Ella went home last Wednesday = Called also on Mr. Abbott & Mr Jennings - Mrs Hayes - Mr True Mr Stazell (Capt. Johnsons) - Dr Clarks - Mr Hutchinsons

1867
Feb. 1.

If the keeping of a Journal is an evil, I have not been largely injured by it. It is over six years since the last entry was made in this. Now I come here now and to record a thought which, if not new, seems valuable to me. The Kingdom of God is not in word but in power: It is not in form but in substance - not in method but in results - My view of this truth helps me to place a slight estimate upon such questions as posture in prayer - the Public Speaking of Women in the Churches - Rising for prayer. &c - Joy, peace, love, Kindness, purity - earnestness, zeal &c. These are the fruits of personal religion & far more valuable than any discussions of form. Questions of Baptism. holidays &c belong to the same category

1871
Oct 26

Princeton Illinois 10, P.M.

My darling wife lies apparently at the point of death in the room opposite watched over & tenderly cared for by her christian friend Mrs Chauncey D. Colton - I came home from Vacation Sept 8th. She has been ill & slowly failing from that day to this - I sat on the lounge at the foot of her bed and her baby in her sleep with our 2d " boy there - Come here Ollie, come here dear. Mamma wants you & talk with her - don't go to the boys but come right to Mamma with all such questions and she will tell you all she knows - God puts little babies right under their Mothers heart - So he puts little boppies, little colties & little lambies right under their Mamma's heart. He lets them grow there a while and when they are big enough & strong enough - he takes them outside and they can grow there - don't you suppose your Mamma loves you when you grew right under her heart! and now don't go to the boys or to anybody but Mamma & She will tell you everything & show it - Take him Rowland. Yes darling He takes

Sabbath
Nov. 5, 1871 — my darling wife fell asleep in Jesus at 3¾ A.M. (3.45)

Nov. 6 — Funeral Services in our Church conducted by Rev O. H. Curtis and Rev. J. Milligan

" 9 — Funeral Services at Brunswick by Rev. J. D. Fiske. We buried her body at 2, P.M.

" 12 — Heard Rev Mr Byington preach at B.

" 19 — Preached at Lamington

" 26 — " " Hallowell

Dec. 3 — Heard Rev Dr. Rankin in Washington D.C.

" 10 — Preached in Princeton

Dec 28 — All her School believe that at the moment of dissolution the fate is eternally fixed either for bliss or for woe determined by the one or the other of two opposite attitudes of the moral being towards certain defined propositions concerning which attitudes they were at last right in asserting that no man could of himself assume the safe one

W Cumberland
Chap 55
By Geo McDonald

1872
Jan. 15 — Two months and ten days of a life alone after over Eleven years of companionship and three previous years of that were almost that! It seems to me as if the power of my affections to enlarge my knowledge & purify my heart had many thousand fold and God must take some other means - if he means to keep me out of the pit. My work in many of its aspects grows irksome to me. My heart is full of misgivings and fault-findings. My old sins return upon me and I have less power than when I had my Ella, nor my reinforcement to resist temptation. How strange that I should be no better man! And yet in another view, with such depravity in my heart how strange that I should be no worse!

Jan. 27 — How I dread the Summer - the month the beauty, the loveliness of nature! How glad would we together look at the time of Springing flowers! How sadly they will come to me as memorials of my lost Love! But God is so good. I must not limit his grace! If the Son makes me free, I will be free indeed! And I may have on Earth some rays of heaven-

added added from the Sunset of her
life on Earth- added from the Sun-
rising of her heavenly life- added
from the rays of the Holy Spirit, added
from the reflection of these from a more
perfect Mirror in my own Soul-
O Love, Love! How I limit thee! There
can be no bay, no crevice in the rocks y
my little Bark where thy tides may
not flow = this Love pain, cannot even
Sickness cannot cloud = death may
even open new channels for its flow =

Feb. 4 David. Used to sometimes says things
not Common-place For instance he says
"I like Stories (Fictions) better than true tales because
they (the fictions) tell what people are
thinking about - I like books that begin
right off & not wait till a lot of
things before they begin"

Mar. 16 - I remember more distinctly today &
yesterday than usual the time when
I went up from Hartpuellis to Aunt
James & expected Ella to drive up from
Bath in a chaise with "Nellie" - How
I walked out on the Bath Road down
the river almost two miles & sat by
Road side & watched & watched

"Till the Sun grew low
And the hill- Shadows long"

But by some misunderstanding She
did not come - So I walked back
with bitter disappointment. Now
I feel like watching & waiting, but
I know it is of no use -

"The tender grace of a day that is dead
Will never come back to me"

I am sometimes sorry I burned over
letters - I wish I could read hers
all over again - I long for somebody
again to say a note, "I love you" -

Mar. 19 - After the recollection of Everything but
the impressions made upon me by her
own & her sisters books, had passed.
I have just enjoyed the privilege for
which, I have often wished, of reading
the Life of Charlotte Bronté - She was
an "old Maid" then - nervous, precise, ner-
vous, morbid, suspicious of many. Sensi-
tive to praise & blame = dispepsia, Sick head-
ache - family cares & anxieties, the climate
& the people of Yorkshire all contributed
form & settle the above traits of character
But she was conscientious, dutiful, faith-
ful, unselfish in the highest sense -
Want of being willing to make great
sacrifices for others - In person she
was plain & little - In dress modest
precise, neat & tasteful - In manners

Mar 18, 72

the opposite of frank- In conversation reticent at first, but when drawn out by social warmth & freedom- thoughtful free- eloquent- In Genius, He ~~has~~ has largely the ~~has~~ of quick perception. clear & facile enunciation- deep insight, delicate imagination- large sympathy. Her intuitions were truthful and rapid- Her Style was pure- Her criticisms exhibit some of the best qualities of criticism- She was a most faithful & exemplary daughter, sister & too late, wife- Her friendships were few, but wonderfully confidential & affectionate- But & under that Sermon-making never appears as a face or a care in that parsonage- that religious feeling is so carefully suppressed and its expression avoided- Was that the way of the family or of the Biographer? Anne seems to have been pious. Emily not- Charlotte was a legal Christian but not an Evangelical one- Her religion seldom made her happy-

Mar. 19/72

Subjects for Sermons.-

The faith-power. the chief power- the one meanest fundamental in Man- See Huntingtons Sermons=

Heaven

The States and rewards of the Saints in measured by their characters on earth=

"To every man as his work shall be" Rev. 21.-

Show the unity and order observed = Illustrate by Ranks in the Trinity- in Angels- in Men- Unity necessary to personality & Identity- Necessary to Justice & Equity= Necessary to complete Happiness= Doctrine not if necessity in this text. Look for other texts =

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