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My Dear Lydia Ann,

You request me to write an introduction for your Journal, & I shall do so by expressing briefly those earnest wishes for your welfare which I love to cherish & which the season naturally calls forth. You commence this Journal with the New Year, & I suppose as your eye dwells upon the blank leaves, fancy carries you forward to the period when they shall be filled with the record of life's varied scenes, & become a living transcript of the tablet of your heart. Shall I wish then that these pages shall speak of festive scenes, where Pleasure sat enthroned, welcoming her votaries with her most enchanting smiles, & presenting to them the delicious draught which when tasted banes all care & anxiety in sweet oblivion? Or that Fortune, fickle Goddess, shall be your constant attendant, chasing from your path every obstacle, & presenting to your admiring gaze only thornless roses? Far, very far, from all these are the simple desires of your friend. — For how vain the wish for an earthly paradise! How dangerous to thread a path where flowers perpetually bloom! Were it possible for you to realize a tithe of the fancied felicity I have pictured how momentary would be the gratification it would impart! What then would we see inscribed on these pages, fit emblems of that purity which is "not of earth or earthy." I would that it be a record of daily toil in the path of duty, of daily sacrifice in the service of others. — Of frequent & devout self-examinings — of a more vigilant self-inspection — of an increased reverence for that Spirit, which your every act, word & thought is training for the skies! Then shall you taste a felicity which time & accident cannot impair. Then shall your days flow calmly on making you happy in the consciousness that each thus spent, is giving an increased lustre to that

Gem, which shall shine in the immortal Paradise, when the Basket  
in which it is now enshrined shall have mingled with the dust of ages.  
E. P.

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The New Year has begun, but I enter this day on a  
period more interesting in the history of an individual than that.  
On the return of each of these seasons bear witness to a new life may the  
excellent sentiments of my much respected friend be with me in all my  
duties and may I realize the truth they convey so that I may in some  
degree fill life <sup>as</sup> was designed by the Author of all. —

Time has been so occupied or it may be misappropriated that (wrong would  
that two or three weeks have passed & I must write a very general abstract —  
hoping hereafter that in like reason as the latter shall deter me from making  
a daily record of my course. — Since returning from Fall River we have  
had to preach for us Rev. Kimball Larrison White & Larrison.

Emily & myself have met our class of little girls Sunday mornings and passed the  
time in hearing recitations, reading and any remarks which might be suggest-  
ed by the time. I trust this time does not pass without doing something  
to make these little creatures better. — Mrs Richardson continues to meet &  
converse with the girls as in the first of the Winter. The time that we thus spend  
is among the most instructive & interesting seasons of the whole week each  
lesson throws some new light upon the Sacred Volume from which we assist  
to draw something which will assist in making us more usefully happy beings.  
Our excellent instructor <sup>compares</sup> a superficial reader of the Scriptures to a  
miner who <sup>eters</sup> a mine aided with the light of a candle and as he casts  
his eye around catches the reflection which gleams forth; while the faithful  
seeker is not content with his on the surface but searches till he finds the

diamonds & other hidden treasures. - Some thoughts were advanced relative to the opening year these seasons says scripture as mile stones which when reached we should take a retrospect of course. -

We have been over the lives of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob & his descendants & more particularly upon Joseph's history from each of these characters we derived something that will apply to our own case either some good to be imitated or some evil to be shunned. The most prominent traits in Joseph's life were his humility, benevolence filial affection and his good use of power as we see when raised to the office of governor in considering the minor matters which often escape the attention of those raised to high offices. - Our last lesson we commenced the Book of Exodus which literally means journeying out of Egypt. We did not find so much for conversation in this part of Moses' history as in that of Joseph's.

The subject to talk upon was this "what is there in our natures that we do not view life as a solemn scene? and not crowd all the solemnity at the moment of dissolution as if all of importance was centered in just those moments?"

There were several opinions were advanced bearing upon it. Miss B thought the true answer would be a faith to carry out the belief. -

Have again resumed Singing & French - in the latter I make some progress with the aid of Aunt Elizabeth who is so kind as to assist me. - In singing I am not yet very proficient, but one thing I may say is wanting to make me such & that is practice, practice. - There has been an Anti Slavery Convention here recently, which I attended & was much interested. - Much was said condemning the course of the Church & clergy bodies who preached Christianity & yet prohibited everything relative to the slave. It was said that the church led the minister rather than vice versa as is the supposed opinion of many. - Much that was said on this point was very true & good. Remond, a colored man spoke & read some articles showing the feelings of the Southern churches upon Slavery who set themselves up to be lights of the world while they turn a deaf ear to the suffering, bound, fellow beings. -

Visitors. Found Miss Jewett, Aunt Elizabeth's friend, here from Pepper Hill when I came from H. B. She was quite a pleasant companion for me; we passed the afternoon with Emily during her stay, during which we made a trip to the Pond to improve some time in sliding but there were only a few spots where the ice was sufficiently smooth to give us an opportunity to try our skill in this art. - Mary Elizabeth stayed nearly a week. - William came made us a visit of more than a week, he is just recovering from a fit of sickness. - He is very good company & a boy of most excellent feelings if the world would respect moral worth as much as intellectual greatness we might expect to see a better & more perfect state of things. - Miss Bent favored us with her company one day & night.

Julia P. returned from Lexington last week she brought all particulars respecting affairs at the school. It seems to be prospering better than ever, there are now nearly fifty scholars, several of whom board in the Normal House which is under the care of a lady who Julia thinks is well fitted for the business. Quite an acquisition since my day, and what is another improvement the house is warmed by a furnace or at least these cold entries and the school rooms, so that the inmates have another advantage over those that were there during the winters of '40 & '41 in not having to kindle fires or be under the necessity of remaining in bed till a late, very late hour for students. Julia passed the evening with me and we employed the time in discussing school matters, a subject that interests both as Julia enters on teaching next week at Lexington P. S. and I hope to soon after Spring open. -

Julia brought a letter from S. C. Locke & a note from C. Johnson, the former is now teaching in Lexington where there were two failures, and many prejudiced eyes to inspect. Rather it would be another than me to hold such a responsible station. Mr. Peirce says to her "you must not fail." -

Mary has written me in quite good spirits as if full of business. The old Botany class still continue to meet and recapitulate which must be of great assistance to fix the lessons in the mind. She describes the excursion the class

took to Bear's Hole. it must have been fine - the hole was excavated and found to be about two rods in length. The pines holly hemlock & laurel must have made them sup. imagine that Summer was with them again beside this they found hickies & moises

This opened quite a field for avilization and they must have been much assisted by Miss Whipple who made one of their number. This must have been a treat for Ideality would that I had been there. - I must go Botaxzing or I shall forget most all I have learned upon the subject. - Winter will soon yield his sceptic but who can realize that he has been on the throne his reign has been with such mildness - we might have forgotten it altogether had it not been for occasionally hearing that the thermometer had fallen till within seven of 0. - Such a thing as snow we have scarcely been blessed with the sight of even a fluke. - It has been fine to walk but not on me has it been lost. - In the line of reading I have done but little. I have heard considerable read from newspapers in which was a particular description of the Disken's dinner which has been a source of much enjoyment to the literati of Boston & vicinity beside furnishing a theme for the reader far and near. - Have heard some read from one of the works of this great personage viz, Pickwick, but it had been so interruptedly that I have not a very connected idea of the story. - I desire that I may know more of the literary world before I reach many years more. =

Saturday, Feb. 12th. - This date reminds me that Spring is near at hand that only fifteen days more remain & we shall hail its return. - The morning of this day was devoted to domestic duties a part of which consisted in preparing food for the body, a thing which does I fear ever will engross too much of our thoughts as if the gratification of this lower appetite as if we were to have the whole of thought directed into this one channel. What shall we eat? - Happily this was not the only business of the day - in the afternoon accompanied by our dear Elizabeth visited "Inspiration Rock" I don't know why so called unless

it be that one becomes so much exalted above the care & turmoil of the world. - From this rock we can overlook our little village enveloped in trees and in the distance gaze upon the range of "blue hills", which said C. was like Alps piled upon Alps, around us were our ears charmed by the soothing whisperings of the pines. - I think time might well be devoted to drawing many a useful lesson from beholding the trees of the forests & watching their waving boughs in the breeze. - Having gazed awhile on this scene we seated ourselves on the sunny side of a mossy covered rock and here interchanged <sup>such</sup> thoughts which the time seemed to suggest. Miss Richardson ever and anon drawing from her spiritual storehouse some fine sentiments. She said many persons regarded it as a waste of time to cultivate the imagination but she looked upon such as ignorant of the pleasure which was derived from such a source and so it seems to me, the more the world become enlightened the more will such feelings be allowed to have their sway. - Spoke of fixing the attention and the difficulty that I had of keeping mine upon some theme. - C. said she always endeavored to have some subject for thought while her hands were occupied in something for the sake of concentrating her thoughts she would speak audibly. - We arose & continued our ramble till we were warned to return. - on our way we discussed diatetics. - This afternoon has been <sup>spent</sup> most pleasantly hope that I shall pass another in the same way before long. - Today we received a letter from H. B. they seem to live & act much as they did six weeks since. Mary has had a respite from her duties for a few days <sup>during</sup> which she visited Providence with S. Buffam. For this I am quite glad as she is so confined with her school in which her interest she says grows stronger as time rolls on. - Ohay she be an instrument of doing great good to the poor children who are under her care. - Thought heard of the sudden death of Martha Fisher who passed last summer in Dedham & was then the picture of health but we cannot know that life may be spared to us if we violate the laws of our being I agree with Combe in regarding premature death not as a mysterious dispensation of Providence but as sent as

a necessary consequence of departing from the organic laws. - May it be a lesson by which all may profit & be made better. - One more short week is among the past. Sunday Feb. 13th. - This day Mary is of age to act for herself in all matters appertaining to herself. How independent she must feel, she writes that she is growing rich, I hope in more than one <sup>way</sup> at least. - Mr. Lamson preached a very fine discourse this morning from these words, "Walk in the truth." - He showed the importance of this virtue in all our business particularly of cultivating it in children. It was said that the truth & candor was always to be found in young children until they were led to see in parents or others deceit & falsehood, a thing too often practiced, as instanced in telling children that medicine was sweet to induce them to take it or in using entirely different language before children when company was present. Such things exert an influence over the child's mind though for a time it is imperceptible. - Reference was also made to keeping promises and the obligation that were we under to fulfil them. How very often we see a non-compliance of promises, when there is no just reason for so doing. I am well aware that I need not go far to see this exemplified. - I think no one could have heard this sermon without hearing a response from within "it is I." For one only can the writer speak & that is enough. - may each day find one living to the truth to myself & my neighbor. - May each & every promise be fulfilled henceforth. - As usual a portion of our class met to be taught. - Our subject was a continuance of Moses history when Pharaoh would not let the children of Israel go. - Mrs. A. spoke of not taking a literal translation of the Scriptures in all cases as often leading to erroneous ideas.

The subject of conversation was, do we have sufficient regard to motives in our actions? It was thought not, as we are so much hemmed in by opinions of the world that were led to act in such a way that we shall gain its applause, if we but had independence to overcome this love of popularity we should oftener act from right motives. We are to have this subject continued next Sunday. - When I hope more

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truth will be drawn out. - Mrs. A. referred to the news of the sudden death of yesterday & made one remark in connection that though she did not say that we could prolong life to a great age yet there were laws on which health depend & that we are accountable for the use we make of them. We all have the seeds of decay within us & we may give them an impulse which would carry on the work faster than would the secret workings of nature. - These thoughts were left for our consideration <sup>a subject</sup> which is well worthy of it & much disregarded. Began to read Julian but have not become so much interested as I hope to. - Monday Feb. 14th. - Left my pillow at half past five to enjoy a most beautiful walk by sunrise had I the talent of a poet I would poetry or attempt to portray the beauties of the morning. - Who can count the gains of rising at a seasonable hour? - I will not, one thing I know that I lose much by this my unseasonableness. - Aunt Smith, Mother & Elizabeth improve the day in riding to Brush Hill. - Emily passes the day with Grandmother & me. She is thinking of joining our class in French and is taking lessons of me in the rudiments. - An instructress!! The F. - C. - met to night instead of tomorrow as was agreed at our last meeting, so that I have had all my time occupied in preparing for the evening. - S. R. came in & we together wrote some translations into English. - Did not have quite as interesting time at the class as I do sometimes, am more conscious than ever that I must study, study, study. - The wind blows cold. - Tuesday, Feb 15th. To use the most current phrase, - it is snapping cold. - Employed my morning in pronouncing French a part in which I was the most deficient. - P. M. For the first time spent an afternoon at Pitt's in company with Mrs. Howe & Aunt Stow. - Everything here bears the mark of neatness. - Came home about eight & wrote a few lines to to ma chere soeur. - Retired 5 minutes after 10 and reposed most sweetly in Morphias arms till after six Wednesday morning when I arose and abluted myself and attended to the duties of the morning such as eating dressing &c. - The wind blows a gale but I shall make an effort to get to Aunt Smith's notwithstanding. Aunt Elizabeth has gone into town this morning to pass a week or more so that our family will be

quite small. Emily is really taking hold of French in earnest and I think may improve fast under my instruction. - We chatted some French some exercised our musical powers some while without the storm of wind & rain was raging so as to lead me to abandon my projects of visiting further or of attending singing school. - We retired after my hour - the wind blew it seemed from every quarter & with such violence as to cause the house to shake many must have been the sufferers on the wide ocean tossed hither & thither by upheaving waves. What perils must the poor seamen have encountered faring least every moment they should sink not to rise. - How little are we led to feelings of thankfulness who are exempt from the perils of the sea and sufferings of the half sheltered of land. It is not we of prosperity that live mindful of numberless blessings but it those of adversity that look with a prayerful heart to their Maker. I slept quite composedly but it was quite the contrary with my chum - Morning dawns and with it rises again the wind with still greater strength as it seemed when I undertook to walk home. I hardly walked at times, it appeared almost as if taken up by the wind so I soon reached home. Remained at home long enough to prepare work for another day and then set forth with the intention of reaching Mrs Holmes if I was not driven elsewhere by the elements. wh. I did not happen to be. I considered myself quite courageous but others did not seem to be of the same mind or did not express such a sentiment at the time. The day passed pleasantly by in company with Mrs H. Harveth & the baby. Went in the evening into Aunt Stow's with H. Uncle I was giving some interesting particulars of older times especially during grandfather's service in the war. How truly & honestly he labored for his country enduring hardship & privation with no recompense save that wh. arose from an inward conviction of right. - What a good man was he would that all his descendants always were actuated by such pure motives. - I learned that the Stows were of English descent & Dattelle that of French. Hearing enjoyed some time very pleasantly we went back and soon after found ourselves ~~in~~ bed talking of various matters. Betty dear girl, is one of those who cry within contentment; she thinks she can exercise this

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virtue in almost any situation. - a state of feeling most desirable. Remained here until Friday night in the society of kind friends. - Saturday Feb. 19th. - The morning of this had received its appropriate work that of cleaning & garbishing the house. For a short time the rain fell as it were in sheets a circumstance seldom known in the winter. I have spent a portion of this day in reading from Jubian in which are described the Jews & Romans & the enmity existing between them previous to the coming of the Saviour. - I will not write more of it till some future time. -

Sunday Feb. 20th. A most lovely day has opened to our view may it prove such throughout in a spiritual sense by the good principles which it may implant. At our meeting after church we continued the subject of plagues with wh. the Egyptians were afflicted also the deliverance of the Israelites from their hand. We considered the object of these plagues to be to deliver the children of Israel from Egyptian bondage by showing them the power of God. Further we considered what the feelings must have been to the J. after they had passed through the Sea <sup>that of gratitude</sup> for dependence upon God. - We carried the subject further & asked when we saw the manifestations of God's presence though it be not by a pillar of fire or in a cloud. In the changes of life, in adversity in nature, in conscience & in innumerable ways is he seen. - As usual we had an interesting time. Appropriated a part of the remainder of this day in reading. -

Monday Feb. 21st. Have been principally occupied in preparing my French for the evening. Emily has also been here & recited to me her lesson wh. she has committed in advance; it consists of the six first verbs that was given me to learn. - With all my effort to write my two notes Miss H. had many corrections to make. O dear! when shall I learn to write even a few lines of French correctly? - Our verb for conjugation was promener. - We were dismissed soon after ten from play & study. - Tuesday, Feb. 22nd. - The morning is very fine for washing. I was some time the first of the day in making preparations to administer to one of



our annual appetites. P. M. Soon after our repast of Indian pudding Emily & I went to East Street (the scene of my labors last summer) to pass the afternoon at Mr. Hales. All the girls save Laura were from home so that I did not have quite so pleasant time. Saw Warren one of my dear pupils, from him learned some particulars of the present state of the school. It is not conducted according to my plan in appealing to emulation as a stimulant to exertion. Such things may as place taking & rewards for those who hold the head the longest may accomplish one object but they at the same time implant the seed of envy which as it is nourished will strengthen. Such learning has more of evil than of good in my opinion. - On returning from C. S. we stopped at Mrs. J. Guild where the Sewing Circle meets. - Heard the news of the death of Mr. Richey of Needham.

Wednesday Feb 23<sup>d</sup>. - Most beautiful day for winter and who would ever believe that he had been in state so long! When I was writing for this day last year I was seated within the walls of the Normal House where I would gladly look upon at the present time. - But those days can ne'er be brought back.

Evening) This day have been writing to my old school mate Louisa. - went to Singing school but I do not advance with the school for the want of practice.

Thursday, Feb 24<sup>th</sup>. The sun shines almost as brightly as yesterday. Accepted an invitation from Aunt Smith to ride to Dorchester. I suffered somewhat from a burn on my thumb wh. for a time excited my nerves to a high degree for me but by the process of charaming that it went through I soon got the pain entirely away. - We spent the time at Uncle Matt's. - where they seem to be rather dejected. Aunt Frank though seen quite happy has been taking lessons in drawing. - called at the school house to see Martha Pile but she has gone home on vacation. Uncle M. said he would have invited her in to tea had she been at home. Having chatted till nearly ten we talked in earnest of starting for home wh. was reached at 15 min after 11. -

Friday, Feb 25<sup>th</sup>. It usually follows with me that late retiring causes late rising. - Have read during the forenoon from Julian & finished the first volume Aunt Esther went with me or vice versa to see a Pneurologist that is one here by the name of Gifford. we both submitted our examinations for inspection. He seems to understand the subject though did not think he always thought correctly, he told me that my tone was pretty large as it must be that practice is required to draw it out. said I had a due degree of firmness wh. I am sure has enlarged within a few years. I gained some new ideas & am conscious that my organs require greater strength wh. can only be attained by exercise. - Should like to have my head examined in the course of three years so as to see what change there have been. - P. M. was spent with Betsey & Harriett at Mrs. Howe. She was very agreeable to me giving some of her experience when she was teacher wh. office I should suppose she might have filled well.

Saturday is quite rainy. - Went in the afternoon to get my chart which was not written out last night. The Pneurologist told me it was a good time to ascertain one's disposition when they had an empty stomach if petulant then would be quite likely to be at other times as excited the organs in its vicinity - quite a good test methinks. -

When I got home I read my character but found it telling how I should probably act on the capacity of wife & mother. - I am sure I wanted something that would answer for a young person as I hope to have my head examined again before I fall those stations. - Emily tried with me to translate some fables but did not succeed as both were in somewhat of a sleepy mood.

Sunday Feb 27<sup>th</sup>. - Had what is rare for our eyes to behold viz a snow storm. - Our class meet after church and were joined by that of Miss Hoffman's wh. was our number quite large. We mentioned some of the principal topics of the last lesson and then read the account of the wanderings of the children of Israel in the deserts or rather wilderness and the interposition of Providence in sending food. - C. Sampson thought the children of Israel to have been very ungrateful as well as

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distantful in God after his having shown himself so directly as he did to them. - She appeared to think that we should not be so unbelieving as did they if God made himself know as directly to us as to them. Miss R. thought we could <sup>not</sup> tell their situation though it seemed so at first view for we are much farther advanced in the knowledge of God & things appertaining to him than were the Israelites. - We murmur against the ways of Providence though it may be thoughtless when the weather is not such as will be most agreeable to our plans this subject produced quite a discussion. - This habit of complaining is small compared with some things yet I think it has much influence upon character as it has the appearance of thinking ourselves better judges than He who orders all for the best. - We learned the quantity of manna that the children of Israel had which was

We shall not have another of our interesting meetings for two or three Sundays as Miss R. intends passing some time in Boston. - Aunt C. returned tonight having been absent some days. - She is welcomed by us.

Sunday, Feb. 28th. This day Winter is to leave us who could believe the least rendered his throne so short and mild has been his stay. - I think I never lived so short a winter. - Emily had been with preparing our exercises in French for the evening. - The verb we had was the conjugation of promise interrogatively. - Did not do as well in my performance as I wish. - We stayed till a late hour contrary to my calculation but I think my organ of time is very deficient. -

Mardi et Mercredi. - I do not recollect of anything of much note having transpired save the evening of the latter day I attended S. School but made little or no progress. - We hail with joy the return of a new spring when earth is to be again awakened and robed in her mantle of green that it may also make us renew our watchfulness and make us speed our work of self improvement is <sup>my</sup> sincere wish. - Fendi Martin I set forth for the purpose of reaching Uncle Charles and there to pass a day or two if not lured by the mind who is very deep implacer. - I was obliged to be dependent on my feet all the way as Emily was so kind as to carry me in the shade a good part of the way for this I was very thankful when I come

to see the state of the roads. - Reached my place of destination in safety found Sally quite unwell being much troubled with a cold and stricture of the chest. I endeavored to cheer her & be of what assistance I could. - Uncle C. was at home in the evening & seems quite happy. - Hope that he may always continue to abstain from what has nearly been his ruin. - Vendredi is very fine, the birds are pouring forth their sweet music and everything seems to indicate an early spring. - Sally is better though far from being well. - If she understood more of Physiology she would be more exempt from suffering. - Who would not be sick to spend most of their time in a hot room. - She is really to be pitied and cannot enjoy much as she has such excitable nerves to keep her in commotion all the time. - Samedi I took the Wrentham stage for home it being to unpleasant - said Uncle C. & Aunt S. to walk. - Got home before ten found that the family were living without me. The news kind was that Mr. Bronson Alcott had been here & passed an hour or two and was much beloved by Esther & Elizabeth who were the only ones to enjoy his company. - If I had only been at home I should have been glad. - Emily & some others had their heads examined at Mr. Messinger's. - Read Uncle Enos & James chapters who are in some respects quite correct particularly the latter. - Another six days work being completed I will again rest my limbs on our cot of desks. - Sunday, March 5th. - The sun is obscured by clouds which send both rain and snow. - in consequence of wh. Mr. S. has put few hearers. I met a part of my class at noon and read a few verses upon the birth of our Saviour and then gave it to them for a lesson for the next Sabbath. - Among various other things that I have done one is to read some from Julian and learn the state of public feeling at the time of Christ's appearing upon the earth. - It was thought that he mixed too much with the poor and the humble of earth to be that Prince of whom the prophets foretold. - There seems not to have been any who fully understood his character though he drew many followers toward him though they seem not to have regarded him as we do who hear of him though the gospel that has

been handed down to us. - I think that the Jews looked upon our Saviour something in the same light as do the people of the present day upon reformers though they be many of them far from possessing that purity wh. was ever discernible in the life of our Blessed Saviour. - Monday March 7th. - Today have been preparing my exercises in French wh. was writing a note the most unpleasant part of the study to me. - The other parts were conjugation of the verb promener negatively wh. I found a good exercise for the memory. - Emily & myself also prepared some phrases relative to the health &c

The class met at Dr. Simpson's had rather a pleasant time. - Did not stay at so late an hour as usual, returned so that I could retire by my appointed hour.

Tuesday, March 8th. - A clear cold air, favorable for health & strength. - Morning was devoted to domestic duties. P. M. in doing writing for Mr. Bird in the Savings Bank book. - Had a letter from S. M. Myman, who is still engaged in teaching. - Says she heard of the death of Professor Newman of Barre, Principal of the M. S. there. He must be a great loss to that institution but why regret his departure believing as we do that he has gone to obtain more perfect bliss than he could ever realize here. - He doubtless has done much to benefit the rising generation, laboring valiantly as did he to impart knowledge of every kind to those desired that that they in turn might go forth to benefit others. - But is work here is at an end. - Never shall I forget this man and when he visited our little band of twelve at L. and giving us some useful hints relating to keeping Journals and habituating ourselves to making abstracts of lectures lessons or anything that we might hear. - These remarks formed the title page or rather introduction to my first Journal written at L. - and a practice which I intend to follow in some form for the present. -

Sister wrote the good news of the decision of the legislature to continue the Normal Schools three years longer by wh. there is great hope of soon expecting to see our Common Schools raised in moral & intellectual greatness as well as aid in the advancement of the knowledge of the physical laws upon wh. depend in a great degree the promotion morality & happiness, things upon wh. the world are in darkness or at least act so. - Unless we have sound bodies how can we reasonably look for perfection in anything that concerns

man. - I spent the evening at Miss Allen's quite pleasantly, among other we talked of school keeping and duties connected therewith. - It is a good plan to relate experiences, particularly in teaching. -

Wednesday, March 9th. - Attended to writing most all day. - Had quite a long letter from F. B. The girls are full of business with Temperance French Botany and all their other duties. - Miss Whipple has returned there to become engaged in editing a publication, an event much pleasing to the girls as they find but few congenial minds. - Went to singing school but it is of little use unless I devote more time to practising than I have done. - Mr. Bird went home with Emily & with to pass the night. -

Thursday Morning Aunt E. Henry & myself spent the day at Aunt Smith's. The day was so fine had a good walk. - Found Mr. Bird there he offered to drill us a little while after dinner, so Emily & I tried but I being such a novice at the work did not make much progress. - Mr. B. to encourage me said if I would practise three hours every day till I was a hundred years he thought I might be able to sing. If I thought I <sup>should</sup> be able to do all this before I could sing I would give up at the outset as I think I could appropriate my attention to a better subject but I do not believe that I shall have to reach a century before I can sing for I intend to make a vigorous effort at some of these days & not despair till I have faithfully tested my musical powers. That I have the organ of tone quite fully developed appears from what two phrenologists have said of my cranium. - Mr. B. took his departure before night and we after tea. - Rather if I called upon Mr. Morey & his lady - found Mr. M. very talkative. He said a great deal upon his school and upon teaching in general terms. - Said if it was not for disciplining children he thought there would be no occupation so pleasant as that of teaching. - He seldom resorts to corporal punishment, I should judge he might make a good teacher complains of being seldom visited and that parents do not appear to consider the importance of their children attending school regularly. The people here need very much to have their attentions roused upon these subjects as well many others. - What will do it?

Remainder of the time till ten was mostly spent in reading from Julian. The period when there was so much excitement concerning our Saviour whether he were the Messiah that had been so long foretold. - But few seemed ready to acknowledge him to be such so much were the people looking for a temporal prince to reign in place of Herod.

11th & 12th of March have glided by without having much of importance to commit to my journal.

Sunday, March 13th. - The weather is much like that we have had for the few last Sundays. Mr Lamson exhorts to us today. His afternoon discourse was addressed to those who absent themselves so much from church. It was designed for the absent ones I, not being of that class did not take much of what was said on this score to myself. - Mr Lamson spoke with much feeling of the effect upon a speaker when he rose to address almost the bare walls as it were though he might have the enthusiasm of Paul on entering the portals of the church hit on calling the eye around to see here & there vacancies it was like pouring water on fire or taking a shower bath in a frosty morning. - Such sights such spectacles do indeed had caused more melancholy thoughts than he would then pain us to hear.

He then depicted a state of society where there was but little interest felt in religion a religious observance of which the state of morals would be low, the pecuniary interests would be affected and such a place would not be sought out as favorable for one of residence by those who were anxious that themselves and families should be surrounded by good intellectual & moral influences. - This part was very good and designed without doubt as a representation of our own village though I hope not to the degree that was at this time shown. I trust every listener took a portion to themselves as we were told that much depended upon our influence in attending church and for this we are accountable. - There is a class of people if they neglect the observances of the Sabbath will abandon all that keeps restraint upon their evil desires and appetites. - This attendance upon church revives as it were their moral feelings which have been suffered to lie dormant in the midst of the hurry & bustle of the world. Let us then for our good as well as for that of others repair to the house of God.

In the evening Mr Guild passed an hour or two with us. - The conversation turned upon the duel between Graves & Cibley in wh. the latter was killed & wh. has been brought up from oblivion, before the public, by J. 2. Adams charging Wade with the murder from his being accessory. Sculling brought up the subject of Southern morals. The question was asked if difference of climate could be the cause of the different code of morals at the north & south. Mr G. promptly replied - No! the cause is to be found in their peculiar institutions. - Men brought up from earliest infancy to command those around them, accustomed to say to one "do this & he daeth it" & taught to inflict summary punishment when the command is slighted, cannot well learn to govern their passions. The south have ever been ready to raise the cry of democracy, when they could thereby accomplish their selfish ends; but slaveholders must, in the nature of things, be tyrants, and therefore you cannot be true democrats. He said the south had governed almost from the first; & that the dough-faces of the north had too long submitted to the insolence of the southerners. He thinks slavery must ere long disappear under the fulness of light thrown upon its deformities by the experience of ages & the slaveholders will not always be able to hold out against the scorn of the rest of mankind.

Monday, March 14th. - Have been occupied with French most of the day. Prepared a Petit-Francaise wh. of course took a good share of time as first the word must be sought out in the Dictionary, then the Grammar is to be consulted. - Have beside been learning the conjugations of several impersonal verbs or those used only in the third person as il pleut it rains, il degèle, it thaws, il eclaire it lightens, il tonne, it thunders. - il semble it seems. - il neige it snows. - Canby and I also learned several phrases relative to the health. - The class met here, was pretty full attendance. - It seems as though I had done nothing in French compared with what there is to be done but perseverance and application must have full sway before we can really attain anything worth having. - Night closes around

and we all retire to the arms of Morphew who as he is wont keeps us in quietness till after morning's dawn. Have written in my Journal for the transactions of the past week. What a procrastinator!! I have thought as I used to do when ind. that the doings of each day should be recorded on paper before their day closes. - Aunt Smith and I visited Mr Chroy's & Miss Allen's schools - he found them both in very good order, wh. is the first essential in this business as well as in every other. In Mr M's department the scholars performed in arithmetic at the board - the best test of a scholar's understanding what he goes over in this branch. - In reading I did not think the school appeared well. There was too much mechanical work to suit and not enough attention bestowed on the inflections & general style of reading but one cannot expect to see everything conducted in the most perfect manner. The stillness that pervades the room I should suppose was not forced through fear as Mr M. so seldom has recourse to beating. - Stayed but a short time in Mr M's room could not therefore judge of its condition. - I regret that I have suffered the winter to pass without having been in these schools before - convicted as I am of the advantage to the school in visiting as well as that accruing to one's self particularly if that one be a teacher or prospectively so. - Walked to Aunt Smith's sit noon, the sun was pouring forth his light & heat in all their splendor. - With Emily I wrote some exercises from the French Grammar upon the formation of their plurals in nouns. Came home at the edge of evening but with C.'s company a part of the way did not feel a feared. - Wednesday, Aunt Elizabeths she will have a little party later this afternoon a thing very rare for us. We follow the fashion of everybody now a days and spend a good portion of time in preparing to <sup>admit</sup> ~~go~~ to our guests' amementation. I sit this foolish to feel that we can not invite a few friends without devoting much time in getting something to fill their mouths. - Well it will be seen how I manage on such occasions when I am mistress. - I called to invite Mr & Mrs Hanson to make one of our party. - Mrs H. - was quite sociable. She showed me her plants wh. look very well, gave me the last <sup>from</sup> of her lemon tree, wh. must have looked finely in full bloom. - It was quite a curiosity to me. - Afternoon ~~comes~~ and when it is about taking its departure we begin to see our company. among whom was Dr L. & lady, Mrs Heath & sister & Mrs Richards

We had agreeable chats upon a variety of topics. The community at West Roxbury was under discussion a subject wh. led to another that of laboring and at the same time studying as Mr Ripley has done & intends doing Mr Hanson thought the two things were incompatible. Aunt Elizabeth was of an opposite mind. Mrs Taft offered some remarks advocating the same opinion. I much regretted that we could not have Mr North's company as I have never seen him in company I have a great desire to see him converse. - The company departed a half an hour before my hour for retiring. Quite reasonable. - Thursday, March 17th. Seeing this date brings to mind many associations and the remembrance of many incidents. - The anniversary of that day when my worthy Aunt left me & bade adieu to Lev. and left with so many painful regrets her teacher and the many ties that endeared us all to each other. - That day Hannah returned to Billerica in a sleigh while today it is mild & warm. - I shall long cherish these scenes as they are connected with a long train of associations. - This day I have spent at Uncle Storis. took Henry Fette with me. - Found it rather inconvenient though pleasant to have a child to take care of - he was quite a good boy. - After tea I took a stroll with Betty - we had some walls & fences to climb. B. not being very careful to disengage her clothes before springing had the ill luck to leave herself hung by the breadth of her gown but no sooner was she informed of her disaster than she exclaimed well no matter I have enough like it so that I can take out the rent. A spirit quite different from what some would manifest. - Evening Hannah & Timothy were added to our company. - Have passed this day wholly in cultivating my social powers. - D. H. & S. - <sup>Wednesday & to be wedded to the French. May her prospects always prosper as she enters at a state of single</sup> came home with me. - This night Sophia Cobbs to change her relation from a state of single Friday. - This morning I am to go home with Henry accordingly we take the morning card & have a very fine ride it is such a mild clear morning. - When passing through Roxbury I saw the dwelling of Louisa & the spot where she goes to have her youth renewed. I should have liked to have stopped. - I paraded some in Boston but found it rather uncomfortable walking the wind being so high & it being dusty beside. - I called to see C. Bishardson, who seems very happy & getting much enjoyment as she ever does I believe when in the city in attending lectures. - also called to see Mary Stodder, who is now teaching in the

Parker's school - attends to writing & arithmetic. Says she has seen Hannah Damon & S. Sparrell during the winter, the former is not teaching & the latter is. Did not learn much respecting the Livingston school save that there was to be an examination at the school at the close of this term. - Mary is very happy though she is suffering from an obedience to some law or laws of her being. - Could not stop long and it was time for Mary to be in school. - Did a little shopping. was more convinced than ever of the dishonesty practiced by the store keepers. - Some I believe will utter what they know to be absolutely wrong for the sake of a bargain. - Found all well at Mr D's. - Came out of town & reached home before six in the evening. Emily went with me to spend the evening with Mrs Parsons & the Misses Smith. Found Fanny quite feeble think she cannot long stay with us. - Had some conversation upon trees and plants. - The forenoon of Saturday was devoted to French. - Charles Emily & I went out to make calls upon some of our notes who seem to be few. - When we return find James & Aunt Esther having symptoms of the scarlet fever. E. & I take a walk to procure some for Aunt E. throat. - When we return we do little in the nursing line. - The doctor says J. has the S.F. - Morning comes but the sick are no better & will not be probably under two or three days. - Mr Lamson has preached to us today. - Went in the evening to hear Mr Briggs lecture upon Temperance given at the request of the ladies of the Sec'torial Abstinence Society. He had quite a full house. His lecture commenced with an account of what had been done in the Temperance cause and then he gave a discourse upon woman as I suppose he thought it would not do to pass without complementing them as they requested him to lecture. (Better methinks at some other time) He said he supposed it would not pass for a Temperance lecture unless he related his experience. all the brandy, ~~wine~~ gin rum & like drinks that he ever used said he would not amount to more than 1/2 a pint. - I am not in the practice of drinking tea & coffee wine & cider. Field water is my drink. I shall not scandalize those who use cider, & wine if they can get. - But I side perhaps for the sake of our weaker brother we ought to abstain from them. - This last had better not been spoken as it will result in much evil it appears to me. as there is a class who will agree exactly with these sentiments, the moderate drinkers. and beside it's coming from ministers they will think it law & gospel. - The effects of this will be to do more evil than good

in my opinion. - There was a fine choir of singers, that performed well. - James is quite restless tonight. - Monday, March 21st. - Our French is the principal business beside waiting upon the sick who are pretty miserable in body & in mind if that sympathizes. Aunt E. is so that she does not keep her chamber wh. would be the case with some in her situation. The throats of both are very sore. - The class meet tonight at Mrs Dinning's Miss H. has procured a black board on wh. she has as perform. A great acquisition as there is no way in wh. there can be so good a test of one's knowledge as this. Our exercise tonight was upon the application of the articles & pronouns. - We put English into French according to rules laid down in the Grammar rather than using our own composition as we do in writing French notes & an exercise much more interesting. - E. & I left early as we are to take care of James tonight in turn. - E. set up till two when I took my turn. J. was much out & restless. - Tuesday a busy day in the domestic line. - Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> & Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> of March. - These dates carry memory back a year to the vivid scenes when I was preparing to leave & left Livingston. How many bitter tears how many relenings at when it came time for me to separate from him who ever acted as a faithful adviser & friend and from those who were bound by ties of sisterly affection for a long time, it was hard to part forever, never to be again united by those same feelings. never to again as one of taught. - Time has rolled on but these affections are not obliterated nor they never will be. - The remembrance of the days spent in L. are among the pleasantest that I have yet seen. - Thursday was busy in sewing as Miss Guild was here to cut E. & I each two dresses. - Esther is much better & James is on the road to recovery but not able to leave his room yet. - Friday & Saturday devoted to domestic duties, studying French, sewing &c. &c. - Sunday, March 27<sup>th</sup>. - Have been to see Mr he gave us pretty good sermons but I cannot give much of an account of it. - I had a very pleasant class at noon - after church Mrs R. met E. & myself having been separated for some time. We read & conversed upon some of the first commandments in the 20<sup>th</sup> chapter of Exodus. Upon the first one Mrs R. asked how we violated it. - Thou shalt have no other gods before me. - I'm worshipping beathen idols. and she added on attending church & worshipping men for men without the spirit. - or in offering prayers without thoughts upon the

words that we utter. - But how much false word there is in the world. - Our meeting was very interesting we listened to Miss B.'s account of lectures that she had attended. I would like to write all the conversation but for want of time & the precise ideas I shall not attempt it. - Would that I bestowed as much time in cultivating my mind as does Miss B. why can't I, why don't I? It must be a want of determination, of application. This evening we are to be blessed with a lecture from Mr Lanson upon Temperance. Blessings come in showers. - It was really cheering tonight to see so many people out as Dedham is such a dull place. Our meeting house was full. - Mr L. for once did not have to complain of speaking to many vacant seats. - Mr L. spoke of the great evil of intemperance as it had existed & still exists, and of the prospect of its continuance which he should <sup>much</sup> sooner expect to see slavery abolished than this many headed monster put in subjection. He spoke of the unhappiness that this vice produced and of the effect upon woman ~~whom~~ whom he made it appear much more degrading than in the other sex & so it does seem at first view but is not the sin equally as great let be found among wh. party it will? - The treatment of those who fell victims of this vice Mr Lanson dwelt upon at some length and in a manner <sup>with</sup> wh. I think every one must have been pleased. The law of kindness should ever be shown & would more than the opposite to raise them up & bring them to the the right path. - These are the principal topics brought to view. I think more could accord with the sentiments of this address than with those contained in the one of last Sunday. Monday, March 28th. - This morning is lovely so mild & pleasant. - Our work that we are to learn tonight is Tenor to hold. - our meeting was at Mrs Cobbs. - We had an exercise upon the black board (a grand thing) upon the formation of the different tenses from the five principal parts. - I think this thing we should have been familiar with some time since. - Did not succeed in saying my phrases as I had hoped I should. - Tuesday, March 29th. - This day the wind is very high so that it makes the walking rather uncomfortable. - However Aunt Esther as well as myself are setting forth on walk the former to East Street to make an application to Mr. C. for the school if not engaged. - The latter goes to Mill Village to engage - some one. - Mr. C. is very kind to do this favor for me wh. I did not wish to do for myself.

Mrs Hill told Esther that Mr H. had written to a lady that had the school a few summers since of course if she had it I shall not. - We took one walk yesterday instead of today. - Esther prepared herself this morning to go into Boston to pass a day or two, on reaching the house found that they were gone so she came home & gave up the idea of going. - at present for wh I fell very sorry. - A. M. went to Aunt Smith's where I found Hannah March & Faangton. Mrs Holmes, the baby & Harriett were together had a very agreeable time. - In the evening played consequences. - Walked home after nine scarcely being able to see my hand before me Edward Holmes came with me. - He gave me some account of Mr Dutton's school wh. I should judge was in a curious state. Such was the order examination day that the scholars crept round on the floor, whispered, turned round in their seats & such like things. - One little boy that had begun to study Grammar was asked what a verb she was wh he could not answer, another thinking he knew answered a ~~noun~~ noun. In spelling the word without was - spelt without and sorrow, sorrow. - There must have been something of a contrast between this school and Mr Storey's which was examined last week. What can be the feeling of the parents in regard to the improvement of their children if they will employ such a teacher for two winters in succession. - Ignorance I should say. - I think whoever has the school the coming summer must have a task after such winter's discipline. - Wednesday Morning is rather stormy. - Have begun to write to Mary to send by Aunt Smith who goes tomorrow with her son Math to F. B. to make a visit. - P. M. went with Esther to the Sewing Circle at Mrs Quincy where we passed a pleasant time in company with about thirty ladies from the village & its vicinity. - Had a social time went in a rain & came home in a pleasant. - Went to Singing School but did not stop long as Mr Bird was not there & we thought he would not come at so late an hour. - Came home & finished my letter. - The last day of March I rise at quarter before six, too late for this season when day dawns so early. - There is every appearance of a lovely day hope for Aunt Smith's sake it may prove such. She called at the door a moment to take our letters. I trust she will have a pleasant visit meet with ready reception & finally that she will induce Mary to return with her as the poor child must need some rest by this time not having had a vacation of any length for since Oct. and beside that she has lately had an addition to her number of 14 large Irish boys.

just from the factory, wh must be a task to teach them even though they be ready to learn. Many would shrink with horror at such an undertaking but truly there is much merit due to that one who engages with such, with a zeal & interest for their real improvement. There is pleasure there must be in teaching the poor, ignorant outcasts. The thought that we shall be the instrument of saving them from misery & degradation ought ever to press us to duty. Went to pass the day with Emily as she is quite alone now. We studied Francis am pen. Had quite a snowstorm in the afternoon so people say March goes out like a Lion though it came in like a Lamb. The origin of this I know not. Had a cold walk home at the edge of evening. - Esther is to pass the night in watching; she had attended a meeting of the Female Temperance Society. The ladies have been discussing the propriety of sending Mrs. Burgess a vote of thanks for his address a majority rule I suppose & they are in favor of so doing. - but why should they thank him if they did not comply with his request & give a tee total lecture. Bon nuit. Friday is the first day of April and appears clear & cold. - C. B. called for me to accompany her to walk wh I was happy to do. We directed our course to the little basal spot of Mr. Whitley's wh is a most lovely spot. The marble pillars stand in a thicket of pines wh. are ever & anon moved by the breeze to wave their boughs with such sweetness and quietness & so much softness that it seems as if this place was a fit abode for the body to be put. - Mrs. B. said this place reminded her of Mt. Auburn wh. is so much thought of as a burial place. We conversed upon the little attention that the world paid to cultivating a taste for the works of creation & in them tracing the hand of Him who made them. David C. whose is a sealed book to many they only look upon the surface the words while all contained beneath is a hidden mystery. - We talked upon teaching, health, getting riches &c. - I think I ought to feel highly favoured to have the company of such a friend. - We returned home after two hours absence & h. said our tongues had not been dormant no less than our hands. - Joseph called to let me know what he had learned respecting a school at Newton wh. he had been so kind as to make enquiries about for me. Wanting an old experienced teacher they concluded not to employ me. So I don't know but I shall have to pass the summer without a school. - Saturday am passing the day with Emily alone. We wrote exercises in French together. Had a nice quiet time. Came home in season to hear Mr. Bradburn lecture

upon Anti Slavery. The audience was small as would of course be in Dedham - and upon this subject. - There were some who have not been interested in this cause that were present. - If people will but unbias their minds so as to hear the truth there will be some hope of opening <sup>the</sup> eyes to the truth. - Mr. B. showed that the North have something to do with Slavery. - that the North have as much concern with the district of Columbia (where there are 7000 human beings in slavery as had the South. - He also spoke of the foreign & the domestic slave trade wh. is carried on. - I think those who were opposed before they heard must have <sup>with</sup> this objection well answered. - The difficulty with the people is they will not hear of reason of prejudice. - Sunday morning dawns fair & warm. - A most delightful April day. - Having attended to household concerns at. Spent a little time in reading wh. I must acknowledge I take but little time to do and for wh. I am convinced I shall regret & do regret for my limited knowledge upon almost all subjects. - Mr. Lamon is at home today and preaches very good sermons as it is said, but of the morning one I fear I am but little the wiser as I was so drowsy. I could not give my attention upon anything what is the cause of this? I would give a great deal to be able to govern my thoughts and keep off sleepiness. - I can say this much total - the discourse was upon the resurrection of our Saviour & the glorious assurance that we have in this great event. P. M. The text was "bear ye one another's burdens." - Spoke of the duty incumbent upon all to bear with each others bodily & mental infirmities and thus cultivate a Christian spirit. - But I lost much of what was uttered from having eaten too much dinner or some other reason. At noon I was visited by three of my last summer scholars was glad to see that they felt interest enough in me to do this. - After church our class wh. was quite full met & began our lesson by considering the commandments. - We brought to view those ideas upon taking the name of God in vain wh. we conversed upon last Sunday. - The fourth commandment in regard to remembering the Sabbath day was made under the Jewish dispensation & was designed as literally as a day of Rest and corresponds with our Saturday or seventh day. - By some it is thought to have been instituted to commemorate the deliverance of the children of Israel from Egyptian bondage. - The 5th command led us to say that obedience & respect & gratitude were ever due from the child to the parent. - We thought those who had the desire to kill & were only waiting for an opportunity



were equally as sinful as those who should really commit the deed. - We thought we might injure our neighbor without absolutely telling what was false of them as trying to take from him his good name & endeavoring to depict faults in his character & make them a cause of conversation. Miss B. said what a state of mind that we could not find a more elevated & improving topic than this as if the world was void of them. - I think such a state of feeling has its foundation in envy. I am well aware that I dwell too much upon the defects of my neighbors. - I am resolved that I will try to cease from this & be more vigilant over self. - First cast out all the beams from my own eye then may I see to <sup>cast</sup> ~~throw~~ the mote from that of my brother. - Miss B. gave a short account of a sermon she heard from Mr. Gamble upon Repentance. He called conversion a change in outward life and regeneration a newness of heart & in true repentance self love & self will would be changed to love to God & love to man. What good such discourses must do as they are so eminently practical. - I think all may improve by our conversations if we will but practice upon what we learn. - I have resolved to do different from what I have done - may I have strength to live it out. - Evening I went again to hear Mr. B. - was much interested & more convinced of the duty of all to lend their influence & endeavor to <sup>take</sup> these fellow men to the enemies of this sin & thus endeavor to affect those who are in high places of trust & authority. - He spoke of the prejudice against color that existed more in this country than in any other of the civilized world. - beings made of the same flesh & blood as ourselves receiving the scorn & contempt of many who happen to have a different hue of skin. - Was glad to see so many out.

Monday, April 5th. The morning devoted to reading some from two years before the mast & journalizing. - I do to committing with Emily French phrases and verbs. - The former were relating to colds & other things respecting health wh. makes the family explain of our ails & aches. - Our verbs were *travailler*, to start, and those conjugated like *tenir* as *appartenir* - to belong, *arriver* - to happen, *convenir* - to agree, *dévenir* to become, *entretenir* - to keep, *subvenir* - to relieve, *se souvenir* - to remember, - &c - Class met at Mr. C. Richards - had quite a full meeting and a pretty good performance on my part - was better satisfied than I usually am with my exercises. - Miss H. - thought we did not make sufficient effort to converse in French wh. is really the case. - Miss H. seemed rather depressed from some cause. Returned home before ten. -

Tuesday, April 5th. - The morning is quite rainy have begun a letter to one of the sisterhood S. C. Sparrell one who was dearly beloved by us all. - It was a year ago the last of March since I have seen her. - Would that I could see her last - I may forget how she looks. - The ladies of the Sewing Circle met here this afternoon - their object being to raise funds to be expended upon the "Burying Ground." - As it is raining we have but a few present. - Had some talk with Miss West upon Mr. Mann, his journal schools & like topics. - Miss W. is much pleased with his writings & seems much interested in schools - has but recently bestowed <sup>any</sup> ~~her~~ attention to schools. rather wonders that she never has thought mine upon this subject - but she is not the only one that has been & still is utterly ignorant of the cause of education as it appears in school instruction. - Hope many minds will be called to the subject by means of the C. S. J. - Am much pleased to see any one manifest like interest in such an important subject. - Some of the ladies remained until six. - Went with Con in the evening to a Concert given at the town hall by Mrs. Baker, M. Thayer & two gentlemen. I suppose a good ear would have pronounced it a fine performance. - the charm was in a measure broken by the clapping & stamping that followed the completion of each piece, if there is anything that seems coarse & rude it is that. - About ten went home with Uncle S. & lay to pass the night - arose before six & came home with a basket of eggs wh. will be turned to chickens in about three weeks. The morning is beautiful - the little birds have their throats tuned to gladness. - Having attended to domestic concerns I finished my letter of yesterday. - Attended in the afternoon the funeral of Mrs. Talbot one of the most benevolent spirits that is any where to be found. - She seemed to live for the good of others and labored in silence not seeking the applause of the world but doubtless looking for something more ennobling. - That all imbed her generous, disinterested spirit. - She has won many friends but they could not keep her here so she has gone to receive the reward of the faithful. - Passed an hour two with E. Sampson at Mrs. Holmes. - Evening went into see Miss W. & had another talk upon schools' beg she begins to think it quite a task to learn a child to read. - Fetched flesh upon her arm. -

Thursday, April 7th is the day appointed for our annual fast. - I do not intend to fast to the degree I did last year on this day when I did not allow myself a morsel of anything from the sunset of one day till the sunrise of the second day after. - But fastence from food is not all or the most important thing wh. this day demands but rather a spiritual fasting when we should turn our thoughts inward to see what advance we are making in the Christian course. - Would that it might prove such to each & all of us. - I have been all day to hear Dr Burgess who to use his expression opened his Bible in regard to Slavery. - His sermon was comprised principally of texts taken of Scripture showing that men were in enslaved in older times & I thought the speaker considered almost done by those who were the chosen people of God as the patriarchs, then it was justifiable in our day. - It seems to be a singular doctrine that a sin can be tolerated by any people though it might have been sanctioned by those who have lived before us. - Our Blessed Saviour never would be found to degrade both soul & body of men but much rather seek means to raise them to virtue & holiness. - I thought but little was produced from this sermon & it seems to me a person of true Christian spirit would not have taken such a view of the subject. - In the evening went to hear an Anti Slavery lecture by Remond. the views advanced were much more favorable than those I have been listening to through the day. - We may much sooner expect to see righteoussness come upon the earth to embrace the views that were advanced by Remond than those presented by Dr B. -

Friday morning was busy in writing to Julia & after noon went rather unexpectedly with Betsey, Harriett & Timothy to pass the afternoon & evening at Mr Wilson's had a very pleasant time as I believe every one does that visits here among such hospitable people. The old lady is remarkably pleasant for one so aged. - Heard that F. Mackintosh was very sick - her disease is the scarlet fever. -

Saturday, April 8th. It is a very cold, chilly morning. - having finished household affairs I sat down to complete the letter begun yesterday & mailed it. - Uncle Leo said this morning that Mr Hill had engaged another teacher so of course I am not wanted. He said farther that there was a gentleman in his office yesterday from Guilford who said Mr Pennell had left the school there & they had sent to Lexington for some

one to fill his place & had received an answer from Mr Pierre saying that Miss Canady would take it at this intelligence I was not a little disappointed as I have from the first of the Spring been anxious to get a school here had made inquiries but learned that there was no vacancy. - Uncle Leo inquired of Mr Clapp & he said there was a summer school that was not engaged in W & would let C. know concerning it. - Tele<sup>of fortune</sup> seems turned against me in regard to getting schools spent the afternoon & night with Emily again. -

Sunday, April 10th. - Had a cold walk to the village. - Went to meeting & heard Mr Surt of Quincy heard a pretty good discourse. - Stopped with my class at noon. - In the afternoon had a delightful walk with Aunt Esther to Spring Street & listened to Mr Parker who gave a fine sermon in wh. he made some remarks upon the death of Mr Whitney who was formerly settled over that society. - It seems to me that one can hardly hear Mr P. speak without having his better feelings called into activity. - every word comes as it were from the depths of the soul. - in his style there is nothing of ostentation but perfect simplicity - his figures are most beautifully drawn and yet in a manner that all can readily draw the comparison. - His words are well chosen and beautifully arranged. - Mr Parker's text was it is appointed unto all men once to die. - The following are a few of his thoughts though I fear I shall not have remembered the fine language. - This is the land of the living there are every moment new creatures born to it. - It is also the land of dying - we are here today & gone tomorrow. the silent earth receives our frail frames & we are covered by the sweet clod of the valley, but the spirit seeks to find music more celestial than the singing of birds. - further thoughts I would gladly per if I had them in my possession. - True I think to Mr P. there are no terrors in death. - Happy frame of mind. - He then spoke of some of the duties devolving upon a preacher of the gospel. - By some this office is thought to be the very arm chair of ease he is not exposed to the burning heats of August nor is he compelled to wield the plough, the spade or flail but people forget it is more difficult to wield the pen than the plough. - some think a sermon may be written in sleep as well as listened to in sleep but to have a sermon touch the heart it must be spoken by a heart. - He quoted these words from Dr Johnson who said he did not envy the soul or conscience of that minister who could be at ease with himself. - Much is expected from a discourse

but the topics are so limited that can be touched upon. At least they be one of those called exciting as Intemperance Slavery and others that the subjects are few neither is he allowed to touch upon those sins that concern our every day life & conduct as the duties to our neighbor &c. for fear of offending some who were told of their sins. - Independence is as much needed in the pulpit as out of it. - Brother was said so that I think no person if they ever had could still continue to think the duties of a faithful preacher light & easy. - He said Mr M. was known to his people he had been with them in sorrow & bereavement as well as in joy, gesticulating in his whole life there was nothing masked - this path was all sunshine & he turned his face to meet it. - He was not a great scholar or philosopher but he had what was better than learning that is goodness. There was nothing ministerial, <sup>in his appearance</sup> to see a popular phrase, there was no hypocrisy in him he spoke his thoughts - for the last year Mr M. & myself have been brought into close contact & I have discovered in him that deep spirituality wh. would be hidden to a superficial observer. - May we imitate his virtues & follow his footsteps. - I wish I could hear this good man speak every Sunday I think I might become better but shall I be dependent upon outward circumstances to be made better I ought & I will not. May I begin this day to cultivate cheerfulness & kindness of disposition at all times. I will say we had a fine walk home & administered to the health of the body mind & soul. - Several of our family went to hear Mr Babcock lecture upon Intemperance. Liked his views upon total Abstinence. - It was not so well arranged a lecture as the one we had from Dr. L. Monday the day is fine. Grandmother & Aunt E. have gone to Rochester to make inquiries of schools. Was busy writing & who should come but Aunt Smith wh. we had not looked for before the last of the week & she told us that Cherry was on the way. Of course at this was much pleased as she is my only sister the nearest & dearest relation on earth. After her arrival we had our tongues busy in discussing matters that have transpired since our last meeting. - The day passed with chatting & humming. - Our class met at Mr Mann's we passed the evening very pleasantly in recitations & conversation. Tuesday, April 12th This morning is fine. Emily & Mary are going to call upon F. - Till while I remain at home until near noon when I meet them at Aunt Smith's. P.M. we three together with Barnett <sup>improved</sup> spent this beautiful weather in walking to Hermon

Frankton's & passing the afternoon. Had a very agreeable time. He & I came home with us as far as Mr Endicott's where the sing called. Mr & Mrs C. they were very hospitable & wanted us to pass the evening with them. Mr C. said he would lend us horses to escort us home but we thought on the whole we had better go home so as not to be dependent upon Charles or any other one though we all thought we should enjoy ourselves very much. We went chattering along till we reached Uncle S's where the weary wanderers stopped till near nine when Aunt C. came home with us. - Mary thinks of going in town tomorrow to stay two days. I shall accompany her if Uncle C. has heard from Walpole school so that there will be some prospect of my adding to my funds but I must content myself in the country as long as he has not. - So good night - Cherry is sleepy. Wednesday, April 13th. - Mary had a warm pleasure today in prospect. I shall improve her absence in writing a letter to S. C. Locke a good girl and one who shared many pleasures and pains with me when at C. - Went Singing School in the evening the school did not quit itself as well as usual several of the first singers were absent though I was there. - Thursday. The first of this day had passed without anything peculiar to mark it. Mary came home in the afternoon & was busy for a time in exhibiting her goods wh. she had purchased &c. - We retired early as she was much fatigued. - The business of Friday morning is to prepare to administer to Aliments. if each organ was gratified with as much time and attention as is bestowed on this one methinks we should be quite different characters. At a late hour in the afternoon Aunt Smith, Emily (H. Buttrick) & Sampson came to pass the remainder of it with us. - It is not long that we shall be blessed with <sup>40</sup> Lattie's company for she starts for home next week from wh. she has been absent more than a year. She ever carries contentment with her. Few would have been happy as she under like circumstances. - We amused ourselves with chatting and singing till evening when Timothy, Edward H. Elijah H. & Nathaniel came in to spend it with us - had quite a pleasant time I thought & trust it was so with all. Elijah appeared much engaged in the games. - It is but seldom that the child is an opportunity of going among his mates a deprivation wh. I think his parents <sup>improve it</sup> do wrong to.

Saturday, April 16th. - Fine and warm - Mary & myself with Mrs S. & Hatty. Aunt S. & Emily spent the afternoon or at least a part of it. We were not very talkative from some cause however managed to enjoy the passing hour. I felt myself quite at home as I always do though I have not been into the house but a minute for some months. The time draws near for Hatty to take her departure not but three more nights for her to be in Dedham - I feel sorry but it all selfish to wish her to stay longer from those whom she so dearly loves. Sunday, 17th. - This day Mr Robinson of Medfield exhorted to us an old friend of Mary's. - He gave us two good sermons, one upon the life & character of Paul his great wisdom and his mildness in addressing those whom he would convert. - The other discourse was considering the importance of daily religion of carrying it ~~to~~ to all our duties & concerns rather than considering it something to be studied on particular days & occasions. - How few we see <sup>who</sup> live out the religion they profess and the same I think will be true with this generation and that wh. is to come. Parents, so are children in a degree. - Our class tarried after meeting as we have been wont to do. - The lesson was a part of the laws & institutions that existed in Moses time when offerings were made and when the Temple was made in the inner court of wh. was the Holy of Holys where none but the most worthy were allowed to enter this was compared to our secret souls where the pure thoughts ought to intrude & where no one can enter to hold a talk from. - The conversation was upon the best method of improving time. Some remarked in benefiting our fellows as well as to advance our own selves intellectually & morally - in our social hours doing something that would raise us in the scale of being rather than making the defects of our neighbor subject of remarks as if this was the only fruitful theme. - He considered that all the commands could be reduced to two Paternal love & law of brotherly love. Why can't we live out this two great commandments. It is strange that so many live & die without acting out what all believe to be essential to happiness in this state as well as that wh. is to come. - Our friend & teacher it seems acts out this spirit in life - I have given this talk in my own language. - Uncle M's wife have been with us today. - He had been trying to get me a school but has not succeeded. - The remainder of the passed in talking & reading.

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Monday's duties are preparing lessons for the old class this evening. - Sarah Ann came in the afternoon. - Elizabeth, Mary Emily & myself went to the Stinson's & left S. A. at home I had a very profitable & interesting time - our seats were mown to die, it mown to move. - Mrs S. plants look finely particularly the double flowers - when we came home M. S. A. administered liniment to their weak sides. - A rainy morning open to view - S. A. left for Boston she came to make some arrangements for Ellen as Uncle E. breaks up house keeping. Elizabeth had concluded to have E. with her this summer wh. I think will be a good arrangement for Ellen. - Emily with sister & I went to Sally did not have a very intellectual time. - April 19th this is the anniversary of the battle at Lexington wonder if the good people of L. cracked the bell this morning April 20th. - Mary has gone to Walpole this morning to be absent till Friday I hope it will do her much good for she is much out of case. - I wanted much to go with her but my purse is low & it says nay. - In the afternoon met the ladies of the Anti Slavery Society at Mrs Galt's had rather a small meeting Mr Quincy came to invite some of the ladies to go to the Medfield Convention on the morrow. Went Singing School but could not sing much. Thursday is the day that Uncle Ew's wife & son move to their <sup>own</sup> abode or prepare so to do. - Went in the evening to hear a Temperance lecture from Rev Mr Whitmore. - Some had their names enrolled among the tea totalers one was G. Allen who has been an extensive rum dealer having been perfectly temperate himself but being instrumental in making hundreds or at least many intemperate. - May he now exert a good influence. - Friday morning attended to house cleaning and then went with Mary & H. Guild to visit Mr Dutton's school wh. of late has made so much talk. The scholars first performed in reading they were told to get up & read wherever they pleased. The first one rose & named her piece the rest of the same story read two lines & then was told to be seated without further questionings. Things were all conducted after this style. - There was an entire want of system. - When we arose to leave Mr D. said he would put a few general questions if we would wait being very desirous to exhibit his pupils as much as possible whereas had been teacher I should have done as little as

possible. - He told the school to be prepared as some of the questions would be in Geography  
 some in Arithmetic to objects <sup>with</sup> & without the school room. On asking what the  
 equator was the answer was a line going through the earth. - Fine notions this child  
 will have installed. - Such a person as Mr D has mistaken his calling Mr. Perina would say  
 and I should say would do more evil than good in the station he now holds singular  
 ideas the people must have of the good of their children. The committee too are respon-  
 sible in part for permitting such an one to remain even the second winter without  
 expressing more decided disapprobation. He invited us all to visit him again though we  
 do so. Tuesday was quite earnest to have Mary after she told him she left I Monday morn.  
 I cannot read Mr D. he seems to have some mind but what the deficiency or excess may  
 be is more than I can say. - We walked home under the burning heat of a midday sun. it  
 was extreme for this season. - The thermometer stands at 83° above summer heat and only  
 10° to make it equal the hottest weather in summer. In the afternoon we went  
 to Aunt S's had an agreeable time - after tea we were weighed Mary's body & soul  
 weighed 113 lbs while mine amount to 130. - We took a pleasant stroll in the wood  
 with Timothy & Betsey. - Neglected to mention in the proper place the intelligence Mary  
 brought of R. M. Pennell's school wh. she has left to answer a higher call in New Bedford.  
 She had a very good school & was liked very much - this is good news - hope she has  
 converted all Walpole and made them true friends to the Normal Schools. - I wish I  
 had been to see R. during the winter. - I see no prospect of my having any young ideas  
 to learn to shoot so I must live upon theory in this department. -  
 Saturday Mrs Guild is with us helping us do the body. - It seems much unwell I fear will  
 not be able to continue her school after her return. Sunday dawned pleasant took a walk  
 to Aunt S's in the morning. Went to meeting all day & heard Rev Mr Brazer of Salem he  
 preaches very excellent sermons but his style is disagreeable but this is of but small  
 consequence compared with the sentiments he utters. - My little class were quite inter-  
 ested think Emily & myself may benefit both ourselves & pupils. - At night Miss M. met her  
 class it may be for the last time as our regular school opens next Sunday and as we shall  
 be engaged in that it may prevent us from meeting as we have done though I hope not  
 we were upon a part of sermons containing an account of the facts this word means

Evident, out of Egypt & Genesis meaning creation thus each  
 book being named to agree with the most striking incidents therein recorded. -  
 We have greater reasons for doing right and acting as accountable beings than did the  
 people of ancient days because we are enlightened & God is revealed to us as our  
 Father. - Mrs B. spoke of the deplorable state of our country not intending to interduce  
 political affairs but she thought it was melancholy to see morality so low. - People  
 advance intellectually but there is greater danger to be apprehended from them  
 if they do not at the same time advance morally. - Before we separated Mrs B.  
 reminded us that the time had come for our meetings to be discontinued perhaps only  
 for a season, that she had taken much satisfaction in meeting us & had made an effort  
 to make them profitable. we must review what we had been over & endeavor to ~~hold~~  
 something of manners & customs of the Jews & proceed in our reading the Bible said each  
 one must ask herself the question how she had improved the privileges as were all ac-  
 countable for the use of our talents she for the what she had imparted & we gas to the use  
 we made of it. I feel under much obligation to Miss & hope I shall improve these gifts as right  
 Mrs D. called never spoke to me but once before. - His tongue is very limber & turns easily  
 on going out invited me to visit him again. - E Richardson was in in the evening  
 Monday, April 25th. - Raining morning but Mary thinks go she must to F.R. poor  
 child is not fit to begin school but having appointed this day to return she will not  
 disappoint. - At seven I bid her farewell. May it be her earnest endeavor to heal her  
 bodily diseases and make whole her soul. May I not forget the last clause. - She has had  
 a rainy ride. - I went in the morning to Uncle Luvs where I am going to remain some  
 days & endeavor to act as a companion to Aunt C. - Have studied some French. Our  
 verbs are vouloir to wish - valoir to be worth. - voir to see. - The class meets at Aunt  
 Smith by riding & walking all but one came. - but it seemed to some to be a long journey  
 it seemed rather queer to me. - I did not learn as much as the last evening. Most walked  
 home C.R. & myself trusted to our feet & reached home in safety. - Tuesday household affairs  
 occupy us - evening Mrs Alden came in to bring some letters <sup>from</sup> F.R. she left there at noon  
 says it is no better & the Committee were willing she should have another for night's respite  
 it is too bad she went back when she could have recruited so much better here in the quiet & her  
 complaint is one that ought to be attended to immediately. - Aunt Sophia wrote me a note & gave

more favorable accounts of H.'s character for wh. I am glad but I hope matters will go on farther between him & M. - I am prejudiced perhaps wrongly. - Aunt S. congratulated me on my prospect of leisure hopes that I shall improve it so that may redound to the growth of body, mind & soul while I enjoy such a treat - as experience leads her to think it cannot be cherished long. - I do not use my means & opportunities aright I will begin now to do better - Miss A. said so. was out in the rain & her trunk took in a portion wh. played rather sad work with her wardrobe wh. she has been so industriously arranging during her vacation. - This is a disappointment & something more but it said this is the lot of man. - I hope she will not have to live upon Sunday are all here bright if so I fear she will not recover very speedily Oh had she but have been here I would have tried to make her well. -

Wednesday & Thursday being household duties to me first day at Uncle E.'s the next at home came back & stayed the night with Enos & son his wife being in Boston. -

Friday, April 27th. - Aunt C. has not returned in the morning car as I expected & I shall leave the house to myself with none to molest or disturb. - Have devoted an hour and half to my journal wh. was back some days & once more resolve to write daily. - The afternoon I was engaged in writing a letter or part of one that had been due some time to Sarah W. I am very negligent in this matter of letter writing wh. ought not to be & I say I will endeavor to correct this bad habit. - No more expectations than common but left the sheet less than half filled. - At five Aunt Elizabeth came and I chatted away a little time with her upon where she had been & what she had seen. - Saturday the last day of April has come & it brings its ordinary duties too well known to need specifying. - C. Richardson & Sampson were in to see us we enjoyed their company particularly the former who stayed over an hour. She had a great deal to contend with but yet seems under all her trials to keep fast hold of health and seems not to let opportunities escape without drawing some good either intellectually or morally to add to her well furnished storehouse. - We heard tonight the distressing fact that twenty three children beside a teacher & boatman belonging to Farm School were drowned when out in a boat yesterday at the time a squall came up. Three boys that were in the boat escaped to land by swimming. How little must these children have thought as they sailed

in view of their island & waved their hands to their companions that were there how little thought they it was for the last time they ever should meet face to face but there is in even a more puffy meeting than any that there can be here. - This adds another to our list to show that death is at work that it over & anon cometh without its warnings - but yet how uncondemned we are live on as if the present was eternity ever laying up treasures upon earth at the loss of those that are forever enduring. - Shall we endure this when we are all convicted of the impudence of preparing here treasures for another & wiser world. - Another week has drawn to its close I think I have in some things lived better than before but my progress has been slow. -

Sunday, May 1st. - With what pleasure did I hail this morning when I was going to go forth to pluck flowers from the wood & valley. - I would be glad to do the same now & intend to some of these mornings. - I arose from my bed twenty minutes after five & devoted all the time until past six in abating and dealing. - Spent some time in selecting something to read to my children. The S. S. meets in the vestry now for the summer though it has been partially continued through the winter. - There were near by fifty scholars but I trust to see many more. - There is a deficiency of teachers. - Emily & myself intend taking classes and alternate in hearing or rather we shall sometimes hear one class & then the other. - We did but little except to arrange classes & read some remarks from Mr Lamson & Mr Cobb. - Wish very much we could have another leader. - Mr Lamson has preached to us today & not having perused the subjects of discourse at the time they are entirely gone from memory's page. - In the evening Miss R. Conly & myself attended a teacher's meeting at Mr Lamson's a shower arising at the time of meeting I suppose kept some away. - This meeting as usual was spent in talking upon extraneous subjects allusion however being occasionally made to the school. - As far as I can see we shall go on in our old course with as little interest as ever. -

Monday, May 2nd. - Domestic duties & French have occupied me. The evening was rainy - class met at Mr Guild's we had quite an instructive meeting to me. - Only one more lesson and then comes our closing scene. - Tuesday morning is washing at Aunt E.'s so of course business enough. - Who should call to see me about noon but

Mr. M. from South Dedham to see me in my official capacity as Enos said. He informed me that there were between fifty & sixty scholars mostly under twelve and that the school was about four months. An aggravation said I to take such a school Mr. M. said he must have an answer then. - So I rather reluctantly said yes but to that it seemed as if I had the weight of a mountain upon me. I shall not be free only till Thursday. - Quite short time enough to prepare in. - I felt bad enough at my decision but having had two cries I was relieved. - Spent the night at home when I arose went immediately to preparing myself for the duties of tomorrow. - Uncle Nathaniel came to see us on his way to Boston says Lawrence has been very sick with a fever, so that accounts for Ellen's non appearance. Uncle N. seems in much better spirits than usual it is said because he has come to settled plan in his affairs that is to sell his house. - I have concluded to stay at home & attend the concert and go to S. D. tomorrow morning as Aunt S. has kindly offered to carry me. Our singing passed off pretty well but not so well as I should think it had some times. Our listeners were few. - Thoughts of tomorrow's scene were ever & anon coming up. - At an early hour in the morning Aunt Smith and myself were on our way to S. D. We stopped at Dr. Briggs' where we were directed to find a boarding place Mrs. B. who is a very fine woman was once a friend of Aunt S's. - but the acquaintance has been dropped for some time. - Finding everything pleasant we went to the school house here Aunt S. left me & I felt alone though surrounded by thirty children. - I introduced myself and made some remarks upon our object in coming together & what was expected & then proceeded to find what the children were doing. - There appears a mountain of difficulty before me but I will not despair of doing something to level it till the end of our week. - Saturday night arrives and yet my duties are arduous & I still expect to see them such so long as I continue here.

Sunday May 8th. As I have left home so recently I think I shall not pass this day there but go and hear Mr. Duffee. - The day has passed in hearing, conversation & reading. -

Tuesday, May 10th. This evening is our long anticipated exhibition of the French class I left school as soon as possible after four went to the Dr's where I found John with

the baker's cart. - With his permission I took a seat on that and thus got a cart to the village - It was not without some difficulty that I kept my seat partly wharby when we came to a descent - however I succeeded in keeping myself inside of the cart till I reached the lane where I alighted and pursued my way to Uncle Smith's. - Found all here pretty well B. had gone to the village I followed her after sitting and chatting awhile with Aunt Smith upon my new situation. - Reached home found all our family well and made preparations to go to the French class which met at Mr. Quincy's where there was assembled quite a collection of parents & friends of the members of the class. - The play was opened by the doors being opened we beheld Mr. Fournier deced in a very appropriate dress sipping his cup of tea at the same time talking to himself utterly unconscious of any person looking at him. - Mr. Fournier had quite a desire to learn for the sake being great so he engaged a philosopher who attempted to give him quite a smattering in little of every thing. - &c. like some other persons in the world. - Another scene was where Mr. Fournier's wife intercedes for the marriage of their daughter to a Turk but her father will not give his consent. - The Turk appears before Mr. F. in disguise - he being much pleased with the gentleman in disguise gives his consent for his daughter to be united with him and thus closes the scene they go off together with their servants and all. - The actors and tresses did remarkably well as a whole - they afforded much amusement to the company. - I wish such evenings could be seen little oftener as they exert a very pleasant effect upon the company. - Bond.

In the morning I left home about seven - walked as far as Aunt Smith's with Comby and then set forth alone on a walk to Tote I being rather belated I was obliged to go at rather a quick pace and consequently got rather tired. - From this time I must write an abstract of the principal events that have transpired for some weeks without any particular reference to dates. - In the first place then my school. - It has been a source of much trouble & perplexity to me. - The children have been subject of very loose discipline if any I might say - particularly with many conscience seems slumbering it is my earnest endeavor to arouse it to its work thinking without this guide

no other course or motive rather can rule effectually. I have sometimes felt as if I should give up in despair when I contemplated the state of things but the being who always watches and guides his children has given me strength as my day is and I hope too time by unwearied diligence to accomplish a portion of the work that remains to be done. - My number has been at some times very large viz 63. and then I hardly knew what to do. - I lived in hopes that when the private school commenced the first of June that I should have quite an alleviation it came but still there were more left than I knew what to do with so I told Mr Morse I told him that I could drag along but that I was desirous of doing more. - He said many were opposed to an Assistant being put in. - at any rate by some means there was one provided by some means. - Miss Bullard was accordingly put in. I stood in a new relation how to get along in the best way I did not know. - However I did or at least tried to do to the best of my ability. - After Miss B had been in school a about a week a portion of the district was in quite a commotion. a petition was drawn & posted for the purpose of discontinuing the school partly because my plans & modes were not satisfactory & partly from other causes as it is thought. - Things were carried to quite a pitch it was thought by the friends of the school that it was doubtful if their side gained the majority. Previous to the school meeting Mr Morse asked me if I should not like to have the town's committee come in and pass their judgment upon the school - he thought it might be well so that in case the decision was for me to leave that my reputation need not suffer I concurred with his thinking. - On Monday the 20th of June Rev De Lamson & Rev Mr White Mr Morse & Charles Paul Enos & De Briggs visited the school. - They seemed satisfied with my method of conducting the reading thought the plan decidedly a good one but under existing circumstances they thought perhaps it would be better under existing circumstances to ease it a little in a critical point of view and thus have more time for the class as one complaint was that the scholars did not all read every day as if the virtue of reading was in the quantity with little reference to the quality. - The next night was the school meeting I did not know when I left the school house that I should be permitted to enter again but it was decided by a majority of eight voices to continue the school - at this news

I must say I was disappointed at most of the pleasure derivable from teaching now seemed to have ended and in a district where <sup>the</sup> every respecting school & teacher is made a matter of common talk before children at home how can it be expected that scholars will conduct with that spirit who is devolving upon them I find that the character of some my children is different from what it was at first. I have resorted to the ferule quite a number of times but with extreme reluctance what other course to take I knew not. - Inflicting blows on the body for the good of the soul seems to me revolting but to me there seemed no alternative but in the H. B. such as I never had before & hope never to again. - He was very angry and so furious that it was as much as Miss B. & myself could do to master him. I succeeded finally in giving him such a beating (if so to designate it) as it seems to me I never can do again. - With this flogging the boy did not appear to be brought to terms. - So the next step as I thought was to go & see his uncle and state matters to him, obtained his permission to send him home if he was not better in future. He did better for some time till lately I sent him home with his books. Mr Pease heard that I feared I should be obliged to resort to C.P. - upon which he wrote me a long letter filling near three pages beseeching me to "let patience have her perfect work" and try faithfully all other methods first - or at least such as reasoning, persuasion & the like. - He said think what our Saviour would have done, "Go & do thou like wise. - I have of one and another of my children departing from the faith and if you are added to the number my heart will bleed to death and think when all is over how much better it will be to think to have subdued without stripes. - To this kind letter I replied but previous to receiving it I had used the ferule so that I was obliged in my answer to state the truth of the case though I wish it could have been otherwise. This letter had quite a bearing upon my mind it seemed to deepen my conviction in the practicability of this mode of discipline. - I trust I have done with the school now though there may be cases where I must do this or fail. - The trials of a school dame who knows that has not had experience !!!



As for visitors in school I have had but few Aunt Sophia, Timothy & Coniel, have each spent a half a day with me it seemed to have a good effect upon the school - the first two said a few words to the children I wish I might also have more friends - Mrs Ellis formerly a teacher has been in school. -

With this dissertation upon school I will turn to another subject trusting that some wonders that I pursue will end in good though I may not see the immediate result as some one has said no really good act is ever lost. - Upon this I will try to act. - Home - the thought of this and going there has <sup>driven away</sup> troubled many a gloomy thought. - How pleasant to look forward at close of a week's labor of a return to friends and those who sympathize & advise in the cares & duties of life. - I am though far from being void of sympathy where I am for Mrs Briggs has been most kind to me & I hope I appreciate her many favors. - I have spent but one Sunday since the first at South Dedham - having had most of the time something particular to lead me most always beside my deliriousness which indeed seems to be developing. - One thing I prefer the preaching I hear at home to that at S.D. the discourses are more practical still I suppose I can derive good from whatever I hear. - Have met my Sunday school class every Sabbath they appear much interested in coming. - One Sunday heard Mr Pierpont liked him much - his forenoon discourse was showing that we are our brother's keeper and that we are responsible for leading him into sin. - A point upon which many err. - One evening heard Mr Deviney lecture upon Temperance it was very good. I think I was born under a lucky star as the saying is. - For all I have traversed the ground from here to the village twenty times yet I have not been dependent upon my feet more than a half dozen. Twice I have tried the baker's cart - bore it not for saving time I think I should prefer my feet as I find it so difficult to keep my carter of gravity. - Twice Mr Shore has been so kind as to give me a pass. Once have been on the furniture wagon with Mr Shore. Uncle James came for me & sent me back Mr. Aunt Smith, Mrs Holmes and Uncle Stow have been very kind in giving me a pass from the village here. - I was not a little surprised one night on stopping at Aunt Smith's and asking for the news to be told that Uncle James was published but to whom I could not imagine. - The engagement had all been carried on in

silence if report would have married the man he would have probably been married long time ago. - This intended is Aunt Hannah Weaver upwards of sixty years old. - Aunt Smith seemed quite disaffected at this we had quite a ludicrous time in portraying our old aunt who is a famous snuff taker & known far & near in F.B. as Aunt Hannah. The motive that should induce the two to write is a puzzler. - We received word from Aunt Sophia after her return when she they would probably be married though she did not know exactly and after they were married they would come on directly to Dedham. - I was somewhat curious to see my youthful aunt as Mary termed her so the night after she (Hood and lady seated by Sophia arrived Uncle James came for me & took me to Aunt's where the company had assembled. - But what was there in my aunt to win any one's heart I was sure I could not see I think it must be love of antiquity reverence for old fashioned people as Aunt S. says the house will be filled with them now. - She saw some flowers she declared them is beautiful & the like in her grammar. - The match caused no little sport around the family every one for their fancy I will say it is fortunate they fancies do not all incline one way. - Mrs Dingley on seeing Aunt Hannah said she should go home and tell Aunt Lydia not to despair for ten years to come. - Perhaps Aunt is good and that is of far more importance than any other consideration. - The three left us Saturday the second of July. - Sophia has been home twice within a month I wish she could continue to visit us as often. I wrote to Mary by her in answer to a long one she sent me. My dear sister seems to be enjoying herself and I should think was improving morally intellectually & physically. - May it be the earnest endeavor of us both to fill up life in the manner that will secure the end for which it was designed. - Let us strive to act aright with pure motives and not always in reference to self. - In two or three weeks we two shall if nothing prevents. I anticipate with pleasure a visit from Mary at my residence in South Dedham. - I have made a few calls upon the parents of my children and others in the place find some quite pleasant people but it is impossible to mouch in the line of visiting and at the same time do justice to school. - One of my children was badly injured

some weeks since by a buck from a horse - a part of her skull was broken in and it was thought for a time that death must follow but her life is spared and she is on the road to recovery. - The season is beautiful it seems as if no one could have gloomy feelings now when all around has an aspect of beauty, growth & verdure. How can one look upon the trees, the flowers the grass the birds and admire their loveliness without higher and better feelings to Him who governs all. - None I think. - Having now given an abstract of my course since I have been in school which is ten weeks and two days I will once more endeavor to write something for each day beginning Saturday, July 16th. - This week has been unusually warm last night I was so fortunate as to have a ride home Uncle Enos, wife and son came for me. - And this day I am at home. - Aunt E. has an abundance of business with her boarders a gentleman's wife and 5 children from Philadelphia - Mrs Lord is sister to Mrs Flagg so that the two parties are quite intimate. There was a little girl went down with me last night for the purpose of assisting Esther but this morning she feels quite home sick having been kept awake all night with the teeth ache which I suppose is enough to induce the feeling of homesickness. I have been around the village with her endeavoring in various ways to divert her mind but it seems not to have produced the desired effect for any length of time so she returns home in the night stage as she cannot do us any good in this state. Today have read a letter from S. C. Locke who is now teaching in Lex. - She has used the rod as well as I and I should think she would be obliged to as there are one or two scholars that have been dismissed from the Model School and she has them under her. She says if Mr & Mrs Pierce together with the young ladies find it impossible to govern them I don't see what I am going to do. - If they all tried Moral Education in vain then the next step would be to resort to fear. - On many accounts I should desire some other place than L. as the sphere of my duties I think I must have some unpleasant occurrences but who does not. She also has the benefit of Mr & Mrs P's counsels and their use of great value so perhaps the advantages outweigh the disadvantages. - This day has been spent as one of recreation went to Aunt Smith's in the P. M. had a little chat then Ellen came home with me by Aunt Stodd's where we stopped to part upon cherries had quite a social time in P.M. - Aunt Esther has decided to do alone with her great family of boarders - I think it is too much for her. -

Sunday, July 17th. - Having attended to some domestic affairs I prepared to go to meet my class in Sabbath School. there were several present but did not seem as much engaged as usual from some cause or another. - Dr Flagg addressed the children in his usual interesting manner showing the wisdom & benevolence of God as seen in the action of water the rising of vapor and its falling the air during the day and at night the heat being removed which assisted to expand it and keep it up during the day & falls at night in the form of dew. - I think the children must have been benefited if they gave heed to what they heard would that we might be blessed often with such addresses it certainly gives a new face to our ordinary meetings. - Mr Lamson has preached two good discourses but I was not prepared to make the best improvement of what I heard or rather I did not make sufficient effort so to do. - In the morning he was showing the belief which is entertained among people of every nation and tribe of an existence of the souls after this life but yet people do not acknowledge it in their actions Mr L said faith was wanting to carry out the belief. - In the afternoon the discourse was the cultivation of a spirit of contentment which is indeed a rare virtue. - Went home with clarity and passed the night. - The day has passed but not satisfactorily days roll on and yet where am I would that rolled up for me a record of moments wisely & profitably employed. - I will try to have another week begun better and continued better than the past. - Monday morning Comely was so kind as to see me a good portion of the way to South Dedham I think I am a child of fortune - I regretted very much to part from C. I fear would have lingered still but duty called another way I found Mrs B. well and glad to see me what should I do if I had not this pleasant home!! After chatting awhile with her I went once more to meet my pupils - I feel an attachment for them now which I think will continue to strengthen during my intercourse with them which I fear will be but of short duration as I received a communication from Mr Bryden today saying the school had better close by next week on Wednesday and before if possible. - These orders I little expected as it is not a week yet since the vote was passed to go on with the repairs upon the school house so it seems to me that

that the school house cant be wanted so soon as all the lumber and every thing of the kind is to be obtained. Just having made a beginning in school and got so that improvement is perceptible and now have to leave. - Went home & showed my note to Mrs Briggs she advised me to see Mr Rhoads or Rhodes and get their opinion. - Recd an invitation from Miss Morse to pass the afternoon with her which I accepted had rather a pleasant time in company with the Misses Bullard Miss Chickering a school teacher a Mrs & Miss Morse. - Upon after coming home I fell into the arms of Propherus who held me securely until morning when I arose attended to the ordinary duties of the morning and then went to see Mr Rhoads he seemed to have no thought of the school's closing before the expiration of two or three weeks Mr B. had said nothing to him of his movement. - He appeared to consider it rather a disadvantage to have the school close as he said he supposed things were going on quite smoothly and the school improving left the matter that he should let me know in a day or two the conclusion of the matter. - School has taken up my attention till nearly five o'clock. Have begun to read some from the life of William Cowper by Robert Southey think I shall find it quite interesting he was born in the year 1731 at Gloucestershire England. Cowper was educated at Westminster at 18 years of age he was sent to acquire practice of the law with an attorney. He was obliged it is said three years to a Mr Chapman while engaged in his study but while here was subject to no moral culture said he I might have lived and died without seeing or hearing anything that might remind me of one single Christian duty had it not been my privilege to spend my leisure hours at an aunt's by this means he had an opportunity of having attention called to the duties of christianity. - I will at some time make extracts from a letter of his which will show more clearly than I can state some of his views. - With Miss Bullard called upon some of the parents and one place was an oppoer as I have understood but this was not perceivable in the intercourse. -

Wednesday July 20. th. - As I had hardly left my bed this morning I suppose Mary had left her's and was on her way homeward. - I would like to be at the college to greet her but this reality I must post some until Saturday night. - The day has passed pretty smoothly so. - The Dr. had had two or three men at work for him getting in hay a busy time for him as well as for all farmers. - I hope all are not so over anxious as to the weather as is the Dr.

Thursday July 21. st. - Having attended to the duties of the toilet I went out to invigorate both mind and body by a walk as I have done every morning this week. - How can any one waste their precious morning hours in bed - I see how it may be easily done it is because one has not resolution enough to conquer the predominant desire of ease. - let it not be so with me any longer. - This evening went with them Bullard to see Mr Rhoads concerning the closing of the school as Mr B. has neglected to send word according to agreement. - I got permission to continue school another week after this if I chose so I concluded to go on as the children seem to be progressing quite well. - Mr B. remarked that he thought should the school continue five or six weeks longer it would improve more than all the preceding time put together which I think is actually the case. - Some remarks were made upon Mr Boyden a more deceptive character I do not know of - he is unfit for the office of committtee man if he will take such steps as he has - Mr Rhoads & Morse are about tired of holding their office with him. They have certainly been much tried during the summer. The complaints abroad have troubled them more they have one. I am sure the district are in a pitiable condition and I hope they will be brought to unity after a season of uproar. - Mr B. thinks as it had been customary to have an examination at the close of school it better be followed this summer though I said it was far from my choice to have one not that I have the least <sup>objection</sup> to any one's coming into school provided they will do it at any time they see fit rather than the formal way of sending out word for the parents to come in such a day & make the children think something terrible is to happen still if it is the wish I will give up my preference in the matter. - Told the Dr. when I got home about it he said they had broken over all customs this summer and he saw why not break once this. - Talked awhile upon school matters and then went to rest. -

Friday Morning is quite warm & pleasant as it had been for the past fortnight it has brought forth vegetation very rapidly. - Miss B. and myself have been striving to teach the young ideas how to shoot - I trust we have not labored in vain. - Made two calls after supper one upon Mrs West the other at Mr Moses Gible's where I had quite a pleasant time. - Went out in the garden had a feast of currants saw Sarah Ellis garden which is in a flourishing condition. - She is a sweet child and has been one of my principal hopes through the summer. -

Saturday, July 23<sup>d</sup>. This day is school both parts which does not accord exactly with my feelings as I have most generally been accustomed to having a half a day to myself on this day of the week. Every other day I can go to school quite well but Saturday I believe both teacher & parents feel less inclined to attend to the ordinary duties. Visited this afternoon by several parents & friends of the children as I have been once previous this week am quite glad to see the interest. - Got out of school at 1/2 past 2 and set off very soon for home - it was quite warm and extremely dusty. - I thought perchance I might be fortunate enough to catch a ride but no opportunity seem to offer so I travelled on unharmed ever and anon stopping to pluck berries by the roadside, turned down the lane & stopped at my half way house found no one but Uncle S. at home Aunt & Cousin having gone to Mrs Holmes' to pass the afternoon. Mary probably being there with them I thought I would join them. Was happy to meet my only sister once more she looks in pretty good health though is not very strong. - Had a pleasant time talking made myself at home as I generally do. - Found Grandmother & Esther well though should think they had had quite a fatiguing time during the past week. - On telling them how soon I was to be freed from school again Grandmother said I must see Mr Lamson right off and ask him to engage me another school if possible. I am sure I don't want to go right into school shall like some time to think of something else. - Found a letter from Mrs. informing me of the meeting of the Normality Aug 10<sup>th</sup> at 10 o'clock A.M. and an address is expected from Mr Mann if he can be procured at 2 P.M. - Our badge is to be a piece of perforated paper wrought with blue silk with the motto "Live to the truth" what a happy meeting will this be!! - I hope all the "old standards" will be there. -

Sunday Morning having assisted about the house awhile I went to Sunday School the class did not seem as much engaged as they sometimes do perhaps it is because I do not take sufficient pains to make the meetings interesting. - Mr Lamson made an exchange today with Dr Blunt of Salem he preached two very good discourses. In the morning his text was, "As our Father in Heaven is perfect" "As I dwell particularly upon the principle of acknowledging universal brotherhood, he thought wealth, fashion rank & color in fact no distinction as to worldly condition ought to interfere to break the bond

of union. This principle he thought was beginning to be more & more observed it was introduced in to literature and works of fiction more than it was formerly to show the heated. Dickens works which he enjoyed to a great degree. - When all these artificial distinctions in society are thrown away then we may expect to see the dawn of a new era in morality. - Dr Blunt showed the fallacy of Miller's doctrine it was his opinion that there was no scriptural evidence that the world would be destroyed in '45. but that many of the references to the destruction of the world as seen in Holy Writ mean the destruction of the City of Jerusalem. - During the services in the afternoon the annual and venerable exercises were refreshed and invigorated by a delightful fall of rain which made an agreeable contrast with the excessive heat of <sup>the</sup> first of the day. - I have not passed this day as I ought Monday July 24<sup>th</sup>. About seven this morning Mary & myself set out to walk to Aunt Smith's from which place we were going to take some of them to transport us to South Dedham but ere we reached the lane Mr Bird overtook us & gave us an invite to ride which we gladly accepted had quite an agreeable chat on our way found Mrs Briggs & ready to see us she received Mary more like an old friend than a person whom she had never before seen. I do admire to see this cordiality toward strangers it makes one feel as it were at home. Mrs B. treats her boys young as they are to extend the hand to those who are alike strangers as acquaintances. I hope in time it will become habitual with me to greet every one in a cordial manner of course I mean those whose friendship it is desirable to secure. - Mary went to school and spent most of forenoon with me - I read to my scholars a letter sent to them from Aunt S. together with several communications from her scholars many of which were very good and quite interesting to my pupils. This intercourse between scholars I think will result in much good & pleasure to all parties though it costs something of an effort to make the attempt. Mary thinks I talk wistfully too much to my children - of this fault I was not aware it is an injury to my self and lessens my influence upon the school when I do speak. So it must be my firm purpose to correct the habit though not very long time remains for me to see the result of less talking as I am to close school next week one month sooner than I.

anticipated at its commencement though not until one week after the time appointed by Mr B. - P. M. Mary passed with Mrs Briggs and for a rarity after my return from school I sat down with them to enjoy a good social time together. - It was really a comfort thus to sit down in the company of those we love - and too to have a charm with whom to interchange thoughts and feelings. - Tuesday Mary went to school with me a part of the day but Auntless was quite as highly entertained the other part at the desk as it is so fatiguing to be a mere spectator in the school room for a great length of time. - My children are some of them quite interested in flowers wh. I feel much gratified to see they have bought me some wild flowers wh. I have never seen before. - After tea Mary & I went to see Aunt Sally found her at home and quite glad to see us. - Got home had a chat with the Dr. till bed time we had a night of sweet repose arose pretty early to enjoy a walk and a beautiful landscape at a about a half mile distance. The scenery by Mr Duffee's meeting house is fine - the <sup>city</sup> ~~city~~ commands a view of Sharon Canton and the neighboring hills which in many places bound the horizon and then intervening between the ponds the waving grains & grasses of different colors - all together presents a scene at once to attract the eye of the lover of nature. - On our return we ever & anon stopped to pluck roses that were in their freshness & beauty. - Mary thinks today she must go to Malpole & see her friends there - she is happy to accept Dr Briggs invitation and ride with him a portion of the way as walking is out of the question in her present state of health. - Miss Andrews invited me to spend the afternoon with her wh. I did quite pleasantly after school she went with me to call upon some of my scholars. - she is quite intelligent & more enlightened upon many subjects than I should suppose many were in the vicinity. - Thursday passed by without anything very particular to mark it save that Miss Bullard went with me to make some calls upon the parents I enjoyed the walk highly stopping every little while to gadminister to Almonthiveness wh. being so temptingly by the roadside. - Friday Morning I did not commence school till 1/2 past nine as I wanted Mary's arrival from Malpole in the stage. - But after she came safe & sound as when she left

she thought she would not go into school with me then. - The number of scholars quite small with two teachers I think they ought to advance considerably. - At night we expected to go home with Edward Holmes but as he did not come we deferred going until the next morning when I got up early & trundled to my job to get me home leaving Mary to come in the stage she feeling unable to walk. Before reaching my journey's end the sun waved warm. - Aunt Esther was putting the baking into the oven before I could take off my boss suit she wanted me to descend the stairs and bring up what only wanted baking to call it bread when I got there I did not know but I must stay as I found my feet held fast by the dough which from its desire to ride in the world had overslept its <sup>position</sup> ~~position~~ and the consequence was it fell on the cold damp earth. I rendered what assistance in my power about domestic concerns wh. was considerable with our family of boarders. - Oh me! how does Aunt C. live to do so much these hot days. What a slavish life to have the care of boarders! I hope it will not be my lot to provide for them unless they are more agreeable than some that I have known. - A hot fatiguing day this has been. - Sunday Nathaniel & William were here went to Aunt Smith's to dinner had a heavy shower just after they started they being in the neighborhood of houses did not get wet. - We that were at home did not have an agreeable time with our boarders. - Mrs L. is an unkind disagreeable woman & the sooner she is gone the better in my opinion I should think Aunt C. would be worse out with such a ~~company~~ <sup>company</sup> of such children. - When the latter come to the table they act more like little pigs than any thing else. - if they are a specimen of the Philadelphia children I think that city not a desirable place for residence. Dr Flint of Salem preached to us in ... of his discourses he spoke Miller's lostness which he had no belief. - At night I went Aunt Smith's where I passed the night. - This day has passed as I hope but few will be. - Monday August 31st. - Emily kindly offered to carry me to S. D. this morn. it is for the last time that I shall have to trouble her as it is the last Monday that I pass in school there for the present. - Miss Bullard as well as myself are both anticipating

Wednesday as the day of freedom <sup>from</sup> school or rather the day it commences we expect ~~in~~ <sup>in the</sup> afternoon what is termed an examination & visitation from the committee and parents - the latter would not have had an invitation for this occasion had I followed my will in the case but I am willing to follow the wishes of my committee men Mr Rhodes & Choise who think it is more in accordance with customs so to do - though Dr says this summer all customs have been broken over why not go over this I says I would not have an examination if I did not choose - Miss Ballard deems the day but for my part I have not looked upon the time with any anxious feelings - The various classes are reviewing the ground they have been over which is not way much but I feel assured what has been done has for the most part been thorough - Passed the remainder of the time after school with Mrs Briggs at Mrs Bullard's - had an agreeable time - The next afternoon I passed at Mrs Modes Guild's here also I enjoyed myself much towards evening Mrs B sent for me as I desired if Emily came - was glad to see her though the time had not been very long since I had that felicity - How gladly does the heart cling to friends when away from home. C. will pass tomorrow with me and so be with me to cheer me in my trials of tomorrow -

Wednesday August 3<sup>d</sup>. This day is my final in school at S.D. may it be the best the forenoon was devoted to remarks upon leaving school's like topics to arrangements for the afternoon and a few exercises - When the time came I told Mrs B that I now really dreaded it though I had not before however I conducted myself as well as I could and proceeded with some of the usual exercises with a few parents to witness - Dr Burgess Mr Mode Miss Guild & several others were present - I received a few encouraging words from Mr Burgess who addressed the school he was present at the opening of the school three years since & therefore could judge of the change which had been brought in that time which he seemed to think was considerable. Whatever has been the progress I will say it has been my earnest endeavor to do what was for the good of the school & this will be a source of satisfaction when I look back upon what I have experienced during my summer's course though I have had many obstacles in my path yet with all I think they have worked out for me much good I have seen

more of human nature in her varied forms than I ever did before - It was with feelings of regret that I bade adieu to some of my pupils who have been much pleasure to me with my numerous cares - Miss Ballard I left with kind feelings we have always gone on together with perfect harmony and good will without her I know not how I could have done - When I got home I felt quite relieved to think that all was over and that I was now only an ex school dame though I could hardly realize it as yet - chatted awhile with Mrs B. & the Dr and then Emily went with me to supper at Mrs Lincoln's one of the parents of my three of my scholars she is a good woman & one that sympathizes & cooperates with the teacher - Were all parents like her I think I should have had no trouble this summer in school - This is the last night I shall pass in my pleasant chamber for the present - Emily had assisted me much in collecting my goods & chattels of various kinds and packing them so that they can be transported to the village on the morrow & was with me last year & assisted then when I left my school - She is ever ready - We rose after having had quiet sleep and prepared for home as Mr Mode kindly offered to see me to the village this morning I bade good bye to those who have been so kind to me and have given me such good advice and in a little while we with my variety of baggage were deposited at home - The Fete school dames return home she busied herself in a variety of ways through the day as our boarders are here yet there was no want of business. At night Mary returned from the city - She brought with her some of Sidney Southworth's journals a character rather a personage with whom Aunt Sophia has had some acquaintance & is much pleased - he embraces views different from most minds and I should think loved them out. This journal is a description of his last winter tour to the West Indies and who he saw and what did it is quite interesting Sarah Ann read considerable of it - after his return to Boston he thus describes a walk with a friend to Rosbury - "We visited all the woods rocks & solitary places we could find & collected a large bouquet of flowers. We in our rambles luckily found ourselves present at one of Nature's Concerts, it was held in Wood's Hall; the walls of which were the horizon; the roof the firmament; the window

the atmosphere, the floor the ground, the orchestral boughs of the forest, the performers birds, the music vocal - The qualities of the music were simplicity, unaffectedness each & was prompted by spontaneous instinctiveness to praise the great Author of all These voices were natural & not having been cultivated out of shape & exhibition ized by vanity & fashion. It was really softening and ennobling to the soul, and we left it with regret to return to the dull of city streets.

Give me any of Nature's concerts the warbling of birds, the harmony of insects the whistling of fogs which open the season of vocal music - the jar of elements, the thunder tempest-roaring ocean, dashing of cateracts & crashing of forests when tornades sweep over them; & the deep reverberations of the awful earthquake & I enjoy it; but put me in the midst of what men commonly call music & I am as miserable as a bad man in company of virtuous associates." He thinks his aversion to popular music may be owing to the deficiency in his organ of time. -

We had quite a treat in reading these journals together - I wished I was such a lover of Nature's sounds & as observing too. Partly more might we enjoy in our walks if we would but have our eyes & ears open to the beauties which everywhere stand before us. It shall be my aim to cultivate my love more & more for the works of Nature. -

Mary received a letter tonight from Aunt Sophia informing her that her school would not commence till the 1st of Sept thus allowing four weeks more vacation than she had anticipated for wh. I am quite glad as Mary needs time to recast in. - and I have seen but little of her. - It is work, work for boarders with little time for anything beside - ah what slavish work this - though our hands must do drudgery our minds ought to transcend and fastened on some noble object than this provision for the more animal I know what I now say and I know that I practise as little as most any one. -

One afternoon Ellen, Mary, Sarah & myself passed at Aunt Smith's we had a social time as one will suppose whose Ellen is. - What I wrote for last Sunday answers for today rather than then. - Monday & Tuesday are washing and ironing days & quite a days work are they with all that we have to do. -

Wednesday Aug. 10th. - Mrs Field's cousin Hannah & the girls have gone up to see Aunt Smith at night. Mary returns home with them to stay until Monday wh. is quite a visit.

Saturday, Aug. 13th. - The most joyful thing that took place this day was the departure of the Lords - Now for a little rest for body and mind I say for Aunt Esther who has had to bear with them five weeks. Sunday I recollect came & went more quietly than usual. - Heard this morning that Mr Beben Metcalf was found dead not far from his father's house & it supposed he committed suicide. - Uncle Smith went in town to carry the news to his wife he very much feared the effect it might have upon her she was a good deal overcome said Mr M. left S. Boston Saturday afternoon and said he was coming to Dedham to join Sunday. A jury decided today that he intentionally drowned himself in a steam not far from his father's - What led him to take this step is unknown - he had been troubled that day with a headache which might have affected his system much. - It is a melancholy thing & what can be the state of a person's mind that can take such a step - they must be subject to extreme suffering mentally certainly. - What must the feeling of one who is about to commit such an act of passing in one moment from life into the presence of God. -

Monday, Aug 15. This is the day I go in town - intend meeting Mary there & passing some time with her & make arrangements to go out to Lexington either tonight or in the morning tomorrow is truly to be a Jubilee. - Called to see Mr. Stoddee who is in a miserable state of health but yet so long as she can go she will she continues in school yet & will do so until vacation wh. is near at hand. - I predict that unless she changes her habits she will not long continue with us she disregards if I judge correctly many of the laws on wh. health depends. - She intends going to Lexington tomorrow morning I think I shall not tell then as I have no stopping place over night. - I had much trouble about my trunk wh. I brought from home without the key. - It was carried to Mr D's & all the keys in the house and in some other too were tried but none could be found out of nearly fifty that would do the work. - After a good deal of trouble I decided to send out by Mr Allen to bring it in and in little more than an hour after the message was delivered my key was in my hand such is the powerful effect of steam. I soon viewed the

contents of my trunk with great satisfaction having tried & tried in vain to gain admittance several times and made Aunt Lydia a good deal of trouble. - Mary and I went to Hanover St. to speak our passage for the morning. - we were told that the afternoon stage had gone out with twenty ladies. - We stopped some took tea at Mrs. Fette's & spent the night with the Misses Apich. - We decided we must be up in the morning by 1/2 past 4. - Mary kept so much of a watch that her sleep did not refresh her much. - but not so with me I hardly awoke during the Tuesday morning the 16th of August dawned, though clouds hung around early the soon dispersed & the sun beamed forth with all his clearness & brightness. - We left our beds before four and prepared ourselves for our ride. - Little before 6 the stage came for us with 8 or 9 passengers some of whom were Normalites but were not so in my day. - he had quite a chatting time relating our experiences. - The ride seemed quite short as before we reached L. we were joined by S. G. Locke & H. M. Damon the old standards. - The pleasure of meeting I can always remember so I will not write as I cannot express it in appropriate words. - Hannah has had full a flow of spirits as ever. - About eight we were riding into old Lexington I did not at first see much but anticipated much. - Sarah L. invited us to stop with her at her boarding place wh. we accepted where we rested & prepared ourselves for the day. - Sarah went with us to her school room & gave us some account of her proceedings. - After this we set out to go to the Normal House where the exercises were to commence on our way we met some of the Normalites & our dear teacher all of whom appeared & really felt rejoiced to meet us. - At the Normal House we found a large collection of Normalites & Normalites but all sisters having one common interest. - But how delightful when I entered the school room to find so many familiar faces. - The hearty embrace seemed at once to give us a cordial welcome and appeared to me as if I was really at home again though I had left more than a year since on looking round I found dear Peggy that good Miss Locke and many others that I have spent so many happy hours with. - this was indeed a jubilee in heart as well as voice. - I visited my room with my two classes and really it looked as if it were but yesterday that I left it though in tears & sadness. - Every step almost I saw some new one to greet - the kids & shakes almost echoed back. - At the

of 10 we were summoned to the Model School Room (which by the way was decorated with much taste) where we were addressed first by Mr Peire who gave us all a hearty welcome he hoped it would prove a joyful day. - spoke of the pleasure he had enjoyed during the last three years with the children had nothing he said to pain his recollections all seemed sunshine. - He wished that he might find a place in the heart of each one of us. - Alluded to leaving thought his place could be better filled by some other one - He knew of no person he said among his friends with whom he could leave the institution and in whom place such confidence as his friend on the right (Mr. May) a devoted friend to education an enlarged judgment kind feelings & a friend to humanity. - said further some had suggested that the pleasure of the day would be damped by the thought of parting from him but I shall be with you in heart wh. you go & my prayers shall ascend for you. - We could not listen without having our feelings pained though in the midst of joyful scenes. - The many good words that fell from the lips of this devoted man I cannot now write though many of his thoughts will linger & struggle with mine. - Then listened to some words from E. Johnson who had been selected to address us being acquainted with most of those who are or have been members of the school. - She congratulated us on our meeting and spoke of our pleasant intercourse. - Mr Stetson (the man whose very appearance used to be sufficient to gladden our hearts) addressed upon the great end & means of education. - He thought it of more importance to educate the rising generation correctly rather than reclaim those who had fallen. - The last number of the Normal Experiment was read & several compositions from the present members of the school all which were very good particularly the latter some of which were written by a Miss Spear with the title "Live to the truth" it displayed superior talent of mind would I could have the reading of it again. - Mr Stetson said of it that he had heard many pieces at Cambridge but none that surpassed this there was a brilliancy in the style there and also a desire for competition but none of that said Mr S. to our teacher in this instance or in the school - the style is that of great simplicity - I heard so much that was excellent I cannot retain but little. - There were several resolutions offered that were drawn up by the young ladies as to the efficiency of Normal Schools & to



teachers - The substance of one only can I give that is teachers ought to depend more upon beans & corn of the farmer for their illustrations than upon the wren & arithmeticon - After twelve we adjourned to meet until two at Hancock Grove - Mrs Deew or rather Mrs Norton arrived during the exercises she was gladly received. - The Pennells were not here one reason I suppose is because Uncle Horace was attending the Institute holden at New Bedford where they are both teaching. This was no small disappointment and not to have a word from Mr Mann or Dr Howe who are such friends to the school Had Mr Peirce knowing his engagement he would have made arrangements to have had some other time appointed however we heard some fine remarks from others - After the adjournment all the members of the school present or past were requested to meet in the Normal Room where the plan was proposed to present to Mr & Mrs Peirce a gold pencil cases - those who had seen to the procuring of the pencils had thought each one would like to contribute his part in the gift - which all readily did there were 7 of us & each gave 25 cts. - Only about a half of those who have been members of the school were present there having been in the whole 120 some being detained by schools sickness and some of those who have entered the married ranks declined meeting. - Before we went to the grove we had a little while to see each other or some I might say for it would have taken nearly the whole day to have seen & spoken to all. - The grove was prepared with every thing to cheer & make it pleasant of its entrance were these words Welcome Sisters of the Normal Band - in different parts were framed in large letters Dwight Horace Mann, Friends of Education. The Normal's friend was suspended wh. awakened pleasing associations in many minds - it was to imitate the blackboard a friend as well as enemy I guess many would say - soon after the company had assembled the pencils were presented by S. Johnson - upon wh. the both expressed their gratitude inscribed on Mr P's was "Live to the Truth" wh. was the badge of each Normalite and the only thing by wh. to designate the sisterhood. Mr P spoke several times and very affectingly it touched the heart of each one as they listened to the blessed words. - How much this man is loved by his pupils may they ever remember his kindly

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admonitions & teachings. - A hymn was sung and a blessing offered previous to our partaking of the bounties wh. were so liberally provided by Mr & Mrs P. The tables were laid with much taste and all present were invited to partake of wh. there was not a small number. - From feasting the body we left to administer to our higher wants Mr May gave us a few excellent remarks - I wish I could be under his tuition awhile I think the present members of the school may well be pleased with him if he is really to take Mr P's place. - Mr Weston addressed us alluded most beautifully of our teacher some one in the morning had spoke of there being no trees on the island of N. but said Mr W. there had been one tree transplanted from there the tree of knowledge wh. would bear around in sufficient quantity to sow the whole of the western continent. - It was pleasing to him speak in so high terms of the high & responsible station of teachers. - The following sentiments were given by the young ladies - The Cause of Humanity - May it find an advocate in the heart of every true Normalite. - Our Teacher - May his remaining days be as prosperous & happy as his Normal days have been trying & afflictive. - "Live to the Truth" - Long may it be heard from the white cottage on the north shore of the sea girt isle. It is the dialect of Heaven - the utterance of angels. - Sisters of the Normal Band. May it be said of them as of the early Christians "Behold how they love one another" Normal Teachers - May they be moral ploughshares to uproot every evil that parental indulgence had sown. Normal Schools. - They are nurseries of every judicious principle. - Horace Mann. - The man of all men for forwarding the cause of Education. - Edmund Dwight - The generous founder of our Normal Institutions. - May he be fully rewarded in seeing the rising generation made wiser & happier. - Mrs Peirce - Our kind friend - A name ever to be cherished by the Normal sisterhood. - Our future Teacher, though as yet veiled in the mantle of mystery may he be revealed to us a man of liberal principles, sound judgment, & a heart as bland as the mild & genial influences of May. -

Absent Normalists - Those that would be with us but cannot. -  
 Mr. Pierce heard the reading of these & then spoke of the clause trying & afflictive  
 Normal days & assured us to the contrary. - We heard in words a peice from Dr.  
 M. Damon's own hand and a farewell from Miss Potter who has been very active  
 in the various duties of the school dearly beloved by many. - Oh it is hard to hear  
 these parting words from those we love but so it must be. - Another hymn was  
 sung composed for the occasion and then dispersed to meet in a little glen  
 to finish with a dance in which several engaged with much interest thus  
 did our teacher plan so that we add bonancy to our spirits rather than part in  
 sadness. how well timed this. - Soon the shades of night appeared & one after  
 another left us to return home. <sup>after</sup> a day spent most happily to all I believe  
 we ne'er shall all meet again <sup>but</sup> the days are swiftly bearing us on and soon  
 we shall be numbered among those who have gone before us but before we called  
 away may live to the tenth we acted out by each one of us. -  
 Mr. Pierce had appeared as calm & composed all the day as he is wont to be but doubt-  
 less he feels much. As I bid him good bye he put his head close to mine & whispered  
 I should rather have heard that you had left your school than that you had whiffed some one coming & speak-  
 ing to him interrupted his saying anything further. - So I passed on to the Normal  
 House & there stopped a minute & then went with Mary (who has been with me all day)  
 to the place where we stopped in the morning and collected our things as we return  
 to Boston in a carriage with Mrs. Morton, Mary Swift, C. Rogers & I. Wright. - Had a  
 nice ride & talk hearing for our talk the scenes of the day and regrets of Mr. M's &  
 Dr. Howe's absence. - They think it is not generally known the interest Dr. H. has  
 felt in the school & what he has done for it. - Although we were in such good company  
 we were not sorry when we reached Columbia St. as we were excessively fatigued. - We  
 soon sought our pillows & Morpheus there kept us till near seven the next morning  
 when we rose rather reluctantly. - Mary went with me into Mr. Parker's school a few  
 minutes as it is exhibition day but we were so tired & exercised not interesting we did  
 not stop. - I went over to S. B. & stayed two or three hours agreeing to return & go out  
 home with Mary at night. The girls all feel as tired as I do. - I saw Laura & Julia

Beace who has been at the Asylum in Hartford so long she is over thirty so they  
 find it very difficult to teach her. - Eliza has the care of these two & also of a  
 deaf, dumb & blind boy who is very interesting I saw him at his work upon  
 sawing chairs. he is about ten but yet does his work very well. - I think it  
 must be interesting to teach the blind they are so well disciplined and many  
 of them have such good memories. - Walked over to the city with Mary Swift. -  
 Mary was at Mrs. R's nearly ready for the cars. - My trunk was at Mr. D's when  
 I went for it Aunt Lydia wanted me to stop with her as she was to be alone in  
 the house during the evening so I put off going until the next morning  
 making my charge over to Mary wh. was Mrs. Fette's two children with a bundle  
 and my trunk. She thought when I met her at the cars that she should have more  
 than she could possibly see to but finally consented though not very willingly.  
 I was not much company as I was so sleepy & tired. - The next morning  
 went to meet the cars at 1/4 past 8 but the cars had not got in so I waited & waited  
 until after when they came in having been delayed by some breakage. Then they  
 were not to go out till 1/4 past 12 so I went to Mr. D's to stay a little while finally  
 I was safely landed at home & not sorry was I. - Mary was the City's passing the day & Aunt  
 Esther at Ben's Hill while Grandmother is alone. -  
 Friday, Aug 19th. - Went up this morning to assist Emily who is quite busy preparing for  
 market. her mother is in town with Mrs. Metcalf. In the afternoon four Pollocks came out  
 they are to stay three weeks. - The next day we baked quite a stock of provision and did  
 quite well for beginners if one may be allowed to pass judgment on their own performan-  
 ce Aunt Esther came up at a late hour to look at us & help a little. The day went with  
 nothing particular to mark it. - From this date I will pass over to Aug 29th with  
 saying a few things Mary has been at home most of the time but is not very well  
 has overdone finds some good in hop tea wh. has been recommended we have passed  
 his afternoons out with the Misses Allen & with Julia who is at home now - have seen  
 her considerably & enjoyed relating our experiences as school dames. - The Anti-  
 Slavery society met here - as the rain prevented their <sup>going home they stopped to tea</sup> stopping to tea we  
 had quite a social time. -

Monday Aug 29th. Aunt Esther has decided to return Wednesday with Mary to F.R. & make a visit is accordingly making preparations. After washing Mary and I went up on Federal Hill to see our friends stayed till four then came home. Uncle Nath. & some of his family were up they together with Uncle Enos & family & Mrs Fettes & three made quite a round family tea - I must be brief went to hear Dr. Abbott lecture upon the church - he thinks we must first perfect ourselves & the Church before we can see the world reformed. -

Tuesday Aug 30th. - Mrs Holmes & baby came to see us in afternoon - George called to see us - They are quite alarmed about William he was here more than a week ago & left for New York with the intention of returning here in two or three days but nothing has been heard since the time he left Boston. - The last day of Summer the girls at 4 P. M. leave Dedham for F.R. Mary is much better & I think with care may remain so she is quite desirous to get to F.R. again. - May they have a good ride & safe arrival. Grandmother & myself are now sole occupants I expect we shall feel loathsome. Ellen passes the nights with us wh. makes it pleasant. -

Thursday the 1st day of Summer it seems still enough. Had some writing in Savings Bank Books that took some time. At night William came from Boston he has quite a severe cold. if he stays long enough hope we shall cure him. -

Friday & Saturday passed with attending to ordinary household duties with a call now & then from the Pettis. - I have suffered some from over eating. Oh could I but restrain my appetites I should be delivered from much evil. - If I but habit uoed myself to it I should enjoy eating little as well as much. -

Sunday Sept. 4th. I went to Sunday School but think it would have been better not to have met as more injury was done than good gained in my opinion the devotional exercises were conducted in such a manner. Why can't we do something as other schools do. - As a whole I think it would be better to suspend the school entirely. - Dr Walker preached for us his discourse was upon thinking the whole of life a preparation for death and not regard this as a season as a piece patched upon life as too many do. - This is highly practical - may we make it such. - McIlvland gave Temperance lecture. William thought it quite good. -

Monday 5th. - Rainy morning - washed for our great family but large enough to be sure for a green hand. - I think I shall never get my living by washing. - Went with William in the evening to hear Dr. Abbott but misunderstanding the hour we did not hear much more than the conclusion. He thinks we must first free ourselves from slavery before we extend our efforts to others we all being slaves to our appetites & passions - said Woman was a slave to pots & kettles wh. is true. - Was very sorry for myself as well as William that we not in season. -

Tuesday 6th. - Finished washing & began to iron when Mrs Briggs came she stayed an hour is the same good woman as ever. - Went much to go up & see her P. M. Went to Aunt Smiths to meet a party from Dorchester among whom were Frances & Caroline Wendall I have not seen this long time particularly the latter. - He had a round found peaches very attractive - Ellen & I had quite a race home attempting to keep hold of Nathaniel's wagon though I think a childish trick, however we got home the sooner. - I shall be very in all I say for this week as my goal is behind. -

Wednesday 7th. - Just a week since Esther & Mary left I have written to them today to give an account of my stewardship thus far we do so well I tell Aunt Esther I shall not look for her till next week Saturday. - The letter was written very hurriedly and was quite antimacassar but I sent it is today it was that or none. - Went to Sally's & began working a wasted bag. - Thursday I was engaged in so many different ways believe the quickest way is to say little about it Aunt Smith William & Mr Richards were here Aunt Lydia came in the last card. - Went in to see Elizabeth

Friday 9th. Rained in the morning & has continued through the day cold & stormy I have thought but little about it as I have been making entries in this Journal wh. was back three weeks or more & no enviable task has it been I hated to do it but wanted it done so I put my hand to the work. Am through in season to write without a light and that is all. I will try not to let my journal be neglected so again. - Good Night Saturday 10th. Left my bed little after five and proceeded to the regular Saturday's business of cleaning sweeping baking &c. I think I am taking many a useful lesson during Aunt E's absence. William left in the afternoon after a stay of more than a week wish he could be with us still he has so much good sense. Emily came in the afternoon

to pass the night. - Miss Hews, Aunt Elizabeth Mrs F. called upon business. Miss H. wants to get board of her sister who is an invalid. I think it may be quite pleasant though uncertain if she concludes to come. - Evening Emily & I read aloud a part of Mrs Mann's Growth of July Orator which is very excellent. Will try to give some account at some future time. - Retired about ten slept upon gladders until nearly six-eight hours sleep is too much for one in the prime of life. - This morning rather cool - went an hour before church to meet my class who were quite interesting & interested as I thought. I talked with them some and Emily read a part of the story she began last Sunday upon the selfish girl wh. I think may be productive of good. - Feel that some good must come from these meetings to both teacher & pupils. - Will have faith so to act. - Mr Sewell of Cambridge visited to us today upon a portion of the 5th chap of Matthew ~~and it says whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of judgment~~ whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause is in danger of judgment; whosoever shall say to his brother Thou shalt be in danger of counsel; whosoever shall say thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire. These three tribunals were explained; by the judgment was meant a court composed of seven judges who decided smaller offenses than the other. - showing evil feelings towards any one without a just cause would be a victim of this court. - When there is a just cause for anger it is not wrong to show resentment it is a sentiment in our natures & designed to be exercised. - By Raca is meant simpleton - whoever used this was subject to counsel on Sanhedrim which is the same. - This was composed of 70 judges consisting of the highest officers of the Jewish Commonwealth. - The term fool means an upstart with imply ing as a low condition in morals as Raca does in the scale of intellect. - Hell fire means in Greek the Gehenna of fire and Gehenna in Hebrew signifies the valley of Hinnom it was situated to the east of Jerusalem - horrid sacrifices of the heathen God Moloch were performed in this valley. On this account the place was held in such abhorrence it became the receptacle of dead carcasses the bodies of executed criminals & the filth of the city - fires were kept constantly burning to consume these things & prevent the atmosphere from becoming pestilential. Hence severe & disgraceful punishments & the retributions of a future world were depicted by the constantly burning fires of the valley of Hinnom. for the above I am indebted in part to Swercome on the Gospels from which I think Mr S.

must have extracted - the two accounts agree so precisely. - I will quote farther. - The idea of our Lord in using this language seems to have been that for the most oppro brious words, & the corresponding temper which prompted their use, a man would be sub ject whether in this life or a future one, to the punishment of God - a punishment in degree as much severer than those mentioned before as the burning fires & smoldering worm of the valley of Hinnom would exceed in severity the punishment inflicted by the seven or the Sanhedrim. - Three degrees of anger are specified, & corresponding with them are three gradations of punishment according to the different degrees of guilt. - Mr S. spoke of cherishing unkind feelings, fault finding & an attempt to injure those who have some trivial fault by magnifying it. - In these things said he we forget we are injuring ourselves more than the one who is subject to our complaints & reproaches - this is a truth I think we live in constant forgetfulness of. How prone are we to exclude self from evil & cast it all upon our brother. After meeting in the afternoon read some & called to bid Mrs F. the good bye as she leaves tomorrow having with her three children spent more than three weeks. - Evening went with Emily & Ellen to her Mr Quincy lecture upon Anti Slavery. he was showing that the North had something to do with Slavery. - which I think all must admit if they reflect. - Monday 12th. - I arose in good season & commenced operations peculiar to this day of the week I succeeded in washing finely with Aunt Lydia's assistance. - Got the clothes washed dried on the house & the house swept washed & in order little after eleven before which Grandmother & Aunt L. left for Aunt Smith's whither wh. I intend going to pass the afternoon. - The day is very warm & pleasant. - I was in such haste that I perspired very much for me. - Went to the log's to dine and then Elizabeth went with me to Mrs Smith's. - I soon commenced upon the peaches after my arrival & continued to test their goodness as long as I stayed & it was to my great discomfort. - It is really a sin to make such a brute of one's self. - It is just as easy to eat three or four & then be done as to eat thirty. - I have not seen so many peaches before since I went Lincoln one Wednesday & there eat & eat till I should have thought every crevice was full. for these transgressions if we do not receive the penalty now we shall at some time. - I don't know but I shall keep out of the way of temptation & not go there again during peach time Grandmother & I came home & passed the night alone. -

Tuesday is moving day which I did in good season considering all my other duties. Went in the afternoon with my bag to see Sally - I progress slowly though I like the work very much it is very good thing to teach cure - I have finished today Mr. Mann's oration wh. is excellent I hope it will be generally circulated & read. He shows the vast amount of ignorance in our Republic and the great call for an extended means of education. Who would believe if it was not ascertained that there are 500 000 persons over the age of 20 years in the United States that can neither read nor write. and these people many of them give their votes at the election of our officers upon this topic Mr. M. speaks at a length. - what can expect in our high offices if ignorance has such sway. - It is melancholy to read these well ascertained facts. - There is no saving to our nation but in educating the people & extending the means thereof says Mr. M. - Three states that are doing anything as it were for the promotion of Common Schools are Mass. N. Y. & Michigan. - After reading this I feel more & more as if I ought to be in the field of instruction & doing what I can to inform the ignorant. - I write but little of what I read but hope to cherish much. - Day passes & night comes Grandmother Ellen & myself inhabit the house - the mornings dawn is pleasant & we rise refreshed with our repose & to attend to the cares & duties of the body I doubt not & I hope to this end also. - we look for Aunt Esther home today just two week's since she left it seems more like a month. - We have a still quiet time here & things glide smoothly on. We dine without much ceremony with our table up against the side of the house. After dinner Aunt Lydia & Smith come to see us, the latter is in miserable state of health probably her cares have been & are too much for her. she is quite overworked. - I went to the Anti-Slavery Society & stayed a little while it met at Mrs. Worthington's. - The ladies were discussing Dr. Scott's lectures thought they were very pointed in his remarks upon Slavery as they thought he alluded to the Abolitionists in some things. - Sewed a little came home did the same then prepared to gratify our animal appetites and then evening drew near and we seated ourselves around the kitchen fire to catch a little warmth. - My chosen Ellen came as usual. - Thursday 15th. - Rather a wet day without much rain till afternoon I think it congenial to my spirits to have such weather. - it were to be wishing for other than the present state of weather as that is ordered by One who orders everything in right

ness and does it <sup>not</sup> seem as if we did not place a reliance in God when we thus complain. Received a letter from Aunt Esther & Mary - instead of leaving home this we she finds things so attractive that she has concluded to lengthen her visit another week. She has attended Mr. Fowler's lectures upon Pneumology wh. she has been much interested in as well as lectures upon P. Education wh. she speaks of in high terms. - I wish I could have been listener. - Mary has had another week's vacation her school did not begin till this week on Monday thus making 8 weeks wh. is quite a long time to recruit she says she is very happy to meet her scholars again and they to meet her. - Very likely both parties may be benefited by so long an absence from the scenes of the school room. She has had quite a good opportunity to go round with Esther. - Grandmother seems rather disappointed at her protracted stay but I am quite glad for her own sake as she goes so seldom she best make a good visit. - I have worked on my bag some find it quite interesting work. Ellen came in the evening & I assisted her some upon her dress. Friday 18th A stormy day have attended to ordinary household duties and sat down with Grandmother & Aunt Lydia. - Received calls from Aunt Betsey & Elizabeth & wrote in my journal. The weather is cold so we assemble around the fire we have pleasant chat. Aunt Lydia & Grandmother every little while are talking of Aunt Thank Aunt Sally or Prudy or some of their kin I should think they were related to most every body in their younger days. that lived any where near Milton. Every day their seems some new line to trace it is seldom as near as I can listen to hear the same individuals brought up a second time. - It is very pleasant for Grandmother to have Aunt Lydia she is such good company. - Night shuts in dark and stormy but morning dawns bright & clear. - The day is warm so Grandmother, Sister & myself accept the invitation to spend the day at Uncle C.'s after having made the usual Saturday arrangements at home. The Esq. has gone to Weymouth where he expects to meet John P. Adams who had just arrived from Congress and is to address the people there. - The day has gone away quite pleasantly - have been with Ellen to dancing school. At night I came home with my family. - Grandmother seems quite fatigued

Sunday Sept. 20th. - Before breakfast I enjoyed a walk all by myself it was quite refreshing - I have heard much good today if it only is made practical than I shall be done as well as hearer of the law. - Instead of meeting my class I went in to the meeting house to enjoy once more one of the social improving conversations with Miss R's class. The lesson given was the life of Sampson I was not familiar with it - so not able to say much it was thought we ought learn from him not to place too much confidence in ourselves or in others but rely upon God. - The question for conversation was What is it to live by faith. The Misses Dana added much to the interest of the talk by their contributions. I will give some of the sentiments expressed. Faith is the basis of love pure love he that liveth by it will see something good in every human being and it will be the aim of that person to promote in all possible ways the good of his brother unless we have this spirit of faith we cannot have that assurance that if we do good it will bring its reward. - this trait is closely allied to the apostle says to hope & charity, faith is the foundation chiefly the superstructure as Miss R. said. Faith is needed much by all teachers they must cast their bread upon the waters trusting that they will find it after many days. - Miss R. told us to what custom this passage referred among the ancients wh. was to casting the seed upon water during the wet season & then after some time the waters dried up & the plants flourished and produced grain. Miss R. said Dr. Follen whose memoir she has been reading was a striking exemplification of a person living by faith. - His great love of freedom prompted him to actions that were hostile to the government yet notwithstanding persecutions with his eye of faith he went on in his course of right till rather than lose his life he left his native land. - Miss Dana spoke of an allusion made by Dr. Follen to Dickens's works who always sought from the poorest, humblest individual something good. - we adjourned this pleasant subject till another Sunday when we hope to meet again. - meanwhile let us live more by the spirit of faith which will lead to that pure love that casteth out fear. - Mr. Lamson is at home & preaches a most excellent sermon so highly practical that not an individual that listened could escape from taking some pebbles to himself. The text was

And he showed them how to speak in what a person's religion consists. - We all have different

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lots in life different occupations temperaments modes of life and trials & difficulties accompanying each so also at different periods of life youth hath trials not peculiar to the old age & old age those not peculiar to manhood or youth. - It is no merit to a person in age to look upon those who are young & see that they are exempt from their follies of youth or for those in youth to do the same to those in age because in in both cases neither have like temptations. the merit consists in the performance of those duties which belong to each station with a right spirit. The man in prosperity may congratulate himself at his spirit of contentment having all his wants supplied there is no merit in this as it costs nothing but for the man of adversity to be resigned is virtuous as it costs a self sacrifice. - We have natural endowments some may be blessed by nature with a mild disposition but there is not real merit belonging to that person but there is much due to one of a passionate temperament for restraining & controlling his. - We all have trials & difficulties peculiar to ourselves - the manner in which we bear & perform is our religion to be tested. - These are some of the leading thoughts of the sermon in my own words - if I hear & practise not after so much has been said verily am I deeply guilty. - As I was going to church in the afternoon I met Elizabeth Smith who was desirous that I should go to the Abolition meeting with her to which I consented. - I rather think her curiosity was satisfied so tedious were the exercises - I should suppose that they were usually more interesting in the morning when there was more conversation and more speaking than expounding if it may be so termed. - It offends some to have one & others go to such a meeting but is wrong for one to do it provided their conscience tells them they do right to go & hear truth wherever it is uttered. - Mr. Sandover. - Aunt Lydia left us this afternoon to make Mrs. Smith at Jamaica Plains a visit. - I hope & trust she will have a pleasant time & be well. - Sunday evening Miss R., Emily & myself joined the S. S. teachers that met at Mr. Lamson's to talk upon the expediency of continuing the school through the winter it was decided that it would be well to abandon it as a whole though some teachers that chose might meet such scholars as were willing to come as was done last winter. - There was some talk upon plans adopted by some of the teachers. - It

was thought advisable to do without the help of manuals as much as possible and attempt to draw out the minds of the scholars as much as possible. Elizabeth spoke as well as others of the want of interest in the school she thought something ought to be done to render the school more attractive & in this way induce children to come. - Mrs. & Mr. Guild thought if parents could be induced to do their duty & send to school that it flourish true it would do much but it will not make children interested unless an effort is made to that effect by the teachers. - Mr. Lamson says the parents do not feel it their duty to attend public worship. how then can it be expected they will send to the S. S. it was thought it would be well for teachers to visit parents. - After some of the teachers had left no one being left but Mr. Guild and we three Elizabeth spoke her mind upon our Superintendent. - She told Mr. Lamson her really made things appear ludicrous she said she thought I wish you could once be invisible. Mr. L. seemed to think he knew his manner of proceeding and that the matter must be considered when the school was re-organized. Mr. Guild was appointed or rather asked to take the office he said he was willing to what he could but he thought Elizabeth would do better than any one I would see and it. - Having spun out so upon Sunday I will say Monday was rainy at times washed again and went once to Sarah's with my bag. -

Tuesday Sept. 20th. - I see by the Almanac that I have made a misdate being two days in advance of the true time. Perhaps better be before than behind the time in every thing that is good. - My formalizing is the most intellectual part of my duties through the day though it ought not so to be and I am resolved that I will attend more to the mental & less to the bodily wants as I am convinced that my storehouse of knowledge is wanting. - I will acquire a love for reading wh. I must say is not so active as it should be. - Aunt Lizzy spent a little time with us in the afternoon. - In the evening Uncle Elisha made his appearance having arrived in the last cars from Boston where he is engaged in business as tender at a stall. - He seems much pleased with the place but fears his employer will not be able to live long as he unfits himself for the performance of his duties by the too frequent use of the intoxicating cup - a slow poison working his ruin. - Uncle E. came to advise Ellen to remain contented at Uncle E's until the prospect was better of her going to a trade but he is too late in the day she

left Aunt E's tonight - has gone to Aunt Smith's where she intends spending a few days & the last of the week goes to Boston & from thence to Medford to make a visit what is then to become of her is more than I know. - I heartily wish she could remain where she has been as the influence upon her character is so much better there than it is in most places that she would find. Now that her character is forming it is all important that she be surrounded by good associates. - I don't know what we shall do for the want of a little more pecuniary means but let us be contented remembering that we are a thousand times better off than many of our fellow beings. Uncle E. does not mean to be troubled so much about his lot that it shall keep him from sleeping nights. - It is a good saying that trouble will come fast enough without anticipating it. - Sarah Ann has found a situation at sewing muffs - may she prosper. - Poor William does not get rid of his cold I fear he is not careful to practice abstinence with other remedies. - As E. thinks he must see Ellen he leaves us to spend the night at Uncle Smith's & takes the first cars in the morning. - Find Wednesday morning or rather learner that there had been a frost so that my trouble if it was any was not out of covering the squashes. - One pear tree is often visited as its fruits we find sweet. - I have read the last number of the Wamponeag wh. is quite interesting with this number Mrs. Green closed her office as Editor as the paper is not sustained and she cannot live without bread she says. - It is a great loss why cannot a periodical like that be supported containing so much useful matter as this does. - Ah it is not popular. - the minds of people seem to be turned from the ways & means of doing good to that of hoarding money in F. R. where she is, so goes the world ever thinking most of the physical wants. I was much interested in this number it contained quite a variety of interesting matter. - One piece was speaking of the nutritious properties of water it spoke of a person who was sustained several days by it with nothing beside then think if water is sufficient to nourish the system of the vast superabundance that we all take in the most active of us. - Oh what slaves are we to Alimentum!! - The Wamponeag gives the advantages to be derived from reading as one who finds pleasure in books has a course of comfort wh. others cannot as they have only when alone to turn within & they

can there find something to cheer & divert. - Having read some I started to go on the hill to  
pass the afternoon with Miss Newman who is with Aunt Stow but the rain fell so fast ere I had  
proceeded far that I retraced my steps and went to Sally's while there the sun made his  
appearance in all splendor but then it was too late to make my visit. - Grandmother & I  
spent the remainder of the evening in great quietude we passed the night in sweet slum-  
bers with no one to alarm or make us afraid. - Thursday Sept 22. We expected & expected  
Aunt Esther all the forenoon but she came not I have endeavored to have everything  
in prime order for her arrival but she seems not ready to see them. - While for many  
I was thinking of schools & the great advantage derived from visitors after thinking some  
time about it I was determined to write no more then but to go directly in to Miss Allen's  
school and pass the rest of the forenoon wh. was 1 1/2 hours. - I think of the remissness of parents  
in this matter while I withhold my influence in this way as I theorize when I am teacher  
that visits from parents & friends is of great importance to the school but I see when out  
of the school walls that I practice quite different. - Mrs A. has a school of seventy scholars  
when all are present which is but seldom they are very irregular in their attendance  
what she can do I see not. - She has had to live all summer as I did the first part of it with  
so many scholars that as to bestowing much time upon one class was impossible I could do  
little beside keep order & that not do properly. - This school appears quite aptly for such a  
number of age & talent. - In recitations she must be brief. - I should manage quite different  
with them though it might not have been quite so gratifying to the parents. It is mechan-  
ical a good part of the way - question & answer - question and answer - instead of going through  
the class once in reading & question upon the sentiment & criticize upon the style she goes round  
twice with few or no criticisms. This will result in much injury I think as it unfit children  
to comprehend what they read & study when they get older as I know by sad experience. - Mrs A.  
certainly has a trying task with so many; of parents committees & all concerned did their duty  
I think there would be another school immediately people here take little interest in the cause  
of education wh neglect I fear they will sooner or later see they misery of. - I hope I shall do  
some thing toward raising <sup>some</sup> person or persons to an interest in this subject as it said the efforts  
of the humblest individual is not lost. - upon that I will labor. - Went on the hill in the after-  
noon did not find Mrs N. at Aunt Stow's - took tea with Mrs Holmes. -

75.  
Friday Sept 23. Now the days are just twelve hours long a rather this day is the sun rises & sets  
at six I wish I did devote but one third of the twenty four hours in sleep summer or winter. -  
I intend it shall be so. - Ellen came from Aunt Smith's today to spend some little time  
with us - after much eager watching Aunt E. made her appearance she seemed quite well  
brought a letter from Mary in wh. she says the matters between her & Henry have formed  
a crisis whether or no they are favorably so is not for me to say. I have my fears as to do-  
ing the best choice that she might have made she has taken the step but without years  
much calm reflection she had not looked beyond the immediate present to see the pains  
as well as pleasures incident to the married life. - She must be sharer in whatever he  
engages let the consequences be what they may. - Her moral character seems good - this is  
the first requisite in every human being. - In intellectual attainments he is far behind  
the times as near as I can learn does not understand the rudiments of an elementary  
education this is a great drawback to any one's standing in one sense. - Ah I deeply  
regret this step has been taken without closer inspection & deeper reflection. Mary needs some  
one to lead her on in the cultivation of her talents and then she will be wiser & happier. -  
I hope time will bring what is right into her mind. -  
Went to Aunt Stow's - had a social time with Miss M. - when came home Aunt E. gave  
some account of what she had seen & heard. - Had had a good time I should judge. -  
Saturday - brings sweeping dusting & the ordinary round of duties - I am obliged to give up  
the cares at home to Aunt E. to go to Cross as his wife is going in town to spend Sunday. - There  
I made pies - which I seasoned rather too abundantly with saleratus wh. made quite a fruitful  
topic of talk for the Cox on his return - he took a piece of the pie labeled it put it away said it  
was enough for the rest of his life. - Well it is my education to learn all these things. - Went in  
the p.m. to dancing school with C. & E. & M. - Emily called with me to see Fanny Sweet  
her health is much improved. - We passed the night at Uncle E.'s.  
Sunday Morning we neither of did much before Sunday school came to prepare for  
dinner. - the gratification of the palate ever will I fear engross a large share of attention  
We meet our class today for the last time till Spring as it is thought expedient to discon-  
tinue the school through the winter and I hope forever unless it can be reopened under  
more cheering aspects than its presents now. - Our class seemed to regret to leave



I do do I to leave them on many accounts but it is decidedly for the best. - We had some good remarks from Mr Cobb but their effect was lost in coming through such a medium. - After the school was dismissed had some talk with Mrs Fisher upon the Sunday School she thinks with me that it is in a miserable condition. Listened to Mr Miles of Lowell who preached from the passage in Ezekiel Gods ways are equal but mans ways are unequal. - He showed that we were not responsible for the sins entailed upon us by our fathers but for the use we made for the privileges & opportunities placed in our power - we shall be judged according to what we have but for what we have not. - we are to congratulate ourselves upon being freed from the sins that we see <sup>in</sup> others & freed from our selves because we all have temptations & trials peculiar to our own situation let us if we wish to be severe with any one be so with our selves. - The sermon was full of good if I do but here out one principle it will be for my advancement in the Christian course. - Why do we hear so much that is elevating and practice so little. - Dont it for the want of a living faith? - Comely & myself intend to tarry after church with Mrs R's class as we did last winter it will I trust be much for our improvement. - The character of Anthe was our lesson though I was but little acquainted with her history. Our question was the same as last Sunday we pointed out the connection between faith, hope & charity - faith is the foundation the thing unseen while charity is the <sup>manifestation</sup> of love. - Mrs R. thought it should be our earnest endeavor to cultivate <sup>our</sup> this living faith which will lead us to <sup>us</sup> love all mankind with a pure love. Went home with Comely to see how her father was he had a heavy cold & some fever. I think if he as well as his wife must take much care or they will be seriously sick. - Found when I got home Aunt Esther & Ellen had returned from Spring Street whither wh. they walked to hear Mr Parker who gave them a feast of reason & flow of soul. One of the sermons was upon school education the little interest manifested by parents in the education of their children. - I should judge it was a sermon much needed for the present generation. - Mr Parker is such a pure man he must infuse purity of heart into all who hear him. - The weather has been remarkably fine - with such opportunities as this day has afforded it would be sin indeed if they were passed unimproved.

Monday is even more delightful than yesterday who can help feeling happy when all is so clear & beautiful without ah it is the serenity within that constituted the basis of true enjoyment. - Went to Uncle E's to put some things in order for Aunt E's return in the first card. - as the day is pleasant she tarries until night. - Went to have a dress fitted at Mrs Guild's - Ellen left in the two o'clock stage for Boston - her prospects are not very flattering but she does not fear disappointment in getting a situation of some kind - may she not meet it but be swounded wherever she may be with goodly influences. - Tuesday, Sept 27<sup>th</sup> dawned fair & bright as ever - Attended to ironing at home & then went to assist Elizabeth in her family cares. - P. M. went with Esther on a tour for barberries we had a most lovely ramble beside taking to ourselves a peck of berries wh. we found rather scattering. - we got about an equal quantity of earth from a decayed apple tree stump to administer to the growth of our plants these two pks. together with flowers we plucked which grows so beautifully by every field & roadside such as the purple asters. - we stopped at Uncle Smith's awhile and then started for home not however without bending somewhat under our load. - Received a letter from Louise she is as mirthful as ever. - She <sup>speaks</sup> exults upon one Jubilee as a season fraught with almost unmingled pleasure. as I believe was the experience of all. - Says Mr. Swift has gone home to P. sick with the brain fever - her friends are unwilling she should return upon recovery though she is anxious too. - Poor girl how much suffering she has seen owing in part for her desire for excitement. - I wish I had little of L. mirth it seems to cheer on so much to read one of her letters. - My style is very prosy wanting in life. - When bed time came was ready to go. - Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup>. Rose about six & went to Concord where I attended to the baking of the stuff of life and then to ironing. - Wrote to Mary expressing my thoughts upon the connection she was expecting to form with Henry. - Telling her to reflect upon the matter & weigh well the consequences of a unjudged step. - I feel that I have said what I could now the pleasures & trials will be of her own choosing. - I hope she will be wise in her doings. - May she look & act for that light that cometh down from above. - Went in the afternoon to the A. S. Society that met at Mrs Taft's had a pleastime. - Thursday night Aunt E. James & myself went up to Grandmother's to pass the night

as Uncle E. has gone to Newport upon a fishing excursion & we wished to read some from the life of Dr. Hollen. - Went for the first time this afternoon to the Temperance ~~meeting~~   
 Friday Sept. 30th. - Aunt E. & myself rose about six and proceeded to open our doors and to the regular duties of the day. - Aunt E. recommends my studying French again wh. I think I ought to do. so I accordingly take in hand commencing with a review of the verbs etc. - So find I have forgotten some though I can't recall it with little attention by the time I had looked through a few pages Uncle E. arrived with a quantity of tan tog wh. were deposited at the back door. - E. went out & invited several people in to look & help themselves wh. they did without much bashfulness the poor as well as the more wealthy were sharers in this rarity as it is considered by the gentry. - I took quite a large basket & peddled <sup>some</sup> them among the needy. This box of tan tog furnished (we calculated) seventeen families with dinner for one if not more days. - Went in the afternoon to call upon the Misses Newman & to invite them to pass the afternoon with Aunt E. tomorrow. found at Aunt Stow's L. Smith who was just going to join the ladies in a walk in the woods. I felt inclined to accompany them so we directed our course to Inspiration Rock where we were charmed certainly if not inspired from the view - the forests at a distance present a most beautiful prospect with their various tinged leaves. - If I had little more of the descriptive I would make an attempt to display my idleness as it is I will let it live in memory. - We rambled through the pines ever & anon gathering the the simple yet beautiful purple ash that were spread out before us at nearly every step who can behold these sixty different species without admiring? - We arrived at the place from whence we started about five all being highly gratified with what we had seen. -

Saturday Oct 1st. - This date reminds me that time is moving on at rapid pace but I do not act as if such was the state. We are carried on thoughtlessly by the tide of time and only thinking in most cases of the present & not that as should be. - A most lousy day again. - The business of the day has been domestic concerns, preparing for company entertaining them &c. &c. - Mr. Farnsworth came out at night. Went to Grandmother's. -

Sunday 2nd. - Did not go to church in the forenoon but did in the afternoon to listen to Mr. Gamson who preached upon the sin of anger & the manner in wh. it should

be kept. - Miss Richardson met with three of us - we talked some upon the early life of Samuel wh. is not so fruitful a portion as we shall have in time to come. What is it to live to the death was the theme for conversation. - It was defined to be living according to the dictates of an enlightened conscience that the first requisite to obtaining a life of death was a teachable temper.

Many things were said upon inculcating right views in the minds of children and of encouraging a spirit of inquiry. - Mrs. B. said it remained with each one to reduce what we had said to practice make a personal application. May I for one do this. I hope & trust that I shall be able to bear the next question talked upon which is how shall we govern our thoughts as I am so much wanting in this respect. - A letter came to us this morning from F. R. by Mr. Kimbrell - they seem full of business. - Mary thinks she has considered well the step she has taken she says she shall endeavor to be vigilant in her watchings. - Cook tea with E. - and read in the evening with Aunt E. some from Dr. Hollen's memoirs. -

Monday is quite cold though clear & bracing air just the weather to walk. - Aunt Elizabeth is not well have passed most of the day with her - did but little in the cooking line until evening when with Cousin Elizabeth's assistance I made two loaves of brown & three of white bread also an Indian pudding for boiling. - Wrote in my Journal some during the P.M. Tuesday we have an array of baking utensils as well as boiling it appears to be the all absorbing topic what to eat. Grandmother passes the day with us as Esther has gone to Milton. - P.M. I visit Mr. Mery's school alone as am unable to find any one that is in the right mood this is the case so far as I tried. - Mr. M. has a large school but it is subject to the best of order. - Which is the first requisite to success. His plans & modes are similar in many respects to Father P's. Mr. M. says he has produced emulation till this term finds he succeeds as well as with it and is doubt much better. - Mr. M. complains of the <sup>irregular</sup> attendance of his scholars and the little interest of parents. - Two great barriers to progress in any school. - When will the time come for us to see our schools what they should be not certainly till parents and teacher work hand in hand rather than to act at antipodes to each other as Mr. M. thinks is the case here. if the two faults above referred to could be corrected he thinks he might have a good school as he finds much

talent here. Spoke of the inefficiency of the Committee all they know respecting the school is by hear say as they seldom visit it. Aunt says he in Walpole ~~where~~ <sup>they</sup> manifest an interest on relating my perfections this summer he said it would not have taken place under an efficient Committee as to the reading ending off a little as Mr Lawson directed me to do Mr M said that he did not like of the likes my plan then said he let him have heed to it if not consider it either be one thing or another. These sentiments are very just even with a vigilant Com with as much more might be accomplished the teacher would be encouraged and sustained wh. would be much more must go on meeting coldness and even reproaches from parents. tool on day after day for the improvement of their children yet nothing to cheer them but the thought that these are immortal souls they are getting for another and better world to wh. he must look for his reward. - I had quite a long talk with Mr Story after school. think he had many just & valuable thoughts upon school education and was persuaded that I will not be so remiss in visiting this school so long as it lies in my power. - What little influence I have it shall be exerted in what I esteem an important duty. Went to the Regd related what I had seen & heard. - Got supper went home with Grandmother stayed all night. read some from a book C. Richards sent me Observations upon the scriptures it is excellent. - Rode about six returned to my place of duty. C. thinks we shall have more time for sitting today as we intend to do less in the crocking line and line upon the remnants of yesterday's spoils. Cous goes in town however we do not get exempted from having a regular table as he returns in the noon card. - Most of the afternoon I spend with Grandmother and sew upon my dress. - Esther had gone to Betsy's to meet the ladies of the Benevolent wh. assemble there. Spend two hours of the evening with B. B. in agreeable conversation. Mr B. has some Chry that look finely now such an abundance & so green but when in flower they must look magnificently like the word in its broadest sense. - Thursday Oct 5th. Every day there is some thing to do in household affairs here a little and there a little. began to French a little but was interrupted in my deep study by a respectable man who we patronized. Then it was time to get dinner. before that was finished Emily came for me to go to East St School the scene of my labors a year ago found here many familiar faces and aspect of neatness & order but the mechanical manner of going on I should much object to. - Found my small class in Worcester's primer have

progressed considerably but am sorry to see they have got into the school house in reading. - This school is one of a thousand one experienced comparatively few <sup>of the</sup> incidents to teaching in a school like this. - Had a pleasant visit and delightful walk I seemed to be carried back a year. - On reaching the place from whence I started prepared great supper and then went to Grandmother's where I wrote in Edward's letter to Ephraim we wrote & wrote till eleven or after & then we went to bed. - The style of the letters was much after the one most generally used viz. <sup>the</sup> style with as many waving h's & c's as possible. Friday 7th. - Domestic duties of morning Aunt Smith dined with us after wh. I prepared for my walk to S. D. where I intend spending a few days. - Accompanied Aunt S. as far as her house where I stopped a little while then set forth quite after summer's fashion got a few rods and the Men then stage drove by & stopped. the driver asked me how far was going <sup>if you will ride</sup> told him to S. D. & that I could just as well walk. he replied you can just as well ride so upon that I seated myself in the stage. - On looking out upon the beautiful woods this sunshiny day as I rode along I repented that I had accepted my invitation to ride as a walk would have been so fine however I saw Mrs Briggs much sooner than if I had trusted to my feet. - Found all pretty well at the Dr's save himself who is troubled with the dyspepsia. - Mrs B's sister Mrs Chicking was here a fine pleasant lady formerly lived in our village made several inquiries concerning many people here. - Mr Dudge called spoke of writing an obituary of Mr Balch. Mrs Briggs seemed some surprised to know what he could find for matter. - Retired little after nine - not in my own chamber as that was occupied. - Slept quietly rode Saturday morn to see another delightful day in Oct. - I wish I appreciated this weather as ought. - what a thankless creature I am!! Breakfasted late as usual at the Dr's - he & Mrs B. have fallen he returning at night. - See but little of Mrs B as she is so active notwithstanding her lameness about the house. - Frank & Mary two good children go with me to the new school house a rather old one made over. - It is certainly much improved since I last was in it it is a thousand pities that the old one was not levelled and an entire new one raised. - Think there might be much comfort taken. - When I was going back to the Dr. found two wild roses the last probably of Autumn. - would liked to have preserved it. - Mrs B. & I had considerable pleasure over Olive's letter given by Mr Jiffard - he made her out quite a famous character Mrs B thinks it has flattered he thinks she is capable of most anything. - If she had so many good developments of brain

they must many of them lost their power by disuse. - Mary is very bright - she had improved remarkably in reading during her term at school of four months. I love her much. - Talked with Mr B. while then went to Charles called to see Miss Ballard who had a private school of twenty composed of my nephews. - There does not seem to be any respect shown by the pupils that reverence has greatly decreased. Think Miss B must be tired sometimes a good deal beyond what patience can bear. - Think the teachers engaged during the coming winter must have a hard lot. - Saw Mr. and Mrs. my committee man & family - Met here and there some of my dear pupils. Stayed to tea with Sally. she must lead rather a dreary life with such a dissipated man as Charles for a husband - he has not self denial enough to relinquish the id of rum for any length of time so long as he is surrounded by such companions there is but little hope for him here. - Seemed very natural for me to go back to the Dr's to spend the night. - Wrote a number of letters to S.D. some have gone to the great camp meeting at Salem. - Sunday morning read some from the life of Cooper - he must have suffered deeply from depression of spirits wh. led him sometimes to attempt to make way with himself. - With such feelings the suffering must be intense. Heard Mr. Turgeon what but not very much to my edification. - The day passed in hearing & bearing & reading. - As the sun withdrew himself the western sky was lit up with all the beauty - my idealty don't coin a very imaginative style of expression. - At night the wind blew with great violence but as to prevent my falling easily into the arms of Morpheus. - Monday Dr's lily is budding - says it is the greatest evidence he sees to prove Miller's doctrines to be sound - blossoming out of season. - Went again into Mrs B's school found some pleasant conversances though many are unattractive. - Afternoon Aunt Betsey & Esther came up passed it with Mrs B. at night took me home. - Having had a pleasant respite from ordinary duties. - Went to see William who had returned from his tour round. - Tuesday morning worked some at C's. - Then Aunt B. Emily and myself set out for Brush Hill my annts intending to pass the day with their annts and C. & I to stop for Nancy Bent who promised to ascend Blue Hill with us. - The day was so fine all concluded to go - so to a part walking & riding Nancy, Betsey, Esther, Emily & Lydia Ann set out together from the foot of the hill. - Emily & I outstripped the others in walking and reached the summit some time before our eldest. - We enjoyed a good bracing air together with a fine prospect of all the neighboring towns lying within twenty miles. - I thought I saw Lexington and beyond the Monadnock as we supposed together with the range of White Mountains. - also some

high mountains at our West wh. we thought might be Mt. Holyoke & Tose. - though we were not quite certain. - We were aided somewhat by spy glasses though I must say my naked eye was about as serviceable. - It is said a good eye can see at the distance of thirty miles around I think some places that we saw must have been seen that distance. - We regaled ourselves upon fresh air and delightful scenery together with a little cake lest we should faint by the way. - Having looked for a long time we descended the hill in company over & anon stepping aside from the stony path to pluck some crimson leaf some flowers or moss which were presenting themselves in their lush beauty. - at the foot of the hill Esther & Betsey took the chaise & rode to the top of the Brush Hill to pass the remainder of the afternoon while the other three walked to May Bent's. - we had a warm walk in the sun and were not sorry when we reached a resting place. - we were hungry & ate we rambled around in the orchard eating apples & peaches. - Nancy as well her mother & sister we found very pleasant & and agreeable. - About five my annts stopped at May B. told us to start and walk awhile wh. we did while Betsey conveyed Esther some way home ward then put her down & returned for us. - So had fled this day - I have been where I never was before shall always look upon Blue Hill with more satisfaction from having scaled it. - Slept soundly - rose early - went to the Ceg. and prepared for washing Aunt Sophie came quite unexpectedly leaves to morrow for Northampton where she is going to visit the Com. society wh. she thinks strongly of joining. having got wearied of teaching. - She talks to Aunt C. about accompanying wh. she decides to do gets ready and leaves in the last train of cars. - May they have pleasant visits. - Thursday 13th. - Today have my hands full to iron & attend to domestic duties. - Friday & Saturday ~~was~~ all a shut up the house & Cous James & myself go to Grandmother's. - Uncle Enos leaves us until Monday on a fishing excursion. - Not much else but house work. - Sunday Oct 16. Mr. Landon preaches. - Our lesson in the class was upon the life of Samuel who reigned as King. - we made a portion of his life our subject considered his life one of obedience to the laws of God. - After our class Emily & I accompanied Mrs B. round the square. - Read some in the evening. - Monday is washing day at Grandmother's. - Tuesday Oct 18th. Today Uncle Enos James & I go to open the house as we expect Elizabeth

The afternoon card bring her & Mrs. Pettee's baby for her to wear a sweet child she is. In the last card come Sophia & Mary Lewis who is to make a visit with Aunt C. - Spend a portion of the evening with Sophia at Grandmother's but there <sup>seems to</sup> be many to talk that I have not much of an opportunity of talking with her. - She likes the plan I should think ~~that~~ upon wh. the Com. is conducted and the people therein enlisted. I presume she will become one of them their design is to live more nearly to nature than they can when munging with the present state of society. - I hope they will succeed as I think there is a loud cry for reform if the mass cannot be renovated it will be a happy thing if a lump can. - She intends returning to F. R. tomorrow & to decide in a few weeks whether or no to give up her school and take quarters at the Community - Should this be the case I may succeed her in her present capacity for wh. I make preparations at any rate. - Go to Dover & spend a few days quite pleasantly. - Stay with Aunt C. awhile longer then leave go to Grandmother's where I make preparation for a move to Fall River for the winter as Sophia has concluded to quit and change her sphere somewhat having been teaching for upward of twelve years. - I think she is entitled to change. - It is with many regrets that I leave those who have been so watchful over me during so many years of my life. - I hope it may be in my power at some time to repay if not to them may I do as much for some of my fellow men. - Aunt C. I sympathize with much as she is to be alone so much but so circumstances make it. - On Wednesday morning November twelfth Ellen & myself leave Dedham for Fall River I prospectively a school dame she an apprentice in the dress making line. - After a pleasant ride for the most part we reach our place of destination - find Sophia & Henry busy the first preparing for her scholars to meet - at Uncle F's & recite pieces wh. they have committed. - Parents & friends are invited. Children parents & all enjoy themselves much - refer to memoir's pages for further particulars. - Thursday Friday & Saturday I visit Sophia's school so as to get a little initiated previous to her quitting - feel as though I have much to contend with but very like I am anticipating more than I shall realize. - Ellen is homesick a little. - Sunday go to meeting - lecture in the evening Ellen laughs. - Monday Morning Nov. 16th. I commence a private school with twenty scholars on the wh. - feel that I have much to encounter & Aunt Sophia cheers me on my

return with kindly counsels. but these I shall not hear long as tomorrow at two o'clock she leaves Fall River having been very busy previously in making preparations. - When I come home from school at night it seems solitary enough not to meet today she find what she desires and live as she thinks it was designed we should or nearer to nature than she thinks she can in munging in the mixed society which this place affords. Success be to her. She has made a gap here which will not easily be filled. - have missed her much as she must together I hope we may live pleasantly & be mutual aids to each other on our winter's journey. - I anticipate much improvement & thereby enjoyment. - Wednesday forenoon in school. do not find the order very good among my pupils even tho' I took them from the hand of experience - the faults must be corrected by persevering watchfulness. - The afternoon Henry came & took Ellen & myself to that glorious retreat the Bear's Den so called from a large cavity in a rock imagined by some to be the abode of that animal at some time. The place deserves a more romantic name certainly such is the beauty of the spot. - There is everything to charm the eye of the lover of Nature - here there is none of the rude hand of art to mar the perfection of God's work. - Where could one go to find the vegetable kingdom in all its perfection unless here - even at this season the eye is charmed by the verdure of the pines hemlocks holly, laurel, modded and the like in the greatest profusion. - With what delight should I take up my residence here in the summer when everything is in all her luxuriance. - What a contrast must one experience to return to the noise & bustle of this factory village which will please the artificial tastes but quit in the ear of one who truly feels upon the natural state of things. - This afternoon has been one of pleasure and profit I trust. - We retire at a reasonable hour so that we may rise early on the morrow as Mary proposes going with Henry to Providence there to attend a meeting of the Anti Slavery friends. - if it was convenient I would like much to be there as Mary says it was a meeting of nearly all the most zealous souls in this holy cause. - one though meeting the doom of many now will ere long methinks enter the ranks of popularity - we hear by the papers that the late of Latimer a runaway slave is exciting much attention - he is confined in Boston through the instrumentality of Gray who claims

him as his property will not release him unless bought off. - which has been done by his friends at the sum of \$400. - It is hard indeed for poor laborer but he is now in evil things but the time is not far distant I trust when he like Lazarus will receive good things. - What for Gary! will not his lot be cast as was the rich man's? - Ah! I fear it will be so. - The reproachings of conscience will be then more than one can realize. -

The days roll on, I go to school and then endeavor to do my duties but find on reflection that they are far from being done at all times in the right way. - I have had twenty five absent youths though have never all been present at one session. - irregularity operated as a great drawback to progress. - My scholars are most of them very tractable. - I am becoming more & more attached to them as the weeks glide on, and may the love strengthen day by day during our connection. - At home I am surrounded by comforts. - Mary and I return from our walks and mingle our sympathies together upon matters pertaining to them & foreign subjects. - this is truly pleasant. - we are sisters and as such I think we live. - harmony is our union string made gradually. - We are together now a thing that has not been for any length of time for many months. - It is pleasant for us both & may we do improve the season by increasing that love which will be for our present and eternal welfare. - may we live as our good mother would have us to do who planted in our hearts the love of truth and right. - may we act as if she was beholding on every movement. - Aunt Ford though with some peculiarities is really very kind & indulgent to us. - I love her much. - Uncle James is also very kind and allows us many privileges which we should find wanting in many situations. - We have heard twice from home. - Cousin wife & son came and passed the 24th & the day following with us we enjoyed the time highly. - The last letter we received said Aunt Smith was quite sick feared she would have a fever Sophia had not left fact. - Ellen has been a good deal of company for us but being determined not to rest contented to pass three months here & learn her trade she goes home or rather to C. Dec. - I think she will be sorry I think for her decision but has gone. - Mary & myself have been engaged in reading Memoirs of Oberlin. which certainly ought to teach us self denial & sacrifices. - he was truly disinterested in his acts. - exemplified what few seem to do at the present. - Live and supply the few necessary wants that nature demands and expend the remainder for the good of his fellow men. - Is not a life spent like his one that can be looked back upon with true satisfaction as one spent in laying up treasures beyond

the reach of any corroding things of earth. - Uncle James gave me a ticket for the afternoon course of lectures given each week. - There have been four the first one by Professor Green Bank upon Education - did not hear it - said to be very good. - second by Mr Pierpont on The Education of the Practical Man. - very good. - third Mr D. B. Fowler on Memory its power uses & abuses. - did not seem to hold to either of these seemed to me. - but gave his ideas upon school education which were certainly good. - the fourth & last one was given by Dr Smith on Geology. - quite interesting. - These are the leading events that have transpired during my stay in Fall River up to Wednesday December 14th. - from which date I intend once more to commence writing a regular journal. - Well then for this day let me say I taught my young school in the morning - dismissed them at 12 till tomorrow morning. - P. M. Henry gave me an invite to take a sleigh ride which I gladly accepted. - The sleigh went quite glibly through New Bedford & Boston. - we breathed pure unadulterated oxygen a rare commodity in our latitude. - I told Henry my chest seemed much inflated. - we returned home by Steep brook so called. - stopped to see the Ferry Boat for the first time in my life and home having taken a circuit of about eight miles. - Have enjoyed myself physically and mentally. - shall be better for a month to come - this I must owe to Henry's kindness. - went to hear the lecture from Mr Smith. - Thursday school then to lecture wh. was the first of a course to be given upon Anatomy by a Mr Lambert which he rendered highly instructive by his exhibition of different parts of the frame by means of a skeleton and a manikin or representation of a human frame with the skin removed so made that each part can be taken in pieces and thus present the whole to view. - This manikin is an ingenious piece of work it was made by Rossseau a Frenchman and exported here at an expense of \$800. - From this one can see or imagine how every part is adapted to every other part and all more harmoniously provided nothing comes to prevent. - This evening Mr Lambert showed us the Brain and explained its operation the connection with the spine. - also the nerves and their use & action. - I have learned much wh. I would not part with for a great deal. - The next thing is to warm & go to bed. - Good Night - after sleeping some eight or nine hours rise refreshed - do two or three little things and then comes school time - which passes as quickly and 1/2 past 7 again tells us it is lecture time.

he are again at the Columbian Hall with the Marshall before us & Mr Lambert explaining the stomach and the digestive organs. - It seemed as though I saw myself perfectly. - I am thankful I have enjoyed such an opportunity of gaining some knowledge of this curious wonderful frame & from this may I be led to love & serve the wonderful Maker of it. - Saturday Dec 17th was up between one & two at Mrs. Mellen was quite unwell - after she got easy of her distress she Aunt Ford<sup>SS</sup> went to bed & laid until the first bell rung when we arose and together with Mary assisted in domestic duties till it was time to go to school - where I remained till near one teaching copying and the like. - Came home sewed some finished memoirs of Oberlin went shopping - at supper Uncle James came home edge of the evening from New Bedford whither which he had been for the last week attending court. - it seems a long time since we saw him. - Henry came and made us or rather Mary a call - went to bed at 1/2 past nine and then remained until near seven - ablated, breakfasted read went to the Stone Church to hear Mr Fowler give the best sermon I ever heard from him. - saw Mrs Pennell - said she heard from D. yesterday in which Bowana says Aunt Smith had been sick with a lung fever but is now better. - Aunt Sophia intends going to Northampton this week. - Hope she will attend the grand Anti-Slavery Fair holden this week at Boston - from the description given in the Standard of the articles it must be a fine display - would that I were a few miles nearer. - Stayed at home with Mary in the afternoon we spent the time in writing - went together to walk by the water to inhale pure air a rare commodity around us. - Mary rolled & tumbled down. - came home & sat down & snuffed up cigar smoke - just after it seemed we had become in part purified. - Henry came & passed the evening with Mary I suspect they were laying plans for the future. - Retired little after nine. -

Monday Dec 19th is quite cold went early & made a fire in my school room - came home to breakfast - moved round a few times and to school again was there till twelve came home eat - to school - busy in school as soon as out called to see one of my sick pupils Caroline Sison come home eat - write in my journal until 1/4 past six. shall be sewing till bedtime - Oh what a busy world. - Mr Lambert tonight was showing the circulation of the blood through the system.

Tuesday Dec 20th. - Arose this morning about six ablated and set out on a walk on main street determining to proceed so far as to inhale something more than dust and smoke - the air was soft yet clear and the moon shone in all her splendor - it was beautiful to see its reflection upon the river. - If I truly loved the beautiful I should not so often lose these soul feasting scenes and sacrifice the good of the higher nature to the ease of my animal but the air of such a morning invigorates one <sup>spiritually</sup> mentally and bodily and I will not allow myself to be drowsing within when the charms without are so strong. - I met with Miss Kennedy who was going to make a fire at her school house - we had quite a chatting time one theme that came up was one school dame spite which is quite merchantable between two dames. - Mr Pease Lexington and the like were adverted to we being both of normal descent. - I stopped at her school house - when the fire was kindled we clambered up an icy hill which brought us in full view of the eastern sky wh. was fine. - we continued our walk some time till we thought it time to turn homeward after a most lovely time. - Built my fire stopped at Robert's & bought a Primer had quite a talk with him upon Northampton Mary said she had been up Main st after me but found me not - was sorry she was not up to go with me. - School all the day - many children absent from diseases unnumberable - no wonder with such an atmosphere and no greater attention paid to the physical laws. - Once more spend the evening at Columbian Hall - Mr L. shows the evil arising from compressing the chest, and of the thousands and thousands that are injured prematurely by compressing the lungs. - the effect it had he exemplified by inflating a pair of hogs lights - if the least pressure was made they were not fully distended - the same is true in the human lungs - by pressure the cartilages are made to lap over each other. - As an excu<sup>se</sup> says the lecturer for tight dressing people say they do not feel pain but the evil is nevertheless going on. - as may be seen by pale hue of the cheeks distorted from the shoulders rounded or growing out

narrowness of the chest and the like. - Thousands & thousands are injuring nay causing premature deaths from this desire for small waists. - How said he will advising to fatten compensate for poor health all the life time and then an early death. - Specially particularly to the woman kind as they are more guilty in this than men but said he men are not disinterested for in the selection of partners those should be taken who have fully chests as health is essential to happiness and tight dressing & health are incompatible. - Woman should pay particular attention to this as they have the education of the child until it is seven or eight years old and beside as every generation born will come into the world with smaller chests if the world goes on as it is now. - Then to woman is committed in a great measure the glory of the generations yet to come as health is necessary to intellectual & moral growth and this cannot be in present state of things. - Said in violating the physical laws we are equally guilty as in transgressing the moral law. - Ah then the sin that we all have resting upon us. - With all my pretensions to looseness in dress I find I am not entirely exempt from the charge of suffering from compression. - Have learned much may I profit thereby.

Wednesday morning took a walk with Mary. - Was in school in the forenoon did not do well in governing - came home in a heavy rain - rains fast all the afternoon. - spend the time in writing. - We did not go to lecture this evening partly because Henry thought we had better not and partly from our indifference to the subject. - it was government - its origin and end. - luckily we did not sit out in the rain as word came just lecture time that Mr Bronson the speaker had not arrived.

Brother Henry sat with us awhile chatting now and then - we were some of us very sentimental. - Thursday Dec 22. This is the 222 anniversary of the landing of our forefathers at Plymouth. - How changed our lot! we are surrounded with all the comforts of life having food & shelter in abundance yet are we so much less grateful than were they who had their bearings if at all in limited portions on the cold and icy rocks with no one save the Indians to administer to their necessities.

It has been a cloudy day - have not had a very full school. - Mary was called upon after school to watch with a Miss Quid one of the teachers in the public school

It is too much for her to do & be in school the next day - so I am going to sit with her a part of the night. - We go once more to hear Mr Lambert - this being we might be expected at our post for the night before lecture is over we go up Bank St in the dark wading in mud and meeting with snatching some waddling about to inform our friends of the fact. - call for Maud J. to go to lecture. - which is upon the skin and its functions which were shown to be very important - keeping the skin clean he showed was of much moment as through this so much waste matter passes off from the system. - He thinks the body ought to be washed as often as once a week though every day would do better. - I think what he said upon this subject will awaken the attention of the people to the subject. - for my part I do not feel my neglect in this thing as do did in respect to the compression of the lungs as I have for a long time been fully aware of its importance and proceeded accordingly. - When we came out of lecture found the snow quite deep. - Robert came home with Mary - we got a lantern and he went with us to Mr Gilbert's where we are to watch get along rather better than the first time. - Miss Maud's mind reduced though improving she first had the measles - took cold and had since had a fever. - Mary sat up the first of the night while I slept and then we reversed it. - Oh the evil & misery that is endured from the transgression of the organic laws. - We had quite a comfortable time - this I hope will be the last time we watch when we are in school - Mary feels it much I got nearly asleep in school - as I am not accustomed to being broke of my sleep. - Friday night H. comes in but we both look heavy enough - Mary wants to snooze we take up with H's advice & go to bed which really feels comfortable. - Saturday morning slept late - go to school & stay till about 1/2 past 11. sweep come home - go to the Hall where the ladies of the Unitarian Society held a Fair for the purpose of adding <sup>to this</sup> funds - Hall well decorated articles pretty. - go home where I met one of scholars to attend an address to be given by Mr Lambert before the children - after stopping at the door most 1/2 an hour word came that Mr L. would not present to give the lecture either in the afternoon or evening. - went to the Unitarian meeting house where Mary & I worked like beavers in helping them decorate for Christmas which will look very handsome by day light. - I like this plan of decorating our churches



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with forest-green. - Came home ft dark - followed the bent of my inclination and  
stand home from Fair Church and the like. - Mary went to bed early with me as we  
intend rising early to attend Mass at the Catholic. - About midnight we were  
awaked by sweet music at our door - a serenade from the Episcopal Choir - it was  
soul stirring. Uncle J. did not hear it we had no such thought. - & should have  
called him. - Once or twice before 't past 4 we rode to see the time of night  
at which time we rose and dressed ready for company. - Henry and Robert called for  
us about five we managed to crowd into the house & into pews after a time Robert said  
it was a mass indeed of such manoe I never saw. - The singing was good though  
in an unknown tongue - the priest was parading about but it seemed to me it would  
not inspire devotional feeling to worship in such a way if worship it can be called. -  
The priest exhorted but it did not seem to the hearts of his hearers. - but it is as Robert  
afterward remarked no more a matter of form than is the Episcopal or in fact as I saw  
in other churches. - There is as much sincerity in what the Catholics go through as in that of  
most other sects as they are at present conducted. - I would not say I would as willingly  
be a Catholic as another sect for they are too superstitious. - Having breathed in as much  
lamp smoke and other impurities as I could well bear we left and never was I more  
glad for out door air. - I have been to Mass and my curiosity is fully satisfied. -  
After we came out Dr. R. M. & myself took a long walk and endeavored to displace  
some of the mass air by inhaling what was more invigorating. - Came home read while  
then Maria brought in a baby for us to play with. - It is a real treat to see one enjoy  
it's stay in the world. - Have been to meeting all day and heard two good sermons from  
the More appropriate to the day - Christmas - he thinks it well to have something around  
rather within our churches to remind us of the forests of green. - and so I think  
I am glad the custom is extending & kindles a love for the beauties of Nature. -  
In the evening I went to our Church to hear the history of a blind man - graduated  
in five years from the Institution at Boston. - This man spoke of the degraded  
condition in which the blind had been held in times past (an unknown fact to me)  
but happily now they were gaining the sympathy of the public and their lot explored.  
By they are taught to read, write and do many things to render him more happy. -

Sometimes said to whom people are bereft of one the five senses the others become  
more acute & be instances in the case of one blind man who could go into a room  
and tell from his hearing if any article was from thence removed. - I think in this  
we see to what our senses might attain were they cultivated as they should be. -  
The speaker spoke of the causes of blindness and as a singular fact that blindness  
increases as we approached the equatorial regions. - After the lecture a  
benefit was taken for him. Poor creature how can he find his way about in the  
world if he has not some one to attend him. - How thankful ought we to be who  
enjoy the perfect activity of all the senses. - This man played upon the organ after he  
could no longer see but how well! I cannot say being no judge of music but presume  
well from the fact that so many musicians are found among the blind. - So has  
paid one more day of life. - Monday Dec 26<sup>th</sup> finished us in bed late, don't  
think as any thing took place out of common course and the same for the  
following day. - Wednesday Let me say for Monday evening Henry and I went to the  
Hall and looked table for the Fair. - There were many present seemed to have  
quite a lively time - we came home soon after ten. - We had a serenade again  
about 12 from the Hall River Band which was fine. - Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> Had my  
papals in the forenoon and afternoon wrote in a letter home which Mary in-  
tends to send so that they may get it and answer it speedily. - Made some  
calls upon some of my children who are quite sick. - Had a call from Mrs  
O'Brien - Attended lecture given by Mr Peabody of New Bedford upon the Ad-  
vance of Science since the time of the Pilgrims - He took that as a starting point  
at most of the discoveries in Science have had their origin since their time. Oh  
it was one treat alas it came so fast I could not absorb it in a my mind is  
not so vigorous that it retains as it ought to - when will the time come for me to  
attend to my mental wants one half as much as now I seek to satiate bodily ones  
Excellent & excellent - could I but hear it again. - The next day I schooled  
it. - at night we spent the evening at Sarah's in company with Mrs Ames Mr Westall & Mr Perkins  
The first when toned gentlemen is made up of both young men which way you will he shows his attentive  
reading. - My regard!! I am more & more conscious of it as I live on. - That quite a pleasant time. -  
Friday's quite a stormy day the snow with Henry at school had almost to walk there. - Saturday  
left school at 11. - He'll hilom feet between before the children P.M. in the evening his final which was quite  
good in pamphlet - was upon heart. - Spent evening & night the hank together. - I think dancing of property

January 1st 1843.

Once more a new year had dawned upon me - would that I had lived up to those sentiments which are engraven on the first page of this volume. - The three years on which they were written have past - the year waned old & past & now stand I get on the verge of another - may I hope that still this year may prove what I hoped that might. we are constantly wandering from duties path yet still time & opportunities are held out for us to improve may we be vigilant to do this. - I have made resolves may they be carried out in life and lead me into truth's ways. - I had an invigorating walk down the hill towards the water. - The view around the river was most delightful. - We heard Mr Ware preach two good discourses from these words & Judah looked back & behold the battle was before and behind Chronicles 13-14. - A few remarks from them the return of the Sabbath - retiring at night - our waking in the morning the anniversary of our birth are all seasons for retirement & self-communion. they are seasons from which we look down as it were upon ourselves - particularly is the commencement of a new year a marked epoch in our lives we make new resolves & determinations for the future but we bear these out is for each soul to decide as each one has trials struggles & temptations unknown to others - it is for no one to judge but our own selves. - Four principal heads were given to the sermons retrospection or looking back - circumspicion or looking around inspection - within - perspection or looking into the future and each one was treated upon separately. - Towards the close he wished us a Happy Year not as one gay friend congratulated another but as desire for real happiness and where shall it be found from riches no - from beauty - no - success - no - fame hon no - from neither of these those who have sought these as an end found when attained that there was something yet wanting. - Then that happiness must have a sure foundation which had been laid in virtue. - Such may we aim to follow. - Read some after I came home - spent the evening in reading & conversation. - Retired at ten. - In accordance with my resolve of yesterday I took a walk before breakfast though not a long one. - Have been in school all day - my children do not all satisfy me in their conduct - I suppose I do not always pull the right strings to make them obey. - Came home that Henry calls. - Write my journal. - Uncle James brings us a good full letter from Aunt Sophia who has arrived at Northampton a week ago last Wednesday. - She seems much pleased with her new situation - describes her room as

being most delightful commanding a view of the old town & College and the winding Connecticut which must be a feast for the lover of Nature's works. - Her boarding place is with Mr Benson very family which she appears to find very agreeable. can be in those parts by herself as they ride round unpuzzling she says from its cheerfulness and the easy manner in which it is served renders it still more so as it is done by water power. - All the families with one exception eat at one table - they all live simply - using no tea no coffee and scarce any drink with their meals. This I should like much. They breakfast by candle light so she can digest three meals. - She goes out to slide with the children before then but this I should think would be out of the question unless they had some other than the lights of night. - though perhaps a bright moon would render it sufficiently light. - it might upon a second thought. - Sophia says she seems to be destined let her town where she will to instruct the youthful mind. - So she best would be - she thinks soon she shall two hours each portion of the day in teaching. - Says the manufacture of silk is a source of much profit to them. - She wants Robert very much to be there - thinks Henry Mary & myself had better wait awhile before taking up quarters there. - She wrote a good letter and gave us quite a little description of her situation seems to feel an interest in things that are going on at home & in F.B. - May she be happy in her new home. - Am very glad to hear so much from her - Good Night. - Tuesday January 3rd was not satisfied with the hour of rising - however went with Mary and John a little way to walk. - School - received a letter from my chum F.B. Rogers who had been my debtor some eight or nine months. - has been on her second tour to Boston which she describes she saw many of our female sisters. - Oh would that we might cherish this name in our hearts still. - we have been a happy happy band. - Henry said when he came in that he had been to carry Douglass to Swanton he is to lecture at Compton tomorrow or night. - he had quite a good time as I should suppose he must. - he gives some encouragement of coming here to lecture before very long. - Mary and I went to hear Mr Ware exhort to some of our people. - He spoke at some length of making our religion something more than a Sunday affair as he thinks is too generally the case. - we on that day heard truth which we ought to act out in the world through the week. - he ought to make our religion a living faith not a dead letter. - say our religion that we die by is the one we should live by as it is no easy matter to change the whole current.

If our thoughts when the summons of death come - spike of the influence of home where love is felt - these religion should be manifested on other than the seventh day - it should be made the ruling principle of action in all our duties - These sentiments are welcome if they could obtain in the world we should see quite a change in morals -

Wednesday January 4th Found it very cold this morning - was quite rooked with myself that I did not rise to get breakfast and intended on retiring - Also I was up and I found the flowers all taken down from the windows to prevent their feeling Jack Frost - I attended to some of their silent wants - Made my face walked a short distance breakfasted school. Sleep - Afternoon have at home to myself to be paired in various duties - Attended a lecture this eve given by Mr Giles of Boston upon "the peculiarities of the Irish character." He being a native of the "emerald isle" feels a deep sympathy for his countrymen thinks they have been and still are an oppressed people but they will rise from this state he thinks there is no doubt - I liked the lecturer and what he said much but should have enjoyed it more if I had been familiar with some of the allusions which he made - Oh my ignorance and inattention or I might say my weakness in retention "I can do better I know if I will make the effort - I will -"

Thursday 5th Arose by six o'clock dressed and went out for company to walk through it was so dark I could scarce see my hand before me. Jane was soon ready and we turned our faces to the south east we enjoyed our walk much particularly the last of the way as the sun had so far risen as to render the eastern sky quite luminous - We retraced our steps after a walk of a mile and a half out - We afterward learned had we turned the left hand instead of the right hand road after proceeding some way we should have come to the rolling road - however this walk we will have in reserve for another evening - Spent the day in school as usual so did I on Friday - Saturday January 6th Mary thinks she will improve in making calls as it is termed but not very desirable business if one has to wade nearly over snow - I got almost mixed in spots but happily however not quite - I told Mr. people would recognize us as school dames and in an extremity too being out on such deep mud - After quite a circuit I stopped at Uncle J's office and asked his opinion concerning a change of schools when Mary quite here which will be some time next month - Duty says change with your present views though it be a sacrifice to ease and pleasure - As all schools should be based upon the principle of holding out equal advantages to all if this is my principle then I think I ought to contribute my little towards bringing about - Uncle J thought ease and the pecuniary ought to be consulted - Stayed at home till 11th then started on 12th to reading

Sunday January 8th One more week has fled by and we are here to begin another. The aspect without is rather unattractive - the sky being in east land the walking most wretchedly muddy - This however we must accustom ourselves to do we will not be hindered from church - Mr Ware preached quite well to us - have passed some of this day in reading and a portion in conversation - Henry and Frank of course present - Monday morning dawned cloudy and rainy and so did Tuesday with much windy sheets - so with Wednesday it is warm, muggy and muddy - I do not envy those who travel by stages - it must be shocking passing - The afternoon was spent in writing to my much loved amie Elizabeth - Heard Dr Smith after patient waiting till little after 1/2 past eight - As he waited for the afternoon cars did not reach here in the stage till near an hour after the usual time owing to the extreme badness of the roads. Should the travelling continue so I hope future lecturers will be warned not to delay their ride till evening - A full 1/2 hour was lost if so to term it to near 400 people by the delay of one man - Perhaps it was not last time - people were enjoying themselves and cultivating their social nature which is a department we are by no means to neglect - When the lecture began it was upon the respiration of man and the lower animals - particularly reptiles - it is wonderful to see the contrivance for carrying on this process - every one whatever its rank in the scale of being is adapted to its sphere - how can we contemplate the works of creation without higher and nobler aspirations after the good, holy and true - would that we considered them more took time for it instead of being carried along with the hurry and bustle of the business world - When lecture was over it was near one bed hour - Mr Phelps keeps us till morning when my eyes took out the first thing and behold it misty above and muddy beneath let us not however complain of the wind or the storm - knowing as we do the the wisdom and goodness of the all wise Ruler of every thing - It is wrong to complain of the storm or calm - My school is rather thin these days - And such looking children as I have is frightful enough sometimes as they seem to take pains to wade in the deepest - I talk and talk against it & detain them in form recess this is most effectual prevention - We have read some from the manners & customs of the Indians which seem to us very singular in many respects but they are not really any more strange in themselves than are many of our modes & ways as says the author of this book - Lettin says there is no subject on which the civilized world is so incorrectly informed as upon the manners moral condition rights and abuses of the North American Indians - And so should I judge from reading this work

Saturday 14th. - This morning breaks bright and clear. The sun & stars shine with redoubled brilliancy seems to me. Oh it is delightful - how true it is that we do not fully appreciate our blessings till they are withheld for a time. - Mary went with me to walk. - fine 16<sup>th</sup> (was in school and all seemed quite pleasant - afternoon called here and there upon street & yard &c. &c. Mary is laid sick from some omission or commission goes early to bed. -

Sunday 15th - Just as I was thinking I had best get up in the morning I heard a cry as if of fire wh. proved to be such we rallied & ere long some one feared Leg's office might go & he went out & found it not there but a hatter's shop two buildings this side - as it was morning the alarm was soon given and a general turn out. - The engines were so expert the fire was stopped before it reached any other building. - I pity the owner Mr. Post - as he had no insurance with a loss of over \$1000. - and what makes it more aggravating there are all the most certain indications it was set on fire. - One good thing people were roused early. - Came home read home till meeting time when I did not talk. - There being none at the Unitarian I went to the Methodist as yet much edified. - Stayed at home & read. -

Attend lecture in evening. - Mary had been quite heavy today. - Took a walk down the hill. - found a little white flower. - living & thriving under a water spout. - Went to hear Mr. Randall lecture upon the disease of the leprosy which prevailed in older times. - It was a most shocking disease. - affecting as I should judge every portion of the system. the skin by scaling - the tongue by turning black and on making an incision matter exudes instead of blood, the eyes become swollen. - the joints affected. - It must have been horrible. - Mr. R. said man in his primitive state was not only created with soul pure and intellect clear but body free from every thing that could corrupt or disease. - Very true - can we conceive of such a being? - Hardly not.

Monday January 16th. - The sun shines in all his brilliancy who can help being happy. - Took quite a long walk with Jane & Robert. - thereby have been enabled better to discharge my duties in school. - day passes - the last day I shall ever see in my "teens" Oh how I regret I am really so old without seeming so without living out such a life as one should do who had so many years to improve. - Why do I live on without making more advances in the ways of truth and goodness. - it will surely be for my present and eternal happiness to fix my thoughts more and more upon living in obedience to conscience & and the dictates of the higher nature. - I sleep one more night and the dawn of another day. - Tuesday January 17th tells me I enter on the twentieth year of my life - who can realize I am so old!! I see much which would I live over again I would strive to correct

this is impalpable - the future is unknown - the present is all we have to call our own - things do not improve this - striving to live more nearly to the life of our Blessed Saviour - may I look more to the good of my soul & that of my fellows - ever cherishing that real love to God which will inspire me on with this work - How insignificant and worthless seem the appeals of men the love of outward show & distinction compared with the real and substantial good of the soul. what a gulf between the happiness derived from these sources. - they are as far removed from each other as is the East from the West. - This year I pray may be one of Christian progress may I love to "live to the Tenth." - May I love to remember that this act this deed is the one I am to live out in the best way. - Now is time for us tomorrow no man has seen. - In accordance with my determination at the outset of '53. - I walked - enjoyed Mary's and Jane's company to the "Rolling Rock" another of the remaining places F.R. produces. - It is a huge one, so termed rolling from being capable of motion, as it appears centered on a pivot as it were. - Returned quite refreshed. - My dear pupils have received my aid through the day. - At night all our household minus Mary made a call upon Pix hard & Lizzy. - While James brought in a letter after we came back from home in which we had the sad intelligence that Aunt Smith had had a severe attack of bleeding. - Dr. Hamilton says if she does not immediately have more thinks there is a hope that she may once more be comfortable. - but I fear not long will she be with us. - She will soon be with our dear mother and her four sisters who have died after a more or less protracted illness after bleeding. - This was quite a shock to us as it must be to all the family. - We shall be quite impatient to hear how she bears up under it. - What a stroke it will be to all if she is taken away just before Emily - So just with a Mother who had cherished and watched over one with care and affection is sad indeed. - No one prized or I should say we are not apt to prize such a blessing until they are withdrawn. - Those sympathies can be so strong as those of a Mother. - none I say. - May we trust that her strength may return and that she once more may be in health again. - I commenced writing an answer to say that either M. or myself would return if we could be of any aid but concluded not to send it till we heard again. - sh. I fear will be in a very few days. - Wednesday went to walk before breakfast - school in the morning - stretching in the afternoon - lecture in the evening from Wendell Phillips upon English Chartistism. - of course good from such a source - but I did not understand the subject enough to appreciate it. - We were in hopes we could get Mr. C. to deliver an Anti-Slavery lecture but he could not stay. - The evening was most perfect - the stars were shining in all their splendor. - Thursday, Friday, & Saturday must remain blank as I now write some days after can it be that I have done no thing worthy to be noted on memory's pages? -

I cannot remember - Mary is ailing - her school is too much as she is now and I hope will soon resign her duties at resignation which I suppose will be forever as things indicate that she will assume a new relation before very many months. - May she realize all she anticipates - and feel fully the responsibilities which such a relation brings with it. - Sunday, January 22. Mendell Church - At noon went to the shore to witness an immersion a spectacle I never before saw. - Henry made Mary a call in the evening. Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup>. - Kept school all day - went into Sarah's she is moving from her shop to Mrs Brayton's on Bank Street for a few weeks only when I suppose she will take up a more permanent residence with Mr. P. Baden with whom she is soon to unite. - he is now a member of Congress. Sarah was writing him amid all the bustle and confusion of incident after moving. She had from him four or five times a week and he from her. - It must take more time and matter I fear than I could fear with - when one can send free of postage it is quite an affair. - Sarah had the Laturer Petitions wh. were sent to her some three weeks since for distribution and there they have laid till within two or three days of the time they should be sent without a single signature. So I asked if I would not do something about them. - I am stronger here but I will do what I can. - Jane goes with me to a fair place after seven o'clock at night meet with a few who will sign. Not very noble hearted if understanding their object they refuse to sign. - Tonight had a letter from Louise Harris she seems to pursue the tenor of her ways as evenly as ever. - Had been to hear Mr. Parker of West Roxbury lecture and seems highly pleased says if there is a pure man on earth he is one. - and so would I. - yet he is persecuted for entertaining such views. He will not be appreciated by the world now but will be as said Mr. Phillips martyrs and heretics of our age are saints of the next. - I wish I could hear him he would give such lively feelings of purity. - She writes Sarah W. had heard from the Pennells and through them from Mr. Perce as they correspond with him. The note Eliza quite a long letter on hearing she was engaged. I imagine he said he feared she had forgotten what Mr. Combe says on matrimony should like to see it. - Louise writes this good man is devoted to the Anti-Slavery cause - whatever he undertakes he will enter into with all zeal he cannot sit down and do nothing. - Ardor and zeal will accompany his efforts. - Would I could see this man. a thing I intend to if I can make such arrangements when "sheep shearing" comes. - Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> Uncle Enos visited Aunt Smith is more comfortable so that she can sit up a little. - She had a good nurse - Aunt Sophia is at home so they are not wanting for help. - This is encouraging - Enos advised me not to take Mr's school as her living - thinks I shall not give satisfaction. - I decided not to some time since

as they advertise for a teacher and I should stand but poor chance as there would probably be so many applicants and an uncertainty about my getting it. - though to be sure I stand an equal chance with others. - Mary quits her school today and I am glad for she is quite worn out with school keeping combined with some assistance or commission as to her physical system. - I think she neglects due degree of exercise out of school. wh. is highly essential. - The chest troubles her much but I hope rest will restore her to full strength if she uses care. - Nearly two years has she been employed as a school dame - I wonder where I shall be at the expiration of the same time if health and strength are spared. - The future happy for us veiled from us. - The present is all that need concern us to know and there in act. - Have been out this eve with the Relations - did not add many signatures to my list. - Mrs. Weston says she will take them tomorrow and see what she can do if it is not too cold. - which we find to be the case now. - Wednesday Forenoon was in school. It does not do so well as I ought I fear a Normalite would frown some if they had no better order than I have another term I shall take some other course to interest it than I now do. - There is but very little respect paid to elders they have some faults wh. are not very easily corrected unless one pushes everly and I am not sure that that would do the business. - Mary and I made some calls in the afternoon. - She got quite fatigued & is feeble indeed. - Was dis appointed not to hear a lecture from Mr. Perkins upon the Temperaments as announced last week but his health would not permit his coming. - Thursday Morning went with Jane to walk around the waterfall enjoyed it well and no doubt the whole day better. - I wish I might induce Mary to go with me she lacks resolution to leave her bed in the morning. - Mr. goes to see Sarah tells her of her being married in about three weeks and when Mr. B. is to return and take her on to Washington to make a little stay at that will be fine. - Divine business here I am sure. - Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> Quite stormy day. Stayed at home & mended my stockings in the afternoon. - Sunday went to meeting read some. - Monday was washing school through the day - Mary is busy enough preparing for her married state. Maria, Mary and myself spent the evening at Mr. Cady's had quite an agreeable time. - Tuesday is pleasant Jane spends the evening and night with us. - we sleep three. - Wednesday is quite rainy but as much so however as to prevent my leaving a pretty good number of scholars. - Spent the afternoon in making out bills as my term draws to a close next week on Tuesday when I shall leave for home as well as my sister. - Oh how rich it makes one to be a school dame - Well money is but a small matter after all. - It will not make a person happy after all.

I neglected to say for yesterday we wrote a very happy letter and sent it by the Shum way who had come all the way from Dedham to take to himself a wife - a Miss Gunn he is wedded to this day. - May they be a happy pair - Business closed. - Thursday is all my children have been busy today with other things learning pieces to speak as did they with Aunt Sophia - it is quite an undertaking - I thought some time ago Mrs Boston would have them meet at her house but she is not able to have them - as they are ready and depend upon meeting I think we shall have them here as Uncle J. is willing. They have been practicing considerable today. - some Anti Slavery pieces and others of various kinds all together quite a good selection they perform quite well in the school room - It is some thing of an affair to prepare Uncle J. lends his hand as liberal as ever. - When evening comes they train beyond my control at times - Their smotherfulness was much excited so that it interfered with the speaking. - Glad considerable many spectators - saw them but little. - Am glad it is over "Gynology" seemed to be much liked. - We had a letter from Sophia this afternoon she is at home writes that Aunt Smith is still better - may she continue so. - She will defer going to Northampton till after we go home. this will be fine for us once more to be collected around the fireside of home. - Mary gets quite a reprimand for appointing her time to be at home so short previous to being married from her Aunt Elizabeth I hope it will have some effect - if she does not visit her old friends now I fear she never will feel that she can leave Henry so long again. - Aunt C. says she has been through the mill and know something about it. - Friday & Saturday pass with nothing very particular to mind. - then came calling upon Sarah who had returned from Valley Falls after a week's visit. - Making arrangements for home. - and Mary talking upon her affairs which are quite pressing. - This week had fled with no reading and scarce anything to render any time out of school of much profit to my mind. - Henry & Mary have comforted on comfort. - Sunday the 5 of February I walk with Jane in the morning - go to church to hear Mr Ware who had showed the deep influence of hymn singing - with our fellow men - highly practical. - wish these thoughts had more weight in the world. - Stayed at home in the P.M. as there was a violent snow storm it comes in earnest - can't tell when we have seen an equal amount on the ground - I suppose many hearts are rejoiced to see this. - It fell about a foot in depth. - Have read some fine pieces from the Standard. - Monday morning snow is but little broader but enough for me to get to my seminar comfortable. - have twelve scholars but enough if they do not train better than they did in the forenoon - well I am glad - but one half day more when I shall have a respite from school at home. - It grows cold - pack

in tomorrow Mary and I will go home in the moon stage bag & baggage she for two or three months stay - I for two weeks. - have had Sunday calls tonight as we are to leave just Henry Robert & Molten. - I am now writing my journal it is up fair and square to the part 10-15 minutes left my bed hour Good night. - Tuesday, February 7th. - Am anticipating with pleasure a cessation of school duties and a return to our own fireside at home - it does not seem like a reality as when I was at L. the why I know not. - Previous to going to school I have every thing in readiness for a start in the stage at noon. - Sleep until eleven when I am glad to arise I think scholars as well as teacher are rather impatient for vacation. - at twelve the stage arrives and we get in bag & baggage with half a dozen trunks or so which our aunts have been heating with much care - they are real comforts as it is a "real stinger" our sleigh stage is covered partially no deficiency of air have vents let out in abundance. The first of the way we ride nine three on a seat with a baby to boot - the closer the warmer I suppose would be said. - Mary and I have our talk to ourselves when we are not listening to others. - One gentleman spoke of the marriage which is soon to take place between Sarah and N. Burden. He thought there would be some clashing between her and the girls. said considerable more but will not deign to relate after more than two hours ride we exchanged our ventilated carriage for a seat in the warm cars previously however heating awhile in the cars the arrival of the cars from N. B. we were on the platform as they came in - said Mary there is Henry - Henry Henry who? I replied why Henry Woodward. - Had I not seen him leave the cars I should have said he rained down. - Mary knew his plan in the morning to meet us at Tarrant and from there go home with us - yet agreeing to keep the design from me. - It was quite a happy surprise indeed. - We were in the cars riding along as happy as need be for some distance soon however we would stop then go forward and backward then stop yet awhile for them to shovel as the snow had blown in so as to obstruct the wheels very much - we had the assistance of three engines to propel us on but even with their united power we moved quite slowly and did not reach the Branch till the shades of evening had fallen around us was near seven when we were quite impatient to be landed at home. - Mary & I seated ourselves in the "Shante" while Henry went to get a conveyance to carry us to the village for the Dedham train had gone up about twenty minutes before. - H. first went to Mr B's the person who usually does the business and is in duty bound to rain or shine to carry us up but the wife seemed to rule in

matter and <sup>now</sup> out-tried could by against it saying the snow was so deep the halle wou  
break his legs and he ought not to go. - Noble spirit truly I wonder what the animal is  
made of if there was such danger to be apprehended I query whether it was sufficiently  
stout to draw us three miles - During this long absence of Henry's we were quite impatient to know  
what had befallen him Mary was almost blind with the headache I talked with the man who  
tentanted this humble abode he appeared very clever kind of a man. - He came back with a man  
and sleigh after a half hour's run in the cold and snow it is too bad after getting so far that  
he should have such luck and then we shall be so long getting home that we will have no time to  
see the family as he must return on the morrow. - His first impressions of D. cannot be very pleasing  
but I hope they will not be the most lasting. Our sleigh ride home on the rail road was fine I believe there  
is no mist take that we inhaled pure oxygen a rare commodity. - Mary quite recovers as we get  
home. - Henry is in quite good spirits says it is just his luck. - Well we got home just before eight and  
had a radial reception from its inmates found all well save Aunt S. who is not improving much of any  
We had quite a social chat till bed time when the parties retired to their respective rooms. -

Wednesday the 8<sup>th</sup>. We find we are in a pretty cold latitude some degrees farther to  
the North than we have been in of late as one might judge from the quantity of snow fallen.  
We tried to entertain H. as well as we could but that was not very well. he went to bed and  
showed him around the city a little then came home and chatted till after dinner when he  
took a sleigh and carried Mary Sophia and I to see Aunt Smith. - she is very feeble and I think  
not but little hope for her to continue long. So thinks Henry. He seems to understand long complaints  
if I was sick and had any physician I think I would prefer him to most of the Dr. world.

Emily is in quite good spirits and we are mutually glad to meet. - Made a short call  
by the time we returned to the village it was time for H. to leave he is a good boy. - betakes the  
parting kiss and leaves. - Esther has gone to Dorchester to attend an education - on her return my  
Ellen is at Uncle N's desk with the <sup>Oh</sup> me how much that family are sick!! The misery  
we bring upon ourselves from infringing the laws on wh. health depends, viz. cleanliness exercise bathing  
the last is not by any means the least. - Evening passed in a good social way at home. it is  
a happy meeting for us. we will enjoy all we can lest circumstances will present a like gay time.  
It may never be that we all spend so many days together again - Mary is soon to make her a new home  
Sophia will be long from her community friends and I know not where my destiny may be  
cast Home Home sweet Home. - I love it and more I love those who constitute it such.  
Thursday Grandmother and her daughter Estie spend with Betty. - Emily with C. N. & me. Mary  
takes lessons in Cookery - have some sport with her. - if we could not laugh how unhappy we should be

Friday with S. Grace Abby Mary I went to Uncle Stow's & stayed. - After evening after supper  
I put on Aunt Sally's hat and she was not slow with her jokes. - Laugh, laugh, laugh  
went to the shop with Timothy where I was weighed. - It was not so much as might be  
only five hundred and thirty eight pounds. - A small school of the Russian family  
they cost equal me twenty four lbs. - There is considerable curiosity to see Henry. -  
I did not have my wish either way that was to be expected though it would not have been a  
difficult matter. - Saturday is rainy in the morning sun shines clear in the afternoon  
we ride home with Nathaniel and spend the night. - Have a nice dance in the evening  
with the other three children Sabia calls the figures. - Sunday Feb 12<sup>th</sup> dawned upon us  
in health save Aunt Smith who is now weak and <sup>soon</sup> as a cough which is cackling to hear & must  
be owing to her. - we hear Mr. Landon exhort, in the evening our dear Anne Elizabeth made  
us a call - she is as good and as intelligent as ever. - Had I such a mind such a store house  
as she possessed I would be thankful it comes to me from within that knowledge is the  
result of labor and may I not approximate towards such a a standard as she has at-  
tained. - I know it is possible - Then why shall I not do it? -

Monday finds us surrounded with the washing apparatus - oh we four use pretty morally  
Mary & I have permission to quit before the finishing as we are going to the City to dine  
Have a pleasant visit with Elizabeth and Aunt Joanna - come home little after three to  
meet C. N. who has come in to spend the afternoon with us. - Happy times. -

Tuesday Feb 14<sup>th</sup> is a snow storm to mark it so we have a quiet day within doors. - Mary  
receives a letter from H. in wh. he describes Sarah's wedding it was a crowding time. - They parted  
off quite well I should judge. - Mary & Sabia each received a copy of the Am. paper entitled  
the "all Sots" not badly named methinks one would judge after the reading. - Had the pleasure  
of gratifying my Abstemiousness this evening in converting treacle into candy - good luck. -  
Wednesday Morning Sophia and I engage in a healthful exercise that of digging paths it gives  
strength and vigor makes us glow. - had a prime time - Mary is luby as ever and will be till  
so till she is a Mrs. Woodward - How that looks - Oh. - so old - it is a query whether I  
will do it. - we lay plans if the weather permits to visit the city on the morrow to shop  
Thursday Morning at 1/2 past seven Sophia Mary and I. S. are on their way to the cars in their  
quickest hurry. - The last bell rings before we are got to the cars so we all use our feet freely and soon  
till we feel as if we could run us further and scarcely breathe again. - and with this we have  
accomplished our point - better so than not to have done it after a vigorous effort. - we get in soon  
soon. Sawells. Stodd. - Call upon the Misses Pick. and then commence our day's work to buy

Blankets, spreads, curtains, tablecloths, &c. - No errand butness after the novelty is  
worn off - we get along very well though rather tired by night. - Mary & I stop at the girls one  
night Sophia goes home with our purchases. - The bed feels good our sleep is sound.  
Friday with Mary walk out to Roxbury find it finger cold stop at Mrs. Morrill's. We  
passed the night with Dolly - while I stop with Sarah M. - go into her school find her in  
good health and quite happy. - Her school is subject to good discipline though I think  
rather at the extreme of good order inasmuch the scholars are hardly allowed to move from  
one position they being young it seems too hard - it is entirely contrary to nature so to do. Sarah  
thinks it is wrong but the committee require it, this plainly shows that they are attending to  
intellectual education at the expense of the physical. - Sarah closed little after three and we  
went to see Louise & her school she spied us out before we reached her room we were glad  
to meet we are friends and hope we shall ever cherish this friendship. - L. School is small  
I should think she was mistress of her business. one thing and the same fault I would notice  
that I saw in Sarah's that is compelling the children to sit motionless like so many statues  
Louise says her conscience sometimes reproaches her for so doing - as long as she is in the school  
she must do as the committee dictate. - After going I proposed that they remedied the evil in a  
degree by giving frequent recesses. - Louise went home with Sarah so we had a gay time. we had  
our usual days in part an innumerable theme and talked of the present lot of those who are  
now in the field of labor. - On broaching known Mary's intent to change her state of single  
blessedness Louise would at every interval or now and then cry out why Lydia Ann your  
sister is going to be married is she? We wanted to know how she went to work and if F.R.  
was a good place and the like as if she was in despair. - one other remarkable added to our usual  
Sarah's to I think in evening the way our tongues went was not slow, recalling the scenes of  
by gone days and the retrospects therein. It only needs the gathering together of less others  
of the old favorites to have them real sociability. When we go to our lodgings room we  
find a fire & the chamber quite comfortable - we three Sarah Louise & I seat around the stove  
and commence undressing. talking all the while & ever & anon indulging in laughter. - we talk  
upon leading lives of single blessedness. the prospects for all of us are fair so to do for the present  
though I believe we all acknowledged we would change our relation provided a good oppor-  
tunity offered. we depicted the different tastes wh. we should expect to find in each others here  
for a part of their days. - It was near eleven before we were ready for bed and full another  
hour passed ere we were ready to give way to Morpheus. - We were upon near every theme some of it  
one of quite a serious nature. As Mr. Parker's views - our condition after the soul is freed from the

corruptible part. - Some of them we considered quite well. - adelaide told the family in the morn-  
ing. - Before seven in the morning we had a light brought to us and word made that it was  
time to rise as this family late for their mother's mother's early to bed and early to rise. we treat  
it to have us rise and it was not till the second call that we did make out to rally. - Louise  
asked Sarah's sister if she would not bring up her breakfast. finding it did not come we made  
we talked all the while till we went down to the table and from that time till near school  
time when we parted I too go to Mr. M's to meet Mary the girls wanted me to tarry longer  
but I could not. - Tried to make the girls say they would come & see me at F.R. they  
gave some encouragement. - Mary with me took the morning card home whether wh. we  
arrived in safety talked over our days adventures exhibited our purchases. - Passed the after-  
noon & a part of the evening with Mrs. Holmes & family. - Tomorrow is Sunday a day of rest we  
go to hear Mr. Lamson exhibit. - I am with the Cq. - Go home after church with Emily & Mrs.  
Michael and Mary in a sleigh wh. gets along quite smoothly. - as we were turning to go down  
the lane I said I wished we might be upset well I had my wish. - Peter had just turned the  
corner each side of the sleigh were high banks into which we were all soon precipitated  
Peter when he found us all extended in the snow he was not a little frightened he ran to  
the horse's head to stop him ere he ran away with our feet wh. were in the sleigh or  
on its edge while the rest of us was in the snow banks to told us to move along if we  
could upon wh. I tried to crawl on my hands & knees farther into the bank I  
turned over found Mary with face down in the same case with me we could not speak all  
that we could do was to look and laugh - Miss the nurse and Emily were down & up again  
before us - in five adventurous moments I should think we were all re-seated and on  
our way again all laughing at our catastrophe which was not attended with anything more  
serious than a grazed elbow a bent bonnet and the like but the pleasure we derived would  
far outweigh these trifles. - Enough of a turn over unless it can be just such another one. Found  
Aunt Smith comfortable though indeed quite feeble. - The three girls sleep together as it may be the  
last time as Mary will never be with us long in state of single blessedness. - Oh dear well if it is the  
best so it must be. - Pleasant night's sleep and we rise to see a most lovely day mild & warm  
during the night the rain had fallen & frozen so that the trees look most beautifully as the sun  
gets up upon them. - M. C. M. & J. & J. give some. - go up & see Aunt Smith wh. will not be many more  
times for one if for any one as it seems from the disease that she will soon exchange worlds - why  
should we mourn if the next life is to be fraught with so much peace real happiness. than can  
be experienced here. ah it is hard to part with those who we dearly love for we are so worldly ourselves



so much taken up in the present. There is one reason why we need mourn  
that is at the premature death of our friends. - As we doubt not if they observed the  
organic laws of our being our lives would be far more protracted than they now are this  
is a lamentable view of the subject. - In the course of the morning Mary and I go home  
the sun shined warm & clear it is most lovely - it is indeed made sweet to stop to see the  
ice fall from the trees upon the icy sheet beneath wh. lies glittering in the sun. - Love Nature!  
I hope I shall at some time as I ought. - We refreshed ourselves much by abetting in clean  
cold water just descended from the roof over our heads. - After some calls. Mary, Catharine & I went in  
to spend a little time with Mrs Richards and C. Richardson enjoyed the time much as one would to  
were such a person as to be he found as Elizabeth. she is worthy of every one's love. - In the eve  
I had my fortune told among other things wh. was that I was to marry better & sooner than I  
expected. My husband was to rule my course was to be finished with honor. - Quite lucky if it  
all proved true. - We get home about my bed time which used to be ten. - Sabina thinks we have been  
gone but a very little while such noisy things are we she likes to improve our absence to collect  
her thoughts. - She immediately goes to work to prepare an Indian pudding to boil over night  
we have considerable sport in getting the pot to boiling and everything ready for the  
departure to bed wh. we did not do until a late hour. - My chum Sophia awoke glad in  
time to replenish the water ere the fountain had entirely dried up & the pudding burned.  
The morning found it done to a charm & red as a cherry. In it made a fine breakfast  
tasked just right. - This is my last day at home among my good friends by another morning  
breakfast time I shall be all ready bodily to return all alone to F. B. so Mary to be there to share  
with my very pleasures & pains. as I have been wont to have done - it is hard to leave friends & home  
but we cannot always expect to share their smiles and judicious warnings. It is well that sometimes  
we should separate that we may be thrown on our own resources and be led to common sense  
with that Being who is a Friend to every one who draws breath. - May I look to him as the one who  
is ever near to aid & bless. - Go to see Aunt Smittle it may be for the last time in this  
world. - do additional odd things as park & the like. - Wednesday Feb 22<sup>d</sup> I clear for me to perform my  
journey. - Enjoyed it well - was a mute in the car. - I saw one in the sleep though occasionally  
awakened from that state by quite a talkative gentleman who inquired after F. B. its size. - also the Prof  
something of the Catholics at the last. - &c. &c. he did not suffer from the want of perfume for  
a lady drew off the top notch with her cologne bottle. - so a pation and not a small one either  
constantly came in contact with my offspring. - Sleighing good - with about four hours ride I was  
landed safe & sound with two drinks at my destined port. - had unexpected until night. - Chamber

very enough. Afternoon long visit my Seminary. find it in order. - Think I had better begin  
the day after such a gay return for vacation. - went to hear Mr Prady lectured upon  
life of Christ. of course it was good coming from such a source. - Oh my contribution  
what chance is it?  
Thursday Feb 23<sup>d</sup> I resume my professional duties. - have before me about twenty dis. - dis.  
not quite as many as I would like though. - Days glide on rapidly I feel quite alone  
when out of school Mary being absent. - now I have no one so congenial though  
surrounded by kind friends. and those to who endeavor to promote my happiness  
I see some read some walk some & sleep much. - There are but two more  
lectures this season before the Lecture for the 'incident. Mr Marvin had given one  
of these Mr Lowell Mason the other; the former was upon the importance of a  
diffusion of a good system of reading through the community as very much  
depends upon this depends the progress of society in knowledge & virtue. - Many  
of the lower classes of society are excluded from obtaining suitable books. - a  
remedy to this that Common School Library should be established in each  
district school where all might share the good to be derived therefrom. - Would that a  
few more Mr Mann's might be found who would so stimulate society that all would  
share in zeal of the cause of improvement