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Prayer is an all efficient, heavenly, a treasure
undiminished, a mine which never is exhausted, a
sky unobscured by clouds, a haven unsuffled by the
storm, it is the root, the fountain and the mother
of a thousand blessings. I speak not of the prayer
which is cold and feeble, and devoid of energy. I
speak of that which is a child of a contrite spirit,
the offspring of a soul converted, born in a blaze of
unutterable inspiration, and winged, like lightning,
for the skies. The potency of prayer hath moved the
strength of fire, it hath bridled the rage of winds,
turned anarchy to rest, extinguished wars, appeased
the elements, fulfilled demands, burst the chains of
castles, rescued the cities of heathen, a magic charmer,
rebuked tyrants, rescued cities from destruction, it hath
stayed the sun in its course and arrested the progress
of the thunderbolt, in a word it hath destroyed what
ever was an enemy to man. I again repeat, that
I speak not of the prayer engineered by the lips,
but of that which ascends from the recesses of the
heart. Alas, there is nothing more potent than
prayer: yea there is nothing comparable to it. A
monarch vested in gorgeous habiliments is far less
illustrious than a kneeling suppliant, adorned
and adorned by communion with his God, consider

Prayer at once secures the continuance of our blessings and dissipates the cloud of our calamities. O prayer! O blessed prayer!

Thou art the unwearied conqueror of human woes; the
firm foundation of human happiness, the source of
ever lasting joy the mother of Philosophy the man
who can find truly, though languishing in extremest
indigence is richer than all beside; whilst the wretch
who never bowed the knee, though proudly seated as
the monarch of the nations, is of all men most des-
titute. Let us then direct our thoughts to Him that
was poor yet rich, rich because he was poor. Let
us overlook the enjoyments of the present, and de-
sire the blessings of the future; for so shall we
obtain ~~both~~ the blessings both of the present and the
future. Oh! may we all obtain them through the
grace and beneficence of Christ our Lord; to whom
with the Father and the Holy Spirit, be ascribed
all glory now and forevermore. amen -

St. Chrysostom

Prayer is the Christians vital breath
The Christian's native air,
His watchword at the gate of death -
He enters heav'n with prayer

There is such an exalted delight to a regenerate
being in the act of prayer and he anticipates with
so much pleasure amid the toils of business and the
crosses of the world the moment when he shall be
able to pour out his soul without interruption into
the bosom of his Father that I am persuaded that
the cease of desire or impatience which a man
feels to the performance of this amiable duty is
an infallible criterion of his acceptance with God.

Henry Burke White

Stimulus says an admired French author is the golden
chain by which the world is held together and it can
be moved and managed with a finger. The observation
is at once elegant and expressive; but the misanthrope
rejects the gentle band and covering the
lies of friendship and affection becomes a stran-
ger to himself and joy.

Sunday October 18th 1840.

I now enter upon my Senior year, during a portion of that now past my journal was occasionally written, but was entirely neglected in the summer term; believing that much religious advantage results from it, I now resume my pen intending to use it for this purpose at least once every week and oftener if convenient.

This sabbath has closed; Dr Fitch preached on the Unity of God in the Morning - Mr Dutton "and to you faith virtue", setting forth the Christians need of moral courage - after tea a very crowded meeting addressed by Prof's Goodrich & conducted in an excellent manner. Came to my room with Gready, Gould came in soon - prayed together; after they left, Thacher came in, talked about Sabbath School & prayed for it. My own feelings are not what they ought to be, there is none of that spirituality which I read of, vicious of sin very imperfect, not enough vital piety; much pride & vanity. I wish to be entirely Christ's, but there is too much indolence - in disposition to make spiritual efforts. O Lord Change this heart, and for the future enable me to live devoted to thee. P. M. M. Bull

Sunday Oct 25th.

Heitch preached "God is a Spirit" in the morning & in the afternoon. I did not meet any God. I came to town & much sinners in our religious feelings, this is true & I can say I hope some religion. At least, tho' for almost three years - so far as of religion is concerned I have in Christ, & need to be taught in all things, there is a great deal of sin & sin - real sin in our camp - I am not enough guarded in speaking of others and so often violate the solemn trust in this respect. Then the day or week comes to a close as to this - so difficult to see what sin I have committed - this shows how little hatred of it there exists in my heart - how little love to the Saviour, else my faults would find me guilty - Lord do convince me not our sin one, for the sake I feel named to read his name at home & here so little, but has been so much of him who used to convince me a sinner; & I am convinced of sin, give me to know your own heart - to hate to defend thee in any thing. There seems to exist but little interest in college. Lord do convince the work to one great strength to perform every Christian duty - to give myself entirely away to the Redeemer - his cause.

David Thompson

Monday October November 1st

This day completes twenty one years of life in this world, and how little I have accomplished thus far, for God or my fellow men - or myself! It has been communion today - but my heart was new cold, my views of sin indistinct, my love to the Saviour small and poor: during the past month I have spoken to some Christians on religious things & to three non professors of my class, Arthur & Ben Rodgers of the freshmen; this is a poor account to render to my Saviour, who died for me, tho my studies have crowded me much, I might write & should have done more in the vineyard of my master. My spirit of prayer has been too dull, & that I might feel the danger of souls around me, Lord open my eyes & warm my heart: for my own family I have felt some warmth, the thought of their living and dying Gods enemies awakens some feeling. In regard to some of them the reply of Jesus to his disciples comes to my mind, "this kind goeth not out but by fasting and prayer"; I am therefore resolved to fast to morrow & pray for their conversions & for my own heart to be melted & warmed.

David Tombull

Sunday November 8th 1840

Cold, cold heart, sometimes skeptical
as to its crowd upon my mind of all sinners,
and, tho' usually they do not sometimes in much
strength, their influence tends to deaden religious an-
dor, and to offer excuses for inactivity — I feel un-
willing to be at fault in ^{so little} knowing of my Bible's contents
or of the proofs of authenticity.

Sunday Nov 22nd 1840

Dr. Fawcett has preached today in the Chapel
"The way of the Lord is tried" was the morning text —
I feel daily my want of Bible knowledge, it must
not only be read, but studied — and God helping
me I will make more & better use of it; how much I
sincerely lament the neglect of it, if called to lie down
in sickness or in death: I send requests now to be more
in a gear in this and in all other duties. For a long time
I have been too serious in attending shows on the matter of
religion; my feelings have inured a little — so now, after
having the weeks past, still my mind is cold — so are my prayers
I am aware of my being not warm & hearty — but am
still quite unimpaired by it — I send response to feel,

and to return to Thee. I do not feel any very strong con-
-viction of sin, nor of my weakness with time, or
desire to see more of it and to an own self;
and in all points to lead a life more humble
painful & active.

David Turnbull

"Why should we believe there are Gods? Because
there is no nation so savage, no man out of all men so barba-
-rous, whose mind is not imbued with the opinion of the Gods
Cicero in

It will not save us, nor save us to be able to say Alahon
is our father unless we will acknowledge the poorest
Christian even Sassans for our brother — Eng. Bishop

The bell strikes one. We take no note of time
But from its loss. To give it then a tongue
To rise in man. As if an angel spoke
I feel the solemn sound; if heard aught
It is the knell of my departed hours.

Where are they? With the years beyond the flood.
It is the signal that demands the parting.

How much is to be done! My robes are torn

Start up alarmed, and see his narrow verge
Look down — on what? a fathomless abyss. A dead stream
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Virtue's beyond the reach of fate — Grecian poets

Monday March 14th 1841

There is much religious interest in College, and
many are seeking after the truth, and
which is named God, there have been 25 or 30 who
think they have become pious — but I must be true
I do not think they may not have been so since
200 inconsistent and I must be true to the cause

My own cause for the last year has been
strange, I have been in a state of mind
and I have been in a state of mind
of which I have been in a state of mind
the choice of God. I have no honor

in being among men, and I have seen
and should I meet them to night in Judgment
their blood is on my skirts — O God help me to
weep over this, (may my heart, so insensitive,
be made to feel, what I see), bring my
eyes to see my eyes and make me weep

There are some who are in the
in our class but not one in
the truth Division, something is wrong, and

perhaps it is I, to be certain, I have seen a new heaven
but Lord if so now, help me to remove the obstacle
or remove it thyself — but suffered me not to
impede the work. Almighty God my Father

I would make the following solemn
confession, and write it, that it may be before
my eyes to warn me in future.

For the portion of life prior to becoming
pious, I was a wicked sinner, and after
having had pious teaching in childhood, had
become a profane Swearer, a sabbath breaker
and a hater of God: must have said even in the very
heart I will not now have thee to reign over me.
By thy grace and the faithfulness of a Christian
female, I was as I hope induced to become pious

Now I have not since becoming a professor
been the entire Christian that I ought; my standard
has been too low and I have said in my example
peace, peace, to the wicked; having sworn to be all
Christ's I have kept back the part; I have ne-
glected to study the Bible, to converse with
sinners, to pray for them as much as was duty.
My heart sins are many, pride has risen against
thee, and my love has been much on the world

Now I wish to come back, to Thee to whom
I have been, alive, whom I have dishonored
before men, in trifling and ill timed mirth;
Whom I have not loved with the whole heart,
and owning these sins to profess repentance and
true faith in Jesus, whom I have wounded;

And I do now so solemnly dedicate myself
to thy will as long as I live, to pray for
the kingdom, and to labor to promote it, seeking
every opportunity to converse with sinners; and in all
things imitate my Saviour's example.

And I do acknowledge Thee, God the Father
Son and Holy Ghost, to be my God, commending
to Jesus my Soul and its interests, and giving
up to him all I have and am — and that am
only giving him what is his.

Now O God, I am weak, frail,
Thou knowest me, and let me not wander away, but
help me to be a man of prayer, and always
a humble active Christian.

David Thompson

June 20th 1841.

This Sabbath finds me at College once more, glad to have returned; during my absence the world has come strong upon me, but, though feeling less than last term, I am still determined to see the cause of my Blessed Master advancing around me. I hope and mean to be faithful in warning & praying for my unrepentant fellow students. And to this end O God I ask divine guidance and strength.

I have long thought my standard of Christian character was too low; and Mr. Aikman says he feels that he has felt the same thing, and now means to aim at an active consecration of himself to God: to resolve on this in my own strength will not avail, but I do wish to know my own weakness, make the determination, and by divine strength maintain. The duties in which I have been delinquent are these, studying the Bible; self examination; prayer;

and personal effort with sinners and
professed Christians; and the free, right
improvement of time and privileges.

Christians feel less than last term
combats also; they will look to me for
an example in some measure; and
now David Lambree shall you intend
to elevate or help sink the Standard
of religion among your associates?
Shall Jesus Christ find you a soldier
always ready to act for him, singly and
independently? Shall he rule on the
throne of your heart, or the world and
self?

O God, my heart Thou knowest, I
have tried to deceive others, myself, and
worst of all, Thee; and now if I am
a Christian, make me, help me to be a
sinner; increase my faith, break my pride,
bend my will; give me no pleasure
while straying from Thee and Thee; &
if I am not, undeceive me in Thine
and help me to become one without
delay. This new week is begun, and
I am resolved, in Thy strength, to pass

in thy fear and the better performance
of every known duty. But, Thow art
aware of my sinful instability, and
I pray Thee grant me assistance from
on high; these requests I proffer in
my Saviors name. Amen
David Linnell

Sunday Evening September 18. 1842.

Princeton Theological Seminary is my present location - In 1837 my way was blocked up completely, and I put in the way of study - then brought to join the People of God; and doubting as to my future course, have had my resources cut off; then received the kind offer of Mr Backus of a scholarship, and here I am to use it.

If the guiding hand of God, to whom my Grandmother Lewis and my Mother committed me in dedication and prayer so often, is not shewn here - What could shew it?

Delightful thought that He guides my course; still Lord direct, and give me a disposition to follow Thy leadings. I have deficiencies to lament, would they might be lamented to some good purpose; the truth is, early in my course I concluded my abilities were of a superior order intellectually; and thus showed a weakness as one point by relying on them too much and making inferior efforts - my standing as scholar is in consequence lower than it should be. The same thing in a measure has influenced my religious life - that I was well started, and was doing well; had the prayers of many friends in store for me, and (shame that it is true) felt a sort of privilege, that men in neglect of duty all

would go well with me — Especially, regarding the low
grade of action and attainment among others. It is I
have consented to drive in first and in training because
others did. Eminent Christians have mourned over their
faults, but they were not like my faults, if they were
there was good reason to mourn. And now, preparing
to be a Minister of the Gospel — the awful responsibility of
this office is out done only by my despotic readiness to obey.
To view the human race in Bible light, this danger and
need — thus bring them God's own message, on their treatment
of a thick heavy such interests, what words could I tell
the ministers here! What first wisdom earnestness prayer
acquaintance with God and man are needed! Who is
sufficient for these things? O God fit and send me.
David Humboldt.

September 25th 1842.

Time in his flight has borne away another Sabbath; and borne it where? So Eternity - where I also shall at length be borne to meet it again and give account for its improvement. How hard to value passing time; we incline to put off action, important action, to the future, forgetful that the future at the very best will soon be where there is no 'work or device'.

This morning's discourse was on the doctrine of election at present I see not how reason or the Bible can support any thing short of it; but I feel its practical power very slightly; and alas of what Bible injunction may I not say the same! This afternoon the subject was the dangers of entering the Ministry without piety, and the motives of doing so. I think my own motives are to do good, though and not sure but I value more the happiness of mankind than the honor of Almighty God. Search me O God; and whatever may be my own inclinations suffer me not to go opposed to thy calls and wishes:

Be pleased to shew the path of duty all through life; and assist me to follow that path faithfully, not counting 'flesh and blood' but like Moses looking to the recompense of reward in the future world by faith therein.

David Hume

Sabbath night November 6 1842.

Since writing on the page previous, have had a most-
welcome visit from my dear father, who enjoyed spending
several days - and met Aunt P. W. ~~Ward~~ whose visit
has been to me one of peculiar interests, giving
me much information regarding my dear
mother and grandmother - of my mother's power
she speaks in the highest terms and with the strong-
est affection. So that I have almost wished her
still on earth; and my little sister Julia; but
Brother and daughter God, who is wisdom and Love
combined, has been pleased to call away; and
I remain the sole representative; I have had
peculiarly pious friends, have been peculiarly
led in life - and O may I become a peculiarly
good and useful man.

Learning that my Mother when dying prayed for &
blessed her two children - and thinking perhaps her spirit has
known my course in life; I have wept at recalling
many a scene, and thought how was it possible to
do so. Against what light, what prayers, teachings,
motives knowledge - and Against what divine Love has
my life of sin been pursued! Why spared? Others
less wicked have been cut off - others again allowed

their own way of sin - but what mercy has followed
drawing me as it were out from the fire? O my
Master - bring in others also, my family, my
classmates, all my acquaintances - and aid me
with thy strength to mend the breach I have made
by a life of holiness and activity.

This morning's discourse was on the glorious Gospel
and the need of proclaiming it, and the requisite
character of the proclaimers. This afternoon the
Subject was the Doctrine of Providence - if we allow
that there is a God, and he Good, either in the light of the
Scriptures or the guidance of reason, the truest conclu-
-sion seems to be a constant and particular
providence - but a practical scepticism saps the
influence of this; and indeed constant viewing of
the divine hand in every passing event is only
the attendant of much piety. The more devoted
the Christian, and the closer he dwells to his God the more
does he feel the reality and consolation of this doctrine.
'He who observes Providences will have them to observe'
says one; and in future I would be more care-
-ful to note passing events, and by recurrence
to the past strive to banish this neglect of seeing
his hand, so insulting to God, and hurtful to myself.
David Drumheller

Princeton November 27. 1842.

This has been a day of gratifying religious service in the sanctuary - but of no very peculiar emotion in retirement, and one cause is there has not been sufficient private devotion. But surely I need not I enough to call out all my soul in petitions to God! Brothers Sisters Classmates - and the young of my own and foreign countries; O how the weal and advancement of Lions Cause should live upon the heart of every Sinner looking to Jesus for Salvation. Assist me to work in prayer and in every other way while the day lasts or the night - Count in which no man can work.

I begin our more work on earth - in study of Scripture and in Mental effort I am accountable to God to be faithful, and mean to be so; May it also be a work of prayer and holy Living - Many a Canaanite still dwells in the Land of my heart, and the Congress which there is some reason to hope is begun, is far so how far, for a professor just years old, from Completion. O God Change me, Show me how weak I am, and put thy strength in me.

David Mumford

December 18th. 1842 Sunday night

Weeks fly like morning mists; nearly one half of my first theological year has passed away; a savor of Life or of death - what a duty. But few things to note down for to day; because my emotions have been few and feeble; it does seem as if I knew very little of the power of religion. Practical & Theoretical understanding - in both I am sadly behind hand. I am not settled as to what the Bible teaches of Divinity of Christ; Depravity of man; Original Sin; Divine decrees - then ignorant of Bible history. And then the doctrines of Grace in my own heart charge me with lacking much true wisdom. The duties of Christians to the poor & weak as sadly neglected; and I mean in future to seek more for - Chances to assist the needy. Grendy has cheered my heart by telling of James & Monroa becoming pious - Thank God for this; O bless Yale College with a searching shedding-down of grace, till all its members are brought into the Kingdom. My own family & that they were converted, and laborers for God. David Turnbull

Sunday Evening February 6. 1843.

This day begins the sixth Christian year of my life - O untold kindness that having made the way of return possible for any sinners brought me, me for turpitude of assistance, to motives of human and divine affection, among the first - to walk in it.

More than any thing else of late have I felt my lethargy and lack of true decision in habit thought and piety.

Prayer tho scarcely ~~new~~ ^{new} to myself, is regarded burdensome - a thing which neither reason scripture love to God or Man can ever palliate - Draw Master aid me, I will pray more! How horrid to be an offender against a Holy God, more horrid to feel stupid as I do on such ground.

God is so good to me in raising up friends and comforts; and I think so little of Him.

Lord help me to study more to think more pray and love more: In judging of doctrine I have a constant tendency to swing with others; Oh for vigor, candor, independence humbleness to follow truth lead where it

may - who can measure the harm I
may accomplish by adopting an error
even a slight one: a rich treasure in a
poor vessel; O Father in Heaven be my
Teacher.

David Turnbull.

Sunday Evening September 8th 1844.

Once more returned to Princeton to complete my
Theol. course - raised heavenward in privilege, if
I fall from unfaithfulness how bitter and unpalliated
will be my regret - however an old feeling clings
to me that I am safe, wh. bears down on its
front. I do not practically feel the stringent power
of the Law of God as it bears on me; I converse I
write. I preach it in all its vigor, but after all do
not realize it; do not feel that I really am
in danger of Hell, myself, and hence but little
value the deliverance offered me in the death of
Jesus Christ. Tell this at the Lords table this morning;
religion is so much a matter of theory with me; want-
ing so much of its practical power; I wish to be
a true, deep, self knowing es, but shrink from
the nec. efforts - without which however the result is
probably want half its value. This morning carried three

tracts into the Young Men School, wh. I hope may do
them good - I wish they might be converted and are in-
-clined to try and lead them to the Saviour.

I am very impatient in my intercourse with others
whom I know very well; looking for the moment
hardly on their faults; to this I give way and get out of
temper - give good looks, or sharp answers - or
some such thing wh. is inconsistent with the Gospel.
There is something I must prepare for in future life;
to meet in a mild spirit the dulness, ignorance, pre-
-judice and harsh words of others - I wish to acquire an
imperturbable quickness and charity wh. shall bear
and forbear with others failings: the great cause of this
trouble is selfishness; and that erroneous feeling so
common among all that will allow me to give harsh
words in return for the same - O that I could lay more
to heart what Solomon says "a soft answer turneth away
wrath". Lamon this morning Gal 6:14 God forbid that I should glory
save in the cross of Christ. Subject in afternoon Love to Christ;
D. Hodge said it is diff. fr. our Love to Parents and friends. and diff. fr.
our Love to God. D. A. said this is the great thing to secure success
in preaching; and that any of us might be eminently successful
if our hearts were filled with Love to Christ. This evening A. H. Brown
preached John 1:29 Behold the Lamb of God, that taketh away the
sins of the world. Now I begin a new week and hope to see

early, and with diligence, punctuality, and thoroughness perform the
duties of Prayer, Study, Reading, Writing and Meditations.
O God be my helper! David Drumhelly

One Week later September 15.

Sermon this morning in Chapel By Dr. Miller
Eph 2:1 And God (that he quickened) "who were dead in
trespasses and sins; a very good discourse, and really
in my opinion having no more than a verbal
difference, and hardly even that, from Mr. Hemen's
- nor always explicit - for instance Man is not
wanting in any faculty neeq. to serving God - he
has an understanding to know; he has affections
capable of being placed on him; he has a will
capable of being directed to his service - but he
has no heart for all this; in other words he has
no will - thus it appears to my mind. Bro. Dr. Miller
I cannot help loving him so parental, and so
much for his entire demeanor, and so much
of a gentleman. All Conference Sings of God &
transcending thoughts, how help Contracted?
By prayer; by habits of fixed thought; in relig. duties
by entering them making effort to feel presence of God;

I said by Rev. Do. method of running to Math. prop. or something to engage the mind, said I^d be checked & I had formed most useful meeting straightway to Kings Crossfield; I^d Miller said S^t James eye of God was upon - knew an old Dr. Hoag from Conn. & had now to go, & he being asked, how he passed his nights so untroubled, I^d for 20 years in his waking hours he did not think he had for 5 minutes been without the thought that Gods eye was upon him; that Sir Isaac Newton I^d if he had any superiority to other men it was simply in the power of fixing his mind intently on one subject till he understood it.

I have some longing to feel the power of the Gospel, to know the Christianity of the Lord of Christ, to know myself as a Sinner, and my consequent danger. Am anxious to have right views of truth, and trouble - sometimes truths of all, nearly, the good not appear supported by insuff. evidence to warrant such true belief - but O God guide me by the Holy Spirit into all truth. Then the doctrines of Grace when viewed from one side, that of the Saved Sinner, seem all right; but when I view their consequences from the lost sinners side they seem dreadful. Here I think some are blamed wrong - tis said if a man assents only to these views, it is because they are so

himself to him as friend - in many cases ~~it~~ ^{they} may
be, but I cannot think in all; some do see inen-
-surable difficulties, in offering Salvation to all men, when
it was never designed for them, tho' it may be suffered
and adapted. And yet if converting grace is God's free
gift, and given as the purchase of Christ's death
why is it not given to all men? it is not given
to all for all are not consoled - and now why
not? bec. not purchased for them; hence particular
redemption or limited atonement - Then again I
scrutinize! how often I have gathered these - but go it not.
Who will have all men to be saved - to say this means
all the elect seems intolerable exaggeration. Thus I
flounder on the waves of doubt at one time thinking
this way, again that, and again doubting whether
S. S. settles the matter. I wish to be candid & if
the truth can be found to find it and promote it
all it can. I feel some measure of earnest-
-ness for the conversion of my family. James is
soon to come here, and I pray God connect him
to take his case in hand, and bring him to
conviction and repentance, and employ
him for thy own service; I hope and pray the
dear boy may choose his own way this winter
and thus be armed agt every temptation & evil.

David Turnbull

Sabbath Morning. October. 28. 1844.

This morning I rose at 6 - Prayn meeting for
Colleges at Washins Room. Prof. Addison preached
on Jas. 3:17. It was expository - 2 Sorts of wisdom
fr. Heaven - and fr. Earth. James said Coming home
"he liked the sermon, but not the preaching" - if deemed
he wanted to get thro with the service, this said that
I had felt an air of careless despatch wth looks
ill. This afternoon, Sub. Power of Evil Sp^t over hu-
- man minds. Dr. P. rec^{ed} only learn their ex-
- istence fr. Bible, tho facts in our Expe. w^{re} con-
fess in with this theory - yet tho facts do not prove it.
The Evil known Con Satans acts on our minds.
This power has varied in diff^r ages of world - as in
our Savors time mens bodies - now their souls. The
refuge fr. him is in Divine Aid - Dr Scott said
was more expert in human heart than any
man or he having 6000 yrs exp. might judge some
of his power & power of wicked men over other
men. I tho besides as a sp^t. Evil no more
harmful than other Sinners, so he an arch-
- apostate.

My soul has been drawn out some for other
today spec. for my Bro. James last Sat. I spoke

with him on the welfare of his Soul, he admitted all, but seemed indisposed to do anything - tonight however he has come and taken his seat here by the fire, doing nothing - and perhaps is willing to hear more - God grant he may be, and besides hearing, to set about making his peace with God - O that he might be now converted.

Sabb. Evening. July 9th 1845.

I take my pen again. Last Thors Session is now within 3 months of its close; how little prepared to enter the labor field of the world. Have been ready enough in Pauls Epistles - and feel the lack of Personal heart experience in regard to what he says, and the relig. teacher who lacks this - What, in reality, has he? My convictions seem to be more of the head than of the heart - I w^d have both combined. This morning D^r Alex. Walk Circumspectly; not as fools, but as wise^s Walk; for a mans Course of life - 1 See we are in the right Course; 2 Keep the end of it in view; 3 We need a chart, and have it in Bibles. Must not turn aside to pleast fields, but keep patting our way is thro an enemies Country. 4 Must look all about us, and sometimes behind - Not as Lots wife; 5 We need a guide, and have one

in the Shepherd of Israel - Not to walk
is to be fool. Afternoon to Mr Patterson.

Las. still remains not attentive to relig.
that the Sp^t of God is arresting him; he has
gone to Ch. to night & he might be there much
& Lord thus is the power. I feel a great lack
of vigor. and punctuality, I may say,
in all my duties, and am playing
with the hope of fut. amendt. I rise late
not too early, and let time slip away before
my fingers; and so backward at doing anything
in way of Comfort. when not pressed up
for some occasion. I may well mourn
the little devotion to my Lord's cause, it
is in me, and whether surprised my
mind is engaged to obey him at all
costs. & to be convinced of sin, & driven down
to seek for hope, and led to more strict com-
pliance with his example & commands.

Sunday Night Feb. 16th 1845.

This morn I Miller L^d of Lydia's heart.
that she hearts to Paul 1. Heart shut is implied.
2 God power can open it - shut is worse. 3
his not of's force but feel. 1st Thank God for:

off our hearts. 2 Blind who keep hearts close. & st. Thos. for
them at all times, when Gorp. is preached. It
was then & has been since on my mind a
strong desire that God wof. I am heartily to hearken
to night he has gone to Ch. may the H. Spirit of
truth & something arrest his attention, and lead
him home with the inquiring What shall I do to be saved?

My God my eyes are unto Thee, disappoint not
my hope - I plead with thee O Saviour Merciful.
And I wish that Gibbons might be led to devote
his as yet mispent life to a better master &
in a better cause; I hope God will yet use him
for his own glory and the Conversion of men. To
give me faith & earnestness to pray for my
Dear family, all of them. This afternoon walk
with God was suff. of Conf. 1 Agreement 2 Communion
& Reliance on & obedience to him - all in it.
D^r A. thought as I only of two men walk'd in God's house
& Noah perhaps meant God appeared to them, or saw
of God a living fig. as to Abr. & conversed with them.
Went to College Pr. meeting this morning,
& spoke to Stud^s on Growing Grace - D^r McKen
s^d they were very cold, and going back as he
thought - O for the Sp^r of God to come into this
College - Prayer M. at 10 at Shinn's Room

I am still full of faults - I am sensible, accom-
plishing little very little. Right Prad sense
of sin; sometimes almost from I know not
what fault in I. is - and from desires wh. arise
in my mind have cause to fear they before God
has slight hold on me. Yet most of my sins
are of neglect. I feel more my need of inward
sp^l preparation for the Gospel work, so that God
w^d be my instructor and fit me for it. Dr. A.
thinks it w^d be wise to go to S. Am. tho he prefers
Rio to Valp. And Dr. Hodge I am - yet Dr. A.
says there was a Methodist at Rio, and may
be now - and none at Valp. he bid me
pray over it and God w^d guide me in the
choice.

Sunday Evening March 2. 1845.

Prof. Addison A. preached 'Be² pray for us'
Duty of praying for Pastors, and for others.
After Mr. Patterson 'found Propl. for repentance'
tho sought it carefully and with tears' illust^d by
Slaves, Examples, Prof. Privilege, and Oblig.
prior. Espec. Have felt unusual strain for
Bro. Adams, spoke to him but he seems in-
different; gave him a tract, on slave sale

read it and laid aside - Oh my God I turn
to Thee on his behalf, open his eyes, reveal
to him his danger, cause him to flee from
coming unto - and save him for Christ
Sake. I have grown, as I cast an eye
back, in religious theory; but oh what de-
fects in Practice! My temper is hasty and
proud; without the Salvation and growth in grace
of those about me were near my heart, this
w^d check hasty words - but above all would
the eye of God as ever upon me, were more
remembered - then when any turbulent thought
arises it would be put down. To be an apprentice
how hard it is. I long to get away from this
place, and go to work in the field, to enter
the more active duties of the ministry - last
week attempt to write a Sermon, but so many
interruptions occurred, that often I was
necessed, and in anything but a humor fit
for such a duty. Miss Alliburn sent
a pledge to use no int^os drinks; I decline
signing, as it is extreme. Past week a
day of prayer for colleges, my soul was not
unusually awake, I remembered this object
fair, but ought to feel more alive than I do.

I have never had the convictions of which
some speak, nor yet learned to any great
extent my own want of strength - I can see
that x. righteousness is necessary for justifi-
cation, but trust too much to my own
strength may the Lord teach me neither to
overate nor underate it. I doubt
seriously what the Bible tells that the influence
of the H. Sp^{is} is any thing more than applying truth
with power to the mind. It is said it must be
if infants are renewed, bec truth can't be
applied to their minds - ye do or not know
the S.S. nor the power of H. Sp^{is} may perhaps be said.

Sabb. Evening Mar. 16th 1845.

I' Alex. Delightful affec. simple articles Simon
on Sower & Seed - highways & an thorns - might be
hundredfold compared to seed sown; or hundred to each
grain. Afternoon staid at home, Mary Ward was not
well, remained with her. Evening Read Contrast betw.
Martyr and Byron; also life of Swartz. Tho my views
of Sin are so deficient - I am inclined to make x.
the Minister of Sin, since pardon is off^r so freely; may
my eyes be opened to see the slightest Sin, as enormous;
and that I might think instinctively, sleeping &

waking from all having the appearance of sleep. My mind
is now much distracted as to future field of labor - Shall
I go abroad? - or, as Mr Spaulding from Caylon says, shall
I stay at home? if not, whether go to Calcutta or to some
less than spot? I think I wd be willing to go to some station
among heathen, if sure my health wd be of the right
sort - for the q^r is not small, since the Ch^m number
men at expense to have them able to work after they are
on the ground. To God I wish to look candidly, and pray
him besides showing the path, to aid me in hearing - to make
me willing to lay aside every weight and go for him where
I can serve him best - 'track me o Lord to do thy will'.

James will soon leave me for his home; he promises
to read the Test. thro every year he is in college, at my
request - tho serious & respectful, he still seems a
stranger to himself and to God - might God awaken &
bring him to serve thee. His last night while praying
for Gibbons - he is now lost, now under condemnation
and O God save him and all my family for
sake.

Quotations Scraps of

Good Prose.

"Prose" said a pious English bishop "never to speak of a man's virtues before his face, nor of his faults behind his back". Rich. Hooker.

"An old horse"

"An old horse" is like the samplings in the sinking ship. Who, while the sailors were each seizing an odd piece, or an iron officer's staff, caught up the anchor when the ship was many oars broad. Arnold

"Christians in a time of calamity"

It had been many years with the "stream" as it takes one device to seven is.

The bulk of mankind have ever been and must ever remain ignorant of their own (highly useful & training) mind, must remain, to a great extent, in the same state with which the German emperor placed himself when he resolved never to read a printed book. Wp. Watson.

Never permit a man to find you in bed - for morality's sake. Wm

Alienô

[illegible]

W. B. (Rowley)

Much less can that have any place
At which a virgin hides her face—
Such dress the fair must purge away. 'Tis just
The writer blush, whence'er the reader blush.

Final Conflagration. Rev. Matthew Rogers 1740.

Let shall ye, flames, the wasting globe refine
And bid the skies with pure splendor shine
The earth, which the prolific fires consume,
To beauty turns and withers into bloom;
Improving in the fertile flame it lies
Gades into form and into vigor dis:

Burke

A compliment has value from one who has his
Civility for all, but the expression of his appro-
bation for very few.

Poetry — the art of substantiating shadows,
of giving existence to nothing. Burke

Slavery — Death is natural to man, but
Slavery unnatural; and the moment you strip
a man of his liberty, you strip him of all
his virtues; you convert his heart into a
black hole, in which all the vices conspire
against you.

Delicacy is to blush, but as the
ruffle to the shirt, and I do not admire the
taste of those who are content to lay aside the
shirt, and display the ruffle only.

Man is a noble animal Glendio in Ashes and
pompous in the Grave. Sir Thomas Brown

For tho' books serve as diet of the mind
If knowledge early got self values breeds
By false digestion it is turned to wind
And what should nourish on the cater feeds
Damon & Delia.

For it is my way to suffer no impediments,
no love or ease, no vocations whatever to chill
the ardor, to break the continuing or direct the
completion of my literary pursuits. (1784. 1. 26)

For honorable age is not that which standeth
in length of time, nor is measured by number
of years. But wisdom is the gray hair unto
men and an unspotted life is old age.
Wisd. of Sol. 4:8.9.

