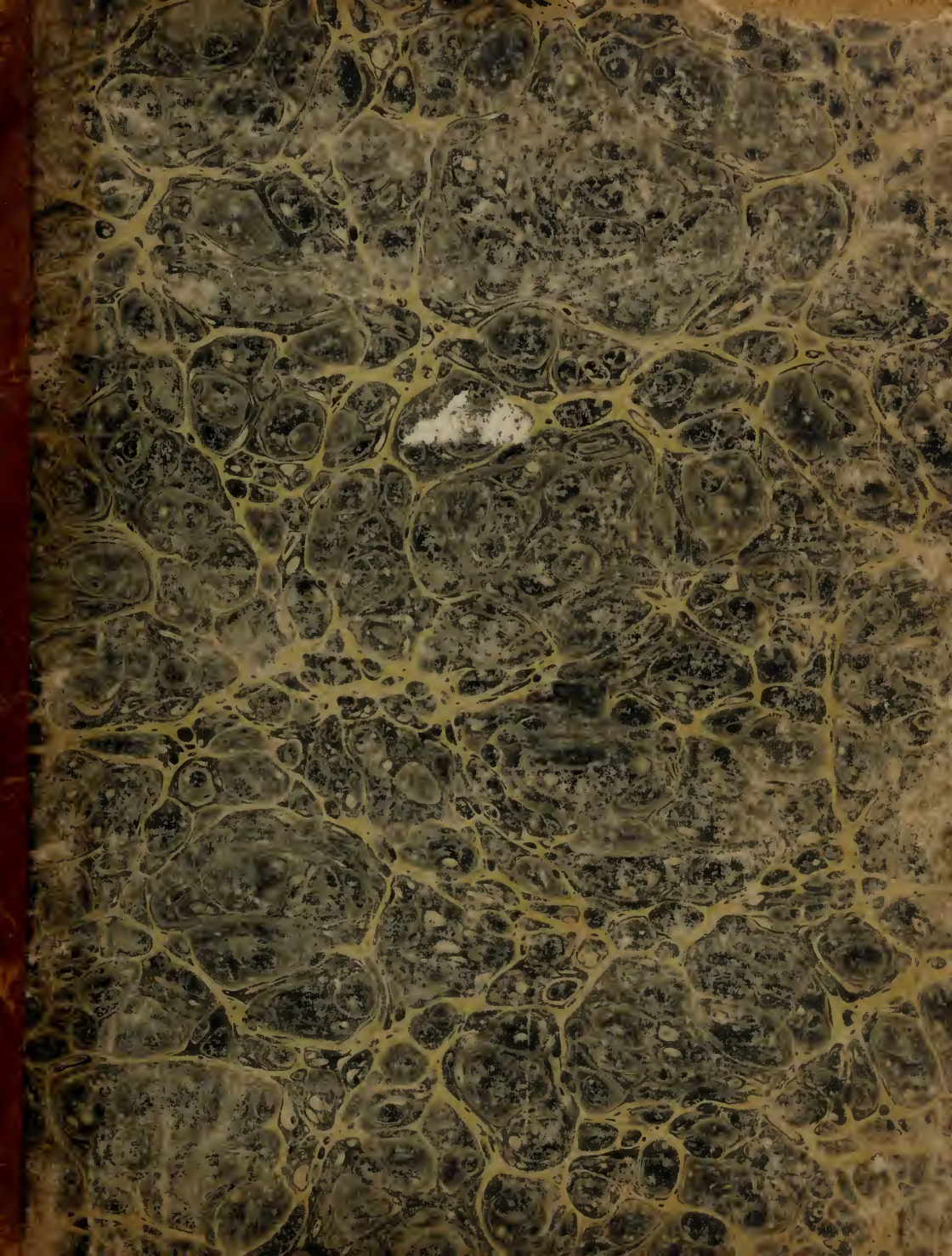




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Diary of Jane W. Fitch (Trumbull)

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Thursday morning Oct 6th The sun shines gloriously this morning,
the earth & sky are beautiful. The agricultural storm which has
just passed - it commenced Sunday evening & lasted till yesterday noon -
has washed the trees & caused the grass to exchange its former parched & dry
appearance for a bright fresh verdure. The clouds in heaven are blue
& thus did outward nature appear yesterday when at four in the af-
ternoon our Misses assembled at Mrs Foster's in Elm street. Eliza & I were
among the first three - our punctual - I hope a presage of our
winter's conduct. The Misses Sargent, & Nettie Blake were there before
us. Olivia Day & Selia Torrey soon made their appearance, & then the
fun commenced. Olivia is the most excellent young lady I
have ever known. Quick as a flash - full of sparkling wit &
when she is disposed to be - very agreeable. The Therman Hotchkiss
& Lizzie Ball soon presented themselves. Miss Caroline Foster
was made our Queen - Olivia Day our Secretary Eliza Shuman
& Alina Hotchkiss our Distributors, & Eliza & I the managers.
We have the hardest part of the work - making the bunches,
cutting out & superintending the work. I was Distributor
last year & I assigned this office as - told the girls because
it awakened in me a deep interest in the society I thought
some other member should now take it. Olivia & I then
proposed that the most reinvigorated person in the society
have the office assigned them. Nettie Blake suggested

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business. I told the girls that I could not keep the Bag - our house
had not room enough in it - it would be littered from
top to bottom if I attempted to keep it. Livvy then noted that
"Dr Fitch built an addition to his house to hold the bag" & af-
terwards when this could not succeed that Miss Hull
has her house littered from top to bottom - but Miss
Hull declined so Eliza & I must keep the bag - our
meeting broke up at five - Eliza & I went up to Susan
Silliman's to take tea with her, but found her & Lottie
Dowson going to Mrs Fitchard's to tea, so Eliza came home
with me & took tea. Deazee Fitch & Miss Brewster
called in the ev'g. Aunt & Uncle had gone down to Grand
Ma's. I asked them here to tea tomorrow ev'g & they
said they would send me word its day if they could accept.

Friday 2 P.M. Oct 6th Yesterday morning I went up to
the Warrin's to see about Ber's fine work. I learned there that
Emily is to be married next Tuesday morning at ten o'clock
& leave for It in the 11 o'clock train. What a loss to her
felt in prospect of her marriage so soon. She replied
"oh I feel sometimes very happy & sometimes very sad,
it is a great trial to have my home" & she seemed
to feel so very sadly that I changed the subject. She
loves Mr Hull very much & I have no doubt she will
be happy. I purchased yesterday afternoon for her a

Write to the basket, which I intend sending to her this
afternoon with a little note. Yesterday I went shopping
in the afternoon for the Bee Hive, & must go again to day
& took tea last evening with Miss Brewster & my cousins at
John Fitch's. Miss B. said she could not come here to
day. We had a pleasant ev'g. played games - Mr &
Mrs Farand also took tea there. Mr F. is a good
business man but it seems to me rather weak in-
tellectually. I have spent the whole of this morning
over at Eliza's cutting out Society work. We cut ten
garments. Monday 8th P.M. 9th This has been a very busy
day this morning I clean stanches - & Grandma Root came
at two in the morning, & staid till four in the afternoon.
I was going to be obliged to give up her society for the
morning, but each day brings its duties, (tomorrow
certainly will. E. Merwin is to be married & Aunt has
a deep snaker) & I had begun my work before she
came. I love her very much. At noon Mr Colton called
to tell me the tract Society met this ev'g. at four
we had our prayer-meeting. I told Julia Whitlamore that
I thought her a sad mighty girl. She seemed pained
& assured me she had suffered very much. After me-
ting I ran into Eliza's to tell her of our meeting & she
went with me this ev'g to Mrs Eldon's at seven. Mr

Colton came home with me. I did not ^{the name} hear of the
gentleman who wrote for home. Since my return
I have put "Peter Schlemmehl" into Eliza's for Mr McW.
He told me last ev'g that he should be there this ev'g.
Yesterday & today preached Sunday, a most excellent ser-
mon in the afternoon from the text "His heart
is fixed trusting in the Lord". In the ev'g at seven Mr Lane
made his appearance soon after Mr McW. Mr L left at half
past nine McW. an hour later. He talked with me a little
about his future. I think from what he says he is writing
or intending to write - a moral philosophy. He says
there is no ~~moral~~ philosophy of any value extant.
He recommended to me "Beid on the Deeds" as a fine
metaphysical work. He says happiness - of a domestic
nature is for him in the far future, & this looks showed
that he felt sadly ^{that} it must be so. I told I supposed he thought
~~so~~ - He spoke of meeting Miss Bacon in the street a few
days since & his feelings of sympathy were greatly
excited by her woe-ful appearance, but he said as
she approached him her countenance was filled
with an intense expression of anger & malice.
Poor woman! I am sorry for her - sorry that
she can indulge feelings so destructive to happiness.

an attendant I went out in the morning - brought a calico
sock for Aunt Jane - then called at Grandma's & she was
so pleased with it that she sent me to get her one
like it - to day she was making it - On Saturday
afternoon I went round to Lelia Woods & met Mr Hyman
of the Jun. Class there - He spoke accidentally of Miss B.
then asked some questions about her & finally said
he had heard that Dr Taylor had proposed Mr Mc W.
as his successor in case of his death to the chair of
Moral philosophy & metaphysics - He asked if I had
heard Mr W. preach & what I thought of him? I con-
cluded to speak frankly without any fear & delin-
tely afterwards that I said nothing that could do
harm - because of the many reports about us I felt
some anxiety as to my conduct - I told him how
much good Mr Mc W. had done me in making clear
some of ^{my} views that were formerly very indistinct &
shadowy - & particularly of his Chapter manner of
illustrating the Trinity which was this - "You have a
distinct consciousness & will - I have a distinct con-
sciousness & will - Miss B. has also - Now suppose the
author of our being (or nature) to present himself &
tell us that back of & beyond all that we could see - we
are one - is there any thing in the nature of mind

"that renders it impossible." Then a stronger way.
"Can three Infinite beings exist & not be one."
Of these all are infinite in Planning & action must
they not all plan & act alike. Must they not
be one. Mr. Lyman seems much interested. I went
to Teacher's meeting in the eve'g at Mr. Foster's & took
to him a letter I had written Mary Blake to have her
give it to Mrs. B. for me. The meeting next Saturday
eve'g is to be held here. I was interrupted by Sarah
Mary when I commenced writing in this tonight & I
went into the several pages in French. in "Charles
12th". It is an interesting & very early. Since then
we have had prayer & the family is all gone
to bed where I must soon follow.

Tuesday ... 16 October 1840 This morning I arose at half
past six - we breakfast at eight, at nine P. Hull came
in to go with me to the wedding. We went in together on
Clips who was to accompany us at half past nine we started
& cracked not in time to see the ceremony. Mr. Merwin
the father married them & I did his business of
performing the ceremony. saw things only he said
that did not seem in good taste & that was a reference
to the time when we should have entered into that
estate "when there is neither marriage nor giving

in marriage. Emily thanked me for my "netty" present
& assured me of a hearty welcome if I would visit
her in her new home. At the "Ben Glie" were three or a great
many others. Most of us kept on our hats. As Larned
walked with Eliza, Lator Grant with me, a part of the
new home. Caroline our Queen told me of some work
she wished set out for the Society next time. After I
came home, I went down there, & purchased some
little things that Aunt Mary needed for her dress-
maker. & then Mrs & Miss Swight called to see me.
They are relatives of Mrs Sophia Swight & visiting her.
I dined with Aunt an hour before & after dinner,
then very fatigued I lay down for a short time
after I rose, Sophia Larned made me a visit of an hour.
I went after she left to call on Delia Loney & a
sabbath scholar - Mary Reddy. Her mother thinks
she shall not be able to spare her to attend sabbath
school this winter - she is a poor woman, who supports
herself by keeping a class of students, & she has no
help, but Mary. The child seemed very glad to see
me, & said she should come whenever she could.
This evening I have been with Mrs Skinner & Eliza to
Dr Bacon's lecture on Acts. I soon I shall be able
to attend every week - Aunt & Uncle are sitting

on side at the center table in the back parlor
reading "Charles 12th." I must stop writing & read
a chapter or two in Madame Sevigne I read the first
volume of this in Fairfield, but the second Miss
Bradley lent me last Saturday night. It was
worth a visit for the rich, sub Christian influence
that Madame S. enjoyed. Some things in the book
are superstitious but few very considering the age
& the church in which she was.

Wednesday 11 P.M. Oct 11th A few minutes since I returned
from Eliza's where Miss Balcan & Larned & Torrey & myself
have had a very pleasant evening alone. but when the clock
struck ten & there was no gentlemen to escort us
home we felt our dependence on the lady for
rather unpleasantly - Mr Larned who was invited to dine
at Fairfield & not knowing how important his services
were to us, he either remained there or made some
other disposition of himself equally unfortunate
for us. Mr Skinner went over to his Grand father's
at nine to stay all night with him. So after writing
all of us together - a practical letter to
Mr Larned expressing of our feelings we left
Larned in town to get my bonnet. I had on
a sun bonnet - & that I could walk up to Sarah's

with Mr. Belden & stay all night, but Uncle had not
gone to bed & he thought it would not be safe for us to
go into the house so late at night without a
gentleman so he has gone with the girls. I
am sure he has so long a walk before him particu-
larly as he has already walked down to South
& up to Uncle John's this evening. Still he went very
willingly & I hope will not suffer. This morning
I commenced making me a calico smocking cap.
This afternoon Julia Whittmore called & asked me
to go & walk with her to see a brood woman. I
went. Thursday 10 P.M. 12th Oct. This morning I did
not feel well, but I took my knitting & ran in to
Elizabeth to hear Mr. L.'s poetical letter if it was
finished, she was copying it. She gave me a copy
that I shall keep to enjoy if I live in future days. After
dinner I cut me a morning dress & succeeded
well with it. Now Mr. Bliss & his sons Robert & John
dined with us. After dinner I took a nap & then
called & went up to Mrs. Silliman's to take tea. I
called at Mrs. C's she enquired about Aunt Bess
knowing says she thinks some of taking it for a little
while. She are ~~very~~ ^{very} people & I should not think
would make very valuable friends on this

against night. The morning I cleaned - swept + dusted
my room + washed the window - walls took it out +
put it in place - He also repaired one of the weights -
Caroline Potter called to see me this morning about her
4th book. This afternoon I went to Kears + Chapman
to see Mrs. Clapp for the Society - + called at Dr. J. S. Lewis
to see a Sabbath school - Maria Perry, Jane Hitch
was not at home in New York, reported that she was - + at Mr.
Johnson's + arriving about 8 o'clock - she is better
than when she first came but the family all feel anxious
about her. When I returned home I found that Maria +
John Hitch had called. They were this evening at Mother's
meeting - We had a lecture here - a good meeting -
After meeting I saw Dr. + Mr. Blanchard + said +
blamed + went to see Thomas Smith who said that he
he came from the Quakers - After tea at the Sabbath
school celebration. They left at nine + I then ran in
a little + started tea time - I rode out with a post
+ ladies to West Rock this afternoon. I was in -
sites to go, but thought it best not to venture on
Saturday, but I should be too fatigued for Sabbath + now
I must be up + rest that I may be prepared for a
long night -

Monday 9th 15th Oct Yesterday morning I was at school
in time to sing with the children before the 1st Sunday
school which I am a quarter past nine. I had a pleasant
& I hope a profitable hour with some help. I had preached in
the morning at Chapel & preached with Mr Cotton in the afternoon.
In the evening I wrote a letter to my father & sister, & then
read some in Madame de la Motte. I expected some new
ideas from friends & was a little disappointed when the
clock struck eight & then had not come at half past
eight. Mr Bell came & we had some interesting
conversations & conversation that he did not leave till eight
thirty. He told me & myself that Mr Welch has been at it
even that day, & to him I was saying a lady & taking
him in the house to the sea house & he was then back to the
cannon house in his father's house that afternoon.
I was wonderful & true & I cannot doubt it. The
lady is an English & came to the house which I am in Bathurst.
I had some of Madame de la Motte, & was much interested
& enlightened by his reasonings on the subject of domestic
relations. He has a very full clear mind - & one in
which I feel that I can trust. He was very very
kind & clear to me, & when I express them very doubtful
& if they are erroneous he soon makes it apparent to

and that I am in the same way as he has to do for one night.
I am I shall be enabled ^{rightly} to improve the opportunity
even now while I am in his acquaintance. Looking
I feel that this may not belong. - Friday 10 P.M. 1st I am
sensible & have a head ache, so I must hurry to bed.
Yesterday morning I finished my letter to Sister
but ^{have} expected to mail it till Sat. & after it was done
I took my work in to Eliza & spent the morning
there while Aunt Mary put the new house in order.
We had our prayer-meeting at four. after it I walked
down street with C. She came home & took tea with
me. after tea I went with her to see her Grandfather
then I came home & was on the sofa in the back parlor
while Aunt & Uncle read aloud in Charles 12th. This
morning I was engaged till 1 o'clock making
Quince preserves. This afternoon I took in
the Hens to Dr. Lee & passed the afternoon with
Mrs. Tomlinson - called on my way there at W. Blake
learned that he & his wife think of going to see Mary
next Thursday. I came home to tea & then tea
Aunt M. Jane Skinner & I have been to Dr. Bacon's
lecture on Acts. the last part of the first Chap.
in speaking of Acts, he condemned all forms of

cheer and encouraged some there - I shall
just stand note the change. I don't think
think he could have reflected much before having
on the closing remarks of his lecture. There was
a keen criticism & even to refutation. I have
talked with Uncle about them since our return.
We all went from lecture to Dr. Williams's to get
Uncle. He went with us to the lecture room &
then to Dr. Williams's place to wait for us. He
had a talk & prayer since our return
& now I hear their voices reading French. Good

to hear. Wednesday 10th P.M. 18th of Oct. This morning it
was cloudy when I awoke & it has rained here since then
this afternoon. It is now very stormy & has a strong
rather one but so grateful for being pleasant here.
I made juice jelly this morning & very head ache.
I had a long cry which I think has done me good.
I went into the ice immediately after dinner & then
to the church & one lot of my class & we found
some snow at the water Church. Then I thought
would venture out in such weather. The 2 drops
were neither of them so good as the one last year
but Mr Bangs was quite interested. Uncle went

to Mr. Pillsbury to take tea with the "Oriental Society" &
I wrote a letter to Mary Blake, & then read in
church. Willing to accept of a chap. in the French
treatment with her. I cannot now return, it is
much closer. Sunday P.M. 20th. It was clear when I
went to my last night, so I wrote not, for some days
- write in this. Yesterday morning I took two letters to
Mr. Blake & made me good. Then Nettie walked down
to the office with me & I sent Sister's letter that had waited so
long. I sent after I came home received an invitation
to come in for a visit. Went out with Aunt Mary on
the afternoon to call on Miss Beckett & to see a shipping
place with Mr. Olmsted, into the new church. It's side. It's
very much beautiful. Then I went up to church &
I had a pleasant evening there with the young. Nettie & Mr.
Pillsbury. In the evening I told me that she is engaged to Mr.
Wilcoxson, then engaged when he was. She seems
to have a shock. Mr. Peet to whom she was engaged some
years ago was a short gentleman. So it is quite hand-
some & I remember right. Has black hair & eyes & a
bright countenance. He is intending to spend his winter
at the South. I hope some will be her happy.
Friday night 20th after writing in this, this evening I sat & read

in about 11 o'clock - just before dinner. He said that he
a letter from dear Mary containing the news of the Ramsey's
death. It was a fearful joyful death. I was alone
at the time & was heart & till we had a very sympathetic
with her & I went this afternoon with her to see a manager
of wild animals - met killed there he remained near me
all the time & walked home with me. He went on to Elgin
on one of his former - he had learned of his death through
Samlie Porter who had called at St. Bernard's while he was out.
He is 70 & Mr. Porter had called to. Since ten Elgin. There
has been some to Grandma's & in at one I was & I am
weighed - I weigh 108 & 117 lb. I go to both
Mr. Grant has spent in house with me this evening.
Saturday 9 P.M. 21st This morning I went to the
I went down to St. Bernard's & then to the large new shop
that I went & made one best call & then to the store
to purchase some warm tape for the fire. Then I
called to see Maria Janicinos & at 10 o'clock I
had a delightful talk with Maria - a pleasant visit
at the Post. Susan is staying there. The new house is
being painted & the roof is being put on. It is quite
unusually good now. He told me that Robert came up
from New York last night & is going on coming

... at ... that ... Mr. Wells had been - ... They called
... at ... Mr. Wells called this afternoon to ask
if I would go out with him & survey some of the
districts as to select one in which I may dis-
tribute tracts. We have appointed next Tuesday at
2 P.M. to go. Mr. Skinner & Lane called here - Mr. ...
... in while they were here, & he staid to tea with
... & went with me to the door. Mr. ... in
... St. ... our Teachers' meeting was held.
He was unusually agreeable. expects to return to Mrs.
... on Monday. Sunday P.M. 22nd This morning our
... school ... moved below stairs - I like the seats much
better than those in the gallery. Jane, Emily, & Mary Paddy
were there. Miss Foster asked me if I would assist in
making a catalogue of the books in the Library & I could
not say no. I feel as if I ought to do every thing useful, that
comes in our way. I have so much lecture. Emily & Gordon
Hall have returned. They were at Church to-day. Tomorrow
they leave for Milton. Have the Misses of ... with
them. Uncle has preached all day - with much fervor this
afternoon - a few minutes since Mr. & Miss ... came in &
asked me if I would like to go & hear Mr. Storer of Beverly.
& I said yes. I shall be delighted to go. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ P.M. have
to hear Mr. Storer & listened to a most noble, eloquent

seem in the characteristics of the present age, &
the state of the church in view of these characteristics
I went home with Mr Skinner & Eliza & stopped
there for a few minutes. Learned that Mr. H. had all ^{on one}
before night. He is quite regular in his Sunday evening
visits. Perhaps after gliding me out he will
be less so. Tuesday P.M. It is raining this morning & I do not
much expect Mr. Colton. Eliza said yesterday that she would go with
us. I spent yesterday morning in Aunt's room sewing - Ben
had one prayer selection in the afternoon - after it P. O. was
down to the office. In the afternoon early Maria Tomlinson calls
to see us. In the evening while Uncle had gone to give his lecture
on Somnambulism I read to Aunt Mary in Heinrich Heine's. After
Uncle came home, Aunt went with him down to Grandmother's
while the others went to Eliza's & Ashkin came in & they
staid till Aunt & Uncle returned. So Eliza is going on to Colton
to see & hear Gordon Hall's ordination sermon. We stopped
at Mr. Skinner's last night. We had a very pleasant visit
from him. P.M. Mr. Colton did call this morning & interrupted
my writing. I told him I did not mind the rain & we set
out with Eliza for whom we called to give out the land.
& we both selected districts. Mr. Colton said he would
bring the tract to us today, but he has not brought any

at one. After tea I read & read in
the evening. I am now to visit Mary. My headache is, that
after dinner I lay down. Since then I have read aloud in
"Kinnick's" stilling, & now I have left Aunt & Made reading
books & come to my room to write in this. The wea-
ther has been so rainy all day that I did not think it
best to go to lecture this evening. As I have had a great many
things to do several things that have prevented me of
late I will have to correct them. Maria Freeman told me
the other day that Mrs. B. told her that her husband told
her that Aunt Mary was "in family". I am very sorry
that Maria has heard so much of me for I should like
to tell Aunt Mary how people have spoken of facts, things
that they only conjecture is more than I can under-
stand. Perhaps one thinks a thing may be so, another
supposes it is, & a third mistakes the guess for an affir-
mation. The other day when I was at the Menagerie
Mr. W. standing by my side I asked him, without turning
my face towards him if a certain lion was old.
"Oh no" he replied & turning his face round into mine
he added "he is not twenty five yet." I have told
Mr. W. several times that he has called me old because
he once said to me that a lady was old at 25. Now
as I am very fast approaching that period I think

I must be eloped among the aged. I do not feel one of
the infirmities of age but doubtless they will soon
come. I have since traced Mac to Gustav, his
remark to him, so the other day he thus liberally
alluded at to it himself. "He is the oddest mortal
I ever saw - what his future will be is a matter of
great interest with me. In his present an rightly di-
rected, he will make a noble specimen of a man,
but his circumstances are against this & I fear
for him. Beauty, wit, & fortune have all lavished
their gifts upon him. The two former will not
sustain him without the last - but labor is mainly
it is education - soul-embodiment & it is indicated
is Turner - Nature - (even its finest specimens)
to seek ease & self-indulgence that I fear he will
not make the exertion requisite to a full & hope-
ful development of his intellectual & moral being.
I believe him to be a Christian - this is my hope for
him. I often feel tempted to talk of such with him
on this subject, & then I am checked by the fear that
it may seem like manifesting more interest in
him than is consistent with maidenly feeling.

Wednesday, Aug 6th Oct 1841: This has been a most
beautiful day. This morning I sat & read with dear

Mr. Henry Eaton called & gave me the tract to distribute
in the afternoon. So I sat out together - I first went for
him round at his Grandfather's & made a short call there.
His sister was some distance beyond mine but she
had time to visit as she was through & met me just
as I was distributing my last tract. The first house at
which I stopped were three families. I visited two
Mrs Franklin & Mrs Evans, & left a tract for the third
Mrs Parde who was out of town just now. My next call
was at Mrs Clack's - a noble looking woman & I should
judge a most excellent Christian. She has seven
children - one little girl has a spinal complaint.
At Mrs Benedict & Willoughby's I made a very short call, but
was very politely received - thanked. Mrs Post was not at
home - I left one for her. My next call was on a Catholic
family. Mrs Lacey & her married daughter - The latter
said to me - "he do not wish to patronize you" I told
her I did not wish that only to leave my little tract
& read it I would ask nothing more. She consented to
take it - said she - to a question if there had a bible in
the house - "Yes there is one, but it is not often looked
into" I did not say much to her, but begged she would
read the tract - told my name & that I should call to
see her once a month - "We shall always welcome

you was his reply & take your tract" she did not promise
to read it though. Mrs. Christie is another Catholic.
she denied him down but did not ask me to walk in.
"May I come in I asked" in a very polite manner - "yes"
& she invited me into her parlour. I then told her I
was to be the regular tract distributor & should leave
a tract once a month for her to read. "I do not take
tracts" she answered. But you surely will let me leave
a tract with you said I. you are not expected to join
a tract society - only give me when I call to see you
a pleasant smile & take my tract & read. & I will
thank you. "Well you may leave it, I will read it
was her reply". At the next house Mrs. Prindle told me
she was an Episcopalian, but had not commenced in
some time - she said her trials were many & occupied
so many of her thoughts & time that she had neglected
too much her duties. I told her we needed the consolation
& religion in affliction. she had acted unwisely. I asked
the nature of her trials. She has a husband & three sons -
Her husband is in a consumption - probably near death
wholly unprepared & her oldest son, about fifteen is insane.
Her husband was walking out while I was there - she
asked me if I would speak to him about his soul, when
next I called - I could not promise, but never God grant

the attention was called to serious things & his soul
saved before the hour of death comes. Mrs Susan
Francis & Mrs John Francis, were both very hands-
some women. I did not however say much
with them. The other places at which I called were Mrs
Howling (Deaf & colored) Whitely, Mrs Shelley
Mrs Ligo & Mrs John Ligo, Mrs Perkins & Barnett.
I visited the last named woman after she had read
her tract to give it to her two next door neighbors
Mrs Jones & Cobell. I had not tracts enough for
them. Eggar gave me an account of her district she
was much interested. We called on Miss Whitterson, Mr
Blake & Caroline Foster before we came home. When
I reached home I found Jane Thomas here. She had been
waiting an hour for me. I talked with her about the
importance of becoming a Christian in the days of
her youth. She is really fifteen & she promised me to
make the matter a subject of thought & effort.
Oh that she may be led to the decision!

Friday morning 27th Yesterday morning I sewed. In the afternoon
I called on Miss Blake & went down street to buy a box of
flowers for Aunt M. & some little things for the girls. I stopped
at Friendman's & she seemed much interested in hearing about
my tract distribution. In the eve'g I intended to go with

Went to hear Dr. W. M. M. & several others on the cause
of Western College but I ran in first to Eliza, & Mr. Bashnell
came in - I rose two minutes afterwards to go, thinking he
would not leave then. but he said he would go home with me
if I left. "You shall not" I replied but when I saw he was
determined, then said I, I will sit a little while, when it
was time for meeting I rose again & Eliza stopped me urging
me to stay & spend the ev'g. - Now some time ago I had
no mind that I would sit go in there at home where I should
meet gentlemen - because I saw that I am felt vexed at
their leaving when I did. Well I was in a dilemma whether
to take Mr. B. away & go to church or to stay & make him a
visit in there. At last after he added his entreaties to the girls
I consented to stay, & after some time he told ~~me~~ he had
thought of going to this meeting - indeed he had intended
going - now I felt glad, & though we conversed much
my mind was all at ease. I wished a hundred times that
I had acted independently. As for the wisdom of the script.
I am sure I shall hereafter feel exhorted with Mr. B. Eliza
Sherman has been here this morning to see me about society work.
Aunt W. is now sick & can with sick head-ache.

Saturday 24th Nov. 28th Yesterday ev'g I went to see Mrs. & had a
very pleasant time. The fugitive are very pleasant & civil.
I talked with all the gentlemen there except two - one of

of those I did not know his name. I have determined this
winter to be less selfish in society than I have formerly
been. To talk with persons who are not agreeable, as well
as with those who are. Tutor Root told me he had called to see
me a few days ago & I was out. Prof. Hadley called last
evening - I was sorry to have missed his call. Mr. Edman came
home with Mary Merwin & very self Mary staid all night
with me & left this morning early. I have had a long
call from Jennette Adams this morning, she came in
town last night. When she left here I went down
town with her & bought 1 lb 33¢ of unbleached cotton for
see Alice. When I called in at Grandma's then took an
account of for society to Eliza to copy in the Treasurer's book.

10¹/₂ P.M. I received a very pretty letter from Sister this
afternoon. & I called on Mrs. Farnsworth, Bishop & Mrs. Windy
Bishop Jun. then I went into Willie Blake's & took tea
with her. Miss Rootes called in there for me & we went
together to Mrs. Sutton & from there to Father's making
at Mr. Goulet's. Aunt W. expected her brother George
to night but he has not come. - Act 294

Sunday 5th P.M. This has been a very warm day, & now we are
having a hard rain with some thunder & lightning.

I had a pleasant sleep this morning - they all slept
then arose well & seemed interested in what I said to

them. Joseph's doors came round to Church with me.
Lula is now on the Desert, & I shall later. This morn-
ing we had a sermon by him - a critical examination
of those texts of Scripture that are to build the title
"God in Genesis". It was more interesting, & Biblical
study than a common audience. This afternoon he
preached an excellent sermon on prayer. I think I
shall write a letter to Sister & bright of No. 11. W. Doe
not come in & it rains so hard I do not much expect
him. Monday 10. P.M. Oct 30th MacW did come last evening
& stayed till nearly eleven. I asked him why he did not take
some parish & other duties. He said to Sister that he would
benefit mankind - told him that I saw what he had
said to me. He said he was employed as a fully prepared
what he expects would result in good - but his em-
ployment was in his own room, not did he to the
world or in their view bearing any importance in
them. Under his present circumstances he is the subject of
remark. What is MacW doing! Why does he sit at home
and do some useful employment? These and various
other questions show how they look upon him. He himself
made a good specimen, for now to say these things they
remark "he did not know that that he had better settle
in a certain parish". I have forgotten the name.

As these remarks he replied that he was in a regrettable
dilemma - that he hoped to succeed in the path he has
marked out for himself. Great study & much
patient labor is necessary - it would be impos-
sible to secure these with the care of a family
because not for the world. He has no one but him-
self to be affected - he intimated that he should
remain thus isolated - This morning I drafted
a paper & gave leave. it occupied all the
morning - This afternoon I went to the Adams came
here - & Mary Merwin was the only one at prayer
meeting - I waited half an hour looking, some-
one else would come & then Mary & I went down
street to do some shopping. Since then I have
been alone at that meeting - The reports are
quite interesting, some of them very much so.
A Mother or two - a calm home - with me -
we had a full meeting. Wednesday Nov 1st yesterday was
so long a day with me that I had to tie the ribbon
two different times - very soon. Early in the mor-
ning - it rained in the night - & I went to the office to
go down to Seaside & see if Mr. Slipp & Leavitt
would come & spend the day with us at their had in
saying - They said yes, so we set a carriage for them.

+ then stood till nine in the evening. I was
and that she would remember the 14th
at the same time. I had made a great deal
with me a great gift of a great piece of
dinner to her. I was a great piece of
good. I was a great piece of
took the night and the dinner came in + took the
the evening in some fine poetry - had music + had
one time very pleasantly. Thursday 7 P.M. 2nd. This morn-
ning I rose early + except my room before breakfast.
Yesterday I had a deep snake. All day I saw that the B. D. was
called to see me + I debated her invitation to me to go
home + spend the winter with her. This morning again
she urged me to come this winter to Boston, + that I
had not so many duties for the winter, at home. I would
gladly go - but that I have some particular sympathy
with P. but she is very blanket + cordial + what
she exactly she will I think make a fine character.
At present she is full of grateful feeling for her friends + her
spirit is so great as sometimes to border on obtuseness.
I went last evening to see Mattie Blake + spent a very
pleasant evening there. Some one called to see me. Callie
did not know him + he left no name. I called also last
evening early at Dr. Lins. + he gave me from Maria a pair of trousers.

For a little while longer in this Sabbath day.

This morning after breakfast I finished my trip
net. Mr. Fitch worked on yesterday & then went down
to Grandmar & up to see Julia Lilliman. He
brought me a message from her last evening, given him
by Prof. Lilliman at the C. & S. Academy. I found her
looking very pale - suffering with her head & eyes
she said her bilious system is disordered. This after-
noon Aunt M. & I have called at Mrs. Woolsey's Prof.
Cotter's Goodrich's, Abbot's & Leach's. We left
Mrs. Fitch's this morning. We reached home just in
time for tea & now I am very tired.

Sunday 5th of Nov. I am happy & have time only to
say a few words before going to bed. This morning I went
out from before work - called on at Eliza's just after
dinner. Mr. Rogers & Howard & Hartford surprised Aunt
M. by a call this morning. He dined with us. A
very agreeable man. This afternoon I went to see
Miss Rachel & Maria Perry - a Sabbath school - Emily
White, a Sabbath school called to see me while I was out.
We all took tea with Prof. Fitch & wife at Lucina's. Sarah
looked very pretty, but her disagreeable sister was there.
Lavinia Fitch was there also. Sunday 6th Nov. Yesterday it was
very cloudy & rained in the afternoon & evening. I read in the morning

being the first volume of "The Paradox" "Court of Love, Santa Cruz".
that Miss Tomlinson has sent to me the orig before. In the
afternoon I took it to Dr. Jones & exchanged it for the second vol.
Maria had gone to Stafford to spend a few days. I then stopped
in at Miss Foster's & to see Eliza - she had called here while I
was out. In the eve's notwithstanding the rain I went to church.
meeting there some new & old ladies there. This
morning it stormed violently, but I then I hope
one of Mrs. Scholard's might be there, so I went to school.
None of them came however, so I went into Mr. Dixon's
bible class & listened to his instructions. We decided
on wednesday as the day to attend to the library. I was
~~commissioned~~ this morning few however of the Hodge members
of the church were out. The rain fell in torrents & the
wind blew violently. While I was out at chapel
Mr. Butler stopped up & offered to take a umbrella
I declined his offer - for which I should have been
very sorry afterwards, if Mr. Bliss had not come
up & assisted me to hold it. This afternoon I remained
at home - this eve' it has stopped raining, but the wind
blows still very hard. Monday 6th 10 P.M. After writing
in the last eve' Mr. Mc W. came in & passed the eve's. He spoke
to me very freely of Eliza's mamma's mind. He said it
seemed to him she never gave her real opinions on any

subject that there was always something back of what
she said - that when she is talking with him she always
seems to be looking back & trying what he says to find
what he really means. He says it is sometimes inter-
esting to watch her & sometimes one is repulsed by it.
I told him I thought I expressed her thoughts sincerely
but that her manner is often very cold, so much so
that I am pained by it. I feel sorry now that I did not
have to say what he did - unless I might tell Eliza
- this I fear to do lest I should do harm. At any rate
I shall speak to Mr W. as soon as I feel. This morning
I cut out Beehive work. This afternoon & ev'g read the
Sec. Vol. of Lewis 14th. No one here at prayer-meeting, ^{but Mary W.} so
we went up to see Julia - she is better but not
well. called in at Mr Blakes found them just ar-
rived - dear Mary in her sombre black & pale face
made me feel very sad. Mr & Mrs B. gave me ~~me~~
cordial & welcome & arid a kiss. Oh I hope I shall
procure a blessing to Mary. Eliza has been in to see
me a little while this ev'g. I sent for her Aunt &
Uncle brought me some sweet candy. I am
sick with a sore throat & am imprudent in
sitting up in the cold to write. Wednesday 8 P M 18th
I was too tired & it was too late when I came to say

past my lot to make any - Mr Lamed did not leave till nearly
eleven - he called about half past eight. Eliza came in after
lecture & Mr L. went home with her but he returned.
here - I asked him if he had no good news to tell me of him-
self. He said no. He is not engaged - he promised to tell me
when he is engaged before it is known to the public.
I read to him some extracts from Heinrich Heine which
amused him very much. In the afternoon I called at Miss
Sherman's & at Mr L's - then I went down street with Maria
& did some shopping. I borrowed from her the third vol.
of Louis 14th & read it half through last evening. - In the
morning I read two chapters in Modern Painters by a
"graduate of Oxford" a book that Mr M. W. brought to
me last Sunday evening - He said it would both please &
do me good. I think - judging from these two chap-
- that he was a true prophet in this case - I cannot
& nearly made a prof. Lecture for myself yesterday morning.
To day I have been all day - since nine this morning
at the North Church with Miss Foster - Sherman & Mr. Pratt
this morning & Miss Eliza Sherman & Miss Whitwell, with
the other two ladies this afternoon, making a catalogue
of the books in the Male & Female Departments both
& pasting in the numbers & regulations in each book.
It has been a very busy day. I can in. to E. S. this

morning to see if she could go with me. but she had the
dressing to do so I borrowed her nice little excitement
this morn took her in some nice pudding we had for
dinner. This morn she came in here a few minutes
before tea. I called to see dear Mary abt a few minutes
this afternoon after we had finished our work. she
looked very pale. I hope she is not going to be sick.

Thursday 7 P.M. 9th of Novr. ¹⁸⁴⁸ This has been a very sick day with
me. I did not get up till ten o'clock this morning & I have
spent nearly all the afternoon on the bed. I am awfully
unwell, fighting with a cold in my head. I feel a little
better to night. This has been Aunt's birthday. 40 years old.
Lucius & Sarah sent her a present of a beautiful edition
of Willis Poems. Saturday 7 P.M. 2 wonderful changes
come in a short space of time. Yesterday I was speaking
with a friend of remaining single through life. To day
I am seriously asking myself can I consent to take
Mr - for my companion through life. He is a
devoted minister of Christ & for this I love him. He
was when last I saw him agreeable as a friend, but
can I love him sufficiently to take upon me the
responsibilities of a wife. Oh for light & guidance
from above! I am surprised that I do not say
no without any questionings but something within

forbids this. I have asked him frequently, & take in prayer
that God would make me useful. In His mercy
+ now this seems to me an answer from Him. This
causes me to stop and decide - And yet if I should con-
sent to try in God's help to fulfill these duties, + should
find only feelings changed toward Mr. D. when I see
him what should I do? I should then have given him
reason to hope - + would bring sorrow or disappointment
to us both. This morning I awoke - the sun was
shining brightly - the air piercing cold - + I not
very well. I went out shopping + when I came
home Dr. Baird was here. He asked to see me alone -
asked me if I was engaged to be married to which
I replied negatively with a quivering lip - but in
an instant I was self-possessed + in a moment
almost felt inclined to smile as the thought
of our gentlemen presenting the cause of another
+ such a cause - crossed my mind for though
the League gave me a letter from Mr. T. he informed
me of his nature + became a sort of associate
for him. I have however smiled seldom
since he left me to reflect on the subject -
I do not know what to do for pray - + God does not
miraculously answer prayer. If I could only see

Mr T, then I could judge how far I might trust myself
to go. but he too is running a great risk. He has
not seen me in years - three or more - & how
does he know that I shall please him when we
meet - I hope my character has improved but then
it has greatly changed. Oh if he had only waited
till he came home before he had made his
proposition I should be glad. But it is done & I am
to decide the great question - now that I have
as I trust decided the only greater - of my life -
I have laid the subject before my ^{dear} Heavenly Father
& I can now only wait to see how my heart inclines.
I have been to see a sabbath school Miss White
this afternoon & talked with her about her soul's
salvation. I hope with trembling that she is a child
of God. Mr Cotton brought my tracts to me this
~~afternoon~~ that I am to distribute this month.
Yesterday I was not well, but I went to Beech Hill
Lake & came home early. It aint at Miss Foster's &
our next meeting is to be at Mr Hotchkiss in Tenney
St. & now I must try & lay aside all anxious
thought & keep holy God's holy day. He will direct
my steps - In Him will I trust.

Tuesday 14th Nov. - 15th Nov 6 P.M. yesterday I was interrupted & so I am so full of thought & feeling that I have no inclination to write far. Sunday we had a severe snow-storm. I went out in the afternoon. In the eve Mr L. & Mr W. came the former at six & staid till eight & a little after the latter at eight & remained till half past eleven. He noticed my thoughtful appearance - notwithstanding my efforts at concealment, & begged to know what had happened - Monday was a busy day in thought & feeling - I walked through to all the poor up to Prof. Lillie's to talk to Nettie about Mr T. Then Susan spent all yesterday morning with me - talking of him - They represent his character as very low^{ly} - indeed I am quite in love with it & lose their representation - & yet they did not try to influence my decision - only to give me the information I asked - I have written my acceptance & now I must take care that I do not love him too much - Nettie gave me his letter to her to read & I am delighted with him as he appears in them - Susan has given me a daguerrotype of him - my head aches so I must go to bed.

returned on Monday 18th Nov. before of decline & thought - and I now
that I had in fact lost my life. On Wednesday after-
noon I went in & asked Eliza to walk down to the
office & I sent off the letter that I suppose will decide
in future is - Since it has gone, I have had few
doubts as to whether I should see Mr T. for my soul seems
filled - and to see it seems almost miraculous - with
affection for & trust in him. His letters to Hettie I am
still reading - she gave me an edition of his which I
intend to read. I have told Eliza, Mary Blake, & Mrs
Tomlinson of my happiness - I love them too well to keep
it from them. Yesterday I spent the morning in at Mr
& she took tea with me with Prof. Willis - formerly Dick
Willis, who has recently returned from Germany with
a diploma of Professorship of Music. ^{By his letters} He wishes to be
connected with Yale. He has improved much in ap-
pearance, & demeanor during his residence abroad.
Hettie came called to see me last yesterday afternoon. I told
her my decision & she seemed very much pleased. Eliza
says she is perfectly delighted - She has seen Mr T. & had
much to do with him from Susan S. Mrs Tomlinson
exclaimed "Oh how am I glad it is not Mr M. N.
you are interested in. I have a most exalted opinion
of Mr T. from what I have heard of him. At his

Early morning 27th Jan. On Saturday afternoon Mary B. called to see me.
E. Fitch came in & took tea with me. After tea we started for
Teacher's meeting where as we were nearly at the Peabody house
a man sprang from behind a tree, & stretched his arms
and legs out. He was the most hideous black & white man I
had ever seen nearly out of his mind. He was a tall, thin
man in a long, narrow coat - was a ~~black~~ ~~man~~ -
said not a word, but wound his body to & fro, as if about
to leap at us - we turned & ran as fast as we could, I
screaming as loud as I could when I saw the fellow coming on
top of me. We were soon on our feet this & soon home.
Under these went with us to Rev. Mr. Butcher's where the
meeting was held - but after reaching there I found
that I had been severely injured in my arm & so I came
home - Sunday morning we sent for Dr. J. May & he was
so painful I leave it to his discretion but the examination
it was found out to be badly bruised. He still has
me a good deal - yesterday I was so all over, so that
I could not move or breathe without pain, & I said
I was better - I have not been out of the house since it
happened. Sunday Mr. L. & Mr. W. came as usual
& were as usual - Mr. L. sang hymns with us.
Mr. W. was - I think it - unusually kind in his
manner - I was almost tempted to tell him of my

of our - bodies - or rather my hopes for the future, but
I cannot well speak to him till I have heard again.
- His is more appropriate with all my thoughts very
pleasant. It is strange to me to be feeling to him
as I am. Still I would not willingly give up my
present interest in him. I find that constantly, when
the blessing of God on him & myself has reached my
heart, tenderly toward him. Yesterday, I read his
own statement of price - I received on Saturday, 18th
a letter from Lydia & Mary & one from M. Army.
Yesterday one from Lettie Louie & from the nation
that I estimate that he will sacrifice soon to hear
that she is engaged. I wrote to Mother last
Thursday evening about my father.

Friday Morning 14th I was like him from the flow
+ the shock was that I could not see or use my
arm much in - I can write without much
pain - on Tuesday wrote to M. Army & Tuesday evening
began a letter to M. Y. On Wednesday, the Skinner
was all summoned to New York, to their Grandfather
was a given - He has been asked to be released from
his hold & suffering & so he has arrived at a good stage
his death cannot give much pain even to his
dearest friends - his wife will I suppose be the only

once to suffer much - I mean to see it so to be almost
impossible to live alone after having lived so long & as
with a husband. There is this comfort though, they
can't long be separated. I went up to Sunday to tea
on Wed. night & as she urged me to stay all night I
consented. I enjoyed much pleasure in the thought that
Mr V had been there so often. I also felt his presence
there. Oh how I wish to see him! I have not heard a
word from F. B. so I think he has not received my
letter. It would be strange if that letter should be
lost. I wrote again to F. B. last night & I hope I shall
hear at least a return soon. In our town yesterday we
distributed our tracts - had a very pleasant time.
Called also to see Maria J. & Mary Blake Mr Wells.
Spent the evg from eight till nearly eleven with me.
We played chess & I hinted to him that I had some-
thing that I wished to tell him - I shall probably
confide the matter to him before a great while.
He seemed much excited by what I said, but I left
him to guess what I meant. In our little house
perhaps I will tell him - I wish Mr V was
near enough for me to confide his wishes in
what I do. As he is not, I must use my own
judgment & follow it.

Saturday morning 24th of Nov. Yesterday morning I finished
Modern Minutes. It has certainly given me great pleasure.
I finished by it 4th or one day ago & with now that I had
some interesting book to read as I am not able to
do so. Yesterday afternoon I walked down to Sweden
& then went to the office. It rained, as it usually does
when a society meets at the Hotel Kips, & we did not
have as many ladies as we usually attend. But
the meeting was a very pleasant one. Mr Cotton
came home with me. I have not yet heard
from Dr Baird & feel very anxious. I do hope
Mr F. will receive my letter before the 1st of month.
Saturday night 25th will be much desired letter from Mr F. has
come telling me that Mr F. will receive my letter in
Jan. Oh this gives me great pleasure, but I have not shown
it for I have had all manner of doubts as to whether it had
even reached New York safely. God is ever kinder to me
than I deserve. My disbelief is shameful. We have
had a pleasant teachers meeting & Mr Lins gave an ac-
count of a most interesting Catholic boy recently con-
verted & read a letter from him. His spirit seems
to be good to us. all seemed to feel its influence.
But I must to bed.

Tuesday night. Nov 28th I attended church & sabbath school
all day on sabbath. It was a beautiful day but rather
cold. I thought much of Mr. V. my heart is beginning
to feel a quiet joy in his love but really it seems to
me - although he has offered himself to me - that I
am thinking & feeling too much about him. Perhaps
he does not love me as my heart needs to be loved
in order to satisfy it. I will not think this. We
shall have my entire confidence as I am sure he
has already his affection. I wrote & rather I finished
my second letter to go to him by the same mail
that takes the first & took it to Susan Silliman yes-
terday, she is to enclose it in her own to him &
send it to night. Last night Eliza returned from
New York; she left her grandfather better than he was a
week ago. I have walked out with her to day called
with her to see Mary Blake - Sophia Larned & Susan S.
& then we did some shopping - I love to talk with
Eliza about Mr. V. she knows so well how to sym-
patize with me. I shall make myself very busy this
winter in preparing my wardrobe & household in this
way (& in the fulfillment of other duties - the winter
will pass quickly away.

Saturday P.M. - Dec. 2nd. Thursday last was Thanksgiving
we had a very pleasant day. Eliza, James & Mrs Skinner
the two Blesse's mother & Father & Grandmother (the last
at the least) dined with us. & I walked out
with D & J. in the afternoon for exercise. Sarah
Lucius & David to tea. Robert & Mrs Forbes called
after tea. Father & Mother called the evening & told
us that Mr Stoddard is on his way to this country.
I suppose he will marry again. Yesterday
was the first of the month & the Falcon called.
so I suppose my letter has gone - Aunt, Uncle
& I went down to Grandmother's yesterday afternoon
to see Mrs Laigney & I proposed that we should
take a long walk. We started for the office
near there met Mrs M. she turned & walked
with us. Aunt & Uncle went only to the Post
Office; Alas & I walked down to the Pavilion
back - He was in a very lively mood. I
was tempted to tell him of my engagement
but no good opportunity presented itself.
I passed the evening at Eliza's. To Day I have
been very busy sewing, it has rained hard -
now I must go to Teacher's meeting

Sunday 6th P.M. Dec 5th I have been sitting at the great window
looking up at the silent stars & thinking of the high
throne that surround the throne of God & how near
the sin & sorrows of this life of those at that blessed
throne he have lived here on earth & what hope will
be mine to all eternity, & then I have thought of
one who is blessing me with his human love & who
offers to bless me with it all my days on earth & it
is a sacred holy feeling this presence & joy in
it. & God give the thanks for the joy & gladness it
brings to me. It is so distant & cannot tell
how rich he has made me feel. He knows not
(unless a secret sympathy has told him) that at this
time our hearts are beating so full of love to him -
love that I can rejoice in, for God has given it to me
it was not of my own seeking - this is a sweetest
pleasure to me - I can ask God to bless us & make
us very happy in each other with an assurance
that He will hear & answer our prayer. There has
been a perfect Sabbath for our earthly one. The rain
yesterday made the fields look fresh & it is so
comfortably green for this season. The trees have
been a deep blue - cloudless - some scholars have
all present this morning & were attentive.

was common in season with us & I think it was
it was I begin to think perhaps before many
on the last chapter. 10½ P.M. Mr Bushnell came
in while I was sitting & staid till nearly nine o'clock. Mr
McW. came at eight & staid till just a minute ago
it how I wish Mr D was here. He is a very interesting
man & his manner so kind & devoted that I fear for
him. strange feeling - a few weeks ago I should have
feared lest he might have interested my affections &
then not returned them - now I fear he is & will be
over deeply interested in me & I cannot return it.
He is too much of a friend for me to think this with-
out pain. I tried to tell him I was engaged, but made
such blundering work that I am ashamed of my-
self. I said him that song of "Balmis" "I am loved, I am
loved, I am loved" & told him I had something to tell him
of interest to me that I did not tell. Know how to tell
"a funny fact a strange fact an unexpected fact, but yet
a fact that I could not bring myself to tell him. I did
not look at him for any face was crimson I
wished had either let the matter alone ^{now} or done better
perhaps however he will grasp the truth & then
our intercourse will be very pleasant such as I
gain from Mr D would appear - now there is nothing

that any one will disappear - that I know I yet feel
as if I ought to be very careful both on Mr T. & Mr. W.'s
account. Oh for heavenly widows. I do long to know the
right that I may do it. Tuesday morning 5th yesterday
Mrs Saignon, dined with us. I went down street to purchase
from Doan's the prescription for my hair Robert gave
me. We had a pleasant prayer-meeting at four. Nettie
came and here I gave her Mr. T.'s letter to read. Eliza took
tea with me. I did not sleep much last night for
one of our neighbours was locked out & for an hour
or more kept up such a knocking on the door
that I thought it was the students in mischief
+ feared constantly some other annoyance.
It is strange I am more timid than I ever
was in my life. I do hope I shall soon recover
from it, for I dislike all childish weakness.
I think much of Mr. T. & wish heartily that
he was here. Nettie thinks he will come as soon
as he receives my letter. Wednesday 7th yesterday
morning I received a letter from Mother - she assents to
my marriage with Mr. T. but feels very sadly to have me
think of going so far away. I long to go & see her, but have
not the means. I have just looked at Mr. T.'s photograph
it looks so sadly at me. Oh how I long to see him - I will

read in the Tribune to night an account of the arrival of
the Falcon in Charleston on Monday morning - It was
very quick in going this distance - & how rejoiced I
should be to hear that the N. Y. suspense was ended -
I wonder if any answer will give him all the
pleasure & with it should. Yesterday I went up
to Susan's to see little Homer, with Eliza. We stop-
ped in at the No. 20. & to see Mary B. & took a
very long walk & had a very long talk. That I
do not think quite prudent. To commit to writing
I should love Homer to talk it over with
Mr. G. Eliza talks to me very pleasantly
about him - just as I like - I am cold & must
to bed. Saturday morning 9th I find that when the mind
& heart is most full & cannot give vent to its thoughts
& feelings to the one they desire, there there is a dis-
position to silence. I would write to Mr. G. but the
feeling that he may have left V. & not receive the
little presents at present very far from me
to him - I find that I am very jealous for him -
every attention - I mean gallant & polite speeches -
from my gentleman friends - annoys me. because
I fear it is not just rights true to him for me
to receive them. How to present them I know not

unless my engagement was known - At I wish he would
own & quiet my heart. I have no confidence in my
own strength or wisdom - Love for him has surely
transformed my character for I never lacked self-
confidence before. The more I have thought
of Mr W's manner & words to me last Sunday evg
the more I have felt the necessity of his knowing
my situation - I thought last night that I would
tell him if he came with me from Ben Yies - so
when Eliza came home I did not come with her, but
asked her to stop & tell him that if I was not home
in fifteen minutes I should stay all night with May
Herman. so I told - when no one offered to come home
with me that I thought I would stay, but getting B -
came to me & insisted so strenuously, on my
going home with herself & May that after he added
his request also - I consented thinking that I should
then find the opportunity - but I am sorry I acted
so for the few girls remaining must have thought
me maneuvering to get Mr W. to go home with
me - when under this circumstances I
would not for the world have consented to have
come home with them. I told Mr W that I hoped
he did not think me a fool from my change

conduct last Sunday ev - alluding to my foolish
embarrassment when I attempted to tell him the truth
then - He said he had never thought anything
thing & turned the conversation so quickly that
I could not say another word. Then to his man-
ner was sad & I did not know how best to say
any thing - Perhaps I have said enough - He must
understand that I am interested in another &
this will do tell I am placed in pleasant circumstances
to reveal the whole truth.

Mattie & Anna was at Ben Yins looking & she talked
much with me about Mr Y. I suspect he loved
her, but know that he never offered himself.
Will'd hoped may be allowed to make his life very
happy - I feel sure that my religious character
will grow under his influence & I hope that his
will not suffer from mine. I never felt more
need, nor desire for holiness of heart & life than
since I accepted his proposal. - It seems to me
that I have now taken - almost the last step in
any earthly existence before the one that
will be the last - when I shall make my
exit from - this world of sin & sorrow - I trust
of perfect happiness.

Monday 13th Yesterday I was busy with a Duff machine all day.
Having my cloak made over - went to Aunt Rachel's just
after dinner + took her some of our dinner which was lacking.
Mr Colton called to see last in the evening - Early in the evening I read
in the books given me by Miss Foster to decide on as to the
propriety of introducing them into our sabbath-school.
Two of them are very good - the third teaches that heptism
is regeneration - This I suppose of course will not do
for us - I received a letter from Hannah Teleant yesterday
yesterday - I saw it all day on Monday - till prayer
meeting after having written a note to sister early
in the morning to go with a letter I had written
to Mother Sunday evening - Mr. Parsons & Mr. W. were
both here on Sunday evening - I see by to day's Tribune
that I shall have an opportunity to send to Mr
L. by the 5th's next month - I feel to feel, at times
a little impatient to see him - He would give
me great joy to know that he is feeling as well as
I am but he cannot be, for he does not know
that my heart is his. But it is wonderful I feel
believing I have not experienced it that so much
of our heart should draw out to him while we are
so far separated + when I have never thought of his
loving me + surely not of my loving him

Saturday 10th Dec. We have had cloudy weather nearly all the week.

Yesterday I wrote to Hannah & Lydia - Almost every day this week I have taken a long walk in the Eliza - Day before yesterday I went to see Grandma - she gave me a beautiful pair of stockings, & a napkin her husband brought from Russia - Sarah, Lucie's wife gave me a purse the other day --- This afternoon I went with Eliza to call on Mary Martin & then alone to see Mary Blake. While I was there Dr Bacon came in - I have not met him before since the trial - There was an 'awful pause' for a few seconds, but soon the stiffness wore off & when all were conversing pleasantly I took my leave - Mr Strong has returned from Europe & Lay - how happy his wife must be - I feel glad for her. We have no regular teachers meeting to night but a united meeting at the Orange St lecture room. I shall not go, unless I am called for by some of the gentlemen, for Uncle is fast writing a sermon. This is the 10th of the month.

Friday 9 P.M. 19th of Dec. On Sunday the clouds which had hung so heavily over us for more than a week were dispersed by the glad sun & we have had delightful weather ever since. - Uncle preached very finely all day - a new sermon in the afternoon on the effect of sin on the soul of the sinner - a thrilling sermon & well calculated to do good in College. My sabbath scholars were all present Sunday morning.

* all had a lot on well heard ab that they might be seen and heard of poets while I am with them. On Sunday viz. the family
* Mr. & Calvin came as usual came with a I was waiting to Mr. when
he came. He came soon after, but did not as usual stay
late. He said he had an engagement to visit Mr Schuetki at his
room. He was very affectionate & playful in his manner
* yet he watched me with an anxious look every time I
mentioned the name of a gentleman. He however discovered
nothing, for the one name of course was not spoken. I
wish he might fall deeperately in love with some lady who
will return his love & make him happy. I do feel a great
interest in his happiness & I am sure Mr J. if he knew
any feelings would improve them. Yesterday I cut out
work & sewed in the morning. In the afternoon no one came
to pray - meeting, but Julia Silliman & I went down with
her, then home & took tea & passed the evening. Found time
to speak a word with Nettie about Mr Turnbull - or David.
as we call him when speaking together. Mr Dana came
home with me. This morning I cut out society work.

This afternoon have been out distributing tracts.
Mrs Prindle the wife of the man who is very ill with the
consumption asked me to go & speak with him. that
he had become within a few weeks very anxious about
his soul's salvation. At first hesitated, but then

seemed so anxious that I contacted - He introduced me to
Frank Weston & I asked him how he was - Very near eternity,
he replied - I then asked he was prepared for the solemn change
but he said no, he feared he had wasted away his day of
grace - He had spent half a century in rebelling against his
God - He had been skeptical about the divinity of Christ, had
openly profaned his name - He had wasted his time, his
talents - his means, his manhood in the pursuit of
worldly & selfish gratification & it seemed now an
insult to offer God the few remaining days of the
worn-out debased wreck of a man as he now was -
When told that we were all sinners & had nothing accep-
table to offer to our God, only to accept salvation as a
free gift through Christ Jesus - He replied that
repentance is so difficult on a death bed - even if
God is merciful it is hard to concentrate the diseased
mind to serious thoughts long enough to pray - To this it
was replied that Peter's prayer was "Lord have me or
perish" that a short prayer was as acceptable in the
sight of God as a long one - The two first verses of the
hymn "There is a fountain filled with blood were re-
peated to him & I rose to leave - He thanked me
for calling & begged that I would call again soon
& see him - I may live a few weeks longer he said.

• I should love to see you again. Her wife adds no request
as she flew with tears in her eyes. She says her husband
has been a worldly & worldly man, but for a week
his faith has escaped his lips - Ah that God may bring
to him a forgiving God - Would that I knew how to
plead effectually for him. His wife told me that
the tract "Come & Welcome to Jesus Christ" she feared to
give him but she laid it in his way one Sabbath as she
was going to church & when she returned she found him
reading it - a very uncommon occurrence - This surely
should encourage the hearts of all tract-distributors.
I have written the above account in the manner that I have
because I think I shall give in a written report at the
next meeting & I wished to see how I could write out
such matters. Mrs. Fiskie a Catholic woman I had a
long conversation with - she told me that she learned
nothing new from the tracts - she felt no interest in
them & wished that I would give them to some one that
would value them - I asked her if she would read them?
No she said; but put them in the store as soon as I have
told I told her if she would read them first, she might
burn them afterwards - I told her I learned some-
thing from almost every child's book that I looked
into. She treated me with great kindness - I left

to teach the law & so pray that God's Holy Spirit may
bring home its truths to her conscience. Oh that we knew
how to pray as we ought. God does hear & answer prayer.

24th Dec. Sunday P.M. This morning it was storming when
I woke & it continued to hail till after two this P.M.
I went to Sabbath School & Church, but did not go out
this afternoon. Dr Bacon preached for Uncle & if I had
not felt very unwell. I should have gone to hear him.
He shortly preached in the Baptist Church this afternoon.
He called yesterday to tell me that he should preach, but
I did not feel that it was proper, under existing cir-
cumstances even if I could go well - to go to hear him.

Yesterday I dined with Grand ma. P.M. On Friday
the Rev. Mr. Lee was to have met here, but it snowed so
as it could all day till after dark & no ladies except
Eliza & Jane & mine came. It was a real disap-
pointment to me. For I had expected for a large com-
pany & it seemed too bad to have all the trouble for
nothing. I have to make all the preparations myself
with the one cook's help. Aunt Mary takes no
responsibility - she is now going to have company
but she is very kind in giving me cake & blanchet
as I wish. She thought as the ladies were not
here would give the gentlemen a supper if

any came & as Oliver told me he would be for about after
Mr. Robt. Larned, Mr. W. Siliman & Co. had been called. I had
hot coffee & cake which they seemed to enjoy very
much. Mr. Dudley wrote me a good long letter to a
note of invitation. I sent him & said he should be
glad to receive a joint letter from him & myself
occasionally. His letter was so pleasant that I would
right gladly enter into a correspondence with him
if I thought Mr. T. would approve it. I was much
before willing to write to gentlemen. Now that my
affection is so fixed I feel no fear & should enjoy it
much. Thursday morning Dec 24 I stayed on yesterday
I went with Alice to call on Susan Siliman & she quite
troubled me by saying that I ought not to send Mr. T.
another letter. Is the one I have written I shall keep till he
comes. I have felt that it seemed somewhat unbecomingly
to write, even though he did request it, & as soon as I saw ^{that} Joan
Larned felt so too. I was sorry I had written him more than
one & sorry that I accepted him until he came to this
country, I think it is past time is no need of saying any more
much. I took tea with Mrs. Blake on Tuesday & went to Dr. B.
Chambers lecture with her. Yesterday it snowed hard but I
went to see Maria Foulinson. I have done a good
deal of sewing lately & not much reading.

Wednesday Dec. 31st This year with its joys & sorrows
darker & lighter blessings & trials & pain is fast drawing to a close
I have felt very sadly this afternoon, as the thought of all
the changes that might come to see the next year come
crowding into my mind. I was so overcome with my
feelings that I was obliged to leave the tea table to go out
to my room. Thursday 1st Jan. I was interrupted on Satur-
day by Mr. Lane who staid till nearly ten though I was to see
to entertain him. On Monday New Year's Day I did a great
deal of sewing had about 15 calls. In the eve'g I went out
with Mr. Lane when he came in to make a call, & the Blake
to see some charades acted by the children, they were quite
amusing. I received a beautiful gold thimble as my
New Year's gift from Aunt Mary. Miss Patch gave me
a new little paper golden - peat I also learned a pretty shuttlecock
for us to play with when he comes in for exercise, & to give me
exercise on cloudy days. Mr. Wells called here on New Year's
eve'g when I had gone out & then went in to Eliza. Last
eve'g he was here & played chess with me. x x x x x
& called to see Maria Tomlinson yesterday & at Grandmother's
she is very sick with a cold. We all have influenza
here. Uncle has lost his voice. Aunt M. has a bad cough!
I a sore throat & feel sick all over, only I am determined
to resist it - so I go out & act as if I was quite well.

Mr. Hook & Silsman applied to board here next time but we
did not accede to it. I told them it would not be pleasant
to one to have boarded such ~~summers~~ & the gentlemen
I knew would not be willing to make a change if things
once came. we are such a pleasant family.

Saturday morning last I have just finished a letter to sister
& written a note to Mrs. Cotton saying I should not be able to
go out to Sabbath school tomorrow. Your lungs are
paining me so I think it prudent to stay in. I am
sorry to be obliged to act thus - yesterday I took a long
walk with Aunt Mary & in returning home she bought
me a dog. nice towel - oh what cause have I for gratitude
my friends are all so kind. Mrs. Severance & Daughters
called yesterday, to see us - I read aloud the evening before last
Dr. Bushnell's oration on 'Work & Play'. It is very interesting.
Sarah Hewitt lent it to me - I called on Thursday afternoon at
Mrs. Hillman's to see her. Eliza & Jane went to New York
on Wednesday for vacation. I shall miss them much.
I feel now that Mr. Turnbull has received my letter, &
I long to know what his thoughts & feelings are. I am
now in my paring my wardrobe & trying to be har-
ving heart for the future, but his absence makes all
seem more uncertain. Prayer is a great comfort &
delight to me.

Sunday Aug Jan 14th I have been naughty to neglect my
journal for a week - but the truth is I have so many things
+ feelings that I may not write that I feel little disposition
to write anything. Mr V is the theme of most of my thoughts
sometimes bringing a delightful sense of all that I most
value in life but others filling me with doubt as to the
wisdom of the step then taken - feeling I have acted too
hastily for his welfare or mine. I wrote a good deal
last week. On Wednesday afternoon Mr Forbes came to see
me + from something he said I thought he had heard of
our engagement. Maria V. spent that afternoon too with
us + at half past four Charlie Blake came for me in a
sleigh + took me to Ben Viers. It was on Wednesday at 11³⁰
Bacon's in Chapel St. We could find no place to have it
the Friday previous. The day we met was bitter cold
+ I should not have ventured out with my coat if I
had not - I kept home several days last week.
Mr W. told me he had hoped to bring me home
that night, but I preferred I could do so. I met
him yesterday + he walked up to Nettie Lane's with
me. He has a scratched coat, but seemed quite bright.
He is very sensitive to little tokens of interest in his
friends + he told me I had found him in the street the day before.

when out with Miss Foster on Breckin business with a very good friend.
I told him it was no such thing. I am felt - only on board
as to my friends. It was all his imagination. That I should
it was not the proper place for my own demonstration
I said by feeling but that I was pleased always to meet
him. I never looked so this seemed to be it. I was
then I said I had said too much - it I do with Mr. & add
one & place my mind as well as heart at rest.

Each one of us went away for a fortnight. His visit
yesterday morning, so he asked yesterday's dinner & the day's
supper. I think Mary is too sick with the cold to do much.
I could not go to school again to day. I was very
sorry. I long to see my class. I was at teacher's meeting last
night & we had a pleasant session together. I went to
hear Mr. Strong preach this afternoon but this afternoon
staid at home. Brownsey's 15th. I have just finished
a letter to Eliza. Yesterday I heard from her, she is coming
back next week on Friday or Saturday. On Sunday evening Mr.
McW was here & I told him of my engagement, or rather
let him draw it from me. He said many complemen-
tary things - and I don't like this term. He said much
that was true in praise of Mr. G. I am very glad I have
told him - his friendly attention will now be very pleas-
ant that I do not fear a misunderstanding. I sent him

in the street to day - he walked with me & asked to go
with me to Institute lecture to hear Mr Meadly tomorrow
evening. I guess I shall go. I took tea at Cousin Wm's
today. Cousin Jan was a little notion of David she
had copied from a paper. It states she & I did not before
know that he is engaged by the "Seamen & S." as well as
the For Ever and S. I am glad of it. This society has awa-
kened more interest in my heart than almost any
other. Sunday Ev'g Jan 21st Pitt has been a most pleasant
service that passed well all day. I was found of my scholars this morn-
ning & all on an attention. How I wish that I might be permitted
to see them become Christians. Last ev'g I attended teacher's
meeting & promised Mrs Sutton that I would this week
collect money for the Tract Society. It is disagreeable
work, but must be done by some one. I can give time
when I cannot money. Yesterday I called to see Susan
Silviman who had returned from New York the night before, &
I met Jane Turnbull there. I also went in to see Eliza
& Julia. On Friday we had Ben & Miss at Miss Elizabeth's
& a delightful meeting it was. Mr Laid came home
with me. He & W. appeared & seemed much disappointed
that I was coming with L. I did not go to Institute
lecture with him on Thursday ev'g because it was so cold
(& then I feared we should catch a cold) - so he staid,

played chess with me & concluded that antly & unadvisedly
my agitation as usual. I went out shopping & riding
morning. I am very quietly making my preparations
for spring without being noticed or asked about -
How I long to strengthen him from Paris - I may call
him thus in my journal. Sunday evening Jan 28th. This last
week has been a very busy one. An amusing list.
I went in the afternoon to a tract meeting at the North Church
lecture room where Mr. Estlin read us letters from
colporteurs in various parts of the Union, all interesting &
showing plainly that the cause is now doing much
good. I called that afternoon to see Chas. A. Hall. Lavinia
Hacker & Mrs. Conaght. On Tuesday afternoon I distributed
my tracts again. Found Mr. Pringle up & reading "Baxter
Call"; he seemed less distressed about himself than when
I saw him before, but still he did not say anything
by which I could infer that he had any ground of hope
in Christ - or rather - hope itself. My visits were
all pleasant & I hope some of them profitable. On
Wednesday morning I went out collecting for the
Society - received 17 dollars - On Wednesday afternoon
Maria Tomlinson - Sarah Pritchard & Mr. Cotton called
to see me. As Miss Haves called in the eve. Thursday
the walking was so horrid that I did not go.

on Friday day, but did a great deal of sewing. On
Friday I went up to Prof. Silliman's early in the
morning in to see Susan - then up to Uncle John's
to dine. Then home where I found a letter from
Nathaniel in New York, saying he wished to go to
California. I advised him to go first to see
the Captain he said would take him & make
money sufficient to clothe himself properly,
otherwise he could not sail for the Pacific.
I feel very anxious about him. But prayer is all
my resource for him - God has promised to take
care of the Fatherless & He waits not always to
find the right state of heart in us before he
fulfills His part. The gracious promise is
His word. I took tea on Friday at John Fitch's
with Cousin Lavin & I read to him brother Nath's
letter. On Saturday I swept the parlors - made
cake & received a number of calls. Caroline Foster
& Julia Silliman who told me that Ben Vine breaks
down Monday, because on Wednesday Mrs. Severe
has a party. - Wednesday Jan 31st Sunday being
the 1st of Feb. He came in & made me a long visit
he asked if he might come home with me from
Ben Vine on Monday - He has made several

I tile attempts to call it my home that I have
since I opened. On Monday I was very busy cutting
+ fitting a skirt for Bessie. It took me all the
morning except when I went over to Mary B.
+ Maria's for patterns for a dress + skirt +
a child's sack. I went at four P.M. to Mrs
Mullhouse - The walking as bad as it well
could be. I had some little fear of being lost
in the snow. We had a large pleasant meeting
I hear that after we other girls left there was
dancing. I had a pleasant chat with Tutor
Good + one also with Richard Miller. The
walk home was no better than the one up.

I came out at the same time with Julia +
Mr Silman + when we reached P.D.'s house I
exclaimed "Hello Julia I miss you" at which Mr
M. stopped + proposed that I should stop there
but I laughed + came on. Yesterday I was
unwell so I thought I would make up my
mind to stay quietly in the house for a day or
two, so I have been all yesterday + to day.
I am sorry to decline Mrs. Dexters' party but
I was obliged to, for I have not at present put
on a white dress + I have no other suitable.

Kettie & Anna & Julia Sullivan called this afternoon
to see me & said they had read a letter
from David dated the 4th of Nov. I shall try
to go up to morrow & read it to them while they
have it. It is written to one of his sisters &
Oh how I long to see him. Really begin to feel
impatient. I wonder if he wishes to see me
half as much. I hope he does.

Sunday Ev'g Feb 4th Another sabbath has gone the weeks
pass swiftly by, but not more so than is agreeable to me. I
it is my desire to hear from & see David. Yesterday I went
up to Kettie's & dined there. I read the letter of Nov 4th
It was a beautiful letter. The more I see of Dr. Thacker
& social, domestic feelings, the more I am convinced
that he is the one to make me happy. Oh I hope I shall
be as well adapted to his happiness. I shall at least try
to affect this & cause him to rejoice in his choice.

I was at teacher's meeting last night & at Sabbath school
this morning. Our scholars are very attentive. Oh that the
truth might make them Christians while I am with them.
One of my scholars Miss Perry has lost all interest in the school
& she abhors her! except when I call the week previous
& request her brother to send her. Yesterday I met her brother
going to church & told her I wished she would send her daughter

+ she said when the weather is warmer she will - Chapman
succeeded in interesting Maria - I require my clasp to be
+ write some verses of scripture. each on a leaf, + this
does not seem to please her - she never writes them
perfectly. Perhaps I do not understand the right method
of interesting her. Thursday 8th I was interrupted on Sunday
even'g by Mr Larned who staid till nine - on Monday it snowed
hard all day till 8 P.M. + then cleared off. I received a letter
that afternoon from Maria Moore + returned it that evening
about eight that evening Nettie Blake called with her
cousin Mrs + Jane Skimmer in a sleigh + asked me to ride -
I went + never did I enjoy a sleigh ride so much - The
noon. dinner + supper all passed very pleasantly as I became
delightful. became that night. Tuesday was clear out in
the morning + each in the afternoon I started to make some
party calls - went to Mrs Seavey + Mrs Linn + Mrs Gattous
+ to see Nettie Dana - Susan Silliman + Mary Blake - It snowed
hard all the time - so much that I was out + I got my
feet very wet + it took a long time now suffering with
a sore throat in consequence - on Wednesday - yesterday
I chills + aches all the morning - Lucius Blake came + spent
the afternoon with us with his little child - Mrs. Condit
called - + I received a letter from sister - I wrote a letter to
her + a note to Mother in the evening. This morning I

wrote my name - & then almost sick went into Eliza's
room if I should feel any better - took a cracker & a glass of
wine then which did some good - This afternoon I re-
ceived a letter from Mary, Arny which I immediately
answered - She guessed that I was engaged to Mr
Huntall - I sent her word of the fact but did not
give any clue to the gentleman - except that he was
Abad. I have been into our Eliza this evening & read her
my letters from Maria & Mary - & to tell her of Uncle
present to me this afternoon & a beautiful, large
leather lined trunk - I am delighted with it.
Mrs Porter & Mrs Tomlinson called here Sunday this week.
Jane & Eliza have been in several times - This evening
since I came from Eliza's Robert Hooker has called.
He is in his custom when he has been absent from
town & returned - Kipped me - Now I have so long
regarded Robert as a brother that I care not for his
kisses, but I have the feeling that God bless Mr F
would not like me to receive them & so I wish
he would stop them - still I have to request it.
How funny for me to have thought & written the
above sentence - Robert tried to make me speak
of any engagement, but he did not succeed -

Feb 14th Wednesday Ev'g on Friday of last week Mrs. Fitchcomb & Page
sisters of Aunt Mary came to see her - Mrs P. very unexpected-
ly - They are both very agreeable ladies - I have been out
with them every Sat. till today they have not been out & I
fear I shall not be able to go out for a number of days -
My lungs are inflamed & sore - I walked down st this
morning but the air pained me - & I have felt almost every
breath since I came home & coughed hard - I have had
a cold for a fortnight but said nothing because all
the house have been unwell. Eliza has not been
out of the house since last Saturday - Mr Strong preached
at Chapel in the morning & Mr Hoppin in the afternoon -
Mr W. is a young man who has traveled through the
Holy Land - his voice was musical his manner
good & his discourse - it could hardly be called
a sermon - ~~the~~ very finely written. The subject
was Mahomed & his religion "His rise, history, & the signs
of its downfall." Mr W. was here Sunday Ev'g - I did not
feel well & he did not stay late - On Monday it snowed
hard all day - on Tuesday - yesterday - Susan Pillsbury & the
woman called while we were (the ladies) out Mrs
Kostons brought tea with us & Mary & Ann went
to call on Lavinia Thacher & Selia Wood -
I went into Olga's tea yesterday - Mark and in the

David Page - I hope that the "Letter" is on the way
home with letters of recommendation to the last of Jan. &
it has letter of introduction - This one & thrilled me
I hope one of its letters will be for me - I had not
before had hope to hear before the last of March
- Charles did a good deal of working for me this morning
& afternoon - It is pleasant for me to sit at my work &
think who is on the way to see it - Sometimes I feel an im-
patient desire for the time of his arrival to come - but
try to banish such feelings - and with patience - I
would give me great pleasure to know that David felt as
I do - Mrs. & P. & Ruth have called this afternoon - Mr. & Mrs.
to & we played piquet & dominoes together - Mr. L. Hornum to go to the
office for me - I was in the letter of L. Hornum's this evening
old Mr. Isaac Burr was buried this afternoon - He was 90
years of age - Mrs. Wm. Bristol is to be buried tomorrow -
she has left five little children - her death is a sad one &
will be felt by a large circle -

Feb 24 - Saturday Ev'g - On Thursday of this
week Mrs. Page & Tibcomb left us - being made us
a very pleasant visit. Their kindness to me was
very great & I hope I feel grateful for all the kind
friends God gives me - I went out with them
every morning while they were here - Mrs. Page

is about 38 - a very intelligent - agreeable personage. Not 2.
about 48 - very much broken by sorrow, but one of the
gentlest kindest women I ever met. Hunt & large fam-
ily are all without exception very interesting & pleasant.
Mrs Litchcomb & Page interested themselves very much in
my future labors. They commenced for me a quilt to
be made by my friends - an Album quilt - each friend
making a square & quilting & binding it. Mrs P.
bought me a good deal of Calico for one that I am
making. Mrs Litchcomb made me a present of a beau-
tiful Silver comb - & so of a shell one that I have
in trying in my hair. I called at her Mr Morris's
yesterday & found Emily Hall ^{had} just arrived - she looked
very pretty & happy. - then I called at Mrs Foster's &
on Eliza Sherman & Delia Wood. This morning I went
down st & bought some stockings, then up to Mrs. Sellins
where I dined, then in to Susan's & rode home with her
about four - Mary Blake & Eliza Skinner have since
been in to see her. Thursday of this week was a day
for fasting & prayer for College. I attended the united
meeting at the Church opposite. We had many fervent
prayers - I hope also the effectual prayer was offered.
We need much the influence of the Holy Spirit
so that we might have a glorious revival in our midst.

I know that I do not sufficiently make this an object
of desire prayer - my own heart needs warmth - I feel
intensely - ^{at times} but not habitually as I should a longing
desire for the salvation of souls. I feel grateful
that the one to whom I have pledged my hand &
to whom my heart flows freely, forth is so devoted a
disciple of Christ. His heart will influence mine
& had it never been - I bless God for His goodness in
giving me the hope of such a friend to assist me
in my christian life. I am longing & expecting to
hear from him - but my heart is kept in greater
peace & quiet than I had dared even to hope.

Mr Mc W. was here last evg he asked me if I had
yet received any news? We played chess & I beat him.
Dr Hubbard also made quite a long call early in the
evg - I did not go to Teacher's meeting to night
because I am so very tired. Last Saturday night it met
here - & now I must study my lesson for my chess
tomorrow morning. I distributed tracts last week.
found Mr Rindle better in health, but his heart no
better. Al that God would hear the prayers offered for
his salvation - I talked ~~some~~ time with him, but
could discern nothing encouraging in his state
except his consciousness that he is a sinner & do

not think he seems to feel his deep necessity for salvation
as much as he did a month or two since.

Saturday March 8th The snows were steadily on - each day bring-
ing nearer the time when I shall hear from our Mr. T. This afternoon
his sister Jane called to see me while I had gone to the office for
a letter for Aunt M. I stopped on my way home at Grand Ave North
+ to see Jane Fitch - The walking is horrid but better than it
was a few days ago - I have been once to Dr. Felt to read
Macaulay's England with Mrs Tomlinson every morning
this week till today - I swept the parlors this morning
+ this is enough exercise for one day - Mrs T. + I read
alterables - It is very pleasant reading thus with her
Aunt Rachel died Tuesday + was buried Thursday last - she
was 85 years of age - Mary + Eliza Blake came in minutes
in a friendly way + took tea with me on Thursday -
Wednesday evening I dined in at the Skimmer - Mrs. Thorne
has come from New York to spend a fortnight with her
children - Mr. Kingsley called while I was there - Dr. Snow
Caroline Martin took tea with me + Mr. Farned called in the
evening - He was also here again last evening - I read also delightful
news of Mr. Prindle on Monday - He is rejoicing in the
hope of forgiveness + reconciliation with Jos. Mr. Cotton
told me when he came to tell me the end of our tract
meeting is changed from the first Monday to the second

in every month. I was greatly rejoiced to hear of Mr. P.'s conversion
& I know the news will be thrilling to all our members - Oh that
I had more faith & zeal in any heavenly father's work. I do, if I know
my own heart, long to be of use in the world - To do something
for the good temporal & spiritual of any fellow creature.

Wednesday 14th of March. I feel so unsettled that I dread to
take up my journal & yet each day brings something of
interest to me - Last week Mrs. Bliff & Skinner took tea with
us on Friday & Dr. Evans came from Hartford to spend
the Sabbath, so Uncle exchanged with him & went on
Saturday night to Hartford when he returned home
on Monday he brought the news that my engagement
was being circulated in Hartford. I was very
much excited & troubled at hearing it, I had so long
for Mr. Fournell's family to hear the news first from
him, however I concluded the Sillimans had better
tell his sister than to have her learn it from the
public & so I went up & told Susan - she might
tell him - Since I took this step, I have felt very
uneasy - What will they think of my taking such
a step - it was to save their feelings that I did it &
yet I made a sacrifice of my own that perhaps
they will not understand & so think it strange in
me - Oh dear I wish Mr. F. would come. Perhaps

shall not please him when we meet, & then all the society I now feel will have been wasted. I wish him to know my real character. If he cannot love that with all its faults then he must never be visited. I take the Subject Daily to God in prayer & it is most comforting to find my heart each day becoming more & more closely drawn to his - but I must confess that he is an ideal being to me rather more than I could wish - but a such union to the ideal may fit me for the real. Mr. Sadley came here on Monday & stayed till next day noon. He spoke in truest high praise of Mr. Y. & so on every morning & read Macaulay's England with Maria. We have read nearly through the second volume. I went to see my Father's school last Saturday - Emily White has obtained a hope, light & joyous. I have no doubt she will have it given brighter & brighter to the perfect day. She has been led gradually into the purest state of heart. Ah that all my class might become Christians. There is a good deal of religious interest all over the city at this time. I have attended one of the morning meetings this week & would go every day if we had our breakfast early enough. I took tea one evening last week with the Mannings at Selina Mann's & Selina took tea here on Monday evening & went with me to

one tract meeting - I did not take a long walk yesterday
after meeting & then came home & took tea with Mr.
I took a walk with Ann & Mary, this afternoon.

Friday Evg 23rd March I am very tired having this afternoon
been out distributing tracts - I had a long talk with Mr
Pringle & am rejoiced at the evidence he gives of a new
heart. He has assembled his family for the two mornings
past & had family prayers. & a neighbour went in on
Sunday to see him, thinking he might be sleeping he opened
the door softly & walked in when he heard Mr P. in
prayer - he sat down desirous not to disturb him & says
he never in his life heard a better or more fervent prayer.
One Irish labourer told me that they sent the Anti-Slavery
Circulars & being let to them to their friends in Ireland.
Mrs Fiskie promised me she would not burn this tract but keep
it & give to her husband - After having distributed the tracts
which I accomplished earlier than usual as many persons were
out. - I called to see Mary Price - at the Leatons to see Julia
Whittenmore - but she comes to night - & then meeting Mr
Strong in the street - I went in & had a long talk with him
about Mr P. & the religious state of the community.
This evg since tea Mr W. Thigley & Bolton have made
calls & oh I am so tired. I have attended all the morning
meetings this week except on Wednesday & then it was

raining most fiercely - one equinoctial I believe.
Jane Trumbull called to see me on Tuesday - expressed the
greatest pleasure at what her brother had done & said she wished
she could see me every day while she remained in town.
asked her here to tea yesterday & she came & we had a
long talk about David - She thinks him almost perfect -
loved him very dearly & made me almost impatient
to see him - I told her how great a trial of feeling
it had been to me to have her family learn anything
about it from me - she said David had written home
about me - they were surprised. Fittie Dana - & Charlotte
Nell called here yesterday. Mr W. came & went
home with Jane. He obtained work here on Sunday
evening - On Monday after prayer meeting I went up
to Uncle John's & in to see Emily came home to dinner.
I have expected to collect for the Bible Society next week.
I hope to tomorrow to go to see one of my sabbath scholars.
I met the Mother of Maria Perry in the street today & had
a talk with her about sending Maria to sabbath school.
Monday Morning April 2nd Last week on Sunday, Monday
& Tuesday it stormed very violently - We were entirely - shut
& I shut in the house Monday & Tuesday - On Wednesday I went
up to Uncle John's & dined & went out collecting for the Bible Society
in the afternoon. Thursday we had I suppose the last of

the season at Elizabeth Sherman's - On Friday E. Sherman went out
collecting with me as I had not finished on Wednesday - we had good
success - Aunt Ruth died that day here & I sewed for me
Jane Turnbull called to see me while I was out on Friday P.M.
on Saturday Uncle was confined to his bed with a cold & I
went out - after sweeping my room to get his pulpit
supplied - Dr Taylor was not in so Mr W came in the
afternoon & brought me word that Dr Y. could not preach but he
agreed to obtain Mr Porter. We gladly assented - Mr W spent
nearly the whole afternoon with me. Mary Blake & E
Skinner came in & he went to walk with them.

Uncle received a letter from Mr Y. on Saturday through
the office requesting to know if Uncle had any further
use for a letter of his written in '40 - Now this is the
coolest piece of impudence I have heard of in some
time - The letter is mine - Undoubtedly no right to no
use for it - I shall not however part with it - Mr Turn-
bull shall see the letter if I like to show it to him - Of
course I do not expect to use the letter to Mr Thacker's
injury - I would not for his wife's sake - if a vigorous
man he did not restrain me - I do the least thing to
injure him - I wish he would believe this. Let the
letter be shall, not.

Monday afternoon April 10th

It is a fortnight to day since wrote in this journal - the truth is I am in such a state of suspense that I dislike to say much about anything & have no heart for writing. This now more than five months since I wrote to Mr. Fennell & not one word have I had from him, while the steamers have repeated the time of leaving from the Pacific very greatly since I wrote to him - The Falcon came in on Friday last & I confidently expected letters by her - letters have been received in Boston up to the 4th of March why do I not hear? Last week I feared Mr. F. would come & I should see him before having received a letter. This greatly annoyed me - I should feel so awkwardly but he came not, nor letter - it is most surprising. I have at last felt well for weeks & I have asked Charles's permission to go to Boston next week that is I have asked him for the money to take me there - I think he will refuse me - so next week on Wednesday I hope to leave for Boston - I received a note from Mr. Thacher, writing in the same language for his letter as used in his note to me. I was a great & two or three weeks passed between us I was very sorry to have this subject again agitated. I write to

Charles had not so great a regard for I do not like to feel
that I am giving him sorrow in keeping that letter yet
I do not think it would be wise to give it to him. I hope
I have no wrong feeling on the subject. Mr Bushnell
came in town a fortnight ago & staid nearly a week.
Mr McK. went up & preached for him a week ago yesterday.
While Mr B. was here, the Blakes, Skinner, Sophia Perry
& I went with him. Mr Lound & Mr W. down to the Pacific
to collect some fruit. A week ago yesterday, was last day of
Wednesday of that week I spent the day at Rev. Mr. Merwin
& Mr. Seidley came in town & staid with us till Thursday.
Last Friday I went Bird came & left on Saturday.
He said that he & his brother or sister would be with us
the last of this week.

Boston April 25th Yesterday at half past eleven
I started with Mr Bliss for this place. We had a pleasant
ride though a dusty one, reached here at six P.M.
The family had dined half an hour before we came
so I walked with them up to Mrs Bliss & took tea there.
We stopped on the way home & took a glass of soda -
April 26th Yesterday I sewed with Jennette in the
morning - lay down in the afternoon - went up to
Mrs Bliss in the eve - had a pleasant time - stopped &
took a nice cream - coming home - went to bed at ten

This morning he breakfasted at half past seven - 2 and went
down st & being it as number 8 hrs 10 hrs - It stopped about
1 o'clock & took a glass of jelly & a cream cake with G.
I must have something to eat. I cannot wait till
dinner time. The hours are new to me. It is a
nice hour before & has a thing beautiful about
him. I wrote Aunt M. a short letter in a great
hurry this morning. Jane Froumble came
to see me the day before I left home & was very
kind & cordial. I hope Mr T.'s family will like me.
On Monday night there was a concert by the
Gentlemen Society aided by the Italian Opera Band from
New York, it was delightful music - the "Serenade" was the
piece performed - Mary Blake & Eliza D. came to
see me this morning I left -

April 28th Yesterday I did not find time to write in this.
He breakfasted at half past seven then had prayer, & Mr
Adams leave for his store & returns not till 5 P.M. the dinner
hour. After he left I came up into Jennette's room &
altered my black silk dress. then we dined & went down
town. met Mr A. at a furniture store, & selected some
beautiful furniture for Mr A's sister. It is to be
present from him to her. He is a very generous man.
Me. that is. I & I stopped at Mrs Bliss' & then went into

a confectioner & took a cup of coffee & some cake. I have
never been in the habit of frequenting the confectioner
but I seem to enjoy it very much. - This morning when
we were out I offered going & so we came home for our
luncheon. Harriett Putnam called to see me yesterday
morning & in the eveg I went over to see her. She
lives only a few doors off on the opposite side of the way.
I had a very pleasant visit there. She was very cordial.
- a Miss Rayson was there who attends Mr Richards' church.
She was very agreeable. I asked her if I would go with
her to call on Mrs R & I agreed - also to see Eliza Goodell.
I commenced a novel yesterday that I have just
finished the Ken beked - husband. perhaps it is a novel
~~that~~ will do good, but I feel that the time spent in
reading it has been wasted. So I went to the
library this morning & got the "Secret Memoirs of
Josephine" to read. I expect must enjoy it in
this, for I have heard Maria Tomlinson speak in ^{high}
terms of high praise. We stopped at Mrs Bliss' so I
have been to see her every day. She has just made
96 button holes for a lady & charged her two dollars for
them. She brought down a chemise that she had made
for herself that was too small & hinted - no she said
she wished to sell it & another like it. It was very

neatly made & of excellent cloth, but I told her I had made
my chimney, as many as I should want in a long time.

I feel a sort of loneliness. When J. leans lovingly on
his husband. I wonder if I shall ~~ever~~ be as happy as
she is: that is if I shall ever ^{have} the love of a devoted
faithful heart! I am sometimes tempted to think
that my letters have never reached Mr V. that he does
not love me sufficiently to satisfy my heart, or then
I am unhappy, so I banish this feeling, & think of him
as the one to whom my whole heart belongs, & then I have
faith in his love - I have had in days past some
romantic opinions about the impossibility of loving
more than once. but I had a foolish love once
that ended sadly & now I almost fear to allow
myself to love again, lest I should again be tried in
my affections. God however is my father & friend
'He will not let anything come to me that is not
for my good. &c.' that in this faith I might rest.

There is no one in Boston to whom I can talk
the deep feelings of my heart & so I feel lonely.

How much happiness I have had in good friends
I hope I feel grateful for it - now one word with
~~one who~~ knows me would do me good. The novel
I have read, has thrown me into a meditative mood

for the months past I have conscientiously kept myself
busy that I might not be troubled with thoughts.

I feel more than ever for dear Mary Blake.
What a difficult task she has in schooling her heart
& teaching it not to. I was going to say - feel. But
no, she cannot do this - she is through a pattern of
quiet resignation. so that I could be like her - that I ^{with}
quiet every impatient thought & feeling. The dinner
bell ring, - I must go. Nov 2nd Yesterday I received
a letter from Hannah Gilcomb inviting me there
this week or strong. I had rather make June the
the long visit of three weeks that I had promised
her. But as I see from ^{her} letter that now will be
the most convenient time to them - I shall go
- if nothing prevents me - tomorrow. I have seen
quite a good deal of W. Putnam. At Fish called on
Monday to see me. He all spent Sabbath at Mrs
Blip's. He and Mr Blayden preach in the morning on a
future state, from the parable of "Dives & Lazarus" an
excellent sermon, & Mr Chick preached admirably
in the afternoon on City Iniquities. I wrote home
last week, & to Sister & Mary Blake this week. On
Monday I received a real good letter from Uncle
inclosing one from M. Avery & Miss Bird. I wish

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dear, with that kind of love which the only one of the
I met there - Dr. B. & his daughter - (Cora) the Mr. B.
his wife - Mr. B. & his wife & his daughter - Mrs. B.
P. B. I had a very pleasant talk with Mr. B. & she
promised to send me her sister's journal - just received
it - & will go in there this morning - As after having
called with her I went to at Mr. B. & his wife - & after
the time we were in there, & I was delighted to
hear so much of Mr. B. & his wife. Mr. B. speaks of
his great son - says he has taken a house
& she was at it - & is in the house - & is now
which she says are delightfully located. He left
Mr. B. because he thought Mr. B. might not receive
some satisfaction if he remained with them - that he
would if Mr. B. had not them - I receive as well as
love all that I hear of him - His friends
are restless & disinterested - I hope - I may be worthy
of being his wife - How strange is that word to me
when I think of it - I would be in communion with him - I
have Mr. B. almost constantly in my mind - waking
or sleeping - & I almost fear that he has got a hold
of my feelings towards him - & therefore he has
not got all the effect on that - my mind & heart
I daily commend him to God & ask that with me

see him & his wife to keep safely by him & I have no
concern with them. I would believe to have no earthly
idea of your affections & would have to & strong faith
that the danger in my presence is but a
trial. I am now endeavoring to see how good for
me - if I am rightly better it - perhaps I shall
find that to which hereafter I suppose of
the effect of our trial is to lead us to cast our care
on in our trial we shall find it easier still to cast
it on our heavenly father - thus have our burden
lightened if it will be so - I have no cause
longing to see the beautiful situation & strong that
I shall not think longer on the subject but
leave it from my thought. I received a
letter from Aunt Eliza before yesterday & one from
Mary Blake yesterday. I am so tired & I
to spend a few days with her.

Saturday morning, 12th I came to Lydia's on Wednesday
afternoon & had some time with her & received that afternoon
a letter from Aunt Eliza enclosing one from Sister Lavinia
Mrs. El. Hunt called & took me to ride that P.M. to Carson's
Office - a most delightful place - I went with Mrs. J. &
her family & tea with Mrs. Joseph Loomis & passed a very
pleasant evening. Her brother Mr. Augustus Wells has lived

in India 6 or 7 years & his conversation & manner so pleasant
there was very entertaining - Mr. & Mrs. Stearns & her husband,
who were called to see me on Wednesday. Yesterday I went
over to Dr. Dana's again & sat an hour with Miss Dana. I took
to her father so deep he lent me to read when I was there
on Wednesday morning. I saw him & his daughter
much. Miss Wheelwright was called at Dr. Dana's while I
was there. She told me that Dr. Dana told her that Mr. V. was
on his way to the country without saying if it was
not till I told her all my reasons for thinking he had
not left Cal. that she would give up the opinion.
I was quite startled while at dinner with a letter
from Nettie Dana enclosing one from David just
received. I thought it was to me, but soon discovered
my mistake. It was written to Nettie the 25th & 26th
of Feb. in a most delightful manner. It made me
saw I should have had a long one - if I had not
set down immediately & written an answer to Nettie.
I took a walk with Maria & went into Mrs. V. She is
a dear kind lady, - I do not understand why she
treats me with so much kindness - she has heard
me say I must get some work to do, so she
gave me with or two in 1/2 Willow cases. Maria
gave me one of "The President's Address" by the

and the "Life in earnest" Hannah took tea with
us & Lydia & I went home with her.

Tuesday morning 15th of May on Saturday afternoon a num-
ber of ladies called to see me while I was out with Hannah
returning calls that I had received; soon after I came
home. We called on Susan Wheeling at that was, Mrs Mills
& her sister Miss W. on Miss Martha Mills. on Madame Lunt
& Mrs Jacob Lunt & on Mrs Micajah L. On Sunday I went to S.
school with Lydia & after she finished her lesson she asked
me to speak to her class. I never before attempted such
a thing, but thinking they would be interested to hear
of another Sabbath school, I told them some thing of our
New Haven & spoke of the usefulness of the feeling in our
own class, & the importance of seeking God in our
Sabbath school days. one of the girls seemed much
impressed she wiped the tears from her eyes several
times. I hope the impression will be for good to her
soul - a lasting one. Mr Stearns preached an excellent
sermon on Medicine as a ^{evidence} mark of love to God. In the
afternoon it rained, so we were at home & I
read "Christ is all" by Dr Lyne, & in the eve had much
delightful ~~interest~~ conversation with Mrs Storey.
Yesterday I walked out in the morning. at noon
rec'd a letter from Prof. Sullivan, & answered it in the

afternoon. Miss Susan Wheelwright brought me letters just recd
from Del. & read them to me - Mr Fennell was with
they gave a delightful account of his garden. They said in
it were apples currant oranges from granades figs & banana
& Dana & all the Wheelwright family seem to have an exalted
pinion of said I fear I am not good enough for him
Dr Dana called to see me in the eveg & invited me there to
tea this afternoon. I called there yesterday morning to see
Miss Dana & she also called to see me. I thought & he went to come
to walk out, & so I have said to her unconsciously.

This morning I have written to Mr Fennell & now
I am going to take it to Miss W. who has promised to
enclose it in her letter -

Thursday 8th A.M. May 17. I took

my letter to Miss W. on Tuesday afternoon & had a very pleasant
call there. She asked me into the sitting-room where were her father & sister
Elizabeth & Mrs Colwell another sister. They spoke of my intentions to
go to Del. & I told them. I hardly had intentions mine were only
dreams. Miss Susan went with me from her house to Dr Dana's where
we took tea with Prof. Smith of Bangor & his sister Abby. I have fallen
in love with Miss Elizabeth Dana. She is very lovely - at quarter before
nine I left them & went into Mrs Page's to assist in setting
a table for said's party. - Mrs Joseph D. myself succeeded in
making the table look quite to the satisfaction of all. There were
about 20 young couples & maids who seemed to enjoy themselves

much. I am home at half past ten. The party looks up at
half past eleven. Yesterday was a most beautiful day as is
this. I went to Eliza Simons & Mary Blake in the morning.
Made calls in the afternoon & took tea with Mrs. D. & Hannah at
Mr. Micajah Lumber. Came home at nine & after a pleasant
chat with the family & family prayers retired.

Monday May 24th I came this afternoon to Mrs
Peep's where Mrs Titcomb is keeping house & saw
Mrs Pr visit to Abba. I received a letter from
Aunt Mary this afternoon enclosing one from
Matilda Bankin. I have call'd at Dr Davis
this afternoon & he gave me a sermon he preached
some 20 years since. I enjoyed my call there
much. He is a very venerable old gentleman
70 years of age hair as white as snow & yet his
manners as polite & his conversation as lively
& agreeable as a man of fifty. Yesterday morning
I heard him preach an excellent sermon from
the text "Let your light shine off". I was not
able to go out in the afternoon so I read Charlotte
Ligabette's "Happy Walk" the prettiest thing she
has written according to my way of thinking.
I have read lately two Allegories - "The Shadow
of the Cross" & "The Distant Hills" by a Church

books - I have also been delighted with "Christ is all" by
Dr Tyng - I received a letter from Prof. Silliman
again on Friday, & answered it on Saturday, or
rather to go by the S. morning mail. I wrote
on Thursday to Aunt Mary & to Mother. I think I
have written fifteen letters since I left home.
I was invited to Mrs. Stearns's to tea this evening but
was unwell & feared to go out in the evening air.
So I declined the invitation. I went out last
evening to hear Mr. Thayer & have suffered much to day
in consequence. Miss Wheelwright received letters
from Salpazar's to as late a date as the 29 of March
not two months since & Mr. Turnbull had not
then heard from me - His church was dis-
missed by its members leaving for California - &
the subscribers to his paper decided that there was
a prospect of the paper being discontinued for
a time - This looks to me like another movement
on his part. At that it might prove so. I am
tired & dreaming -

Saturday Morning May 20th I received another
letter from home on Tuesday & was so much
startled at hearing again so soon. I feared it brought
sad news soon however my fears were relieved, & I had

on Monday I got a long letter from Uncle urging me
to write again to Mr. V. but I had written. I suppose
the note I sent in Miss Whelan's note with, by the
Felt, on which sails to day. On Wednesday I received
a letter from Prof. Silliman at 5 o'clock Hannah
Deloria I rode out to Ursula's & took tea. We
had a shower early in the afternoon which laid the dust
& made the new foliage look beautifully.

We drove on wheels. I sat on the ^{now we were} ~~with the~~ ^{giving}
I drove the whole distance in returning home.
I never took so much responsibility in driving before
& I was quite delighted to succeed so well. We had
a very pleasant time at Mr. J.'s. The young ladies
were very pretty & agreeable. The banquet was
glorious that evening & then we had a new moon.
I took a little cold. However, have not felt well since.
Thursday & yesterday were both very unpleasant
days. Yesterday it rained much all day. I have
not been out either day. Last night I took
medicine & this morning I feel good for nothing.

Tuesday May 29th I went out on Saturday afternoon with
Hannah to attend calls - called at Mrs John Whelan's & Mrs
Mrs Colwell's. Miss Grandstaff, Mr Stearns, & Mrs Micajah
Lamb. I run in to see the Stoves every day, yesterday

I dine there & come out with them to a meeting the
home of the Port Whittier - Susan Lippman rode with
us - I go also frequently in to see Miss Lane she called yester-
day to see me while I was out. We all to Mr. Tins & paper
last ev'g at the Mulliken's. I heard Mr. Pittington
preach on Sunday morning - a most excellent
sermon & one very characteristic of him - His subject
fasten - I heard B. Stearns in the afternoon - Received
yesterday three letters from N.Y. one from Uncle &
Aunt - one from Mary Blake & one from Whittier Lane, so
I have some employment before me to answer them
We are invited to Madame Lunk's to tea this afternoon
- are going there. Thursday 8th May 31st We all went
to Madame Lunk's on Tuesday & paper - pleasant ev'g - Mrs. Johnson
~~was~~ presented me a beautiful punchbowl & collars. Yesterday
morning I rec'd a letter to Aunt Mary's ob'ice by looking over that
I wrote on Tuesday that it must have been early in the morning
before Mr. Pittington called to see me. I had an interesting
call from him. He is such the most interestingly inter-
esting man I ever saw. While his conversation is long, interesting
& agreeable. Miss Lane & Susan Lippman also called this
morning - Yesterday was a rainy day & so is this
early this morning we had a severe thunder storm.
Yesterday morning after some letters were written I sent

on Sunday and "for callie" In the afternoon mother & I
standing the same I sat her down to the office & after tea
went to Mrs. Story's & passed an hour in most agreeable
conversation with Susan Tappan.

Saturday June 2nd I spent the day yesterday at Mrs. Story's. Mrs. Page
was here - the six & we all came here, that is, to Mrs. S.
She is as kind & a mother to me - this afternoon we rode
all the afternoon & after we returned I received a letter
from Eliza at Lansing there with the news of her
engagement to Mr. Bushnell but though astonished
I am delighted with it. Mary & I both are very happy.
I have written to Eliza this day & it is now time for
bed. I called at Mr. Dana's this morning but I left I
spoke of leaving town & said in if you desire to
talk of going home I must say our business is straight
as they take their flight. Mrs. R. & Mr. R. have
been in this city.

Tuesday June 5th I have just written & taken two letters to
the office this morning, one to Mother & the other to Mary
Dana I went in to Mrs. Story's last evening after we had had
a glorious thunder storm & the sun & rainbow was
magnificent, we went out on the house top & enjoyed
it. I had too a long talk with Susan about that gave me
great pleasure. She is a lovely Christian - as I said.

God might shed new sun to his heart & to his friends
Pray for our true comfort as I pray for you. The spirit
did me good - I shall love to converse with you in prayer & our
common Father. She is very feeble & probably not long for
this world. For five years she has suffered from a life with
dear Bea. She has been married two years & since then
has been very feeble. Her husband is not a Christian
but she has great faith that he will become one - She has
only recently joined the church but she has for a long
time hoped she was a Christian. This is a humble & sweet
creature & her deep doubts & doubts often appear that she
is a Christian but her hope will soon grow
brighter & brighter to the perfect day. On Sunday
I heard a stranger at Mr. W. H. H. in the morning
& in the afternoon did not go.

^{Friday}
Friday 8th June. - I received a letter on Tuesday
from Aunt & Uncle informing me of C's engagement to a
daughter of Mr. L. & the South Bird. It is too bad that the
widow is successful in getting such mill girls for
themselves. They seem very desirous to have one value-
home, so I have made up my mind to leave home for
Boston next Tuesday & to leave before 4 P. M. the Tuesday
following. Valeria is coming to Boston to go
home with me. On Wednesday morning I called to

Miss Marshall & Co. really she is the most dowdy
looking creature I saw in any one pretending to
be a lady - called also Miss Betty Coffin & at Miss W. Then I
was ashamed to feel much less comfortable by Miss C.
When I went in she introduced me
to Miss Marshall - her sister - whom I called
to see me out - & after a few seconds conversation
she turned to me & said "I have been wishing to see
you Miss Pritch & ask you to show us that dogmatism."

This made me feel strange, but I thought the
gentleman would have no idea of whom the "dogmatism"
so I replied that I was out to bring it & show it to be.
Then she remarked - "Mr. M. is going to Salparais
you will probably see him there" I felt that
this was too much & quickly replied that I did
not much think of going to Sal. I wonder that
anyone who has ever been a young lady could have
made such a remark to me knowing as she
did the peculiarity of my situation. This was
Tuesday instead of Wednesday - I went from Miss
W. to Mr. Smith's & took tea - met Miss Betty Coffin
there - received a letter from home - Wednesday
morning I called to see the Duckers who had ex-
pressed a desire to see me - They talked much of

will be as well as I can see out of me 2 messages to
take to their daughter & sister in law. I thought
not to tell them, they probably would have many an
opportunity to send to & hear from their sister if
I saw her if I ever did. I do not allow myself
to expect anything now. I am in a waiting mood.
I took tea that afternoon with Mrs. Page. Yesterday
I took tea at Mrs. John Wheelwright's. Then I took
tea at Mr. Ellis's wife's. I saw her & daughter. I saw
Miss Colwell. I saw Sarah W. of Roxbury & Mr. Young
a Princeton theological student. Mr. Ellis spoke
of Mr. Bushnell & said he heard he would have
to leave his people. I told him I thought it
was probably some rumor. I said that highly
of Mr. B. & saw from his manner that he
felt warmly towards him. But he said he saw
what account Mr. B. gave of his ordination. I told
her I did not remember, but that a young lady
told me he frightened her by his reply to the
question to how he believed in the inspiration of the
writers of the Bible, but that she said he af-
terwards made it plain that he meant some-
thing heretical. I also told her that Mr. B.
said he had a great many questions about

his opinions as he was a little troubled at
the many ~~many~~ questions he had to hear - I suppose
they take up his time -

Saturday morning 9th yesterday Valeria had a drop-
pacher & I went with her all the morning. In the afternoon
I took my usual nap, & then I went into Mr. Stacey's to take tea
after tea & dia Hannah's I went to Dr. Pater's lecture and Mr. Stearns
He preached the best sermon I have heard from him - Two babies
were baptized & three young ladies admitted to the church.
I do not know whether I have mentioned in my journal, that
beneath the pulpit in this church lie the remains of Whipple
& his cenotaph stands near the pulpit. There is also in
this church a whispering gallery - quite a novel thing to me

Thursday morning June 4th I expected to be in Boston this
week but I received a note from Jennie the Adams on Monday
saying she was going that day to New Haven - so on Tuesday at
six o'clock in the morning I left for Boston & collected my
things I had left at Jennie's & returned the same day
Carrington Mrs. Ship at eight o'clock & took a nap - then at
11 o'clock I went down the river & some purchases. Bought
some sugar & some for Hannah. Made for Nellie & one or two other
little things for people. Mrs. Brown insisted on giving
me the money to pay my expenses at Boston & New

to feel that I might indulge myself in visiting a
few persons. The warm hearted friends
I have here received I shall never forget. I heard
in a letter that Mrs. Dyer Putnam had called & left her
with the message that she would be very glad to see
me at her house. I called to see her but she was
out on a horse call. On Sunday it was very cloudy,
damp & disagreeable. I rode to church with Mrs.
Storrs & Susan Tappan in the morning. It was com-
munion season - a delightful one to me. In the
afternoon I heard Mr. Britting, two to children & in the
evening Mr. Lang. Well I took cold & am now almost sick
on Saturday afternoon Hannah & I called on the Surfs
Gives Mr. Thayer, a true husband translated Indian,
on the same subject - Miss Whitcomb. We call at the
store & they have some hay. I called also on Mrs. Braden
but she was out & I have not seen her yet & was sorry when
she called to see me - On Sunday I called at Mrs.
Colwell's & saw her sick daughter & took tea at
Mrs. Seaver's tea table. I received a letter from Uncle
yesterday & have written an answer since this
morning.

Wednesday P.M. June 1st Valerius & I reached home right
before dark at twelve o'clock & can see it has been so very
warm that I have done nothing except try to get cool.
I saw Dr. Baird in Newburghport on Sunday morn'g in the church
he preached that ev'g for the strains & he called to see me on
Monday ~~afternoon~~ ^{afternoon} & Tuesday morn'g before we left. He
is more affectionate in his manner to me than is regular
but I cannot bear to treat such an elderly & good man
with contempt & so I quietly bear his company.

Eliza made me a present of a beautiful pair of silver
tatter knives with pearl handles. Lydia, Susan & Fanny.
Miss Anna & Mrs. Page came in the morning I left to bid
me good-bye. We left N. York in the half past ten train for
Boston before one. went to the U. S. Hotel & dined in our
own rooms, or rather in private room. At four we left
B. for home - met John Fitch at the depot & he took the charge
of our baggage the remainder of the distance. Uncle met
us at the N. Y. depot & soon we were again in these
home walls so dear to my heart. Aunt Mary & I was
at the door & I was surprised on entering the parlor to see
the changes in the room. beautiful embroidered curtains
adorned the windows. a new dark marble covered table
under the looking glass in the front parlor & the Ad. mantle

table under Aunt Susan's picture in the back parlor
a new sofa + new chairs a new card basket & some of the other
little things. I have seen Clara, Blake & Julia Wood.

Monday July 2nd I have been very busy since
my return home. Mr. Smith's wife came the Thursday
afternoon & remained with us till Monday noon. I was
of course devoted to them while they were with us.

I saw many of my friends last week & I told them
all about I received a letter from David dated the 30th of April.
It was almost too good - I had given up all idea of hearing
from him for some months & did not ask for a letter
when Uncle returned from the office last Friday as he
kept the letter quietly in his pocket till after I had eaten
dinner & then he asked me why I had not asked for a
letter. I replied because I knew there was no such good
for me. He showed the proof of my want of knowledge
by producing the letter from his coat pocket. I am
not describing my feelings on receiving & opening it but I
know my own heart it is the purest love. I have had
such delightful thoughts of him & his love since the
letter came that I feel as if I could not be just to
enough. I wrote immediately & sent my letter to
New York that night to leave in the "Hudson City" the
next day which was the 3rd of June. All which I shall

Dear John - This last letter to S. is about our connection on
the way. I hope he is as happy in my love as I am in his.
I collected for the Bosphorus Bazaar last week, & wrote to
Elizabeth & Hannah V. - I have stitched & did a variety of
things. - This William & Mary Blake have rejoiced with
me on the receipt of Mr V's letter. Mr W. also has expressed
his sympathy in my happiness - he passed last evening with
us. - Fannie is still with me & very contented & happy.
I have this morning swept my room & am very tired
this afternoon - I intended if not interrupted to write to
Sister Anne & Mrs Chisholm. Oh I wish to write each
week but for Mr V's letter came.

Thursday noon July 4th I wrote to Fannie & Mrs B. & yesterday
again received letters from Mr V. in which I
learned that he is coming home probably in Nov.
& will probably reach here in Jan. I wrote happy in the
love to express in words. - July 5th went to a party at
Sister Anne's last evening - written a letter to Lydia S. & Elizabeth on
this morning. - Friday July 13th 9. P. M. - I have
taken tea with Fannie at Uncle John's this evening
& returned home early because I was unwell - suffering
much pain in the lungs. - Now I am better & Aunt
Uncle & Fannie have walked out. On Monday
morning of this week I received Mr V's first

letter or his death to me quite & it made me very happy.
I had been very sick all the night before with cholera.
Mother & was quite weak & faint that day, but her
letter revived me not a little. Sunday, yesterday
& yesterday I had a deep matter & the weather had
been & is now oppressively warm 99 or 100 degrees
of heat so that any exertion is too much. But I have
to day presented six of 100 folios - Mary Morris
had a party Saturday - but I declined going. I attended
a party at Helen's last week. Mary Blake spent
Monday evening with me. I also distributed tracts last
week. But I was too sick to attend one Tract meeting on
Monday. For I had the Cholera Morbus all Sunday night
& it was indeed very much. Monday 10th of October
I went to Sabbath school, but did not attend church in
the morning. In the afternoon Edward Seignobos preached
for Uncle & very good sermon from the text "Come thou
out thou & we will do thee good" - After church Mr. Hubbard
stopped Uncle & told him that Mr. Foster had written
word by Mr. Church that he knew of an opportunity
to send letters for me to Chicago & that he would send to
him by this morning's mail & I finished my
letters to Mr. Foster & wrote to Mr. Foster & sent them off.
I hope Mr. Foster will reach him safely. Today I walked

subscribed this and Nettie Dana took a walk with her.
stopped at Dr. Jos. & took tea came home soon after & here
wrote a letter to Susan & Susan's sister. The strong
sacred love called this evening - Ann Young called
this afternoon while I was out. I wrote to Lydia Strong
last week. Thursday 9 P.M. 1844. Bessie left us yesterday
& I have missed her very much. We all went to the cars
with her - then I called to see Fottier Morris who gave me
a message for David the next time I write him.
I made preserves in the afternoon & went out after
wards to make calls - called at Dr. Taylor's Prof. Higgins
Mr. Abner's & Dr. Jos. & came home so tired that
I have been sick ever since. I could not sleep
last night my back & head ached so, & to night my
head throbs & aches as if it would burst. I have
made no great exertions today. I walked as far
as Dr. Jos. to consult him & he was out of town.
He then took me in three carriages to the Asylum
& then brought me home. I told Aunt
M. this evening that I was glad Mr. Kimball was not here
for I am too sick to think of seeing him -
I hope if it pleases God that I shall not long continue
as weak as I now am - I have for a number of months
passed over excited myself when under the impression that

I now suffer & suffer much pain in my bowels & head.

Monday July 23rd I received letters again from Mrs. T. on Saturday, to take a date at 29th of May. This is good - to be hearing so constantly from him - I wish he might receive letters from me so readily, but I fear he will not anything worth receiving. I have written him, but shall continue to write as I have time, till the Salem comes & leaves. I have been once to see Selma Wood this afternoon & talk with her about Mr. Lyman - He loves her & writes to her. She seems to love him & writes back again, but she has not committed herself. She has received from her some of the California gold to have made into rings. Selma is a strange creature. I could not stand possible in the relation to another that she does to Mr. Lyman. I'd loved a man - he had told me he loved me & desired to hear that I loved him I could not refrain from telling him she was loved. I write to Sister Louisa this morning, & this afternoon have walked down to Grandma Roberts & called on Mrs. Laignor, but she was out & Mrs. Sackett too far what I was not very sorry. I have hesitated about my duty in calling while Mrs. S. was at Grandma's & at last decided to call. Rebecca White & her husband called on her & saw us. Miss Hall called while I was out. Mr. Larned was here last evening & talked of his manner of finding out my engagement. I told

him & could not have done as he did & did not think it quite
right. Mr. Lutton learned it from his sister who was told of it
by Jane Marshall - he commenced speaking of an engage-
ment & then checked himself. I am pretended to know all
about it & so learned it from Mr. L. I took tea & Mother's on
Friday last & walked up stairs with David's letters on Sat-
urday. And now I will write again to David.

Thursday Aug 23rd This is a month today since I wrote in this. I have written
to David's journal with his letters & will supply the hiatus in this
book. I have heard from him to the last of June. - written & sent
a number of letters. - Commencement has come & passed
bringing with it the usual duties of entertaining friends &
strangers. Mrs. Lewis the San Francisco & Mr. B. of Fair is one
member of our household for a few days. - Carrie Marshall
has been in town a number of weeks, & I have become well acquainted
with her. I admire many things in her character & love her for
David's sake, but I feel my heart more drawn towards Jane.
Carrie thinks, or says, I think much of wealth & family dis-
tinction. - I have never the least to boast & so I feel that I shall
not be regarded in very high estimation by her. - This is
probably the reason why my heart does not feel as much
love for her as for Jane. - Still I know Carrie is lovable & so
she has known me long enough to love me for myself.

I think her feelings will do away she is very bright & well edu-
cated & has pleasing manner. . . . At last I see David.
Tomorrow I expect to go to Fairfield with Mary Blake & spend
a day or two with Eliza - I am to take a number of wedding
gifts to her - from Aunt & Uncle & Susan S. & Moe & myself.
My Mr Moe & I united in one gift that Eliza & Moe say
they be obliged always to think of us together. I enjoyed
our fun over this piece & our way of carrying it out
much, but my Uncle thinks an engaged lady should be
very discreet & cautious in her conduct with other gen-
tlemen - He does not seem to approve of a lady having but
one gentleman friend - I feel quite sure however that
David would not have the shadow of a regret at any in-
nocent fun - nor do I think he would wish me to give
up all friendships for him - I could not do it if he did
wish it though I might not manifest the friendship I felt.
He is the man I see now he is, he will trust me with
the perfect trust that I give to him - It has rained here
all day, but now the sun shines brightly & the air is
most delicious.

