

C. S. Prout's Journal Commenced March 16 (1866).

It is a cold rainy day suited to produce feelings of melancholy. But life is not all sunshine and they that expect it will find themselves disappointed. Cold and heat, wet and dry, summer and winter will follow each other in quick succession, thus reminding us of the changes in our mortal life. Let us then adapt ourselves to the work of life, performing each of several duties as they require, that we may give of every day a good account at last. For one I say give me a contented mind, a clear conscience before God and man.

Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup>

The weather cold and squally. Been to Church and heard two excellent sermons from Mi Noyes(?) the \*\*\*\*\* text(tenet?) was in the book of Isa 27<sup>th</sup> Chapter 13<sup>th</sup> verse.

Afternoon, Acts 16-Chapter 13<sup>th</sup> verse, the importance at once of accepting Christ on the terms of the gospel was waged on the sinner. A meeting to be held tonight.

Monday, March 19<sup>th</sup>

Had some conversation with two young men on the subject of religion, one of whom thought that it was all dues(?) and chance about getting to heaven. Probably these were not his true thoughts. The fact of his mentioning the subject showed that there was something on his mind that made him feel uneasy. In view of the fact of the willingness of all to talk on this all important subject we may exclaim: the harvest truly is plenteous but the laborers are few, praise ye the Lord of the harvest that he will send forth laborers in to his harvest

March 20<sup>th</sup>

Cold sour day and the weather has had its effect on me but hope that when the clouds disperse and the warm sun appears that the sun of righteousness will shine in to my soul dispelling the darkness that reigns there.

Have had a meeting at our house this evening, the tendency of which I hope has been good on me and all who attended. The cases of four young men presented for prayers.

March 21<sup>th</sup>

The weather still continues stormy and uncomfortable. May the clouds and darkness of this world lead my mind to look above this world to the eternal sunshine of heaven where the wicked cease from troubling and the weary are forever at rest.

March 22<sup>nd</sup>

The weather more mild today. Went to New Haven and Fair Haven. Called on cousin \*\*\*\*i\*a(?) Foot. Found her sitting up and slowly gaining.

March 23<sup>th</sup>

The weather a marchy cold south wind. I have got the l\*\* \*o(?) as some call it. Hope a change in weather will alter my feelings. Wife got the same complaint. Hope we shall both get better soon. Looking in the hymn book my eyes rest on 407<sup>th</sup> hymn which seems appropriate. The billows(?) swell, the winds are high. Clouds overcast. My wintry sky.

Out of the depths to the I call. My fears are great, my strength is small.

Oh Lord the pilots part perform  
And guide and guard me through the storm  
Defend me from each threatening ill  
Control the waves, say, peace be still  
Amid the roaring of the sea  
My soul still hangs her hopes on the  
Thy constant love thy faithful care  
Is all that saves me from despair  
Though tempest-tossed and half a wreck  
My savior through the floods I seek  
Let neither winds nor stormy main  
Force back my shattered bark again

March 24<sup>th</sup>

Blustering weather. Been to the fort clamming(?) and am now going to have a sociable with my wife and expect that will close up the week and prepare the mind for the coming Sabbath.

March 25<sup>th</sup>

Sabbath day. Been to Church and heard the word preached, hope that it will do me good as it doth the upright in my heart.

The weather still continues cold and windy. The snow fell this morning about two inches deep and this afternoon it is freezing(?) and promises a cold night.

Rejoice not against me o(?) mine enemy  
When I fall I shall rise again. When I sit in

Darkness the Lord shall be a light onto me.

March 26<sup>th</sup>

Cold and blowing(?). Been to Fair Haven today. Called on Mrs. Rigs. Met Mr. Dudley and spoke of the state of feeling in the church.

March 27<sup>th</sup>

More pleasant today, feel languid in body and mind. Received a letter from friends in Essex(?) saying that the Lord is working on the hearts of the people.

March 28<sup>th</sup>

Went to Foxon & to Rogers Mill and explored the country in that vicinity. In the evening attended a meeting in the town house well attended and interesting.

March 29<sup>th</sup>

This morning carried Mrs. Bassel(?) the dress(?) maker and Louisa Anger(?) to Fair Haven in the rain. Had a call from Mr. Barttel and conversed some in the of Religion in our midst and finished a letter to sister Ella Parker. At 12 o'clock raining quite hard. There are appointed four prayer meetings this evening, one at Mr. Welkers, on at F.(?) Streets, one at Deacon Curtis and one at Capt. S. Thompsons.

March 30<sup>th</sup>

Been to Church today. Meeting of the church in the forenoon, preaching in the afternoon. In the evening went to New Haven hear Mr. Mainard(?) from Tennessee speak on the political issues of the day he did not \*\*\*\*\*(?) heard Patrick Corbit(?) and liked him well. Got home about midnight. There was an eclipse of the moon total(?), the weather cold.

March 31<sup>st</sup>

Did nothing of importance today. Went to the blacksmiths and did some small chores about home. Read some, and thought some, and resolved some. Hope to have wisdom to carry out my good purposes.

April 1<sup>st</sup>

Pleasant this morning. O may my heart be engaged in the duties of this Sabbath day.

Day of all the week the best.

Emblem of eternal rest.

Been to Church and heard two good sermons by the Rev. Mr. Thayer forenoon \*\*\*\*\*(?) John 10- chapter-9-verse, afternoon Exodus 12-chapter-13-verse

I am the door

And the flood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye are, and when I see the flood I will pass over you and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you when I smite the land of Egypt.

April 2<sup>nd</sup>

Electors(?) meeting today, stressing times. Went to Branford, North Branford and Foxen in the afternoon.

April 3<sup>rd</sup>

Been to North Haven and bought a pig. Made some calls on the neighbors and in the evening went to prayer meeting at Mr. Hirkkerm(?) Meeting well attended. Some young converts spoke. The young engaged in the work.

April 4<sup>th</sup>

This forenoon been plowing for early potatoes.

April 5<sup>th</sup>

Planted some potatoes. Went to meeting in the evening at Nathan Andrews(?).

April 6<sup>th</sup>

Planted potatoes. Weather showery and warm.

April 7<sup>th</sup>

Weather cool and rainy. Worked around the house and barn, and wen to mill.

April 8<sup>th</sup>

Went to Church in the morning. Came out with Sarah. She had a faint spell and came home. Weather stormy, snowed all the forenoon and still continues at ½ past one o clock.

This changeable weather of sunshine and rain, cold and heat, remind us of the changes of our mortal life. May I look forward to that world where the clouds of earth shall be exchanged for the eternal sunshine of Gods countenance and where all is serene in Heaven. Lord teach me so to number(?) my days that I may apply my heart unto wisdom.

This evening had calls Mrs. Farren and Mrs. Elijah Bradley, and talked on various topics of interest.

April 9<sup>th</sup>

Called on Me\*\*i\*\* Tuttle in the morning, found him low spirited but able to express himself in strong terms. O the evil of bad habits they cling to us to often th\*\*\*y life. In the afternoon helped S.(?) Pardy(?). Was going to stop but my wife thinks she ought to be mentioned, is weak and languid from the effects of a faint t\*\*\*\*(?) yesterday.

April 10<sup>th</sup>

Pleasant today. Went unto the Rock(?) and got a load of wood in the forenoon. In the evening went to a prayer meeting at Samuel Chidseys. Meeting well attended and interesting.

April 11<sup>th</sup>

Been to New Haven on business and rode(?) some for pleasure. In the evening attended a meeting in the town house. Meeting well attended.

April 12<sup>th</sup>

Worked in the garden in the forenoon. In the afternoon went clamming(?) to the fort(?). Came home by the chemical works. In the evening attended meeting at I.(?) Grannis.

April 13<sup>th</sup>

Went to the Thorn(?) lot in the forenoon, went clamming in the afternoon. This evening at home.

Mid pleasures(?) and palaces wherever I roam. Be it ever so humble there is no place like home. A chasm(?) from the skies seems to hallow us there. Which through sought through the earth is not elsewhere met with.

April 14<sup>th</sup>

Planted potatoes today. The weather has been windy and it looks stormy.

The day is past and gone.

The evening shades appear

O may I ever keep in mind

The night of death draws near.

Tomorrow Lord is there  
Lodged in thy sovereign hand  
And if its sun rise and shine  
It shines by thy command  
To Jesus may we fly  
Swift as the morning light  
Lest lifes young golden beams should die  
In sudden endless night

April 15<sup>th</sup>

Attended Church today. Rev. Mr. Ha\*\*\*\*(?) preached, the forenoon t\*\*\*t(?) \*\*\*\*\*niah ch6-3. Sunday school concert in the afternoon. The t\*\*\*t was in 2-Timothy Ch3-15. The minister gave an account of the conversion of Timothy to the Christian Religion through the labors of the apostle Paul and spoke of the piety of his mother and grandmother and also of his labors in company with the great apostle of the gentiles his supposed visit to Rome the day before the death of that apostle, and the witnessing of his execution and performing the last act of earthly kindness to his \*\*\*\*\*(?) then leaving Rome and going back to Ephesus(?) to labor for Christ and followed his eventful life through to his Martyrdom ever proving faithful to the cause of his blessed master to the end of his earthly course. The meetings for the week are this evening at the Church, Wednesday at the parsonage. The Church Committee and all that wish to unite with the Church at the next communion.

April 15<sup>th</sup>

The neighborhood meeting at south end and Woodard(?) district and Center and East.

Went to meeting in the evening at the Church. Meeting well attended.

April 16<sup>th</sup>

Stormy day, the dull round of rainy day work is all of interest that appears in sight.

Had a call from Brother Bartlett, talked of the state of feeling in and out of the Church.

Fixed a picture(?) for Mrs. Linsley. This is all of importance that has taken place up to 11 o'clock.

April 17<sup>th</sup>

Went to New Haven through Fair Haven, called on Honoria(?) Fooks(?). In the afternoon went to the funeral of Deab\*\*tis(?) child. Forcibly reminded of the fact that in the midst of life we are in death.

April 18<sup>th</sup>

In the forenoon worked in the graveyard. In the afternoon rode out with Wife. Went to the graveyard, had some conversation with Mr.(?) Havens(?). Called on Mr. J. Barnes.

April 19<sup>th</sup>

Cleared up the north garden in the forenoon. In the afternoon worked at the graveyard.

April 20<sup>th</sup>

Planted potatoes for Mr. Walker. Have felt rather low spirited in consequence of the feeling

that seems to prevail in this vicinity that I was trying to hinder the good work that is in progress here. Am forcibly reminded that the friendship of the world is fickle.

April 21<sup>st</sup>

This morning worked in the flower garden. In the afternoon went to New Haven through Fair Haven. Called at Uncle J(?) Luddingtons. Came home in a shower and thus ends the cares and perplexities of another week, in view of which who would not exclaim.

I would not live always(?). I ask not to stay where storm after storm arise dark over the way. O how I often wish I could get toughened into an indifference with regard to the coldness of professed friends who while saying how do you do my Brother will stab me under the fifth rib with that dangerous instrument the tongue. How necessary it is that I claim the fulfillment of the promise made to the Apostle. My grace is sufficient for thee.

April 22<sup>nd</sup> (The Sabbath left out by mistake)

April 23<sup>rd</sup>

Been to the mill this morning. Commenced drawing manure, the rain broke me off. Raining hard now at 10 o'clock. I hope that when the rain ceases and the sun again appears that the clouds will leave my mind. Death of Deacon Curtis child occurred this morning at 4 o'clock.

The day has passed for a wet one, have not accomplished much in the way of work this afternoon. Called on L Chidsey and found him very feeble. Thus one after another of our friends and neighbors are called to suffer and die. O what a blessing is health and how little prized till taken from us.

The day is past and gone

The evening shades appear

O may we all remember well

The night of death draws near.

April 24<sup>th</sup>

Worked for Levi Bradley. Cold and windy for the season. In the evening had a meeting at our house. Well attended, nearly forty.

Brother J(?) Andrews led the exercises. Brothers Bartlett and Walker Coe spoke, two young converts took up the cross.

April 25<sup>th</sup>

This forenoon worked about home. Still cool and windy. This afternoon went to the funeral of Dea Curtis child. In the evening went to Miles Grannis. Saw the corpse of his wife's sister. Dies this morning at 4 o'clock.

The oft repeated providences of God should remind us that we to live in a dying world. Lord teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

April 26<sup>th</sup>

Have been at work for Levi Bradley today. The day has been very cold and windy.

Am at home this evening, wife gone to meeting at the town house. Feel rather dull, Have read some in the Bible. O what a blessed book and how thankful ought I to be that I am thus favored. And how blessed is the truth therein revealed that all things shall work together for good to them that love God. May I be of that happy number. Lord make me to know mine end and the measure of my days what it is.

Let the sweet hope that thou art mine

My life and death attend

Thy presence through my journey shine

And crown my journeys end.

April 27<sup>th</sup>

Worked for Levi Bradley. A cold, windy day. In the evening sat down and meditated on the past and present. How pleasant it is to withdraw ones self from the world at times and feel that there is pleasure in communing with our own hearts with the aid of Gods word.

April 28<sup>th</sup>

Worked about home today. Drew manure. Plowed garden. Been to mill, to Mr. Williams.

This evening attended a meeting at Mr. Barttels. Well attended for a neighborhood meeting. Where the spirit of the Lord is there is liberty, the glorious liberty of the Gospel of Christ.

April 29<sup>th</sup>

Been to Church today. Mr. Willard preached the text in the forenoon. Phil-3-13-14. The duty of forgetting the things that are behind and pressing forward toward the mark of the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

The afternoon text was in P\*\*\* 18-24. The friendship of Christ was the theme and the duty of men to love him for his disinterested friendship.

From the cross uplifted high

Where the Saviour deigns to die

What melodious sounds we hear

Bursting on the ravished ear.

Loves redeeming work is done.

Come and welcome sinner come.

April 30<sup>th</sup>

Worked in the garden in the morning. In the afternoon plowed for corn.

May 1<sup>st</sup>

Worked part of the day for Mr. James Williams. This afternoon looks like rain. Warmer than it has been. The fear of man bringeth a snare.

But whoso putteth his trust in the Lord shall be safe.

May 2<sup>nd</sup>

This morning very rainy. In the forenoon had calls from Mr. Barttell, Mrs E Bradley Mrs Linsley talked of the state of feeling in the Church and the neighborhood. In the afternoon went to Election, was too late to see the procession. Found plenty of mud. Saw some people, traded some, and came home rather dissatisfied.

But such is life and he acts the wisest part who takes the world and its disappointments like the philosopher as part of the dealings of a wise providence.

The eye is not satisfied with seeing nor the ear with hearing.

May 3<sup>d</sup>

In the forenoon turfed graves for Samuel(?) Chidsey. In the afternoon worked in the home lot, fixing for corn. In the evening attended a meeting at Dea Curtises. It was interesting.

May 4<sup>th</sup>

In the forenoon worked about home. Went to the preparatory lecture. Finished up the day planting corn. This evening called on L. Chidsey, found him more comfortable. Thus ends another day with its round of duty.

Lord keep us safe this night.

Secure from sin and fears.

May angles guard us while we sleep.

Till morning light appears.

May 5<sup>th</sup>

Finished planting corn. In the afternoon went to Branford on business and pleasure combined, thus killing two birds with one stone. This evening attended a meeting at Mrs Hurds(?). The meeting interesting.

Lo I am with you always even unto the end of the world. Mat-28-20

May 6<sup>th</sup>

Been to Church today. The text in the forenoon was 1-Cor-1-30, the subject sanctification. Communion in in the afternoon about so added

to the Church. A meeting appointed this evening. Prayer meetings this week at J Barnes and Laban Smiths Tuesday evening. Thursday evening at Mrs Davidsons and J Woodards.

May 7<sup>th</sup>

Worked for Levi Bradley at the farm, have thought today much of the uncertainty of all things here below and trust the reflection has been profitable. I am fully convinced that the friendship of the world is \*\*\*ity(?) with God. May I have a conscience void of offence toward God and toward men.

May 8<sup>th</sup>

Worked for Jeremiah Barnes. In the evening attended a meeting at his house.

Blest be the tie that binds

Our souls in Christian love

May 9<sup>th</sup>

In the forenoon worked for J. Barnes(?). In the afternoon went to New Haven through Fair Haven. Rode through some of the principle streets. Went into the old Cemetery and strolled through it reading here and there a name of those that had occupied stations of honor and trust and beside them the poor and the needy thus showing that death levels all distinctions.

The beggar died and was carried by angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and buried and in hell he lifted up his eyes being in torment and called for water to cool his parched tongue.

When my eyes close in death may I be among the number of those who being dead yet speak through the influence of a well spent life.

May 10<sup>th</sup>

Worked for Levi Bradley on the farm. In the evening attended a prayer meeting at Jeremiah Woodards. Thus ends the day with its cares and duties.

May 11<sup>th</sup>

Planted corn for J. Barnes. Pleasant and warm. This evening called on L. Chidsey. No material change.

If ye then be risen with Christ seek those things that are above where Christ sitteth at the right hand of God.

May 12<sup>th</sup>

Today worked for Foot Andrews planting corn. This evening attended a prayer meeting at Mrs. Linsleys. Well attended and interesting.

Let thy loving kindness and thy truth continually preserve me. Psalms 40-11

May 13<sup>th</sup>

Attended Church. Text forenoon Gal 5-7. Afternoon Psalm 78-5-6-7<sup>th</sup>. The Sabbath school reorganized at noon. The afternoon's sermon was on the importance of the religious training of children, both in the family and the Sabbath School. The forenoon's was on the causes of the decline of religion in a Church.

It has been a pleasant day in a goodly country where we can worship God without molestation, a blessing that many have not.

Give me understanding and I shall keep thy law. Yea I shall observe it with my whole heart.

Psalms 119-34

May 14<sup>th</sup>

Planted corn for Foot Andrews. Very cold and windy. Have worked alone and no one to quarrel with. Have been busy with my thoughts. Some I hope have been good, some may have been bad.

How pleasant at times to let ones soar above the groveling things of earth to these joys substantial and secure(?).

May 15<sup>th</sup>

Today worked for Timothy Andrews on the farm. The weather cool, a heavy frost this morning. This evening attended a prayer meeting at Mr. Walkers.

May 16<sup>th</sup>

Planted corn for T. Andrews on Branford land. Nothing of importance taken place to note down. The daily routine of duties except I feel that age is creeping on but hope that as outward man perishes the inward may be renewed day by day.

May 17<sup>th</sup>

Stormy in the forenoon. Shod horse. Went to mill. In the evening attended a prayer meeting at I.(?) Grannis.

May 18<sup>th</sup>

Worked for T. Andrews. The weather misty and cool for the season.

May 19<sup>th</sup>

Worked as above. In the evening attended a prayer meeting at Harriet Bradleys.

May 20<sup>th</sup>

Attended Church. Mr. Wood preached from Rom 12-10. The subject was brotherly love, well chosen, what is wanted here. A meeting in the evening at the church, a long lecture by the pastor with the usual result.

May 21<sup>st</sup>

Worked for E. Grannis on the farm planting corn. The weather has been changeable with sunshine, showers, hail and thunder. This evening is stormy.

May 22<sup>nd</sup>

Worked for Levi Bradley. The weather cold and windy. In the evening attended a meeting at T.(?) Andrews.

May 23<sup>rd</sup>

Again worked for L Bradley. Cold and windy for the season. Have dwelt too much perhaps on the fickleness of earthly friendships of late. Hope that these things will lead me to think more of that friend that sticketh closer than a Brother and who will be a real friend when all earthly friends shall fail.

May 24<sup>th</sup>

Today have worked about home \*\*\*\*\*(?). Been to mill, worked some in garden. Feel rather unwell tonight. Feel that this is not my abiding place and that soon the places that know me will know me no more forever. Feel to exclaim with the Psalmist – O spare me that I may recover strength before I go hence to be here no more.

May 25<sup>th</sup>

Have felt unwell today and stayed indoors. Have reflected on the uncertainty of all things earthly and hope these reflections will have

The effect to wean me from an undue attachment to the things of earth and fit me for the more full and complete enjoyment of the Heavenly rest(?).

May 26<sup>th</sup>

This forenoon stayed indoors most of the time. Not feeling very well. This afternoon been to Fair Haven and New Haven trading. The day has been fine. Thus end the labors and cares of another week, each day of which has had its cares and worldly perplexities, its mingled emotions of joy and sorrow, the common lot of all mankind.

May 27<sup>th</sup>

Stayed at home today with sore throat. Read some, thought some, and slept some. The first Sabbath in a year that I have stayed at home all day with one exception.

May 28<sup>th</sup>

Have felt some better today. Planted over corn. Planted pumpkins, set out tomatoes.

Keep me as the apple of the eye. Hide me under the shadow of thy wings. Psalms 17<sup>th</sup>8th

May 29<sup>th</sup>

Worked forenoon for Levi Bradley. The afternoon stormy and cool. Am at home feeling the effects of the weather on my throat.

May 30<sup>th</sup>

Hoed for A. Walker. Cool for the season. Think every day of my life of the evils that are in the world but dwell much on that worse than evil that Curse of Intemperance which is the bane of social life in our country, and pray that the time may soon come when Christians will unite their efforts to put it down.

May 31<sup>st</sup>

Today worked for Levi Bradley horse cart-way plowing for turnips. It was a hard job. Feel tired this evening. Am growing old and infirm. O that I may so live that when this worn-out tenement shall fail, I may be received into everlasting habitations.

Lord teach me to live wisely and well.

June 1<sup>st</sup>

Worked about home today. Hoed some, planted some beans, painted some.

Withhold not thou thy tender mercies from me, O Lord. Let thy loving kindness and thy truth continually preserve me.

Psalm 40-11

June 2<sup>nd</sup>

Worked half day for Levi Bradley. In the afternoon rode to Fair and New Haven. In the evening attended prayer meeting at Mrs. Hurds.

June 3<sup>rd</sup>

Am staying at home from Church this forenoon, not feeling very well.

A stormy day, have stayed at home all day. Hope that I shall not have to do it again at present. Hope to feel better soon in body and spirit.

June 4<sup>th</sup>

Have helped clean house today, painted and white-washed. The job has progressed finely. The prospects are that we shall be clean soon if the weather permits. Wife is dreadful tired, she having had to \*\*\* the job and do her other work. These are the days that try women's souls and bodies to hope we shall feel like work in the morning that the job may go on

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to completion and we like Noahs dove find a place for the sole of our feet. Thus may it be.

June 5<sup>th</sup>

Hoed corn today. The weather has been damp. This evening attended a prayer meeting at Mrs. R\*\*I Andrews.

June 6<sup>th</sup>

Today finished hoeing corn, the first time worked some in the garden. This evening rode out, called on Mrs. Rigs. Went to the graveyard and to the lake.

June 7<sup>th</sup>

Worked for Hezekiah Bradley hoeing corn. The weather has been warm and felt some like summer. Feel rather languid this evening.

For he knoweth our frame, he remembereth that we are dust. Psalm 103-14

June 8<sup>th</sup>

Worked again for Hezekiah Bradley. The weather has been changeable like the scenes of life with sunshine and clouds. This evening is wet, with a prospect of a wet night.

June 9<sup>th</sup>

Worked today for E Grannis. This evening attended a prayer meeting at Mr. Bartlets.

June 10<sup>th</sup>

Attended Church today. The forenoon text was in Luke 4<sup>th</sup> 18<sup>th</sup>, afternoon Acts 2-41-42. Went into the Bible class and was interested in the remarks on the lesson, the second chapter of Mat(?). May I profit by the study of the Bible and the means of grace that I enjoy.

June 11<sup>th</sup>

Have worked at home today hoeing potatoes. This evening rode out. The weather has been pleasant. The thoughts of the state of feeling in this place have occupied my mind today. May the Lord guide me in the right way.

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June 12<sup>th</sup>

Attended the wedding of Lizzie Bartlet. Been to the picture saloon. Hoed potatoes. Worked in the garden. Been to mill. Moved the stone.

This evening attended a prayer meeting at Mrs. Davidson.

June 13<sup>th</sup>

The weather has been variable and I have varied with it. Worked 6 hours for Levi Bradley. Set out cabbage plants for myself. Planted red beans and some white ones.

Thus time passes away filled with its busy scenes. May I grow wiser and better as life wears away. My wife has got an order for work from Albany(?) and is busy upon it while I sit noting the events of the day.

June 14<sup>th</sup>

Worked for Levi Bradley hoeing(?). Have felt rather dull in consequence of getting wet yesterday. How easily do these bodies get out of fix in consequence of the exposure to the changes in the weather and the season. Strange that a harp of thousand strings should keep in tune so long.

May I govern my passions  
With absolute sway  
And grow wiser and better  
As life wears away

June 15<sup>th</sup>

Have worked today hoeing for E. Grannis on Branford land. The weather has been rather pleasant.

June 16<sup>th</sup>

Worked part of the day for myself and part for Levi Bradley. The weather has been warm. Prayer meeting at our house this evening. Well attended.

June 17th

Have been to Church today and heard two good sermons from a stranger. The text in the forenoon was in Romans 8-18. The sufferings of this present would contrasted with the glory that shall be revealed to and in us in the world to come if we are Christians.

The afternoon text was in Romans 1-16. The power of the gospel to sanctify and save men was the theme.

June 18<sup>th</sup>

White-washed the kitchen. Set out cabbage plants and peppers. Been to the shore and got a load of seaweed from Uncle Sam's farm, and done small work in general. House cleaning is the business of the day. Things generally tops(?) of t\*\*\*\* but these things will happen. Been to a meeting at the town house conducted by the Methodist Brethren.

June 19<sup>th</sup>

Worked about home today at various kinds of work. This evening attended a meeting at the parsonage.

June 20<sup>th</sup>

Worked for E. Grannis hoeing on the farm. The weather has been cool but pleasant.

June 21<sup>st</sup>

Worked about home today. This afternoon went to the graveyard. Elias Bishop was buried. This evening attended a prayer meeting at I(?) Grannis's.

June 22<sup>nd</sup>

Today have worked at home hoeing. Shod the horse, been to the mill, etc. Thus life wears away. May I profit by life's experiences and grow wiser and better as I near the end of my earthly course.

June 23<sup>d</sup>

The forenoon was rainy. In the afternoon, went to the graveyard and trimmed(?) up the graves.

Had some \*\*\*\*\*? company in the persons of two women that were traveling. They came in the forenoon and stayed till near night. This evening attended a prayer meeting at Mr. Barttles, few in number but in the spirit. May they long thus remain interesting.

June 24<sup>th</sup>

Attended Church today. The text in the forenoon was in 1-Peter 1-13, afternoon Luke 23-34. The weather has been warm and summer like. There is to be a Sunday-school concert this evening in the church.

June 25<sup>th</sup>

Today have worked for Levi Bradley hoeing. It has been a warm day.

Deliver me from all my transgressions  
make me not the reproach of the foolish. Psalm 34-8

June 26<sup>th</sup>

Worked for Levi Bradley. This evening attended a prayer meeting at Mrs. Notts(?).

June 27<sup>th</sup>

Again helped L. Bradley. The weather has been quite warm. This evening there is a thunder shower.

June 28<sup>th</sup>

The day has been wet and I have been doing wet weather work such as sprouting(?) potatoes, going to mill, etc. This afternoon been to New Haven with my wife. Found plenty of mud and also found a remarkable willingness on the part of the merchants in the City to take money. Think I saw the law makers and shad eaters. Hope they have got about through making laws and breaking them for this year.

June 29<sup>th</sup>

Today have worked at home, hoed corn, hoed the garden, white-washed the bedroom, etc.

This evening took a ride to south end by Mr. Doolittle's and around through south end.

June 30<sup>th</sup>

Worked for E. Grannis today. This evening attended a neighborhood prayer meeting at Mrs. Linsleys. Tomorrow is the Sabbath of rest. O may my heart be engaged in its services.

July 1<sup>st</sup>

Been to Church today. The text in forenoon was in Phillipians 4-19. Communion in the afternoon. Monthly concert for missions in the evening. About 20 united with the Church today.

July 2<sup>nd</sup>

Worked for Hiah(?) Bradley today hoeing. The weather has been warm.

July 3<sup>rd</sup>

Again worked for H. Bradley. The weather has been warm but this evening is cool and pleasant. Thus time wears away and age comes on a pace. May I grow wiser and better as life wears away.

July 4<sup>th</sup>

Independence day. Little done in the way of work. Some firing, some on excursions and some drinking. What memories crowd around the day as the patriot looks back to the days of '76. Did little and thought much of the day. Have been to Fair and New Haven. Called on Almira(?) Foot etc.

July 5<sup>th</sup>

Worked today for H. Bradley. Warm weather. Been to conference meeting this evening.

July 6<sup>th</sup>

Again helped Mr. Bradley. A very warm day. Feel weary and worn.

July 7<sup>th</sup>

Worked about home today. Very warm. Took a short ride in the evening and inhaled the sea

breezes. Attended a prayer meeting at Mrs. Hurds(?).

July 8<sup>th</sup>

Sabbath morning. Feel unwell, am staying at home this forenoon. This afternoon attended Church. The preacher was an old man. I did not learn his name. The text was 1-\*\*\*\*\*(?) 5-19. Quench not the spirit. There is a fine this evening that revives vegetation and refreshes man and beast. Thus the rain falls on the evil and on the good.

July 9<sup>th</sup>

Worked at home today. This afternoon went to Fair Haven. Called at Uncle Luddingtons. This evening attended a meeting at the Town House, preaching by a Methodist Minister. Meeting well attended.

July 10<sup>th</sup>

Worked haying for H. Bradley. This evening called on L. Chidsey. Found him very feeble. O what a blessing is health and how little do we prize it. Teach me the measure of my days that I may know how frail I am.

July 11<sup>th</sup>

Again worked for Mr. Bradley. The weather has been fine and the farmers have improved. It may be they be as anxious to gather fruit unto eternal life.

July 12<sup>th</sup>

Still haying as above. The weather has been very warm today.

July 13<sup>th</sup>

Been haying again today. The weather has been very warm indeed. Have thought that if I was rich I would not work till it was cooler. Wife thinks so, too, but there is no use talking.

July 14<sup>th</sup>

Worked for Mr. Bradley. This evening had a prayer meeting at our house.

July 15<sup>th</sup>

Attended Church in the forenoon. The text was Heb 6-1. No service in the afternoon. Sunday School concert at 6 o'clock. Interesting remarks by John G(?) North. Called twice today on Leander Chidsey. He is very low and in all probability will not live long.

July 16<sup>th</sup>

Today worked again for Mr. Bradley. The weather has been very warm. This evening have been to Fair Haven.

July 17<sup>th</sup>

Again worked as above at haying. The weather has been hot and sultry. A light shower towards night has cooled the air some. It looks like more rain. Hope we shall get it.

July 18<sup>th</sup>

Hayed it at the old place. A very warm day. A shower this afternoon. This evening attended a meeting at the town house.

July 19<sup>th</sup>

This morning went to N. Haven and Fair Haven. Set 2 shoes on the horse. Finished up the day by working 7 hours for Mr. Bradley. This evening called on Leander Chidsey. Was a more comfortable day.

July 20<sup>th</sup>

The same old story of haying at the same old place. The weather has been comfortable, cloudy in the morning but cleared up and hay dried well.

July 21<sup>st</sup>

It has been a misty wet day. Have done the small chores about home. Drew a loaf of seaweed, etc. Mr. Grannis took the cow today. This evening called on Leander Chidsey, found him very low. Death lurks in every passing breeze. It is appointed unto man once to die.

July 22<sup>nd</sup>

The Sabbath of rest. Leander Chidsey died this morning at a few minutes past 10 o'clock.

Helped lay him out and then went to Church. The text was in John 20-9. The subject was the resurrection from the dead. The afternoon text was in John 13-17. The importance of knowing the right and then pursuing it or the fact that merely knowing the right will not save men.

This evening went to Foxon to see Eddy. He got hurt with a pitchfork. Found him as well as I expected. Found that they were starting a Sabbath School at the school house. Called in and had a good time in the best sense of the term.

July 23<sup>rd</sup>

Worked for Mr. Bradley again, the weather mild. In the evening met the Lyceum at Mr. Hirkam's(?) and passed resolutions on the death of Leander Chidsey. Voted to attend the funeral tomorrow in a body.

July 24<sup>th</sup>

Hayed it this forenoon. This afternoon attended the funerals of Leander Chidsey and Erastus(?) Russel(?). This evening attended a prayer meeting at Mr. Barttels. Hope to be always willing and ready to take part in such gatherings.

July 25<sup>th</sup>

Haying is the business of the day. A shower in the afternoon broke us off. Been to mill. Another shower this evening, a prospect of rain in abundance which we very much need.

Thank God for seed time and harvest, the genial sunshine and the refreshing showers.

July 26<sup>th</sup>

Today worked for myself and company. Sold some potatoes in Fair Haven. This evening been to Foxon and brought Eddy home with us. The weather is pleasant.

July 27<sup>th</sup>

Today worked part of the day for Mr. Bradley. Towards night, dug some potatoes and carried them to Fair Haven.

July 28<sup>th</sup>

Worked half day at haying. This afternoon has been rainy and I have stayed at home, thinking home the place for a man when honest business does not call him away.

The labors of the week are ended. Thus life wears away. May I improve each day as though it were my last.

July 29<sup>th</sup>

It has been pleasant today. Thoughts of the sweet Psalmist of Israel come into my mind. A day in thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a dove keeper in the house of God than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.

Have been to Church today. The forenoon text was in Job 34-9. The duty of delighting ourselves in God and the future rewards of such delight was the theme. The afternoon text was in John 16-4. The great truth announced by the Savior to his Disciples that they must expect trials and persecutions, and expect them because he had foretold them, was the theme of the discourse.

This evening attended Sabbath School in Foxon. Quite interesting.

July 30<sup>th</sup>

Again helped Mr. Bradley . A light shower this evening.

July 31<sup>st</sup>

Hayed it again today. Have had hard work to hobble around with a lame foot. This evening attended a prayer meeting at Mrs. Linsleys.

August 1<sup>st</sup>

Have lain up today with a lame foot. This afternoon have been to the funeral of Willie Thompson. He was drowned in a creek in the meadow yesterday morning. The body

was not found till this morning. It was found impossible to keep it in consequence of the flow of blood from the head. Thus in the midst of life we are in death.

August 2<sup>nd</sup>

Again have kept the house most of the day. Feel rather uneasy to be laid up this pleasant weather, but hope these aches and pains will not be felt without teaching me the important lessons they are intended to convey. If life moved smoothly on I might forget its great object.

August 3<sup>rd</sup>

Again at home nursing a lame foot. How we human beings need these aches and pains to lead us to reflect on our frailty.

August 4<sup>th</sup>

Still at home as yesterday. Still have an opportunity for thought and reflection on the frailty of life and the uncertainty that clusters around everything earthly. May the lesson of life be studied and improved in such a manner as to tell for good hereafter. Then shall I not be ashamed when I have respect unto all thy Commandments. Psalms 119-6

August 5<sup>th</sup>

It is the Sabbath of holy rest, still and quiet.

Sweet is the day of sacred rest  
No mortal cares shall seize my breast  
O may my heart in time be found  
Like David's(?) harp of solemn sound

I have been reading today and thinking of Ba\*\*\*\*\*(?) and think that his life and \*\*\*\*\*ter(?) as far as they are given in the Bible are worth an attentive perusal. He must have been an educate man, a talented man, a man very extensively known in country around where he lived, and it seems that he had a knowledge of the true god. And yet he perished among

and with the idolatrous(?) & \*\*\*\*\*(?) and why is the question that comes up to the mind. The answer is given in the words he loved(?) the wages of \*\*\*\*\*(?) \*\*\*\*\*(?). He tried to serve God and mammon(?) and did what all men since his day have done, failed. Baalim(?) was a representative man. Thousands are trying today to divide their affections between the world and Christ, giving to him the smallest share and are thus losing their souls.

Let me die the death of the \*i\*\*\*\*\*(?) and let my last end be like his was his language and yet failing to live his life he failed of his death.

August 6<sup>th</sup>

Am compelled still to keep the house with my lame foot. Am somewhat tired of it, but hope that it will not be entirely lost time in the calendar of my life. These are favorable days to reflect on the frailty of life and its \*\*\*\*s(?).

August 7<sup>th</sup>

Still on the lame list. Have read and thought some. These are good opportunities for thought. This evening had the weekly prayer meeting at our house. Some few still think it a duty and a privilege thus to meet and spend a social hour in the worship of God.

August 8<sup>th</sup>

Have rode to New & Fair Haven. A pleasant day. Am some better of my lameness. Hope soon to get about without crutches.

August 9<sup>th</sup>

Have kept the house today. It has been a rain day.

August 10<sup>th</sup>

This morning with some difficulty managed to get to the grist mill and back. Have lain around with my lame foot till I am tired(?) and rains(?) all(?) over(?).

August 11<sup>th</sup>

Today managed with the help of Wife and Lila(?) Chidsey to dig a few potatoes and carried to Fair Haven(?). Found the market \*\*\*\*\*(?)

Another week has passed away with its cares and troubles, which perhaps are a blessing in disguise.  
May I profit by these life experiences, live so that I can meet them without fear or dismay.

August 12<sup>th</sup>

It is the Holy Sabbath day. It is clear and pleasant. I am at home feeling too lame to go to church.

O may my thoughts and thanks arise  
As grateful incense to the skies  
And draw from thence that sweet repose  
Which none but he that feeds it knows.  
And then shall I be fitted to offer unto God  
the acceptable sacrifice of a broken and  
contrite heart which he will not despise.

Then shall my thoughts and thanks arise  
As grateful incense to the skies  
And draw from thence that sweet repose  
Of a conscious void of offence toward God and  
Toward all men

Live while you live, the epicure would say  
And seize the pleasures of the present day  
Live while you live, the sacred preacher cries  
And give to God each moment as it flies  
Lord in my view let both united be  
I live in pleasure while I live to thee

There is an hour of peaceful rest  
To morning wanderers given  
There is a joy for souls distressed  
A balm for every wounded breast.  
Tis found above in heaven.

August 13<sup>th</sup>

It is a rainy day. Have stayed about house today, done some chores, called on a neighbor etc

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Tried to help Wife hang a picture. She thought I was rather in a hurry and out of patience but that was in consequence of having learned in youth to strike while the iron was hot.

Feel rather under the weather. Foot aches some but hope that a little clear weather will fetch(?) me out in better humor.

This life is made up of sunshine and clouds, storms and calms, and happy is he that successfully so steers his bark as not to founder on the rocks and shoals that lie in his track.

August 14<sup>th</sup>

Still at home lame. Have rode out this afternoon with Wife. Went to south end or within a few rods of it. Saw the \*\*\*\*\* land. Picked a few berries and returned. This evening attended a prayer meeting at Mr. Bartlets.

August 15<sup>th</sup>

Had about concluded to go to Bridgeport to the great Temperance picnic but the rain has fell in torrents the most of the morning. It will be a great disappointment to many, especially to the ardent lovers of the cause. I hope they will attend to it another day, for if there is any subject that is of importance at the present day it is that of Temperance. The Church feels the effects of intemperance, the state feels it, the world at large feels it, and it is my earnest prayer to that God that \*\*\*\*\* the destinies of nations as well as of individuals that the intolerable evils that cluster around the drinking system may cease, and the system crumble and fall, and the united civilized world shall utter a long and loud Amen over the course of the world, and scourge of mankind and system of the Devil

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August 16<sup>th</sup>

Worked about home in the forenoon. Went to mill, etc. In the afternoon, wen to Morgan Point and mingled with the Episcopal Picnic, had a pleasant time. Returned through \*\*\*\*\* Town. The rain yesterday kept the road very muddy and a plenty of water on the meadows.

August 17<sup>th</sup>

Have waited upon the ladies today. Drove to Fair Haven twice. Worked a little about home and thus filled up the time. Thus time passes away. O may I so improve it that I can feel each night that I am pitching my loving tent a days march nearer home.

August 18<sup>th</sup> Saturday

Have worked today for Mr. H. Bradley. The weather has been cool for the season. Thus has passed another week. How swift the days, weeks and months pass, and how slow am I to act in view of the shortness of time. Teach me O Lord to do the work of today while today lasts.

August 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday

Been to Church today. Rev Mr Root(?) preached, the text forenoon was in Rom-3-ch 24-25-26-verses. The gospel plan of salvation was the theme. Afternoon text was in Mat-5-ch-18 verse. The law of God and its obligations and binding force and its eternal durability constituted the sum of the discourse.

August 20<sup>th</sup> Monday

Again worked for Mr. Bradley. The weather has been cool but pleasant. It seems like fall. The crickets are singing and that to me is rather a mournful sound.

Thy word is a lamp(?) unto my \*\*\*\* and a light unto my \*\*\*\*. Psalm \*\*\*--\*\*\*

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August 21<sup>st</sup>

Worked for Mr. Bradley. The weather has been cool. This evening attended a prayer meeting at Mrs. Hurds. The cause of Christ seems to languish and few come to the solemn feasts.

August 22<sup>nd</sup>

Hayed it again today. The weather cool with a light shower. This evening attended a prayer meeting at the parsonage. S(?) J(?) Andrews(?) and myself the only male members of the church present.

August 23<sup>rd</sup>

Worked in the morning for Mr. Bradley. The afternoon has been rainy. Shod the horse, did chores, rested to gain strength for better weather.

August 24<sup>th</sup>

Again worked as above on the meadow. The day has been pleasant. This evening is rather squally.

The day is past and gone  
The evening shades appear  
O may we all remember well  
The night of death draws near.

August 25<sup>th</sup>

Have worked on the meadows today. The day has been pleasant but cool for the season. The labors of another week are ended and thus the \*eet that perisheth has been partially secured. May the wants of the better part be supplied from the fullness of the Eternal Father.

August 26<sup>th</sup>

Attended Church today. Text forenoon H\*\*\*\*\*k 2-14. The latter day glory of the Church. Afternoon 2-Ch-2-11. The \*\*\*\*\*and works of the \*\*\*\* and \*\*\* \*\* \*\*\* over the minds of men were in part the theme.

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This evening attended a Sabbath school concert. The arrangements have been made to have a picnic next Tuesday if the weather is good, at Branford Point. Hope it will be a success.

August 27<sup>th</sup>

Worked on the meadows haying, have got most tired of it. The weather has been good for haying. This evening fixing(?) for picnic making \*\*\*\*\*. I hope we shall realize all we anticipate.

August 28<sup>th</sup>

Been to the picnic, had a pleasant time and all things passed off well; a good turnout and all \*\*\*\*\* to enjoy it.

August 29<sup>th</sup>

Stayed about home most of the day. Went to the mill in the morning. In the afternoon it rained.

August 30<sup>th</sup>

Worked about home in the forenoon, dug potatoes \*\*\*\*\* \*\* Mrs. \*\*\*\*\* \*\*\*\*\* . In the afternoon went to the City on a trading expedition. Home again all right. The evening is cool and the chirping of the cricket and katydid are reminders that the fall is near. Thus the seasons pass and we are growing old. May we try to improve(?) the time as it passes swiftly by to the best of our ability that we may give good account at last.

August 31<sup>st</sup>

At home in the forenoon. Afternoon went to the preparatory(?) lecture. Watched with Mr Hirkum(?) through the night.

September 1<sup>st</sup>

At home again today watching the dog-day weather. Hope it will soon be gone and the clear sun appear.

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September 2<sup>nd</sup>

Have stayed at home from Church today having felt very unwell.

September 3<sup>rd</sup>

I'm on the lame list, have been to see Dr Thompson(?) and found that I had got the Erysipelas in my foot and leg. Have been to Foxon to see Aunt \*\*\*nira Grannis(?), found her some better than she had been but still feeble. Found \*\*\*\*\* sick but hope he is gaining. This are we reminded continually that we live in a world of uncertainty.

September 4<sup>th</sup>

Have stayed about home most of the day. Called on Mrs \*\*\*\*\* Bradley, called and settled with Hezekiah Bradley. About 5 o'clock went to Fair Haven with one of Mr Williams' (?) daughters. This evening attended a prayer meeting at Mrs Linsleys(?).

September 5<sup>th</sup>

In the morning called on the Rev Mr Shannon(?), found him exercising himself at the woodpile. Had a pleasant chat with him on various topics. Afternoon carried wife down to Mr \*Bar\*\*\*. In the evening attended a prayer meeting at the parsonage. Had a good meeting.

September 6<sup>th</sup>

H\*\*\* \*\*n the usual round of chores. Been \*\*\*\*\* sea-weed cut a few \*\*\*\*\* of \*\*\*\*\* \*\*\*\*\* if Providence permit we expect to attend a surprise party in Branford. Wife is looking up a recipe for the \*\*\*\*\*ings , hope she will get a good one.

September 7<sup>th</sup>

Been to a surprise party at Sylvester Grannis. About 35 present, has a pleasant time and \*\*\* \*\*\*\*\* \*\*\*\* \*\* pleasantly(?). Pleasant \*\*\*\*\* the day not rainy this evening.

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September 8<sup>th</sup>

Stayed at home today as usual this week. My \*\*\*\*\* and \*\*\*\*\* have read paper \*\*\*\*\* some talked \*\*\*\*\*

The week that has past seems almost \*\*\*\*\*. Tomorrow is the Sabbath and I hope to be in the spirit on the Lords day.

September 9<sup>th</sup>

Attended Church today. The text in the forenoon was in Jer(?) -17-21, the importance of the observance of the sabbath and the evils(?) that will result from the profanation(?) of it and its binding obligations were some of the themes.

The afternoon text was in Prov 14-12, some of the ways that seem right unto a man and yet end in death were pointed out.

This evening been to Foxon to Sabbath school, a goodly number present. Thus ends the duties of the Sabbath. May they tell for good at the great day of account.

September 10<sup>th</sup>

Have worked some today for the first time for more than a week. Hope to be able to \*\*\*\*\*. The weather has been fall like \*\*\*\*\* pleasant. Feel some like writing a short chapter in \*\*\*\*\*. Wife is mending stockings that's what they used to call them in old times. It has been washing(?) day at our house. Things passed off as usual on such days. Wife felt a little \*\*\*\*\* but I laughed and there the matter ended.

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September 11th

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rainy. It is still raining at 8 o'clock in the evening with the prospect of a rainy night. The chirping of the cricket, the pattering of the rain outside and the mournful sighing of the wind all have to me a mournful sound that serve to call up the past and fill it with sad memories yet.

Tis the solace of age yet to me doubly dear as it calls up the past with a smile or a tear.

September 12<sup>th</sup>

This forenoon went to New and Fair Haven. Called to see Aunt Honira(?) Grannis, found her very low with the prospects of a recovery against her. This evening attended a prayer meeting at Mr Ellsworth Thompsons(?), had a good meeting though many were not there that ought to have been. How sadly are such meetings neglected.

September 13<sup>th</sup>

This morning went to mill, the rest of the day dug potatoes at home.

Thus each day brings its cares and labors and each \*\*\*\*ing finds us nearer our eternal \*\*\*\*\*  
\*\*\*\*\* the time allotted one here on earth in the fear of God, being diligent in business(?), fervent(?)  
in spirit, serving the Lord. And thus(?) when this earthly house of this tabernacle(?) shall be dissolved(?),  
I may have a house \*\*\* \*\*\*\* with bonds(?) eternal in the Heavens.

September 14<sup>th</sup>

Worked at home today, the weather has been

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September 15<sup>th</sup>

Have worked at home today, the weather has been cool yet pleasant. There has been a town meeting today to take action on the school year \*\*\*\*. We live in \*\*\*\*\* times. May the act of our lives tell for the best(?) good of the world not only today but in time to come.

September 16<sup>th</sup>

The Sabbath, have been to Church today. Rev Mr Hayes(?) preached, the forenoon text was in Luke(?) 4-44(?). The necessity of a faith that prompts to action was one of the main points of the discourse. The afternoon text was in Heb(?) 12-12. The Christian duty of divesting ourselves of all that impedes our progress, and pressing forward toward the end of the race was the theme.

This evening went to Foxon to the Sabbath school. Came back and attended third service at the Church. The subject was the life and character of the Patriarch Lot(?).

September 17<sup>th</sup>

Worked at home today, finished digging potatoes etc.(?)

September 18<sup>th</sup>

Have \*\*\*\*\* a little \*\*\*\* and chored(?) about home. This afternoon have been to Foxon to see Heddy(?), found her gaining strength. Meeting at Harriet Bradleys this evening.

September 19<sup>th</sup>

Been to mill and to the Blacksmith, mended the old wagon(?) \*\*\*\*\* did chores etc(?)

A prayer meeting at our house this evening, few(?) present in consequence(?) of the weather and want of zeal in the good cause(?)

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September 20<sup>th</sup>

It has been a rainy misty day, have stayed at home doing the small work \*\*\*\*\* to such days. It is still misty and looks like a stormy night. Well(?) life is not all sunshine and the dull(?) misty days in the natural world \*\*\*\*\* with those days that are to be found in our life experience. But the dear sunshine after the long storm(?) seems(?) all the more pleasant and we should cease(?) to \*\*\*\*\* value(?) it were we not some times departed(?) of it.

So it is in our lifes experience were we to have one(?) continual round of pleasure and delight. We should forget the great object of life and thus \*\*\*\* our souls. Hence(?) the wisdom of God is seen in the trials and afflictions that come upon us in this world. May the lessons of life be so heeded(?) by me that I may live wisely and well.

September 21<sup>st</sup>

It has been changeable weather. Have done some work about home, been to Auster(?) Brook(?) and twice to A(?) Hughs(?) etc(?) this evening is showery and \*\*\*\* a long spell of dull weather. At home this evening as usual. What a charm(?) gathers around that word home how few appreciate it. It seems to me that we should love our earthly home the better \*\*\*\*\* over(?) Heavenly home where the \*\*\*\* \*\* of life shall cease and all serene in \*\*\*\*\*

There we shall see our saviors face,  
And in his bosom(?) rest

September 22<sup>nd</sup>

Worked today for Foot Andrews. The weather has been cool yet pleasant.

September 23<sup>rd</sup>

Been to Church today, the text was in the forenoon Mat(?) 23-17. The subject was in part at least the hollow heartedness of \*\*\*\*\* worship and its effects on the world. The afternoon there was Sunday school concert. The was Ishmael his \*\*\*\*\* life

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Posterity(?) character etc(?) Attended Sunday school in Foxon at 5 o'clock and third service at the Church at \*\*\* o'clock, this evening's subject was the \*\*\*\*\* of Christianity.

September 24<sup>th</sup>

Helped Foot Andrews dig potatoes. It has been cloudy through the day. This evening it looks like a storm.

September 25<sup>th</sup>

Worked for Foot Andrews. In the evening attended a prayer meeting at Mr R Coes(?).

September 26<sup>th</sup>

Have been to Fair and New Haven, the weather has been showery. This evening have had company. Raining hard at 9 o'clock.

September 27<sup>th</sup>

In the forenoon went to mill, to the Minister(?), gathered pumpkins and did the chores about home. In the afternoon cut up corn for Foot Andrews. A pleasant day for the season, the more pleasant in contrast with the stormy weather of the past few days. But the storms teach us how to appreciate the pleasant sunshine and they should be taken together as the \*\*\*\*\* and filling of life. No summer sun lasts the whole year.

September 28<sup>th</sup>

Worked for Foot Andrews today cutting up corn, pulling beans, digging potatoes etc.

The weather has been fine though cool reminding one that the fall of the year has come and that soon with the shortening of the day we may expect cold and unpleasant weather. But seed time and harvest will \*\*\*\*\* for thus hath(?) God \*\*\*\*\* and he is not slack(?) concerning(?) his \*\*\*\*\*

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September 29<sup>th</sup>

This forenoon worked on the Rail Road platform(?), this afternoon worked for Sidney(?) Pardee(?).

Thus week after week passes away with its labors and cares and age comes on apace and soon the last week will come. May it find me in the \*\*\*\*\* of duty living and laboring for the good of the world and for the glory of God that when the summons comes to call me away, I may have my work done and well done and be prepared to enter into that rest(?) that remains for the people of God and all the praise of my salvation will I ascribe(?) to him that died to purchase my pardon.

September 30<sup>th</sup>

Been to Church today at New Haven man preached in the forenoon text Exodus 33-14. The desire of good men to see more of the glory of God was in part the theme of the discourse.

In the afternoon Rev George E Street preached, his text was in Luke 4-45, the importance of teaching(?) Christ and the then present as well His \*\*\*\*\* good derived(?) by the woman that \*\*\*\*\* Christ over the multitude that \*\*\*\*\* \*\*\* him out of curiosity.

This evening attended monthly concert of prayer. Rev G E Street gave some account of the gathering at Pitsfield \*\*\*\*\* of the annual meeting of the missionary board some inside it were of touching interest their ends the \*\*\*\*\* and privileges of the Sabbath.

October 1<sup>st</sup>

Attended Town(?) meeting \*\*\*\*\* for \*\*\*\*\*

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October 2<sup>nd</sup>

Today worked for Mr H(?) Bradley(?). This evening attended a prayer meeting at Harriet(?) Bradleys. Few there, very little interest seems to be felt in religious meetings in the vicinity.

Lord give me zeal according to knowledge and deliver me from the fear of \*\*\* that \*\*\*\*\* a \*\*\*\*\*

October 3<sup>rd</sup>

Again worked for Mr Bradley. Wife has been to New Haven on a visit. Had a call this evening from Miss Ann Holt, she is going to leave for Albany(?) in the morning.

October 4<sup>th</sup>

Worked for Mr Bradley again today. This evening attended a prayer meeting at Mr. Fricks(?).

October 5<sup>th</sup>

Worked for Mr Bradley. The morning was cool with a heavy frost but it has been pleasant through the day.

The autumn(?) weather is ripening(?) the crops, the foliage of the trees is changing its hue and there is a look of mournful beauty to be \*\*\*\* all(?) around(?) reminding(?) one of the changes of time and the decay of earths(?) pleasures(?) and \*\*\*\*\* the \*\*\*\*\* of earth to that land(?) where the eye will not be \*\*\*\*\* with these \*\*\*\*\* \*\*. But all \*\*\*\*\* in Heaven.

October 6<sup>th</sup>

In the forenoon helped Mr Bradley. Afternoon worked about home. Moved stone(?) picked apples(?) gathered pumpkins etc.

October 7<sup>th</sup>

Sabbath morning very pleasant. Have been to Church had the North(?) Guilford(?) minister. The forenoon text was in \*\*\*\*\* \*\* afternoon Mark(?) 14-8. The morning \*\*\*\*\* was on the faith of the \*\*\*\*\* and its \*\*\*\*\*

Been to Foxon to Sabbath school, attended third

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Service at the Church. The discourse was the character Rebecca her marriage with the Patriarch Isaac the birth of \*\*\*\* and \*\*\*\* her partiality(?) for Jacob her strategy to gain the blessing(?) for him and the consequences to her and the family of the course she pursued.

What lessons of wisdom of warning of example and of \*\*\*\* are to be found in the word of God. May I study them and profit thereby.

October 8<sup>th</sup>

Worked for Mr H Bradley, plowed and sowed rye. The day has been warm. Feel rather weary, think I am growing old. May the love and favor of the savior cheer and bless me as I go down the stream of time, and finally may I moor(?) my bark(?) in the haven of eternal rest.

There I shall bathe(?) my wearied soul  
In seas of heavenly rest  
And not a wave of trouble will  
\*\*\*\*\* my peaceful breast

October 9<sup>th</sup>

At Mr Bradleys again today. This evening had a neighborhood prayer meeting at our house, few present. There seems to be little interest in Religion in this vicinity.

October 10<sup>th</sup>

Helped Mr Bradley again today. This evening attended a prayer meeting at Mrs Davidsons(?). A very goodly number present.

October 11<sup>th</sup>

In the forenoon went to New Haven and to the mill. Had a short visit from sisters Evarts(?) and Brewster(?). Worked some about home. This evening husked corn, Thus each day brings its labors and cares.

May the great object(?) of life be accomplished and Heaven be gained.

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October 12<sup>th</sup>

Have worked at home today husking corn. The weather has been unpleasant, some rain, some wind. This evening is windy and rainy.

My days are gliding swift away  
And I a pilgrim stranger  
Would not detain them as they pass  
Those days of toil and danger

How oft as the evening shades gather around us, and rough winds roar(?) without, do melancholy thoughts take possession of our minds, and there seems to be a sympathy between the elements without and the soul within, and we sigh for that better land where the howling tempest shall cease and the troubled soul shall hear the Savior say in words of sweetest accent peace be still.

October 13<sup>th</sup>

Again helped H Bradley. The weather has been cool and blustering. Reminding one of approaching winter. It is Saturday evening. How blessed to the believer in Christ is the anticipation of the earthly Sabbath when he can lay by the cares of the week and spend the hours of holy time in anticipation of that eternal Sabbath of rest that remains for the people of God.

October 14<sup>th</sup>

Been to Church today. Mr Havens(?) preached the sermon. Text was in 2(?) Peter 3-4. The certainty of the fulfilment of God's words(?) of threatenings and promise was in part the theme of the discourse. The onward march of the gospel(?) in spite of opposition, and the certainty of the fulfillment of scripture \*\*\*\*\* were dwelt(?) upon somewhat.

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The afternoon text was in John 1-29. The subject was as I understand it the universality of the atonement(?) of Christ; it's being sufficient for all but only beneficial to those that \*\*\*\*\* it by faith and repentance. The certainty that the truth of God will prevail over all errors(?) and false doctrines and outlive the ravages(?) of time.

October 15<sup>th</sup>

Dug potatoes today for H. Bradley. The weather has been windy. This evening husked corn in the barn.

October 16<sup>th</sup>

Again at Mr Bradley's. This evening attended a neighborhood prayer meeting at Mrs. Linsleys, few there.

October 17<sup>th</sup>

Worked for Mr Bradley. This evening attended a prayer meeting at Mrs R\*\*\* Andrews(?).

October 18<sup>th</sup>

Today gathered apples for Mr Williams. In the evening been to the Methodist celebration at Music hall. Think I paid rather dear for the whistle.

October 19<sup>th</sup>

Finished Mr Williams apples and gathered my own(?). This evening been to Foxon. Had a visit from Brother Ransom and Wife. Thus ends the day.

October 20<sup>th</sup>

Made cider, drew in corn, etc. The end of the week finds me rather fatigued, each day and week brings along with it its cares and labors and anxiety, and shows us how much we need the grace of God to help us hear the \*\*\*\*\* of providence.

October 21<sup>st</sup>.

Today have been to the funeral of Aunt Almira(?) Grannis(?), a ver large gathering.

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The remains were carried to the meeting house and a funeral discourse was delivered by Mr Havens(?) from \*\*\*\*\* 11-9. \*\*\*\*\* therefore a rest for the people of God.

The discourse was good. There was no lengthy eulogy but a first(?) comparison between the \*\*\*\*\* of earth experienced(?) by the Christian and the joys of heaven(?). This evening attended a Temperance meeting at the meeting house. Had a lecture from Mr Hurd(?), the subject well handled. A\*\*\*\*\* from

our minister and a going to do something promise as \*\*\*\*\* with the excuse(?) that we have had so much Religion that we had no room for Temperance end the program(?) \*\*\*\*\*

October 22<sup>nd</sup>

Today made cider(?) at Charles Bradleys. This evening is showery with a prospect of a wet night.

October 23<sup>rd</sup>

\*\*\*\*\* various kinds of work, finished cider(?) making, husked corn, been on the \*\*\*\*\* for wood(?), gathered beans etc. Each day brings its cares and labors.

October 24<sup>th</sup>

Worked today for Mr Bradley. This evening attended a prayer meeting at Mrs \*tts. Have not felt much in the spirit, have felt for a long time the want of Christian sympathy. Probably shall ever feel it in the Church in this place. Hope to have faith in God to buoy me up so that if earthly friends(?) are fickle(?) I co\*\*\*\*\* with him(?) in the secret(?) silence of the soul.

October 25<sup>th</sup>

Today worked for H Bradley. The weather has been cool. This evening husked corn in the barn. The truth uttered by the wise man is still true. All things are full of labor.

October 26<sup>th</sup>

Again helped Mr Bradley. It has been a cold sour day. This evening it looks like a storm.

The Lord(?) reigns let the earth rejoice,  
Even the winds and the sea obey him.

October 27<sup>th</sup>

In the forenoon worked for Mr Bradley. Afternoon worked at home. It has been a pleasant day.

October 28<sup>th</sup>

This forenoon went to Church here. The text was in Acts (?) -5-3. The sin of deceit was the topic in part of the discourse. This afternoon went to the funeral of Mrs James Woodard. The remains were carried to Mr Noy\*\*\*s Church(?) and a brief discourse delivered by the Pastor extempore(?), rehearsing the traits of character of the deceased, paying a eulogy to departed worth(?) and giving words of consolation, advice and comfort to the mourning friends, and drawing lessons of warning and instruction to all in the house, closing(?) the exercises with an appropriate hymn. The procession moved with solemn tread toward the house appointed for all living. May the lessons(?) of God's \*\*\*\*\* so oft repeated be heeded by all and bring forth fruit(?) to the glory of God.

October 29<sup>th</sup>

This forenoon worked at home . Afternoon worked for Mr Bradley. The weather has been windy and looks like a storm.

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October 30<sup>th</sup>

Have worked at home today. It rained hard in the forenoon. Finished husking corn in the barn. This afternoon shod the horse and chored etc.

Thus ever day brings with it its cares and labors, reminding one of the truth that sufficient(?) unto the day is the evil thereof.

October 31<sup>st</sup>

At H. Bradley's again today. The weather has been pleasant for the season. May the truth impress itself on my mind that each night of my life I am one day nearer the end of my earthly course. And may the lessons of God's providence and the teachings of his word be so imprest on my mind that I may grow in grace and the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ as I grow in days and years and thus be fitting(?) for that rest that remains for the people of God.

November 1<sup>st</sup>

Been at Mr Bradley's again. A cool but pleasant day.

November 2<sup>nd</sup>

In the forenoon worked for H Bradley. This afternoon been to preparatory lecture(?). This evening been to mill.

Commenced the day with a bad headache. Feel better this evening. It has been a pleasant fall day. The labors of the \*\*\*\*\* have been blist(?) and they are gathering \*\* \*\*\*\*\* harvest of fall crops. Thus verifying the Divine(?) promise that seed time and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter shall remain to the end of time. May we(?) all \*\*\* unto eternal life.

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November 3<sup>rd</sup>

Worked for H Bradley at fence(?) over the river. It has been a good day to work. Feel(?) the weight of that curse \*\*\*\*\*ed upon man. By the sweat of the brow shalt thou earn thy bread, and yet there is pleasure in the reflection that we are thus earning(?) our daily bread rather than living in inglorious ease on the toil of others. May I be diligent in business, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord.

November 4<sup>th</sup>

Been to Church today. The text in the forenoon was in Eph(?) -4-20. The importance of rightly learning Christ was in part the theme. This afternoon was communion(?). This evening was the monthly concert, at which Mr Dudley gave accounts of the progress of the Gospel on foreign ground, which was interesting, showing the onward progress of the gospel in the world among which was the history of the Sand-Wich(?) Islands.

November 5<sup>th</sup>

Again worked for Mr Bradley again today. It has been cold today. Commenced the day with a lame(?) back but feel better this evening.

November 6<sup>th</sup>

Have worked as above. The weather has been fine. Heard tonight about the death of the Rev(?) Mr(?) Gillett of Branford. He has gone down to the grave as a shock(?) of \*\*\*\* fully \*\*\*\* \* for the Godly(?) man ceaseth(?)

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November 7<sup>th</sup>

Worked for Mr Bradley pulling turnips. Prayer meeting at our house this evening. Wife attended the funeral of Mr Gillett.

November 8<sup>th</sup>

Again at Mr Bradleys. This evening been to a Temperance meeting in Fair Haven. Dr. Jewit(?) addressed the meeting.

November 9<sup>th</sup>

Worked for Mr Bradley. This evening been to Fair Haven to Temperance meeting. Dr Jewit lectured on the hindrance of alcoholic drinks on the system as they operate against nature and thus wear out or weaken the constitution . It was very interesting.

November 10<sup>th</sup>

Have worked for myself. Been on the rack(?) for wood. This evening been to Fair Haven, etc.

November 11<sup>th</sup>

Been to Church today. The text was in Isaah(?) -55-6. The duty of seeking God immediately was enforced(?). The danger of delay was dwelt upon and the fact that delay rendered(?) conversion(?) more uncertain(?) and the proof was drawn from the physical constitution of man, the fact that memory, eyesight and the \*\*\*\*\* of the mind fail all conspire to render delay dangerous. This was the forenoon. The afternoon was the continuation of the same subject with proof from the word of God. The subject was well handled.

November 12<sup>th</sup>

Today have been in various places. Been to mill, to the fort, worked some at home, called at the graveyard to look at some work for Miss Eliza Barnes, etc.

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November 13<sup>th</sup>

Today have worked in the graveyard for Miss Eliza Barnes. This evening have been to Fair Haven. A pleasant day and evening.

November 14<sup>th</sup>

Again worked in the graveyard. This evening attempted to go to the prayer meeting but could not find the key to the town house and came home.

November 15<sup>th</sup>

Worked in the graveyard again today. It has been rather an unpleasant day, misty and light showers. Feel rather tired, am growing old and am constantly reminded by the things around me, as well as by the infirmity of my own body, that the places that now know me will soon know me no more forever. Feel to exclaim with the Psalmist, O spare me that I may recover strength before I go hence to be here no more.

November 16<sup>th</sup>

Worked in the graveyard some. This afternoon Henry got hurt by a blast.

November 17<sup>th</sup>

Today finished the work in the graveyard for Miss Eliza Barnes. Did some work for Mrs Finch. This evening called on Henry, found him doing as well as could be expected under the circumstances.

November 18<sup>th</sup>

Been to Church today. The text forenoon was in the 119 Psalm 25 verse. The tendency of man to the dust(?) and the necessity of Gods \*\*\*\*\* grace to elevate his thoughts and \*\*\*\*\* to \*\*\*\*\* Heavenly and Divine was in part the theme.

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The afternoon text was in \*\*\*\* 28-24. The preacher labored to show that man was the same now as ever, that some believed and some believed not. And showed that God did not compel men to believe. The excuse of some that they could not help their belief was dwelt upon and the truth deduced that we could not help believing the truths of the Bible and the fearful responsibility connected with this truth.

November 19<sup>th</sup>

Today have been to south end of New Haven and Fair Haven. This evening called to see Henry. Found him gaining. This has passed another day with its cares and perplexities.

May I have wisdom and grace given me to live each day so that it will tell for good in that day for which all other days were made.

November 20<sup>th</sup>

Today have been about home. Had the appraisers and administrator here to look over the property and inventory. This evening had a call from Neighbor Bartlett. We live in a world of fluctuations, of ups and downs. Zealous today and tomorrow dull and inactive. May I feel the importance of doing something for God and my fellow men every day.

November 21<sup>st</sup>

Have worked in the graveyard today for Mr Griswold. This evening attended \*\*\*\*\* meeting at Samuel Chidsays, a good number present. Remarks by the minister from the \*\*\*\*\* . The \*\*\*\*\* the \*\*\*\* of the Lord is the \*\*\*\*\* \*\*\*\* \*\*\*\*\*

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November 22<sup>nd</sup>

Finished Mr Griswold's work in the graveyard. This afternoon and evening has been \*\*\*\*\*. Funeral of Mr Samuel(?) Forbes child of waterside(?) this afternoon.

The grave is near the cradle seen  
How swift the moments pass between

November 23<sup>rd</sup>

Worked about home some. Went to H Bradleys and settled with him. In the evening went to Carrie Bradleys wedding, a cold muddy time. Had a pleasant time after we got there.

November 24<sup>th</sup>

Have been to New Haven, put up stove(?) etc. Done(?) a load of seaweed this afternoon. Thus has passed away another week. Days, months and years are swiftly gliding away. The world and the fashion thereof is fast passing away.

November 25<sup>th</sup>

Been to Church today. The forenoon text was in Matthew 11-17. The duties of ministers and the effects of their labors was at least part of the discourse. Afternoon was Sunday School concert. Third service this evening. The proofs of the immortality of the soul outside of the Bible was the theme.

November 26<sup>th</sup>

Today have had a hog butchered and helped Sidney Pardee(?) about his. It has been a pleasant day. Feel rather fatigued yet feel that goodness(?) and mercy still follow me and call for gratitude to the giver of all mercies. \*\*\*\* | \*\*\*\*\* to God the \*\*\*\*\* of a grateful(?) heart for all his benefits to me.

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November 27<sup>th</sup>

Have been to the Fort twice for seaweed. This afternoon \*\*\*\* on to the Rock for \*\*\*\*\*. Been dressing thicker for Thanksgiving. Tired and weary I lay me down to sleep. Thankful I trust for the blessings that flow to me through a free government.

May the star spangled banner  
In triumph long wave  
Oer the land of the free  
And the home of the brave

November 28<sup>th</sup>

Worked about home today, fixing for Thanksgiving. Killed a pig for a roaster, cut out and salted my pork, and did various small jobs about home. This evening been to the Boat(?) to meet Susan and Minnie but did not find them.

November 29<sup>th</sup>

Today has been our Thanksgiving. I have been to Church. The text was in the 49<sup>th</sup> Psalm 14 verses. The Minister dwelt upon Congregationalism, its antiquity, its advantages, especially to our Country as it handed down to posterity the old yet noble principles of our Puritan ancestors. Saying that he considered it the best form of worship for a Democratic government. To all of which I heartily assent, and hope(?) the principles advocated by Luther and his co-laborers and embraced(?) by our Father \*\*\* the \*\*\*\* side of the \*\*\*\*\* and by \*\*\*\*\* brought to these shores in the Mayflower.

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And adhered to by them through all the dark days of our Country's early history may still be \*\*\*\*\* and embraced by their posterity to the latest generation. And may I ever be of the number of those that revere their memory and thus become worthy of so noble an Ancestry. This evening been to a wedding in the Church, Leverett Clark to Jane E. Auger(?).

November 30<sup>th</sup>

Today has been rather unpleasant. I have chored about home. This evening have had a call from Mrs Hurd, touched upon a subject that does not deeply interest me, neighborhood differences, got through in good season. Hope as much as in me lies to be able to live peaceably with all men. To this end may I always successfully shun that which would lead me to become a busy-body in other men's matters.

December 1<sup>st</sup>

Commenced today to clear the Burying ground. Find it a tedious job. It wants patience and perseverance, time and work, rather the most of the work. It is strange how little some folks think of the place where their kindred are buried. To me it shows a sad want of respect for their memory. I love to visit them, feeling that this is the end of us all on the earth and if we are what we ought to be, death is to us but going home.

December 2<sup>nd</sup> (Sunday)

Been to Church today. Mr. \*\*\*\*\* from \*\*\*\*\* preached, his forenoon text was in

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Psalm 121-1. The \*\*\*\*\* providence of God in the affairs of this world was dwelt upon. Instances in past history were cited to prove that men who engage in any enterprise or undertaking without recognizing God have signally failed. The afternoon text was in Joshua 2-21. The duty of immediate compliance with the requirement of Gods law was part of the theme. The immediate hanging of the scarlet line in the window by the harlot Rahab saved her and her household. Had she delayed she might have perished with the rest of the inhabitants of that ill fated city Jericho.

December 3<sup>rd</sup>

Have worked today in the graveyard. Find it hard work. It has been a pleasant day for Winter.

December 4<sup>th</sup>

Went to Fair Haven and New Haven in the forenoon, bought lantern, some groceries(?) and various articles, all useful and all cost money. Well said the wise man, money answereth all things. This afternoon has been stormy. Have shelled beans, been to mill etc.

December 5<sup>th</sup>

Been to New Haven after \*\*\*\* and \*\*\*\*. Been to mill, etc. This evening attended a prayer meeting at tyet he Town house.

December 6<sup>th</sup>

Worked in the graveyard today. This evening(?) been to Mr Hirkums(?) to see about the starting(?) the Lyceum. The prospect is not very favorable. Has some conversation(?) on the subject. \*\*\* \*\*\*\*\*

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Sister Susan Tucker and Minnie came today on the 11 o'clock train. They are well and Minnie seems to enjoy it.

December 9<sup>th</sup>

Been to Church today. Mr Havens preached, the text forenoon was in Zachariah 12-8. The subject seemed to me to be the growth of Religion or the progressive nature and tendency of the religion of Christ as embodied in the true Church. The afternoon text was in 1-Samuel(?) 14-6. The overruling providence of God, or the fact that God is the sovereign ruler and \*\*\*\*\* of all events, was in part the lesson drawn from the text as I understand it. This evening been to the Episcopal for the first time in this town. The subject was the vision of the Apostle Peter and the sending for him by Cornelius the centurion and the lessons derived therefrom.

December 10<sup>th</sup>

This morning went to the Boat with Brother Tucker. Worked some in the burying ground. This evening been to the Boat after \*\*\*\*\* \*\*\*\*\*

December 11<sup>th</sup>

Worked in the graveyard today. The weather has been wintry. This evening attended a prayer meeting in the town house. The time was well filled up by the few that were present.

December 12<sup>th</sup>

Worked in the graveyard some \*\*\*\*\* \*\*\*\*\* went to New and Fair Haven \*\*\*\*\* \*\*\*\*\* went to the \*\*\*\*\*

December 13<sup>th</sup>

Today have worked in the graveyard. The weather has been pleasant.

December 14<sup>th</sup>

Have worked in the graveyard today. The weather has been cold and wintry. Susan and Ella have gone to N(?) Haven. Minnie is with us. While I write the wind is blowing and thus reminding us that winter has come with its rigor(?) and the thoughts of the many that are suffering for food and raiment brings with it a shade of sadness. May the sons and daughters of want be supplied from the abundant provision made by Divine Providence too often wasted by the rich.

December 15<sup>th</sup>

This forenoon went to New Haven for coal(?), got 110-k(?) at 35 cts(?) for hundred \$3 & 5 cts(?). This afternoon working in the Burying ground. It has been a good winter day. Thus ends the week and thus rapidly passes week after week with their cares and perplexities.

The Bell Told this morning for Mr John Thompson. Thus one after another of our fellow beings passes away to their eternal rewards. It is appointed(?) unto Man once to Die and after Death the Judgement.

December 16<sup>th</sup>

Attended Church today. Mr Beebe preached in the forenoon. The text was in Malachi(?) 16-6. The family Religion and their importance in the Christianizing the world were part of the theme. Mr Havens preached in the afternoon. Text in Mark(?) 7-31-11(?). The \*\*\*\* of God in the \*\*\*\*\* of \*\*\*\*\* \*\*  
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This evening it look like a \*\*\*\*\*. It is Saturday night, a time for the preparation for the Sabbath. How sadly have we degenerated from the customs of our Fathers in this respect. May the Lord save us from the sins that this neglect is bringing upon us, and may we repent and do our first works and return us to God from whom we have revolted and may he return unto us and have mercy upon us. And may it be the prayer of every child of God O Lord revive thy work and thus save us the punishment we deserve.

December 23th

Been to Church today. Mr Havens preached the forenoon, text was in Psalm 19-19. Afternoon \*\*\*\*\* 9-11-12. The afternoon discourse was in part dealings with Church members, their faults, touching upon the different dispositions such as the grumblers, the hypocrites, the slothful (?), a goodly share of which I appropriated to myself. Church discipline was touched upon and the plan of keeping all that come into the Church through life was favored as a rule. This did not look to me quite in accordance with the apostolic faith. But not being a theologian I must be careful in my criticisms. An easy Religion seems to be the order of the day.

December 24<sup>th</sup>

Today has been stormy. I have been to New Haven and Fair Haven. Found the \*\*\*\*\* making preparations for Christmas. Would think by the provisions in market that eating and drinking was all that was necessary to celebrate the advent (?) of the savior (?) to our world(?). May I attach (?)

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A greater importance to it and thank God for the \*\*\*\*\* gift, and may the blood of Christ be applied to cleanse me from all(?) sin.

December 25<sup>th</sup>

Have worked in the graveyard today. This evening been to the Episcopal Church to the presentation of gifts to the Sabbath School and others connected with the Parish. All things passed of pleasantly.

December 26<sup>th</sup>

Again worked in the graveyard. This evening attended a prayer meeting at the Town House. It was well attended, and a goodly number took part. Thus showing that the talent is not wanting when the heart is right.

December 27<sup>th</sup>

It has been a stormy day, some rain and some snow. Have worked about the house and chored generally. This evening have had a call from Mr Bartlett. Used up the time in social chat, first talked of this and then of that. Mrs Bartlett and Daughter spent the afternoon and evening with us.

December 28<sup>th</sup>

The weather being cold and blustering, have tried to make myself useful about the house. As I hear no complaint I guess(?) I have in part succeeded.

The old year seems to be giving us something to remember it by as it is about to leave us.

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December 29<sup>th</sup>

Again about home, have accomplished little in the shape (?) of work. Have been to the Mill and called on Mr H(?) Bradley etc.

It is Saturday evening, the cares and toil and perplexities of another week are over. May the rest of the night refresh us and thus we be fitted for the duties of the coming Sabbath.

December 30<sup>th</sup>

Have been to Church today. Mr Havens preached in the forenoon. The text was in Malachi 3-8-and-18. Sabbath School concert this afternoon. Mr Avery (?) from Fair Haven addressed the school. The subject this forenoon as the text would indicate was robbing God. The different ways in which men rob him were dwelt upon at some length. The self-justification of the Jews for their robbery, the effect of such robbery, and finally the blessing promised to those that do not rob God or to those that having thus robbed him repent and return to their allegiance was as I understood it the various themes of the discourse, as applied to us of the present day.

December 31<sup>st</sup>

A very stormy day and still storming at \*\*\*\*\*. The annual Society meeting for the choice of officers and the sale of the slips (?) in the meeting house has been held today. The slips old high, some as high as 38 dollars, from that down to 4. The Scribes and Pharisees taking the highest and the Publicans and Sinners the rest. The advantages of this to the latter is that they will be in less danger from \*\*\*\*\* as the \*\*\*\* will be lost before reaching them.

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It never did look quite right to me to sell the seats in a meeting house. But that is the fashion and fashion is the god of this world and some (?) worship him. The old year is uttering some unearthly groans as it is about to expire and I don't wonder for it has been a good old year and it must hate to die in a snow storm. But father time must take the bitter with the sweet.

May the blessings experienced by me and the rest of mankind in 1866 be repeated in 1867.

January 1<sup>st</sup> 1867

It has been stormy most of the day. Wrote a letter to Essex in the forenoon. This afternoon took a short sleigh ride with Wife and Minnie, it snowing most of the time. Today the cars(?) passed through with the remains of E C Scranton who was killed last Saturday on the N York & N Haven Rail Road. There was an extra train draped in mourning. He was a man much respected and a man of large business talent. A great loss to the community in which he lived and to the business portion especially. Surely in the midst of life we are in death.

January 2<sup>nd</sup>

About home in the forenoon. In the afternoon went to New Haven.

January 3<sup>rd</sup>

Have done little today but to eat and drink and try to enjoy the good of past labor. Thus passes life away. May I appreciate its blessings and perform well its duties.

January 4<sup>th</sup>

Have worked part of the day for H Bradley. It has been a fine winter day.

This evening have been reading the newspaper (?) and the accounts of the deaths of

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the two men Mr E C Scranton and Mr Thompson both taken out of the world, both (?) at a moments notice and in the most horrible manner and am reminded of the uncertainty of life in these days. Surely in no age of the world and in no country has life been so uncertain, rendered so by the increased facilities for traveling (?) and manufacturing. How slow men are to look at and reflect upon the uncertainty of human life.

January 5<sup>th</sup>

Again helped Mr Hezekiah Bradley. The weather has been pleasant. This evening it looks like a storm. Tomorrow is the Sabbath. May the Lord aid me by his good spirit to keep the day holy.

January 6<sup>th</sup>

Been to Church today. Mr Havens preached. The text forenoon was in Ecclesiastes 3-15. The sameness (?) of events from year to year that the same causes exist and therefore the same effects are produced, that the same forces are in the world that were in it thousands of years ago were part of the discourse. This afternoon was Communion. It has been unpleasant through the day and still threatens a storm.

January 7<sup>th</sup>

Worked for H Bradley. This evening been to Fair Haven, good sleighing.

January 8<sup>th</sup>

Again at Mr Bradleys. It has been a cold day. The funeral of Eleazer Hemmingway (?) was tended today. This one after another go their (?) long home and the mourners (?) go about the streets (?).

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January 9<sup>th</sup>

Worked again for Mr Bradley, a cold day. This evening attended a prayer meeting in the Town House. A goodly number present.

January 10<sup>th</sup>

At Mr Bradleys today. It has snowed most of the day. This evening called on Mr Edwin (?) Granniss. Had a pleasant call. It is snowing at 8-30-o clock with the prospect of a stormy night.

January 11<sup>th</sup>

Worked wooding for Mr Bradley. A fine winter day. Feel tired and lame. The effect of having to earn my bread by the sweat of my brow. Feel that I can offer the Prayer of the Angel (?).

Give me neither poverty nor riches,  
He that holds fast the golden mien  
And lives contentedly between  
The little and the great  
Feels not the wants that pinch the poor  
Nor plagues that haunt the rich man's door  
Embittering all his store

January 12<sup>th</sup>

Have wooded it again today for Mr Bradley. The weather has been very cold. Wife is sick a bed. Hope she will be better in the morning. The inhabitants of the Town increasing, two babies born within the last two days. Stephen Bradley Fathers one. W. F. (?) Andrews (?) the other. Thus the world moves.

January 13<sup>th</sup>

Been to Church today. Mr Havens preached. The text forenoon was in John 13-34. The duty of love to the Brothers \*\*\* \*\* as shown in Christian life was the \*\*\*\*\* of the discourse as I understood it.

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The text afternoon was in Acts(?) \*\*.\*. The \*\*\*\*\* the business the life and \*\*\*\*\* of Cornelius the Centurion were dwelt upon at some length. The conclusion was a commendation (?) of his family. Religions (?) \*\*\*\*\* from the words he feared God with all his house (?). The history of this man leads me to believe that in all Nations there are some that fear God and only want for the Lord to send them more light in order to be true worshippers and sincere followers of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

January 14<sup>th</sup>

Chopped and drew wood for Mr Bradley. It has been a very cold day. This evening there is a gathering at the Minister's. Green Backs will have to move about 5\$ at a lick.

January 15<sup>th</sup>

It has been a very cold day. This morning went over the river and cut down an apple tree for Mr Bradley and then left \*\*\*\* better weather. Been to mill and gathered gossip (?). Another new business for me. But we often do the things we would not and thereby consent to the weakness of human nature; did not attend the gathering at the Ministers last evening but hear that those that did had a good time. Well I love to have every body enjoy themselves and as Wife could not go thought I would stay with her, and help her enjoy the time at home. Always did rather like that word home, and when I get to that \*\*\*\*\* that I like other places better than home shall think I have outlived my usefulness (?) and the world can spare me and \*\*\*\* \*\* \*\*\*\*

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January 16

Today been to Meriden to a state Temperance Convention. Did not get there till afternoon. Consequently did not hear the reports from the local societies. The afternoon was spent in discussion of various topics among which was a resolution to petition the next Legislator for the passage of an act called the Constabulary system to agree with the system in Mass. Other resolutions were discussed and then speaking commenced. The speakers were Dr. Jenit(?) and an old chum of his by the name of Thompson, the financial agent of the Mass Temperance Alliance. He was a little man but he could do the thing up in shape. There were a number of other speakers, most of whom were strangers to me. There was a meeting in the evening that was very spirited, the Doctor saying a little and others taking part, all acting as though they meant work. Ex Gov Buckingham was in the Chair through the day. The convention voted to raise \$1000 for the expense of carrying on the National Temperance passed and raised on the spot between 7 and 8 hundred dollars. Gov B giving I think \$350. Stayed in Meriden overnight at a Mr Buttlers.

January 17

Came home this morning in the snow storm. Had a hard time getting from New Haven, the snow being very much drifted. Though the intellectual feast of yesterday more than payed the trouble.

January 18

Have been about home today. It has been a very windy uncomfortable day. It is the coldest evening this winter.

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January 19<sup>th</sup>

This forenoon Henry and I sawed and split wood for \*\*\*\*\* \*\*\*\*\* . This afternoon have been about home, helped Wife some, did the chores, etc. It is Saturday evening and we have no mail since Wednesday in consequence of the snows drifting and filling up the cuts on the Rail Roads. It has very severe weather since early Thursday morning. It is still very cold. Feel thankful that I have food and raiment and so many other of the comforts of life. May the Lord still continue his goodness to me and give me a heart to render him thanks for the mercies received.

January 20<sup>th</sup>

Have been to Church today. Mr Havens preached, the text forenoon was Gen Ch2 verses 2-3. The duty of observing the Sabbath and the advantages resulting from obedience to the command were the topics in part as I understood them. The afternoon text was in Acts 17-22. The difference between Religion and Godliness was part of the sermon. The coldness of the Church on great moral questions and the censure that I have had heaped upon me for advocating them has tended to destroy my interest to a great extent in this church. And I think it will not resurrect until they cease to bow to such interests and such systems, and when that will be I know not. But of one thing they may rest assured those systems will ever be denounced by me while life last. If they see fit to nullify their power for good by ignoring those systems that are for the good of the race to their own master they stand or fall.

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January 21<sup>st</sup>

Had to break paths this morning. The snow fell last night and filled those made before. Have done various small jobs today. It has threatened rain all day and looks like it this evening.

January 22<sup>nd</sup>

Have been to New Haven after coal. Did some trading at Austin & Brothers. The day has been pleasant. It looks some like more storms this evening. Thus time passes away each day bringing with it its cares and labors and reminding one of the language of the Savior(?). Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof. May each evening of my life find the duties of the day well performed that I may give of every day a good account at last.

January 23<sup>rd</sup>

Today has been a cold blustering day and I have lain up. Nothing of interest has taken place today. In the forenoon called on the neighbors. This afternoon read Almanac commencing as far back as the year 1815. Found some fun and some folly, some good sense and some nonsense. But it is said that a little nonsense now and then is relished by the best of men. Thus ends the lessons with the exception that wife has got a hard cold and is trying to kill it with a mixture of hard cider, pepper and molasses. Hope one of the three ingredients will effect a cure or all \*\*\*\*\*. The times are dull as far as news is concerned(?) and I am \*\*\*\*ing like the \*\*\*\*\* \*\* that I got last year. Hope there will be Aa thaw soon so that we can get the papers.

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January 24<sup>th</sup>

Miself, Wife and Minnie have been to N. Haven this afternoon, partly for a sleigh ride and partly for trade. Found plenty of snow but did not think the sleighing very good. Concluded not to sleigh it any more till warm weather. Found the N Haven folks as usual willing to take money for any little notions they had on hand. Well I always like to see folks accommodating. Got home with a few cents in change that they did not happen to know of, but it's all the same. They will have it the next time they see me. Well the poor fellows must live and I suppose I ought to help them. It has been some warmer today than it has for a few days past.

January 25<sup>th</sup>

Have done little today. Been to the mill and helped Hezekiah Bradley get a corn sheller. The weather today has been mild. This evening it looks like a storm.

Our days are passing away as a tale that is told. May life's short span be measured with unerring aim and meet its blest reward in that better land.

January 26<sup>th</sup>

Worked for H Bradley shelling corn. The weather has been rather lousy(?) part of the day. Feel rather bad this evening with a cold in my head. Hope to feel better in the morning. The labors of another week are ended. Tomorrow is the Sabbath of rest. May it be to me a foretaste of that eternal Sabbath of rest that remains for the people of God. Hannah Shannon(?) died this morning at half past 2 O'clock after the short sickness of one day and night. In the midst of life we are in death.

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January 27<sup>th</sup>

Been to Church today. Mr Havens preached the text forenoon, was in \*\*\*\* 3-16(?). The duty of entire(?) consecration to God was urged on the ground that we had no right to profane the temple of God. The afternoon was Sunday School concert. The minister gave a lecture on the life, character death of \*\*\*\*\* and applied it to enforce obedience to parents. It is a useful lesson to the young. This evening called on the Rev Mr Shannon. Found neighbors and friends there, sympathizing with the afflicted family. How blessed it is to offer Christian sympathy to the afflicted and thus fulfill the command to weep with them that weep. It is better to go to the house of mourning than to go to the house of feasting for that is the end of all men and the living will lay it to heart(?).

January 28<sup>th</sup>

Worked in the forenoon for Mr Bradley. In the afternoon went to the Funeral of Hannah Shannon. It was a large gathering, the remains were carried to the Church. It has been a cold day. This evening have read newspaper to wife. Also read some selections from some of the writers of the page age, such as Mrs Hemans and Patrick(?) Henry. I am just old fashioned enough to like their writings and wish we had a few of them in these days. The fire that kindled in the bosom of Henry in the days that tried men's souls is what is wanted in these \*\*\*\* days. But times have sadly changed since his day. For then they trusted in God and kept their powder dry.

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January 29<sup>th</sup>

Worked for H Bradley. The weather has been extremely cold today. Hope I feel thankful that I have the comforts of life, food, raiment and a dwelling place. These are the temporal blessings. May I receive them with a thankful heart. But above all may I thank God for the ricer blessings of his grace in Jesus Christ our Lord.

January 30<sup>th</sup>

Been about home today. The weather has been very cold. This evening attended a prayer meeting at the Town House. Well attended. The passage dwelt upon was rejoice evermore.

January 31<sup>st</sup>

Went down to H Bradleys and got a load of corn cobs. It has been one of those days that might be called leisure days.

February 1<sup>st</sup>

Today helped Mr Charles Woodard butcher. The weather has been warmer. This afternoon went to Mill. The travailing is sloppy.

February 2<sup>nd</sup>

Chored about home today. Drew a load of chips from E. Grannis. Called on Mrs Willet(?) Bradley and Eliza Bradley. Got some herbs for Wife's cold. This the week has passed away and if time is money I ought to have some tonight but I do not see it. This evening it looks like a storm. The weather looks gloomy and it seems to affect me. But we cannot expect all pleasant weather. For no summer's sun lasts the whole year. May the lights and shades of life teach me the spiritual lessons they are desired to teach and thus lead me to the Rock that is higher than I.

February 3<sup>rd</sup>

Have been to Church today. Mr Havens preached the forenoon, text was in \*\*\*\*-\*-\*. The afternoon 2-Peter-3-16. Feel this evening \*\*\*\*\* to give the theme(?) of the day's discourse my mind.

Being occupied with other thoughts connected with the distracting cares of earth and a kind of melancholy has taken possession of me that makes me long to become a hermit separated from the world and to its perplexing cares that I might in solitude finish my course and fit myself by grace assisting me for that world where not a wave of trouble rolls across my peaceful breast.

Each day of my life I am reminded that there is no true happiness to be found in this world. May I find a rest in Heaven when earth shall have passed away forever from my view.

February 4<sup>th</sup>

Today has been one of those days in which I don't seem to accomplish much. Have done various little jobs about home. Carried Minnie to school, etc. The snow has melted considerably and the prospect is that it will soon be gone. May the ever changing scenes of life be heeded by me and teach lessons of wisdom. May the winter with its snowy mantle teach me to think of the winter of life and prepare for it that when it shall have passed I may enter that land where there is no change but oer all that wide extended plain shines one eternal day. There God the son forever reigns and scatters night away.

O glorious hour. O blest abode  
I shall be near and like my God  
And flesh and sense no more control  
The ruling passions of the soul

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February 5<sup>th</sup>

Have done little \*\*\*\*\* of which is the \*\*\*\*\*  
\*\*\*\*\* attempted to go to \* Haven this afternoon but the weather and travelling were bad and gave it up.  
Went to the graveyard to see if the snow had left. Found plenty of snow and water. Had a call from Mr H  
Bradley this evening. Hope soon to see the weather settled that I may go to work for I feel uneasy  
without something to do for Satan finds some mischief still for idle hands to do. And I do not like to work  
for him for he is a hard master.

February 6<sup>th</sup>

Today have helped H. Bradley butcher. The snow has melted considerable. Have been to prayer meeting  
this evening. Pray without ceasing were the words selected for remarks upon.

February 7<sup>th</sup>

Have been to N Haven with Wife. Found the travelling bad. Came home with a headache. How easily  
does this mortal frame get out of order. Lord teach me how frail I am and give me wisdom to care for  
this body that shall perish in consequence of the jewel that it contains.

February 8<sup>th</sup>

Have worked in the graveyard today. It was mostly covered in snow but I found room for a days work. It  
is raining this evening. Hope if Providence permits the snow will leave. But it is not time to expect spring  
yet. We shall have snows and blows and the usual amount of rough weather this month. It is Friday  
night and am reminded by my surroundings that tomorrow that day that \*\*\*\*\* we are to have  
baked beans. So might it be.

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February 9<sup>th</sup>

Have been to the Fort clamming(?). Today found the traveling very bad. Got a few clams and got back safe. It has been misty and foggy through the day. This evening it is raining very hard. Thus the week has passed away with its cares and labors and is numbered with the past. Tomorrow is the day of sacred rest.

How blest to have one day in seven that we may learn the way to Heaven. O may my heart in time be found like David's harp of solemn sound.

February 10<sup>th</sup>

Been to Church today. Mr Havens preached the forenoon, text was in John-1-4. The continually increasing light from in his revelation to man from the fall(?) till Christ was the theme in part. The afternoon text was in the \* of Samuel-4-13. Giving an account of Eli's anxiety for the ark of God and the taking of the ark by the Philistines, the folly in trusting to the ark for victory without confessing their sins were dwelt upon among other things and the lessons were applied to the present generation of Christians.

February 11<sup>th</sup>

Been at work in the Burying ground today. The weather has been pleasant for the season.

February 12<sup>th</sup>

Again in the graveyard today. The weather has been pleasant. Have got almost tired(?) of it. The briers thorns and \*\*\*\*\* are very thick but perseverance and patience

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I trust will overcome the difficulty. It is strange that the inhabitants of this town should think so little of the last resting place of their Ancestors as to let it get in such a condition. There are very few persons that would not feel bad if they knew that those who outlived them would think so little of their memory as not to guard as almost sacred their last resting place the grave. But men in health are too apt to think little of Death. And yet it is the common lot of all human beings.

It is appointed unto Man once to die and after Death the Judgement.

Great God is this our certain doom  
And are we still secure(?)  
Still walking downward to the tomb  
And yet prepare no more

February 13<sup>th</sup>

Today have worked in the graveyard again. The weather has been foggy. This evening attended a meeting in the Town House. It was well attended.

February 14<sup>th</sup>

Worked part of the day in the graveyard. The rain broke me off. It is raining this evening and the prospect is that we shall have a wet night. What a pity it would be if it should rain so hard that the lovers of gossip should not get to their accustomed haunts tonight in order to get things in shape for the morning edition.

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What a blessed thing it would be for this world if all men and some women could make up their minds that one part of their business in the world was intended to be to let other people's business alone. But curiosity still exists and clamors to be satisfied with the crumbs that fall from the table of those that would mind their own business if let alone. Of all the morbid desires that curse the human family from this one good Lord deliver me.

There are advantages in living in a country Town, and there are disadvantages. The felt want in this town is a place where the people can come together promiscuously and have a feast of reason and a flow of soul, without the obscenery that clusters around the groceries in this vicinity. But the fathers have ate sour grapes and the childrens teeth are set on edge and as long as the leaders in society endures the evils that exist there is little chance to better the present state of affairs.

February 15<sup>th</sup>

Worked in the forenoon in the burying-ground. This afternoon went clamming to rest(?) me. The medicine(?) did not operate in that direction. Found the travailing very bad.

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February 16<sup>th</sup>

Worked for H Bradley today shelling corn. It has been a lousy day. It is stormy this evening, Have had Isaac Bardy(?) to help me today and we have talked of Politics, Morals, Religion and trade. How pleasant it is occasionally to meet and converse with a sensible young Man, and the more blessed seems the opportunity because so seldom enjoyed. Another week has passed away and the Sabbath of rest draws near. May I enter on it, delight and profit by them.

February 17<sup>th</sup>

Have been to Church today. Mr Havens preached the forenoon, text was in Job-16-19. The subject was enlarged upon and the kind of people that have their witness on-high were noticed. The fact to that the world misjudge the character of Christians was dwelt upon. The afternoon text was in Pet 2-5. The minister dwelt upon the fact as given in the Bible that the wickedness of the antediluvians was great and then proceeded to give some of the reasons or causes

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which tended to produce this wickedness in them, among which were the inter marriage with the daughters of men or the sons of Seth and the daughters of Cain. Another cause was the longevity of the inhabitants of the earth in those early ages. This evening attended a Lecture at the Church. The minister addressed himself to the young urging the importance of their taking hold of the enterprising spots. I rather thought it meant Chapel(?).

February 18<sup>th</sup>

Again worked for Mr. Bradley. It has been pleasant for February. Have shelled corn in company with Isaac Pardy. What a difference there is in men: some know nothing but a dollar and seem to live for the sole purpose of getting it into their pockets. While others are willing to live and let live. Give me the company of a man and I think I can enjoy myself with but little money. I am sick of humanity when I think of those that are toiling for property they cannot enjoy and are chafed with the fear of losing a cent.

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February 19<sup>th</sup>

Worked part of the day for H. Bradley. This afternoon went in search of evergreen for the Church.

February 20<sup>th</sup>

It has been a stormy day. I have done very little today. This evening have read a tract on the traffic in intoxicating drinks. Felt very much interested in it. Had a call from Neighbor Bartlet(?) from whom I got the tract. Talked Temperance with him a while but talk will not do. We must act on this important subject.

February 21<sup>st</sup>

This forenoon have been to New Haven after coal and groceries. The weather is rather unpleasant with snow on the ground and snow in the air.

February 22<sup>nd</sup>

Washington's Birthday. Have worked for H. Bradley. This evening been to a Sabbath School gathering at the Church. Rev Mr. Loomis(?) addressed the children. Presents were given to the children and Teachers by the Ministers. All seemed pleased.

February 23<sup>rd</sup>

In the forenoon went to Mill. In the afternoon went to Fair Haven, called at Uncle(?) Luddingtons(?). Found them \*\*\*\*\* was there and is quite \*\*\*\*\* Aunt(?) is complaining(?)

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It is storming this evening and the prospect is that we shall have an unpleasant Sabbath tomorrow.

February 24<sup>th</sup>

Have been to Church today. The Rev Mr Loomis preached. The text forenoon was in John 4 chapter 21,23-24<sup>th</sup> verses. Afternoon text was in Heb(?) 10-25. The forenoon discourse was a sermon on vital Godliness in which many ideas were advanced, such as the individuality of Religion or the fact that there is a difference between the Church and Religion. The one being the principle of the soul, the other an organized body of Christians, the better to carry out the principles of individuals for the glory of God. And that the form of church government may change but true Religion is ever the same. The forms and ceremonies of which many sects think so much were duly handled and exposed as far as their Christian vitality is concerned. The afternoon discourse was on the importance of attending the social Prayer meeting and the effect

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produced by the neglect of this duty. Instances were cited to prove the advantages of social Prayer, such as the prayer offered for Peter while in prison and the answer those Prayers received.

February 25th

Worked for Mr. Bradley. It has been a February day. This evening looks like a storm. Had a call from Sidney Pardy(?).

February 26th

Again at Mr. Bradley's. The weather has been pleasant. Winter is passing away and Spring is nigh at hand. How swiftly the months and years roll around. May the current of time bare me safely on to the Heaven of eternal rest.

February 27<sup>th</sup>

Have worked for Mr. Bradley again today. Have been splitting and blasting logs and feel tired. Wife has gone to the prayer meeting.

February 28<sup>th</sup>

In the forenoon worked for H. Bradley. Afternoon went to Fair Haven to a Temperance Convention. The subject for discussion was the obligations of Christians to the Temperance cause.

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It was discussed by the Rev Mr. Reynolds of North Haven, Rev Mr. Hurd of Southport(?) and Rev Mr. Havens of East Haven, and touched upon by some of the laymen. The meeting in the afternoon was in the second church. In the evening at the first. Dr. Hatch of the Reform School Meriden spoke of the social evil of Intemperance and the Remedy which was loyal(?) \*\*\*\*\* for the \*\*\*\*\* \*\*. The Rev Mr Loomis spoke after the Dr. It was time well spent I think.

March 1<sup>st</sup>

It has been a stormy day. Have been to preparatory lecture this afternoon.

March 2<sup>nd</sup>

Worked in the graveyard part of the day. It has been \*\*\*\*\* part of the day. Thus ends the labors of another week. May the duties of the \*\*\*\*\* be meditated upon tonight and thus I be fitted to offer acceptable worship unto God.

March 3<sup>rd</sup>

Have been to Church today. Mr. Havens preached. The text forenoon was in John 1-17. The mission of Jesus Christ in bringing in the new dispensations and their

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fulfilling prophecy and opening up a full and complete salvation were a part of the discourse. This afternoon was communion. A Temperance meeting is appointed this evening.

This evening have attended a Temperance meeting at the Meeting house. A Mr Hurd spoke and spoke well , after which there was a business meeting of the society to choose a committee to arrange for the convention next week. Some discussion was had upon organizing a lodge of good Templers which showed something like Temperance.

March 4<sup>th</sup>

Have been to mill and to Fair Haven twice.

March 5<sup>th</sup>

Worked today for H. Bradley. The weather has been changeable. This evening is pleasant.

March 6<sup>th</sup>

Again for Mr. Bradley. The weather has been wintry. The prayer meeting this evening was well attended.

March 7<sup>th</sup>

The day has been stormy. In the forenoon went to Fair Haven. This afternoon had a call from Mr. Bartlett. Talked a little

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on the favorite topic of Temperance, which at present after so long a time of deadness seems to be reviving. Feel like bidding the cause God speed.

March 8<sup>th</sup>

This morning helped Mr. Bartlett butcher his pig and afterwards went to Fair Haven. Stayed about the house the rest of the day. Read the paper thought some, read some and talked some. Had Mrs. Farren to help wife sew. Have had thoughts today called up by remarks at the prayer meeting on the importance of reading the Bible. Hope they have not been unprofitable.

March 9<sup>th</sup>

Worked today for Mr. Bradley. It has been a sour day. This evening is stormy, tomorrow is the Sabbath. How blessed is the privilege of having one day in seven when we can lay by worldly cares and worship God in his earthly temple.

Thine earthly Sabbaths Lord we love  
But there's a nobler rest above  
To that our longing hearts aspire  
With ardent pangs of strong desire.

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March 10<sup>th</sup>

Attended Church today. Mr. Havens preached the forenoon. Text was in Mat 15<sup>th</sup> chapter, 32-39 verses. The Minister dwelt at length on the miracle and the fact that we are continually fed by the same God that then fed the multitude. He touched on the significant fact that he blest the food before eating and thus set an example for all to follow that acknowledge the overruling providence of God. The afternoon text was in Eph-4-32. The duty of love to all coupled with forgiveness was as I understand it the theme of the discourse as the text would imply. It has been a very unpleasant day and very muddy.

March 11<sup>th</sup>

Have worked today for H. Bradley. It has been a March day, made up of sunshine and clouds with wind for a change. Feel rather weary after a hard days work, yet it may be all for the best. Have had my thoughts on the evils that afflict society and the world and have longed as I have oft times before that something might be done to remedy these evils

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yet feel that as long as the Church of Christ remains so inactive as at present there is little hope. May God aid those who will take hold of these things to \*\*\*\*\* before the community where they live and labor the evils on the one side and the blessings on the other in such a way and manner that our whole people may be stirred up to labor for the overthrow(?) of the \*\*\*\*\* systems of evil that exist in our land and may God speed the day

When Jesus shall reign wherever the \*\*\*\*

Does his \*\*\*\*\* \*\*\*\*\*

His kingdom stretched from shore to shore

Till moon shall \*\*\*\*\* and \*\*\*\*\* more

March 12th

It has been a stormy day. I went to New Haven in the forenoon after \*\*\*\*. This afternoon went to mill. Have accomplished but little. The weather cold and stormy has seemed to affect the inner \*\*\*\*\* and shut up the fountain of useful thought somewhat(?) and yet it is I believe impossible for a human being to live and acknowledge his dependence upon God without each day having some thoughts that will

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be more or less profitable both to the Body and the soul. And yet how little progress heavenward do we make in consequence of not having our thoughts and affections raised above the fleeting things of time and sense.

O may my thoughts and thanks arise  
As grateful incense to the skies(?)  
And draw from heaven that sweet repose  
Which none be he that feels it knows

March 13<sup>th</sup>

Have worked again today for Mr. Bradley. It has been cloudy today. Have been to prayer meeting this evening. A goodly number present. It looks like a storm tonight.

March 14<sup>th</sup>

Worked in the forenoon for Mr. Bradley. In the afternoon attended a Temperance Convention held in the Church. Delegates were present from society in Fair Haven, North Haven, North Branford and from Good Templar lodges in some of the localities. The meeting was interesting. Discussion was had on the subject generally and on the particular question selected: What should be the

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end aimed at in the Temperance reform? In the evening we had a lecture from the Rev. Mr. Murray from West Meriden. He handled the subject on scientific principles(?) which require deep study, the lecture was full of interest. After the meeting there was a lodge of Good Templars formed which calls for three hearty cheers by those that love the great reform.

March 15<sup>th</sup>

Have felt what our grandfathers and grandmothers would have called half sick today, but suppose the moderns(?) would call it indisposed. Have worked in the graveyard part of the day and stayed at home the rest. Thus each day has its cares, its pains, its perplexities. But this is the checker board of life and all are called to take a hand in it at one time or another.

March 16<sup>th</sup>

Got up this morning rather late and thought I would make a day doing nothing(?) but found it unsuited to my uneasy disposition and so concluded to move in some direction. Went to mill and then

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went to the graveyard and worked a spell. It commenced snowing and I came home. Found Wife in the dough. Waited until she got out and then supped on red beans. Thus ends the events of the week. There has been so much going on this week in the vicinity that I have almost lost myself and it doesn't seem much like Saturday night. Yet such it is. The weeks are passing rapidly away and age comes on apace. And grey hairs are seen here and there upon me ere I was aware. May I govern my passions with absolute sway and grow wiser and better as life wears away.

March 17<sup>th</sup>

Today have been to Church. The Minister from Orange, Rev. Mr. Raymond preached the forenoon. Text was in Mark 10 ch, 14 verse. The old ceremony of circumcision was placed by the side of Baptism, both being interpreted as the same in substance, namely as sacraments of the Church and seals of the Covenant made by God to the Father of the faithful. The responsibilities of parents and children in consequence of this covenant were dwelt upon and the advantages accruing therefrom.

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The afternoon text was in Mat 3ch 7<sup>th</sup> verse. The wrath of God was the theme in part. The terrors of this wrath to come were dwelt upon, the eternity of this wrath and the fact that when the wicked had endured this wrath ages on ages, still it would be the wrath to come. The way of escape from this wrath was also dwelt upon. It was a solemn and stirring appeal to all present. To those who were yet in their sins it was a solemn warning to repent and turn to God and do works meet for repentance. To those that hope in Christ it was an exhortation to thank God for opening their understanding to see the error of their ways and turning them unto the Lord.

March 18<sup>th</sup>

Have been about home today. Called on neighbor S(?) Pardee, wrote copies for Minnie and have done various chores and had various thoughts on various subjects. Have come to the conclusion that the great want at the present day is the

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want of thought. This opinion is strengthened by reading the part that certain learned men are taking on the subject of temperance. When certain ex governors and Revd take the ground that a license law will aid the cause it is about time that the little fish begin to think and then let their thoughts take the shape of actions. This is the way I think and I say to all such with all due respect to the opinions of those learned men. Gentlemen. I do not believe it. They may have something to bolster up their opinions that I know not of but my private opinion is that when tried in the crucible of truth and Righteousness those opinions will be found wanting. The Curse of God in my opinion rests on the system throughout and let those who uphold it beware lest they be found fighting against God.

March 19<sup>th</sup>

Went to Fair Haven. Called at Uncle Justin Luddingtons and left wife and horse. Then took the horsecars to New Haven, or rather hoofed it in and rode out. Came home and got

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tea and went back to N-H to a political meeting addressed by a man from N Jersey and Patrick Corbit. Both excellent speakers but did not get the benefit of their speeches in consequence of taking a back seat and being disturbed by the rowdies of the double tongued and hissing propensities. But that kind have hissed ever since the fall, yes and before, and they seem to have left the east and emigrated to this free country to curse it as their Father did Eden. May their days be few in this land of the free and home of the brave. Minnie has left us today in the 7 o'clock morning train. It seems so lonely without her prattle.

March 20<sup>th</sup>

About home today. Called at Elijah Bradley this morning. He is said to be very sick. Did not see him. This afternoon went to Mill. These days are to me hard days. The weather has been such for a few days that I could not work. Hope spring will open soon. The day has been very sloppy, the snow having melted fast through the day

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This evening been to prayer meeting in the Town house, few present. The passage for remark was: Abstain from all appearance of evil. A good text if studied and then practiced.

March 21<sup>st</sup>

Today like the few days past has been a leisure day. Called this morning at Elijah Bradleys, found him very low. He died this afternoon at half past 1 o'clock. In the midst of life, we are in death. This evening attended the lodge.

March 22<sup>nd</sup>

Another dull day. Cloudy with high wind. Called on our Minister this forenoon. Afternoon helped wife and read the papers. Wrote a letter today to Essex to Sister Ella. Thus time passes away with its and each day brings with it its allotted duties.

March 23<sup>rd</sup>

Have brought in the hens eggs, been to the P O, done chores, called at Hillet(?) Bradleys and had a chat, read various books or parts of books. Hope the weather will get settled soon so that I can go to work for I am tired of this lazy way of living.

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I sometimes wonder how those people live that do nothing the year round, but custom I suppose becomes law and habits are hard to break off. But how worthless should I feel if I had no other employment then seeing others work or gathering the gossip of the neighborhood that I might retell it in small measure to suit the curious inquirer. This afternoon had an arrival of goods from Boston. Wife got a breakfast shawl. It was brought by Miss Abba Ferguson and Miss Anna Bradley. Thus has passed away another week. May its record be to my spiritual advantage when called to give an account of the deeds done in the body.

March 24<sup>th</sup>

Been to Church today, had an agent of the foreign mission board in the forenoon. He dwelt upon the general subject of missions, the needs of the heathen, the command of the Savior: go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. The excuses that are made were taken up

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And handled. That is those that excuse themselves for not giving. The funeral of Elijah Bradley was attended immediately after the forenoon service from his late residence. The family and friends went to Church and Mr Havens preached from Eccl 8ch 8vrs. The doctrine set forth in the text, namely the sovereignty of God or that man does not die by chance. The lessons were applied to the Family and friends, and also to all present.

There is a Sabbath School concert this evening at 5 ½ O Clock to be addressed by the man that preached in the morning.

This evening been to Sunday school concert. Had a very interesting lecture or talk giving an account of the heathen practices and of the number of people in Hindustan, which he said was 130,000,000, or 100,000,000 more than the inhabitants of the United States.

March 25<sup>th</sup>

Today have worked in the graveyard. This evening been to caucus

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March 26<sup>th</sup>

Worked in the graveyard again today. The weather has been blustering. This evening called at Widow Elijah Bradleys and Family. Feel rather bad this evening. Hope to feel better in the morning. These little aches and pains ought to remind me that I am mortal and shall soon pass away from the world. May I heed the warning.

March 27<sup>th</sup>

Again in the Burying ground. It has been squally and unpleasant today. This evening been to prayer meeting.

March 28<sup>th</sup>

Today have been to North Haven to a Temperance Convention. Had a good time and enjoyed the meeting. Delegates to the convention were there from the various Lodges and Churches. The reports I think showed that there was progress making in the cause, especially by the Templars. The subject for delegates to speak upon was: What are the present obstacles

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to the complete success of the Temperance movements, and how are they to be removed or overcome. Speakers on the question were Rev Mr Hurd, Rev Mr Loomis, Rev Mr Noyes, Rev Mr Havens. All were present and spoke but Mr Havens but Mr Havens (your humble servant saying a few words at the urgent request of the convention.) The speakers were a unit on the opinion that Law was the remedy the most needed. The meeting was lively and good feeling prevailed.

Mr French was to speak in the evening, but I did not stay but came down to Fair Haven to the Republican caucus. Nominated Charles Ives Esq for our Representative, passed some resolutions and adjourned.

March 29<sup>th</sup>

Worked in the graveyard today. The weather has been very windy.

March 30<sup>th</sup>

This forenoon went to New Haven after coke. Stopped in Fair Haven to trade. This afternoon worked in graveyard. It has been windy again today.

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Thus ends the labors of another week in which Politics and morals have taken a prominent place.

March 31<sup>st</sup>

Been to Church this forenoon. Mr. Havens preached. The text was in the first 9 verses of the 12<sup>th</sup> Chapter of Mat. The Sabbath in its various aspects as a Patriarchal Mosaic and Christian institution were dwelt upon and its adaptation to the wants of man's nature, all showing the wisdom of God in its institution. But more especially were the blessings connected with its sacred duties dwelt upon.

The afternoon text was in Rom-14ch-7vrs. The duty of living for others was the theme as the text would intimate. The worthlessness of those lives to the world who live only for themselves was touched upon. Politics, Morals and Religion were brought in and the good that we shall do posterity by living for them was dwelt upon as an inducement to an unselfish life.

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April 1<sup>st</sup>

Today has been electors meeting. The Town of East Haven is said to have given about 40 majority for Republican Representative and 50 for governor. It has been an April day, with clouds, sunshine and rain at intervals. Have felt about half sick. Have been to the Polls, etc. Hope to feel better tomorrow. How needful it is that we should feel these aches and pains that we may be reminded that we are mortal. May the dealings of God with me teach me the lesson to live well here that I may live happy hereafter.

April 2<sup>nd</sup>

Today have worked in the graveyard. It has been a blustering day. Democracy is still shooting. Hope the gun will last till they get James fairly shot in. O Happy Democracy. Well such is life.

April 3<sup>rd</sup>

In the graveyard again today. This evening been to prayer meeting.

April 4<sup>th</sup>

Finished clearing in the Burying Ground this forenoon. Afternoon worked

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about home. In the evening went with Wife to the Wedding of Lottie(?) Bradley. Had a pleasant time.

April 5<sup>th</sup>

This day has been one of the days that occasionally are to be found in the calendar of life made up of littles. This morning called on Miss Eliza Barnes about the Burying Ground. Called on Bradley Pardee. Talked first of this and then of that and filled up the chinks with Temperance. Been to mill. Shod the old horse. Called on the Doctor. Went to the graveyard with Widow John Thompson. Surely this is busy world, and the record of one day well employed should teach us how much we might do by well using the little moments of time.

April 6<sup>th</sup>

Worked at home in the forenoon. Afternoon went to the Auction on the premises of the late Elijah Bradley. Been to the graveyard with widow

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David S(?) Fowler to see about \*\*\*\*ing their lot. Thus the weeks pass away and we are filling up the measure of our allotted time on earth.

Lord make me to know mine end and the measure of my days what it is.

April 7<sup>th</sup>

Been to Church today. Mr Havens preached the forenoon. Text was in Psalm 8ch 3vrs. The preacher touched upon the word heavens as meaning different in different places. In the text it meant the sky over our heads, studded with moon and stars. He then dwelt upon Heaven as the habitation of God and holy beings, and dwelt upon it as a locality somewhere in the universe of God. This was in part the theme or themes, with others, of the discourse.

The afternoon text was in Gen 3ch-2-3 verses. The natural depravity of the human heart was dwelt upon, as seen in the language of Eve to the serpent, the motions of sin seeming to work in her even before she had yielded to the temptation of the Devil by eating

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of the forbidden fruit. The proneness of the human heart to reach after forbidden fruit and charge God foolishly with being harsh and severe in not allowing men more liberty was touched upon. These were in part the discourse.

It has been a pleasant Sabbath. O how should our hearts go out in thankfulness to God that our lot has been cast in this Christian land where we have Sabbath and sanctuary opportunities and where we can worship God according to the dictates of our own consciences, having none to molest or make us afraid.

April 8<sup>th</sup>

Worked in the Cemetery for the Fowlers. It has been a fine day.

This evening went to Fair Haven to the Lodge.

April 9<sup>th</sup>

At work as above. All things are full of labor. This has been a pleasant Spring like day. It is still and quiet this evening.

Wisdom is justified of all her children. Be wise today tis madness to defer.

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April 10<sup>th</sup>

Worked in the Cemetery for the Fowlers. It has been cloudy and misty. This evening attended prayer meeting. A thin attendance. Chose a committee to purchase the books for the Sabbath School, etc.

April 11<sup>th</sup>

Worked in the Cemetery in the forenoon. Afternoon went with Wife to North Branford to Temperance Convention. Had a live meeting. In the evening went to the lodge. Wife rode the goat. Four new members joined.

April 12<sup>th</sup>

Worked in the graveyard. Finished up for the Fowlers. It has been a pleasant day. Feel the effects of sin in my body reminding me that, it is appointed unto man once to die. May I ever stand with my lamp trimmed and burning, being ready and willing to depart and be with Christ, which is far better.

April 13<sup>th</sup>

This day has been made up of piece meals. Worked a little while in the morning for Mrs. Farren. Went to N Haven. Traded at Mr. Huntleys in Grand Street. Then went up to Malleys to see the sights and trade a little.

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Called on Dea Forbes family. Came back to Fair Haven over Neck Bridge. Did a little trading in the village and came home a little wiser and a little poorer than we went away. Had ought to have said that we took the back road going and called at Brother Barttlets.

Have been reading the 27<sup>th</sup> chapter of the gospel by Mat and find it instructive as giving the character of what I should call a representative man.

How many have been found in the world in all past ages, and how many are to be found at the present day that will sacrifice principle for self interest and then will go through the miserable farce of washing their hands of all responsibility, and thus selling themselves for the wages of \*\*\*\*\*ness leave their record for posterity to despise them, while God has also put the unmistakable mark of his disapprobation upon them for their sin. May God deliver me from the fear of man that bringeth a snare, and that love of office and power that drowns the voice of conscience

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April 14<sup>th</sup>

Been to Church today. Mr Havens preached. The text forenoon was Rom 1ch-1-7 verses. This was the commencement of a series of discourses on the Epistle to the Romans. The preacher commenced with an introduction explaining the several words used by the Apostle such as Paul, servant of Jesus Christ. Apostle separated and thus followed the verses through. Then dwelt upon the duties of Ministers to the people. And then the duties of the people to hear and profit thereby. Afternoon text was in 25ch-46 verse. The fact of a general Judgement and the universal consciousness of it in the breasts of mankind was the theme in part as I understood it. The other passages of the Bible going to prove that, it is appointed unto man once to die and after death the Judgement, coming in to prove the doctrine.

April 15<sup>th</sup>

Worked in the graveyard today. This evening been to Fair Haven to the Degree(?) Lodge of Good Templars. Had a good time and received profit I trust

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April 16<sup>th</sup>

This morning went to the Burying ground to work. Was broke off by the rain. Came home and drew off some cider for vinegar. It is raining at the present hour 11 ½ O Clock. In the afternoon went to Foxon to see Eddy. Found him milking though not feeling very well.

April 17<sup>th</sup>

Worked in the graveyard for Widow John Thompson. The weather has been misty and changeable. This evening heard of the Death of Uncle Stephen Smith. How often are we reminded by the sudden death providences that occur around that this world is not our home. May we heed the lessons thus taught us.

April 18<sup>th</sup>

Worked in the graveyard today. Turfed graves for Betsey Street . Heard that Uncle Stephen Smith did not die till this morning at 2 o'clock.

April 19<sup>th</sup>

Today have been on the sick list. It has been our annual State fast(?). Wanted to attend Church but was not able.

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April 20<sup>th</sup>

Today have attended the funeral of Uncle Stephen Smith. The services at the house were conducted by the Rev Mr Shailor, at the grave by Rev Mr Simons. It was a large funeral. Mr Shailor made some remarks from Luke 14ch, 14 verse. Called at Mr Fabriques to see Eddy. Found him quite sick with the measles.

April 21<sup>st</sup>

Been to Chruch this forenoon. My Hayes(?) preached. The text was in 2 Thess 1ch 12vrs. The duty of Christians to glorify the name of the Lord. Jesus Christ was the theme. The afternoon text was in Acts 2ch 40 vrs. The duty of Christians to save themselves from the untoward generation among which they dwell by separation from them was in part the theme of the discourse. This evening went to Foxon to see Eddy, found him some better. Had a Sabbath School Concert this evening. Deacon Smith addressed the children.

April 22<sup>nd</sup>

Worked for the Thompsons in the graveyard. Heard this afternoon of the Death of Reynolds Street. Heard no particulars, only that he was killed by accident

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Mrs. Prout has attended the Circle of industry at Mrs. C. Grannis and wishes me to make a record of the fact.

Tried to revive the Church fence business. Then started home in usual form and on the road they met storm.

April 23<sup>rd</sup>

Worked in the graveyard today. This forenoon finished in the Thompsons lot. This afternoon worked for Widow Elijah Bradley. Have agreed to help S. Bradley move three bodies tomorrow to make room for the remains of Reynolds Street.

April 24<sup>th</sup>

Have worked in the graveyard moving the remains of a smith family from Foxon to make room for the remains of Reynolds Street. This evening have been to prayer meeting, but few present. Stepped into the store with a view to ask a few of the brethren of the Church to come in and help. Found them engaged in conversation that seemed to interest them and went back to the Town House and had a meeting without them. Could not help thinking that Jesus Christ is often

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wounded in the house of his professed friends. May I ever elevate my Religion above every thing else and make it an every day duty.

April 25<sup>th</sup>

This morning went to Fair Haven. Called on the Rev Mr Noyes. Came home and went to work in the graveyard for Mrs Farren in the forenoon. This afternoon attended the funeral of Raynolds Street, a large gathering. This evening been to the Lodge, had a good time.

April 26<sup>th</sup>

Today worked for Mrs. Farren in the graveyard. Merwin Tuttle hung himself this noon. Drew a load of chips for S Pardee from Edwin Granniss. Signed a prayer for a Degree Temple.

April 27<sup>th</sup>

There has nothing of special import taken place today. I have worked for Mrs. Farren in the graveyard. We have had a shower this afternoon which has left the air quite cool. This has been an eventful week for this part of the town.

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Thus has past away another week with its cares, its labors and its warnings. May the lessons of life be well studied and produce their desired effect. What shadows we are and what shadows we pursue.

April 28<sup>th</sup>

Have been to Church today. Our minister was taken sick this morning. Consequently we had no preaching. Dea Curtis led the exercises which consisted in part of reading discourses founded on scripture. The afternoon subject was drawn from the words: Blessed are the meek for they shall inherit the Earth.

This evening attended a prayer meeting at the Good Templars room in Fair Haven, a full attendance. Called at John Foots, found him quite sick. It is very cold for the season of the year.

April 29<sup>th</sup>

This forenoon worked for Mrs. Farren. This afternoon went to the Funeral of Merwin Tuttle. The weather has been very cool for the last of April.

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Have been thinking since the funeral of the deaths the last week in this vicinity and have been trying to draw lessons of spiritual wisdom from them. It does not do to say the truths with regard to them , and yet there are great truths connected with these events. Let the dead rest in the hands of that God who doeth all things well, and let the living profit by the lessons of their lives and their deaths.

April 30<sup>th</sup>

Worked in the Burying Ground part of the day, was broke off by the rain. In the evening went to the Degree Temple.

May 1<sup>st</sup>

Annual State Election at Hartford. The weather in the forenoon was misty. This afternoon we have had heavy rain and thunder. The Horse Guards have been to Hartford to Election. Also the unterefied Democracy in consequence of which we have had a very quiet day. Suppose the whiskey trade must have been very brisk in Hartford today.

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May 2<sup>nd</sup>

Worked in the graveyard part of the day. Sowed barley the rest. Wife has been to New Haven to see the Lion. Got tired and disappointed. This evening we have been to the Lodge. Had a good time, five new ones admitted.

May 3<sup>d</sup>

In the forenoon worked in the Cemetery for Mrs. Bradley. This afternoon been to preparatory lecture. Chose officers for the Sabbath School for the ensuing year. After meeting called on the Minister. Found him looking feeble yet gaining. Thus has passed into Eternity the record of another day. May it tell for \*

May 4<sup>th</sup>

Again in the Burying Ground. Worked for Mrs. Bradley. It has been a cool day. There was a heavy frost this morning. Feel rather weary. Guess a little rest will fetch me out right in the morning.

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May 5<sup>th</sup>

Been to Church today. Mr. Havens preached. The text was in Eccl 7-14. It was applicable to mourners and was probably wrote for those that had been called to mourning of late. The duty of rightly improving the death providences in the circle of our family or among our connections was in part the theme. This afternoon was Communion. Have been this evening to Fair Haven to prayer meeting. There was a full house and an interesting meeting. Called at John Fouts. Found him very sick. It is profitable to muse on the uncertainty of human life while in health and prepare to meet its closing scenes.

May 6<sup>th</sup>

This forenoon finished Mrs. Bradley's plot in the graveyard. The rest of the day worked for Samuel Chidsey. Feel about tired-out this evening. It looks much like a storm.

May 7<sup>th</sup>

Worked in the graveyard for Sarah Hughes. This evening been to Fair Haven. Called at John Fouts. Found him very low. The prospects are unfavorable for him.

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May 8<sup>th</sup>

It has been a stormy day. Have done various chores. Been to mill, etc. Wrote a letter to Sister Ella Parker. The bell tolled this morning for George Woodard. Thus again we are reminded of the shortness and uncertainty of human life.

This evening attended prayer meeting at the Town house.

May 9<sup>th</sup>

This forenoon worked in the graveyard for Sarah Hughs. This afternoon went to the funeral of George Woodward. This evening attended the Lodge.

May 10<sup>th</sup>

It is a pleasant morning. It has been a pleasant day. Have worked for Sarah Hughs today in the graveyard. Had a call this evening from Mrs. Furgesson.

May 11<sup>th</sup>

This forenoon worked in the graveyard. Moved the body of Wm Prince child. This afternoon plowed garden and planted some. This evening been to Fair Haven, called at Almira Foots. Funeral of her husband tomorrow at 3 ½ O Clock.

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May 12<sup>th</sup>

This forenoon went to Church. Mr Havens preached. The text was in Rom. 3ch 21-22vrs. The doctrine of salvation by Christ alone both for Jews and Gentiles was in part at least the theme. This afternoon been to the funeral of John Foot. Thus has God spoken again to this large circle of friends in the persuasive language of the grave. Prepare to meet thy God. May we heed the warning voice.

May 13<sup>th</sup>

Worked in the garden in the forenoon. Afternoon helped Sidney Pardee set fence. This evening went to the Degree Temple. Called at Jared Andrews, found his child very low.

May 14<sup>th</sup>

Been to New Haven to the Probate Office. Called at Uncle Luddingtons and left wife. Went after her this evening. Came home and went to the church meeting. Voted to apply the Church fund for repairing the building.

May 15<sup>th</sup>

Worked at home today. Plowed and planted potatoes. It has been quite pleasant. This evening have been to prayer meeting. A goodly number of

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females present but few males. Had a good meeting. Feel that these little gatherings for social religious purposes are not without their good effects on those that attend them as well as the community around.

May 16<sup>th</sup>

Today dug a grave for Jared Andrews Child and attended at the Funeral. Thus the old, the middle aged, and the young are called away, showing that Death is no respecter of persons. Been to the lodge tonight, had a good time.

May 17<sup>th</sup>

It has been a misty day. Have worked about home. Planted some between showers. This evening been to Music Hall to hear John B. Gough (?) on curiosity.

May 18<sup>th</sup>

This morning went part way to Fair Haven with Wife. Worked this afternoon at the graveyard, after which I went after Wife to Uncle Luddingtons. Had a call from Widow Sarah Bradley. Also from A Hughes to talk over the Estate matters. Thus ends another week of toil and care and trials.

May 19<sup>th</sup>

Been to Church today. Mr Reynolds preached. The text forenoon was in

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Lev 23ch 1-3vrs. The Sabbath and its advantages and especially the advantages to the family were the theme. The afternoon text was in Mat 6ch 33 vrs. The duty that we owe to God in seeking his Glory in all that we do and making the Kingdom of God of the highest importance was in part if not all the theme.

Sabbath-School Concert to be held this evening. It has been a pleasant Sabbath.

May 20<sup>th</sup>

This morning went to the Probate Office. Afterwards tended the auction. The thorn lot was sold. Elsworth Thompson bid it off. This afternoon cruised for the benefit of others in part. This evening been up to Uncle Luddingtons after a harness. Paid 7 dollars for it.

May 21<sup>st</sup>

Worked in the graveyard for the Grannisses. Moved the Remains of Lymans Child etc.

May 22<sup>nd</sup>

A rainy day. Wrote to Sister Tucker and chored. Bought a cow, etc. Went to Prayer meeting in the evening at the Town House.

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May 23<sup>rd</sup>

Worked in the Graveyard for the Granniss Family. This evening been to the Lodge. Had a pleasant time.

May 24<sup>th</sup>

Worked as above in the yard. Had a call from Miss Eliza Barnes and Sisters. Feel weary and worn.

May 25<sup>th</sup>

Today dug the grave for Amos Thompson child and attended the funeral. Worked some for the Grannisses, etc. Feel thankful that tomorrow is the Sabbath. May God help me to keep it holy.

May 26<sup>th</sup>

Attended Church today. Mr Havens preached. The text forenoon was in Mark \*ch 22-26vrs. The healing of the blind man and its lessons. The afternoon text was in Luke 9ch 5-7vrs. The difference between profession and practice were in part the theme, together with the fact that many promise well in prosperity and when adversity comes forsake their post of duty.

In the evening went to the Wedding of Lin Luddington with Mr Havens. Had a very moist(?) time.

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May 27<sup>th</sup>

Again worked for the Grannisses in the Burying-ground. Wife has been to the Funeral of Mrs. R\*\*\*e. Have been to Fair Haven after her this evening.

May 28<sup>th</sup>

This forenoon finished the Granniss lot. This afternoon worked for John Tyler.

May 29<sup>th</sup>

Again worked for John Tyler. The weather has been changeable with heat and showers.

May 30<sup>th</sup>

Finished John Tylers lot today. This evening been to the Lodge and had a good time.

It looks like being a wet night.

May 31<sup>st</sup>

Mended fence at the thorn lot today. It has been cool and windy.

June 1<sup>st</sup>

Worked at home planting corn. Been to Mill. Went to the graveyard with Sarah Hughes and her cousin to see about a lot. Thus has ended another busy week.

June 2<sup>nd</sup>

Been to Church today. Mr. Havens preached. The forenoon text was in Job 33ch 29<sup>th</sup> vrs. The sovereignty of God. The afternoon text was in the 3\* Psalm -1<sup>st</sup> vrs. \*\*\*\*\* and slander

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This evening been to Fair Haven to Prayer meeting. Had a lively meeting, the exercises being conducted with a good degree of spirit and feeling.

June 3<sup>rd</sup>

Stormy in the forenoon. Dug a grave for Stephen Thompsons child. In the afternoon worked for Mr. Fabrique in the graveyard.

June 4<sup>th</sup>

Worked for Mr. Fabrique again today. This evening been to Fair Haven with Wife to trade.

June 5<sup>th</sup>

Worked in the graveyard for Mr. Fabrique. This evening been to the Prayer meeting. It has been a warm day. May the ever watchful care of the Almighty be over me and mine this night and through life that our end may be peace.

June 6<sup>th</sup>

This forenoon finished for Mr. Fabrique and moved the remains of Mr B\*\*leys child. Afternoon did various chores. This evening been to Lodge, had a good time. A number from Orion Lodge were with us.

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June 7<sup>th</sup>

Worked for myself today at a variety of things. This evening been to Alfred Hugheses. This is a busy world yet how many have nothing to do, or idle away its precious moments.

June 8<sup>th</sup>

Again about home. Plowed and planted at the thorn lot. This evening had A Hughes here settling the bills of the Estate. Got some confused with the performance.

June 9<sup>th</sup>

Been to Church today. Mr. Havens preached. The forenoon text was in Rom. 1ch 7 vrs. The subject consisted of explanations of this epistle the place of writing it the probable facts connected with the establishment of the Church of Rome etc.

Afternoon text was in Exodus the 31ch 13vrs. The duty of observing the Sabbath and the way and manner thereof were the theme in part.

June 10<sup>th</sup>

Worked for myself today. This evening had the men here to distribute. They adjourned till Wednesday.

June 11<sup>th</sup>

Worked for myself part of the day. Drew stone at the Burying Ground the rest.

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This evening been to Fair Haven.

June 12<sup>th</sup>

Worked in the graveyard this forenoon. This afternoon been on Pond(?) Rock with the distributors. This evening called on Thaddeus Street and Jonah \*\*\*. Prayer Meeting omitted for want of a place to meet.

June 13<sup>th</sup>

Worked in the graveyard today. This evening had the distributors on the Estate and finished up their business.

June 14<sup>th</sup>

Today worked for Alfred Hughes. Called this evening on Augustus Street with Sextons report.

June 15<sup>th</sup>

Worked in the graveyard at hay part of the day. This afternoon went to the Fort clamming, was late for the tide. Got clams enough for a mess. Thus ends the six days work.

June 16<sup>th</sup>

Have been to Church today. The Rev Owen Street preached in the forenoon. The text was in 2-Peter 3ch 18vrs. The duty of Christians to grow in grace and the effect of the Religion of Christ to expand the intellect were the theme of the discourse illustrated

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By the life of the Apostle Peter before and after his conversion.

Mr Havens preached in the afternoon. The text was in Luke 12ch 2 vrs. The fact that the actions of our lives are all known to God and will be revealed to the assembled universe and the care that we ought to have so to act that this revelation will not bring upon us shame and everlasting contempt were the theme.

June 17<sup>th</sup>

Set out cabbage plants. Been to Mill. Sprouted potatoes. Salted pork. Worked in the graveyard etc. It is strange to me how some folks can always find time to lounge around the stores, but thus it is.

June 18<sup>th</sup>

Went to Water(?)-side this morning. Worked the rest of the day in the graveyard till broke off by the rain. It is raining quite hard and looks like a wet night.

June 19<sup>th</sup>

Mowed in the graveyard this forenoon. This afternoon hoed, etc. This evening attended prayer meeting.

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June 20<sup>th</sup>

Today hoed some, worked in the graveyard at hay some, and helped Wife some. In the evening went to the Lodge.

June 21<sup>st</sup>

Finished hoeing the first time, worked in the garden etc.

June 22<sup>nd</sup>

This forenoon went to New Haven and Fair Haven. Traded horses and did some other business. This afternoon drew a load of hay from the graveyard, planted beans, hoed garden, etc.

May all my worldly cares and labors be laid aside and the Sabbath be kept holy according to the commandment.

Sunday June 23<sup>d</sup>

Been to Church today. Mr Havens preached. The forenoon text was in Rom 1ch 8-13vrs. The theme was the love and care the great apostle of the Gentiles had for the Roman Christians, the fact that he remembered them in his prayers, and the enjoyment derived from their and his mutual faith etc.

The afternoon text was in Hev(?) 2ch 10vrs. The aim and object of the Death and sufferings of Chirst to the race of man was in part the theme.

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June 24<sup>th</sup>

Worked for Hezekiah Bradley hoeing. It has been a warm day. Feel rather fatigued but hope nature's sweet restorer balmy sleep will make it right in the morning.

June 25<sup>th</sup>

It has been a rainy day. Mended fence this morning. Went to mill. Set out pepper and cabbage plants. Worked in the barn. Transplanted beets, etc.

June 26<sup>th</sup>

Mowed a few weeds in the graveyard in the forenoon. This afternoon worked for H. Bradley. This evening went to the Town House to a meeting. Found a it well lighted. Waited towards a half hour and then came home well satisfied in my own mind that I am not the only Church member that has lost their first love.

June 27<sup>th</sup>

This has been a changeable day. Some rain and some mist. Been to Fair Haven. Called at the Town Clerk's Office. Called on Uncle Luddington's folks. This evening been to the Lodge, has a pleasant time.

June 28<sup>th</sup>

This forenoon went to the woods and bought some poles of John Williams. This afternoon worked for H. Bradley. This evening been to Dea Curtis after Wife.

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June 29<sup>th</sup>

Worked for H Bradley. This evening rode out with Mrs Prout. Made two or three short calls and thus finished up the weeks work. I hope to be able to keep the coming Sabbath according to the Commandment.

June 30<sup>th</sup>

Been to Church today. Mr Havens preached the forenoon. Text was in 1-Samuel 29ch 3vrs. The duty of professors of Religion keeping where they will honor their profession was the substance of the discourse. The afternoon text was in Gab 6ch 2 vrs. The duty enjoined in the text was dwelt upon and the various ways of doing it. This evening been to Fair Haven to the united prayer meeting. Had the company of Mr and Mrs Fergusson.

July 1<sup>st</sup>

Dug a grave for Edward Smith and attended the funeral.

July 2<sup>nd</sup>

Worked for H Bradley hoeing. This evening been to the graveyard.

July 3<sup>rd</sup>

Worked for myself today. Hoed some. Drew a little hay from the graveyard, etc.

July 4<sup>th</sup>

This forenoon went to New Haven. Came home through Fair Haven.

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Finished hoeing this afternoon. This evening attempted to go to the Lodge but found the door locked and the key gone. The day has been celebrated on a small scale with pop guns and fire crackers. Patriotism seems to grow small as it grows old. Drinking bad whiskey and burning powder seems to be the order.

July 5<sup>th</sup>

This forenoon finished hoeing in the garden and hoed some sowed corn at the thorn lot. This afternoon attended preparatory lecture. It has been wet.

July 6<sup>th</sup>

This forenoon went clamming, had good luck. This afternoon went to auction at Mr Youngs late residence, Fair Haven, went to New Haven and home. The afternoon's work did not pay more than 10 per cent on cost. Wife bought a shawl and seems pleased with her trade. I am no judge and therefore judge not. She seems to want to have me say that it is pretty, but I do not know and cannot say, but suppose it is.

It is Saturday night and is raining quite hard. Thus ends the cares and labors of another week in this busy world of cares and vexations, pleasures and pains.

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July 7<sup>th</sup>

Been to Church today. Mr Havens preached. The forenoon text was in \*echeiak(?) 13ch \* vrs. The fountain as a type of purity was dwelt upon and Christ as the only fountain for sinners was dwelt upon. The afternoon was Communion. This evening been to Fair Haven to the united prayer meeting. Services interesting.

July 8<sup>th</sup>

Worked for Mr Bradley today. Commenced haying on the Branford land.

July 9<sup>th</sup>

Again at Mr. Bradleys. Mowed in the forenoon, and worked at rye in the afternoon.

July 10<sup>th</sup>

Worked at haying for Mr Bradley. It has been a cool day. Fell the truth of the wise man's assertion that All things are full of labor. Thought some on the various topics discussed at the present day but said nothing. The cider jug is still in use. What slaves men are to appetite and habit.

July 11<sup>th</sup>

Worked at the old place. This evening been to the Lodge. Had help from Brothers Avery and Jones from Orion Lodge.

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July 12<sup>th</sup>

Worked some at haying. The weather has been damp.

July 13<sup>th</sup>

Worked part of the day for Mr. Bradley plowing. This afternoon went to the Fort clamming. Tomorrow is the Sabbath of rest. May I enter upon its duties with delight and thus gain a foretaste of that eternal Sabbath of rest that remaineth for the people of God.

July 14<sup>th</sup>

Been to Church today. Mr Willard preached. The text forenoon was in Mat 22ch 39vrs. Love to our neighbor was the theme as the text would imply.

The afternoon text was in Mat 1ch 19vrs. The duty of man to be just to God and our fellow men was the substance of the discourse.

This evening went to Fair Haven to the United Prayer meeting.

July 15<sup>th</sup>

Again hayed at Mr Bradleys. It has been a good hay-day, and the Farmers have improved it.

July 16<sup>th</sup>

Worked as above. It has been a bad hay-day. We carted what we had mowed and took up some rye. It looks some like rain this evening.

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July 17<sup>th</sup>

At H Bradley's again today. It has been a good hay-day. This evening been to prayer meeting.

July 18<sup>th</sup>

Worked at the old place. Had a shower this afternoon that broke us off from haying. This evening been to the Lodge.

July 19<sup>th</sup>

This forenoon sowed turnips for Mr Bradley. Had a shower this afternoon that wet the hay and stopped work. This evening been to Fair Haven.

July 20<sup>th</sup>

This forenoon worked in the graveyard mowing. The afternoon has been stormy and I have lain off. It looks like a wet night. Tomorrow is the Sabbath. As I have labored the six days in accordance with the Command, may I enter on the Sabbath in such a way as to comply with the other command. Remember the Sabbath day to keep it Holy.

July 21<sup>st</sup>

Went to church this forenoon after digging a grave for a child of

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George Ward. Mr Raymond preached. The text was in Mark 8ch 36vrs. The subject was applied to several classes such as the self-righteous, the lovers of pleasure, etc. At noon attended the funeral, did not get through soon enough to go to Church.

This evening attended Sunday-school concert. Had a home-made meeting and very good.

July 22<sup>nd</sup>

Went to Saybrook Ferry. Got there about sundown. Stayed overnight.

July 23<sup>rd</sup>

Went to Nightengale Grove and met the Good Templars. Had a good time. Started for home in the afternoon. Got home safe.

July 24<sup>th</sup>

Today worked for Mr Bradley part of the day. Cut my barley, etc. This evening attended prayer meeting.

July 25<sup>th</sup>

Worked for Mr B again today. This evening been to the Lodge.

July 26<sup>th</sup>

It has been a cloudy day. This forenoon worked in the cemetery for Mrs Dodd, Mrs Davidson and Mrs Woodard.

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This afternoon rusticated, slept some, and worked some, and thought some. What a field for thought is this world and how much good might be done if we would think and think intelligently and then act for the Truth.

May God aid the world to see its needs and act accordingly.

July 27<sup>th</sup>

Mowed the low land at the thorn lot. It has been a cloudy misty day. No summer sun lasts the whole day.

July 28<sup>th</sup>

Been to Church today. Mr Havens preached the forenoon. Text was in the 139<sup>th</sup> Psalm 23-24<sup>th</sup> verses. The characters of the Psalmist and the prayer he offered, the importance of so living that we can meet the scrutiny of God and not be condemned for the sin of hypocrisy were in part the theme.

The afternoon text was in first Sam 15ch 14vrs. The doctrine the parson drew from the text was that to obey the Commands of God was the duty of all men.

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July 29<sup>th</sup>

It has been a bad hay day. It has rained some. Have been to the Fort clamming, been berrying(?) and chored here and there.

July 30<sup>th</sup>

Worked part of the day for Mr Bradley, and part for myself. This evening been to the thorn lot after a load of coarse hay. It has been a very pleasant day.

July 31<sup>st</sup>

Hayed it for Mr B. The day has been cool and windy. This evening been to the Prayer meeting, but few of the Brethren of the Church present yet we had I think a good meeting. The Parson was absent.

August 1<sup>st</sup>

Hayed it at the old place. This evening been at the Lodge. The officers for the ensuing quarter were installed.

August 2<sup>nd</sup>

This has been one of those days that occasionally occur in which I accomplish little worthy of notice. It has been a stormy day.

August 3<sup>rd</sup>

Another stormy day. Went clamming to the fort this forenoon, got somewhat wet. The afternoon was passed away very quietly in eating, reading and choring. Thus ends another week

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Sunday August 4<sup>th</sup>

Been to Church today. Mr Havens preached. The text forenoon was in Gal 3ch 27vrs. The necessity of having our religion an every day thing and showing it to the world were part of the discourse. Afternoon text was in 1 Sam 1ch 12-13vrs. The deceitfulness of outward appearances, the tendency of men to misjudge and the tendency to censure others with a strong setting off of the latter class were the theme.

This evening been to Fair Haven to the Prayer Meeting. It was interesting.

August 5<sup>th</sup>

Worked at haying through the day. In the evening attended the Degree Temple.

August 6<sup>th</sup>

A stormy morning. Went to Fair Haven and New Haven in the forenoon. Chored it about the premises in the afternoon. Toward evening went after Wife at Cousin Almyra Foots.

August 7<sup>th</sup>

Worked at haying. A warm day. This evening been to Prayer meeting.

August 8<sup>th</sup>

At haying again today.

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This evening been to the Lodge.

August 9<sup>th</sup>

Haying again today. It has been sultry weather. It looks like foul weather tomorrow.

August 10<sup>th</sup>

The old job still holds out and will for some time to come. It has been very good hay weather part of the day, a shower middle afternoon closed up haying for the week. It has been dogs days in earnest through the week.

Shall probably have new butter for breakfast in the morning if Wife has good luck. Well so mote(?) it be.

August 11<sup>th</sup>

Been to Church today. Mr Havens preached. The text forenoon was in 2-Kings 13ch 21vrs. The doctrine drawn from the text was the production of life by decay and death.

The afternoon text was in Eph the 3ch 15vrs. The beauty of the family relation held together by the mutual love of its members,

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its effect here and its probable effect in another world viewed in the light of religion was, as I understood it, in part the theme.

This evening been to Fair Haven to the united prayer meeting. The meeting was interesting and they seem to be alive to the interests of Temperance and Religion united. This is what is wanted here, a religious interest connected with Temperance. But this people are dead to spiritual things, the world, the flesh and the Devil in turn ruling. May God help us to think on our ways and turn our feet into his testimonies that thus it may be well with us and we may live long in the land the Lord our God has given us.

August 12<sup>th</sup>

Worked at hay at the old place. It has been a good hay-day and we have improved it.

August 13<sup>th</sup>

Hayed it again today. Not very good weather. It looks like a storm.

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August 14<sup>th</sup>

It has been changeable weather today. Have been with Wife to New Haven Fair Haven. Traded some on the route and came home in good time. Thus ends the record of the day. In the evening went to prayer meeting.

August 15<sup>th</sup>

It has been wet again today. This morning called on Brother Thaddeus Street and had a sociable with him and the Rev Mr Hurd from North-Ford who was staying over night at Brother Streets. This evening attended the Lodge. Raining quite hard at 10 O'Clock.

August 16<sup>th</sup>

It has been a stormy day and I have taken the benefit of it to rest and recruit. It has been one of those days that we accomplish so little that it will do to write it blank.

The weather is still unsettled and looks like a long storm. A large amount of hay on the meadows is probably nearly spoiled.

August 17<sup>th</sup>

Went clamming in the morning. Afternoon mowed a load of weeds in the grave yard. Had a tea party composed of Mrs Hurd, Mrs Foley

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and Mrs Linsley. In the evening called on Mr and Mrs Tooley at Mrs Linsleys.

Sunday August 18<sup>th</sup>

Been to Church in forenoon. Mr Custis preached from 1 Kings 18ch 21vrs. The duty of choosing between God and the world, the motives to such choice, and the effect for weal or woe, were the lessons drawn from the text. The afternoon text was in John 9ch 4vrs. The Savior had his work and he did it in the time appointed or he worked while the day lasted and that lasted till his death, thus setting an example for his followers to work while the day of life lasts. This was the sum of the discourse as I understood it. This evening been to Sabbath School concert. Has a Mr Dibble from New Haven to speak at the school.

Today have Cousin Bringham and Wife with us.

August 19<sup>th</sup>

Worked part of the day in the cemetery cutting bushes. This evening rode down to the plain with Wife. It has been very warm and sultry.

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August 20<sup>th</sup>

Worked on the meadows for Mr Bradley. The weather has been showery. It is and has been very catching weather for haying, but the Lord reigns all things shall work together for good to them that love God is a precious truth coming from the source of all truth.

August 21<sup>st</sup>

Went to Meriden to the Grand Lodge of Good Templars.

August 22<sup>nd</sup>

In Meriden till 7 ½ O'Clock. Came down on the cars and arrived at home at about 9 PM. Saw some, heard some, and came home without mingling in the details, having learned something . I think that will be of service to me.

August 23<sup>rd</sup>

It has been a rainy day and nothing in the shape of work has been accomplished by me. Have written out in part the proceedings of the Meriden gathering. Hanging baskets have been the order of the day. The music of the cricket reminds one that the fall of the year is at hand. To me it is a mournful sound.

August 24<sup>th</sup>

Worked part of the day in the graveyard.

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The weather today has been warm muggy. It has been a broken week with me. But time and tide wait for no man and the week is near its close. Tomorrow is the Sabbath. May its duties be entered upon with delight and thus may I gain a Sabbath days journey toward the haven of eternal rest.

Sunday August 25<sup>th</sup>

Been to Church this morning. Mr Curtis preached. The text was in Mat 21ch 28vrs. The duty of working today in the vineyard of the Lord and the motives therefor was the theme of the discourse.

The afternoon text was in 2-Cor 5ch 4vrs. The unsatisfying nature of all earthly things or the longing desire that goes out from the human soul for happiness hereafter was the theme in part.

August 26<sup>th</sup>

Worked in the meadows for Mr Bradley. It has been a good hay-day.

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August 27<sup>th</sup>

In the meadows for Mr Bradley again today. The weather has been fine and we have improved it.

August 28<sup>th</sup>

Worked at the old place and shall till winter if I stay till haying is through. This evening been to prayer meeting. Mr Haven carried the meeting along as usual.

August 29<sup>th</sup>

Went to the meadows this morning to mow but was broken off by the rain. It has been a wet day. This evening been to the Lodge.

August 30<sup>th</sup>

Again in the meadows for Mr B. It has been a good hayday though the meadows are very wet.

August 31<sup>st</sup>

Worked for Mr Bradley. A good hay day. Saturday night has come again.

Sunday September 1<sup>st</sup>

Been to Church today. Mr Havens preached. The text forenoon was in Rev 21ch 22vrs. This afternoon was Communion. This evening called on Edwin Grannis. Found him gaining but found his wife sick.

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September 2<sup>nd</sup>

Again in the meadows. This evening been to the Town house to talk up Pic-Nic. Concluded to go to Morgans Point Thursday. Attended the Degree Temple after the other meeting.

September 3<sup>rd</sup>

Salt haying as usual. About tired of it. Feel like retiring from the business.

September 4<sup>th</sup>

Worked at the old business. This evening been to Prayer meeting.

September 5<sup>th</sup>

Today been to Pic-Nic at Morgans Point. Had a first rate time. Plenty to eat, good music by the Branford Band and speaking by our Ministers, the superintendent and Mr Avery of Fair Haven. All seemed to enjoy themselves.

September 6<sup>th</sup>

Today in the salt meadows.

September 7<sup>th</sup>

Again worked for the Bachelor on the meadows. It has been something of a hay-day. The changing scenes of another week are nearly over and it is fitting that the mind should be brought to think of the day of sacred rest when the cares that perplex through the week

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are laid aside to mingle in the worship of God and make advances in the Divine life. May the coming Sabbath be entered upon in such a manner that I may be spiritually benefitted and God be glorified in me through the merits of Jesus our Lord.

Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>

Been to Church today. Rev Mr Gilbert preached the forenoon. Text was in Eccl 12ch 7vrs. The nobility of the spirit over matter and the likeness of men to God as having this spirit and the far reaching effects of the right use of the spirit faculty or power to together with the opposite effect produced by the misimprovement of this faculty were in part the theme. The afternoon text was in Josh 1ch 8vrs. The way to true success in this world and the world to come and the connection between the right use of time and talent here and our destiny hereafter was the subject matter of the discourse.

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This evening been to Fair Haven to prayer meeting. The meeting was interesting and well attended.

September 9<sup>th</sup>

Today finished mowing salt grass for Mr Bradley. It has been a misty day. Have felt rather off the hooks, to use a cant phrase, today. Well I am growing old and probably that is what is the matter but,

We must make the best of life we can

Nor render it a curse

But take it as we would a wife

For better or for worse.

But try as much as in us lies to have more better and less worse

that the world may be better for our having lived in it.

September 10<sup>th</sup>

Salt haying has been the order of the day. I have got about tired of the old tune and intend to change it soon.

September 11<sup>th</sup>

In the meadows for Mr Bradley today. This evening been to prayer meeting. The minister occupied most of the time.

September 12<sup>th</sup>

Today worked in the graveyard

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This evening attended Lodge. Had a good time. Thus ends the day.

September 13<sup>th</sup>

Finally and lastly hope I have got through for this year in the salt meadows. Have come home almost sick and found wife quite sick and with the sick headache.

September 14<sup>th</sup>

Have done little today having been about sick. Called on Cousin Delia Granniss. Found her sitting up for an hour though gaining slowly. Wife is still feeling rather bad. Thus is ended the labors and toil of another week. Time is winging us away.

September 15<sup>th</sup>

Stayed at home feeling unwell. In the evening attended the Sunday School Concert.

September 23<sup>rd</sup>

Have lost a week with sickness having been unable to read, write or work. Am slowly gaining yet feel weak.

September 24<sup>th</sup>

Have rode out today besides doing a little work. Has a call this afternoon from Sisters Lavinia Frints(?) and Caroline Thompson. This evening had a call from Mrs

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Willet(?) Bradley and Kitty(? Heningway(?). Feel rather on the gain and like all humanity am looking forward with hope for tomorrow.

September 25<sup>th</sup>

In the morning gathered beans etc. This afternoon rode out. Called on Cousin Delia Grannis at H. Bradleys and \*\*\* Riggs, then took a tour through \*\*\* woods and around by Capt Thompson and Mrs Streets and home.

Have had a fine shower this evening. Wife is gone to Mrs Hurds of an errand.

The day is past and gone.

The evening shades appear

O may I ever keep in mind.

The night of death draws near.

September 26<sup>th</sup>

This morning went to pasture for the first time in about 12 days. Tried to work a little but caved in after a \*\*\*. Had a call this morning from Mrs H Bradley. Wife is about sick yet is able to hold the kitten and knit. We are a poor mess but hope for the best.

September 27<sup>th</sup>

Have been to Fair and New Haven on business and pleasure combined, Called on Mrs Beckley

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Transacted some business at the Town Clerks Office, traded some and came home, glad to have such a place to come to. Thus day after day passes away and Time is winging us away to our Eternal home.

September 28<sup>th</sup>

Today have tried to work. Have cut up corn etc. The weather has been pleasant. It is Saturday night. Aunt Smith is with us. She came this morning.

Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup>

Have stayed at home today from Church not feeling well. Wife has gone to the prayer meeting. Feel better tonight than in the morning. Have wanted to attend the meetings for Religious conference and prayer of late but have not been able. I feel the loss of those spiritual feasts. May they be blest to them that attend them and do good to all this community and the seed thus sown spring up and bear fruit to the glory of God.

September 30<sup>th</sup>

Today have trotted about. Been to the mill, called at Bradley Pardee's to see about the digging of a grave of Wm Bradleys, called and saw the corpse and arranged to dig the

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grave tomorrow. How sad and melancholy are the thoughts that pass through the mind while viewing the mortal remains of such a man and thinking of a life spent without accomplishing the great mission of life, the glory of God and the good of men.

O that men were wise, that they would consider the things that make for their Eternal welfare, that they would learn the lessons of wisdom from these providences of God and shun the way that leads to death and lay hold on Eternal life.

October 1<sup>st</sup>

Today dug a grave for William Bradley. Had a call from John Russell this evening, also from Eliza Barnes. Thus each day brings its cares and labors, proving the wise man's assertion that all things are full of labor.

October 2<sup>nd</sup>

Have worked today in the graveyard. It has been pleasant for the season. Had a call from Mr Merritt(?) Hemmingway from Watertown. Agreed to do some grading for him

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Wife has gone to the Prayer meeting. Felt too tired to go myself. Hope soon to wear of this feeling, yet while we are in the body we must be subject to the laws of our fallen natures, the motions of sin continually working in us to remind us what we are as weak and fallen beings, and pointing us to the great Physician who alone can cure the sin-sick soul. While the outward man is perishing, may the inward man be renewed day by day.

October 3<sup>rd</sup>

Worked in the graveyard today for Mr Hemmingway. This evening been to the lodge. Had a social time.

October 4<sup>th</sup>

Again in the graveyard. Graded some and mowed some, and got tired. Hope to get through the job soon. It is all work.

October 5<sup>th</sup>

It has been a stormy day and I as usual have been very busy. Have fixed the stables, done chores, etc. and feel about tired out tonight. Hope to be able to go to Church tomorrow. It has been three weeks tomorrow since I have been.

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Sunday October 6<sup>th</sup>

In the forenoon stayed at home. Afternoon went to Church. Mr Havens preached. The text was in Psalm 148ch 8vrs. The subject was rainy day hearers, or those that stayed away from Church stormy days.

This evening attended the Templars Prayer meeting. It was interesting.

October 7<sup>th</sup>

This morning worked in the graveyard a while, then went to town meeting. After dinner went to the special Town meeting and stayed a while, after which I went to the graveyard and got a small load of hay.

Wife has got the blues and I am going to the Temple. Thus ends the first lesson at 7 O Clock.

October 8<sup>th</sup>

Worked in the graveyard today and feel old in consequence. It is hard work and small pay, I think, and I shall be glad when it is done.

October 9<sup>th</sup>

In the graveyard again today. This evening attended Prayer meeting. The Devil and his angels was the theme.

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October 10<sup>th</sup>

Again in the graveyard. It has been a warm day. Hope that with \*\*\*\*\* and perseverance I shall soon finish the job. It is a good thing to have work enough to do to keep one out of mischief but this being drove up so hard is not quite what it is cracked up to be.

October 11<sup>th</sup>

This morning went to Fair Haven. Called at Uncle Luddingtons and at the store. Traded a little and came home. Worked for Sidney Pardee till 4 O Clock. Went to the mill, etc. It has thundered considerable this afternoon, but rained little.

October 12<sup>th</sup>

In the forenoon worked in the graveyard. This afternoon drew a load of wood for Mr Rail. Worked a little in the yard. Thus the week has passed swiftly away and is numbered with the past.

Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup>

Been to Church. Mr Havens preached. Forenoon text was in Mat 6ch 9vrs. The duty of hallowing the name of God and some of the reasons therefore were in part the theme.

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The afternoon text was in John 5ch 5-6vrs. The danger of delaying the work of repentance was the doctrine drawn from the text.

This evening attended the Prayer meeting at the Town hall under the lead of the Good Templars. Had a good meeting.

October 14<sup>th</sup>

Worked in the Cemetery today. It has been a pleasant day. Have thought of the past, the present and the future as I have worked among the graves of the old ancestors of the place and reflected on the noble lives of some and the worthless lives of others, which leads one to exclaim: Lord teach me so to number my days that I may apply my heart unto wisdom, and thus emulate the virtues of the good and shun the follies of the bad.

October 15<sup>th</sup>

Dug potatoes for myself and got about tired. Had the promise of help but failed to get it. How many there are in this world that have got their own private Axe to grind and yet

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want to borrow their neighbor's grindstone and then have said neighbor turn, just to accommodate, never thinking that the neighbor's Axe is dull. Well this is a queer world. At least that is my opinion formed from fifty years observation.

October 16<sup>th</sup>

Worked at H Bradley's today. This evening been to the prayer meeting at the Town house. Mr Haven gave a lecture on the moral government of God. Deacon Curtis made a prayer and the exercises closed as usual with the Doxology in long meter. I for one hope that the day will come that the prayer meetings of the Church will be used by the members of the Church for the object for which they were originally intended, namely for social prayer and exhortation by the members of the Church.

October 17<sup>th</sup>

This evening finished plowing for Mr Bradley. Worked a spell for myself. Finished the day sowing rye Mr B. This evening been to the Lodge, had a good time. Brother Weed and Wife from Orion Lodge were present.

October 18<sup>th</sup>

Have had a hard day of it. Got out manure,

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hauled corn into the barn etc.

Last night Neighbor Walkers fat cattle broke into our lot and demolished fifteen stacks of corn which I had the pleasure of gathering up with none to molest. This is a selfish world, everyone for himself is the motto. To keep what you get and get what you can seems to be the chief end of man according to modern catechisms. I am sorry it is so but cannot help it. So what cannot be cured must be endured with commendable patience. But still it makes one feel a little waspish to have his stuff thus destroyed.

October 19<sup>th</sup>

Plowed, sowed and harrowed etc. This has been a busy week with me and I feel about used up. Hope to get out of the snarl that I have got unto with work before long. The troubles and vexations of the week are over and tomorrow is the Sabbath of rest. May its hours be blest to me.

Sunday October 20<sup>th</sup>

Stayed at home in the forenoon. Afternoon went to Church. Mr Havens preached. The text was in

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It is Saturday night. The busy scenes of the week are over and its record is entered on high. Thus time is winging us away to our eternal home.

Lord make me truly wise to improve the moments as they pass to thy glory and my eternal good.

Sunday October 27<sup>th</sup>

Been to Church. Mr Havens preached. The forenoon text was in 1-Cor 15ch 3-8 vrs. The resurrection of Christ and the several times that he showed himself to his disciples after that event, the importance of that event to the world in giving proof that man will rise from the grave, were in part the theme of the discourse. The afternoon text was in 2-Sam 21ch 10vrs. The tenacity with which men hold to old habits, old creeds and past experiences and the duty of forgetting the past and grappling with the present were the theme. This evening been to prayer meeting. Some present that thought Good Templars were not doing much good.

They probably did not know.

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October 28<sup>th</sup>

This morning went to New Haven after coke, got 24 bushels.

This afternoon worked for Mrs English in the Cemetery. This evening finished husking corn. It looks like a storm this evening.

October 29<sup>th</sup>

It has been a very rainy day, the most drenching rain we have had for a long time. Have not done much worth mentioning. Intended to have gone to Guilford to the Good Templars convention, but the rain prevented. It is raining quite hard now at 7 O Clock. There must be damage done by this storm. Have no news to record not having been where they manufacture it today. It has been a very favorable day for the gin mills in this vicinity. They always run the best in moist weather because many hands make light work.

October 30<sup>th</sup>

Worked at the meeting house, graded, laid a load of turf for Mrs English and cut another today in the morning. Thus each day brings its labors all of which are necessary in some way.

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October 31<sup>st</sup>

In the forenoon finished Mrs English's lot in the Cemetery. This afternoon went with Wife to N. Haven and Fair Haven. This evening been to Lodge. Voted for Officers for the next quarter. Had a pleasant time.

November 1<sup>st</sup>

Thrashed barley, rode with wife, been to preparatory lecture, etc. Yesterday was an eventful day East Haven. The Foxon lawyer was married with much ado. Leonard Andrews with less show. Thus the world goes. Courting and marrying are still in fashion and probably do not vary much from the old style.

November 2<sup>nd</sup>

Finished thrashing barley and cleaned it up. Worked an hour with horse for S. Pardee. Another week has passed away on time's rapid wing. The day of sacred rest is at hand. May its sacred hours be blest to me if I shall be permitted to see it.

Sunday November 3<sup>rd</sup>

Been to Church today. Mr Haven preached. The forenoon text was in Heb 11ch 7vrs. The preacher drew some analogies between the ark prepared by God, or rather Noah at God's

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command, and Jesus Christ as the ark of safety. And as in the old world all perished but those that entered the ark. So in the new all will perish if they do not come to Christ as the only ark of safety. This afternoon was Communion of the Lord's supper.

November 4<sup>th</sup>

Today have been to North Branford to Rogers Mill, to Linsley's the ax maker, to Russel Clark's etc. Scattered a little money at each of the three places. Called on Mrs Eliza Russel and came home feeling that I had done a days work. The travailing is bad, the roads being badly washed.

November 5<sup>th</sup>

This forenoon went to the woods for Polly Hemmingway. Afternoon worked for nothing and kept myself, acted as a convenience man. This evening shelled beans. Receipts of the day 40 cts of the new and 34 of the old. Meeting closed in good shape with finances improved. P.S. Wife busy knitting, all quiet, kitten asleep, etc.

November 6<sup>th</sup>

This morning went to New Haven after lumber. This afternoon dug a grave for the remains of a child of Augustus Street brought from the state of Maine.

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This evening been to prayer meeting. The minister preached or occupied an hour over a very thin audience.

November 7<sup>th</sup>

This morning cut hoop-poles. This afternoon went to N. Haven with them and brought out a load of lumber. This evening been to the Lodge.

November 8<sup>th</sup>

Been to New Haven twice today, once for lumber and once for coal. The morning was cool but the evening is more mild.

November 9<sup>th</sup>

This morning went to mill. The rest of the day cut and drew home hoop-poles and wood. It has been a warm day for the season. It is Saturday night again. How swift the days, weeks and months pass away, and how appropriate in our case is the language of the old Patriarch. Few and evil have the days of the years of my life been, and how earnestly should we offer the Prayer. Lord teach me to number my days that I may apply my heart unto wisdom.

Sunday November 10<sup>th</sup>

Went to Church today. Mr Havens preached. The text forenoon was in Luke 17ch 7-10 vrs. The fact that we have duties which we owe to God

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and which he requires us to perform, and the fact those duties are not profitable to God or that they do not add to the happiness of God, were part of the discourse.

The afternoon text was in 1-Samuel 16ch 7vrs. The deceitfulness of outward appearances was the subject.

November 11<sup>th</sup>

Worked a shingleing the house.

November 12<sup>th</sup>

In the forenoon worked in the barn. Taken suddenly sick at noon and commenced vomiting, continued till 12 O Clock at night.

November 13<sup>th</sup>

Wife has been sick a bed through the day. Have been about the house myself.

November 14<sup>th</sup>

Was very sick all day and till midnight.

November 15<sup>th</sup>

Felt better today. Set up some.

November 16<sup>th</sup>

Still improving though weak.

Sunday November 17<sup>th</sup>

Stayed at home. Been out of doors today.

November 18<sup>th</sup>

Today have been out and worked some. Funeral of Dea Curtis child.

November 19<sup>th</sup>

Worked part of the day shingleing. It has been cold and windy. Shelled lima beans this evening.

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November 20<sup>th</sup>

Again at the old house, it is a slow job for one alone. This evening been to prayer meeting. Proposals by the pastor to do something to revive Religion in our midst received a response and a committee was appointed to draw a plan of operation.

November 21<sup>st</sup>

This morning went to New Haven after coal and lumber. This evening been to the lodge and had a pleasant time.

This life passes away with its sun and its shade, with its joys and its sorrows, constantly reminding us that there is nothing true but Heaven.

November 22<sup>nd</sup>

Worked at the old house again today. Got about tired out. It has been cloudy through the day and looks like rain this evening.

November 23<sup>rd</sup>

Shingled part of the day. The afternoon being misty I accomplished little in the shape of work. It is Saturday night. The labors of another week are over. The Sabbath is at hand. May its sacred hours

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be blest to me and I gain a Sabbath days journey nearer that eternal Sabbath of rest that remains for the people of God, where the wicked cease from troubling and the weary are forever at rest.

Roll swift around ye wheels of time  
And bring the promised day.

Sunday November 24<sup>th</sup>

Been to Church today. Mr Havens preached. The forenoon text was in Psalm 19ch 4vrs. The evidences of the being of a God in nature as well as in Revelation, and the fact that all heathen nations have a God of Gods were in part the theme of the discourse.

The afternoon text was in Mat 25ch 31-32vrs. The general Judgement in its various aspects with Jesus Christ as the Judge, and those that pierced him, those that denied him, those that rejected him with all the ungodly of every name, with accusations that will be brought against them by the Judge which will compel them to plead guilty before God and an assembled universe and

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consign them to the world of wo was the theme of the discourse.

Lord make me to know the measure of my days, what it is that I may shun the death that never dies.  
This evening been to the Templars prayer meeting. It was well attended and interesting.

November 25<sup>th</sup>

Worked at the old house. Finished the east roof and took down the staging. This evening shelled corn.  
This is a busy world for those that will work, yet the lame and the lazy are plenty, who live by sucking a living out of honest industry.

November 26<sup>th</sup>

This forenoon went to Fair & New Haven after groceries, shingles, etc. This afternoon shingled. This evening killed and dressed fowls, shelled corn, etc.

November 27<sup>th</sup>

This morning finished the house, after which I went to the woods after hoop-poles. Found them plenty and also found plenty of briers and other rubbish that wants clearing up. Tomorrow will be Thanksgiving. Stuffing and amusement

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and torturing game will probably be the order of the day with many as usual, thus desecrating the day our Fathers wisely set apart for the Holy purpose of thanking God for his goodness to them. May God forgive the unthankful multitude for their forgetfulness of him. And may those that feel the need of the blessing of Heaven ask and receive that their joy may be full.

November 28<sup>th</sup>

Thanksgiving today. Cleaned up around the house in the morning. At 11 O Clock went to meeting. Heard a lecture on Common Schools by the Pastor. That was interesting. Had a good dinner for which I trust I was duly thankful. Eddy and Freddy were with us. The afternoon has been misty.

November 29<sup>th</sup>

This forenoon cut hoop-poles. It was misty. It commenced raining a little before noon and rained most of the afternoon. This evening is dark, windy and rainy.

November 30<sup>th</sup>

Went to Anster(?) brook this forenoon after hoop-poles. Cut about 90 of all sorts. This afternoon went to the Fort after sea weed. Found it very scarce. Picked

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up a lead on the Fort shore. It has been a very windy unpleasant day. Nov is going out like a lion. The fall months are over and the bleak cold winds that sound the requiem of their departing hours tell us that stern winter is upon us with its icy hand. How fittingly do the changing seasons represent the changes in human life. Spring with its flowers reminds us of childhood and youth. Summer with its rich harvests and fall with its mellow fruits remind us of the strength of manhood and winter with its cold and frost, when the trees are stripped of their foliage and all nature looks drear and barren, remind us of old age where the bodily faculties have well nigh failed and earth has ceased to furnish its wanted pleasures. Then if never before do we need the day-star of hope to point us to that Eternal sunshine of the presence of the Savior and a hope that maketh not ashamed to point us to that Eternal haven of rest where youth and beauty never fail.

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Sunday December 1<sup>st</sup>

Been to Church today. Rev Mr Gallop from Madison preached. The text forenoon was in Ephesians 6ch 16vrs. The shield, its importance as a defensive armor among the ancients, and the comparison as it applied to Christian faith as that which will ward of the fiery darts of the wicked, were part of the theme of the discourse. The afternoon text was in 1-Samuel 15ch 13-14vrs. The sin of failing to obey the commandments of the Lord was the theme. In the evening went to the prayer meeting.

December 2<sup>nd</sup>

Went to Oyster(?) Brook this forenoon after hoop poles. This afternoon chored about the barn. It has snowed some today and is cloudy this evening.

December 3<sup>rd</sup>

Went to the thorn lot this morning and cut a small load of hoop poles. This afternoon have been to New Haven with poles. This afternoon have been to New Haven with poles.

December 4<sup>th</sup>

Had the hog butchered this morning. This afternoon went to New Haven with hoop poles. This evening been to prayer meeting and took part in forming a Christian Association

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December 5<sup>th</sup>

This morning cut up pork, after which I commenced work on hoops.

This evening went to the Lodge, had a social good time; four initiated.

December 6<sup>th</sup>

Worked a while at hoops in the morning. Went to mill and then to New Haven after coke for James Farren. This evening chopped the sausage meat and helped fill them. Thus ends the day.

December 7<sup>th</sup>

This morning drew a load of wood for Mr. Williams. The rest of the day have worked at hoops, made brine, etc. Thus ends the labors of another week with its perplexing cares and labors.

December 8<sup>th</sup>

Been to Church today. Mr. Havens preached. The forenoon text was in Prov. 18ch 24<sup>th</sup> vrs. The friendship of God was the theme.

The afternoon text was in \*\*\*\*\* 55ch 10-11 vrs. Gods purposes will be accomplished and his word shall not return to him void was the subject.

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This evening attended the Good Templar prayer meeting. It was well attended.

December 9<sup>th</sup>

Today have worked at hoops in the barn. It has been a very cold day. Cold winter is upon us with all its rigor. Yet kind Providence has blest us with spring, summer and fall in which to sow and reap and thus prepare for winter. Thus each season has its appropriate work assigned it by the ruler of the world and even cold winter serves a good and noble end. The wind and storms of winter serve to strengthen the oak and the earth is fitted by frost and snow for cultivation and vegetation in the spring. Thus each season becomes a blessing in the hands of an overruling Providence whose unerring wisdom never fails.

December 10<sup>th</sup>

Worked at hoops again today. The weather has been more mild. There was a light snow fell last night enough to make bad walking. It will soon leave with a little sunshine.

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December 11<sup>th</sup>

Been to New Haven with hoops. Came home through Fair Haven. This evening been to the weekly prayer meeting. The harvest truly is plenteous but the laborers are few.

December 12<sup>th</sup>

It has been a very stormy day. It has snowed most of the day and there has been a high wind. It is snowing at 7 O'clock and looks like a stormy night. But thanks to a kind Providence for food, raiment and the comforts and conveniences and some of the luxuries of life. May we ever render to God the tribute of grateful hearts for his many mercies to us.

December 13<sup>th</sup>

It has been a very cold day. I have not been able to do much at hoops. They are so full of frost. Have made paths, chored and worked some at the barn. This evening have been reading the Temperance Journal. Thus ends the lesson of another day.

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December 14<sup>th</sup>

Have accomplished little in the shape of work today. Called on the neighbors, etc. It has been very cold, squally and unpleasant. It is Saturday night and I seem to have accomplished little the past week. Hope to do something next week if life and health are spared. Tomorrow is the Sabbath. May no distracting cares disturb its Holy hours.

Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>

Have been to Church today. Mr Havens preached. The text forenoon was in Rom 3ch 8vrs. The employing of honest means for honest ends was the theme of the discourse. This evening attended the Templars prayer meeting. It was interesting.

December 16<sup>th</sup>

Today have done a variety of work. Got the horse shod. Went to New Haven for coal for S. Pardee. (Found it bad wheeling.) Worked some at hoops. Variety is the spice of life.

December 17<sup>th</sup>

Worked at hoops today. It has been a mild day. It looks very much like a storm this evening.

December 18<sup>th</sup>

This forenoon worked at hoops. This afternoon been to New Haven and Fair Haven. Been this evening to the weekly prayer meeting. Had a stranger to take part

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in the meeting who made some well timed remarks. The meeting was rather thinly attended.

December 19<sup>th</sup>

Today have cut and brought home from the Hemmingway lot hoop poles. It has been a pleasant yet cold day.

This evening been to the Lodge. One initiated. Had a pleasant time.

December 20<sup>th</sup>

Have worked some in the barn at hoops. Been to mill, etc.

It has been a stormy, cold day and the frost is in almost every thing around.

December 21<sup>st</sup>

Worked at hoops today. The weather has been more mild. This evening been to the Town Hall to help trim it, hang curtains, etc. Thus ends the week that has been cold and dreary.

Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>

Been to Church today. Had a Sunday School Missionary in the forenoon. His text was in John 17ch 18 vrs. The Christians mission on the Earth which is to follow Christ was the theme pointed out in the various fields of Christian

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effort which the preacher pointed out. President Day preached in the afternoon. His text was in Rom 13ch 14vrs. The duty of Christians to put on the Lord Jesus Christ and the various ways in which to do it were the theme. Been to prayer meeting this evening. The weather is stormy and the travelling bad.

December 23<sup>rd</sup>

Worked at hoops. It has been squally and unpleasant. This evening called at Edwin Grannisses and chatted a while. Thus the time passes away and we are nearing the end of our Journey. May the work of life be done and well done that the welcome plaudit may be ours. Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the Joy of thy Lord.

December 24<sup>th</sup>

Been to New Haven with hoops. Drew out a load of Coke for Mr Ferguson. Drew a load of wood for Polly Hemmingway. This evening called on J. Pardee and settled for slip \*\* etc.

December 25<sup>th</sup>

Today have worked for Edwin Granniss on the Branford swamp. Got about tired out. It is raining now and

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looks like an old fashioned thaw.

December 26<sup>th</sup>

This forenoon worked at hoops. This afternoon went to Temperance Convention in Fair Haven. The discussions on the License question was interesting. Speech in the evening by the North Branford minister and others.

December 27<sup>th</sup>

Split and shaved hoops in the forenoon . Afternoon cut hoop-poles. This evening been to the Lodge.

December 28<sup>th</sup>

Today have worked at sugar hoops. The weather has been warm. Sold a barrel of vinegar to Alfred Hughs. Have had my thoughts occupied today with the proneness of men to excuse themselves from the duties that devolve upon them, or try to get others to do their work.

Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup>

Been to Church today. Mr Havens preached. The forenoon text was in Isaac 11ch 10 vrs. Christ the Ensign of his people was the theme. The afternoon text was in Hosea 3ch 4vrs. The faults of the Church

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And their effect was in part the theme.

December 30<sup>th</sup>

This morning drew wood for Polly Hemmingway. Went to society meeting, etc. This afternoon went to the thorn lot after hoop poles. This evening attended Silver Wedding at Brother A. L. Curtis. A very interesting gathering composed mostly of members of the Lodge.

December 31<sup>st</sup>

This morning drew some wood for Mrs Chidsey. Went to the thorn lot after hoop-poles. Worked the rest of the day in the barn at hoops.

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Spent New Years in the barn splitting and shaveing hoops. It has been a stormy day.

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January 1<sup>st</sup>

Split hoops and shaved in the barn for New Years. It has been a stormy day, snow hail and rain.

January 2<sup>nd</sup>

This forenoon worked at hoops. This afternoon been to New Haven. This evening been to Lodge, had a good time, with a New Years tree trimmed with presents. Had brothers Avery and Jones from Orion Lodge who spoke with interest.

January 3<sup>rd</sup>

In the forenoon worked at hoops. This afternoon went to preparatory lecture. The subject was Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today and forever. This evening called on Brother Charles Woodard.

January 4<sup>th</sup>

Worked at hoops today. Called on Jeremiah Barnes this afternoon. Had a call from Mrs Hurd and Walter. It has been a stormy day and is stormy this evening.

Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup>

Been to Church today. Mr Havens preached. The text was in 1-Cor-7 ch 29 vrs. The shortness of time and the importance of its right improvement were the theme in part. This evening been to the Templars prayer meeting. This afternoon was Communion. It has been a cold day.

January 6<sup>th</sup>

Been to New Haven with hoops. Drew a load of coal out for S. Pardee. This evening been to Prayer meeting.

January 7<sup>th</sup>

In the morning went to the Branford swamp for E. Grannis. Found them so open that they would not bear the team and came home. Shoveled a load of coal at the Church. Finished the day at hoops. This evening attended prayer meeting at Mr Elsworth Thompsons. The subject the word of God that it may be more carefully

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studied that the learned may be led to rightly interpret it that it may be more widely circulated.

How precious is the book divine

By Inspiration given

Bright as a lamp its doctrines shine

To guide our souls to heaven

January 8<sup>th</sup>

This morning went to mill, after which I called on Augustus Street and Polly Hemmingway. Finished up the day at hooping. This evening been to prayer meeting. The subject was Individual effort for Christ.

January 9<sup>th</sup>

This forenoon worked some at hoops. Afternoon attended Temperance Convention at the Church. This evening had a lecture from Dr Hatch that was interesting.

January 10<sup>th</sup>

The business of the day has been sweeping and partially cleaning the meeting house. This evening been to prayer meeting. It has been a very cold day.

January 11<sup>th</sup>

This morning went to mill. The rest of the day worked in the meeting house cleaning. This evening been to Prayer meeting. Still continues cold.

Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup>

This forenoon dug a grave for Adeline Bradley. Funeral attend at noon. Went to Church this afternoon, had a Mr Winslow to preach. The text was in 2-Cor 5ch 14 vrs. The subject, as the text would imply, was the love of Christ. This evening attended prayer meeting at the hall.

January 13<sup>th</sup>

Cut a few hoopoles in the forenoon. Towards night started for West Haven to attend a sociable at the Templars hall.

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Arrived there in good time and had a pleasant chat before they opened. Found Brothers Avery and Jones there. A goodly representation from our Lodge were present. All things passed off pleasant with music and song, tableaux and speeches. Came to New Haven in the horse cars and footed it home, arriving at midnight.

January 14<sup>th</sup>

This forenoon went to Fair Haven. Afternoon drew hoop-poles.

January 15<sup>th</sup>

Worked some in the barn at hoops. Called on Neighbor Charles Woodard and bought three wagon wheels. This evening been to prayer meeting. It has been stormy part of the day.

January 16<sup>th</sup>

Worked some at hoops. Went to the smiths with a wagon wheel, got the tire set. This evening been to the lodge, had a social time. Long live the Good Templars.

January 17<sup>th</sup>

This forenoon worked at hoops. This afternoon done mechanical work, mended wagon wheel, set tire, etc. It has been a cold day. We are having an old fashioned winter, yet a New England winter is that for which every descendant of the Puritans ought to thank God for. It is these long winter evenings which, if improved as our Forefathers improved theirs, fits us for the stern duties of life and when Spring returns and the time of the singing of birds comes we seem to have renewed our strength and enter on life's duties with new zeal. May God give us contentment with our lot and thankful hearts for all our mercies and enable us to labor for the good of our fellow men and the glory of God and thus fulfill our mission on earth.

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January 18<sup>th</sup>

This morning regulated the clock at the Church, hung a lamp, sifted coal, etc. This afternoon worked at hoops. Saturday night has come again. The labors of another week are over. Thus time passes away.

Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup>

Been to Church today. The pastor preached the forenoon, text was in John 14ch 22 vrs. The love of Christ and its fruits in the believer were the theme.

This afternoon was Sabbath School Concert, consisting of recitations upon various Biblical topics, such as the Christian warfare, creation of man, etc. interspersed with singing and ending with remarks from S. T. Andrews, the Pastor and the Superintendent.

January 20<sup>th</sup>

This morning drew two loads of wood for Polly Hemmingway. Afternoon worked at hoops. This evening been to the Degree Temple. Chose officers, etc.

January 21<sup>st</sup>

Worked at hoops in the Barn. It has been a stormy day and looks like a big snow storm.

January 22<sup>nd</sup>

Today cut small hoop-poles at the thorn lot. It has been a pleasant day. This evening been to prayer meeting. The subject was Church discipline. Brothers Andrews and Dudley held forth upon it. The text the lost sheep and the prodigal son. To me it was a dry theme and I hope that it is through in the prayer meeting.

January 23<sup>rd</sup>

Started this morning to cut poles but got broke off by the rain. Finished up the day at hoops in the barn. This evening been to the Lodge. Few present, the weather being very bad. Nominated officers for the next quarter.

January 24<sup>th</sup>

Been to the thorn lot cutting hoop-poles and wood. It has been very sloppy

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the snow having melted considerably. Winter is passing away, the days are lengthening and we look forward to the spring with hope, yet we know now what a day may bring forth. May God give us wisdom to improve the present hour that we may look forward to the future with that hope of the Christian that maketh not ashamed, and thus be fitted to meet the joys and sorrows of life, manfully and our end be blessed.

January 25<sup>th</sup>

This morning went to mill, after which I went to the thorn lot and cut wood. Thus closes up another week with its various duties.

Lord keep us safe this night  
Secure from sin and fear  
May angels guard us while we sleep  
Till morning light appear

Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup>

Been to Church today. Mr Havens preached, the forenoon text was in Isaiah 43ch 1 vrs. The ownership of God in man and consequently the duty of man to acknowledge the right of his maker to his best service was in part the theme. The afternoon text was in Gab 6 ch 7 vrs. The law of reproduction or the fact that we sow the same that we reap, as well in the spiritual world as in the natural, and the useful lessons drawn from this fact were the theme. This evening been to the prayer meeting at the hall.

January 27<sup>th</sup>

This has been a stormy day and I have done little. Called this morning on Brother Charles Woodward. Found him on the sick list and his Wife ditto. Made some arrangement to attend the Convention at North Haven tomorrow. Called at the meeting house and turned the clock along. Went to the Post Office, etc.

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Had a call or visit from Sister Hurd. Had an invite to a sociable at L.F. Richmonds next Wednesday evening, and a call to aid in the purchase of some article to be given to Mrs Richmond as a testimonial of her aid in furnishing us good Music the past year. Bradley Pardee also to be remembered on the same occasion. Times are lively about these days in this staid old town, and calls for the root of all evil promise to make thee root scarce unless it is of vast length. But these things must be did, as Artemus would say if he was here. So here goes, and success to all good enterprises. They that dance must pay the fiddler and they that listen should pay the singers.

January 28<sup>th</sup>

Been to North Haven to Temperance Convention. Had a spirited meeting and good attendance. The day has been cold and some snow has fell. The sleighing is good.

January 29<sup>th</sup>

It has been a stormy day and I have done little. This evening attended prayer meeting, after which there was a sociable at L. F. Richmonds accompanied with presents to Mr P, Mrs Richmond and Mr Bradley Pardee. Snowing quite fast at midnight, with a prospect of quite a snow storm.

January 30<sup>th</sup>

It has been a wintry day and I have used it in past calling on the neighbors. Called on Nathan Andrews and Mr Todd, S. Pardee etc. This evening been to the Lodge. Chose officers for the next quarter.

January 31<sup>st</sup>

This morning went to Mill, after which I went to the woods after hoop-poles. In the evening went to a surprise party at Mr F\*\*\*\*\*.

February 1<sup>st</sup>

Been to Fair Haven with power poles. Called at Uncle Luddingtons, found

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Aunt Harriet sick. It has been a very cold day. Thus ends another week. How swift the moments pass.

February 2<sup>nd</sup>

Been to Church today. Mr Havens preached the text forenoon was in Rom 10 ch 18 vrs. The subject of the discourse was in part the revelation of God to men in nature and the fact that all heathen nations have some ideas of a future state of rewards and punishment, thus recognizing the Law of God written on their hearts. The unbelievers in Christian lands were noticed, etc.

The afternoon text was in Mark 10 ch, 31 vrs. The different circumstances under which these words were uttered as recorded by the Evangelists was dwelt upon, and then the several classes of true and false Christians to whom this text would apply were touched upon. This evening went to the Prayer meeting at the Town House, it was well attended.

February 3<sup>rd</sup>

Today has been a very cold day, one of the coldest of the season. Can sum up my time by saying I have done nothing worth naming. Receipts of the day ten cents, put fifty at interest in short credit.

February 4<sup>th</sup>

Went to New Haven with hoops today. This evening been to Donation to the Ministers, had a large gathering and a good time, all seeming to enjoy it. Mr Havens received about \$110. Miss Sarah Farren was presented with, I think, \$10 for keeping her place in the Choir.

February 5<sup>th</sup>

Have done very little today. Chopped two or three wild cherry trees in the home lot, fixed a lock on the Meeting House, etc.

It is snowing quite fast this evening and looks like a stormy night. We have had a great quantity of snowstorms this winter.

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February 6<sup>th</sup>

Worked in the barn at hoops part of the day. Cut a few poles on Polly Hemmingway's lot. This evening been to lodge. Samuel Thompson Sen. and wife, and Jeremiah Woodward and wife were Initiated. Officers were installed for the present quarter.

February 7<sup>th</sup>

This morning tolled the bell for Mrs Warren(?) Luddington. Called on C.(?) Woodward. Took the cord from the Town Clock, worked in the Barn, etc. It has been a very cold day, and very cold this evening.

February 8<sup>th</sup>

This forenoon worked a little at hoops. Commenced digging a grave for Mrs Luddington. Found the frost in the ground very deep. The weather has been more mild today though it has not thawed much.

Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup>

This forenoon finished digging grave for Mrs Mary Luddington. This afternoon been to Church. The corpse was carried into the Church and funeral sermon preached from the 2 Cor – 5ch 2vrs. Felt too tired to get the thread of the discourse and keep it. A general application of the subject was made to all and a special one to the friends and relatives of the deceased. Her character was dwelt upon and the text applied in that direction. It has been a very stormy Sabbath and I have lost the opportunity of quietly listening to the preached word and the services of the sanctuary.

February 10<sup>th</sup>

This morning put the clock at the Church in running order. Called at Mrs Hurds to inquire after Walter. Found him no better. It has been a cold day. It cleared off in the night and froze up hard, making it very rough. Carried my hams up to Mr Samuel Samuel Andrews to get them smoked.

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February 11<sup>th</sup>

This morning called on Mrs Hurd to inquire after Walter. Found him about the same as yesterday. Went after some sassafras for tea for him. Called on Walter Chidsey, found him gaining. Called on Mr. Hawkins at the little mill, and Mr Terry at the feed mill and has some conversation with regard to joining the Lodge. Had some talk with Stephen Bradley on the same subject. Think they will come in due time. Made a call on Polly Hemmingway and also on Samuel Chidsey. A busy day yet not much pay, in dollars and cents.

February 12<sup>th</sup>

Been to Fair Haven, found Uncle Justin Luddington very sick. Young Dr. Thompson was there when we got there and they had sent for Dr. Beecher. He came before we left, saying he thought Uncle would get over it. This evening been to weekly Church prayer meeting. The attendance was thin compared with the number of Church members.

February 13<sup>th</sup>

Drew wood for Polly Hemmingway part of the day. It has been more mild today. This evening been to the Lodge and had a pleasant time. Discussed the order of exercise for our anniversary, the 19<sup>th</sup> of March. Concluded to have an intellectual feast, and after that something for the inner man. Thus ends the day.

February 14<sup>th</sup>

Split a few hoops this morning, after which I went to the woods and chopped fencing stuff, and brought home two loads of posts. The weather is very cold again today.

February 15<sup>th</sup>

This forenoon went to the woods after fencing stuff. Afternoon sifted the coal from the Church, after which Wife and I took a pleasure trip to Fair Haven. Called at Uncle Justin's, found both the old

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folks gaining. Did a little shopping, traded a little at the grocers, etc. This ends the week.

February 16<sup>th</sup>

Been to Church today. Mr Havens preached. The forenoon text was in Psalms 84 – 11 vrs. The protecting care of God over his people was in part the theme. The different ways of doing good were dwelt upon, etc. This afternoon was Sunday School Concert. The pastor gave a lecture to the School on the character of Daniel in connection with the Babylonis empire, its splendor and magnificence of the empire in the days of its highest prosperity, etc. This evening been to prayer meeting. It was well attended and interesting.

February 17<sup>th</sup>

This forenoon went to New Haven with hoops. Came home and went to mill. Finished out the day at fence posts and ladder making. It has been an unpleasant day. The sun rose clear but soon clouded in and has snowed some and has been a raw day. Oft times the clear and cloudless morn proves a dull and tiresome day.

February 18<sup>th</sup>

Worked at fence posts in the barn. It has been a blowy February day. Mrs Farren has been working for us today.

February 19<sup>th</sup>

Worked at posts most of the day. Had a snow squall this morning after which the weather was pleasant. This evening been to prayer meeting, a thin attendance.

February 20<sup>th</sup>

This forenoon worked for Mr Todd sawing and loading logs. This afternoon went to the woods and chopped fence timber. This evening been to the Lodge. Had a pleasant and, I believe, profitable time. Had two Brothers and Sisters from Orion

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Lodge. Had one Initiation: A.S. Bartlett. The Good Templars are not all dead yet.

February 21<sup>st</sup>

Went to North Branford to a Temperance Convention. Stayed in the evening and had a good meeting. Rev Mr Clark and others spoke. Got home about 11 o'clock about chilled through.

February 22<sup>nd</sup>

It has been very cold today. Did little in the forenoon. Afternoon went to the woods and cut and split posts and rails. It is still but very cold. The birth day of the Father of his Country, George Washington, who was first in war, first in peace, and first in the hearts of his Countrymen.

February 23<sup>rd</sup>

Been to Church today, had a minister from out of town. The forenoon text was in the Epistle to the Hebrews – 9 ch 12 vrs. The eternal redemption wrought out by Christ and its far reaching effects for weal or woe as Christ is received or rejected was the theme. The afternoon text was in the 119 Psalm 130 vrs. The glorious and far-reaching effects of the light that shines from the revealed word of God, and the truth that it will finally triumph over all error and false doctrine were in part at least the theme. This evening been to the prayer meeting. Not as many present as usual, probably on account of the weather and travailing, it being very slippery.

February 24<sup>th</sup>

Holed a few posts and drew a load from the woods. It has been too cold and raw to work out of doors. Winter still continues in all its rigors. Today the family of Mr James Williams have broke up and left. Hudson Forbes has bought the place. Thus time works it changes.

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It looks very much like a stormy night. It is snowing some now. We are waiting for and hoping for warmer weather, but we know not what is best and are thus led to trust to that Providence that doeth all things well.

February 25<sup>th</sup>

This forenoon holed posts, it being stormy. This afternoon been to the woods after posts and rails. Had a call from Charles Brewster. The coupling of the cars broke and the Engine and tender went to Branford before the Engineer discovered that the freight or passenger cars were left. Sister Tucker was on the train and we had a chance to exchange a few words while they stopped.

February 26<sup>th</sup>

Hauled wood part of the day for Polly Hemmingway. Went to mill, etc. This evening been to prayer meeting.

February 27<sup>th</sup>

This forenoon swept the meeting house with the help of my little Wife. Got through after eating a part of that peck of dirt that is allotted to each individual of the race. Finished the day holing posts. This evening been to the Lodge. Few present, the weather being stormy.

February 28<sup>th</sup>

This forenoon dusted the meetinghouse. Afternoon went to preparatory lecture. In the evening called on Mr Jeremiah Barnes. It has been more mild today, but has grown cold again this evening.

February 29<sup>th</sup>

It has been a blustering day, and I have done little. Holed a few posts, etc. February is going out like a Lion and we are not sorry to see it go, hoping for warmer weather.

Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup>

Been to Church today. Mr Haven preached. The forenoon text was in the

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epistle to the Hebrews 13ch 10vrs. The subject consisted in part in comparing the old Jewish alter worship with the Christian and the similitude of the old as pointing to the new dispensation, the shape of the Jewish alter and the references to them in the new testament.

This evening attended the Union prayer meeting. Thus has passed away another Sabbath with its blessings and privileges. May they be blest to me to the saving of the Soul.

March 2<sup>nd</sup>

It has been a very stormy day and I have done little work. Made a small ladder in the barn, etc. It has snowed all day and has been very windy.

March 3<sup>rd</sup>

It has been a very windy uncomfortable day, the snow blowing and filling up the paths. I have worked in the cellar laying floor. Spring has come but the singing birds are minus and will be till the weather changes. I still look forward with hope to tomorrow. Shall have plenty to do when spring opens.

March 4<sup>th</sup>

Went to mill this morning, drew hay from Polly Hemmingways, arranged to go after coke in the morning. This evening been to meeting to talk over the subject of appointing one or more Deacons.

March 5<sup>th</sup>

This morning went to New Haven and drew out a load of coal for S Pardee. Worked the rest of the day at the grave of Baldwin Bradley.

This evening been to the Lodge, had a good time in listening to songs , and original and other matters of interest.

March 6<sup>th</sup>

Dug grave and tended the funeral of Baldwin Bradley today. The weather has been more mild.

March 7<sup>th</sup>

Worked part of the day for Edwin Grannis, drawing wood from the swamp in Branford.

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Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>

Been to Church. Mr Havens preached. The text forenoon was in Rom-1<sup>st</sup>ch-18-19-20 vrs. The evidences of the being of a God as drawn from nature by the conscience of men even in the absence of Divine Revelation, with comments on the peculiar phraseology of the text were in part the theme.

The afternoon text was in Isaah 30ch 21vrs. The discourse was, as the minister said, a supplement to the forenoon sermon. The voices of God all around us, oer our head, beneath our feet and within our own souls. With a thick head and a bad cold in it, I have failed to remember the full scope of the subject.

March 9<sup>th</sup>

This forenoon went to New Haven after coal, found it very sloppy going. This afternoon have doctored the old horse, and chored about home.

March 10<sup>th</sup>

Went to Fair Haven to Temperance Convention. Stayed in the evening. Mr Thimpson from Mass(?) was the chief speaker.

March 11<sup>th</sup>

Today went to the woods in the morning. Had a call to dig a grave for a man that died in Mr Samuel Andrews barn, a stranger. This evening been to prayer meeting.

March 12<sup>th</sup>

Have done very little today. Drew a load of manure from Polly Hemmingways. Started for oyster brook but found the snow so deep in the road from R Coes(?) that I could not get through and came back. This evening been to the Lodge, had a pleasant time. The prospect is now that there will be a thaw as it is raining at 10 ½ O'clock pm.

March 13<sup>th</sup>

Went to Fair Haven with hoop-poles. Drew stuff for fence from the woods. In the evening went to a surprise at E. D. Streets. Had a pleasant time.

March 14<sup>th</sup>

This morning went to the woods for Polly

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Hemmingway. Afternoon went for myself. Worked at the meeting house, firing and lighting. Thus end another day.

Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>

Been to Church. Mr Havens preached in the forenoon. Text in Gen 4ch 9 vrs. The fact that we are in some measure our Brothers keeper was dwelt upon and the duties growing out of this relation were interwoven and duly explained. This afternoon was Sunday School Concert. A Mr. Griswold from NY gave the school a lecture on Jerusalem and its surroundings, being one of the company that visited the eastern world last year.

March 16<sup>th</sup>

This morning went to mill, after which I went to the thorn lot and finished out the day cutting bushes. Called this evening on Brother Charles Woodward and Edwin Grannis and John Tyler. It looks like a rainy night.

March 17<sup>th</sup>

Attended Temperance meeting in the evening. Mr. Burleigh spoke.

March 18<sup>th</sup>

Worked at the thorn lot most of the day. Went to prayer meeting in the evening, after which Wife and I went to a sociable at Wm Woodwards. Had a pleasant time.

March 19<sup>th</sup>

Worked some at the thorn lot. Drew a load of rails from the woods. Called at Edwin Grannis, found him very sick. Went to the graveyard with Julius Morris to see about digging a grave for his Mother. This evening been to the Lodge. Celebrated out Anniversary. Had a pleasant time made up of speeches, songs, readings and refreshments for the inner man. Came home at rather a late hour. Determined to stay here a few days and recruit.

March 20<sup>th</sup>

Have spent the day burning bushes at the thorn lot.

March 21<sup>st</sup>

It has been a very stormy blowing day. One of the old fashioned line storms

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The snow is very much drifted in some places. This morning I went to the graveyard and commenced digging a grave for Mrs Morris. Had word that the funeral would be put off till tomorrow and the remains be carried into the Church. Partly dug the grave and covered it up and came home. This afternoon been to the church with Jeremiah Barnes and cleaned up the snow over head that had drifted or blown in through the shingles. Took up probably ten or twelve bushel. This evening called to see E Grannis, found him some better yet very sick. The cars have not run today. They are now trying to get through the drifts bound east at 7 ½ o'clock pm.

Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>

This morning finished digging the grave of Mrs Morris, after which I went to Church. Mr Havens preached from the third epistle of John 2d vrs. Soul or spiritual prosperity, its advantages and the duties it possesses or would feel to labor for Chirst were in part the theme. This afternoon the funeral of Mrs Morris was attended. The remains were brought into the Church and a discourse preached from John 14ch 3vrs. The joy of the redeemed sinner saved by grace in Heaven was in part the theme, connected with some remarks on the history of the deceased persons life. This evening been to prayer meeting at the Town Hall.

March 23<sup>rd</sup>

Trimmed grape vines and repaired arbor in the forenoon. Afternoon went to Fair Haven. Called at Uncle Luddingtons, found them gaining. Called on cousin Almira Foot, found her well. Traded some, spent some money as usual and came home and thought ourselves lucky at that.

March 24<sup>th</sup>

Drew wood in the forenoon for Polly Hemmingway. This afternoon trimmed trees, went to the mill after a wagon shaft, went to the meeting house and set the clock going, etc.

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March 25<sup>th</sup>

Been to the woods after fence timber. Made a wagon shaft. Sharpened rails, etc. This evening been to prayer meeting.

March 26<sup>th</sup>

Been to the woods after fence timber and wood. Sharpened rails, etc. This evening been to the Lodge. Had a pleasant time.

March 27<sup>th</sup>

Worked some at the wood pile, drew a load of wood for Polly Hemmingway and a load of wood and rails for myself. Been to H Bradleys after potatoes. Called on E Grannis, found him sitting up yet feeling badly.

March 28<sup>th</sup>

Worked at the wood pile most of the day. Been to mill. Worked some in the graveyard. This evening called on E Grannis, found him some better though weak. Thus ends another busy week, with its cares and perplexities. May the coming Sabbath, if I shall live to see it, be a foretaste of that higher and nobler rest that remains for the people of God.

Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>

Attended Church. Mr Haven preached. The text forenoon was in Ephesians 4ch 25-26-27 verses. The sermon, as the text would imply, was upon lying, anger and giving place to the Devil. Or, in other words, the duty of Christians to resist all evil and let their light shine in the world. The afternoon text was in Acts 16ch 28vrs. It was a sermon mainly directed to the young, warning them against doing themselves harm in the formation of bad habits. It was illustrated by reference to the vice of Intemperance and its effects on the individual character. Also by toughing up those that are mighty to drink strong drink and who have drank all their early associates that commenced with them into drunkards graves.

March 30<sup>th</sup>

Worked at the wood-pile some, drew wood from the thorn lot and worked some at fence. Went to the mill. In the evening went to caucus

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Nominated Charles Ives for Representative. Nominated various committees, etc.

March 31<sup>st</sup>

Worked at the wood pile a spell in the morning, after which I and Wife went to John Williams' Auction. After auction made compost. Got part of the material at Polly Hemmingways. It has been a pleasant day.

April 1<sup>st</sup>

Went clamming, chopped at the wood-pile, cleaned the rubbish from the garden, etc. In the evening attended prayer meeting.

April 2<sup>nd</sup>

Hauled manure from the yard on to the lot. Fixed a mound for Wife. Rung and tolled the bell for Mrs Isaac Pardee. In the evening went to the Lodge. Had a very pleasant time.

April 3<sup>rd</sup>

Today dug the grave of Mrs Isaac Pardee and attended the Funeral. Thus the lessons of Divine Providence are teaching us that we too are mortal.

April 4<sup>th</sup>

Dug a grave and attended the funeral of Mrs Hemmingway from Water Town. This evening been to Fair Haven, called at Uncle Luddingtons, found them getting better. Trade some and came home, by the sweet silver light of the moon.

Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>

It has been a very cold windy day. It snowed last night considerable. I have been to Church today. Rev Mr Bryan from West Haven preached. The forenoon text was in 1 Pet 2ch 21 vrs – the object of suffering, the various ways in which we suffer, and its beneficial effects upon the Christian in the formation of Christian character were the theme in part. Afternoon text was in Acts 9ch 31 vrs. The subject was the duty of attending to the ordinary everyday duties of religion and not depending on the extraordinary or occasional excitements that attend more or less on Revivals of Religion

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to the neglect of the other. This evening went to the prayer meeting.

April 6<sup>th</sup>

This forenoon swept Meeting House. Afternoon plowed back of the barn, went to mill, etc. Election day has passed off quietly in this vicinity. The Owl train stopped tonight to leave those that had been to the City for the returns. The Democracy it is said have again elected their Governor J.E. English. Poor fellows, let them shout for joy. Their day will be short I hope.

April 7<sup>th</sup>

This forenoon dusted the Church, etc. This afternoon shod the old nag forward and worked about the house and barn. It has been a very stormy day. It snowed some last night and this morning, and has rained the rest of the day and is still raining at 7 ½ O'Clock PM.

April 8<sup>th</sup>

Went to the woods this morning after fence stuff. Got a fall that lamed my side. Afternoon went to the thorn lot and made fence. In the evening went to prayer meeting.

April 9<sup>th</sup>

Worked about home in the forenoon. Made fence in the afternoon. In the evening went to the Lodge. Had a pleasant time.

April 10<sup>th</sup>

Today has been the state fast. Religious service was held at the Church. In the morning we held a prayer meeting. In the afternoon a discourse from the text. Render therefore unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's. It was what some would call a political sermon, setting forth the difference between the different governments and duties we owe as Republicans to the government under which we live, and the duty of all Christians to pray for our rulers, that they may be faithful to God and their country.

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After meeting called on Joseph Pardee and got a little pocket change from the funds of the Eccl(?) Society. It has snowed and hailed all day and still storms.

April 11<sup>th</sup>

This morning went to mill, then to Water-Side in pursuit of a joiner(?). This afternoon drew a little manure, called on Amos Thompson, etc. This evening fired up and lit up at the Church for the singers. Thus closes the record of another week of storms and calms. Time is ever on the wing and passing away is written on all things earthly.

Soon shall I pass the gloomy vale  
Soon all my mortal powers will fail  
O may my last expiring breath  
God loving kindness sing in death

Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>

Attended Church today. Rev Mr Noyes preached. The forenoon text was in Jer 3ch 14vrs. The theme was the fact that people are brought to Christ one by one, and the commands and requirements of God are addressed to the individual and the importance of individual effort for our own souls and the souls of others, and the folly of putting off Religion till some special occasion. The afternoon text was in Mat 14ch 1-2 vrs. The character of Herod and his unlawful wife Herodias in connection with the beheading of John the Baptist, with the effect produced upon Herod's character in yielding to the wicked advice and counsel of a wicked and artful woman to the neglect of the counsel and advice of the good Baptist, were in part the theme, with practical lessons drawn from the subject.

April 13<sup>th</sup>

Drew a load of wood for Polly Hemingway in the morning. Spent the rest of the day at fence. This evening went to Degree Temple. Chatted a spell and came home without doing

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any business, not having the books and ritual.

April 14<sup>th</sup>

This forenoon worked at fence at the thorn lot. This afternoon sowed oats and grass seed. Had a short visit from Sister Tucker and Minnie. They came on the 1 o'clock train and left on the 6pm. It is raining quite hard this evening and seems to promise a wet night.

April 15<sup>th</sup>

Rode out for pleasure, stopping at various points of interest on the route. Dined at Uncle Justin Luddingtons. Drove to New Haven and took a view of the central attractions in Chapel Street, after which we drove to Fleet Street and called at Jacob Morris and did some trading in the clothing line, after which we drove to Long Wharf, then across basin(?) wharf and headed for home, where we arrived in due time. This evening been to prayer meeting. The weather is lowery and looks like more storm, of which we have had an abundance of late.

April 16<sup>th</sup>

It has been a stormy day and I have done little or nothing. Called this morning on Augustus Street and made returns of grave digging. Lay off the rest of the day. This evening been to the Lodge. Had a pleasant time.

April 17<sup>th</sup>

This morning called on Mr. Charles Woodward and wife. Found Mrs Woodward quite unwell, setting up but part of the time. Worked at the wood-pile, planted garden, went to mill. Drew a load of manure to the thorn lot, etc.

April 18<sup>th</sup>

Plowed at the thorn lot. The morning was pleasant but the rest of the day was windy. Had Mr Charles Woodward's horse. It is Saturday night. The cares and labors of another week are ended. Thus time passes away and we near the

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shores of that unseen and untried world. May it be ours to anticipate it as the Christians home in glory.

Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>

Attended Church today. Mr Havens preached. The forenoon text was in Rom 11ch 35vrs. The subject was the duty of Christians to keep their houses of worship in good order with an eye to neatness and convenience, believing that money thus spent is a good temporal investment as well as being for the glory of God. This afternoon was Sunday School Concert, which was interesting, which occupied the afternoon.

April 20<sup>th</sup>

It has been a wet day and I have done little or nothing. This evening been to Societys meeting, had something of an excitement and adjourned without accomplishing very much.

April 21<sup>st</sup>

This forenoon hauled manure to the thorn lot. This afternoon planted potatoes. It has been misty and looks much like rain. This evening have been reading. The old English Reader and American Preceptor. Like to read the solid sensible pieces in those old books for they call up the memory of the noble dead, whose Religion, Morals and Patriotism fitted them for those days in olden times that tried men's souls. Had a call this Mrs Linsley and Flory Tooley from Meriden.

April 22<sup>nd</sup>

Plowed at the thorn lot. This evening been to Prayer meeting. It has been a pleasant day.

April 23<sup>rd</sup>

Planted potatoes etc. In the evening went to the Lodge. Had an interesting debate.

April 24<sup>th</sup>

Worked part of the day for Polly Hemmingway. This afternoon rode out with wife to North Branford and home through Fair Haven. This evening had a call from E. Thompson.

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April 25<sup>th</sup>

It has been a very stormy day, mostly snow. This morning went to mill, worked a spell at the Church, etc. This afternoon went with Eddy to New Haven after shoes. Brought home Mrs. Tuttle. Have been busy through the week and yet have seemingly accomplished little. Another six days work is done. May its errors and sins be forgiven and I enter on another weeks duties with the resolution to serve God and benefit my fellow Man.

Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>

Been to Church. Mr Havens preached. The text in the forenoon was in Phil-3ch-10vrs. The duty of Christians to become comformable to the death of Christ, and the effect it would have on the Christian character in strengthening the inner Christian life and thus making them able, like Christ, to bear the ills of life and look forward to the day of their death and rejoice that their redemption draweth nigh, was in part the theme.

The afternoon text was in Luke 7-ch 14-15 verses. The circumstances of a widowed Mother, her feelings as she looked with hope upon her only son, the stay and staff of her declining years, and the feelings that cannot be expressed that she must have felt as she saw him stricken down by the relentless hand of death, were all graphically portrayed together with the circumstances connected with the raising of him to life with the word of his power by the Saviour with reflections and applications drawn from the text constituted the subject. It was interesting.

This evening attended the Union prayer meeting. The hall was well filled and the meeting was interesting. It is pleasant to find one spot in this vicinity where discord does not come, that is an Oasis in the desert of life. Long may it remain to exert an influence for good in this community.

April 27<sup>th</sup>

This day has been a busy one and yet have

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not accomplished very much. This morning went in search of a pig. Called at Thaddeus Streets, after which I went to Wm Chidseys and took a look at his pigs. Came home and ate breakfast, after which Wife and I started with horse and wagon and brought home what cost \$4.50 of the hog kind. Finished the forenoon at fence. After dinner carried Wife to the toll-bridge, came back and went to work at fence. This is a busy world for those that have the disposition to earn their bread by the sweat of their brow.

April 28<sup>th</sup>

Set fence at the thorn lot part of the day. Built a hog-pen. Sowed a few onions, etc. It has been quite pleasant today.

April 29<sup>th</sup>

This forenoon hauled manure. This afternoon worked for Mr Charles Woodward. Been to prayer meeting this evening.

April 30<sup>th</sup>

Worked for Charles Woodward in the forenoon Afternoon ploughed for myself. In the evening attended a Silver Wedding at cousin Daniel Grannisses. It was a pleasant gathering.

May 1<sup>st</sup>

Forenoon worked about the yard and wood house. Afternoon attended preparatory lecture at which two Deacons were chosen, the Sabbath School partly reorganized, etc. After which Wife and I went to New Haven. This evening been to the Lodge. Chose Officers for the next quarter.

May 2<sup>nd</sup>

This morning went to the woods for Polly Hemmingway. It commenced raining before I got back. Went to mill, after which I did the rainy day work. Mrs Polly Farren has worked for us today.

Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>

Been to Church. Mr Haven preached. The forenoon text was in Collossians 3ch 11vrs. Christ all and

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in all, the duty of Christians so to consider him and the advantages to the believer spiritually of so viewing and so accepting him, together with the various quotations in scripture bearing upon this point, and the various ways in which he should be looked upon as all and in all in creation preservation and the salvation of his people, were in part the themes of the discourse.

This afternoon was Communion of the Lords Supper. This evening attended prayer meeting.

May 4<sup>th</sup>

Worked for Mr Ferguson today. This evening been to Degree Temple.

May 5<sup>th</sup>

Today worked in the Cemetery. Turfed the grave of Baldwin Bradley, and worked the rest of the day on Amos Thompsons lot. The day has been cloudy, and it looks this evening very much like rain. Tomorrow is Election and it is expected there will be a great parade in the City of Elms.

May 6<sup>th</sup>

This morning finished Amos Thompsons lot in the Burying Ground, after which Wife and I started for Election. Arrived in the City in good time. There was a large Military gathering beside state and City officials together with officers and ex-officers of the government and state, citizens, civilians, etc. Arrived home safe. This evening been to weekly prayer meeting.

May 7<sup>th</sup>

It has been a misty day. Have done little in the shape of work. Drew a load of manure to the lot and a load of sand to the graveyard. This evening been to the Lodge and stayed till recess.

May 8<sup>th</sup>

Worked in the graveyard today. This evening been to Society Meeting. Took a vote to repair the Meeting-house and use the old fund for pay. Also appointed two men to see legal counsel with regard to the right of certain parties crossing the Societys land etc. Talked on various subjects of little importance and adjourned without lay(?).

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May 9<sup>th</sup>

This morning finished sodding the grave and lot of Mrs Welton(?). Finished the day at the thorn lot planting corn. This evening after lighting the Church for the singers, called on Widow Charlotte Luddington. Found her very feeble, having a bad cough and debilitated generally.

Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup>

Attended Church. Mr Havens preached the forenoon. Text was in Psalm 103 19-20vrs. Angels, their occupation and mission, with various quotations from the scriptures in reference to them, were in part the theme.

The afternoon text was in Mat 16ch 27vrs. A description of the general Judgement, the fact that the thoughts, words and deeds of men will there all be revealed, and the opportunities slighted or improved which they have enjoyed will crowd the memory to approve or condemn, were dwelt upon with effect by the Preacher.

We had the Superintendent of a Sabbath School in Norwich with us and spoke a few interesting words to the school. In the evening attended the prayer meeting.

May 11<sup>th</sup>

Planted corn at the thorn lot.

May 12<sup>th</sup>

Went to New Haven north way in the forenoon. Afternoon planted corn etc.

May 13<sup>th</sup>

Planted corn in the forenoon. The afternoon has been rainy. Have filled and trimmed the lamps at the Church. It looks like a stormy night. The wind is blowing quite hard.

May 14<sup>th</sup>

Planted corn today. In the evening went to the Lodge, etc.

May 15<sup>th</sup>

Planted corn again today. It looks like rain this evening.

May 16<sup>th</sup>

Drew a load of wood for Polly Hemmingway.

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this morning. Planted a few rows of corn, worked some in the graveyard, plowed garden, etc. This evening played coachman for Wife, drove up to Amos Thompsons.

Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>

Attended Church today. Had a minister from Mt. Carmel. The forenoon text was in Mark 12ch 34 vrs. One doctrine drawn from the text was the liability of those having an amiable character and outward morality being deceived and finally lost for the lack of the one thing needful. The afternoon text was in Gen 41ch 9vrs. The theme mainly was memory, its office, its power and its Eternal endurance, being that faculty of the mind that outlives the Body and makes our eternity happy or miserable according as we improve or misimprove the time, talents and opportunities allotted us here.

This evening attended Sunday School concert. Had a few views of scenes in and around the Holy Land and Egypt. The apparatus did not work well and they will try again at some future time.

May 18<sup>th</sup>

The morning was rainy and I did little of note. Mended harness, washed carriage, etc. This afternoon worked in the Cemetery on Mr S. M. Hemmingways lot.

May 19<sup>th</sup>

Again at the Cemetery. It has been a cloudy day. This evening Wife called on Hiah(?) and Eliza Bradley. I acted Coachman, bought a peck of beans, etc. The land lady has been papering and cleaning.

May 20<sup>th</sup>

Went to the Cemetery this morning and saw Mr Ritters (?) men at work setting the stones. Finished Mr Hemmingways lot. Worked in the garden some. Tolloed the bell for Mr Gerrish. After dinner went to the thorn lot and planted a row of pumpkins.

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Came home and finished up the day choring. It has rained most of the afternoon, and is still raining at 9 o'clock pm. Thus each day brings its labors and cares, and each night finds us wearied with the labors of the day.

May 21<sup>st</sup>

Dug a grave for old Mr Garrish in the forenoon, it raining part of the time. Afternoon attended at the funeral. The grave caved badly. This evening been to the Lodge.

May 22<sup>nd</sup>

Worked in the Cemetery part of the day at the grave of Mr Gerrish and on Mr Porters lot. This afternoon been to New Haven and home through Fair Haven with Wife on a cruise after Paint Paper and various other fixings for ourselves and neighbors.

May 23<sup>rd</sup>

It has been a rainy day. Between the showers finished the lot of Mr Porters in the Cemetery. Shod the horse, read the papers, etc. Thus I have filled up what seems to me a broken week. Tomorrow is the Sabbath. May its sacred hours be blest to me and thus I be fitted for that Sabbath of eternal rest which remaineth for the people of God.

Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup>

Been to Church. Mr Havens preached. The text forenoon was in John 11ch, the 16 verses. The evidence of the Divinity of Christ, proved by his miracles, was the theme. The afternoon text was Heb 6ch 4-6vrs. The subject was the possibility of Christians falling from grace with various quoted texts from scripture as proofs to the mind of the preacher, together with the awful condition after death of those that thus apostatize.

This is a doctrine about which there is much difference of opinion among the various Christian sects. For my own part I had rather spend my time searching the scriptures to learn my duty to God and my fellow men and then ask of God

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for wisdom and grace to do my duty than to attempt to prove these knotty questions.

May 25<sup>th</sup>

This morning drew a load of manure to the thorn lot, cut turf and covered the graves of Mr Elias Bishop and his first wife, and that of a child of young Elias Bishop. Planted a few hills of corn in the garden, fixed the pig trough, helped Wife some, etc. It is raining quite hard this evening. We have had little sun and much rain the week past, but seed time and harvest will come. The promise is sure. Trust in the Lord and do good, and all things will work together for good.

May 26<sup>th</sup>

It has been showery today. Planted beans at the thorn lot in the forenoon till stopt by the rain. Went up again after dinner and worked till night.

May 27<sup>th</sup>

Have planted beans, planted over corn, worked a little in the garden, etc. This evening been to weekly prayer meeting. The male attendance was small.

May 28<sup>th</sup>

Planted beans and corn. Been to mill, worked a little in the garden. This evening been to the Lodge.

May 29<sup>th</sup>

It has been showery today. I have cleaned out the cow yard and drew manure to the thorn lot. It has been a wet week, it having rained nearly every day.

Sunday, May 30<sup>th</sup>

Been to Church in the forenoon. Mr Havens preached. The text was in John 11ch 17-44 vrs. The raising Lazurus from the dead, the circumstances connected with the sisters sending to Jesus his conversation with his disciples, his journey to Bethany together with the circumstances connected with the scene as given by the Evangelist were reviewed, it being the

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continuation of the subject commenced last Sabbath. Stayed at home the afternoon. Went to the prayer meeting in the evening.

Monday, June 1<sup>st</sup>

Have hoed potatoes. It has been one of the pleasantest days of the season. Had an invite to a Tin(?) wedding at Dwight Kellogs(?) tomorrow night.

Tuesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>

Worked at the lot hoeing potatoes through the day. In the evening went to Dwight Kellogs(?) Tin wedding.

Wednesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>

Again at the lot planting and hoeing. In the evening went to West Haven to the anniversary of Sparkling Lodge.

Thursday, June 4<sup>th</sup>

Worked as above in the forenoon, afternoon. This afternoon visited with Sisters Evarts and Nott, went to the Cemetery, etc.

Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup>

Hoes at the thorn lot and in the garden. Planted a row of corn for fodder, etc.

Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup>

Have been hoeing again today. The weather has been quite warm. It looks some like rain.

Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>

Been to Church. Mr Havens preached. The text forenoon was in the 11ch of John. The power of Christ over death, illustrated by the raising of Lazarus from the dead. The afternoon text was in Luke 23ch 12vrs. The reconciliation of Herod and Pilate and their condemnation of the Savior to death, and the lessons drawn from such agreement, the reasons and the result to them of their actions, with practical reflections upon such agreement by bad men in the accomplishment of selfish ends, were the theme in part. This evening been to Sunday School Concert. Had some views of scenes in the old

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world, partly scripture and partly not. All of them interesting as parts of history either sacred or profane.

Monday, June 8<sup>th</sup>

In the morning helped clear out the carpets, lamps, stoves and furniture generally at the Meeting House to get it ready for repairing inside. Helped wife take up carpets and whitewashed. Finished the day hoeing. Rode to the Cemetery after tea. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.

Tuesday, June 9<sup>th</sup>

Commenced harrowing at the thorn lot, but was broken off by the rain. Came home and helped clean house. Moved the stove into the wood house, mended shoes, picked up old \*\*\*\*(?), and between the showers went to Mill. Thus ends a day made up of littles and yet important for all that. Life is made up of little moments.

Wednesday, June 10<sup>th</sup>

Worked today for H. Bradley hoeing. This evening been to prayer meeting. The meeting was rather thin in attendance but interesting.

Thursday, June 11<sup>th</sup>

It has been a stormy day. Have worked a little in the barn, chored, etc. This evening been to the Lodge room and adjourned, it is still raining for variety.

Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup>

The same old story, a very stormy day. Have done nothing naming, have read some and thought some and this has passed the day. Had almost forgot that I helped the Societys Committee arrange the Town house for meeting next Sabbath.

Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup>

Went to Fair Haven this forenoon on a trading expedition. Found plenty of mud and plenty of folks that were ready and willing to take money, some of whom were very willing to take \$2.00 per bushel for potatoes. Guess they will be

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lucky when they do it again with me. The mud began to abate a little when we came back. Bought paper for the kitchen with various other articles useful in a family mostly for the inner man. This afternoon harrowed at the thorn lot, and while the old nag was resting, threw the driest dirt I could get at the striped bugs on the pumpkins and then pinched them rather severely while they were getting ready to fly.

Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup>

Been to Church. Meeting was held in the Town House, one service. Mr Willard preached. The text was in the 50<sup>th</sup> Psalm 23vrs. The theme was the importance of a well ordered life, setting forth the things to be shunned by those who would live such lives. Went to Mr Noyeses Church in the afternoon. The text was in Isa 44ch 22vrs, Luke 14ch 17vrs. The love of God in giving his only begotten son to die the just for the unjust and thus all things being made ready by the determinate counsils of God before the foundation of the world were in part the theme. This evening been to prayer meeting.

Monday, June 15<sup>th</sup>

Commenced the day by patching the domisil and mowing Mrs Farrens lawn. After which I went to the thorn lot and hoed. This evening called to pay Mrs Luddington for the boys tending cows. It has been a pleasant day.

Tuesday, June 16<sup>th</sup>

Went to the lot and hoed a spell, but was stopped by the shower. Came home and went to N. Haven. In the afternoon set out pepper tomatoes and cabbage plants. Showery most of the day.

Wednesday, June 17<sup>th</sup>

Went to the Cemetery and trimmed Mrs Nancy Woodards yard and our own. Went to Mill. In the afternoon rested most of the time. This evening been to prayer meeting.

Thursday, June 18<sup>th</sup>

Hoed at the thorn lot. In the evening went to

the Lodge and had quite a spicy time on some quite spicy topics.

Friday, June 19<sup>th</sup>

Been hoeing again today. The weather has been quite warm. This evening carried wife to the Doctors, and worked for a few minutes in the Cemetery.

Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup>

Again at the thorn lot hoeing. It has been a warm day. Another six days work is done.

Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup>

Did not attend Church in the forenoon, but went to Sabbath School. Attended the evening service. It has been a showery day. The evening text was in Deut 30ch 15vrs. The truth was brought out that the truth in the text is as applicable to us in this day as it was in the days of Moses, that good and evil are set before us and we are compelled to the choice of one or the other, and upon this choice depends our future of happiness or misery.

Monday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>

Spent a little time at the Town house arranging lights for meetings. Set out cabbage plants and finished the day in the cemetery mowing.

Tuesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>

Forenoon worked in the Cemetery. Afternoon finished hoeing the second time. It has been pleasant this afternoon has been pleasant.

Wednesday, June 24<sup>th</sup>

Worked in the Cemetery mowing. Rung the bell for prayer meeting this evening. Received a lesson from the minister for not helping carry on the meeting. Hope he will not stop with me but go through the list of Church members.

Thursday, June 25<sup>th</sup>

Again at the Cemetery. It has been a good hay-day. Have put a small load of hay in the Barn tonight.

Friday, June 26<sup>th</sup>

This morning went to Fair Haven with Wife and

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Nancy Ludington. Called at Uncle Justins. Finished the day haying from the Cemetery.

Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup>

Today went clamming with Mr Higgins. Got about three quarts. Concluded clamming was not very lucrative business and came home, and went to the lot hoeing.

Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup>

Went to Church. Mr Havens preached. The text was in 1-Samuel 11ch 13vrs and 14ch 44vrs. The theme was the progressive tendency of sin, the fact that, having disobeyed God, the wicked was worse and worse. This evening attended prayer meeting.

Monday, June 29<sup>th</sup>

Hoed part of the day. It has been quite warm. Whitewashed a little towards night. Rode to the Doctors with Wife. Did not find him at home. Took a turn around the square and home.

Tuesday, June 30<sup>th</sup>

Cultivated, hoed, cleaned house, etc. June is leaving us very pleasantly.

Wednesday, July 1<sup>st</sup>

Worked at the thorn lot hoeing. Had a book agent with us at dinner. This evening been to Fair Haven with Eddy after hat, shoes, etc.

Thursday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>

Today finished hoeing the third time. It has been a very warm day. This evening been to the Lodge. Ella Thompson and a Hotchkiss girl were initiated.

Friday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>

Worked at fence at the thorn lot most of the day. Had a light shower this afternoon, which has cooled the air and refreshed the earth. Been to prayer meeting this evening. Sister Ella came over last night to spend the fourth with us.

Saturday, July 4<sup>th</sup>

Have celebrated Independence Day. Been to N. Haven with Wife and Sister Ella. Went to the Cemetery

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and saw the procession strew flowers on the Soldiers graves. It was an interesting sight as it brought to memory the noble deeds of the noble and Patriotic dead, whose memory is embalmed in the hearts of the loyal people. The Orphans of the soldiers were there and took part in the exercises. Came home and took dinner and lay off till towards evening, when we went to pay a tribute of respect to our departed friends and view the place where we must shortly rest beside them. Thus sad and yet profitably has passed the day that commemorates the birth of this Nation, the cradle of civil and Religious Liberty. May the day ever be remembered and appropriately celebrated by those now living and by those that come after us to the remotest generations. And the star spangled banner in triumph wave long oer the land of the free and the home of the brave.

Sunday, July 5<sup>th</sup>

This morning dug a grave for Edward L. Smith. Went to the funeral at his late residence in Foxon in the afternoon. The services at the grave were interesting, consisting of the strewing of flowers on the coffin after it was lowered into the grave, with a few very appropriate words from Isaac S.(?) Pardee. This evening been to monthly concert of prayer for the conversion of the world.

Monday, July 6<sup>th</sup>

This morning dug a grave for Sailtrue(?) Andrews. This afternoon filled the grave and went to New Haven with Wife and Ella. Helped move a tree from Mrs. Sarah Bradley's lot. Helped move the old grave-stones from M Hemmingways lot, etc.

Tuesday, July 7<sup>th</sup>

This morning went to the Cemetery and cleaned around Mr Hemmingways monument and picked up after Mr Ritters folks the rubbish they

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Left scattered about the yard. Came home and went to the lot and commenced plowing for turnips and buck-wheat. It has been cloudy through the day and is raining hard this evening.

Wednesday, July 8<sup>th</sup>

Today worked at the thorn lot plowing and fixing for sowing. Wife and Ella have gone to prayer meeting this evening. The weather is lowery and looks like more storm.

Thursday, July 9<sup>th</sup>

This morning went to mill. Had Sister Ella's company. Made a call at the Cemetery and came home. Went to New Haven after buck-wheat, guano, etc. Afternoon worked at the lot preparing the ground for turnips, buckwheat, etc. This evening been to the Lodge.

Friday, July 10<sup>th</sup>

Sowed turnips and buck-wheat. Went to the Cemetery after a little hay that I had there. Went to the toll bridge after Wife and Ella. Read a letter from Fred Lyons acknowledging the act and remitting the money. Lord teach me so to number my days that I may apply my heart unto wisdom.

Saturday, July 11<sup>th</sup>

Been to Guilford to Sister Mary's with Wife and Sister Ella. Found them all well and had a pleasant visit and a pleasant ride and improved the time in reading, declaiming and sentiment and gathering instruction and amusement from what came under our observation as we passed along. Oer hill and dale through brooks and vale from a wooly horse by the road side, the flocks in the hills, and the simple goose, together with the Old oaken bucket, the moss covered bucket, the Iron bound bucket that hung in the well.

Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup>

Went to Church in the forenoon. Had a preacher from the Mission Church N. Haven.

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The text was in John 17ch 17vrs. The sanctifying influence of the word of God, or the power of revealed Religion over that called natural Religion or the teachings of nature in the visible creation.

This evening been to prayer meeting. The attendance was thin. It has been a very hot sultry day, the warmest of the season.

Monday, July 13<sup>th</sup>

Hoed for H. Bradley. It has been some more than warm today. It looks some like a shower this evening.

Tuesday, July 14<sup>th</sup>

Cradled rye and oats for myself today. It has not been quite as warm as yesterday. Had a visit from Cousin Libby Bartlett. Expected Sister Susan and Minnie, but they did not come. Ella left on the 6 O'clock train for Saybrook and we are left alone in our glory. Such is life, with its ever varying scenes, its meetings and partings, its pleasures and pains all woven in by that Providence that controls the destinies of all human beings and will cause all things to work together for good to them that trust in him.

Wednesday, July 15<sup>th</sup>

Worked for H. Bradley haying. The body of man found washed ashore at Morgans Point supposed to be the man lost from the Elm City a few days since.

Thursday, July 16<sup>th</sup>

Worked for H. Bradley today. This evening been to the Lodge. Passing along is the motto of life, and passing away is the great truth that should impress itself on the mind and heart.

Friday, July 17<sup>th</sup>

Worked for myself today. Raked and bound oats and rye, and put them in the barn. Had a short call from Aunt Betsey Smith.

Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup>

Hayed it today. The weather has been warm. The dry weather is effecting crops.

Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup>

Have stayed at home today. It has been very warm. There has been a thunder shower this

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afternoon. It went all around us but rained but a few drops here. Wife went to meeting in the forenoon.

Monday, July 20<sup>th</sup>

It has been a lowery day. Have sowed turnips, cut a load of stuff in the graveyard, been to mill, etc. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.

Tuesday, July 21<sup>st</sup>

This forenoon went to New Haven with Wife. Left her at Uncle Justin's. Came home and hoes a little in the garden. Mowed the weed and briars side of the fence. Went to the Cemetery and cut the grass on Samuel Chidsey's lot, also on Mrs English's. Came home and went after Wife. Thus ends the chapter made up of a number of small verses.

Wednesday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>

Haying for H. Bradley. Minnie came on the 6 o'clock train. A warm day.

Thursday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>

Worked for H. Bradley at hay. It has been a cloudy day. Looks very much like rain this evening. Had a call from Cousins Ebenezer and Callis(?) Granniss this afternoon.

Friday, July 24<sup>th</sup>

This forenoon mowed in the graveyard. After dinner went to work for Mr Bradley. This evening been with Wife and Minnie to Uncle Joseph Granniss to his 76<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Saturday, July 25<sup>th</sup>

In the forenoon worked for myself at a little of this and a little of that. Afternoon worked for H Bradley at hay. It still rains as of old on the evil and on the good, and thus Providence has sent us rain to refresh and invigorate the thirsty earth, and cause it to bring forth food for man and beast, and thus fulfill the promise made by God to Noah 4316 ago that seed time and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter should not cease till the end of time. The promises of God are sure of a fulfillment.

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Sunday, July 26<sup>th</sup>

Went to meeting at the Town house in the forenoon. Mr Havens preached. The text was in Mat 25ch 34vrs. The blessedness of the Righteous and the misery of the wicked were the theme.

This afternoon went to Branford to Mr Baldwins Church. The text was in Mark 8ch 36vrs. The value of the soul over everything earthly and material and the importance of securing its salvation was ion part the theme. After service went to the Cemetery. Met Cousin Warren Smith and wife. Went with them to an immersion to Hubbards bridge. Went home with them and took tea. Called at our Cemetery on the way home. Met Cousin Carry(?) Smith.

Monday, July 27<sup>th</sup>

Worked for Mr Bradley at haying.

Tuesday, July 28<sup>th</sup>

Again at haying. The weather has been rather dull the last two days. Finished Mr Bradleys upland haying today. Got in rye, etc.

Wednesday, July 29<sup>th</sup>

Worked in the forenoon for Mr Bradley mowing. Afternoon stayed at home and waited on company. Had Aunt Harried(?), Aunt Betsey, Cousin Almira Foot, Mrs Farren, Mrs Hannah Granniss. Went to the Cemetery with them. Had a pleasant old folks gathering.

Thursday, July 30<sup>th</sup>

Worked for Mr Bradley. This evening been to the Lodge. Elected officers for the next quarter.

Friday, July 31<sup>st</sup>

Again at haying at the old place. Have felt about sick this afternoon.

Saturday, August 1<sup>st</sup>

Went to mill in the morning. Afterwards went to Mr Bradleys and finished up the day. It is Saturday night. The labors and toil of the week are over. May the coming Sabbath be a rest to the body and profitable to the Soul, and I grow wiser and better as life wears away.

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Sunday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>

Went to the Town house to meeting in the forenoon. Mr Havens preached. The text was in Mat 20ch 34vrs. The preached dwelt upon the difference in the record of the three Evangelists of the same miracle and threw what light he could upon them, after which he dwelt upon the act itself and drew lessons therefrom. This afternoon been to New Haven to an open air Temperance meeting on the Green from the steps of the old State House.

Monday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>

Worked on the meadows mowing through the day. This evening rode out with Wife and Minnie. Went to Mr Bunnels(?) to get the measure of a childs coffin to dig a grave by. Called at H Bradleys, etc.

Tuesday, August 4<sup>th</sup>

Dug a grave and filled it for a Bunnel child 4 months old. This evening been to Fair Haven with Eddy to trade.

Wednesday, August 5<sup>th</sup>

This morning went to mill, after which I went to the thorn lot and spent the day weeding turnips. It has been a cloudy day.

Thursday, August 6<sup>th</sup>

Wed turnips today, found more weeds than turnips. Discouraging work.

Friday, August 7<sup>th</sup>

Finished weeding turnips today. It has been something of a hay day. A shower this evening.

Saturday, August 8<sup>th</sup>

It has been a rainy afternoon and I have done little but the chores about the house and barn. It is Saturday night. It has been a broken week, cloudy and showery most of the time. It is after 7 o'clock and the train from the west has not come. Rumor says they have broke down in New Haven. This world is full of disappointments and troubles and we know not what a day may bring forth. There is nothing true but heaven.

Sunday, August 9<sup>th</sup>

Stayed at home today not feeling well. Filled up the day with reading the Bible and Searses Bible history, a book full of interest to the Bible student.

Monday, August 10<sup>th</sup>

Worked on the meadows for H Bradley. It has been a fine hay day.

Tuesday, August 11<sup>th</sup>

In the forenoon worked at hay for Mr Bradley. Was broke off by the rain. It has been a misty, showery, hot, muggy, disagreeable, uncomfortable, and if anything wants adding, it can be summed up in the compound words Dog Days. Been to the Drs twice with wife. The first time he was away. Went to the Cemetery and did a little work for Mr Heminway. Went to the lot after potatoes, etc.

Wednesday, August 12<sup>th</sup>

Worked on the meadows mowing. It has been a cool day.

Thursday, August 13<sup>th</sup>

On the meadows again today. Have mowed most of the time for two days and feel about used up. This evening called on Augustus Street to make Sextons Returns.

Friday, August 14<sup>th</sup>

As usual have been haying on the meadows. It has been a splendid hay-day. Feel that I am growing old and am daily reminded by my own feelings as well as by passing events that strength and vigor, youth and beauty, are doomed to fail and pass away. May I be able to look forward to that land of the blessed where sickness and sorrow can never come and the smile of the Saviour is the feast of the Soul.

Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup>

At haying for Mr Bradley. It has been a good hay-day. It has got to be Saturday night again. The labors and toils and vexations incident to this mortal life are over till another week shall begin with its ceaseless round of toil. May the coming Sabbath calm the tumultuous passions

of the human soul and its sacred hours be blessed and a foretaste gained of that eternal Sabbath of rest that remains for the people of God.

Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup>

Dug a grave for Miles Grannis Child in the forenoon. Afternoon rung the bell for the funeral and filled the grave.

Monday, August 17<sup>th</sup>

Worked on the meadows at the old spot. This evening had a look for the Cow but did not find her.

Tuesday, August 18<sup>th</sup>

This forenoon rode with Wife and Minnie over a good part of the Town to find the cow but did not see or hear from her. This afternoon went to mill and then went to the Cemetery and cleaned up Mrs Wm Woodward's lot and our own. Cleared away the dirt from Miles Grannis lot etc.

Wednesday, August 19<sup>th</sup>

On the meadows again today. It has been cloudy most of the day. Feel that I am growing old. The outward man is perishing. May the inward man be renewed day by day.

Thursday, August 20<sup>th</sup>

Worked on the meadows till rain broke us off. We have had some very hard showers and it still rains gently with a prospect of a wet night.

Friday, August 21<sup>st</sup>

This morning went to the lot and took a view of the crops, picked a few tomatoes, etc. Went to the Cemetery and got a load of bedding. Went to the harbor to see about some grass, went to Fair Haven after Wife. Run into a small shower and got sprinkled. Arrived at home in good time. Had Minnie's company and her tongue has been busy.

Saturday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>

For Mr Bradley on the meadows. Minnie went home on the 6 o'clock train. Clara Brewster came after her. It has been a pleasant day. The showers of yesterday and the day before

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have made the meadows very wet, and the high tides have made them still worse.

Another week has passed away and is numbered with the days and years that go to make up the total of ages past, and like all the weeks of past time, it has hurried the inhabitants of the earth to a vast and unending eternity of Joy or sorrow, to reap what they have sown here.

The living know that they must die  
While all the dead forgotten lie  
Their memory and their sense is gone  
Alike unknowing and unknown.

Sunday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>

This morning rode out with Wife for her health. Spent the day in reading and rest. This evening been to prayer meeting.

Monday, August 24<sup>th</sup>

Worked for the Bradleys on the meadows. Made a long day. Started in the morning feeling rather bad, but feel better tonight after a hard days work.

Tuesday, August 25<sup>th</sup>

Mowed in the harbor meadows. Found it hard to cut got about tired out. Spent the evening chasing Walkers beef cattle out of our lot.

Wednesday, August 26<sup>th</sup>

Again on the meadows. Have nearly finished the mowing. Hay has dried but little today.

Thursday, August 27<sup>th</sup>

Been to the meadows. Worked some at hay, mowed sedge, etc. After tea went to the thorn lot with Wife. It is cloudy and looks like some rain.

Friday, August 28<sup>th</sup>

Have mowed sedge, raked hay, etc. at the harbor meadows. This evening rode to the thorn lot with Wife. Thus ends another day with its various cares and labors incident to life. O may our thoughts and thanks arise with every evening sacrifice, and may God accept the offering.

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Saturday, August 29<sup>th</sup>

Went to mill in the morning, pulled a few beans at the thorn lot. Afternoon went to the meadows and finished raking hay. Spred sedge and brought home a small load of hay.

Sunday, August 30<sup>th</sup>

Went to meeting at the Town house. Mr Havens preached. The text was in 36 Psalm 6vrs. The Righteousness and Judgements of God as a mystery to man, and yet the Justice of God in all his mysterious dealings, and the duty of man to acknowledge the wisdom of the all wise and say it is the the Lord, let him do what seemeth good, were in part the theme.

Monday, August 31<sup>st</sup>

Pulled beans today. There has been an Electors Meeting for the choice of a Probate Judge. They have made choice of Charles A Bray.

Tuesday, September 1<sup>st</sup>

Been to the harbor meadows twice after salt hay. This evening rode to Dr Brainards with Wife. Templars Pic-Nic at Morgans Point today.

Wednesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>

Hauled home beans and thrashed some. Have felt rather used up today. This evening rode to Fair Haven with Wife to the Apothecary. Did a little grocery trading and came home to rest the wearied and worn body with nature's sweet restorer, sleep and rest.

Thursday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>

Drew sedge from the harbor meadows. It has been a cool, cloudy day. It look like rain this evening.

Friday, September 4<sup>th</sup>

Have been on the almost sick list today and done little labor. This afternoon rode out with Wife. Took a turn about town. Went west as far as Woodards corner, then to the Cove and the South End School House, and home through the Cove woods. Had a pleasant ride and got home just in time to escape a very hard shower

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Heard this evening of the death of Elizur Bradley in Meriden. Thus one after another of our fellow beings drops into the grave, reminding us of the great truth that it is appointed unto man once to die. Passing away is written in legible characters on all the human family.

Of all the pious dead may we the footsteps trace.

Saturday, September 5<sup>th</sup>

Have not felt very well, have rested some and worked some. The week has passed away and have not seemed to have accomplished much. Hope to feel better tomorrow and hope the rest and quiet of the Sabbath will so affect the Soul and Body that I shall enter on the labors, toils and duties of the week with new zeal and renewed strength, and thus be able and willing to serve God and benefit the race of Man.

Sunday, September 6<sup>th</sup>

Been to Church. Mr Havens preached. The text was in Rom 12ch 11vrs. The preacher applied the text to his hearers and dwelt upon the importance of coupling fervency of spirit with diligence in business, touching on that periodical Religion that shows itself only on special occasions, comparing it to those pools or springs of water that are a long time filling but soon dry up. The Sabbath School decided to have a Pic-Nic on Wednesday of the present week at Morgans Point if the weather proves favorable.

Monday, September 7<sup>th</sup>

This morning had a very hard shower. After it slacked, went to Fair Haven. Called at Edwin Grannis, found him ailing. This afternoon hoed turnips. Had a call this evening from Mrs Caroline Thompson.

Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>

Forenoon hoed turnips. Afternoon got in salt hay, has Eddy to help me. It has been a pleasant fall day. The air has been cool and bracing.

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Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>

Wed turnips this forenoon. Afternoon went to Sunday School Pic-Nic at Morgans Point. The weather was quite cool and cloudy, and consequently there was not as large an attendance as last year, though it was a pleasant gathering and all things passed off well.

Thursday, September 10<sup>th</sup>

Went to New Haven in the morning to pay a bill to Jacob Morris. Came home and finished the day weeding turnips. This evening went to the Lodge, few present.

Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup>

Wed turnips most of the day. Went to mill, etc. It has been a very warm day for the season.

Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup>

Have been on the sick list today and have lain up. Rode to the thorn lot with wife this afternoon. We are a poor mess. The week has passed away and I have done less than I intended at the beginning but Divine Providence marks out the way in wisdom and a trust in that Providence is the highest wisdom as well as the duty of all Intelligent beings.

Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>

Have stayed at home today not feeling well. It has been warm through the day. Had a light shower towards evening.

Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup>

Dug a grave for George E. Meachen and filled it, and feel about used up. It was a hard spot and I did not get it dug till 3 o'clock, and did not get it filled till 6. He died, it is said, with the dropsy.

Tuesday, September 15<sup>th</sup>

This morning went to the Cemetery and cleaned around the grave that I had dug yesterday, after which I went to the thorn lot and finished the day weeding turnips, a slow disagreeable job. The weeds are plenty and the turnips scarce. The insect tribe without reminds one by their music that the fall of the year has come and

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that soon we may look for chill winds and the blight of frost. Wife wishes to be remembered as feeling better than for some time past.

My wife may sew and I will write.  
Thus passes the time away.  
For I deem it one of the wisest things.  
To mark down the acts of the day.

Wednesday, September 16<sup>th</sup>

Forenoon wed turnips. After dinner went to Fair Haven after salt etc. Came home and finished weeding turnips and cut up a few sacks of corn. The weather today has been changeable, with sun, rain, warm and cool. It feels like a frost tonight.

Thursday, September 17<sup>th</sup>

This morning cradled Buckwheat a spell, then cut up corn till near night and then finished cradling. It has been a cool fall day. The Republicans of New Haven are burning a little powder over the Election news from Maine. It is said they have carried the state by 20,000 majority.

Friday, September 18<sup>th</sup>

Cut up corn, raked Buckwheat, etc. There was a frost last night, the first this fall. It is cool this evening. Thus the days and weeks pass in quick succession and soon this mortal life will end. The grave is near the cradle seen, and time is winging us away to our eternal home.

Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup>

Finished cutting up corn. Rode to Fair Haven. Took tea at Uncle Justins. Called on Ebenezer Grannis at D Kellogs(?), found him getting better though still weak. Traded some at the grocers and bakers and came home.

Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup>

Went to meeting at the town house. Mr Havens preached. The text was in 1 Thess 5ch 24vrs. The faithfulness of God in the fulfillment of his promises or the truthfulness of God as shown in the fulfillment of his threatenings as uttered by the Prophets of old against Babylon, Tyre(?), Egypt and other of the Cities and Nations

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of olden time, as well as the fulfillment of promises to those that feared him and kept his Commandments, was at least part of the theme of the discourse.

We are having a line storm. It commenced to rain this afternoon. Mrs Dodd was prayed for today, she being very low and not expected to live.

Monday, September 21<sup>st</sup>

Finished thrashing beans and commenced on the rye. Went to the Cemetery with Mr Samuel Andrews to see about digging a grave for Mrs Dodd. She died at noon today. This evening rode to the thorn lot with wife. Thus time work its changes at the bidding of a wise Providence, and the old, the middle aged and the young pass away from earth, reminding us that death is no respecter of persons.

Tuesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>

In the forenoon thrashed rye. Afternoon went to Fair Haven to Consociation(?). It was very interesting in the reports from the various Churches and also the Essay, which was delivered by the Rev Mr Gallup of Madison on the means to be used to induce those outside of the Church to attend. Touching on the excuses of such for their neglect and the way to remove their prejudices and the attractions to be placed before them to draw them to the house of God. Rev Mr Folsom was dismissed from first Church in Fair Haven. Rev Mr Pierce gave an interesting report on home Evangelization showing the number of Church goers and non-Church goers, which showed that but half of those that ought to attend did so. An officer or agent of the foreign mission board spoke a few minutes, giving the pleasing intelligence that the board had received money to pay all arrearages and meet the current expenses of the year. Rev Mr Gallup preached the sermon this evening.

Wednesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>

This morning finished thrashing rye. Afternoon cleaned up rye and white beans. Went to mill towards night. Called to pay a little bill to Mrs Charlotte Luddington. Found her very low, confined to the bed most of the time.

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This evening been to prayer meeting, attendance rather small. The remarks were of interest, touching the subject of death and referring to the death as well as the life of Mrs Dodd, her constancy in the path of duty in life and her confidence in the hour of death.

Thursday, September 24<sup>th</sup>

In the forenoon dug a grave for Mrs Dodd. Afternoon went to the funeral, and afterwards filled the grave. Went to mill, stacked sedge, etc. This evening went to the Town house to Lodge but did not have a meeting.

Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup>

The forenoon was wet and I did little in consequence. Called on Augustus Street and made sextons returns. Afternoon mended fence between Mrs Farren and Ressel(?). Had some reflections on gossipers and busy bodies in other mens matters, a crop of humans that seem to flourish in spite of wind or weather. Thus the world moves on with its busy multitude, each acting a part in the drama of life, some choosing that course which will bless themselves and the world at large, while others are content with the opposite course. Verily I say unto you they each have their reward.

Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup>

Worked at Russels fence the forenoon. Afternoon worked at the fence between Mr Hoadley and us. Went to the Cemetery and moved the surplus dirt at the grave of Mrs Dodd. Attended Auction at the Meeting house. Wife bought some of the old carpet.

Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup>

Attended Church. Mr Havens preached. The text was in Isaah 60ch 13vrs. The subject was the beautifying of the house dedicated to the service of God, the tendency of humanity to worship the temple and its splendid rites instead of worshipping God, and yet the duty of the Church and people to make the house of worship pleasant and attractive, a slight notice of the past and present appearance of the house in contract, etc. The subject was selected as appropriate at the opening of the old and ancient sanctuary, after having been closed to worshippers

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for more than three months for repairs. This afternoon was Communion and Installation of Brothers Fabrique and Street as Deacons. It has been a wet day and few were out to Church.

Monday, September 28<sup>th</sup>

Went to New Haven. Paid George Hoadleys Note. Bought cloth for shirts for myself and Eddy, bought pants for Eddy, went to the Bank for Freddy, and came home 28 dollars lighter than I went away. That is the way the money goes.

Tuesday, September 29<sup>th</sup>

Dug potatoes at the thorn lot. It has been a cool yet pleasant day. Had a call this evening from Mrs Elijah Bradley.

Wednesday, September 30<sup>th</sup>

Went to the Blacksmiths this morning with waggon irons to mend, after which I went to the thorn lot and dug potatoes, picked beans, etc.

Thursday, October 1<sup>st</sup>

Thrashed Buckwheat in the forenoon. Dug a few potatoes in the afternoon. Went to the lodge in the evening. Cloudy weather.

Friday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>

Dug potatoes, thrashed Buckwheat, etc. This evening been to Fair Haven to trade. Attended a prayer meeting at Hemingways Hall.

Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>

Cleaned up Buckwheat in the forenoon. Afternoon went to the lot for turnips, corn, etc. Did a little work for Homer Hemingway at the Cemetery. Thus another week has passed away and its record is entered on high. May the short-comings of life be blotted out and the blood of Christ that speaketh better things than that of Abel be applied to cleanse me from all sin and fit me for an entrance into that kingdom not made with hands eternal in the Heavens.

Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup>

Forenoon. Been to Church. Mr Havens preached. The text was in Psalms 137<sup>th</sup> 5-6vrs. The love of the Jews to the

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Church with some of the reasons therefor, the love of Christians in later times for the Church and the causes that prompt to that love, such as the good effects produced on communities and Nations. The duty of connecting Religion and Morals, etc. were the themes in part.

The afternoon. Discourse was an Obituary on the death of Mrs Eliza Dodd. The text was in Rev 2ch 10vrs. Christian faithfulness in duty, the hidden life of the Christian, Christian constancy, loyalty to Christ, were points of Character dwelt upon as possessed by the deceased. A Biography of the deceased, the time of her uniting with the Church at the age of 16 yrs, at 18 she commenced as a teacher in the Sabbath School, continuing as such till the close of life. The Discourse was interspersed with poetical effusions, such as So dies a wave along the shore. The whole a well deserved tribute to the memory of departed Christian worth and usefulness. May her mantle fall on the members of the Church of which she was a working member.

This evening been to the Templars prayer meeting, opened after a vacation of a number of months.

Monday, October 5<sup>th</sup>

In the morning went to the Cemetery and cleared the Morrises lot, and also Merit Hemmingways. Called at the Town house on the way home and voted for Town Officers for the year to come. Afternoon drew a load of coke.

Tuesday, October 6<sup>th</sup>

Drew a load of coke in the forenoon. Dug potatoes in the afternoon. Been to Fair Haven this evening after Wife.

Wednesday, October 7<sup>th</sup>

Dug potatoes. Went to the Cemetery after a little hay. Went to Fair Haven to see a stove but did not get a sight of it. Came back and went to the prayer meeting. It was thinly attended by the males of the Church, three only being present.

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Thursday, October 8<sup>th</sup>

In the forenoon worked at the lot digging potatoes and picking corn. Intended to go to Branford this afternoon but the weather prevented. Dug a grave for a man that floated ashore near the light house who, from various stabs upon his person, must have come to his death by violence. This evening been to the Lodge.

Friday, October 9<sup>th</sup>

Went to Branford in the forenoon to see about a place for Eddy. This afternoon picked corn.

Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup>

Picked corn in the forenoon. This afternoon been at the cemetery. Dis-interred the body that was buried the 8<sup>th</sup>. The body was that of a man supposed to have been murdered in West Haven. The body was identified by friends. The man's name was Bronson. They have arrested a man by the name of Abbot on suspicion of being the murderer. The body was carried to Plymouth for burial by the relatives.

Have been to Fair Haven this evening on a stove expedition. After some trouble, found the stove we wanted but had to leave it for repairs. Thus ends the week with its events, some of which are of the greatest importance in the world, involving life and death.

Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup>

Been to Church. Mr Havens preached. The forenoon text was in Mat 28ch 19vrs. The discourse was on the doctrine of the Trinity. The points touched were the necessity of the reception of this doctrine though a mystery to us. The incomprehensible character of God by the finite. The strength derived by Christians from this belief. The agreement of sanctified reason and Christian faith, etc.

Afternoon text was in Judges 8ch 21vrs. The theme in the main was the boy should not be asked to do the work of the man. The strength of a Nation and of individuals measured by the moral nature. The source of morals must have a good foundation. Various characters were dealt with, such as the unstable and the stable, the liberal and the penurious, etc. etc.

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This evening been to Templars Prayer meeting. It was well attended.

Monday, October 12<sup>th</sup>

In the morning went to Branford with Eddy. Came back and finished the day husking corn. It has been a pleasant fall day.

Tuesday, October 13<sup>th</sup>

Picked corn in the forenoon. Afternoon went oystering with Mr Higgins on the Southend shore. Got about six bushels with the stones they grew to, they stuck to them with wonderful tenacity. Had a few with tea. They were like a singed cat, better than they looked.

Wednesday, October 14<sup>th</sup>

Picked corn at the lot. Went to the Prayer meeting in the evening.

Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup>

It was wet in the morning. Spent the forenoon in and about the house and barn. Afternoon husked corn. This evening been to the Lodge.

Friday, October 16<sup>th</sup>

Husked corn. It has been a pleasant day. Wife has been opening oysters to get a little spending money. Times is hard as Nasby(?) would say and the poor have the luck to know it as soon as anybody.

Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup>

Helped Sidney Pardee 75 cts worth in the morning. Went to the thorn lot and husked corn a spell. After tea went to Fair Haven after a stove. The weather has been squally and cool, reminding us that soon we may expect the frosts and snow of winter.

Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup>

Attended Church. Mr Havens preached. The forenoon text was in Exodus 20ch 12vrs. Obedience to parents and the fruits of such obedience, with observations on the duty of obedience to the commands of God growing out of obedience to parents, together with the duty of parents to set good examples before children in order that they may respect them and thus compliance with their requests, seem reasonable and a willing obedience be the results, were in part the themes of the preacher.

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The afternoon text was in 1-Kings 5ch 17-18vrs. The necessity of counting the cost in all undertakings and the folly of commencing without this forethought. The various characters that commence to build without the right material and thus fail and leave the false foundation as a lasting monument of their folly in commencing, were dwelt upon at length by the Preacher.

Monday, October 19<sup>th</sup>

Finished picking corn in the forenoon. It has been lowery with some rain this afternoon. Have chored about the house and barn. Had a call from Mr B Ostler to see about digging a grave for Mrs Luddington. She died last night about sunset.

Tuesday, October 20<sup>th</sup>

In the morning dug the grave of Mrs Charlotte E. Luddington. Went to Fair Haven after Almira Foot. Afternoon attended the funeral and filled the grave. This evening carried Wife and Almira to New Haven to see the Carpet Baggers and Boys in Blue.

Wednesday, October 21<sup>st</sup>

In the morning went to the Cemetery and finished the grave of Mrs Luddington. Turfed a grave of a child of Mr Bunnel. Went to the wagon makers for some work. The afternoon being wet, Eddy and I oiled harness. There is a prospect of a wet night.

Thursday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>

This forenoon chopped wood for Polly Heminway. Afternoon being misty, worked about the house and barn. Been to the Lodge this evening, nominated officers for the next quarter.

Friday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>

This forenoon worked at the Church fixing about the heater and the chimney pipe. This afternoon put together harnesses that had been oiled, fixed the lumber wagon, etc. Wife has been making a horse blanket. Eddy has gone to Foxon on a visit.

Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup>

Drew wood for Polly Hemingway in the forenoon. Afternoon pulled turnips, etc. This evening cut turnips.

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Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup>

Been to Church. Rev Mr Bladwin preached. The text forenoon was in 1-Thess 1ch 5vrs. The strong faith of Christians of apostolic time and its fruits, the pervading effects of the gospel of Christ in molding governments and the impossibility of destroying it, the power of the gospel to uphold men, were in part the theme.

The afternoon text was in the 10 Psalm 4vrs. The Bible definition of wickedness, all men that do not love God with all the heart as commanded. The effect of this character on the man, pride the cause of wickedness, the desire of the wicked to have a religion to suit themselves by which they can work out or merit salvation, were themes dwelt upon by the preacher.

Monday, October 26<sup>th</sup>

Went to Fair Haven in the morning, after which I went to the harbor shore for seaweed. Drew two loads. Pulled a few turnips and topped them this evening.

Tuesday, October 27<sup>th</sup>

Went to New Haven in the forenoon. Afternoon cut wood and bushes at the thorn lot. This evening been to the Town Hall to the Ladies Society.

Wednesday, October 28<sup>th</sup>

This morning helped Mr Horace Chidsey set some stone posts in the Cemetery. Came home and went to the thorn lot to work. Was called off by the Select Men to bury a man that floated ashore from the harbor. Name unknown, had the appearance of having lain in the water some length of time. This evening been to Prayer meeting.

Thursday, October 29<sup>th</sup>

Worked at the thorn lot clearing up. This evening been to the Lodge. Chose officers for the next term.

Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup>

Worked at the thorn lot in the forenoon. Afternoon went to preparatory lecture, after which Wife and I and Mrs White rode to Morgans Point. This evening called on Mr and Mrs Ham etc.

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Called at Edwin Grannisses to make oath to the list.

Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup>

Have cut bushes again today. It has been cloudy most of the day and looks like a storm this evening. Thus another week passed away and, tired and weary with life's toils, I look forward to the coming Sabbath as an emblem of that Eternal rest that remains for the people of God.

In holy duties let the day,  
In holy pleasures pass away,  
How sweet a Sabbath thus to spend,  
In hope of one that ne'er shall end.

Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup>

Been to Church. Mr Havens preached. The forenoon text was in Acts 28ch 26-27vrs. The vicarious sufferings of Christ. The objections of skeptics to the doctrine and their various arguments reviewed and met with Bible truth. The Commercial Doctrine or the holding that the Father God bargained with the Eternal Son to save a part of the Human race were the topics brought up and handled with Scripture arguments.

This afternoon was Communion. The day has been stormy and few were out to Church. It is raining quite hard this evening.

Monday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>

Went to Mill to North Branford in the forenoon. Came home in a storm. Finished the day with odd jobs at the house and barn.

Tuesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>

Pulled turnips and voted for Presidential Electors. This evening cut turnips in the cellar.

Wednesday, November 4<sup>th</sup>

Cut bushes at the thorn lot in the forenoon. Afternoon disinterred the body that was buried Oct 28<sup>th</sup>, it proving to be the body of the man that jumped overboard from a schooner in the sound. The father came for the body and recognized it by the clothing. It was carried to New London on the cars at 6 o'clock P.M.

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Thursday, November 5<sup>th</sup>

Went to the lot bushing in the morning. Was broke off by the rain. Came home and cut turnips, shelled corn, hooped tubs, etc. This evening Wife and I have been to the Lodge. The exercises consisted mainly of Installation of Officers for the quarter.

Friday, November 6<sup>th</sup>

Worked at the thorn lot clearing up. The weather has been pleasant, yet the trees stript of their foliage look much like winter.

Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup>

Again worked at the lot trimming up. Have got about tired out.

Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup>

Been to Church. Rev Mr Noyes preached. The text in the morning was in John 11ch 39vrs. The duty of man to cooperate with God in labors. The various characters who wanted the stone rolled away from their hearts. Evil habits and associates hinder the removing the stone. Prayerlessness to be broken off, an exhortation to Christians to avoid apathy and sloth, and the importance of social Prayer were some of the topics dwelt upon.

The afternoon text was in 1-Cor 7ch 31vrs. Fashion the condition of earthly things. The change of the seasons proves the truth of the text. The geological changes of the earth also prove it, looking forward to tomorrow and forgetting today and meeting with disappointment, the changes in our bodies from childhood to old age, the uncertainty of retaining earthly goods, were part of the theme with a fitting exhortation to all to be wise and use the world as not abusing it.

Went to Foxon this evening. Called on Mrs Jacobs, found her health miserable. Called at Miles Granniss. Came home and went to the Templars prayer meeting.

Monday, November 9<sup>th</sup>

Went to Fair Haven with wife in the morning. Afternoon drew a load of wood for Polly Heminway. Finished the day about home.

Tuesday, November 10<sup>th</sup>

Dug a grave in the forenoon, Mrs Amy Clark.

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In the afternoon attended at the funeral and filled the grave etc. This evening been to the sewing society.

Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>

It has been a wet day. Have shelled corn, ground cutter knives, etc. This evening been to Prayer meeting. The time was well occupied by the brethren. The pastor was absent.

Thursday, November 12<sup>th</sup>

Worked at the thorn lot trimming up. It has been rather a pleasant day for the time of year. This evening been to the lodge. Wife is making a mat. All things are full of labor was the assertion of the wisest of men. He said also, go to the Ant then sluggard consider her ways and be wise.

Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup>

Trimmed up some at the lot. Drew wood home, etc. Had a call from Mr Dwight Clark and Mrs Heep(?). Went to the Cemetery with Mr Clark to stake off their lot.

Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup>

Forenoon drew wood from the thorn lot. Afternoon rode to New Haven with Wife, called at Uncle Luddingtons on the way home and took tea. Found the city alive with all kinds of business, the stores filled with customers and the streets filled with the busy multitude, each supposed to be after something for the body or the mind, a mixed medley of fashion and folly, pride and poverty, honesty and raseality, busy industry and the idle worthless, all passing on to meet the rewards of recompence.

Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup>

Attended Church. Mr Havens preached. The forenoon text was in Acts 26ch 24-25 vrs. The minister touched upon the life of the Apostle Paul as a Roman prisoner and a Christian Apostle, and showed that which was called madness by the Roman Governor and people was Christian enthusiasm. Sin in man making salvation necessary. Enthusiasm, Fanaticism and Insanity as attributed to the Apostle, the two last showing the mistaken notions of the masses with

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regard to the true character of Paul, the earnestness of the man, were considered, its consolations in trials and the joy it affords in Death were in part the theme of the preacher.

The afternoon text was in Eccl 11ch 9vrs. Youth, its buoyancy, hopes and anticipations, the review of youth as we look back to it from old age, a review of the life of Solomon as a pleasure seeker, its dissatisfaction, the truth applied to the sensual pleasures and gratifications of youth, the truth brought out that whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap, the downward tendency of sensual pleasures, the natural and moral of man as affected by sin and vice, the influence we exert upon one another, the grief the sin and vice of children cause parents, were themes of the preacher. This evening been to Templars prayer meeting.

Monday, November 16<sup>th</sup>

White-washed the pantry and patched the wall overhead. Afternoon drew stalks from the lot. In the evening went to Branford with Wife, she stopping at Sylvester Granniss. I went to the Lodge, had a pleasant time.

Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup>

Worked about the yard in the forenoon. Afternoon drew a load of wood and a load of stalks from the thorn lot. This evening been to the Town house to the Oyster supper.

Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup>

It has been a stormy day. Have worked about the house. Dressed chickens with Wife. Been to mill etc. After tea went to Fair Haven with fowls. Came back and went to meeting. Rev Mr Morgan preached from the lost pieces of money, the lost sheep, and the joy in heaven over one sinner that repenteth.

Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup>

Went to the woods for Polly Heminway in the morning. Afternoon went to New Haven. This evening been to the Lodge.

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Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup>

Went to the South End shore in the forenoon after oysters, sea morse etc. Carried Wife and Mrs White. Cut a few hoop poles on Polly Heminways lot in the afternoon.

Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup>

Went to Oyster Brook after hoop poles. A windy day.

Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>

Been to Church. Mr Havens preached. The forenoon text was in Mat 5ch 8vrs. Purity of heart, the Christian and other Religions compared, purity of heart explained, the inward life will shine out, the Christian will have more respect to the inward than the outward, the pure will pray to God and receive an answer, they are not exempt from temptations. The pure in heart will act from the heart. They have inward evidence of their Religion. They will get a clearer view of God hereafter and be satisfied when they awake in his likeness. These were part of the thoughts given by the preacher.

The afternoon text was in Isa 52ch 3vrs. The preacher commenced with an anecdote of the Rev Rowland Hill to illustrate the text and continued by saying there was a conflict in the world between God and satan for the souls of men. The worth of the Soul compared to the body. The souls endowment, immortality. Satan working for the ruin of the Soul, God to save it. The free moral agency of man, God appealing to it, and man to decide. He sells his soul to satan, man drawn in by worldly cares, pleasures and allurements. The joys of heaven promised to the pure in heart. The feelings of the Soul in the other world when harassed by remorse. Were points touched upon by the pastor.

This evening has been Sunday School Concert, interspersed with views of eastern scenery and ruins and explanations by

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Dea E. Street and the minister singing and a few remarks by the Superintendent of the Center Church Sabbath School, etc.

Monday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>

This morning went to Kellog and Iveses(?) with hoop-poles. Afternoon cut poles on Polly Heminways lot. It has been a pleasant day.

Tuesday, November 24<sup>th</sup>

Cut poles in the forenoon, drew stalks, etc. Afternoon went to Clintons factory in North Haven, and from there to Trumble Lodge.

Wednesday, November 25<sup>th</sup>

Cut and drew wood for Polly Heminway in the forenoon. Afternoon cut hoop-poles on her land. Attended Orion Lodge this evening.

Thursday, November 26<sup>th</sup>

It has been thanksgiving today. There has been one service at the Church by Mr Havens. The text was in the 90<sup>th</sup> Psalm 1<sup>st</sup> vrs. The preacher reviewed the past of our Country, the fiery trials through which we as a Nation have passed and showed the goodness of God to us as a Nation and as a State and as communities and as families, the reasons we have for thanksgiving to the Lord for giving health and crowning our labors with success and reviewed our form of governance, the principles on which it was based by our Godly and Patriotic ancestors, its advantage over the other governments of the earth, and the dangers that threaten us, with the prospects opening to us for future greatness and invoking Heaven's blessing upon us, that and our posterity. Received a letter from Centerbrook informing us of the death of Mother Parker. The funeral will take place tomorrow at 2pm.

Friday, November 27<sup>th</sup>

Started on the 7 o'clock train for Centerbrook with Eddy to attend the funeral of Mother Parker. Had to walk from Westbrook up. After the funeral went to Brother Notts to tea.

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Took the stage from there to Westbrook and the evening train home. The day has been pleasant, and a goodly number of the neighbors and friends were present to listen to the voice of God's providence and his word, which declares that it is better to go to the house of mourning than to the house of feasting. Arrived in time to attend the Lodge. Had dialogues, music and a speech by Brother Weed.

Saturday, November 28<sup>th</sup>

Cut hoop-poles in the forenoon on Polly Heminways lot. This afternoon rode out with Wife. Called at Dr Bradleys and took tea.

Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup>

Been to Church. Rev Mr Reynolds preached. The text forenoon was in 1-Peter 2ch 7vrs. The preacher commenced with referring to the escape of Napoleon from Elba and the effect upon the soldiers sent to capture him and referred to the leaders of the various sects and their influence over their followers, and referred to the leadership of Christ, the reasons why Christians love to speak of Christ, the purity of Christian character. What Christ did the great reason for rejoicing and this leads us to love him. The sufficiency of the atonement a reason for joy. The subject illustrated by the love of the mother for the son. Invitation to Christ as the inexhaustible fountain. The failure of science and philosophy to satisfy the soul. The preciousness of Christ to the believer makes his life shine out to the world. These were in part the theme.

The afternoon text was in the 86 Psalm 11vrs. The preacher commenced by giving fear its proper place in the Christian code. He touched upon the fear of the opinions of our fellow men and their influence to hold us in certain places and positions. The fear of the Lord the beginning of wisdom. Man compared to a vine needing something to cling to and carrying out the idea, the principle, of the fear of God was that to which we should

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as an anchor to the Soul. This fear to be not a slavish fear, but that fear that works by love and purifies the heart, and thus the fear and the love of God blending together shall work harmoniously to mold and perfect the Christian character. These were part of the thoughts of the preacher.

Monday, November 30<sup>th</sup>

Burned brush at the thorn lot. In the evening went to West Haven to the Lodge. Had a pleasant time.

Tuesday, December 1<sup>st</sup>

Worked at the lot part of the day, and at home the rest. Winter has commenced in earnest.

Wednesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>

Have been brushing again today. This evening attended Church meeting. Chose Treasurer and two Committee. Voted to hold preparatory lecture evenings. Brothers Curtiss, J Pardee, B Street, E Street, Theodore Thompson, S F Andrews, George Ferguson, Al Fabrique, Charles Woodward, William Havens and the Pastor.

Thursday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>

In the forenoon finished burning brush at the thorn lot. Afternoon went to mill, etc. This evening been to the lodge with Wife. Hatty and Mary Heminway initiated, the exercises interspersed with dialogues, speeches and the like.

Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup>

Been to New Haven with Wife. Came home through Fair Haven. Did a large amount of small shopping. Hooped barrels, chopped wood, and shelled corn to fill up the time.

Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>

It has been very stormy today, the first snow storm of the season. Have worked about the house and barn, putting things in shape for winter, which has come in earnest. Thus season after season passes away and we are growing old. The winter of life is coming on. May our life be so spent

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that we shall not have to mourn at the last the harvest is past, the summer ended and the winter of life come upon us and find us unprepared for its realities. But may we sow the seed now that shall ripen into a glorious harvest hereafter.

Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup>

Been to Church. Mr Havens preached. The forenoon text was Mark 11ch 12-14vrs and 20-24vrs. The preacher referred to Christ's visit to Bethany and the effect of association with that pious family composed of Lazurus and his two sisters and explained the reason of his hunger, the Eastern people not eating till near noon, their evening meal being the principle one. He dwelt upon the curse of the fig tree and the seeming difference or discrepancy in the narrative of the Evangelists, and endeavored to explain. The Savoir did this to gain an opportunity to bring out truths connected with the Jewish people, his anger at the fig tree dwelt upon and reference made to his human nature. This a symbolical truth intended to teach the utter fruitlessness of the Jews though they had the outside. No outside will save us without the fruits of the spirit.

The afternoon text was in 1-Peter 4ch 18vrs. The preacher commenced with explaining the term Righteous to mean those that aim at purity of life. The ungodly and sinner synonymous terms. The difficulties that surround the text dwelt upon, some reference to the double meaning of the text as referring to the outward and the inward man. The difficulty of the salvation of the good. The great value of the Soul inferred from what it cost to redeem it. The Holy Spirit necessary after the death of Christ to save it. The outward difficulties in the way, such as the former habits of life. The need of holiness in order to be saved. The end and object compared, etc. These were in part the themes touched upon. This evening been to Templars Prayer meeting.

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Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup>

It has been a very stormy day. It has snowed, rained and blowed. Have commenced to get out hoops today. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.

Tomorrow Lord is thine  
Lodged in thy sovereign hand  
And if its sun arise and shine  
It shines at thy command

Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>

Chopped and hauled two loads of wood for Polly Heminway. Split and shaved a few hoops, etc. It has been a squally unpleasant day. But this is the fulfillment of the promise that seed time and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter shall remain to the end of time. We have had the harvest and now stern winter is upon us. May the changing seasons remind us of the life's changes and thus we be fitted for all the emergencies of life, its joys and its sorrows, that when the winter of old age comes upon us it may be found that we have gathered fruit unto Eternal life.

Wednesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>

Had the pig butchered this morning, after which I went to New Haven after coke for Polly Heminway. This evening been to the prayer meeting. It has been a cold windy day.

Thursday, December 10<sup>th</sup>

Worked a little at this and a little at that. Hooped some, cut out and salted pork, etc. This evening been to Lodge. Initiated Ammi(?) Tyler and wife and Lizzie Hotchkiss. Had dialogues and talk, poetry and songs.

Friday, December 11<sup>th</sup>

Been to Rogerses Mill, North Branford. Patronized the Blacksmith near the mill by getting the horse shod. It has been a very cold day.

Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup>

Have helped Wife make sausages, salted pork and hams. This evening called on Mr Samuel Andrews and paid for butchering. Been to Edwin Granisses to engage a pig. Thus ends the week.

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It has been a cold windy week and I have been able to accomplish but little in the way of business. Yet life is made up of sunshine and shadows, storms and calms, and he is the wise man that takes the world as it comes, with its changes, trusting in that overruling Providence that governs and controls the earth as well as the destinies of men and that numbers even the hairs of our head.

Sunday, December 13

Attended Church. Had a Minister from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Methodist Church, New Haven. The forenoon text was in Psalm 84 11vrs. The preacher commenced by explaining the word sun in the text and spoke of the objections of some to the rendering of it as inappropriate. He explained the effect of the sun on animal and vegetable life, that the life of these depended on the light and heat of this orb, and drew the lesson that the Christian depended on the light of God's countenance for Christian life. He compared light in the natural with that of the light of Christian life as it shines out upon the world. He considered the importance of uniting the heart and emotions, as light and heat are united in the sun. The light, heat, cold and frost of nature considered in their effect on the earth not to kill but to accomplish the object and bring out vegetation in the spring so the sun of Righteousness will work in the heart in spite of outward circumstances. This will give us light in the dying hour. He concluded by referring to the unspeakable joys of Heaven and the impossibility of fully anticipating them.

The afternoon text was in the 90 Psalm 2vrs. The subject of the Eternity of God. The preacher dwelt upon the duty of humility in view of this truth. He spoke of a sure resting place in God and the fact that we shall live through or in the Eternity of God. The law of progress dwelt upon showing that we shall be ever increasing in knowledge in Heaven or Hell.

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He concluded by giving the fact that all must choose one of the two worlds.

This evening been to Templars prayer meeting.

Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup>

This morning rode with Wife to the South East part of the town to look at a piece of land. Came up through the woods of Mr Doolittle and home. Bought and brought home a pig from Edwin Grannisses. This evening been to South End to see Mr Warren Luddington. Called at Mr Porters on the way home. Worked a little at hoops.

Tuesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>

This morning went to mill, after which I went to hooping. It has been a mild day, the first for a week.

Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>

Chopped and hauled a load of wood for Polly Heminway in the morning. Worked at hoops the rest of the day. This evening started for Prayer meeting, found the hall had not been opened. Called at E. Grannisses of an errand. It looks like an ice storm.

Thursday, December 17<sup>th</sup>

Worked at hoops today. This evening been to the Lodge, had a pleasant time. Initiated one Brother. Had company from Orion and Totoket Lodges. Completed arrangements for a sociable next week.

Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup>

Been hooping again today. The weather has been changeable, the morning being pleasant, the afternoon windy. Wife has been washing. Had a call from Cousin Libby Bartlet, who was in search of articles of dress worn in the days of Auld Lang Syne(?). Fitted her out with a goodly lot.

Saturday, December 19<sup>th</sup>

Went to New Haven with hoops in the forenoon. This afternoon went to the woods and cut a few hoop poles. It has been a clear cold day, probably the coldest clear day this winter.

Wife has been entertaining me with news from the State Temperance Journal, some of which at least shows that Temperance is not dead

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yet. May it spread and prevail over all opposition.

In triumph long wave

O'er this land of the free

And this home of the brave

And may the time soon come when it shall  
cease to protect those sappers of our civil and

Religious Liberty, the rum-sellers. And all the decent people in the land shall say Amen.

Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup>

Attended Church. Mr Havens preached. The forenoon text was in Gen 12ch 12vrs. The depravity of man as shown in the lives of good men, the reasons of the falsehood of the Patriarch Abram(?), the fear of man, the necessity of courage, moral and physical courage considered, the effect of moral courage to strengthen, to endure all things for principle, the tendency in men to hide serious feelings shows the want of moral courage, it hinders professors from progressing, the necessity of fixed principles, early religious thought and feelings to be cultivated, men afraid to begin for fear they will not hold out, a suggestion of the Devil. Constitutional faults considered. The Mammon fear in Christians hinders their progress. The fear of men and the fear of God in their effects. These were part of the themes dwelt upon.

The afternoon was Sunday School Concert. The text was in Acts 16ch 1vrs and 2 Tim 3ch 14vrs. The subject in brief was the value and importance of early Religious teaching and its good effects on the future life of the child and the importance of beginning to teach Religion as soon as they can be taught anything.

Monday, December 21<sup>st</sup>

Went to the City in the morning and came near making a day of it. This evening met with the Church Committee at the Parsonage to talk over various matters pertaining to the prosperity of the Church.

Tuesday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>

Went to mill in the morning and got

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some feed ground. Worked at hoops the rest of the day. Attended prayer meeting this evening.

Wednesday, December 23<sup>d</sup>

Worked at hoops. Towards night went up to Cousin Miles Grannisses. This evening called at Mrs Bartletts after Christmas presents for Minnie.

Thursday, December 24<sup>th</sup>

It has been a very cold day. I have worked a little at hoops. It has been too cold to split them. This evening been to the Templars entertainment. It passed off well.

Friday, December 25<sup>th</sup>

We have had a cold Christmas, and I have done little work. Split a few hoops but they were so frosty I quit it. Chored about the house and barn, etc. This evening been to the hall again. The last night's performance was played over with variations. It passed off well.

Saturday, December 26<sup>th</sup>

Went to the woods after hoop-poles in the forenoon. Afternoon unloaded and notted a few and set them up in the barn. It has been a very cold day.

Sunday, December 27<sup>th</sup>

Attended Church. Rev Mr Clark of North Branford preached. The forenoon text was in James 1ch 4vrs. Patience as a Christian virtue, together with the other Christian graces, was dwelt upon. Patience considered at length and separated from the others. The effect on patience of trials. The preacher desired to impress the importance of attaining and holding this grace. Three kinds of patience. That of Job necessary to enable us to bear the reverses of the world. That of Christ to bear persecution and shame for his sake. Patience as a needful \*\*\*\*\*(?) of old. Third the patience of continuance in well doing.

The afternoon text was in Mat 12ch 46-50vrs. The text in the Gospels compared. The preacher dwelt upon the importance of this declaration of Christ. It does not mean those that belong to sects and expect to be saved by creeds and dogmas. The preacher was opposed to strait sects that condemn all that do not come to their sect.

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Monday, December 28<sup>th</sup>