

## SAINT ANNE'S CHURCH AND REV. THEODORE EDSON

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### Introduction

One persistent story regarding Lowell's female textile workers is that Kirk Boott, Agent of the Merrimack Company required all operatives to pay "pew rent" and "37 ½ cent monthly fee" in support of his church, St. Anne's. In attempt to verify this story, a careful investigation of the history of St. Anne's Church and the general history of the Massachusetts Public Worship Tax was initiated.

### Beginnings

In 1822 shortly after Boston investors purchased the Pawtucket Canal and surrounding lands, there were about 200 men, women, and children in the small farming community of East Chelmsford. Most attended the church on the north side of the Merrimack River – Pawtucket (Congregational) Society Church. By November 1823, when the Merrimack Manufacturing Company began producing cloth, several hundred additional men and women had moved to this area to work. Many of these workers would travel on Sundays in large rented wagons to the Pawtucket Society Church.

### Merrimack Religious Society

In February 1824, the Massachusetts legislature expanded the power to organize religious societies to justices of the peace. On February 16, 1824, Cyrus Baldwin (Chelmsford Justice of the Peace) issued a warrant in response to an application by Kirk Boott and eleven others to form the Merrimack Religious Society located in East Chelmsford.<sup>1</sup> The Board of Directors of the Merrimack Company encouraged the establishment of this Society in hopes of attracting a better class of workers. In addition, they supported this religious society by providing space for worship in the upper rooms of the Merrimack Company schoolhouse.<sup>2</sup> Within a year, 97 men had become members of the Merrimack Religious Society, it should be noted that women were not allowed membership.<sup>3</sup> These male members were Baptists, Methodists, Episcopalians, Congregationalists, and Universalists from Chelmsford, Dracut, and Tewksbury.<sup>4</sup>

### Edison's Selection:

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<sup>1</sup> [Consecration of St. Anne's Church by John O. Green. Contributions Vol. 3](#)

<sup>2</sup> [Saint Anne's Church Centennial Anniversary 1825-1925 by Wilson Waters, p. 23. The Board of Directors of The Proprietors of Locks and Canals would continue to provide support and land to other religious societies – Baptist, Congregational, Methodist, and Catholic](#)

<sup>3</sup> [Contribution vol., p. 164](#)

<sup>4</sup> [Edson's Diary, 1824; Town histories.](#)

In February 1824, the Merrimack Company Board of Directors sent William Appleton, Board member and Kirk Boott, Agent to invite Theodore Edson a divinity student in Boston to hold worship services in East Chelmsford for a trial period. They expressed the Board's wish that services be acceptable to the greatest number of people.<sup>5</sup> Edson traveled to East Chelmsford on March 6, 1824, to preach to members of the newly formed Merrimack Religious Society.<sup>6</sup>

### **Massachusetts Public Worship Tax**

Later in March, after hearing Edson preach for several Sundays, 73 subscribers (all men) successfully petitioned the town of Chelmsford to approve Edson and to pay the Commonwealth Public Worship Tax to him through the Merrimack Company rather than through Chelmsford.<sup>7</sup> Dating from the colonial period, the Massachusetts Public Worship Tax was levied to support Protestant churches and ministers. This petition seems to indicate the petitioners desire to have greater control over the collect and distribution of their taxes. Massachusetts was the last state to abolish this tax in 1833.

### **The Stone Church**

In 1824, the Merrimack Company Board of Directors authorized the construction of the *Stone Church* under the direction of Kirk Boott. The final decision regarding the form of worship and the minister was still under discussion by the Board in early 1825. The Episcopal society was fairly small in Massachusetts, and although a few Directors were Episcopalian, the majority were Unitarians. Their decision was influenced by the fact that their agent, Kirk Boott, and his family were Episcopalians. The success of Edson first year was also a factor in the selection of the form of worship and minister. In February 1825, Theodore Edson was formally ordained "Priest," and on March 16, 1825, the Episcopal Bishop of Massachusetts consecrates the *Stone Church* as the Protestant Episcopal Church – St. Anne's.<sup>8</sup> From April 1824 to November 1827, Edson received his salary directly from the Merrimack Company under the Commonwealth Public Worship Tax. The Merrimack Company retained from its operatives (the Commonwealth Public Worship Tax seemed to apply only to men) 37 ½ cents quarterly (\$1.50 annually) for the support of public worship.<sup>9</sup>

### **New Churches**

Lowell was incorporated as a Town in 1826 and a year later the population was about 3,000 including 1,200 textile workers (1,080 female and 120 male). In 1826 and 1827, several new churches opened: First Baptist Church 1826, First Congregational Church 1826, First Universalist Church 1826, and Methodist Church 1827.<sup>10</sup> With the opening of

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<sup>5</sup> 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Sermon by Edson, 1875

<sup>6</sup> Edson's Diary, March 6, 1824

<sup>7</sup> Edson's Diary, March 19, 1824; Contributions Vol. 3

<sup>8</sup> Saint Anne's by Waters, p. 23

<sup>9</sup> Ibid, p. 33

<sup>10</sup> City Directory, 1833 organized: Baptist Church 1826, Congregational Church 1826, Universalist Church 1826, and Methodist Church 1827

these new churches, attendance at St. Anne's Church dropped dramatically. According to Edson, Sunday service on May 6, 1827 saw only "26 present and those who may be reckoned communicants here (13) are as follows, Kirk Boott, Anne Boott, Rebecca J. Edson, Mary Batchelder, Sarah C. Livermore, Mr. Currier, Joel Lewis, Mrs. Green, Erina Bridge, Hepzibah Bridge, Martha Bridge, Nancy Bridge, Chloe Sprague."<sup>11</sup> Although many women rented pews in the newly formed churches, St. Anne's records show only men rented pews.<sup>12</sup> St. Anne's records list women as communicants from the beginning, but they were not allowed membership until 1924.<sup>13</sup>

### **Beethoven Musical Society**

It is difficult to find participation on the part of female operatives in the Merrimack Religious Society. However, there is some evidence of female textile workers participating in the Beethoven Musical Society organized in September 1824 by 75 men and 53 "invited" women. Members of this singing society were Baptists, Episcopalians, and Congregationalists from Dracut, Chelmsford, and Tewksbury. They formed a "social contract for the purpose of improving themselves in the science of sacred music and for the promotion of harmony in the duties which may be assigned as a musical society in the congregation that will worship in the *Stone Church*, now being built in this place." Initial research of the invited female members of this society indicates that the majority were members of families in the area. So far, the only exception is Deborah Skinner; the first weaver brought from Waltham, MA to work in the Merrimack Company. Additional research is necessary but the involvement of female operatives in this organization seems very limited. During 1826 and 1827, many members of this non-denominational group left to join one of the newly formed churches. The Beethoven Musical Society formally dissolved in September 1827.<sup>14</sup>

### **Reorganization of St. Anne's**

In early 1827, Edson expressed his discouragement at the loss of those attending St. Anne's and seriously contemplated leaving Lowell.<sup>15</sup> In an effort to sustain an Episcopal church in Lowell, a committee of the Merrimack Religious Society was formed in October 1827 to request separation from the Merrimack Company. In a letter to Edson, Boott disapproved of this request expressing concern for the financial stability of the Society. He also noted that the current strong religious excitement,<sup>16</sup> which had drawn members from the Society, might pass.<sup>17</sup>

The Society ignored Boott's recommendation and continued with their plans for reorganization. The obligation of Edson's salary was transferred from the Merrimack

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<sup>11</sup> [Edson's Diary](#)

<sup>12</sup> [Saint Anne's Church Records, 1824-](#)

<sup>13</sup> [Saint Anne's By-laws, 1924](#)

<sup>14</sup> [Saint Anne's by Waters, p. 163-167](#)

<sup>15</sup> [Edson's Diary, 1827](#)

<sup>16</sup> [City Directory, 1833 organized: Baptist Church 1826, Congregational Church 1826, Universalist Church 1826, and Methodist Church 1827](#)

<sup>17</sup> [Saint Anne's by Waters, p. 34](#)

Company to the Merrimack Religious Society, and the Society entered into a lease with the Merrimack Company for the church and parsonage buildings.<sup>18</sup> Kirk Boott was not pleased. He was not among the subscribers for St. Anne's new organ in 1827 and 1828<sup>19</sup> and finally about 1830 he left St. Anne's Church and joined the Universalist Church. In 1831, the Merrimack Religious Society was renamed "The Congregation of St. Anne's Episcopal Church."<sup>20</sup>

## Conclusion

The evidence is clear; women did not rent pews at St. Anne's Church. Furthermore, collecting money to support churches and ministers was not a decision made by the textile companies, but required by the Massachusetts legislature until 1833. There is no evidence that textile companies continued collecting the tax for public worship after 1833. One question remains, were women textile workers required to pay the Massachusetts Public Worship Tax? I believe it is unlikely, given the evidence: women did not sign the petition to organize the Merrimack Religious Society, women did not sign the petition to transfer the collection of the Massachusetts Public Worship Tax from the town of Chelmsford to the Merrimack Company, and as yet here are no accounts of women paying the Massachusetts Public Worship Tax.

What do these corrections to an old persistent story mean? I believe there is an overwhelming desire on the part historians and laymen to embrace a certain degree of mythology regarding Lowell's early textile period. "*The corporations were evil and the workers were victims.*" There is a genuine and deep reluctance to acknowledge any story as myth. Perhaps acknowledging this particular myth is seen as diminishing the power of the textile companies and placing more power in the hands of the workers. Nevertheless, the early history is certainly much more complex than the myths suggest with both management and employees involved in shaping the institutions and foundations of Lowell.

## Additional Note:

Although not addressed in the brief piece, there is a lingering question regarding how ridged the corporations were in their policy of church attendance. Religion was an integral part of life in the mid-1800s. Attending church was encouraged and supported and expected as much by the employees as by management, there is no evidence in letters, diaries, and articles that any action was taken because workers did not attend church.<sup>21</sup> To use this policy as an example of corporate control or even corporate paternalism may not be accurate.

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<sup>18</sup> [Ibid, p. 34](#)

<sup>19</sup> [Ibid, p. 63](#)

<sup>20</sup> [Ibid, p. 37](#)

<sup>21</sup> [Letter: Mary Lucinda Hovey to Elizabeth M. Stevens, August 8, 1847 - "the old woman \[ed: boardinghouse keeper\] makes or tries to make us all go to meeting but you see she can't drive me and she has almost given up the idea that she can" <http://library.uml.edu/clh/All/hov.htm>](#)

**REVEREND THEODORE EDSON'S DIARIES  
DECEMBER 1822 THROUGH APRIL 1841**

**Credit: Lowell Historical Society  
Transcribed: Walter Hickey.**

**Note: This Project has not been completed and in addition there are occasional gaps in Rev. Theodore Edson's diary entries.**

**VOLUME 1**

**BOSTON DECEMBER 1822**

Wednesday 18, 1822 -- I have been in the Massachusetts general Hospital nearly five weeks and out of health nearly three months. By being taken off from my Theological studies my faith and patience have been severely tried. Though composed and as I thought in some degree submissive at first I have during my residence here had a violent struggle with my corrupt heart. There have been times in which notwithstanding my greatest efforts it would rise with a kind of unwillingness to suffer all my heavenly Father's will and a kind of resigning which would bring at the same time tears from my eyes and a thrill of horror to my soul. Of late this obstinacy has in a good degree subsided and I hope I feel more resignation to that will which I know is best

Mr. Eaton has called to see me this day and told me that my friends at Bridgewater very much wished me to be there and perform service in the Church on Christmas day. O Lord, my father as I trust, in Christ Jesus, if it be thy Holy Will wilt thou restore me to health and grant that I may on that day be there and record thy goodness or else O Lord give me submission.

Friday 20, 1822. There is little prospect of my being well enough to leave the hospital soon. But why should I (unclear) at God's dealings. He has certainly been very gracious to me and if I really have so strong a desire to preach the gospel why not preach it here? There is opportunity by example by advice & by exhortation to exert myself for the spiritual welfare of others. Yesterday the patients in the large men's ward, beyond my expectations, requested prayers in the evening, This evening we there surrounded the social altar again. May God grant to them and to the others who attend the hearing ear and the understanding heart that they may hear the scriptures with profit & offer with sincerity and devotion the prayers.

Wednesday 25, 1822. Christmas day—Though I am yet in the hospital and not in Bridgewater yet I have abundant reason to bless the name of the Lord. Since last Friday there is a prospect of leaving the hospital and resuming my studies although I am not yet well. O Lord have mercy upon me I beseech thee keep me back from every thing hurtful

to myself and injurious to thy cause Heal me if consistent with thy holy will if not make me I pray thee resigned and O prepare me for thyself whatever [sic] may be before me.

## **SOUTH BOSTON DECEMBER 1822**

Thursday 26, 1822. I this day return to my lodgings here at Mr. Gould's having been absent since about the eighth of October and having been sick for these three months past. May God grant me gratitude for the restoration of such degree of health and for this return to my studies and duties in this place. God has appeared for me of late in a very satisfactory and comforting manner. I have very great reason to bless him for my affliction as well as for the degree of deliverance which his own hand has affected.

Sunday 29, 1822. Today I have been permitted by the goodness and mercy of God to perform service again in St. Mathews Church in this place. How often during my sickness has human probability been in my own view at least agonizing ever being able to return and perform the duties of my station here. And yet sometimes in my greatest illness I seemed to have a kind of assurance that I should be restored to the service of the sanctuary and be permitted to preach the gospel. O if I am spared for that glorious and honorable work great God may I not forget thy goodness.

It was delightful to see the faces of this people again in Church after so long an absence from them particularly to meet them when I can hope that my health is recovering and that there is a prospect of my entering again upon the duties which from my station I owe them. There is also something in the season of the year which to my present feelings and situation is peculiarly interesting. To begin a new year with restored health has something in it partly intellectual partly perhaps physical but pleasant and profitable to the soul. There is a feeling a feeling upon the mind almost involuntary and I must begin this year with more of zeal and dilligence in the service of God. O my Father is it delusion or I the impreion from myself that thy grace will be afforded that I shall be enabled to enter with increase activity upon thy service here. And O the joy that will attend – yea O Lord thy peace will flow like a river to comfort my soul if I be found in the way of duty. I bless thee my God. Thou hast been better to me than my fears. I derive here to make a record of thy goodness that this page may [ ] to me hereafter and to others if it ever meets their eyes that thou art God.

## **JANUARY 1823**

Thursday 2, 1823. O may the God who has brought me to the beginning of this year go with me through all its events and duties. Where I shall be a year from this he only knows. If my life is spared to see the beginning of another year may I be enabled to look back upon this page and upon my feelings and prospects at this time with that reference to an all disposing and righteous and good Governor which shall excite my gratitude and increase my love and devotion. What I know not now but which if I live to then I shall knwo respecting the dispensations of his providence in regard to me all this he knows as

well at this moment as he will at that and far better than I shall know it even after passing through it. O my God if it be thy will restore me to health and extend my usefulness but above all make me grateful for thy goodness submissive to thy will & more and more fit for thy kingdom. I have been getting some tracts to lend to the children of this place. My plan is to collect as many of the children on Saturday afternoons as I can to lend them tracts which they are to return when they come for more. Thus I hope to have an opportunity of seeing them. Lord bless I beseech Thee the undertaking. Help me I pray Thee to say a word in season to these little ones whom Thou wouldest have fed.

Friday 10, 1823. In reviewing the week past I find much in myself to lament and much to be thankful for. My health through the manifest goodness of God and most probably in answer to the prayers which Christians have offered in my behalf has been improving. My attempts to perform the duties of my place have been as much blessed and more so that I had reason to expect. The children met me here on Saturday last and are to come tomorrow. O that I might be prepared with a word for them. This is O Lord my constant petition for myself in relation to them.

Monday 20, 1823. Unfavorable weather has made our congregation small for three Sundays past. There is a lamentable want of zeal and stability in attending public worship in the people of this place. Novelty that "bane of souls" pleases which in such a place as this turns the Sabbath from a day of devotion to a day of amusement, O my Lord may this state of things be changed may this people be led to see the importance of constantly attending some particular place of worship and may an increased zeal for the truth as it is in Jesus and attachment to order and regularity prevail. The children still come for tracts May the number be increased and their souls benefited for Christ's sake.

### **QUINCY JANUARY 1823**

Thursday 29, 1823. I have been several days in this place at the house of my friend Rev. B.C. Cutler in whose family I find hospitality, friendship, intelligence, and religion and pass my time here very pleasantly. My health seems not improving -- The happiness which I see in my friend's family and the innumerable advantages which it gives in addition to the comfort it adds to his life induce me to look upon the marriage state in a more favorable light than ever & to regard it as particularly desirable to the minister of the gospel in those circumstances which every man of tolerable prudence and discretion would deem obviously requisite. The trite observation that a man wants a wife to take care of him is indeed true in very many cases such as sickness and discouragement's of various kinds. Besides nothing so centres one's affections and views nothing so brings all his feelings to bear upon a point as having a family to employ his solicitude and to constitute his home. The man who feels himself a wanderer in the wide world may indeed exult in his freedom but he cannot conceal an uneasiness a wild lonely uneasiness a widowed feeling a weariness of selfish concern which all his boasted freedom can never counterbalance.

## **APRIL 1823**

Monday 21. I here record the goodness of God to me in restoring to me my health and also in serving a dear brother in his voyage from N. Orleans and giving his to us in safety though not in health. O merciful Father wilt thou restore him also; give him health and strength and gratitude and such a degree of prosperity in his worldly concerns as thou shalt see best for him.

Friday 25. I am at a loss to know how I shall be supplied with books to pursue my Theological Studies while I remain here. No plan has suggested itself as feasible as that of taking a place in the Boston Athenaeum May my Good Lord direct me.

## **MAY 1823**

Monday 16. evening. Decide with moderation and act with firmness

## **JULY 1823**

Monday 28. The Lord has graciously appeared for me in several important particulars—in regard to books I have been tolerably supplied from unexpected sources. After passing through the requisite examinations before Dr. J.S.J. Gardner I applied last Friday to the Standing Committee of Massachusetts for Testimonials to the Bp. which I have this day recd and now wait the appointment of the Bp to receive orders. I look forward to the event as the one of the principal events of my life as one of unspeakable interest to myself and I pray that God would prepare me to enter upon the sacred responsibilities of the sacred character with proper feelings and views and enable me to perform its duties to his glory and with a constant reference to the solemnities of a future day of account.

## **SEPTEMBER 1823**

Thursday 11. This is the day which has been appointed by Bishop Griwold or my ordination. I thank God for his goodness towards me in bringing me to see this day which has been the object of my hopes and anxieties for seven years last past May he grant me needed grace for his mercies sake.

Sunday 14. I was last thursday set apart to the great work of the gospel ministry and this date entered upon the duties of it by preaching once in the House of Industry at 8 ½ o'clock in the morning and twice in St. Math. So. Bos. and also reading service in the evening. O God grant me needed grace.

## **JANUARY 1824**

Sunday 11, 1824. I am desirous here to record the goodness of God towards me in particular for he year past in which several events memorable to myself have taken place which demand my gratitude and love. O Lord duly impress my heart and wilt Thou for thy mercy's sake make me still the object of thy kind care and mercy.

## **MARCH 1824**

Saturday 6. Came up to Chelmsford the first time for the purpose of supplying people in the Merrimack Manufacturing corporation with preaching and divine service. Rode up with Mr. Boot and was hospitably entertained at his house.

Sunday 7. Preached.

Monday 8. Returned to Boston in stage.

Saturday 13. Came up in the stage.

Sunday 14. Preached, staid through the week. Recd an invitation from the people to become their minister.

Saturday 20. Saturday came from So. Boston to Chelmsford with Mr. Irk Boot, Esq. for the purpose of supplying for a few Sundays this place with divine worship and preaching. Ws hospitably entertained at Mr. B's. [this passage "crossed" out in ms.]

Sunday 21. Preached and performed divine service.

Monday 22. Returned to So. Boston.

Saturday 27. Came up in the stage.

Sunday 28. Performed service and preached, staid the week at Mr. Boots.

## **APRIL 1824**

Thursday 1. Fast day preached two sermons.

Sunday 4. Preached as before.

Monday 5. Returned to Boston in stage.

Saturday 10. Came up in the stage to Mr. Boots.

Sunday 11. Preached etc., staid through the week.

Friday 16. Service on the evening of Good Friday.

Easter Sunday 18. Preached etc.

Thursday 22. Performed the funeral service over the body of Mr. --- Lawrence drowned in Concord river.

Friday 23. Returned to Boston.

Sunday 25. Preached in Trinity Ch. Dr. Gardiner supplied my place at C

Thursday 29. Came up to Chelmsford and took my lodgings at Mr. R. Hills.

## **MAY 1824**

Sunday 2. Preached etc.

Tuesday 4. Called at Mr. Webber's. Mrs. W. and two daughters -- all appear to be pious. The family from Littleton. Not acquainted with the Church nor very partial to it. Observe whether they attend worship. Their boarders not much pleased with service nor very attentive. Want a supply of prayer books I am to call some evening. Called at Mr. Reeds, saw Mrs. R. and two daughters apparently pious -- They seemed better affected towards the Church and the boarders were said to attend. Observe I am to call an evening. Called at Mrs. Morrill's, one if not two daughters. The family has lately come -- not many boarders yet -- mean to fill their house -- saw a prayer book. Called at Mrs. Currier's -- she is well disposed an energetic woman -- boards men. Called at Mr. Burbank's -- Mrs. B. at in the last stage of consumption. Call there soon to inquire -- there is a child.

Wednesday 5. Called at Mrs. Taylor's. A modest woman not inclined to say much. Called at Mr. Browns. Mrs. B. a sociable well disposed woman. Has a family of children, would like to send them to the Sunday school her boarders are men. Called at Mrs. Balcom's -- A true blood, one daughter who is a Baptist and not very well, keep close to them. A house full of boarders. Did not like Doct. Gardner, thinks every one should be allowed set up their own way of worship, speaks not very well of forms. Called at Mr. Balch's. Mrs. B. and her mother both Medway, Mr. Ives' Parish. The mother objected to repeating in the confession. They kept a publick house in Boston from which they came here. Mrs. B. has occasionally been at St. Pauls'. Both Mrs. B. & the mother appear to be sensible women. Called at Mr. Doan's. Mrs. Doan not at home. Called at Mr. Stephen Brown's, saw the daughter a sensible and well behaved girl, the mother was out. Called this evening at Mr. Webber's find that I have seen him before. The family seem well disposed and hope that they and the boarders will be gradually reconciled to the Church [sic]. They seem to be perfectly open and plain particularly Mrs. W made a prayer

Thursday 6. Called at Mr. Pollock's and was made acquainted with Rev. Mr. Lawrence of Tyngsborough. Called at Mrs. Hazelton's, she from Dracut -- Mr. Sears' Parish, appears

well disposed and desirous to get he [sic] boarders to publick worship somewhere called at Mrs. Parker's. They moved to Westford this afternoon, invited me to call. Called at Mrs. Lyon's, she from Boston with four children, two girls in the factory and two boys at school, a woman of more than common worth is a well wisher to the Church and has attended Mr. Eaton's in Boston. Called at Mr. Peasley's, was agreeably disappointed in her. Call there soon for tea. Called at Mr. Buzzell's, Mrs. B. a fine woman, lost two children and is now childless from Salisbury and expect to return after this season they have a Prayer Book and are interested, am to drink tea there soon. Called at Mrs. Hoyt's, her daughter sick at Amesbury is a little better, enquire often.

Friday 7. Called at Mr. Adams he one of the watch from Brookfield, lives in the front of the house two children, one in school. Called at Mrs. Sherman's, from Acton. Children Mrs. S. a sensible woman. Called at Mr. Bronson's, he sick of ague & fever, from New York state. Rode up to Mr. Greens with Doct. Huntington. Called at Mr. Webster's found her a woman of some sense and words, she is the sister of Rev. Mr. Balch of N. Salem NH, Calvinistick. They worship now at The Falls. Called at Mrs. Carlton's, she a lovely woman, interesting, intelligent, cultivated, and serious. Call often -- From Billerica. Called at Mr. Pillsbury's, she appears a good woman from Waltham, likes Mr. Harding wants a Sunday school. Called at Mr. Dodges's, she a young woman appears well disposed.

Saturday 8. Walked in the morning with George Pollock. Called at Mr. Morrill's, Mrs. M. better, Mr. Cheney to whom I was introduced a few Sundays is the Rev. Baptist minister of Brentford N.H I think that Mr. M. and Mrs. are decided Baptists and suspect they mean to be so at present. Called at Mr. Tyler's, Mrs. T. sociable and friendly. She says her family is the only one which was in the place before anything was done by the corporation, she attends church very constantly. Rev. Mr. Merrill of Dracut was acquainted with Mr. Morrill's and Mrs. Worthen's families of Amesbury. He is probably thoroughly Calvinistic.

Sunday 9. Wrote the whole of two sermons since last Sunday, the like I never did before, both passable was mortified exceedingly this morning to see so few present neither Mr. Boot nor any of his family were there. I preached on Deliverance from the fear of death Neh. II 15. Afternoon on the Education of children, Mr. Boot. Called had a son born at one o'clock today

Monday 10. Visited the school this afternoon. My first object is becoming acquainted with it. Called at Mr. Boots in the evening.

Tuesday 11. Dined at Mr. Pollock's, Saw Mr. Morrill, nothing said. Called at Mr. King's this evening -- he bigottedly attached to extempore worship -- objected to the clause in the creed "He descended into Hell." -- Was sent for to Mr. Bronson's, he seems to be better at least thinks himself so. Thinks he this day began to have a heart to pray. I talked with him and made a prayer. Saw Mrs. Peasley, there engaged to drink with her tomorrow. Would it not be well in your visits to be gathering subjects and materials for sermons.

Wednesday 12. Called at Mr. Ayer's, Mrs. A. pleasant and sociable, spent half an hour pleasantly. Called at Mr. Fox's, I met with a very cool reception the most so of any have experienced since I have been in the place. Mrs. F. made not the least conversation sometimes obliged me to asked forced questions twice and said nothing about my coming again. Called at Mr. Bassetts was pleasantly received. Saw Mrs. Ball there. Called at Mr. Cooks. Mrs. C. is good natured and I think not disposed to be difficult on religious points. Saw Mr. Morse at his work. Drank tea at Mr. Peasley's, Mr. P. was more sociable than I expected to find him, had on the whole a pleasant time.

Thursday 13. Called at Mrs. Taylor's, Mrs. T. not at home. Called at Mr. Barnes, Mrs. B. lately confined, comfortable did not see her. Called at Mr. Brown's, Mrs. Brown complaining of a cold, asked me to stop for tea. Called at Mrs. Hoyt's, she expects to hear from her daughter in a few days. Saw Mrs. Worthen. Called at Mrs. Balcom's.

Friday 14. Drank tea at Mr. Pollock's. Met there, Mr. Boot. After tea saw Mr. Goodwin (?). Called at Mr. Bronson's, he getting better.

Saturday 15. Called at Mr. Worthen's also. Called at Mr. Moody's, where I saw Mrs. Morrill. Mrs. Moody asked me to call and take tea at any time, think I shall accept the invitation have written two sermons this week.

Sunday 16. Preached. The congregation pretty good sermon on God is a Spirit. Made a beginning in the Sunday School.

Monday 17. Wrote to Rev. Mr. J. Morse of Newburyport proposing an exchange on the 30, instant. Saw Mr. Morrill at his store and Doct. Huntington but neither of them said a word about the sermon yesterday. Called at Mr. Morse to leave the letter to the Rev. J.M. Saw the daughter of Mr. M. a modest pleasant girl.

Tuesday 18. Called for Doct. Huntington in the morning and proposed a walk. Called at Mr. Pollock's Mrs. P. returned from Boston. Mr. Morse drank tea here with his wife and daughter. Saw Mr. King in the evening.

Wednesday 19. Called at Mr. Nichol's, saw Mrs. N's mother. Mr. N. at home. Called at Mrs. Morrill's her daughter gone to Amesbury.

Thursday 20. Took a long walk with Doct. Huntington mistook our road and went further than we intended took a little cold and suffered with a pain in my bowels. The rest of the day kept in, received by the stage a letter from B.C.C.P informing me that the consecration of Leicester Church takes place on Wednesday next, the 26, instant and that he will be with me either tomorrow night or Monday.

Friday 201. Called at Mr. Barnes, Mrs. B. quite comfortable, went upstairs saw Miss Brockwell who talks of taking a class in the Sunday School. Called at Mrs. Reeds did not see her. Saw the daughters and several young men who seemed to be serious received

encouragement that one of them might take a class in the Sunday School. Called at Mr. Webber's, Mrs. Webber complaining of rheumatism nothing said on last Sunday's sermon. Called at Mr. Davison's, Mr. Holmes boards there saw a young woman from New Salem. Called at Mr. Smith's, Mrs. S., a plain pleasant English woman from Manchester two years in the country, ought over by Mr. Pollock and he works in the print works. Her health poor.

Thursday 22. Was at Boot's last Friday evening & got the promise of his horse and chaise or sulky to go to Leicester on the 21, inst.

Saturday 23. Afternoon G.J. Worcester from Brookline called upon me and spent the Sabbath. Also rec'd a line by the stage stating that William and B.C.C. Parker were on the way here and would be with me, the next morning.

Sunday 24. Morning my two friends arrived held the Sunday School in the morning preached in the forenoon without notes for the first time of Sunday, since I have been here. William P. returned as far as Billerica Sunday evening.

Monday 25. Morning Mr. Worcester left me for Hollis and I spent the day in talk with B.C.C.P. In the evening ascertained that I could have only a sulky of Mr. Boot, went to Mr. Worthen and got his chaise and Mr. Boots horse.

Tuesday 26. Morning started for Leicester arrived at Worcester about 7 P.M. In the evening met with the Massachusetts clergy, agreed not to take any part in the ordination of Doct. Ducachet tomorrow.

Wednesday 27. Attended the consecration at Leicester had a very pleasant time and returned to Worcester in the evening agreed to exchange with Rev. Mr. Cutter in the first Sunday in August, am to exchange with Rev. Mr. Morse of Newburyport next Sunday.

Thursday 28. returned to Chelmsford had service in the evening it being the festival of Ascension. Preached.

Friday 29. Called with Rev. Mr. Morse at his brothers and in the evening at Mr. Worthen's. A Mr. Vose formerly from Stoughton but now of Chelmsford called and spent several hours with me in religious conversation. He is a Baptist and appeared to be a pious man.

Saturday 30. Went to Newburyport in company with B.C.C.P. arrived there about 5. o'clock. Called on Mrs. Bass, Mrs. Ashby and Mrs. Farris. Slept at Rev. Mr. Morse.

Sunday 31. In the morning found my horse sick, sent him to Pearson's stable. Preached, dined at Mr. Rand's with Rev. Mr. Otis. Mr. O. declined preaching in the afternoon. Baptized Martha T. Ashby for whom I became responsible as godfather stopped after service at the Sunday School and addressed the children walked in the burying ground saw the grave of Bp. Bass and George Tyng, drank tea at Mr. D.A. Tyng's, with Mr. Otis

and Mr. Rand, returned to Mr. Morse and found Mr. Jenkins with Mr. & Mrs. Ashby and Martha Terry.

Monday 1. returned to Chelmsford with my horse -- he appeared to fail the first part of the way.

## **JUNE 1824**

Tuesday 1. Dined at Rev. Mr. Allen's with an association of congregational ministers Dr. Abbot of Beverly preached the sermon. I had called in the morning at Mr. S. Brown's, Mr. B. not so well as when I. called before.

Wednesday 2. Mr. Davis and Doct. Green called. Called in the evening at Mr. Boots door did not find him at home nor Mrs. B. down

Thursday 3. Called at Mr. Reeds and at Mr. Browns Mrs. B. somewhat better yet her symptoms still alarming.

Friday 4. have not been out today, several of the singers called this evening received a note from Mr. Morrill Have a fire in my room today.

Saturday 5. My brother John came here in the stage in the evening and spent the Sunday with me

Sunday 6. was informed that the singing society was last night broken up.

Tuesday 8. Was at the Boots in the evening.

On Saturday August 7. came up in the stage from August with Mr. [\_\_\_\_] Atkinson to Lowell [This record was made August 7. 1869]

August 27. An Episcopal visitation of Bishop Griswold. He arrived here last night in a chaise sent for him to Newburyport. Said 1st night on the subject of his fixing the payments to be made to Doct. J. on leaving St. Paul's, that he verily thought he had the power to do, all that he did that he appointed two payments because he believed something of that sort was necessary to avoid serious injury to the Church He had the good reason to believe that serious injury would have accrued to the parish had they been compelled to pay the 5000 at once and from what he had learned and observed since he has been much confirmed in his opinion. He said that Doct. Jarvis' book in regard to fairness of payment was as the argument of a lawyer arguing but one side -- I said I Doct. J. should have stayed to the Gen. Con. He said the clergy four to one would be against him in the Convention. I read to him my speech at them Miss M. He approved the ideas on the peculiar facility need and duty of union of the clergy of the Epis. Church. He attributed the want of union & intimacy among the elder clergy. [unclear] spirit of their congregations to circumstances of their having been so long without a Bishop. He

regarded the seriousness and apparent devotion of the youngest clergy in particular as a most favourable indication of their future union and usefulness. I said to him I did not like a piece in the Epis. Reg. on Mr. Barlow's proposition. I thought the affairs of the Society is related to the choice of books to be printed etc. could be safely entrusted only with the Bishops. He said he did not like accumulating power in the hands of any set of men what ever. I wish said he that our Bishop might always be poor and have no more power than is necessary for the discharge of the of their proper duties of their office. If the station is rendered one of ease and splendour improper persons will always be intriguing and striving for it. If it is only a place of labour and usefulness without the reward of worldly honours or emolument, there will be little danger of any one seeking or accepting it but from a desire to do good.

## **JANUARY 1827**

Monday 1. a stormy day kept close, visited School No 5, a few ministers Mr. Colburn only here at the S.C. Meeting in the evening.

Tuesday 2. Tuesday evening at Miss Boott's.

Wednesday 3. Wednesday Evening Mrs. Boott and here.

Thursday 4 Thursday Evening the School Com met and prepared for a report. Also were of opinion that a report should be prepared for the town. Saw Mr. Bridge in the afternoon. Subscribed to the Tract Society 50 cents a year.

Friday 5. rode to Mr. Whipple's and to Tewksbury.

Saturday 6. Commenced a Bible class at my study. Eleven attended. May God bless it if it be his will. S.D.P. Esq. arrived from Boston in the evening with Elisabeth and four others.

Sunday 7. Church poorly attended -- singing poor. S.D.P. returned with the little party left Elisabeth with us. Mr. Bunce here in the evening. John started for the South.

Saturday 13. The Bible class met, seventeen attended. Rev. Mr. Cost from Salem arrived on exchange.

Sunday 14. Started from home a little after 4 o'clock in the morning for Salem. Roads filled with snow was afraid I should not be able to get therein time to commence the service at the usual hour in the morning. By the good providence of God I arrived in time. Had much experience of the Lords goodness to day particularly at the Communion -- Staid at Mrs. Carliles.

Monday 15. returned home safely and desire that my heart may be impressed with a sense of the divine goodness Doctor Huntington accompanied me.

Tuesday 16. Buried Mr. Morse from the Church. [ ] last Saturday.

Thursday 18. Spent the evening at Mr. S. Adams at Middlesex with Mr. & Mrs. Bent and Mrs. Tucker (?) of Milton.

Saturday 20 Evening Bible Class met. Present eleven

Sunday 21. The Howe family at Church.

Monday 22. Was at School No. 4. Wrote to Susan P. Parker.

## **FEBRUARY 1827**

Thursday 7. Buried the infant child of Mr. Jonas Balcom.

Wednesday 13. Buried Deac. Josiah Bridge. Service in the Church.

Thursday 14. First mentioned to Mr. Lewis my thoughts respecting giving the Agent notice required on leaving. My reasons for thinking of leaving here are that I see no prospect of being successful as a minister of the gospel and the Church under existing circumstances. I am willing to stay at any sacrifice and at any expense of labour and difficulty within my power to meet provided there be but a rational prospect of usefulness. I am willing to engage myself here for life even with a diminution of salary provided this congregation can be allowed equal facilities with the other denominations here.

Friday 16. Mentioned the subject to Mr. Colburn. The Warden preparatory to giving requisite notice.

Saturday 17. Conversed with Mr. Lewis this evening after the Bible Class had retired and was well pleased with his feelings on the subject of the Church's interest in this place. Believe him to be truly friendly to the interests of this congregation.

Sunday 18. Preached in St. Anne's. Sermons on death occasioned by the departure of Deac. Bridge. Mr. Abbott's Funeral Hymn sung after service.

Monday 19. visited at Belvidere

Tuesday 20. Baptized at Belvidere, Elizabeth the sick child of Patrick Montague.

Sunday 25. Preached in St. Anne's. Sermon adultery

Tuesday 27. Buried Miss Lucy Haskell who was at Church all day on Sunday and died suddenly on Monday, funeral in the Church.

Wednesday 28. Ash Wednesday. Service in the Church at 11. o'clock A.M. Few present but those attentive and solemn. Evening Dedication of Masonic Hall.

## **MARCH 1827**

Sunday 4. nineteen persons at the Communion Sunday school Committee chosen at 5. o'clock P.M.

Monday 5. Wrote the report of the Town's School Com., which was presented in the afternoon in town meeting Rechosen Chairman.

Wednesday 7. Evening Sunday School Com. met. Myself on the Visiting Committee Distributing Com and the Committee for instructors. Received a letter from S.D.P. Esq. same date. Friday examined School Dist. No. 3.

Friday 9. Examined school dist. No 3.

Saturday 10. Mrs. N. came here. Bible Class met at half past seven evening.

Sunday 11. Baptized James Freeman son of Doct. Elisha Huntington and Hannah Huntington. Sponsors the Mother Mary Hinckly and Samuel Batchelder.

Monday 12. Communication of the R.A. Chap..

Tuesday 13. . Visited Miss Bates, wrote for her to her sister.

Wednesday 14. Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Tract Society.

Saturday 17. Evening Bible Class seems to be diminishing. O God direct me.

Sunday 18. Evening Rev. Howe dined here Beckwith, drank tea. Wrote to Br. William and to Mrs. Parker.

Monday 19. Recd a letter from S.D. Parker and Mrs. E. and from Elizabeth. Spent the day at Mrs. Adams' at Middlesex.

Tuesday 20. Judge Livermore & Mrs. L & E spent the evening here.

Wednesday 21. Com. on Sund School Teachers met and appointed the instructors.

Saturday 24. Evening Bible Class was better attended than before. Mr. G. mentioned giving up the girls school.

Sunday 25. Miss Battles died this morning.

Tuesday 27. Saw Maj. Moody with Mr. Cookson.

Wednesday 28. Mrs. Abbot Died last night. Buried Miss Battles. Spent the evening at Doct. Dalton's. Saw Rev. Mr. Allen & wife.

Thursday 29. Buried Mrs. Charlotte Abbot wife of Abiel Abbot from the Church.

Friday 30. Met the philanthropick Society in the Evening.

Saturday 31. Bible Class not quite so full as last time.

### **APRIL 1827**

Sunday 1. Seventeen at the communion. Mrs. Boott out. Sunday School commenced. [?]

Monday 2. At Col Brown's in the evening.

Tuesday 3. Sick.

Wednesday 4. Mr. & Mrs. S. Adams here with S. Bent.

Thursday 5. Fast Day Mr. Colburn read the service sermon from Doct. Paley on Religious Meditation -- Mr. Currier from Boston here with C.N. Parker and S. Parkman -- his cousin. I kept my chamber.

Sunday 8. Rev. B.C.G Parker preached in the Church. Susan P.P. came up with him. Evening met sundry individuals on the subject of the use of ardent spirits.

Monday 9. Saw Mr. W. Cudworth.

Tuesday 10. B.C.C.P & S.S.P returned to Boston

Wednesday 11. Nurse and the child went to B.

Good Friday 13. Service in the Church 11. P.M. very few attended. Less than on Ash Wednesday. Afternoon buried Warren Cudworth.

Easter Sunday 15. Took a collection in the afternoon for the Bishop at \$11.00.

Monday 16. Nurse and child returned.

Wednesday 18. Attended a meeting of the free will Society at Mrs. Gliddens. Mrs. G. sick.

Sunday 22. Rebecca sick -- J.L. Abbot at church

Monday 23. Sowed my beets carrots onions parsnips.

Tuesday 24. Mr. J.L. Abbot left Lowell with his family for Canton. Weather rainy and cold Tuesday night a heavy rain.

Wednesday 25. river rising on account of there in, weather rainy and cold.

Thursday 26. Buried Albert A. Budlong infant son of Thomas Budlong of this place. Weather cloudy and cold & river rising. Evening met the Com on Charity at the Lodge room.

Saturday 28. Mr. Batchelder sent me three grape vines.

Sunday 29. Mr. Boott returned to his family from England having been gone since the beginning of Nov. last.

Monday 30. Mrs. Hoit and Capt. Hoit, etc. with us at tea. Sent the Philadelphia Recorder to Ben C.C.P. at Lenox, the first time.

## **MAY 1827**

Wednesday 2. Went to ride. Middlesex Mr. S. Aldam's and Mr. Baldwin's R. and E.M.

Friday 4. Preparatory meeting Mrs. Batchelder present. School Com met in the afternoon. At 6 o'clock, drank tea here. Maria and Sam came up in the stage.

Saturday 5. Buried the infant child of James Dow (?) of Dracut at 10 A.M. Bible class small.

Sunday 6. S.N. Parker arrived here before 9 A.M. from Boston and spent the day with us returned at 5 1/2 P.M. Com from S.D. Communion 26 present those who may be reckoned communicants here are as follows, Kirk Boott, Anne Boott, Rebecca J. Edson, Mary Batchelder, Sarah C. Livermore, Mr. Currier, Joel Lewis, Mrs. Green, Erina Bridge, Hepzibah Bridge, Martha Bridge, Nancy Bridge, Chloe Sprague,

Monday 7. Communication of Mt. N.R.A.C. buried Elijah Nichols.

Tuesday 8. Met the School district and committee.

Wednesday 9. Increase Robinson and his wife came to Lowell.

Thursday 10. Made report at Lodge.

Friday 11. night communication of the A. Council of royal & select Masters.

Saturday 12. Went to Marblehead & staid at Hon. Br. French's, Mr. Lewis conducted the Bible class.

Sunday 13. Preached at Marblehead in St. Michael's Ch. three sermons.

Monday 14. Returned from M.

Tuesday 15. Visited & examined Mr. & Mrs. Balcom here and examined School in Dist. No. 4.

Wednesday 16. The annual meeting of the corporations. Buried the infant child of Mr. Wright. We were at Mrs. Livermore's in the evening.

Thursday 17. Visited and examined Mr. Bassett's school. Rev. Mr. Allen visited. the lodge in evening.

Friday 18. went to Boston -- visited the picture exhibition. In evening was at Mrs. Stanley Parker's.

Saturday 19. went to Bridgewater in the stage. Stopped at J. (?) Rob's.

Sunday 20. Preached in the morning and Baptized Sukey Thayer, daughter if Benjamin Clark & Caroline Louisa daughter of Zoroaster Edson. Preached in afternoon and at a third service. Capt. Sprague paid me five dollars for my expenses in going.

Monday 21. Staid at Bridgewater.

Tuesday 22. Started early for Braintree arrived about 8. saw John who returned from the South last week. Saw Rev. J. Bent in afternoon. Walked to Rev. B.C. Cutler's in evening with John.

Wednesday 23. took the stage with John to Boston and returned to Lowell in the afternoon.

Friday 25. Maria returned to Boston with George Pollock in chaise.

Saturday 26. S.D.P.'s party came up and took the Bradley house. Bible class continued with three present

Sunday 27. I gave an address to parents and children before the two Sunday Schools in Lowell -- in the Church at 6. o'clock P.M.

Tuesday 29. Rev. Mr. Moffit preached in the Church in the evening. William Althorp came up.

Wednesday 30. Election day. Attended the Masonic ceremonies & laying of the cornerstone of the Methodist Meeting House in Lowell as grand Chaplin [\_\_\_\_] so [\_\_\_\_].

Thursday 31. Mr. Prince and family drank tea here.

## **JUNE 1827**

Friday 1. Friday Evening the preparatory meeting was rather better attended than usual.

Saturday 2. Bible class better attended.

Sunday 3. Whitsunday Baptized Warren Colburn in Church P.M.

Monday 4. Our friends returned to Boston. Rev. BB Smith & wife and child, called and spent a few hours.

Friday 8. Mrs. Foster of Cambridge and Mrs. Parker Bedford St. came up staid all night & returned on Saturday.

Saturday 9. Evening Bible Class small.

Sunday 10. Trinity Sunday.

Monday 11. Examined School Dist. No. 2.

Tuesday 12. Went to Wilmington with Mrs. Batchelder.

Wednesday 13. Drank tea at Doct. Green's.

Thursday 14. Began boarding with Mrs. Balcom. Sent salmon to Bridgewater.

Saturday 16. Better Bible Class.

Sunday 17. Preached at home.

Monday 18. Went to Boston. Began the examination of James Mores Tappan.

Tuesday 19. Finished examining Mr. T.

Wednesday 20. Preached the convention sermon

Saturday 23. Went with my wife and child to Braintree. Rev. Mr. Potter heard the Bible Class

Sunday 24. Preached at St. Paul's Boston. Mr. Potter preached at St. Anne's

Thursday 28. returned to Lowell.

Friday 29. The preparatory lecture few attended.

Saturday 31. Bible Class pretty full. Received forty dollars to constitute me a member of the missionary Society. Rev. Ben. C.C.P. and Doct. P. came up from Boston.

## **JULY 1827**

Sunday 1. Rev. Ben. C.C.P. preached and I administered the communion. Ben & the Doct. returned to Boston

Monday 2. Drank tea at Rev. Mr. Cookson's. Communication of Mt. N.R.A. Clap.

Sunday 8. Went with Rebecca to Newton. Preached and administered the Communion. Went on Sunday evening to Boston.

Monday 9. Returned to Lowell.

Sunday 15. Preached at home. Spent the evening at Mr. Boott's.

Monday 16. Spent the evening at Mr. Batchelder's. Had an intimation that an Episcopal Society might be formed. Received an invitation to attend the services and the dinner at the ordination of Mr. Beckwith.

Tuesday 17. Find that Wm. Appleton has interfered about the Society and have stronger intimations that it may be effected.

Sunday 22. Buried Charles Bragg -- drowned last night.

Sunday 28. Mrs. Colburn had a son born G.J. Worcester -- called was at the Bible Class, staid all night.

Monday 30. was at Middlesex at S. Adams. Met Mr. Abbro (?).

Tuesday 31. Rev. Mr. Otis called negotiated an exchange for the Second Sunday in August. At Mr. Bootts in evening.

## **AUGUST 1827**

Wednesday 1. Rebecca and Elizabeth Mason went to Boston in chaise with Samuel Adams Esq. Mr. Boott called on subject of Society. As. Council met.

Thursday 2. a note left by Mr. Otis informed me that he preferred putting off exchange till 3 Sunday in September. I accepted the invitation to preach the sermons at the consecration of St. Stephen's Church Middlebury, VT.

Friday 3. Movement about a room for the sick occasioned by the case of Mrs. Clap. Evening Preparation meeting pretty well attended. Afterwards called at Mr. Princes.

Saturday 4. Bible Class pretty well attended R. with C.

Sunday 5. Sunday Communion. Sunday School received their books. Rev. Mr. Cookson asked a difinition (?).

Monday 6. examined School No. 6. Buried Archibald Waugh son of John W. aged 1 year 7 months.

Thursday 7. Mr. Lewis here conversed on the subject of organizing this congregation. He well disposed.

Saturday 14. Went to Cohasset for my wife and child.

Sunday 15. Stopped at Braintree and Quincy.

Monday 16. Returned home.

Tuesday 28. Went to Boston. Met B.G. Cutter and B.C.C. Parker.

Wednesday 29. Went to Commencement -- returned to Boston sick -- had a sick night.

Thursday 30. Had engaged to preach at Quincy this evening and to stand Sponsor for John's child But was unable to leave my chamber.

Friday 31. Col S.N.Parker brought me home in a chaise. The communicants were assembled when I arrived -- I was unable to hold the exercises of the meeting.

## **SEPTEMBER 1827**

Sunday 2. The Bible class was omitted last night -- Rev. Mr. Blaisdell preached here for me. The communion was omitted. I was so far recovered from the attack of dysentery as to be able to preach.

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Saturday 15. Went to Cambridge. Mrs. Colburn accompanied me with her babe.

Sunday 16. At Cambridge on exchange with Rev. Mr. Otis. Staid At Mr. Fosters.

Saturday 17. Went over to Newton with Mrs. F. in her carriage. Saw Rev. Mr. Barry  
Afternoon returned home.

Sunday 23. Baptized Mary Balcom wife of Jonas Balcom. Administered the Communion  
admitted Mrs. Balcom.

Monday 24. Set off from Lowell for the Convention of the Diocese of Claremont N.H.

Tuesday 25. Arrived in Claremont -- Evening read prayers in Union Ch. Mr. Barry  
preached.

Wednesday 26. Convention day -- Mr. B.B. Smith read prayers and I preached.

Thursday 27. Went to Windsor -- preached in St. Paul's Ch. at 4 o'clock in afternoon.  
Rev. J. Clap performed services.

Friday 28. Went to Woodstock performed service in the evening. The Bishop preached.

Saturday 29. Returned to Windsor.

Sunday 30. Preached in St. Paul's all day.

## **OCTOBER 1827**

Wednesday 3. Performed service in Enosburgh in the meeting house. The Bp. preached.

Thursday 4. Performed service in Berkshire -- Evening preached

Friday 5. Evening preached at Montgomery. Rev. J.G. Clap performed services.

Saturday 6. Visited St. Armands L.C. dined at Rev. James Reid's.

Sunday 7. performed service at Fairfield. Afternoon preached at St. Albans

Monday 8. Evening preached at St. Albans.

Tuesday 9. went to Burlington Read prayers in the Meetinghouse, evening Bp. preached  
10. Performed service at Shelbourne. Remained two days with Rev. J. Clap.

Saturday 13. Rode to Middlebury.

Sunday 14. Consecration Preached in the morning. Rev. A Bronson read the morning service

Monday 15. set off for home.

Wednesday 17. arrived at Lowell.

Sunday 21. Buried Peter infant son of Christopher Baron???

Monday 22. Went to Boston -- Saw Mr. Potter & returned. Saw S.H.R about printing Convention sermon.

Sunday 28. Buried Mrs. Currier wife of Currier. Baptized Adolphus Melville son of Adolphus and Maria Durant. Sponsors the parents also Baptized Eliza Hayden daughter of Kirk and Anne Boott.

Tuesday 30. Buried Pardon Darby.

## **DECEMBER 1827**

Saturday 29. Buried infant child of Hanson.

## **MAY 1828**

Sunday 4. Baptized Harriet Mumford Budlong, Thomas Budlong, James Sewel Budlong. -- children of Mr. Thomas Budlong of this place.

## VOLUME 2

### JUNE 1838

Wednesday 6. I perceive that this is the day of the meeting of the Maine convention at Bangor. Having recently spent a fortnight in that city I feel quite interested in the church there whose affairs seem to be approaching near a crisis. Indeed the sooner it comes the better for they have had suspense too long. I hope this may be a favorable opportunity – that the attendance of the Convention may put things in motion and produce a favorable result. The accounts of the church might I think be settled so as put the society in a hopeful condition with but very little money. The interest of all concerned is a settlement – the sooner the better. I made some very pleasant acquaintance there and cannot but hope and pray that something may be done to put the congregation in a way of increase.

Thursday 7. The papers announce the election of the Rev. Marston Eastburn, D.D. to the bishopric of Maryland by the Prost Esp. Convention of the Prost. Esp. Church of that state – The election of another individual was expected by some in this quarter. What effect will the event have on the doings of our own Mass. Con. Approaching?

E.M.E. is in Woodstock for a few weeks. We have given her nearly three months in Boston previous to her going into the country. Her health is the chief object of the excursion and I hope that the region and atmosphere which have proved to be beneficial to myself may be conducive to her health. We are much indebted to the well meant and concerned attention of Rev. B.C.C.P.

Friday 8. Finished the reading of the Lockharts Life of Sir W. Scott – an amazing book and a remarkably fair specimen of Biography. Mrs. S.H.P. arrived here. A man and his wife by the name of Bodham (?) called -- poor laboring people bringing a letter from Rev. Mr. Taylor – Eaton Lower Canada stating that they are communicants of church. They have a large family of children. Went for a Sunday intro to Mr. Burnap 2 cong. meeting and the children last Sunday to that S.School. They promised to come to church at least to attend service in the S.S.House and in church as often as maybe & that the children be brought to the school. We shall see.

Trinity Sunday 10. Preached at home 739-740. Evening S.S.House. Bodham and his wife out. Children in School. R. Stewart a young man in High School drowned in Merrimack R. was buried today.

Monday 11. Went into H. School to notice S's death – pupils serious – Married, Baptised and Buried in Dracut today – called at Mrs. Worthen's learned that the Dracut people have nearly quarrelled away their minister --Rev. Mr. Goodwin who has been settled at the orthodox Cong. meeting about a year and a half. A few grew suspicious of him and put some frivolous charges under power of a magnifier till by the half of a Cong. connived they easily minded a dissolution of relationship which had been formed but little more than a year and a half [ ]. An illustration of congregationalism. It is said that Rev. Mr. Blanchard who was on the concil was paid off the people very smartly. There is

but little doubt that they deserve it. But they who deserve reprof don't receive it most meekly and it was probably on this account that I was sent for to bury a child instead of the congregational ministers in the neighborhood – Margaret Standing poor thing! I am afraid I have done a sad job for her – marrying her to Schofield –

Tuesday 12. Buried a child of Willis drowned -- on returning from funeral called at Mr. Swan's spent an hour or more. Mr. and Mrs. S. at home – Was a great while since I was there and I feel that I have scarcely done justice to them as parishioners. The distance and location are the only cause.

Had a letter from Bill & Co. – New York inquiring about the property of Richard Plant – I would not give a penny for all the father will ever get of R's property. Uncertain whether Richard is dead – announced the letter.

Tuesday Evenng Meeting. William grilian seem awakened was present – I felt encouraged about him. O way the spirit lead him.

Wednesday 13. Tried to persuade Henry Prescott to convey the S.School again. O that the Spirit of God wd speak to his heart. Meeting attentive. Miss Cooper came that I might have opportunity to speak to her, She feels interested and decries to feel more so.

Thursday 14. Read 168 pages Goodes Belton Government finishing it. It contains much very precious doctrine and I hope to be benefited by what I read. Tomorrow if God permits go to work for Sunday.

## VOLUME 3

### FEBRUARY 1839

Tuesday 5. A cold day. Having finished a Book of memoranda today I take this up again here: for the present at least. Marvin Fisher brother of William Fisher and if I mistake not the eldest br. of the family called to see me, he lives in Boston. Came up yesterday to see Wm. and was on his return when he came in to see me. He spoke very feelingly of my visits to his br., said he had great hopes that good was done and begged me to repeat my visits as frequently as I might be able to do while Wm. should live. He wish me to question him closely and told me he thought I might. Called in the evening saw Waldo, there who told me he thought Wm. greatly changed and desired me still to come. Wm. was asleep and I being in a hurry did not think it best to wake him. In the evening called by particular request at Mrs. Davis' No. 5 Boott Crop. read part of a chap and prayed. Found Anderson the Norwegian at my house who seemed to have called to see me about the sacrament. He is a communicant in the Lutheran Church at home. And in this country has received it among various denominations in the different places where he has been. Though he has been here at several celebrations he has never come forward. Has the idea that it is sin to take it unprepared rather than sinful to neglect preparation. Received a letter from Rev. Mr. Mason, Salem proposing exchange which I accepted and answered the letter immediately.

Wednesday 6. A very cold day, Kept at home in the morning. Went out in the afternoon. Made calls at several places, the Means at CO Room. Miss Preston at 29 Lawrence. Mr. Fisher, Mrs. Miles. Found Rachel more comfortable. She told me that for about a fortnight she has been better that [sic] she had been any time since last June, that she has not been lost during that time but a fortnight. She has felt more herself, her mind is better but her pain in the head continues. I told her if I could find that the pain diminished considerably I should then feel encouraged. She said that was what the Doctor said "If she could tell him that she felt less pain he would think she was better, She expressed the fullest resignation to the will of God "He knows what is best He knows the right way to lead me He will bring me the best way" . I said "The will of the Lord be done" She replied "O yes His will is the best I feel it is". Called at Mrs. Darrah's, She has had a trying winter thus far. Ellen has been sick for several months with an affection [sic] of the heart which she is given to understand is incurable As was natural the Mother felt a great deal for her. The more as she did not seem to give that evidence of preparation which could be desired Doct. D had a desire to go to the South to pass the winter as an itinerant Dentist he should thereby avoid a fit of the rheumatism. His felt unwilling he should go and persuaded him to get it up. He was taken down in with rheumatism. The worst turn of it that ever he has had. He became exceedingly helpless so that for ten or eleven days he was not moved at all. And then by an amount of help at an expense of three dollars. At first he wanted his wife about him all the time and became withal exceedingly irritable and captious. She took care of him night and day and bore with all his freshfulness (?) till she became very sick herself For a few days she was kept from him by physicians advice. But so soon as she could be in his room she took the care of him again and watched over

him with the greatest assiduity. Which has kept her low and prevented her getting well again the trial has been very great to her especially on account of his want of religious principles to sustain him in his suffering and his lack of preparation for death. So much sickness and of so distressing a kind and the interruption to her business has made her trial very great but she has borne it with great patience and with a pious resignation to the divine will. I am fully convinced that she feels the lack of religion in her husband more sensibly than she ever anticipated before marriage and probably more during this trial than ever before. It was fortunate for him that he did not go South. He must have died away from home. Evening at home. Mr. & Mrs. Means with Doct. and Mrs. Bartlett and Mary Hinckley called after the Lyceum Lecture. They all turned out to hear Rev. Mr. Miles who lectured on the advantages of the study of natural History. Mr. Means said his lecture was very well.

Thursday 7. Left Lowell in the 2 o'clock train for Boston. Case, Lock etc. in the car. It was stated that Murdock who was now to keep the Merrimac House and who is now in Cambridge has detected one of his servants in the plunder of eight thousand dollars taken a few dollars at a time during many years that he has lived with him. The money is secured and the servant goes free. Arrived in Boston in time to attend the Convention services at St. Paul's chapel. Br. Blackaller preached on Christ's offering himself unto God. In the evening I preached No. 684 and Mr. Stone made an application.

Friday 8. Mrs. J. R. Parker sent me Doct. Schroeder's pamphlet containing the correspondence between the vestry of Trinity Church and himself respecting the new principle of precedency among the assistants ministers of Trinity N.Y. It appears that they have taken precedence according to the date of their engagements as assistants until during the negotiations with Doct. Wainwright. The rule was first adopted that the assistants should rank according to the date of ordination to the ministry. Doct. Schroeder is first made aware of the rule in the beginning of January last by a letter from the Rector stating that it was the wish of the Vestry that it should be complied with the consequence was the resignation of Doct. S. Brethren met at Br. Stone's, Had a pleasant meeting. I dined at Miss Stocker's. Br. Barry preached in the afternoon Prayer meeting and Missionary meeting in the evening. Speeches at the latter by Mr. Rand Esq. of the Board Mr. Cutler Esq., Br. Howe, Stone etc. Collected about seventy dollars. I was made the bearer on the present occasion of one hundred and fifty dollars from the Ladies of St. Anne's Church to the Mass Board of Missions and received the receipt for the same this day of Mr. Richardson, Treasurer.

Saturday 9. Called on Mr. Barry and was invited to dine. He remains in the city over Sunday, preaches in exchange for McBurney. At five o'clock after having spent the dinner hour and afternoon cozily with Br. Barry I took the cars for Salem and arrived at Br. Mason's at 6. o'clock. Evening by myself with pleasant books. Christian Keepsake etc.

Sunday 10. Preached at St. Peter's Church Nos. 501 650 & 584. Dined at Mr. Treadworth with his pleasant family. Called at Mr. French's. Rev. Doct. Packard was at church morning, afternoon and evening and very cordially greeted me. Saw and spoke with good

Mr. Howard. Seen my friend Mrs. Sweat the Vies and Catherine Bell. Spoke a word in the Sunday School.

Monday 11. Started at half past eight for Boston ell in with my old friend D.P. King of Danvers. Had a pleasant interview with him till we parted at the Pearl St. House in Boston, He thinks the temperance law will stand as it is after all I learned also his views about the Education Board and found they [sic] that his opinion of the Secretary agrees well with my own that he is entirely wanting in practical talents and that he was entering on the office without any practical knowledge of the subject. With such important disqualification's I think he will hardly be able to stand against the strong religious difficulties that are rising against him. His particular friends are endeavoring to make much of the fact that the most intimate have not been able to discover to what religion he inclines. Ergo say they that there can be no danger of his favoring any particular religion. Lizzy who has been in Boston for a week or more and who was to have returned with me was at the earnest invitation and wish of her friends and her desire left behind to stay a few days longer. I returned in the middle train up and found my family well. Rev. Mr. & Mrs. Mason called at half past twelve. They go down at ten o'clock Meeting of S. Com. Called at Wm. Fishers R. Prescott and M. Hanscom here in evening. Meeting at J Wilson's, Robert Wilson prayed.

Tuesday 12. The report is recently come out that Doct. Green is engaged or likely to be so to Miss McBurney. Appearances seem to sustain the report. I am told that he took her today to see an exhibition at the City hall. It is a match with which I am much inclined to be pleased. She is an Episcopalian and a communicant and I hope one that will make him happy. His first wife an excellent woman who was already a pious woman when he married her though he at that time was not. So far as we can judge, She was the occasion of his becoming a Christian. His second wife an excellent woman was not professedly a Christian when he married her though he at the time was. To all human appearance he was the occasion of her becoming a Christian. Should he marry the lady which report seems to assign to him it may be said. they are both professedly Christians and both Episcopalians. Called at Cyril French's, Hulmes, Dodge. Carlton's, Moody's, Met O. Scott in the street and paid him four dollars for an engraving her purchased for me long time ago. Elizabeth Livermore spent the day with us at the Parsonage, was in very good spirits and seemed to me better than I have seen her since she has been sick. She made allusion to religion more freely than usual Mr. C. Cook here in evening. Wm. McArthur called for Prayer Books.

Wednesday 13. Ash Wednesday. Church opened this morning at half past ten o'clock. The congregation was pretty good, more were present than I expected. Doct. Green, Mr. Carlton, Mr. Hanscom, Mr. Robbins, Mr. Mather, Mr. C. French were the men. I preached No 350 and the season was on the whole a pleasant one. Mr. Cook told me last night the neighbor French was not out at the Sunday School last Sunday afternoon as I expected. He gave me reason to depend on him and I did not think he would disappoint me after what he said by allowing him my class in my absence to be without a teacher.

Rev. Mr. Ten Broack called on his way down from Boston to Concord His business has been to obtain subscriptions for the church in Concord, N.H. He has been in Newburyport & Salem Marblehead Boston and Lowell and has obtained about the amount of six shares of forty dollars each. He is too fainthearted. One cannot succeed in such a matter without some energy determination and perseverance. Mr. Ayer has gone into N. Hampshire. If the parish could have been canvassed thoroughly I doubt not that several shares might have been taken It is my intention with Mr. Ayer's cooperation to make out a share Mr. J.N. will probably see him before I do or if not the share I think can be made up. A Miss Cutler came with the Rector of St. Paul's Concord. I met her at the Merrimac House. He did not at first intend I should see her but at length he introduced me to her. Mr. Smith called this evening. He has just returned from Washington. He had a sad time getting there on account of the freshet which had carried away bridges and brought down ice in abundance. He saw nothing of Mrs. Coburn who is now at Washington. Mr. Holmes the poet lectures at the Lyceum tonight. Bixby informs me today that the Mechanics Association have recently received a donation from the Boott Corporation by which the association is out of debt and will have some money to purchase books. He inquired whether I still had my share. I could tell him that I still held it and that it was free from the encumbrance of assessments having been recently cleared. I have been looking over the first half of a memoir of Cardinal Chevern's very recently translated.. The second part not having arrives in Boston a few days ago. The book is in a style of great exaggeration so far as I have any means of judging. It is interesting to me as it brings up things which had some knowledge of at the time [sic]. He left Boston the same Autumn in which I was ordained Deacon as recorded in the early pages of this Book. I remember seeing him and hearing him perform part of the service of high Mass and deliver a discourse on the grave of M. Matignon the 18 September 1823 which was but a few days before his departure. He said much about his being forced away by the authority of his king and other superiors. I had at the time some doubts whether there were not a willingness on his part to go though I doubt not it was very painful for him to leave his flock. The book discloses some facts in regard to the way how it was brought about by which it is plain as I suspected at the time that he had felt a desire on the whole to return to his native country. Such a feeling was most natural and on that my opinion was chiefly founded while every body said that his heart was wholly here and that nothing but the authority of his king etc. would or could have induced him to go. It seems as I should judge from the book that after the death of Malignon he felt inclined to be at home with friends.

Thursday 14. I received an invitation by letter from Morton Eddy Esq. Bridgewater to deliver one or more temperance addresses at Bridgewater on the last Tuesday in the present month of February. I happen to be unprepared and how to give the time otherwise I should be glad on that ground especially and for several reasons to bear testimony to the good cause of temperance the cause seems to be looking up. There seems to be hope that the shaking that the subject is now undergoing in the Massachusetts Legislature will cause the roots of the tree to strike downward the deeper and to grow the firmer in the soil of the Old Bay State. God grant it may be so I have this day received from Manlins Sergeant his letters to H.G. Otis who has recently added another circumstance of notoriety to his name as little enviable as any that have preceded it I have not yet read the letters but doubt not that S. gives him a good drubbing. The Bible class was pretty well

attended. Mr. Carlton present. Mr. Puffer proposed to undertake to sing with the children again this winter and called to show me Lowell Masons book which he will use with my consent which I freely gave It will save the Hymn books. Mr. P. called after the school.

Friday 15. Today came the sad news of a tremendous gale or hurricane in England which has wrecked three American packets at Liverpool or vicinity. Loss of life is very considerable loss of property very great. Extensive damage is done throughout England and in Ireland, it occurred on the night of 6-7 of January. Much distress and loss of life the 7. On the 11, same month there was a dreadful earthquake in the West Indies, doing great destruction in Martinique. Received a letter from Richmond Jones in Troy N.Y. Also a letter from Lizzy in Boston the Friday services were held today and I began upon a familiar explanation of the Catechism, detained the people nearly an hour. Do not intend to keep them more. Had a call from Rev. Henry Wilbur. He spoke of Doct. Payson and his acquaintance with him and of his own ministrations in the Doct.'s Parish. He was employed to assist the Doct. He spoke much of the richness of Dr. P's imagination. Took a vapor bath first time this afternoon at Doct. Ford's.

Saturday 16. Spent the day chiefly in my study in preparation for Sunday. Catechism in the afternoon there were present forty three children. Mr. Calvin Cook was on the ground early to see that the house was prepared. R. Prescott, Mary Hanscom, and Mrs. Edson assisted in hearing the children recite Had an interview with Susan Andrews who says she means to try to live consistently with her religious profession gave her "Pay thy vows" also to Ann Sharple's who appears well as a Christian Wheeler came in for the Ps and Hs I have not received the times from Isaac this month, sent word to him to furnish me with them

Sunday 17. Met my class Meader present. School full. Preached No's 751. & 752. Young Allen of Harvard College present all day and at Sunday School in afternoon. Came home with me spoke and prayed in evening meeting staid with us the night. I am pleased to find him so much engaged in religion and I had a very pleasant conversation with him about Henry French. Chas. Josiah Gillis told me this morning that he has received intelligence from Mr. Cushing of his appointment as a cadet at West Point Academy. He seems much pleased with the appointment. I fear and tremble lest his temptations there should be such as to overwhelm his religious character. O what can I do previous to his departure which is to be in June next to establish him in the faith and comfort of the Gospel of Christ. O that he may be in Christ and Christ in him. Blessed Saviour do thou take full and entire possession of his soul and sanctify all within to thyself and thy glory. O that this lamb may be preserved.

Monday 18. Answered Morton Eddy's letter this day sent it by morning Mail accepting the invitation to deliver the address one or more on temperance at Bridgewater on the last Tuesday of this month on the anniversary of the Bridgewater Society for promoting temperance. Called at Fisher's, Meeting at John Wilson's, He being called upon made a prayer. John McDonald has no objection to be called upon in case there should not be others there who should be asked in preference. Mrs. E. had company Doct. Green and Miss McB, Miss Catherine Lawrence, and Mr. Appleton etc.

Tuesday 19. Allen called before going out of town. I had a good talk with him. Rachel Miles is in her chair today. I hope if it pleases God she may be better yet. Old Mr. Poulson began his history with me. He was five years old when he went into a weaving shop and was employed to do something about the looms. At seventeen he enlisted in the army at that early age married. He was twelve years in the army and left in 1815. There may be some mistake in dates for the above reckoning would make him none but 50 and he seems much older. I must take up the subject with him again and then I may get my dates better. Mrs. Burke spent the day with us. She was last Autumn sick and supposed in the early part of winter to be in consumption. She applied to Doct. Kelly, took his medicine and wears his medicated jacket the change in her is most surprising. I never saw her look so well as she does now. Whether Kelly be quack or no she is manifestly improved and we cannot but be thankful. Mr. Burke and Mrs. Prescott were here in the evening. I called at Mr. Cyril French's.

Wednesday 20. Lizzy began going to school today. Made many calls today. At Wm. Page's, I was very kindly received. They are going to move. Gave me a poor account of Thomas the Barber. What can be expected of people who think they must work Sundays. Mr. Benj. Blood who used to do boating for the company and who brot up a \_\_\_?\_\_\_ furniture from Boston presented a bill of fourteen years standing for the freight. I paid it 3.35. [or 8:35] and took a receipt Mrs. E. and Lizzy go to Mrs. Princes tonight called at Cheetham's Belvidere, found him and her both in bed he from a broken knee her for ?

Thursday 21. Today the Rev. Mr. Blanchard called to consult with me about a Bible meeting to be held in the City Hall this evening. We drew a constitution for a Society in Lowell auxiliary to American Bible Society and made some arrangements for the meeting. The Hooper's from Marblehead spent the day at Doct. Huntington's, I hear some whispering about Mr. Lewis uniting with the Methodists in a long protracted meeting in Marblehead It seems that his course is displeasing to some and there are intimations that it may result in his leaving them I hope not, the Bible meeting was held Attendance not full Perhaps there were from fifty to a hundred people. Doct. Huntington in the chair, Pelham Warren, Secretary. Speeches by Blanchard, Burnap, Stickney, Thurston, Ballard made objection on the part of the Baptist to whatever should connect with the American Society. Mr. Cyrus Alder from Fall River was here soliciting aid for the church the re.

Friday 22. Mr. Alder called and took names of persons to call upon I subscribed and paid ten dollars. The same amount as for Grace Ch. New Bedford. Friday Lect. was well attended. William William here this evening to recite, appears well. The Mechanics Building Ball is tonight. Fewer of our people attend now than in years past.

Saturday 23. The week past has been one of some excitement on account of some hostile movement of the British forces in New Brunswick and the people of Maine respecting the boundary line. I do not think there will be battle. It does appear to me the parties know better and yet there is a surprising avidity manifested by all classes of people to take hold of war. Last night was the annual Ball at the Mechanics Hall. It has been for several years

last past got up with an extensive interest and I have felt sorry and grieved to see so many of our own people concerned in the matter the plan is intended to embrace all classes of people and they are to mingle together in the dance once a year there are several objections in my mind. One that dancing here publicly is a step to licentiousness and I am sorry that influential people should give countenance to a practice which in other forms is doing much harm. But further the laboring man and woman who go there and dance make themselves ridiculous in the eyes of those who have nothing to prevent their dancing. Well, it is not to be expected that a hard working person once a year should be able to leave his hammer, anvil or saw and dance as elegantly as a child who has been taught and practiced and the awkwardness of the mechanic and his hardworking wife is a matter of sport and such dancing is indeed most thoroughly and truly ridiculous. It is a pity they should put themselves in a way to be laughed at. Benj. Walker was at the Ball about two o'clock in the morning his house took fire and the people were alarmed. Not much mischief was done to the house. Mr. Brothers drowned at the Middlesex Corp.

Sunday 24. Weather beautifully fine. I preached Nos. 353 and 140. Church full. Charles McBurney at Church and in Sunday School. I do not see anything of Tirzah Richard at Church or Sunday School. Received an intimation from Joseph Corson that Wm. Liswell(?) is getting in poor company. Must see him. I am to go to Bridgewater in the morning if God permit.

Monday 25. took the morning train of cars S. McB. in company, Mrs. Ripley of W, Mrs. Dana & her daughters. Found Madam Parker quite ill. Called on Mrs. Door about our twenty dollars worth of testaments they have been put up for us 111 muslin at 9 cents and 80 cheep at 12 ½ cents  $9.99 + 10.00 = 19.99$ . At noon took the stage for Bridgewater the whole day was rainy arrived at half past five o'clock and found friends well.

Tuesday 26. The Rev. Mr. Doggett called on me spent the morning which was very fine & chiefly in preparation. At two o'clock went down to the old South Meetinghouse and delivered a temperance lecture. The occasion was one of special interest to me on account of the sight of faces with which I was once acquainted. In the summer of 1813, if I rightly remember I attended the first temperance meeting that I ever did attend in the same house. Docts. Sanger and Hunt were in the pulpit and Doct. Reed gave the sermon on the evils of intemperance. In the evening I preached No 697 in the orthodox Meetinghouse Mr. Gays. The weather was very unfavorable and the attendance was small, some hundred people perhaps in the evening, considerable more in the afternoon . Old Mr. Nathan Mitchell is the president of the Society and was present the whole time. I visited the grave of Lieut. B. Willis who died March 8, 1809 aged 45. Death has made sad haven recently in the family of Jacob Perkins his wife son and two daughters having been taken off by typhus fever, within a few months the harbinger of death seems to have visited another. Shubael Lovell who has had an attack of paralysis. I had a moment's interview with him.

Wednesday 27. took the stage in Bridgewater for Boston at about twenty minutes after seven arrived in the city at between qw and one o'clock. Mrs. Robinson came home with me for a visit of a few days. I dined at S.D. Parker's Esq. and took home with me the

above named testaments 191 in number as was told me. In the evening I had a small catechizing in the S.S.H. present about seven.

Thursday 28. Saw Wm. Fisher who seemed to suffer less than I have seen him at other times, thought his disease affected his mind some what, I cannot say much for the state of his feelings except that he seems very desirous to have me with him and pray with him, and assents to all I say. Bible class in the evening.

## **MARCH 1839**

Friday 1. Church at three oclock pretty well attended. Evening Wm. William was in to recite.

Saturday 2. Catechizing as usual, well attended.

Sunday 3. The weather snowy and unpleasant. The Sunday School was well filled. At the communion about ninety received. Among others my dear sister Mrs. Robinson who became a communicant last Autumn. She attended all the services today and seemed to enjoy them, as indeed she has all the exercises since she has been here. In the evening we had the customary Missionary meeting at which I read from the Spirit of Missions March No in which the people appeared to take an interest, Doct. Green and Miss McBurney were present. Sermon preached in the afternoon was 375. Gave notice of Bishop's visit on Easter Sun.

Monday 4. Election of city officers. Meeting of the Board of Sabbath School Union this morning in Sunday School house. I took out two half quires of thin letter paper this day. Buried William Fisher today. He died on Saturday. Missed the meeting of the School Committee on account of the funeral. Had a good meeting at John Wilson's, Br. John Edson & Increase Robinson came in the cars at night so that we had a Bridgewater company. I wrote to Rev. Mr. Haggard of Taunton requesting him to spend the passion week with me stating that I can afford to give him ten dollars for his weeks work. I find myself reelected on the School Committee this year to come. I did hope to escape.

Tuesday 5. I find a dissatisfaction felt at the measures taken by Unitarians to effect the election of their men on the School Committee One of the six was nominated from that cong. on the regular ticket. By means of making up a ticket closely resembling the regular one except the name of Mr. Miles instead of that of Mr. Burnap, the former was elected and the Unitarians succeeded in getting two out of the six. A similar trick was played to effect the election of Elisha Fuller but happily did not succeed. Br. John left at two oclock. I attended the funeral of Martha Cheever a member of the Sunday School. She died suddenly at four oclock Monday morning. She went to bed as usual the night before though she was in a poorly way yet about house and not under physicians care. I visited my colored people this afternoon and proposed to carry the gospel to them by holding a meeting on Friday evenings for them If they will agree to it and come into the measure it will I think be an important undertaking and worth following up. Held my first

inquiry meeting with a view to the approaching confirmation. Janet Kitchen came with Martha. She appeared well and I hope is disposed to become interested in religion.

Wednesday 6. The catechizing in the evening was better attended this Wednesday than the last though I am not able to get in many who ought to come. A meeting of the Sunday School Managers was held at the parsonage this afternoon when a resolution was adopted expressive of the opinion that more room was desirable and should be supplied for the School and it was voted that it be presented to the S. School Committee at a meeting to be held on Monday evening.

Thursday 7. Spent the morning in my study and the afternoon in calls. Bible class in the eve.

Friday 8. Mr. Allan Pollock, Sarah and Susan came up in the morning train they have suddenly determined to have residence in Boston and to go to reside for the summer in Litchfield, Ct. where Susan is to be under the care of Doct. Abbey for the spine disease with which she has been afflicted. They are to be at board in L. till Autumn and then go to housekeeping in N. York city. The determination was sudden to me. Some what is perhaps to them though I now recollect an intimation not probably designed as such dropped when I was last at their house in Boston and noted in my journal of Jan 13 of this year. I then learned they had offered their pew for sale while at the same time I could not believe their attachment for the Church was diminished I recollect further a remark then dropped not however in connection with the above fact that indicated no preference of Boston as a place of residence. On the whole I doubt not they were thinking of this present change. But it was sudden at last and much so that they had not time to call on their friends in the city but only to leave cards. They however tho, they had but only one day kindly devoted that to us and came to Lowell where Mr. P. had not been since he left in 1826(?). The day was passed very pleasantly to us Mr. P seemed much gratified and I gave my time to him with pleasure. he visited The Mer. and Print Works counting Room. Saw Mr. Prince, Mr. Goodwin, and Eliphalet Brown, went to the carpet works was shown the whole process by Mr. Wright who gave him great attention, looked at Mr. Boott's picture in Mechanics Hall and in the afternoon they all took carriage with Mrs. E. and went over the circuit of the city so as to see the outlines. They called on the Prince's, Moody's at Mrs. Worthen's Mrs. Mansur's, and Mrs. Livermore's. They went down in the last train of cars. At the two o'clock train my dear sister Mrs. Robinson who has been staying for the week past left us. Her visit has been very pleasant to us.

In the evening I commenced holding a little meeting for the colored portion of my people if they maybe called mine who so seldom come to church though they have a pew. The evening was very stormy, muddy and dark, My object was to be able to come at the young men. Out of six who I suppose might be expected I got but two. How the thing will eventually succeed I do not know and though they were very civil and expressed great sense of my kindness in coming I could not quite satisfy myself whether it is likely to be on the whole sufficiently satisfactory to the mm to induce their attendance. The time of the next meeting was left unsettled.

Saturday 9. Spent the morning in study. Afternoon catechized but the key of the Sunday School House being missing we could not get in and occupied the tower of the church. Called on H Bridge, She expressed her readiness to depart whenever it may [be] God's will said she should prefer to go tho she desires to be patient and to wait the time of his appointment.

Sunday 10. Sunday School well attended. Preached Nos. 763 and 764. In the evening was the Union meeting of the Lowell Sabbath School Union at the 2 Baptist Meetinghouse in Worthen St. The house was crowded chiefly with women, very many went away. I wish that something might be done to hold these meetings before the men.

Monday 11. Met a Com. of Bible Society for Domestic Supply and agreed to authorize the Tract written (?) to make inquiry for those destitute of a Bible that we will supply them. In the evening held a meeting of the Sunday School Committee in S.S.H. Report of Treasury made and accepted up to the present time, Library concerns settled up and the same accepted, an election was appointed on the 24 inst. and (are now give to \_ade by com.?) and a resolution on the want of room for the Sunday School was voted to be laid before the wardens and vestry by a most respectable committee of five [sic] the Ladies meeting of Sewing Circle.

Tuesday 12. Spent the morning in study. Calls in the afternoon. Went to Mr. Carlton's where I met a pleasant company all of my own congregation. Mrs. Moody proposed the reviving of Received a letter from Joel Fitch Esq. Treasurer of Mid. Co. Bible Society. Young Cotter the only inquirer at the inquiry meeting. Two of my faithful ones Janet Kitchen and Lydia Kelly were there.

Wednesday 13. Answered Mr. Fitch's letter. Wrote to Br. Fuller for help on Friday and exchange on Sunday. When I got to the Post Office I found a letter from him proposing the Exchange for next Sunday which I readily accepted on the outside of the letter prepared and sent it forthwith. Called at Cyril French's in the evening early. Met there Mr. Miles a connection of theirs who is a churchman and has now commenced studying for the ministry at Stow academy. The catechizing in the Sunday School house was very pleasant a goodly number attended. Horace Mann Esq. lectured in the City Hall before the Lyceum. I have lost entirely all confidence in him as a Secretary of the Board of Education I think him entirely unfit for the place for want of thorough practical talent. He makes beautiful comparisons, elegant figures, and fine lectures, i.e. as Miss Hinckly said fancy lectures. But he has no power to improve the system of common Schools. He talks of the forms seats, ventilation, libraries and so forth for want of power, as I suppose to find the right end. I think I see too much of his phrenology. And I strongly suspect that the library zeal is a mere printing and publishing concern I think will upset him. It will be well if it does not upset the governors chair with him. On the whole subject to him for three things 1. His want of ability 2. His religious (crossed out) view on religion which I suspect of inculcating improperly 3. His money speculations in the library matter.

Thursday 14. Mrs. E. talked of going to Boston but rain in the morning prevented. It rained freely most of the forenoon. Afternoon visited the Schools in South School House

as yesterday I was in those of the North. Evening a meeting of the Directors of Education So of St. Anne's Ch. was held here and a vote passed that seventy five dollars be sent to Wellington E. Webb. There have been some doubts about this last appropriations. There were reports raised not favorable to him when he was here but I think they were entirely groundless. They were not so far as I could learn distinct charges of any particular misdemeanor but jealous intimations. I guess they amount to nothing more. I wrote to President Gotten whose opinion of the whole seems favorable. The amount of it is that I do not expect very great things of him. I never supposed that he would make a splendid preacher. But I have ever thought him honestly and sincerely pious and possessed of some perseverance. I have supposed him devoted to the work of the ministry and determined to apply himself diligently to that object and doing so I have supposed that he would succeed so far as to make a very useful man. We want sound minded well educated men who are devoted to the work of the ministry determined to preach the gospel of Christ for Jesus sake who are not of the highest price in worldly estimation. Otherwise how are the numerous parishes to be supplied who are unable to pay any other than a moderate salary. If we train a good man for such a situation we shall do not less for the cause of Christ perhaps then if we educated a man of splendid talents. I am on the whole and from all that I can learn in favor of continuing to aid Webb so as to get him fairly through. and I trust to see the day when he will be usefully employed in the service of Christ in the Church. Our meeting was held in the early part of the evening so as that we got through by 7 ½ o'clock. The Bible Class at eight was attended as usual. The aspect of things in Me. [Maine] is much more peaceful by today's papers.

Friday 15. Mrs. Edson left for Boston this morning in the cars in company with the Moody family and Mr. & Mrs. Carlton. Spent the morning mostly in calls. Afternoon the service was pretty well attended. More men out than usual. two infants baptized Mrs. Mitchers(?) and Mrs. Hobson's. Called at Mrs. Prince's. Learned that Dynely has gone again to England. Called Doct Scribner. Evening attended a meeting in Belvidere of my colored people. Do not yet know who will come out, whether it will succeed or not. Received a letter with good news from Blackaller of Bridgewater. Also one from Susan Pollock, New York to Mrs. E. which I sent at once to Boston.

Saturday 16. Wrote to one of the Secretaries of the American Bible Society communicating the formation of our Society as auxiliary to the national institution and announcing our intention to send on money previous to the national meeting. Morning was partly spent in calls. Afternoon in catechizing. A pretty good attendance. At five o'clock took the cars for Andover. Read Parson Cooke's Antidote with which I was much pleased. It has given me a higher opinion of his talents than I had before. The book is in a strong vivid style and his reasoning is clear and forcible The Antidote is against the attacks of Garrison on the ministry though the thing is done in an inoffending manner and antislavery is not named. I should judge that the writer though ably defending the ministry against abolition hostility is himself an abolitionist. I found brother Fuller at home passed a pleasant evening with him. He showed me a course of sermons on the church service to the number of more than twenty. Also a course of lectures on missions which I could wish might be given here. I proposed the matter to him in a definite proposition which he has under consideration. At seven o'clock in the morning he set off

in a chaise for Lowell with a Miss B. a relative in his family. He found the roads bad and did not get into the Sunday School till twenty minutes or more after the time of commencing the exercises. When he arrived he expounded the lesson for about ten minutes. I preached for him at Andover Nos. 312 750 & 724. I found the congregation larger than when I was at A. last time. Things look promising, the people are attentive. The evening service was large and well attended by the seminary and academy students who are not allowed to attend in the regular Sunday services. In other words not allowed to be absent from the chapel. To Episcopalians it is a serious fact that no pupil connected with the schools at Andover can attend Church services Sunday forenoon or afternoon without violating an express and operating law of the Trustees. In this respect they are behind Cambridge and so far as I know all other institutions of learning in liberality. Owing I am willing to believe to the fact that there has been no special call for the repeal of laws which when they were passed were needful and prop and then interfered with no rights of others. We owe it to the church respectfully to petition the Trustees for such modification of their laws in this regard as to permit the Students to attend church, those under age when the same is requested in writing by the parents or guardians and those of age at their own formal petition provided account of their attendance at Ch. be kept and reported as often as required by the Trustees. This would be fair on both sides and what public opinion would require them to do if it were properly asked. I trust it will be asked and did not fail to urge it upon Br. Fuller to commence action on the subject. My plan was that a petition be drawn up by himself in terms sufficiently respectful and addressed to the Trustees. That the petition be presented to the Bishop for his signature and then to the Mass. Clergy generally and that when extensively signed by clergy and perhaps by laity it be presented by a suitable committee to the Board. I hope something of the kind will be done soon. At present the law seems operating much against us. Considering as we do that the privilege of attendance on our own worship so important and needful to secure a proper attachment to the church services it is a matter of vital concern to us that they who are churchmen and children of churchmen should while under so decided a religious influence as those pupils are should be permitted to attend on the worship of their fathers and of their choice. At the third service Notcini's (?) playing on the organ was superb really beyond anything I have heard since Beale was in Lowell. Sat up with Br. Fuller (who returned to A. about six oclock) till after twelve. Took the seven oclock train and came home.

Monday morning 18. Met Joseph and Hannah Buckley at the Depot they going to Boston She attends church very regularly though much cannot be said of the rest of the family. Hannah was confirmed in Lowell during her mother's lifetime. The mother was a woman decidedly attached to the church and I trust the latter part of her life to religion while the Father was a hater of religion and always making trouble about the family's coming to church The mother kept the family together while she lived and kept up a nominal connection with the church through my pastoral visits which became frequent toward the last of her sickness she desired the sacrament. I gave it to her and Hannah received with her in the sick room The only time that I have known of her receiving it. When the mother died the irreligion of the family seemed to have no restraint and they went to the Unitarian church and I fear almost deserted public worship Mr. unclear talked with her some time ago about religion and thinks her very hardened. Yet from the time the family

left Lowell she elsewhere has attended church. She has had affliction but I fear has had no religious consolations to support her. {The family have been remarkable for tow things their hostility to religion} [the { } interlined in ms] This forenoon Mrs. Bunce (?) called (it -----Rich) [not clear]. Her errand seemed to get me to become responsible for he payment of about three hundred dollars for he other half of the Tewksbury farm and land which she now owns with another—I desired to be of service to her but felt obliged to decline the request. Brot home Richardson's Dictionary which I purchased some time ago of Bixby. Sent by mail seventy five dollars in a draft payable to the order of Wellington E. Webb of Washington College, Hartford Ct. It being the appropriation of the Education Society of St. Anne's church to him. Held the meeting at the Scotch block which was well attended and went off well.

Tuesday 19. A person called by name of John Taylor alias Robert -- bred in Kentucky- as a bond servant in the family of a man by the name of Schulz who gave Robert to his daughter on her marriage to a lawyer. The legal gentleman undertook to chastise Bob for not catching a horse. It would seem that the lady thought the correction undeserved for says she to her slave who was probably something of a favorite "Bob don't you let him whip you" Accordingly Bob who was very strong as often as the man offered to strike him jerked the whip out of his hand repeating the process in a quiet and determined way till the Lawyer tired. For this offense Robert was sold to a slave dealer and carried with 50 others to New Orleans where he was exposed to public sale and purchased for 800 dollars as a house servant cook and coachman as he was bred. But the man having in mind to swap him away for another the slave took the opportunity to go on board a steamboat where the hands were free colored persons (captain white) and went up the river to Cincinnati thence to Marietta Ohio. But the advertisements went before him. And in Ohio he was apprehended and condemned as a slave put in irons, sent off in a wagon ironed in care of four men In a woods they had to pass about 30 men came upon them rescued Bob and sent him on from town to town toward the North to Pittsburgh thence to Philadelphia was sent to Gerrit Smith Esq. and to Birney who knew the old master well. Thru (?) N. York he came to Boston where he was very sick of pleurisy from exposure in traveling lying out in the woods day and night in northern climate. Mr. Garrison befriended him But one day in Boston Cornhill he met an unexpected Kentuckian slave holder whom he knew James Coburn and who recognized him at once saying "Aye Bob what are you doing here" He made himself strange. But felt that he must leave Boston. A Mr. Leonard from Ludlow Vt. had seen him in Boston and had said to him that if he wod [sic] come to him he would take care of him and he gave him some directions. Mr. G. sent him to Salem to a Mr. Wm. A. Dodge But his story getting wind he was afraid to stay there and came on to Andover where he was directed to Smith's the word unclear at Frye Village. Smith directed him to come to me-which he did by the rail road. He seemed to be what the unclear would call a very likely negro. At the inquiry meeting there was only one present and that was little Wm. Hancock, poor fellow he really needs a great deal of instruction before he will be able to undertake the sacraments of our religion fully. Yet his feelings seem to be well and much as they should be. Mrs. Edson returned from Boston in the evening train.

Wednesday 20. School Committee meeting at two o'clock and went till nearly seven. In the evening attended the catechizing There were a pretty good number present The Lyceum Lectures closed this evening. Mr. Goodrich gave the last

Thursday 21. A damp rainy day. At 2 o'clock met the clergy of the city at Mr., Thurston's to make arrangements for a union Fast such as we had last year. It was agreed to fix it on Thursday of next (passion) week which is the day appointed for the civil fast. My own proposition was that each congregation have their customary morning service and remain at their own places respectively and that we occupy the time before and after in Union exercises-But the proposition did not succeed and it was agreed to have but two services on this side the city and two the other viz. 1 Cong, and 1 Bapt. in the morning 2 Cong and 2nd Baptist in the afternoon. I had a conversation with Thomas Milnes of the Carpet and was truly grieved to find him so far gone from religion. He confessed his doubts of a future state and of a divine providence. I talked with him as long as I thought it would do and God only knows whether it will be of any benefit or no. The Bible Class was very well attended for a dark rainy night.

Friday 22. Service in church as well attended as usual. Drank tea at Mrs. Moody's with the Carlton's. I went to the Belvidere meeting at 8 o'clock. Six young men were present though they came in late. Yet the appearance was on the whole a little more encouraging. And yet I did not feel encouraged. A meeting of the subcommittee of the S.S. Com. on furnishing more room for the Sunday School operation was held early in the evening in the S.S. House. The agitation of the subject will I think be useful. What will be the result is not easily foreseen.

Saturday 23. School Examination commenced went to the Falls, Miss Little's, and the Irish P. Schools. Met the Rev. Mr. McReading, Agent of the Am. Bible Society who arrived yesterday agreed that he should address our people Sunday evening on the subject of the Bible. I felt very anxious about notifying for fast day which must be done tomorrow Mr. Carlton Mr. French and Mr. J. Cook advised to adhere to the arrangement this year. A good catechising in the afternoon.

Sunday. Nos. 765 and 343. Sunday School full Mr. McReading was in and spoke to the children drank his tea with us addressed the people in church which was pretty well attended and stopped the night with us. He is much acquainted with Br. Lewis of Marblehead and has had some talk of coming into our church.

Monday. 25. At Mr. McReading's request a meeting of the Directors of the Auxiliary Lowell Bible Society was called at ten o'clock and he met with the gentlemen- I attended school examinations most of the day.

Tuesday 26. Nath Wright called at my request to give me an opportunity to speak on the subject of religion. He seemed to assent to what I said But what his own mind is did not so fully appear May the Lord direct him Spent the forenoon in calls. Saw Mrs. Pelham Warren about Lousia Cotter. Her account is favorable Saw the Mother too she desires L should be confirmed After noon School Examinations-Graves" & Morrill's Made a

speech at Grave's School Evening Drank tea at Mr. C.W. Cook's Inquiry meeting-present Miss Preston Miss Tibias, William Hancock and a Miss Kendal who appeared to come as company for Miss P.

Wednesday 27. Saw Mary Spurr who is very sick and afterwards called on Mr. Cyril French who I am sorry to say talks to much in the old strain on the subject of religion whereas I did hope to find him different. He spoke to me about a measure which was taken by the Wardens and Vestry in regards to building a new Sunday School house. The vote was passed on the Monday last and Mr. French undertook to build it and get it done in May. Such a building will be quite a convenience to us. Had a talk with T. Dodge. Saw Sarah Taylor who has come back to Lowell to (?) stay over Sunday. Mrs. Cheever is coming to confirmation. Catechized in the evening. A good number present, Ruggles, Slack and Mr. Puffer were in. Anderson the Norwegian called with a Swedish friend Wachenfeldt.

Thursday 28. Fast Day. This is the day also appointed by the pastors of evangelical churches in the city for special fasting and Union exercises. I attended at 1 Cong., at 10 o'clock. I suppose by appearances that the services commenced at 9 ½. There were prayers singing and addresses till eleven when customary congregational services commenced and Rev. Mr. Porter preached about forty minutes on "Evil communications corrupt good manners." Afternoon the meeting was at the second Baptist Meetinghouse—the house was filled and the exercises were interesting.

Good Friday 29. At the morning service at 10 ½ o'clock the attendance was very good for the time say about a hundred. Afternoon there were a very good number present perhaps seventy five. Preached in the afternoon No 314 The examination of the High School, was today E.M.E. felt much mortified by the printed report of her standing and character Evening—Held to my meting as usual in Belvidere, found one of the females interested in religion. She thinks she was converted last spring at Worcester, expresses a desire to enjoy Christian ordinances, likes the Church as well as any, is at present connected with none, has not been baptized, prefers immersion—I spent the time in talking to her. Two of the men came in the latter part of the evening. I said a few words on Christ's death for the ungodly.

Saturday 30. Spent the morning in calls and in the afternoon catechized the children in the S.S. House. A Scotchman called and gave quite an account of himself in writing with a view to some relief. He was stopping at Thomas Freeman's. Bishop came in the train of cars from Boston. The meeting in the S.S. House was well attended. The Bp was not present. I spoke to the people as well as I could and they seemed attentive and very serious.

## **APRIL 1839**

Monday April 1. the morning was fine and the Bp after breakfast took the cars at 7 ½ o'clock for Boston. I met the Directors of the S.S. Union at 8 o'clock in our S.S. House

nothing of special importance was transacted. The city gov't organized at ten oclock The Mayor's speech was partly written and partly extempore -- he spoke in laudatory strain of schools, and was thought by some to be rather prolix. Sarah Taylor called here with whom I had a very pleasant interview on occasion of this visit. She came from Nashua to be present with us through the interesting services of passion week and Easter. I found that she had calculated on the communion, expecting that we should have it as of course on Easter Day. I called on Mary Hoyt who is at Mrs. Worthen's a few days and was at church on Sunday but who is staying for the present and possibly through the summer at her aunt's Palmer I think in Tewksbury. She also came expecting the sacrament. I feel the importance of regularity in these things and hope I shall be able to be more and more regular. I know not how many others may have been disappointed, though I do not see how we could have had the ordinance with so much profit as on Sunday next—The visitation of the Bishop. brought so many things into the day that I do not see how I could on the whole have made a better arrangement than I did.

Afternoon the first meeting of the School Committee was held at the customary hour for organization and other business. Rev. Mr. Blanchard was chosen chairman by unanimous vote and Corliss Secretary The meeting was on the whole a pleasant one. My schools are gr. 2 & 6 P.1.15.21. The day has been uncommonly fine and the evening was pleasant. The meeting at Mr. John Wilson's was held and was interesting Nath. Wilson present. I want to get in McArthur Freeman Lang Howe etc.

Tuesday 2. Spent the morning in my study. Met Messrs James & Calvin Cook who told me they taken pains to inquire extensively and found the wish to be that the money contributed or rather subscribed a week ago last Sunday evening should go to make me a life member of the Am. Bible Society. The thirty dollars collected has been paid in to my hands and I felt some scruple about using for that purpose. My friends have made much inquiry with a view to remove the scruples. Made calls in the afternoon and drank tea at Mrs. Huntington.

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Wednesday 3. the ladies of St. Anne's Church held a meeting in the Sunday School H. this afternoon to deliberate of the subject of reviving the sewing meetings. thirty seven and more were present. It seems they did not agree to meet weekly, but determined to do the work at home and to hold a monthly meeting for arrangement and assignment of work and the distribution of materials. They talk of having the sale in October. So far as the meetings promote the cultivation of acquaintances and union of feeling they are desirable. My neighbor French began his garden today.

Thursday 4. A very warm day. The weather has been fine for several days but this is like summer. School Com. met with the Mayor & Aldermen and passed the customary transfer of the business to the S. Com. Called on H. ridge, I think she is failing. Her mind as usual was in a religious frame. She requested to be taken to Church for burial and to be laid by the side of her father in Sudbury. Wm. H. Moody and his family here. The Bible Class in the evening was pleasant. I drew up a caption for a subscription for the building of a S.S. House that is to be.

Friday 5. The preparatory meeting was well attended. In the evening I went to Belvidere to my little meeting of colored people. I found three women with whom I talked upon religion and prayed but the men did not come in til nine o'clock. I do not see that it is desirable to continue the appointment I can call and see all the women at times more convenient, so as to accomplish just as much with them and the men for whose sake the arrangement was specially made do not come and I do not see as there is any prospect of their attending

Saturday 6. Lewis Green called to consult me about going to his studies again to which I advised his. He thinks more of going to an Academy in Pembroke N.H. for a term at least. We shall miss him much in the Sunday School but I cannot discourage him in the plan he has adopted. Called to look after several of my young communicants about whom I have felt very anxious of late. I had better account than I feared and have on the whole reason to be thankful. We look with desire to the erection of the new School House where we may gather their unclear and train them I hope more successfully.

Sunday 7. Communion Day. A large number of Communicants out. to my inexpressible mortification the bread failed before all had received and on sending to the house for more it was found locked so that it could not be entered and several communicants received only the wine, after some delay, I pray that the even which has much humbled me and given god only knows how much pain, may be sanctified for god, that I may be pardoned the oversight. The school was less noisy than last Sunday owing in part as we suppose to the promulgation of a new rule that all who should make disturbance should go home at night without the L. Books, being dismissed before the books were given out

Preached in the afternoon No 766. Missionary meeting in the evening. Rev. Mr. Fuller's course of Lectures were announced and the plan apparently well received

Monday 8. Attended exam of cand. for H. School at eight in the morning. got Mary Fisher admitted. Called into all my schools and gave out the new weekly Register. Made a call on Rev. Mr. McDermott. The Irish are here divided into parties of North South and Middle according to the part of Ireland they come from. It is a circumstance which gives them trouble. Saw Mr. & Mrs. William about William. They were to have sent him to school this morning but though they talked very well about it I fear they will not conclude to educate the boy. I tried to encourage them so far as was proper. We had a very good meeting at J. Wilson's. Freeman in. The meeting of the parish was held this evening in the S.S. House. I have not heard much from it but find that Bixby has thrown up the clerkship. A committee was chosen to procure an act of incorporation and some important matters were discussed. Answered Dutton's letter. [Scrap of paper inserted in book. Viz.: Bass living in Newburyport 84 years old.]

Tuesday 9. Wrote to Converse Bangor, to Martin Taunton to Richmond Jones, Troy, received a letter from Rev. J.C. Brigham Cor. Sec. of B. Soc. recognizing our Society as auxiliary. Afternoon a meeting of School Com. I ordered School books of Bixby for Primary Schs. 15 & 21. In the afternoon walked with Mrs. E. to Mrs. Richardson's Tewksbury. Rode home in vehicle in which Hanscom and Lizzy came. Artemesia R, has grown a tall miss and the other child Hanah is a beauty. I found Mrs. R. much as I could desire. had not little time almost none to talk on religious subjects. She evinced a disposition to acknowledge the relation I have sustained to her and the children. Artemesia will I hope come over to Church. Spent the evening at Wm. Paul's I hope not unprofitably. She seems a growing Christian. And I have hope that his mind is coming round right.

Wednesday 10. the ground has become very dry on the top and the strong winds that have prevailed for some days past have kept the whole atmosphere very full of fine dust and made it exceedingly disagreeable to be out. Called on H. Bridge today She is not much different, ready & desirous to depart and to be with Christ when it shall be God's will to take her. I do not however ask her to be very near the time, I wrote an account of the Bps. visitation and of the catechizing for the Witness with a view to correct the meager and incorrect account of last week. Sent it this afternoon. Bonville held his french class here this evening—Called at Mr. F's. Met Mrs. Betsey Jones there who loves to go and talk with the afflicted about her Timothy whose death is still fresh in her feelings.

Thursday 11. Provided books for my Irish schools. Called on old Mrs. Burroughs. Found her feeble and traveling to the grave. Attendance at Bible Class was pretty good. Led by Nancy Law that Harriet has been here a week and more. Appearances of a storm.

Friday. 12. A gentle warm and pleasant rain. Meeting of Sch. Com. in the morning etc. I kept house most of the day.

Saturday 15. Storm continues. The attempt made to repeal or alter the temperance law of 1838 that law may be considered) [lined out] having been entirely frustrated and the law fully sustained by the present legislature that law must now be considered as the law of the land since the rising of the Legislature on Thursday last. The feeling in Lowell seems to be to carry it into effect. Dealers have been notified by the City Marshall that they will be prosecuted for continued violation of the law and there is a talk among them of shutting up tonight to sell no more. What a happy day for Lowell should that be the case!

Sunday 14. The Storm continues. Lewis Green takes leave of the office duties of Librarian in the School today. Hiram Brownell agreed to take his place. I think the plan suits the family very well and I hope he will be encouraged. I preached to a thins [sic] congregation Nos. 610 & 767. The Rev. Mr. Fuller who was to have come over this evening to commence his course of Missionary Lectures was prevented from coming by the Storm as I suppose. The weather and the roads were such that I did not expect him. I appointed a meeting in the S.S. House which was well attended for a stormy night. The moon changed Saturday night under circumstances which according to my talks indicate a wet quarter. I propose to test the table by several observations. At the little evening meeting William Lilwell stopped to take leave of me. He is going into Canada means to lay our what money he has in land which is cheap now. I dissuaded him from going pointed to the case of James Frame and plainly gave my opinion against the undertaking. But I suspect he has already gone too far to retreat from it. I had a talk with Nancy Law about Harriet who desired me to see her and have a conversation with her. I must do so and I hope it may be a profitable interview. Mary Frame stopped after meeting to take leave of me. She is going to Billerica for the present to live. I hope she may do good there I asked her to visit E. Francomb and think she will.

Monday. 15. Called to see Harriet Law and had a long talk with her about her feeling on account of her losing the election last year as schoolteacher. I trust the conversation will be profitable. On parting she acknowledged that I had no unkind intention in regard to her in the matter. Afternoon called to see Mr. C. French and had a long conversation with him on church matters. The prospect of buying the church is I fear not very great. However I hope the best.

Tuesday 16. Lewis Green made his T.T.L. call. His interest in religion seems increasing. Gave him letters. Miss Hinckley dined here Called at Mrs. Means. Evening Robert Hoxie called. He is a dear boy but not religious. O that he might be. Mary Spurr is quite sick I called again today. E. Francom was worse on Sunday. The children are assembled in the S.S.H. this evening for singing. Visited schools

Wednesday. 17. A rainy day and a sad day distinguished for he death of Mr. Luther Lawrence the Mayor of the City who a few minutes before twelve while showing to Mr. Bigelow his brother in law the improvements making in the Old Wooden Mill of the Middlesex Corp. fell over some slight obstruction and pitched into a wheel pit. The fall was about seventeen feet upon his head by which the skull was fractured and death ensued directly. The sensation produced in the community is deep and very extensive. From his coming into the City till a year ago last October he worshipped at Church.

About that time I had a conversation with him on the subject of religion. After respectfully inquiring into his views and feelings and finding them somewhat different from what I hoped I affectionately exhorted him to give his attention forthwith to the subject of personal religion. The consequence was a withdrawal of himself family from the congregation and a connection with the Unitarian with whose views he told me his own agreed. Our intercourse since then has been very kind and affectionate on both sides I do not know whether he has ever connected himself with the communion or not. I apprehend however that he has not. I have called from time to time at the house and they here as freely as before. I called today immediately on hearing the event was kindly received by the family with whom I conversed and prayed. May God sanctify the event to me and the family and the community for his names sake. I pray that I may be more faithful and close in my conversations with the men of my congregation. And may God both enable me and bless the effort. In the evening I catechized at Mr. Robert Whitaker's and though it was very rainy and dark I had a pleasant time within.

Thursday 18. Wrote for Witness on the correctness of parochial Reports. Rev. Mr. Ballard called about the trouble with Mr. Simond (?) who it seems at the last meeting of the Sabbath School Union gave offense to the Baptist congregation by saying that one teacher in the city had boasted having drawn a hundred pupils from other schools to the school with which said teacher was connected. Mr. S. gave no clue in his remarks by which the person might be identified except censurable conduct. And yet a teacher in Mr. Bullard's school thought herself intended and feels injured thereby. I went to see the place where Mr. Lawrence fell. Mary Spurr sick. Bible Class numbers over twenty. Perhaps the average is not far from twenty. Mary Law feels very properly about Harriet who is I hope coming right.

Friday 19. Mrs. E's birthday. In the evening I catechized at Mr. Nath Wright's. Those that answered were chiefly Wm. Henry and Emory Wright and Sarah Whiting. I had an agreeable time Both families were present. It was satisfactory to me and seemed to be so to them. Mrs. E. was at Mrs. Colburn's with Miss Hinckley where I passed the latter part of the evening.

Saturday 20. The funeral of Hon. L. Lawrence took place today at his late residence Rev. Mr. Miles officiated. Mr. Blanchard and myself were introduced to the mourners.

Sunday 21. S.School well attended. Preached No's 768 & 608. Mr. S. Lawrence absent in the morning attended with his family and had a note up in the afternoon. Letter from Rachel Milnes to her classmates was read in Sunday School. Children in the evening attended the Lecture of a Mr. Rogers on Burmah [sic] Mission.

Monday 22. Prepared Memorial to city government as a Report to School Committee Sent a communication for the Witness. School Committee in the afternoon met. Levon the Jew called. Meeting at Carpet Block. Rev. Mr. Livermore from Drewsville called. It appears he was ordained yesterday. Received an invitation from Doct. Green to witness his marriage next Thursday.

Tuesday 23. Hanscom went to Boston. I sent by him the Easter Collection thirty five dollars. Mr. Levon the converted Jew spent the whole morning with me. There called also a woman Mrs. Lanorie (?) sent here for relief as an object worthy of charity. Her husband she says was in the Ben Sherrod (?) when it was burnt and lost both his life and his property. I had occasion to make inquiry about the Masonic bodies in this place and learned that no meeting had been held for several years and that there are no funds. Meeting of the old Board of School Committee for signing etc. Report. Met Trustees of Savings Institution. Sent forty dollars by mail to treasurer of the Am. Bib. Society. Evening at Doct. Green's and at Samuel Lawrence's.

Wednesday 24. An exceedingly dusty day so as to be more unpleasant than a snow storm. Received a letter from Rev. Doct. Morse accepting my proposal to exchange on Sunday next. At the evening prayer meeting Levon the Jew was present and spoke to the people and prayed some were in on that account. Lizzy went to Boston in the 2 o'clock train to return tomorrow morning.

Thursday 25. Cleaned up the borders. Lizzy returned in the first train. Doct. Green married in Boston today, also the same day and hour cousin Susan P. Parker to Mr. Greenough. Evening at the Bible Class the Jew was present and stops with us tonight. Mrs. E. and I called at Mrs. Lawrence's this afternoon. Lent Mr. Samuel Lawrence the sermon preached last Sunday forenoon. I received notice through Mr. Simond's that I was put up on a Committee with (blank in ms) to act in relation to closing up the accounts of the Middlesex Co. Bible Society. The Committee to meet in Boston at the Marlboro house chapel on Wednesday the 29th at 2 ½ PM.

Friday 26. With mending pens and other like things the morning chiefly taken up. Anderson fixed my north window blind. Drank tea at Mrs. J. Cooks. Tomorrow I expect to go to Newburyport.

Saturday 27. Started at 6 o'clock with Mr. Bixby in a chaise for N. We went through Methuen and stopped at Haverhill for an hour. Had a fine opportunity to look about the town and saw several people whom I knew. Arrived at Wm. H. Moody's at 10 ½ o'clock. The weather in the morning was delicious one of the finest days in the whole year and the ride was very pleasant. Spent the night with my friends at the Farm. Sunday morning rode to Nt [Newburyport] and arrived about 8 o'clock, went into the Sunday School Preached 722 & 736. Dined pleasantly at Doct. Moor's. After service saw Mrs. Bass. Her mind seems uncommonly good, memory much better than could be expected at 84. She was alone in her house her woman not having returned from the meeting. She seemed much pleased at my call. Saw the Farris' recently afflicted by the death of their mother. The Hoarts' who seemed gratified at receiving a call. Looked in upon a Mrs. Smith and drank tea at Mr. Rand's From Doct. Bricket's I started and returned to the Farm—Spent the night.

Monday 29. Went to Amesbury with Mr. Moody in his chaise saw Mr. Taylor, Mr. & Mrs. Morrill. Nath, the sisters etc. Called on Mr. Webster and Doct. Carter and returned to the Farm. At a quarter before two we set off. Mr. Bixby abs myself for home. Billy a

horse purchased by Mr. Bixby of Mr. Moody was led and arrived at Lowell at five o'clock in the afternoon. I hear a good account of Doct. Moors' services here that he went into the Sunday School in the morning and had a third service in the evening. Mrs. Moor's was with him.

Tuesday 30. Answered a letter received during my absence from Abm Keyser the Treasurer of the American Bible Society stating that my remittance was duly received but there was a mistake about the amount needful for two life memberships. I thought thirty was the amt. for a clergyman and ten for a layman. Whereas it is thirty in both cases. I wrote that thirty be applied to make myself a member and that the ten be put on account toward another Life membership. Saw Mary Spurr. She seems very feeble and low. My fears are confirmed as to the probability of her getting well. Blanchard called and consulted with Mr. Miles and myself about Schoolhouses. We agreed that thirty feet by twenty two would be right, intending eight ft at the door end for the entry etc. The room to be about twenty two feet square. At 3 o'clock I administered the Lord's Supper to H. Bridge on her sick bed. Mrs. E. Mrs. Cook and myself joined Mrs. B., Martha and Hapsibet in the celebration.

## **MAY 1839**

Wednesday 1. A rainy wet day. Recd a letter from Wellington E. Webb now in Richmond Va. for the vacation. Spent the evening at neighbor French's. The new Sunday School House has been moved this week. Mrs. inquired of me about it. I knew nothing about it not having been acquainted with the fact till this afternoon. The building was removed probably by the suggestion of Patrick Jackson and (?) from all I see and hear I have become convinced that there is not much prospect of our coming into possession of the Church etc. very soon. To wait or a better time is but to forego the better opportunity. The longer we wait the weaker we become. And I see nothing better than to organize a second church out of the most active material in our congregation and to do then the best we can with St. Anne's. The old will be stronger for the new.

Thursday 2. A rainy day. Mr. Moses J. Eaton called who is here in a visit from Pittsburgh PA. He is lately married to a rich lady an Episcopalian. They were here at tea and went with us to the Bible Class wh. was attended as usual. Mr. E. formerly one of our public teachers in Lowell went from here about four years ago has resided in the meantime in P. and has recently become a communicant in the Church. The afternoon was fair.

Friday 3. We called on Mrs. Green. The preparatory Lecture but tolerably attended. I am quite convinced that it is time now to move for a second church. It had been better had it been done before but "Forgetting the things behind etc." Now is the best time that remains to us.

Saturday 4. For the most part in the study.

Sunday 5. A good day. Good attention and encouragement in the Sunday School. The morning S. School was pleasant. The Swans out all day Mr. & Mrs. Eaton in S.S. Three brides Mrs. Green, Hedrick & Eaton at Church and sacrament. Mrs. Dunn at sacrament. Present 150. I must speak to John McClennan. McArthur S. Wright etc. Preached in the afternoon No. 485. Heard by Lucina Morse of the death of Mrs. R. Hills youngest child, Richard I think—I must write to her—Lucina seems affected with a sense of the decline of religious feeling and determines to try to live as a Christian. James Diggles spoke to me on the subject of religion. Had another interview with him this evening at the Miss. Meeting. He appears very penitent and sincere. His health seems precarious. He has had a dreadful hoarseness for a fortnight. He says he is very desirous of becoming a Christian. That he feels a sense of sin which keeps him awake nights and that he looks to Christ above.

Monday. 6. S. Sch. Union Directors met at 8 o'clock A.M. I wrote to Br. Fuller, also a letter to Mrs. Hills Hancock N.H. Visited my schools. School Com. Meeting. The little meeting at Mr. Wilson's was but poorly attended. John McDonald made a prayer and walked home with me.

Tuesday 7. Br. John Edson came here with little Mary to be left here upon a visit. The annual meeting of the Savings Institution was held this evening. received potatoes etc. of Wm. Moody

Wednesday 8. The annual meeting of the Female Missionary Society was held this Afternoon.

Thursday 9. A letter from Woodstock announced that Mrs. B.C.C. Parker would be here this evening in the last train of cars from Nashua She arrived accordingly also from Boston Mrs. S.H. Parker & Anna. Mrs. Parker of Woodstock brought me the first intelligence that her husband and my friend and brother has resigned the parish of St. James and that the rev. Mr. Grigg is now employed to be their minister for a year. The proceeding seemed to be an extraordinary one, It was a movement of some persons in the society made several months ago with a view to Mr. Parker's resignation. By Mrs. P's account he has behaved remarkably well after the knowledge of the facts came to his ears. He has opened a school which will no doubt bring him as good an income as his rectorship and he intends preaching regularly. The whole process shows us clergymen how precarious our situation is and how needful to work with our might what our hands find to do. The pastoral relation is becoming more and more uncertain and frail and yet it does not seem to have less of solemnity and responsibility connected with it.

Friday. 10. Miss Houston's school primary No. 1. was removed and opened this day in the school house provided in Middlesex Street. I called to see the school. Received an invitation to deliver a lecture before the N.E.F.M.R. So. in Boston during the ensuing annual meeting. Examined quite a number of P.F.'s for the Witness. Mrs. P. set off for Boston in the 5 o'clock train. Mr. F Lowell called to speak to me about the removal of the church fence on St. Anne's street. He was very kind and civil took me out to see the premises where was P. Jackson. A side walk is also to be taken off of the church grounds

on Kirk street but for that they are in no hurry. I received a vague impression that the parsonage will have to be removed & if not before the lease is out that some measures will then be taken to secure the event. The will of the Lord be done. Yet I cannot but feel pained that the church has yet no root in the soil of Lowell. By a particular appointment and request John McClennan called upon me this evening. I appointed last evening but did not get him. Tonight he came. I had a comfortable season with him on the whole. He is sensible of the error he committed in going to ride with Mr. McCracken to Saxonville instead of attending church and sacrament, appeared penitent and promised to sin no more. Prayed with him and hope the interview may be beneficial.

Saturday 11. Mr. Rufus S. Perkins called, his family were from Bridgewater and he says that I was the first person that he ever went to school to. I gave him a line by which he got into the Machine Shop. Saw him afterwards when he told me he should not have been admitted without it. Went to Andover on horseback in the afternoon. Spent the evening with brother Fuller. He came over on foot.

Sunday 12. So as to get to Lowell by 8 ½ I preached Nos. 252 and 719 and returned to Lowell by 5 o'clock. Br. Fuller gave his first Missionary Lecture which was excellent. The subject was Western Africa giving an account geographical historical and statistical of the Missionary Stations beginning with the mouth of the Gambia and going toward the South. It was the best lecture of the kind that I have heard.

Monday 13. He spent the last night at Mr. Cooks and went home on foot very early in the morning. The Jew Levon came up Saturday night intending to speak to our people Sunday evening but was disappointed in finding me away on exchange. He spoke to Mr. Thurston's people. Called this morning. John Kelly called to see me. My interview with him was rather gratifying. He says that leaving here was for his good which he can now see. He is in a way to maintain himself and intends still going on with his studies for college. I have my fears that he may not get on so fast as he expects but hope he will persevere. tried to encourage him. In the afternoon was a meeting of the School Committee, chose Charles Morrill Asst. Teacher in North Grammar School. Evening the meeting at Mr. Wilson's was better attended than for some time past. My Scotch boys were there John Kelly etc. A pleasant parting interview with John. Mr. Cook observed that yesterday there were in the Sunday School. John Kelly, John Frame and Rachel Milnes. The latter walked over to my house on Saturday last. Mrs. McArthur seems much encouraged with the treatment of Mrs. Dunn who has been doing for her in the Doctor line. She says "Mrs. D. has done me as sight of good" It is said the "spool of her breast was down" and the operation which she underwent was that of having it put up & the ribs put in place. The late evening at Mrs. Colburn's with Docts. Bartlett & Huntington.

### **INSERT MAY 1, 1839**

Easter Sunday [May 1] In the morning I felt a little despondency that so few were found to give themselves to God in confirmation But I remembered that though there are but few comparatively now yet there have been much fewer in times past. And that though

desponding when they are few yet afterward there have been more and I have had reason of joy as well as of discouragement—Soon after breakfast I learned that Mr. Hanscom had been laboring with Mary Hanscom and Rebecca Prescott and that they desired to be baptized before church. At half past nine the ordinance was administered to them. The children of the school who had learned the catechism came in about a hundred and more and were seated around the altar before the service commenced and were comfortably seated—The [sic] behaved remarkably well. After service was ended as usual and nothing given the Hymn was given out "Christ the Lord is risen today" which was sung very well. They gave the catechism in presence of the Bishop who was much delighted with their singing and answers. From all that I learn I think it was well received by the congregation. In the afternoon the church was full. The Bishop preached on Deuteronomy 26 verses 17 & 18. "Thy hast this day avouched the Lord to be thy God etc.". The subject was confirmation. After sermon 14 persons were confirmed and there service was truly solemn and affecting. On returning to the vestry Mr. Cyril French came in and said that it was his intention to have been baptized in the afternoon before sermon & to have been confirmed after with the rest and that the reason why he had not given me notice was that he thought it almost a matter of course that there would be others to be baptized that preparation would be made and that he should come forward with the rest. I had seen and conversed with him as recently as Friday when he told me he thought he should come by if not speak decisively. The Bishop readily consented to confirm again in the evening, notice having been given out for the third service both morning and afternoon. I took the opportunity to have a talk with Rebecca Prescott and her mother called here after tea. I went also to see Mr. Phelps who seemed desirous to come out Also spoke to Robert Wilson respecting his wife. In the evening the services were very solemn and the Church remarkably well filled for an evening service. When Mr. French came forward Mr. Benjamin Green with whom I had conversed on Friday and who appeared inclined to take the important measure but did not then fully decide who had made the same calculation about coming forward as Mr. French did and was disappointed by there being no baptism in the afternoon, came forward also and was baptized he and Mr. French side by side. The Bishop preached from "How long halt(?) ye etc." and answered five or six popular objections which people made to the duty of coming to the sacraments. the sermon was most excellent and the arguments perfectly convincing I believe to every mind. Bp. spoke with more strength and clearness of voice and more animation of manner than in the day time. At confirmation came forward besides Messrs French & Green, Mr. Phelps Reb Prescott and Mrs. Wilson, making nineteen in the whole. So that on the whole the day which in prospect looked a little desponding closed with perhaps as lively feelings of gratitude to God as I have experienced on any similar occasion Let it be a monument of the Lord's goodness and an argument for me to trust in him.

I asked Isaac Shepherd to come to me in the vestry before service with a view to give him the opportunity of being baptized and confirmed if he should think proper. He was in a great quandary, knew he ought to go forward, had no excuse by which he could satisfy his mind to refrain, felt it wrong to decline, but went to his seat and did not come forward. He thinks he has religion, thinks Christ requires him to be pious to be baptized, has no doubt but that it is his duty yet delays. I have endeavored to represent to him the

danger of his condition and he seems to feel it. How the strife will end God only knows. I hope he may be able to do his will.

After the evening service the Bp seemed gratified and pleased with the day's work. He spoke of the children affectionately and said he could not keep their singing out of his ears. He reminded me to give him the names of those confirmed, which I did with the customary fifteen dollars which should be more. It is my custom to fold the money up with the list of names, and to have both ready on Monday morning.

## **MAY 1839**

Spoke of Mr. Fuller's Lectures and hope they will attend next time. The day dreadfully dusty.

Tuesday 14. A beautiful rain. The Managers of the Sunday School met after dinner. All present but Mr. Ayer who has not recently attended any of the meetings. It was agreed to occupy the New School House next Sunday. Mr. Hanscom was chosen Superintendent. He and Mr. Wilson were the two I had in view. We prayed for direction and proceeded to ballot. It is and has been my fervent prayer that all may go on well that no harm may be unintentionally done.

Wednesday 15. Made calls on Mrs. McGregor Lawrence's etc. Evening called at Mr. William's Dracut. Met Chas. Morrill and B.F. Butler about a teacher for the Academy. Advised B. to go in for the exigency till the Trustees should have action on the subject. I had seen Mr. J. Bancroft in the afternoon to whom the arrangement was named and which he acquiesced.

Thursday 16. Sent an answer to an application from Nashua to deliver my M.R. Lecture of the first Tuesday in June. Agreed to do it. Wrote to McBurney. Bible Class

Friday 17. Visited Dracut Academy. Butler I hope will do well. Some of the boys seemed disposed to be troublesome but things will soon settle down. It occurred to me how much trouble B. himself had formerly made in school. He probably looks upon the whole subject very differently now. Years make a difference and circumstances alter cases. I hear that Charles Sharple's the inebriate who given his family and friends a world of trouble has absconded within a few weeks. Saw the Mother who is much tried in her soul for the lad. His wife has gone to her Father's in Ohio. Called at Mrs. Samuel Brown's. She seems to me very much a Christian. She spoke of the satisfaction she felt last Sunday at having her whole family out at church all day. Mr. B. has not been in the habit of attending in Lowell. I do not know as he has ever attended church before. She was confirmed the 1st visit of the Bishop and in answer to her prayers and persuasion God has given her to see her husband take his son with him and attend the services of the house of God. I felt the satisfaction of rejoicing with them that rejoice. She thought and spoke of the day as one of her happiest and seemed to be strengthened in her confidence in the power and willingness of a prayer hearing God. Mary Spurr appears to be getting well.

The Lord be praise for this his goodness to that family. In the evening Doctors Green & Huntington etc. etc. were here socially.

Saturday 18. Recd a circular from Mass. B. of Missions

Whitsunday 19. A pleasant day. In the morning the Sunday School was divided and the New School house was occupied for the first time by three classes Mr. Hanscom Superintendent and Henry Prescott Secretary etc. Preached 789 & 770. Evening meeting was well attended. A Mr. Thomson from Durham, Me led here-is a member of a congregational church but has an eye toward Episcopacy-

Monday 20. Met Miss Deborah Lazell by accident at Mrs. Darrah's. took her this afternoon to Mrs. Spur's. She is a Bridgewater woman and we had a pleasant conversation. Evening called at Mrs. Milnes's Saw Rachel who said she had not been very well the day.

Tuesday 21. Rachel Milnes was taken last evening with spasmodic cough to which she has been addicted for some months and which has been increasing in severity over time— After being relieved of the cough by large doses of medicine she lay this morning in stupor and increasing weakness—About 11 A.M. some threatening change was perceived and about 12 she ceased to breathe. Called on H. Bridge Mrs. Nesmith etc.- The children met to sing in the evening.

Wednesday 22 R. Milnes funeral was attended by a large number of people. I stopped to tea at Mr. Milnes-I wrote an obituary notice for the Courier. Evening we had a very good prayer Meeting in the new School house-I should estimate the number from general recollection at about twenty five.

Thursday 23 Very cold. Mrs. P.H. Parker and Miss Anna left us to go down in the 2 o'clock train. In the evening Emma Fisher was coming home from school went up Middlesex Street with some girl companions afterwards went to the rafts of round logs floating in the canal and stepped upon them. She stepped wrong and fell into the water and was drowned. No effectual assistance was at hand and she sank to breathe no more-The Bible Class was held in the New School House and was more than usually solemn It seemed to be the united prayer that God's providence might be blessed. There were nearly thirty present.

Friday 24. Buried Emma Fisher today. It is remarkable that on Monday I had made up my mind to go to Saco on Wednes. last with Mr. & Mrs. French to pay a visit to my friends there particularly the Batchelder's which I have so long contemplated with pleasure-I had written to Mr. McBurney and had concluded that whether he should be able to supply by himself or no I would be absent one Sunday and depend on Doct. Green-But the unexpected death of Rachel Milnes occurred to prevent my going and I decided to omit the journey for the present. I see the hand of a good providence in it as there have been three burials since last Sunday. Two deaths within the parish and two out of it by which

my parishioners are some of them afflicted May God grant we may improve these admonitions.

Saturday 25. Meeting of the School Committee held this afternoon-Mr. Badger the writing master gave a second lesson today. Mr. William Smith called and said that Mrs. Batchelder was in Boston this week. About fifteen or twenty minutes before the cars started this afternoon I was honored with a hasty call from the Bishop of Montreal He had been to Pepperell to Doct. Cutters to see about placing a daughter of his the eldest of his family under the care of Doct. C. on account of some alienation of mind. He desired me to feel an interest when and in case any thing shd be the matter to go up to P. which I readily engaged to do. The Bishop was on his way to Boston and left in the cars.

Sunday 26. A pleasant day. Church full in the morning especially. Preached Nos. 771 & 473. In the evening in the New School House-well filled. Mrs. Tilden's child Joseph was baptized to day.

Monday 27. Had a long talk with Mr. Fiske on the subject of religion and find him about as far from the point as one can possibly be-Bishop Mountain came up in the noon train of cars his daughter passed on in the Nashua train and he stopped with me an hour and took a chaise. Called on Miss Grant at Mrs. Nesmith's—Found her an exceedingly pleasant lady—I had seen her before but never had the pleasure of conversation with her—At 5 o'clock took the cars for Boston. Attended a meeting in St. Paul's vestry in behalf of a Free Church. Things seemed to promise very well especially at the first—A proposition came from Mr. Makerman to give a lot of land on Dover street at the South end. Discussion turned directly upon the location and the evening was spent in remarks on that topic. William Appleton made some very good and favorable remarks At length the matter took the right turn-Thanks were voted to Mr. T. and the subject of location & acceptance referred to Com.

Tuesday 28. Delivered my M.R. Lecture to the Marlboro Chapel at eight oclock. Attended meetings of the Prison Discipline and Peace Societies and in evening of the Temperance Union at the Odeon.

Wednesday 29. Various societies. Seamen's Friend and in the afternoon Antislavery. Evening at William's met Mrs. Greenough-bride

Thursday 30. Called on Mrs. Smith and on Doctor Stone. Came home at noon-Writing lesson -"Never too old to learn" Attended a marriage at Mr. James Russell's Miss Ruth the bride—Evening Bible Class.

Friday 31. Preparatory Lecture. Preached No. 495. Ch. Lang aged 6 another of our Sunday School pupils drowned.

**JUNE 1839**

Saturday 1. Two writing lessons. Preparations for Sunday

Sunday 2. Good Sunday School. Meeting was held in new School House at 10 o'clock of communicants connected with the School. Present at sacrament 131. Preached No. 615 in the Afternoon. Had a good meeting in the evening in S.H. new James Diggles manifests a good degree of interest in religion-Lent him Persuasive to Early Piety.

Monday 3. the Board of Managers of the Lowell Sabbath Sc. Union met this morning in new S.H. at 7 ½ o'clock. Request was made by the Baptists to bring in the case of Mr. Simond's who stated at the last public meeting that one teacher had made her boasts that off [unclear] proselytized more than a hundred pupils from other schools to the one of which said teacher was a member. Rev. Mr. Ballard complained that Mr. S. had not given so much attention to the reasonable requisitions of the aggrieved as they supposed due— The Board voted that it was a proper place to consider the subject - and after a free conversation of some length-understood from Mr. Simond's that he would make some explanations at the next meeting on Sunday evening next. Discussion was then had upon the time and place of the annual meeting and after hearing and considering the objectives to meeting in the grove it was voted to hold the meeting there as usual. Called on Mr. Brownell who returned from England and arrived here yesterday. He has been gone about [blank in ms] months Afternoon there was held the regular meeting of the School Committee -- Evening the Scotch meeting -- Afterwards a call from Mr. Collin's who gave me some account of a Mr. Miller who had been preaching here some time on the subject of Christ's second coming which he fixes about the year 1843. I have not been [sic] I have no disposition to find fault with him. I do not yet see it, as I am told he states the case and yet I probably have not given the subject sufficient study to be able to condemn him. He complains of the ministers for not coming to hear him and calls us hypocrites. O what if we should be found deceiving ourselves and how seriously should we apprehend the possibility of our being hypocrites. O most gracious God make me to know myself to be humble and sincere before thee-I cast myself on thy mercy in Christ Jesus & pray for acceptance.

Tuesday 4. I called on Rev. Mr. Miles and agreed with him on points to be reported by us as a Committee of the S.C. respecting the High School & School houses for the accommodation of it & a Grammar School. On calling found Mary Spurr worse-did not see her.

Wednesday 5. Went over to Concord as a delegate with sixteen others to attend a temperance meeting the annual; meeting of the Midx Co. Temp. So. The day was very wet and cold. We went in an Omnibus and as it rained continually we were shut up and pretty close. We there found with ourselves 100 delegates who had come with a very good temperance spirit and the meeting was the best I have ever attended at Concord. But one session was held and continued till three o'clock. Encouraging addresses were made by Messrs. Hoar and Crosby and by the Rev. Messrs. Fay and Kimball of Charlestown. Got home by day light. Found Mr. Colburn here waiting Mary C. stopped the night. Mr. B.F. French called.

Thursday 6. It is one year this day that I have kept this journal with regularity having written something therein for almost every day and in most cases day by day. Mr. S. Goodhue called to lend me Spaulding on the Millennium. Mr. G. is a Millenarian so called and had some conversation with me yesterday on the subject. Mary Spurr was taken last evening much worse and now no hopes are entertained of her recovery. Eliza Francomb is also very low. We had a good meeting of the Bible Class. Prepared and offered report to School Com.

Friday 7. Delivered to Mr. Simond's a quarterly and an annual report of our Sunday Schools. One for the meeting next Sunday evening and the other for that on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July next. Saw H. Bridge who appears to be wearing out. I think that a few months more will bring her to her heavenly Fathers home. Evening went to the Bunker Hill Diorama But relinquished my seat in favor of Nashua people

Saturday 8 Called on Mrs. W.W. Wyman recently from Baltimore who is to spend the summer here She seemed very glad to see me and had much to say about things of the church in Baltimore-Mary Spurr still living though very low. Brother Fuller came over from Andover and took the cars here for Boston. His sister a Mrs. Lester came with him and took the vehicle back again. The brother and sister look alike. Their Father was a Presbyterian minister and became Episcopal about twenty seven years ago within the memory of both the children-Mrs. L. lives in Albany County NY about twenty miles from Albany city-I agreed to exchange with Brother Fuller next Sunday.

Sunday 9. Preached 772 & 773. Had on the whole less comfort of divine things that I have at times had. Meeting of the Lowell Sabbath Sch. Union was held in the City Hall this evening at 5 ½ o'clock. The Deering's were some of them in church though not in Sunday Sch.

Monday 10. Our cousin George S. Parker who arrived in this country from Europe about a week ago and who has been absent between two and three years came to Lowell this morning with James C.D.P. and spent the day with us. We find him but little changed in appearance and that little we fancied was improvement. He is taller and stouter than when left us. He returned in the evening and left James. I attended the funeral of Mrs. Danforth Atherton who died on Saturday very suddenly.

Tuesday 11. Saw Clarissa Brown about taking a class in the Sunday School. She declared she felt not the least interest in the subject yet would come in because I desired it - At half pst twelve went to Nashua-found the ride delightful. Met Joel Taylor at the Depot who took me directly home to his mothers where I was hospitably entertained. Rev. Mr. Perkins called upon me and took me to his house and over the town. He is the Methodist minister and the only one who found it convenient to show me attention. Evening I delivered my lecture before the Nashua F. Meth. So. who assembled a decent congregation in rev. Mr. McGee's meetinghouse, I found the Taylor's comfortable and happy as could be expected. Mrs. T & Sarah seem interested in religion Joel and Hannah are as usual attentive and I thot his mind more disposed to divine things than usual.

Wednesday 12. Went over to Pepperell a very beautiful & pleasant ride. Called at Doct. Cutter's Saw him and Mrs. C. They represented Miss Mountain worse than I had supposed -- expressed the opinion that her father did not know how bad she was. In the course of conversation however I inferred that she was no bad as I first thought. Doct. C. said she was better. They do not keep her in the room which the Bishop engaged for her and give as the reason that she is worse than they supposed when they agreed to let her have it. I saw the nurse who is a Scotch woman and a stout Presbyterian -- and who has never waited on Miss Mountain till after the journey hither was commenced. She writes to Quebec every Wednesday. I returned to N. at 12 o'clock. took the cars at 1 ¼ and stopped at Tyngsboro -- Called on my friends the Lawrence's Found them well and pleasant They received me very affectionately. At 4 o'clock left for Lowell and attended the prayer meeting in the evening-W. Deering present.

Thursday 13. Read Mr. Miller's book on the second coming of Christ. I am asked what I think of it. Miller's views of the millennium are by no means new. And it must be said that his is the ancient faith. It was indeed the prevalent belief of the early Christian writers that the reign of Christ would be on earth after the first resurrection and previous to the second after the renovation of the world by fire. I read Spaulding's book last week which treats chiefly of the millennium, The books are revivals of old views upon the subject. The word millennium evidently came into use under these views of it and would I am persuaded have been adopted at all in connection with the more prevalent views of it. But to return to Miller he is not acquainted with the science of interpretation and handles scripture with a looseness of application which weakens in a discerning mind the force of his argument. He easily takes questionable points for granted. Upon the fancy that the meaning of a word may be made to correspond with a portion of history he fixes the date of a period which is to determine most momentous positions. His reasoning from scripture is exceedingly loose. Very little can be depended upon his dates therefore.

Friday 14. Was called to visit H. Bridge and found her low. Administered to her the sacrament. Mrs. Hulmes and Mrs. J. M. Dodge were present. The day has been warm & comparatively comfortable to what we have had for several days past. It has been very wet and cold. Catechized at Mr. Stafford's in the evening. At 15, Mary Spurr departed this life yesterday afternoon a few minutes after I was in to see her She is to be buried this afternoon. H. Bridge appears to be in a dying state. Mr. Whipple of Concord N.H. has been here yesterday and left today. I expect to be in Andover tomorrow. Brother Fuller walked over and arrived here at nine o'clock. H. Bridge departed this life about one o'clock.

Sunday 16. Went to A. early in chaise. Arrived at seven. Preached 749 and 438. Ordered chaise at church door and came directly home Preached here before Sunday School was out. Br. Fuller gave his second Missionary Lecture in evening. I was grieved that so few were out.

Tuesday 18. Buried H. Bridge- She has been sick a long time and borne the trial with great patience.

Wednesday 19. went to Boston to convention. The business of which was conducted with promptness and harmony. Evening there was a missionary meeting.

Thursday 20. I returned at night and attended a temperance meeting in the City Hall.

Sunday 23. Preached Nos. 611 and 774. Church well filled Sunday School interesting-preached in the evening. The pastors in the city by agreement preached on the subject of temperance and the temperance law. Mine came in the afternoon. Messrs. Miles Burnap and Blanchard preached theirs in the morning. The youngest Buttrick came to church in the afternoon and thereby heard two intentionally as is likely [sic]-

Monday 24. The quarterly school examinations commenced today -- and are to be continues the whole week. The temperance interest seems to brighten. People talk and I think begin to act with greater vigor. I am encouraged to hope well of ultimate success. Meeting on the Scotch Corp. was more than usually interesting. The McDonald's were there for the last time before their departure for Danvers.

Tuesday 25. Capt. Hoit called here last evening & also today. I found him an Episcopalian and a communicant connected with St. Ann's church Brooklyn N.Y. My interview was short but very interesting. School examinations are continued. Irish schools this afternoon appeared pretty well. Rev. B.C.C.P. Parker from Woodstock passed through Lowell to Boston but did not stop. Doct. Hildreth of Marietta Ohio has been at Doct. Huntington's for several days. In the evening was the adjourned meeting of the Managers of the S. School for the consideration of the question of changing the management of the Schools so as to occupy the new school house for children instead of adults. Came to no conclusion.

Wednesday 26. W.H. Moody came up with his wife and children. He was in the School Examinations at S.School house-I went home with him and drank tea at Mrs. Moody's. The Rev. Mr. Leeds called in my absence and was to Mr. Mean's at tea-I did not see him. received a letter from Rev. Doct. Adams at West Point respecting Chas. J. Gillis-Also from Rev. Mr. Barry and answered it-I was in the Prayer Meeting where was a good spirit.

Thursday 27. Examinations at North School as well as those of yesterday at So. were highly interesting. Mr. badger the writing Master was there. Mr. Hubbard recently a superintendent of Missionary Schools for natives at Bombay was there. This evening the adjourned temperance meeting was held in the City Hall and though not equal to that of last week in point of spirit and eloquence was yet a very good meeting.

Friday 28. A cold rainy and uncomfortable day. The high School examined. I have felt very much dissatisfied with myself today that so little is accomplished by me. I fear that my mind is less inclined to labor than heretofore and that I am yielding too much to a disposition to listlessness which seems growing upon me. Whether the fault be physical or not I am not sure. O that God wuld enable me to apply my mind with more systematic

effort and with more effect. Mr. Carlton this day announced to me the arrival in Lowell of Mr. David Moody from Illinois yesterday with two children.

Sunday 30. Deacon French in S. School this morning. Also Mr. Lang. There seems to be great trouble between the Jessup and the Rusher(?) families. I should not wonder of the result were both leaving the Sunday School. The school and the congregation were large. Preached Nos. 616 and 446. Gave notice in Church of meetings by Mr. St. Clair and Lectures on Slavery. (I preached No [lined out]) The meeting in the S. Sunday School house was well attended and a short but pleasant meeting.

## **JULY 1839**

Monday July 1<sup>st</sup>.- Mary Edson left us this morning to return home. I fear her visit here has not been very profitable to her. I am surprised in looking back on the time she has been with us to observe how little opportunity I have taken to speak to her on the subject of religion. Indeed I see many things left undone which ought to be done. Is it that Elizabeth Mason goes down to Boston this morning to pass a week. The Rev. B.C.C.P. passed through Lowell in the first train of cars from Boston on his way to Woodstock with Mrs. P. I did but just see them in the cars. Gave letters to Mr. J. S. Russell and to Ellen cob on their leaving Lowell.

Tuesday 2. We had a pleasant picnic in the yard - Gave a letter to Sarah A. Ashton who is about going to Philadelphia. Have seen Eliza Francomb today who on drawing near to death has seeded much distressed- On my inquiring on Saturday last whether she felt that she could trust with any confidence and comfort to the Saviour she shook her head and said "O-I expect I ought to have been good before" Today she said referring to the Sunday School pupils "Tell them tell them [sic] to be prepared" And she cried out in great distress of mind in view of the nearness of death. About half past eleven o'clock at night I was called to go to the dying bed of E.F. She had been calling for me for some time and when I came she knew me perfectly well and seemed to have her senses clearly. But she died almost immediately. By fifteen minutes after my arrival She died. to me she has never expressed decided religious hope. When I have questioned her she would say "O I am afraid I am not prepared"

Wednesday 3. A very rainy morning but ward. Called on Mrs. Lord-found her in a happy way- got three subscribers- Espy lectured on storms. Meeting for prayers was but thinly attended.

Thursday 4. The Sabbath School Union had the customary celebration. The day fine and all things went off remarkable well. I was not elected to any office in the Union for the ensuing year- Mrs. E. went to Boston in the afternoon train also Mr. N. I drank tea at Doct. Green's with Mrs. Colburn and Mr. & Mrs. McBurney-Few at the Bible Class.

Friday 5. E. Francomb buried from church this morning. Preparatory Lect. in afternoon was pretty well attended. Preached No. 325. Mrs. Merriam brought her child to be

baptized. They did not arrive till after service. Evening I attended Mr. Espy's Lecture and was much interested.

Saturday 6. It rained in the morning - Spent most of the day within.

Sunday 7. A good S. School, good preparatory meeting in Bev. Sc. House at 10 o'clock. I felt comforted at the communion today Mr. & Mrs. S.B. Lawrence from Tyngsboro were here. There were 139 communicants present. Afternoon baptized Mr. G. Gillis' child Horatio B. Preached No. 775. After church the small pupils were taken into the New Sch. house under the superintendance of Mr. Wilson. In the evening our little meeting in the Sc. house for Missionary intelligence and prayer was very pleasant.

Monday 8. Mr. Hanscom returned home. I went with Mr. Carlton to call on Mr. B.F. French to ask his labors in the Sunday School He did not fully decide but took the subject into consideration and spoke favorably. Yet he did not promise that he would take hold. He is to let us know soon.

Tuesday 9. Wrote to Br. Fuller. Called at Sawtell's Cheever's the Falls etc. Mrs. Edson and Elizabeth returned home at night.

Wednesday 10. the Rev. Mr. Clap of Gardiner Me. came in the evening train and spent the night with us. The prayer meeting was small.

Thursday 11. Gave my time to Br. Clap and was out with him the whole morning. At noon the Rec. Moses Maren from Nantucket came for the purpose of asking subscriptions for building a church there. It is to be consecrated the 21 of August and is as I learn in a state of considerable forwardness. Bible Class in the evening was not very fully attended.

Friday 12. Mr. Richard Parker came to Lowell with some friends particularly a French gentleman from Cuba (?) at whose home R. stayed a fortnight, in his recent excursion by water to that land. Mr. Maren left us at 2 o'clock having obtained from the parish subscriptions to the amount fifty dollars or more for his church in Nantucket.

On Saturday 13. I went in the 2 o'clock cars to Boston and thence to Weston in the 4 o'clock train in company with Mr. Crehose. He pressed me to stop at his house for tea so that I yielded and had a very pleasant interview with his family. Went to Mrs. Barry's (?) where were about to assemble a little Saturday night meeting. The assembly filled a small room and the season spent in singing and prayer was delightful. Prayer was offered by two young men present.

Sunday 14. Preached No's 750 & 770. Saw old acquaintance and friends. Went at noon to the Sunday School which was very pleasant In the evening attended a Teachers meeting at the house of the superintendent Mr. Eaton Was much delighted to see engaged teachers of those I have heretofore known as boys and girls in the school and evidently fruits of S.S. instruction. Feeling in the meeting very pleasant. I was on the whole most forcibly

struck with the manifest effort and influence of Sunday School instruction upon the cause of religion the interest of the church and the welfare of the community at the Falls.

Monday 15. Spent Monday in Boston. Called on Mrs. Hoppin. She gave me to understand that both she and her husband are coming out high church. Dined at Hayward Place and came home in the latest train. Went to the Meeting of Lyceum Directors and then to the meeting on the scotch block.

Tuesday 16. I was grieved to learn that Hanscom did not go into the Sunday School on Sunday. He left us today for Me (?). read the Report of the Doct. Jarvis case. Drank tea at Mrs. Calvin Cook's. Met Mr. & Mrs. James C. I think the Report of the Jarvis case to be on the whole a very fair representation of the concern and since the matter has come before the public by the petition for divorce perhaps it is now better for the public to look it through. Those who read the R. carefully may learn from it many lessons of admonition and warning which I hope may be salutary.

Wednesday 17. Looked into the schools in the afternoon and attended the prayer meeting which was very small in the evening. Abraham Canonhouse and his wife and child called to see me and were at the prayer meeting

Thursday 18. After the Bible Class I went to a party at Doct. Huntington's with Mrs. E.

Friday 19. Drank tea at Mrs. Livermore's who are about breaking up housekeeping with a view to leave Lowell. Sixteen years ago I went there to tea and have a distinct remembrance of the company and the occasion. Many times between that and this have I been hospitably received there and any intercourse with the family has been pleasant.

Saturday 20. Lucina Morse called with whom I had a long conversation not altogether satisfactory. though I learned some valuable facts.

Sunday 21. A warm and part of the time a rainy day. Preached No's 776 & 777. Mr. F.B. [sic] French has been in the Sunday School this is the second Sunday and was out at the teachers meeting tonight. I ardently hope he may get interested in the work.

Monday 22. Met the Rev. Mr. Norton the Methodist minister stationed here, and had a very pleasant interview. Received the Report of the Board of Missions in a double No. of the Spirit of Missions. Saw the President of the Rail Road Bank and found that I can have two more shares in a few weeks at par if I can find the money to pay for them. Today is a meeting of the Board of Missions of which I am a member. Intended to go to Boston and be present and was only prevented by rain which continued during the latter part of the afternoon and evening. The meeting was pleasant at Mrs. Holden's on the Carpet Corp. and on returning I found Mr. Ayer here who engaged to take Hanscom's class of young men during his absence. May the most gracious Lord of all things and hearts graciously move the hearts of Messrs. French and Ayer who have recently undertaken in the School and having important classes not only have great need of aid from above but of whom it seems to me greatly important to the church and cause of Christ that they too should have

interest in the school. O blessed Spirit engage the hearts of these men in this good work, for the Redeemer's sake, for the pupil's sake, for the school's sake, for religion's sake, for the community's sake, for their own sake Amen.

Tuesday 23. The Rev. Lucius M. Purdy of Vermont with his wife and two children arrived in Lowell last evening and he gave me a pleasant call this morning I learned from him that Bishop Hopkins is expected to return from England soon. that the purposes for which he went were two to wit 1. the obtaining of funds for his school 2. to get the lands into the hands of the convention. Huntress of the Lowell Courier called here to get the numbers of persons who have to adopt his own phraseology "joined this Ch. by profession". I ascertained and found the number to be 265. from the beginning. He also promised to send me the Courier free of expense and for no other consideration than my sending to him marriages and so forth such as fall within my parochial sphere. He made the proposal entirely of his own accord, which of course I thankfully accepted. Whether he will think any more of it we shall see. I have negotiated an exchange with br. Lewis for next Sunday and received his acceptance of my proposition last evening. though we have always talked of exchange we have never affected one till now. Isaac Metcalf called to ask an opinion about opening a bookstore here in Lowell. He not yet determined what he will do. Mrs. David Moody spent the day with us. Her little Susan sweet child was with her. Her company especially at table in the same place she has occupied for years in times past with the lovely child native of Illinois brought to mind many pleasing recollections. Evening I called at Mrs. Prescott's.

Wednesday 24. Read Memoir of Doct. Bowditch by his Son my classmate Nat. I. Bowditch which he has been so kind as to send me. The memoir is interesting more so to me as coming from the source it does than the Eulogies that have preceded it. There is much to admire in the man besides his great talents and almost incredible achievements. Of his religious opinions I can say nothing having no sympathy with the views on that subject which he seems to have entertained. Would it not be well for some person to take the subject up and show the sad defects of the Doct.'s views? He liked not logic nor even moral Philosophy. His religious views were dim, nothing clear, scarcely sure whether or not he believed that departed friends would know each other doubted(?) then was willing to believe as a sister asking the question would have it. Appointed to have Lydia Brownell see me this evening, but she did not come

Thursday 25. Wrote to Mr. Hanscom and as I deposited it in Post Office took out a letter from him to Mrs. Edson. First Whortle berries. Good Bible Class, A Report has been moving for a day or two of Mrs. Colburn's engagement. Nothing certain is known yet about it.

Friday 26. Have decided to go to Marblehead tomorrow in the Salem Stage E.M.E. to accompany. Cushing's and Phelps were here. Took the idea of a Sunday School Vestry. Had a conversation this afternoon with Mr. Wright of the Lowell Corp. about Miss Gleason and animal magnetism. He said he would sometime take me to his farm and introduce me to Miss G. Made purchase today of soap tooth brush blacking sealing wax of Mr. Carlton. Mrs. John Richardson of Tewksbury called. Her father very sick.

Saturday 27. The morning is fine and E.M.E. and myself wait for the stage. I pray God to preserve and overrule and bless them that go them that stay for his mercies sake.

Tuesday 30. Arrived home from Marblehead tonight. Had a very pleasant stage ride to Salem, dined at Mr. Treadwell's called on br. Mason, saw Ellen Cobb. Mr. Howard took me to the Museum of the Marine So. went to me in stage. On Sunday, preached Nos. 675 719 & 684 went on Monday to the beach and neck and bathed in the outer waters. This morning returned home from Boston and left Lizzy in Hayward Place. The Cook's here in the evening and gave me full liberty to call on my parishioners in the Mill.

Wednesday 31. Very dull and heavy through the day. Did but little. Accomplished almost nothing.

## **AUGUST 1839**

Thursday 1. This afternoon I had a pleasing conversation with J.P. Robinson Esq. on the subject of religion Found him ready to express himself strongly as to the truth and necessity of religion. I felt somewhat encouraged to hope that a work of grace might be commenced in his heart. Oh "If it be not broken break, and heal it if it be" Bible Class this evening.

Friday 2. Mrs. E. went to Tyngsboro with Mrs. Bunce(?) to call on Mrs. Lawrence and had a very agreeable time. Attended the examination of Miss Richardson's School on the Merrimack Corporation. It appeared well. At the Preparatory Lecture preached No. 593. Lewis Green called to see me. At Mrs. Colburn's in the evening. Received a note from brother Mason and answered it this evening.

Saturday 3. Visited a few sick people in the afternoon Received a confidential letter from Dow publisher of the Christian Witness in which he proposes to me to take the sole Editorship in case the present trio give it up. Lucina W. Morse called

Sunday 4. A very comfortable day as to weather. Good Sunday School and good prep. meeting in New S. House. I preached not in morning. 155 communicants received Preached 778. A Missionary meeting in evening

Monday 5. Meeting of School Committee uncomfortable. At five o'clock went to Boston. Saw Mr. Dow in the evening. returned in the seven and a half train. on [sic]

Tuesday 6. Had a meeting of Directors of Tract Union, uncomfortable as usual where Blanchard is. Evening a very pleasant call of Anderson and Wachenfeldt. Rode this evening Mr. Bixby's horse, a favor which he was so good as to allow me in his absence on a journey of a fortnight.

Wednesday 7. Charlotte Bell of Salem called here in the morning. Mended my pens. At noon found here Mr. Henry Edson of Bridgewater. He staid to dinner and occupied me the afternoon. As we passed the Acre we heard a proper Irish howl on the decease of a young man killed upon the Railroad. After tea rode over to Mr. Hunt's, Tewksbury- Found him very sick. A very few at the Prayer Meeting, six only besides myself. On return found Mr. Robbins and the Rev. Mr. Emery of Chatham Conn, the latter on his way to West Newbury. He is to be here Sunday after next if he get anyone to supply his place in the meantime.

Thursday 8. received a letter from brother Stone on the subject of the Witness proposing it to be taken & Edited by Brs. Fuller Barry(?) and myself. The Bible Class was tolerably well attended.

Friday 9. Received a call from Warren Colburn. Thro [sic] the P.O. the sermon of Rev. Moses Maran's of Nantucket. Went to ride after tea. Rec'd from br. Morris (?) a proposal to unite with the Essex Co. Association.

Saturday 10. Went to Andover to exchange with Br. Fuller. The Rev. Mr. Leeds having consented to preach for him tomorrow a letter was dispatched which reached Lowell at night but too late to prevent my going over. I staid at Br. F's and set off with him he in chaise and I on horseback to return to Lowell. He preached in St. Anne's all day and gave his fourth Missionary Lecture in the evening and set off for Andover at 9 o'clock P.M. Mr. Calvin Cook was out of the city and of course absent from Sunday School for the first time for a long while.

Monday 12. Lizzy went off early on an expedition to Dracutt. Left her company and got home about eleven o'clock much wet by the rain which has fallen copiously this morning. Young Allen from Cambridge called to see me. George Balcom is in the city and was there yesterday. Received a letter from the Rev. Tobias Pinkham desiring me to procure and send on to him in Pa. all requisite testimonials requisite for him to become a candidate for orders in our church. I certainly cannot testify from personal knowledge not ever having spoken to him in my life nor having even known him by sight. On (?) the 7 of June last he was rebaptized by br. Porter and the sermon preached by Mr. Pinkham on the occasion is in print in which he says that his views of baptism and of communion are those of his Baptist brethren. I know not how I am to testify to his motive in these changes of opinion. Scotch meeting omitted on account of sickness at Mrs. N's.

Tuesday 13. I set off in the stage at nine o'clock in the morning for Newburyport to attend a meeting of brethren for the formation of an Essex Co. association of ministers of our Church. I went directly to Haverhill where I waited for the afternoon stage which goes from H. to N. in the afternoon. Arriving at H. a little before twelve at noon I had the opportunity of observing the stage arrivals and departures during the midday hour. I was truly astonished to observe the numbers. There could be scarcely less than two hundred people there in that short period of time. I met Mr. Hedrick and his family. Blanchard and his family and in the Newburyport stage. Mr. and Mrs. DeLesDernier the latter of whom I had met at Mr. Titcomb's in Lowell and had remembered her attachment to the church.

About four o'clock I was left at Wm. Moody's whose family I found well and happy. He took me into N. in the evening and Mr. Emery joined us. It turned out that he was the preacher in church and I read the prayers. His text was Exodus IX 20. 21 on faith its necessity its works and its fruits. I staid at Doct. Brickett's where I experienced accustomed hospitality.

Wednesday 14. There brethren assembled by degrees at Doct. Moir's study. I had opportunity for a long conversation with the Dr. and think he will take hold of and encourage the Witness. Brs. Lewis, Mason, Wadleigh, Taylor, Morse, and Edson were present and also Norton of Saco, Me. The Association was agreed upon to meet once in tow months on Tuesday evening after the first Sunday and reckoning from August to meet next time in Lowell, that the brethren should preach in alphabetical order with the exception of the brother at whose place it is held and that the Articles of our church in their order shall be subjects of deliberation and practical remark in our morning private meetings. I being first on the alphabetical list preached in the afternoon from Eph. III 21. Br. Lewis read prayer. In the evening B. Lewis preached a sermon on the "still small voice". After service I returned to Wm. Moody's with him in chaise and slept at the Farm. Rev. Mr. Emory called in the morning and we had quite a pleasant time. He agreed to be here next Sunday. At half past twelve took stage and came home.

Friday 16. A rainy beginning. Mrs. E. in trouble about her woman Catherine Leard. Heard that she is dishonest. I talked with her but got no satisfaction. We concluded on the whole to keep her through Mrs. E's contemplated absence to Vermont. Have been reading Wilson's book on the Sabbath which I find a very stirring thing. It puts me upon some thoughts that are indeed new.

Saturday 17. Wrote several letters. Answered Rev. Mr. Pinkham, Mr. Dow, and wrote Rev. B.C.C.P. and to Mrs. P. to go by Mrs. E. Also answered Br. Lee. Mr. Hanscom returned and Rev. Mr. Emery arrived here from Newbury. In the evening William was here to deliver the contents of the Missionary box kept by him in his Sunday School Class. About ten o'clock in the evening his eldest sister Elizabeth while preparing for bed fell down in a fit at the bedside. The family immediately assembled and medical aid was sent for. One fit was succeeded by another till in the third she expired. This is the first breach made upon a family of eight children and all ever remarkably healthy.

Sunday 18. Rev. Mr. Emery preached all day. Morning from Acts X 43. Afternoon from Math XIII 17, and evening in S. School House from Isaiah LXIII. 3. In the afternoon our semiannual Missionary Collection was taken in Church. Amount in church 82.92 in Sunday School 21.91. The whole made up to 100 dollars. I went at 4 o'clock to read the burial service over the body of Mr. Hunt of Tewksbury in the burying ground beyond the meeting house. Drank tea at Mrs. Hunt's and returned to the evening service. Mr. Emery staid with his friend Mr. Robbins the night.

Monday 19. Mr. E. breakfasted with us, and started off in the cars. Mrs. Edson and Elizabeth Mason went in stage at 8 o'clock for Woodstock. At ten I attended the funeral of Elizabeth William who in the absence of her own minister Mr. Ballard of the first Baptist,

was buried by me from church and according to church form. The day seems to me uncommonly warm. Young McCormick in college at Montreal who has grown a fine tall fellow and who has now his annual vacation called to see me. Also in the evening a Mr. E.D. Sanburn who took writing lessons of Mr. Badger with a view to teach called. I hardly know for what but I suppose to get some encouragement in his new employment. Mr. B. it would seem has not been heard of since he left Lowell though he promised to write to Sanborn. I did not learn that he borrowed money of S.

Tuesday 20. Having been applied to many times and urgently to take the charge of the Editorial department of the Christian Witness, I have been appointed to go to Boston today to inquire and determine whether or not to undertake it. Will the good and gracious Lord guide my determination. Returned from Boston this evening having seen Doctor Stone who greatly desires me to take the entire charge of the Witness and engages to write for it as before, not editorial as it is called, nor so as to feel obliged to turn off so much at such a time but frequent communications. Called on Mr. Dow who desires me to take the entire responsibility of the paper in preference to dividing it with any one. After a free conversation and deliberation I agreed to undertake for the present and am to go down on Tuesdays of each week as an experiment beginning with Tuesday Sept. 3, he paying my expenses. Officiated at Bible Lecture of Mr. Blanchard, 1 Cong. Meeting.

Wednesday 21. Unwell most of the day. The Rev. Mr. Freeman of Bangor came up in the cars dined with us and returned in the afternoon to Boston. Mrs. Batchelder arrived with Horace and Samuel and took lodging at the Merrimack house. There was an exhibition of flowers at the Mechanics Hall. Prayer meeting in the evening. Wrote to br. Fuller.

Thursday 22. The Moody's and Bixby returned from their excursion. Agreed to exchange with Br. McBurney next Sunday. Doct. Green called. Bible Class rather small.

Friday 23. Called on Mrs. Batchelder she on the point of departure for Concord. She very friendly urged me to come to Saco. Wrote to Mrs. E. at Woodstock last night & sent it off this morning in answer to hers of Wednesday. Received a letter from B.C.C.P. this evening. He disapproves of the plan of the Witness. In the ambiguous language of the Python Oracle he says "These will be a death". I wrote to Br. John Edson today asking the assistance of him and of Blackaller. Called Samuel Lawrence, Doct. Green, the Whiting's, and the Wright's. Gave a Prayer Book to Jane Stuart. Mr. Hanscom it seems has had a talk with J.P. Robinson and I feel encouraged to hope that he may be induced by God's grace to become a good man. A letter in pencil from Rev. B.C.C.P.

Saturday 24. My Birthday, the forty sixth. I find myself at an age to feel the rapidity of time and the hastening toward the goal of life. Rev. S. McBurney arrived here on an exchange for tomorrow, dined with us. At five of clock took the cars for Boston. Went with Maria to the North Church on the supposition of a service etc. in the evening, it being St. Bartholomew's day. We however found the church closed and had a weary walk for our pains.

Sunday 25. Attended at the Missionary Chapel at nine o'clock for the Sunday School but unfortunately the key of the room was not to be found until about thirty minutes before the time for service to begin. I preached Nos. 666 728 & 715. Attended the Sunday School at noon.

Monday 26. Called at six in the morning on B. Howard and paid to him our Missionary Collection. 100 dollars 50% to Foreign and 50% to Domestic Committee. At 7 ½ came up to Lowell. Visited nine schools today. Made a call at the Moody's and took tea at Doct. Green's with Rev. S. McBurney and his wife. The meeting on the Scotch side was a pleasant one. There is sickness in that neighborhood. I had a pleasant conversation with James Wilson the younger a Sunday School lad. Also with Robert Hoxie.

Tuesday 27. Intended to spend the day upon the preparation of a sermon but found frequent [sic] interruptions. Received a letter from Doct. Cutler of Brooklyn intimating his intention to visit me the latter part of this week. The letter required an immediate answer which was not delayed at all. Drank tea at Mrs. C. Cook's and officiated at the Bible Lecture at Mr. Burnap's 2. Congregational meeting. The reverend gentleman being out of town. Wrote to Woodstock simultaneously with Hanscom neither knowing of the other's writing.

Wednesday 28. Commencement day at Harvard. Had an interview with John Worthen on religion. Called at Mr. Earl's to see Mrs. E. In the afternoon saw Mr. Bairs (?) who has had a new and dangerous symptom within a few days: that of bleeding at the lungs. He appeared somewhat convinced of his sinfulness and of the necessity of religion. In the evening Mrs. J.N. Parker came up and told me the whole story of his engagement being broken off and of his breaking with his father. I attended the evening Wednesday prayer meeting. There were but six present and I concluded to discontinue them for the present.

Thursday 29. Called to see Wm. Davis today. On my asking him if he still felt the need of religion he replied with emphasis that he felt the need of something which he had not got. I asked if he saw the reasonableness and necessity of repentance if he would try to repent and if he was resolved to seek the true repentance to which all questions he answered promptly and decidedly in the affirmative. Yesterday he said "I have sinned against my better judgment". Speaking of his pious mother he said "I have occasioned her a great deal of regret". Both of these remarks were attended with copious and involuntary weeping. I prayed both yesterday and today. The Bible Class was well attended, at Mrs. J. Cook's.

Friday 30. Called to see Mr. Davis. The Doctors examined him yesterday. Dalton told me it was a clear and confirmed case of phthisis. That tubercles and probably cavities are already formed on his lungs. My opportunity was somewhat interrupted by company. But he asked me what I thought of the passage of scripture relating to the unpardonable sin. Whether I thought it was to be taken literally (that there is an {unclear} [this lined out]) I had time to explain my views but not to draw anything from him this day and perhaps this hour. 12 o'clock Mrs. M.' I suppose my dear family are about starting from Woodstock for home. It has been threatening a storm for more than twenty four hours and

now just begins to rain. Their ride home cannot I fear be very pleasant. But I comment them to God and his fatherly protection. 10 ½ o'clock P.M. A regular North East rain storm. I suppose my dear wife and child are now on their way homeward. The night is dark the wind driving and the rain pelting. O that they were sheltered with me in the parsonage. My anxiety pictures them called up before daylight tomorrow morning to take the stage in all the darkness inclemency and danger of the night. But I know they cannot be safer or better off than in Gods hands and to his care I earnestly and humbly commit them.

Saturday 31. I this morning received letters from Woodstock announcing that they did not start yesterday, rather that they were not to start on account of Mrs. Edson's sickness taken last Sunday in the travel to and from Royalton. Also letters this evening of still later date speak of it and announce that she is better and getting better. She had heard from me that I was looking for Doct. Cutler and feeling great anxiety to be at home says she shall start tomorrow. B.C.C.P. says she will not be able to till Wednesday. I was called this afternoon to bury Mrs. Earle the mother of late J. Harding. She was of Dracutt and was buried in Belvidere by the side of her son. Doct. Cutler did not come as I expected so I had double disappointment.

## **SEPTEMBER 1839**

Sunday 1. A pleasant day. Held the preparatory meeting in the Tower an account of disturbing the schools. There were about 130 communicants at the altar. Mr. Richardson from Tewksbury and Mrs. and Mr. S.B. Lawrence from Tyngsboro. I preached in afternoon No 626. Two of Mr. Henry Edson's daughters from Bridgewater were at church today. Mrs. Huntington informed me that the Rev. Mr. Lewis of Marblehead has been bereaved of his youngest child by death. It is so recently that I have seen him and even the child that it seems to me very sudden.

Monday 2. Spent the day chiefly in the study. Visited Mr. Davis. Found him but little inclined to enter freely in religious conversation. Met the people of the Scotch Block in meeting.

Tuesday 3. Went to Boston in the morning returned in the last train. Passed the time in the Witness office. This day is my first trip for the Witness. Now I shall get on with it I cannot tell, it is quite an undertaking for me. May God direct and bless and then all will be well. I expected my family tonight. But it seems by a letter which has arrived that Mrs. E. was not thought to be able for the journey. Hopes to set off tomorrow Mrs. Colburn will start tomorrow at all events whether Mrs. E. should be able or not. Anderson called to see me and to return a sermon which I lent him. I begged him to be constant at church.

Wednesday 4. The meeting of ladies in the S.S. House preparatory to the sale. I was called to visit Eliza Ann Russell who is very sick. I was pleased with the interest she manifested in religion and the hope she expressed. Saw Mr. Davis. Lent him Rise and Progress. He pointed out to me the 161 hymn as a good one. I talked with and he listened

but did not say much. My dear family arrived unexpectedly from Woodstock at 5 o'clock in safety and health for which God be praised.

Friday 6. Received another letter from Mr. Pinkham formerly of Dracutt now Wellsboro Pa., also another from the Rev. Mr. Brocck [sic]. The drift of the letters was to obtain the requisite testimonials from me. Rode at six. The horse was lame both yesterday and today. In the entry on the 12 of August as made in this journal there are two errors viz. "that I never have spoken with Mr. Pinkham" He writes that he has been several times introduced to me. In some very hurried manner he probably has been introduced. I think, I have now some vague recollection of it though so very little of the man that I am confident were I to meet him in the street, I should not be able to know him. The other error is this "he says his views of baptism and the communion are those of his Baptist brethren". The truth is that it is said by the publisher of the sermon and not by Mr. P. He, Mr. P. has not seen the sermon in print and desires me to send him one. He lent the manuscript or rather gave it to a friend when he left at it has been published without his knowledge or permission.

Saturday 7. Called to see Mrs. Damon who with her children are on a visit to Lowell. Mr. D. in N. York. In the afternoon rode over to Andover on Mr. Bridge's horse. The horse was lame. Exchanged with Mr. Fuller who came to Lowell.

Sunday 8. At 7 o'clock in the morning I preached No's 384 & 366. Started for home about 3 immediately after church and arrived without accident about 5 ¼ o'clock. Found Lizzy not well.

Monday 9. Lizzy better. Spent the day within and at 5 o'clock to Boston. Met the Board of Missions at the Bishop's. Was appointed to preach in behalf of the Board the second Sunday in Oct.

Tuesday 10. Was spent at the office. Br. Howe called and promised to write an article urging the duty of the clergy to act as agents in their own parishes at least so far as to encourage the work onward. Hoppin called is to return to P. Gave me some new ideas of Clarke. His way of managing seems extraordinary. Learned that Br. Lewis is the writer of an article on St. Anne's (?) Ch. S.S. in P. Record.

Wednesday 11. Our ladies are making preparations for a sale next week the Misses Mary and Eunice Hooper from Marblehead are here. The Missionary Board call loudly for funds to meet their payments and the avails of our sale will be seasonable, I hope they will be abundant.

Thursday 12. Mrs. E. went to Boston chiefly to get covering or binding for a poetical offering for our sale by Mrs. Huntington. I purchased of Mr. Wilbur one dozen of Biblical Text books. Mr. Hoar of Concord called. He is President of the Middlesex County Association for the benefit of common Schools and he called to say that he had just received notice of Mr. Mann's call of a meeting at Concord tomorrow, that he was not previously aware of it, that the Secretary had written to him very recently to inquire

whether there was to be a meeting or not. and that he Mr. H. had answered that he presumed not as he had seen no notice but that he had just now had notice from Mr. Frock that it is to be held tomorrow. Was called to see Wm. Patch's father. He told me he did not expect much to live through the night that he felt differently from what he ever did before that he was enabled to look upon death without fear that he could see and feel that his sickness had been a blessing to him, and that he wished me to preach a funeral sermon for him and there might be some memorial of him that something might be left behind for good. Mrs. E. did not return tonight. Bible Class. Next Sunday Evening is to be a Sunday School meeting.

Friday 13. Did not attend the School meeting at Concord called by Mr. Mann. Sent a written communication in reply to questions of his circulars. Mrs. E. returned from Boston in the morning. Ann ----?--- accompanied her. Bote to Br. Bristed begging him to write an article on Revivals for the Witness. Called to see Mr. Patch found him very heavenly-minded and waiting for his departure himself thinking the time near. I could not well judge. But was gratified and edified to see that he looked upon his departure and talked upon it with evident pleasure and always spoke of his sickness though of ten years standing with gratitude. He must estimate the benefit highly to feel it so much more than an equivalent for so long a suffering as to regard it only with feelings of gratitude.

Saturday 14. Wrote to Rev. Mr. Breck of Wellsborough and Mr. Pinkham in behalf of the latter and stating my reasons for declining to send him testimonials to enable him to become a candidate for the ministry of our church. I desire to do right in the case and deal that by refusing I may seriously affect the prospect of Mr. Pinkham. Yet, I cannot but think I ought to act with a view to the good of the church and the cause of religion. Mrs. Thurston sent to see me at ten and occupied me an hour. Rev. Mr. Milton Ward called here. He is visiting his wife's friends in Windham N.H. and rode over here in his own chaise to make a call on me. He thinks of leaving Blandford. He finds the soil hard and he proposes to leave because the people are hard of heart and will not convert. Perhaps no people need Gospel ministrations more than they. But they are indifferent to religion and he is discouraged. He inquired whether I knew of any employment either in a parish or keeping school intimating his willingness to take a school. But he has no more energy to keep a school than he has to take care of a parish. Mr. & Mrs. Henry C. Gillis called here this evening.

Sunday 15. Preached Nos. 779.780. Church and School well attended. A. Mr. Spaulding from Hartford Conn. in the School. The Gillis' left town today.

Monday 16. School Committee meeting in the morning. Made some calls. Wrote editorial. Spent the afternoon in visiting the sick. Rev. Mr. & Mrs. B.C.C. Parker from Woodstock arrived at 5 o'clock. He attended the meeting on the Scotch B. with me.

Tuesday 17. Went to Boston in morning according to arrangement. Mrs. & Mr. Parker in company. A pleasant time down. Brs. Barry Glinch and McBurney called at office. Agreed with Barry about Christian Observer for the Witness and with Br. Glinch about Gray's book on Baptism. Returned at night. Became acquainted in car with Whittemore

of Mixer & W. who told me a great deal about Nantucket. The ladies are preparing for sale.

Wednesday 18. A rainy morning on account of which the sale was necessarily postponed and those who had worked hard in preparation were tested. In the afternoon it cleared away. The fruit and flower exhibition went on in the P.M. and the ladies commenced their sale and continued it on.

Thursday 19. Through the day a good feeling prevailed and all things went off pleasantly. The weather was exceedingly fine. In the evening I made a speech in the Freewill Baptist Meetinghouse before a moral reform meeting. The ladies sale closed late at night.

Friday 20. Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence from Tyngsboro called and brought a contribution of Mica vases for the benefit of the sale.

Saturday 21. Spent the day chiefly in the study.

Sunday 22. The weather beautiful. Sunday School pleasant Mr. J.S. Russell from Worcester was in the School both parts of the day. He seemed pleased to be again in the school where he has been so long a teacher. Preached 781 & 782. Evening meeting well attended. I reported the result of the sale and alluded to our next confirmation. There seemed a good feeling and a desire to cooperate with me in preparation for the confirmation season.

Monday 23. Mrs. Merriam spent the Sunday in Lowell yesterday and is staying today at Mrs. Darrah's. School Com. met on approving bills. Called at the Middlesex Mills. This evening after the meeting at the Scotch block Mrs. Holden's it was suggested and agreed to omit the meetings for the present. Thus was given over a weekly meeting which has been kept up for (nearly—crossed out) years. tomorrow is my day in Boston if I am spared (?) and the day following the Convention of the Diocese at Salem.

Tuesday 24. In Boston. Dined in Bedford Street in company with Rev. B.C.C.P. In the afternoon went to Newton lodged at the younger Curtises.

Wednesday 25. Attended the Convention. Mr. Burke and Mr. William Patch were the lay delegation from St. Anne's. In the evening returned to Boston.

Thursday. 26. Returned to Lowell in the morning. Mr. D. Patch the father of William died yesterday morning. The examinations of schools visitation of sick and afflicted occupied my time till the hour for the Bible Class in the evening.

Friday 27. A fine morning. I almost wonder at my self for undertaking so much business. This week has been to me one especially busy but I hope with God's blessing to get through with the discharge of duty. Saw Mrs. McArthur who has been quite sick. Sc. Com Meetg.

Saturday 28. Funeral of Mr. Patch from the church. Afternoon examined the scholars of my two grammar schools and gave them certificates for examination as candidates for the high School. I saw Mrs. Cunningham at 4 o'clock she apparently very low. Evening spent in preparation for the Sabbath.

Sunday 29. Sunday School well attended. Mr. Newton in morning. Preached 384 & 379. Mrs. Lord at Church and Sunday School together with Mrs. French, buried Mrs. Cunningham today. Annual meeting of the Lowell tract Union tis evening. I declined being the Secretary for the ensuing year. The Rev. Mr. Burnap was chosen.

Monday 30. Examined candidates for the High School

## **OCTOBER 1839**

Tuesday 1. Staid for my engagement in Boston in the morning for the marriage of Miss Lawrence, took the cars at 2 o'clock. Went to the Bishop's. He engaged to write for the Witness. Drank tea at Mr. Dow's. Spent the night in Bedford Street. The old shop torn down. Called on Mr. Boyle but did not see him. Wrote to him inviting him to write in the Witness. Mr. Cutler gave encouragement that he would furnish now and then an article. Came home at 11 o'clock. In the evening attended the Lyceum Lecture course for the season opened tonight. Simond's lectured on Revolutionary history of our country. A fop in his manner and style. I was disgusted and pained at his semi-deification and gross misrepresentation of our puritan pilgrim forefathers. Mr. Thompson of Durham (?) he called.

Friday 2. The usual preparatory Lecture, several baptisms preached No.

Saturday 3. Saw young Oliver sick with death, had a pleasant interview with him.

Sunday 6. A very fine day. Communicants present 128. Preached in afternoon No 783. Evening pleasant Miss. Meeting in S.S. house.

Monday 7. I was called to bury in the forenoon an infant child of Mr. Clark innholder in Lowell Street. Afternoon Sch. Com Meeting. Evening called on Charley Cunningham and had a delightful interview.

Tuesday 8. Went to Boston and made up the next Witness. Returned at 5 o'clock. Bp. Rev. Messrs. Mann (?), Greenleaf & Lee came up at same time. Found Doct. Morse here. He preached on Malachi II II II [sic] 16 & 17 [or III 16 & 17]. A sermon on the subject Christian love and fellowship useful for clergymen at such meetings.

Wednesday 9. We had a prayer meeting at the Parsonage in the morning before breakfast during which I was called out to see Sarah McCurdy supposed to be dying. Attended examination of Br. Lee at 8 o'clock. Ordination at 10 an account of which in Witness. Prayer meeting at 2 o'clock. Church at 3. Funeral of Carter (?) drowned boy at 4. Bishop

& others left at 5. Called to see S. McG. and found she had departed. Meeting at 8 in S.S.H.

Thursday 10. Wrote account for Witness. Funeral of Sarah McGinn afternoon. Bible Class in evening.

Friday 11. At Mr. Means in evening. Anna left us this morning.

Saturday 12. Spent the morning in an investigation for my Missionary sermon. Afternoon went to Andover in cars at 2 Sunday. Preached 255 & 744. Set off immediately after service a few minutes before three. Mr. Marland brought me as far as the Wright farm. About half a mile this side I met Mr. Hanscom and Lizzy in the Fuller chaise who took me home by about half past 4. The Missionary Lecture in the evening was better attended than any we have had yet. Mr. Fellows set off at 8 for home in his own horse and chaise.

Monday 14. The day rainy. I spent it in the study chiefly. Afternoon I was called to bury a child of John Myer's in Belvidere, must inquire more about the family. Should have gone to Boston this evening to attend the meeting of the Board of Missions but for the rain.

Tuesday 15. My day in Boston. The rain ceased not. Saw at the office Brs. Blackaller, Clark, Waters and McBurney. Dined in Maynard Place and returned at night. Saw in the "Banner of the Cross" Philadelphia a mortifying notice of an expression which I used in announcing Br. Stone's sermon. I hope to me more lowly in heart and more devoted to God. O heavenly Father be thou my Strength in all my duties and my portion hereafter and enable me to love my Christian brethren whatever they may choose to say or feel respecting me Wednesday 16. Wrote letters as follows, viz to Doct. Morse, to Rev. Brs. Barry Howe Emery of Chatham, Ct. Called to see Lewis Green who is at home ill. Saw Mrs. Tinney. Mrs. Smith went with Mrs. E. to the burying ground. In the evening attended a meeting of Lyceum Directors on the question whether Simmon's should be engaged to give his readings of Shakespeare before the Lyceum. I dissented from the measure on the grounds the readings naturally excite a relish for theatricals in those who compose the most part of the audience and for whose benefit the Lyceum was originally got up and that such desire of theatrical amusement is of immoral tendency in a community like this. Has an inquiry meeting in Sunday School House at 8. Thomas Bridge, Jackson Deering a young Scotchman by name & Burnett and two females were present. The meeting on the whole an encouraging one

Thursday 17. Mrs. Billings and Charlotte dined with us and stopped a little. Fuller blasted a log which dashed a window. The two Mrs. Cooks went to Boston. Bible Class about 20.

Friday 18. Was called to go into Grave's(?) School on account of pupils from out of town. Made a take leave call on Mrs. Colburn going to Boston to reside at present. Went with Mrs. E. to see Audopons [sic] engravings of Birds at Mechanics hall and an albino, (?) certain Dwarf, and a tall Irishman in City Hall.

Saturday 19. Was called upon to sign a recommendation drawn up by Brother Blanchard to the people to patronize Mr. Audibon's [sic] Birds of North America. I recommended the drawings but declined offering any particular advice as to the people's going to see. Winslow called about the Van Dorn children.

Sunday 20. Damp in the morning but it cleared away soon I preached No's 784 and 627. Church well attended. Manuel and Williams, colored at church. Sunday School pleasant. Mr. Prince was in the Schools. French (?) had (?) brought in a gentleman from Manchester Eng. who was at church in his Pew all day. Evening S. Sch. meeting at 7, an inquiry meeting at 6. There were seven inquirers present. James Diggles, Harriett Woodward, Ruhanna (?) Woodward, Ann Lucy, Lucy Ann Fay, and Lydia Davis. I feel somewhat encouraged.

Monday 21. Lucina Morse left Lowell for Providence, Mr. & Mrs Freeman of the Scotch & Mrs. Colburn and Mary all communicants left L. for other places of residence.

Tuesday 22. Went to Boston, met Willington, Babcock, and Howe. Howe could not exchange. Staid to the Meeting of the Mass. Board of Missions. Called at S.D.P. Saw Elizabeth and came home to Bedford St. with Mary. Called at Barry's.

Wednesday 23. returned home in the early train. Forgot the black book. Sent or it at 2 o'clock and received it in evening. With it we had intelligence of Mrs. Richard Green's death at 8 oclock this morning. Mrs. E. had headache. Mr. Alonso Lewis of Lynn called.

Thursday 24. Mr. French called to say that it has just been announced to him that he is chairman of a committee with Mr. J. Cook and Carlton to get an act of incorporation for the Church. We had a long and friendly conversation, and I was pleased that he manifested so much interest in it in the midst of the many things to take up his mind. Bible Class.

Friday. Called at Mrs. Cyril French's. Mr. Miller the Millennial preacher is in the City again and is getting large audiences. Ellen has been sick of Typhus Fever has been under treatment of Sprague Thompsonian Doctor and is getting well remarkably quick Glinch in note that he could not exchange.

Saturday 26. Went to Boston with Elizabeth M. We were in the cars with Mr. and Mrs. Prince and had a pleasant time. Called on Doct. Boyle who thought as he had preached the two Sundays preceding it would be too much to engage for still another. He proposed to write for the witness and have ready by 5<sup>th</sup> (?) Nov. Especially obtained Mr. Burney as a last resort, I paid his expenses.

Sunday 27. Attended the Sunday School. Preached Nos. 732 & 754. Rev. Mr. & Mrs. Taylor of Amesbury in chaise called and dined on way to Andover. Stopped in the chapel. Was invited to dine at S.D.P.'s Also asked by Richard's family, but did not dine. Preached in evening No. 784. Collection on the occasion 54 dollars.

Monday 28. Returned home Mr. and Mrs. P. again in cars. Meeting of School Committee.

Tuesday 29. Charles Parker came up at noon and returned at a (?). Heard of Mrs. Green's Legacy to the family. Mary Hanscom here in the evening. Stephen in Boston. Wednesday 30. Purchased a lot of sermon paper of Bixby cut purposely. The Rev. Sials Blaisdell came to Lowell in the noon train and dined here. Went to see A. Trull and left at 5 o'clock. He is serving at Hitchcockville, Ct. Hanscom and Lizzy returned tonight.

Thursday 31. We were favored this afternoon with a call from his Lordship the Bishop of Montreal. Doct. Mountain. He came to see his daughter still at Doct. Cutler's Pepperell. I was out when he first called as was Mrs. E. She however met him as he was coming again and persuaded him to stay the night. The interview was a pleasant one. He desired to go into the meeting of the Bible Class and after joining with us in prayers on his knees and in singing he spoke kindly and affectionately to the teachers and prayed the blessing of heaven upon us. Present as usual.

## **NOVEMBER 1839**

Friday November 1. He left us this morning in the morning train of cars. Evening I was mortified to see the Witness arranged so differently from what I had done it. Had a conversation with Isaac Metcalf about the singing.

Saturday 2. A chilly east wind. Morning in my study. Afternoon out, ev. in again.

Sunday 3. The Rev. Mr. Thurston in Sunday Schools in the A.M. There were about 128 communicants. In the P.M., preached No. 785.

Monday 4. Forenoon in study. P.M. School Com. meeting. Evening Mr. & Mrs. Calvin Cook here.

Tuesday 5. In Boston. Doct. Boyle called Willington and Clarke. Dined in Hayward Place returned in evening.

Wednesday 6. A rainy day. Mostly at home. Attempted an experiment. Three at inquiry meeting this evening

Thursday 7. Bible Class but small.

Friday 8. Called at the Meldrumm's(?) for the first time. They are a family recently from South Boston. A large family.

Saturday 9. In study in the morning. Mrs. E. called with me on two young ladies from Woodstock by name of Clement who are here as seamstresses.

Sunday 10. Preached Nos. 558 and 786 [margin note: No 24 & 37]. It snowed a very little this morning, Rev. Mr. Fuller came over in the evening with his wife and gave his lecture. I was annoyed somewhat by the introduction of a new singing book by Mr. L. Mason. Isaac Metcalf seems inclined to push the matter against what he knew to be my wish. I learned by Br. Fuller that he has a distinct (?) application from Br. Stone to deliver his lectures in Boston a point which I have been trying to gain and which I am very glad to know is likely to be affected on the first Monday evening of the next month.

Monday 11. Mr. & Mrs. Fuller went off by the first bell this morning. I had a dull day. Fall, the want of exercise. Miss Diana Lewis here from Shefford. C. who has been here three or four weeks and being a communicant reported herself to me and coming into S. School found ill health determined to return home and called this morning.

Tuesday 12. Went to Boston as usual. Saw the Bishop. Finished making the paper before dinner. Dined in Bedford Street. Called on Wm. Appleton Esq. to converse with him on the subject of the church property. He received me very kindly and expressed a very kind interest in the matter. He advised that we move about it directly, said that it is time to do so, and that now is a good time. Advised to make a communication to the Board of Directors stating that the expiration of the lease is so near that it becomes necessary to be looking out what we shall be able to do that we are a community of working men a changing population and that we are on that account unable to raise a great deal of money to pay for a place of worship here and that we desire to know on what terms we can obtain the church etc. He seemed to think that we shall be able to obtain it on terms more favorable than we should offer. I hope it may be so. He is not on the Board of Directors but said he could probably so as much for us as if he were and that he felt sure the gentlemen would be disposed to put it entirely within the means of the people. I felt very thankful to him for the interest he felt in the matter and for the assurance he gave of kind feeling toward us on the part of the gentlemen concerned.

Wednesday 13. I called on Mr. & Mrs. French on the same subject who talked very kindly and very favorably said that he thought a meeting should be called and a Special Com. interested with the matter of negotiation with the Mer. Co. was willing to go forward or to act in subordinate capacity as might best succeed the business. He advised me to speak to others. In the afternoon I called to see Doct. Green and had a long talk with him. We finally agreed to ask the two Frenchs, Mr. Carlton & Mr. James Cook to meet with Dr. G. at the parsonage tomorrow evening to talk the matter over. Doct G. is I think a true friend to the interest of the Church here and will by his judicious counsel and otherwise do much to effect the object which is indeed a matter of life and death to us as a congregation. I saw all the gentlemen in the afternoon and evening. Mr. J. Cook spoke to me about Isaac M. and the singing. I very plainly told him how the matter stands with me. That though I do not intend to make any disturbance yet I shall feel myself obliged in case it should be needful to give out the Hymns with the tunes to be sung to them. He said that Isaac came to him to ask if the choir might have new books. He said he was willing if Mr. Ayer was He then went to Mr. Ayer and got his consent. It appears that afterwards he went to Mr. Cook about my claim to give directions from time to time or otherwise about the tunes to be sung, trying to get the Wardens Committed against the

rector. The ladies held their semi annual meeting of the Female Miss. So. of St. Anne's Ch. in the Sunday School house. They voted 80 dollars to the Mass. Board and agreed to invite Doct. Stone to preach a Missionary Lecture before and in behalf of the So. on some Sunday on exchange near the time of the next annual meeting.

Thursday 14. The Methodist Meetinghouse in Hurd Street was dedicated with religious services today. I wrote to Doct. Gadsden Soc., Rev. Mr. Barry, Newton, Doct. Morse of Newburyport, and Mr. Dow. In the evening met here by invitation from me Doct. Green, Mr. Carlton, Mr. Cook, & the two Frenchs to talk over the subject of the ch. property here. They agreed that now is a good time to move in the business of negotiating for it that a meeting of the Society should be called on the festival of St. Andrew Nov. 30. I attended the meeting preliminary and also was in at the Sunday School House. I was also at the Methodist Meeting this afternoon. The sermon was very good. The singing are Methodism. They pretend to call it St. Paul's church.

Friday 15. Anti-Slavery is held. Spent the afternoon in calls at Bellvidere. Mary Hanscom here in the evening.

Saturday 16. Mrs. Channonhouse came to church at one oclock with her husband and was churched. Called to see Mr. Wilson who is sick. Mr. Hanscom and Mary went to Boston this afternoon.

Sunday 17. The morning very beautiful. Mr. Wilson was not out on account of the state of his health. Preached in the morning 787 afternoon 377. Visited Mrs. Wallace between 5 and 6 P.M. A good inquiry meeting in evening and also in S. School House. Mr. & Mrs. Smith here in evening also Mr. B.F. French who was in S.S. meeting came into the house afterwards.

Monday 18. Agreed to take the files of the Transcript from the reading room at 25 cents a hundred. Evening Hanscom returned. Mr. Ayer had his class as I suppose by arrangement. Received a letter from Doct. Morse.

Tuesday 19. Went to Boston, Saw the Bishop Willington and Samuel Cutler at the office. Heard nothing from Stone Clarke or Howe. Dined in Bedford Street. Bixby was down and Morville became a subscriber for the Witness.

Wednesday 20. Isaac Metcalf called and proposed selecting a list of tunes for the church. We spent the whole forenoon and afternoon till 4 o'clock and made out a list. Long Metre 15, Common Metre 17, Short Metre 9, of old tunes or such as we have been in the habit of singing more or less. Three of the singings on Sunday are to from this list and one from Lowell Mason's new book taken by Metcalf for the present, except that when for the particular purpose of adaptation they may apply to me to sing from Mason's book such particular tune for the time the [sic] should sing from the list as may on consultation be approved. For all the other metres Isaac is for the present left to his discretion as the tunes are fewer for those metres.

Thursday 2. Mrs. Moody's party. Mr. Hanscom went. Yesterday and today the coldest and most uncomfortable days of this Autumn. Mary Hanscom and Rebecca Prescott came in after the Bible Class. Sent sketch of Bp. White for the Witness.

Friday 3. More pleasant. Went into the schools. Evening at Doct. Bartlett's where we met the two Cooks, the Mayor. Mrs. H., and Mary Hinckley. Spoke rather too freely of Mr. Thurston for which I am sorry.

Saturday 23. Made a frame for bad curtains for prophets chamber bed. Was surprised to hear of the death of Mrs. England. She has been ill for some months but so as to be about the house for a good part of the time. I have called occasionally and found her disposed to talk and to hear on the subject of religion. She has felt a desire to come to the Sacrament and to have her husband confirmed spoke of it the last time I was there. But now she is gone. How suddenly!

Sunday 24. Day cloudy in the morning rained at noon, dark in the afternoon A good number in the morning. Sot so many in the P.M. preached 788 and 366. After church went into the little S. S. and explained and questioned on the lesson. Met the funeral of Mrs. England and performed the burial service in church. Went to the larger S.School and closed it. At six married Isaac Davis. Returned to the inquiry meeting which was interesting Mr. Wm. Patch had come in to conduct it and had begun. Jackson Deering, James Bunting, James Howe, Warren Stout, John Sanderson, and James Diggles were present and all appeared very well. The night was very dark and rainy. At 7 went into the other meeting which was though small yet larger than could be expected and a good one Two females only Mrs. Phelps and Ellen Cobb.

Monday 25. Another election. Four representatives chosen at this second trial. Day rainy, Stain within.

Tuesday 26 Went to Boston with E.M.E. Mr. C.W. Cook in the cars. Had a call from Boyle and from Stone. Dined in Bedford Street Returned at night.

Wednesday 27. School Com. meeting. Called of Mrs. Appleton in the afternoon with Mrs. E. also on Mrs. Swan. The children sung in the evening.

Thursday 28. Thanksgiving Day. Weather fine. Began service at 10 ½ agreeably to appointment. Some dozen or more came in at the ringing of the Bell. Preached 739 with 398 for the first part. Dined at Mr. Means (?) in company with a Rev. Mr. Adams of Amherst, N.H. Evening Teacher's met about the picture. A god meeting afterward at Bible Class. The two Messrs. Cooks called afterwards.

Friday 29. Spent the day chiefly in speaking about the meeting to be tomorrow evening. Preparatory Lecture preached No. 9. Saw Mr. S. Lawrence, Mr. Tilden, and Mr. Prince. Also Mr. B.F. French. I hope for the best from the meeting.

Saturday 30. John McGurdy and his wife from Billerica brought their child to be baptized. I dined at Doct. Huntington's. Mary Hunckley gave me her manuscript of articles from Rose Bud for the Witness. Evening Parish meeting was held. Fewer present than I expected. I attended, was made the Moderator. A committee was chosen to wit, Doct. Green, Benj. F. French, Robert Means, Samuel Lawrence, and Cyril French to whom the whole subject was referred of respecting the obtaining of possession of the Church. H. Hanscom arrived in the evening and was present at the meeting.

## **DECEMBER 1839**

Sunday 1. There were 115 communicants at the table. I was mortified at making so many mistakes in the service. I hope I shall learn better and be more careful. Afternoon preached No. 399. Evening meeting I read some parts of a letter just received yesterday from Mrs. Wyman, Baltimore giving the very pleasing intelligence of her husband's conversion (?) and that of his brother & wife and uncle and of a very general awakening in Baltimore. The letter was one of great interest and gave me the most solemn pleasure.

Monday 2. E.M.E. came up in the eleven o'clock train merely to attend the examination of her school (Miss Penhallow's). It was a great self denial but Mrs. having promised Miss P did not think it proper to neglect it. Lizzy bore it well as I thought. The School Committee met in the P.M. Finished Bp. Madison in the evening. Letters from Br. Sabine & Dr. Gadsden.

Tuesday 3. Mr. Burke was in the car in going down this morning. At the office saw Dutton the Schoolmaster, Barry Withington, Hoppin, Mrs E., and Elizabeth. Dined in Bedford Street. Met Searle and Crosswell in street. Took the cars for Andover and arrived at 6 ½ o'clock. Found Taylor there with his father in law Smith. I read prayers in the evening and br. Taylor preached on neglect of the great salvation showing the guilt and danger of such neglect.

Wednesday 4. After breakfast I called on Professor Stuart. Doct. Gadsden had written to me a most friendly letter giving me much information respecting the Bps. of So. Carolina departed. In return he asked me for information respecting Kauffman deceased during his residence at Andover. So I stated the case to Mr. Stuart. I found him in his study gowned and slippered and hard at work on the Revelation producing as I learn a Commentary thereof. His health seemed miserable himself pined away to a skeleton yet with all the apparatus of study before him. He received my request kindly. Said much of G.K. "He was a man of talents and a scholar of quick perceptions and ardent feelings. He was true German in his taste and love of German literature. He had some trouble with the Abolitionists but came off triumphant. He received a certificate from the Faculty of the Seminary testifying to his character perfectly correct. But he suffered great decline of his religious feelings while here. He came here an ardent Christian. But he lost those feelings so that I had great fears as to whether he had not entirely deceived himself in respect to religious character. His altered conduct was correct." The professor advised me to write some of his class mates naming one in Billerica or Woburn one in Pelham probably with

a view to getting well rid of the troublesome idea of writing himself. I then called on Professor Woods He entered upon the subject with more apparent interest [unclear] Kauffman, "He was so fond of novelty that he would leave the turnpike however plain and smooth the road and venture into swamps and bogs merely to be not as other men are. This tendency of his mind exposed him to danger from the books which came his way particularly the German. He undertook the translation of a book from the German which was a sort of transcendentalism and he took hold of it with great zest. Bishop Smith who was here during the time of K's danger and knows all about it." We clergy at Mr. Fullers went into the investigation of the first Article. Afternoon I preached "By grace are ye saved" & Mr. Taylor read prayers. Evening Mr. Taylor preached again. and I read prayers.

Thursday 5. Came home early in the morning by car. Met Mr. Horton the Methodist minister. Met Mrs. Dinsmore etc. child had an opportunity to show civility. Arrived home. Wrote to Dow, to Rev. Mr. Lewis and to Rev. Mr. Sabine. In the afternoon Buried Mrs. Hope's child. I was at the Cooks in the evening at a party rather large. Went late and staid not long. The evening was uncommonly fine in respect to weather.

Friday 6. A very beautiful day. The weather has been thus far wonderfully fine this winter.

Saturday 7. Mrs. Edson returned home in the noon train. Afternoon George Balcom called here. I went to Andover by the cars at 5 oclock.

Sunday 8. It was a wet day. I preached No's 445 & 716. Mr. Pinchard sent me in his chaise till I met Mr. Miller's chaise and thus rode all the way home. evening was very dark. But few people out. I had occasion to speak to the choir on account of noise during the delivery of the Lecture.

Monday 9. Chiefly at home, No preparation for tomorrow.

Tuesday 10. Went to Boston. The Bishop called at the office. Mr. Boyle called McBurney etc. Dined in Hayward Place. Called on Clarke.

Wednesday 11. Wrote to Cutler. Parochial calls in P.M. (blurred) Went to Mr. C. Cooks. At the inquiry meeting had five names given in as candidates for confirmation. Margaret & James Howe, Jackson Deering, Andrew Stout, and Cotter.

Thursday 12. Sent off a bundle to Dow with three letters. Bible Class not very well attended.

Friday 13. Tea at Mr. C. Cooks. [lined out] Mrs. Colburn & Mrs. Batchelder here. John Cokins (?) & wife called.

Saturday 14. A very stormy day. Snowed fast. There fell probably a foot. Schools attended better than church. I preached 790 & 601. Several boys at the inquiry meeting

but no others but Mr. Cook and Corson at the 7 o'clock. Mr. Cook called after the meeting.

Monday 15. When I rose in the morning much refreshed with sleep through the goodness of God I went into the study when lo it was filled with wind and wet and papers were flying about me and lying all over the floor. The wind had loosened the north blind and broken two squares of glass through which the wind and sleet had free access. The outside shutters could not be shut readily on account of being loaded with snow and ice and there was no way of easily stopping the wind inside. I put up the portable shutters inside and in the course of the morning had the outside shutters closed and fastened the broken pane pasted with paper etc. and the inside shutters shut, hoping thus to get thru the winter. The visitation cost me the whole morning. I call it a visitation. I came into the study as usual the last thing before going to bed. I had something to do. The room was cold and as I had been engaged in religious services through the day and evening in the church S. School family social circle in the S.S. House I felt tempted to omit for that time my accustomed private prayer in the study before retiring. I yielded & went to bed and though God saw fit to preserve me and my family yet he permitted the event above related. Which I take to be a in and gentle reproof as far as I am concerned. The night was one of great calamity, loss of property and loss of life to the poor mariners coming on the coast.

Sunday 22. A pleasant day, first fair weather for several Sundays. Preached No. 447 & 791. Br. John and his son spent the Sunday with me came last night.

Monday 23. School Com. meeting in afternoon

Tuesday 24. Went to Boston, Saw Bp and Withington. Agreed with W. to do the paper next time. Rev. Mr. Clark came home with me and preached in the evening, a full church and pleasant exercises, good sermon.

Wednesday 25. Christmas Day. Had a good deal of singing. The Proper Psalms all sung Preached No. 603. Communicants 141. Dined at neighbor French's. Met Mr. & Mrs Abbott from Nashua. Mr. & Mrs. Bridges Mr. Russell Mrs Hills old friends were at the sacrament.

Sunday 29. Preached 792 & 633. One of the large festoons of the trimming came down during the sermon.

Monday 30. The Bishop came up from Boston in the evening and spent the night with us.

Tuesday 31. Started the Bishop for Concord N.H. to attend the consecration of the new church. The last day of the year!

## VOLUME 4

### JANUARY 1840

Wednesday 1 A pleasant time at the consecration Rev. Doct Burroughs Doct. Chase Minister Chase, Rev. Mr. Norton and myself beside the Bishop. Lewis Green came up from Pembroke. Dined at Ten Brock's.

Thursday 2. Returned to Lowell.

Friday 3. Bp. returned to the parsonage and staid till

Sunday 5. When confirmation was held in church Forenoon. Children were catechized and afternoon twenty one were confirmed Bishop preached afternoon and evening, no sermon in the morning.

Sunday 12. Preached Nos. 636 & 793. Messrs Hoar Bates etc. were in church in the morning.

Monday 13. Went to Boston attended meeting of Miss. Board,

Tuesday 14. Mrs. E. went to Boston. Ship Harold burnt at sea last Oct.

Thursday 16. Steamer Lexington burnt. Mond.

Friday 17. Mrs. E. returned from Boston, Lizzie and I called at Doct. Green.

Saturday 18. Rev. B.C.C. Parker having missed the morning train of cars at Boston which would have taken him on his way to Woodstock concluded to make a stop at Lowell over the Sabbath and came up at noon. In the evening there was a fire in Merrimac Street Bucklin's store and others.

Sunday 19. Rev. B.C.C.P. preached both forenoon and afternoon.

Tuesday 21. Was at Boston. Saw Br. Clarke, Dr. Boyle & Br. Withington. Sat with Alexander.

Thursday 23. Received a vary kind letter from my Lord Bishop of Montreal which was ten days from his hands to mine probably on account of the snow in the roads.

Saturday 25. Went to Pepperell saw Doct. Cutler. But did not see Miss Mountain. She is not probably much better.

Sunday. 26. Charles J. Gillis came into Sunday School today. He arrived here last night from West Point, say he is not going to return. Had a message that Ann Milnes is very

sick of lung fever and worse today. Went to see her after leaving S. School in morning. Found her worse than she was when I saw her last week. She was confirmed three weeks ago, was at church last Sunday, was taken Monday. She is pretty aware of the danger of her situation and says she tries to trust in Christ. She asked "How can I know that my sins are forgiven"? said she tries to love the Saviour. Her mind on the whole is calm and composed and clear and strong and her religious condition hopeful. The family have been afflicted with much sickness and I hope she will be spared to them. Good Sunday School Preached 794 & 795. Had a missionary contribution in the afternoon, took 68.49 in church other items are to be added. Children's meeting was held in the evening, 17 attended. Others wished to be there but we could not permit them

Sunday 8. Brother Wm. Horton from Dover, N.H. is with me today and has given us an excellent sermon from "God so loved the world he, etc." He arrived yesterday at noon and is on the errand of subscriptions for the new church at D. Br. Lee of Springfield went over the ground a fortnight ago and got about thirty dollars. Last Sunday we had 166 communicants at the table of the Lord. the season of Lent commenced last Wednesday. Will the Lord grant that it may be a season of reviving to our beloved but I fear slumbering congregation. Catechized Saturday P.M. about forty came. Yesterday the youngest child of Mr. Carlton died instantly. Mr. Joseph Colburn brother of Warren Colburn was buried from church immediately after divine service P.M. Br. Horton in the Sunday Schools. School House in the Eve etc.

Sunday 15. Brother Taylor from Amesbury is here, arrived Friday night and comes to obtain aid in building a new church in Amesbury. Br. T. preached both morning and afternoon and spoke to the meeting in the evening. Congregation in the morning in Church uncommonly large Seventy six attended in S.S. House in the afternoon. I gave Br. Taylor encouragement that we will try to raise for his church three hundred dollars, which may the Lord enable us to do All our strength is in him.

## **APRIL 1840**

April 5. Sunday At the communion today were 168, Preached 655. A meeting of the young communicants was held in the School house begun last Sunday and held this evening, which I hope may be useful.

Monday 6. This being the day of the annual organization of the city government and the commencement of the municipal year Doct. Huntington came in Mayor by the choice of the people and made a speech which I heard. In this year pass off from the Board of School Committee and hope I shall by release of that labor have more leisure for private and devotional studies.

Sunday 12. A rainy day. Preached Nos. 659, 657. The meeting of young communicants continues yet. Sat, Cotter last night May the Lord guide him right. I pray that he may be continued steadfast.

Sunday 19. Easter Day. I did not have the Communion administered to day. Preached Nos. 800, 645. The religious awakening which prevails around seems to affect our own congregation in some degree. Attention seems to be increased. Doct. Darrah has been (wakened ?) the week past, has attended other meetings was not at church today. I held an inquiry meeting at 6 o'clock. Had two inquirers, Ellen Cochran and Clare McQuestion besides three communicants and so forth. The young people's meeting goes on yet. The Lent just now past has been on the whole a profitable season.

## **MAY 1840**

May 3. Sunday. A pleasant day. 169 persons at the communion. Preached 801. Mr. & Mrs. Burke were present from Amoskeag. Mrs. Darrah was at sacrament. I have many fears about her. Mrs. Dodge is in a very miserable way in regard to her religious affairs, very like to Clarissa Brown. The meeting of the young continues and seems to flourish. There seems some wakening in the minds of several John Thomas Dodge, Clara McQuestion, Thomas Bridge, etc. Missionary meeting in evening. The Easter collection was taken today Mr. Cushing came to the Lord's supper to day for the first time.

Saturday 9. I am to exchange with Br. Stowe tomorrow at the request of the female Missionary society whose annual sermon he is to preach. I expect to return Monday evening.

Sunday 17. Rev. Br. Ward from Windham, N.H. spent the Sunday with me preached in Church in the morning Sund. Sc. House in the afternoon and in the New Sc. H. in the evening. Bp. at Andover.

Tuesday & Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>. I was at Marblehead at an Association of clergy Essex Co. A pleasant meeting. Made an arrangement with several clergymen to write for the Witness.

Sunday 24. I preached at home all day Nos. 803 and 643. Married Elizabeth Kerr to Stuart.

Sunday 31. Yesterday arrived here our very dear friends the Rev. Doct. and Mrs. N. Cutler of St. Ann's Brooklyn, N.Y. God grant the interview may be as profitable as it has thus far been delightful. We had a pleasant ride after tea and a short evening. Miss Sarah Dunn was with us today, the school was pleasant and well attended A.M. The text was "I am the resurrection etc" in the morning. The subject in the afternoon was addressed to the young. In the evening the Doct. spoke in the Sunday School House "Then Philip began at the same scripture and preached unto him Jesus."

Tuesday 26. Dr. C. left us in the morning train.

## **JUNE 1840**

Sunday June 7. Met the young communicants in the tower of church. There were 154 at sacrament. Preached in the afternoon No. 804 it being Whitsunday. Meetings in evening in both Sch. H's and Inquiry sessions at 6 ½ o'clock.

Monday evening 8. U.W. Hanson a native of the Gold Coast lectured in City Hall. He is the son of an Englishman the Governor of Accra who has been forty years in Africa. Augustus Wm. was sent to England at four years of age and was put to school till he was thirteen. He then returned to Africa and remained there till he embarked for Salem where he arrived on Christmas Day 1837. He came it is believed for purposes of business. But being disappointed in obtaining any situation he at length turned his attention to the Gospel ministry with a view to serving the interests of religion in his native land. He is exceedingly well bred has an intelligent mind highly cultivated speaks with great propriety both in public and in private conversation, writes a very fair hand, and is altogether a very interesting young man. He took seventeen dollars at the collection.

Trinity Sunday 14. Preached Nos. 805 and 666.

Tuesday 16. On Tuesday I went to Boston as usual made up the paper except the room reserved for an account of the Convention, Board of Missions in Evening.

Wednesday 17. Attended a prayer meeting in the vestry of the Grace Church in the morning at a quarter before six. At nine o'clock Convention (?) met, the business was done in great humanity of feeling and finally ajourned [sic] on Wednesday night having been two days together. On Wednesday evening I attended the customary Missionary meeting at which Rev. Mr. Neville of Taunton preached and a collection was taken. Dined at Br. William Parker's on Wednesday with Rev. Sam'l P. Parker, and at Rev. Mr. Watson's on Thursday. Crossell was present who is recently engaged to be married and who is about removing from Boston to Auburn Western New York. I succeeded in obtaining the promise of several clergymen to contribute for the Witness.

Sunday 21. Preached 806 and 396 A pleasant day A good school, I was yesterday informed that Doct. Gardner came on to Boston with several Bishops from the meeting of the Board of Missions by (?) to obtain consecration.

Sunday 28. Preached 669 in the forenoon and in the afternoon 807 a sermon on Sunday Schools. The church was well attended both parts of the day and we had a good meeting in the evening. Mr. Calvin Cook has been for some time ill though he keeps about and has not been absent from the Sunday School.

## **JULY 1840**

Sunday 5. There were about 152 communicants at the table today I preached in the afternoon 808. Mr. & Mrs. Holland were baptized. Nancy Law and Elizabeth were here.

Sunday 12. Mr. Calvin Cook was this day absent from the Sunday School on account of his health. It is a very rare thing for him to be absent from the school. Things went on as well as could be expected. The Meldrum's came in, today the Rev. Mr. Pollard preached here, having been asked with a view to going into Chapel Hall but that was not quite ready and so preached in the schoolhouse in the morning and in the church in the Afternoon and is to preach in the New Schoolhouse in the evening.

Sunday 14. Rev. Mr. Pollard went to Boston with me in the morning. Elizabeth did not return with me as was expected.

Friday 15. The Rev. Mr. McCoy arrived here. Some inquiries had passed with a view to apply to him to preach here and a letter had just been dispatched for him when he came

Monday 18. Rev. Mr. Pollard came this evening according to engagement and it was arranged for him to go into the Chapel Hall A.M. and P.M. and for Rev. Mr. McCoy to go in at 6 o'clock. Mr. McCoy preached in church.

Tuesday 19. Pollard preached acceptably in Chapel Hall in morning also preached in the afternoon. A[t] six o'clock McCoy preached the services were attended as well as was expected. Third service had a Hall. Both clergymen were liked a good meeting in the evening.

Sunday 26. An interesting day. The Bishop arrived last evening in good health. Our customary meeting preparatory to confirmation was held in the S.S. House at 7 ½. Rev. Mr. McCoy assisted. This morning as many catechisms as could be accommodated around the altar were catechized, latter part of catechism, in presence of the Bishop and the 146 Hymn was sung by them. In the afternoon there were confirmed thirty one persons and at six o'clock the Rev. Mr. McCoy preached at Chapel Hall. The service in the Hall was omitted in the afternoon.

## **AUGUST 1840**

Sunday 2. Communion day Service and preaching in the Hall in the morning. So sermon at church. Communicants from the Hall came in most of them after service there and received the sacrament got into church after the distribution of the elements had commenced. Mr. McCoy assisted me, There were 169 communicants. Preached in afternoon 656. Service in the Hall at 6 o'clock and a prayer meeting in the Sunday School house 7 ½ o'clock.

Sunday 9. I spent at Salem in exchange with the Rev. Mr. Leeds who preached in St. Anne's church morning and afternoon and in Chapel Hall at 6 o'clock. The Rev. Doct. Boyle, supplied Ch. H. the day.

Sunday 16. I preached at home and the Rev. Mr. Hoppin supplied Ch. Hall.

Sunday 23. At home. The Rev. Mr. McCoy having accepted an invitation to preach in Ch. Hall for a year entered this day upon his engagement. Service was held in the Hall at 6 o'clock.

Sunday 30. I gave my services to the Rev. Mr. Fuller at Andover where I preached. stopped at Mr. Gray's. The Rev. Mr. Brittan from New York supplied me at St. Anne's.

## **SEPTEMBER 1840**

Tuesday 1. Went to Boston, Meeting of the Standing committee. Br. Clarke called the Bishop. Br. Banry, also Thomas Perkins who with his Mother and Relatives were on the way from Bridgewater to Minot. I called to see her where she was stopping. They were going to take the evening boat to Portland. When she went the same route the first time they were three weeks on the passage and now she expects to be at home the following day. That was thirty six years ago.

Thursday 3. Went to Horn Pond in Woburn on a pleasure excursion. Took my family and Anna P. who is staying with us. Met Mr. S.A.P. and his family and Br. William P. and his family also Maria and Miss Stephen's. Had a very pleasant time.

Friday 4. Preparatory Lecture preached by the Rev. Mr. McCoy on the Words Do this in remembrance of me. He showed what the sacrament is, What is its design, Its utility, And the obligation of all persons to receive it rightly.

Sunday 6. A rainy day in the morning. One hundred and forty four communicants received the sacrament. A Mrs. Lawson from Nashua was at church. She a sister of the Rev. Mr. Spooner of the Diocese of New York. Preached in the afternoon 581.

Tuesday 8. Went to Boston as usual. The city in great bustle on account of the Bunker Hill Convention and Fair. I took the Dedham omnibus at 5 and arrived at Brother Babcock's seasonably for evening service at 7 ½. I gave the written address on home missions. After services had a long conversation with Doct. Thayer on the political aspect of the address. Convinced him there was nothing of a partisan church.

Wednesday 9. Took the cars at Dedham for Taunton and arrived about 9 ½ o'clock. Everybody absent or absorbed in the Convention. Afternoon went over to Bridgewater where I met my old friend and relative Rev. Aaron Perkins a baptist minister, and had a very delightful interview. Evening preached in vestry. In the night brother John left for the Bunker Hill Convention. I returned in the morning to Taunton but did not arrive in time for the cars to N. Bedford whereupon I took the stage and went through Middleborough and took up lodgings at Blake's Hotel about sunset. Rev. Mr. Snow was absent and many of his people. I called at Mr. Shiverick's and returned to the hotel. Lost my gloves.

Friday 11. Spent the day at N. Bedford. Saw but few people. In the evening met Mr. E.A. Newton from Pittsfield who went with me on Saturday morning to the oil and spermaceti factory. I heard Mr. Hoffman N.Y. harangue a dew people from the steps of the town hall, about eleven oclock and after dinner.

Saturday 12. I went on board the steamer for Nantucket. We were detained till 3 P.M. waiting for the railroad train from Boston which brought delegates from Convention. We had a pleasant trip to Woods Hole and Ville [sic]. Holmes Hole on Martha's Vineyard and thence to Nantucket. Mr. Newton and his adopted son etc. were with us. Also the Hon. Philip Hone from New York. Arrived in N. about 8 ½ oclock. The Rev. Mr. Maren's received me with the greatest hospitality, was at the Boat tho I missed of him. I staid at his house.

Sunday 13. Was a cloudy day. At about church time in the morning it rained smartly and the congregation was small. I preached 764 & 767 and in the evening we had service an address on home missions and a collection \$6.21

Monday 14. Left the Island at 8 oclock and arrived at N.B. before two. I had a service in the evening and gave an extempore address. Staid at Mr. Shivener's.

Tuesday 15. Breakfasted at Mr. S.'s N.B. took the cars at 6 ½ and arrived in Boston about 9 P.M., made up the Witness. Had a number of calls received and answered letters from home wrote to Mr. Watson stating me dependence upon him for supplying my church, and took cars for Springfield a little after 3. Being detained a little by the great number of delegates to a democratic convention at Springfield I got to S. after nine in evening, found Br. Lee sick on his bed staid at his house the night.

Friday 18. Took stage at 5 oclock for Lanesborough passed through Adams, and arrived at L. by 11 or thereabouts. Called on Br. Shaw. He expected me the last night and gathered his people. I went into church with him took a slight lunch and was taken in his wagon by his boy to Pittsfield where I dined. Mrs. N. was looking for me. She rode over to L. yesterday heaving been notified of my movements by her husband by letter. I was received with great hospitality and an appointment was made for me in the evening. The day was rainy & cold and the evening very dark and wet. A number of people assembled chiefly doctors assembled to attend upon the lecture of the Medical School. I spoke with some freedom though I perceived that my audience was not wholly church people. I apologized however and told my story for the benefit of such as were of the Church. Doct. Palmer of Woodstock was there and Butterfield from Lowell, Lodged at Mr. N.'s where my evening with Mr. Ballard who stayed there was delightful.

Saturday 19. Mrs. N. sent me in her carriage with Br. Ballard who accompanied me to Lenox. Slept at Mrs. Quincy's called on Br. Waters, went to church at 3 cousin S.S. Parker came up from Stockbridge with Egbert his son a fine boy and was present at church. I talked [unclear]y but with more than usual freedom, feeling that all present were church people, Went to S (?)

Sunday 20. Preached at Vandersonville 767, and talked, services were long. We arrived at Great Barrington after the congregation had been waiting for us nearly an hour. I preached 764. Br. Hazzard was gone from home. Returned with S.P.P. to Stockbridge where I preached extemore and talked in the evening. My own pulpit was unsupplied. Mr. Russell read service in A.M. & Dr. Green P.M.

Monday 21. Staid at S.S.P. He kindly took me round and showed me all the "Lions" (?) His family were very pleasant, children exceedingly lovely and Mrs. P. not well, increasingly complaining in the afternoon, A fever apprehended. Saw Doct. Watts there, Went to Lee at night.

Tuesday 22. Took the stage at 6 for Otis where I arrived and made acquaintance with Rev. Mr. Allen saw some of his people told my story and rode with a son of Mr. Filley (?) to Blandford, and in was lodged with Br. Bates who is the evening gathered half a dozen of his people to whom I explained the subject.

Wednesday 23. Started very early in the morning and walked a mile and a half to the Stage house where I waited till eight o'clock and then got up on the top and rode through the most beautiful country to Springfield. There I dined, found Br. Lee still sick went over the Armory with Br. Lee. Called at Mrs. Whistler's and at Rev. Mr. Peabody's, I met Rev. Mr. Paine of Lichfield, [sic] Con., who read prayers in the evening and I talked. He told me that Rev. Mr. Lewis is going to leave Marblehead. This was first announced to me by Br. Lee who had it from the same source. I was invited to stay at Mrs. Whistler's but concluded to sleep at Br. Lee's.

Thursday 24. Started at 5 ½ and came to Clappville where I spent about 5 hours with Br. Withington very pleasantly. What changes here since 1823! And how we feel changes. Little thought I then of a railroad running within a few rods of the church and the house where I then staid. At 3 ½ started in the downward train for Worcester found no conveyance to Wilkinsonville and went on to N.E. village where also I found none and proceeded on to Boston. Called on Br. G. recently returned from Baltimore where he consecrated Dr. Withingham to the Episcopacy [sic] of Maryland. Then called at the Office and at Hayward Place, saw cousin Anna who has been sick at Lowell and but recently returned home.

Friday 25. Returned home in the morning train found my family well and much reason for joy and gratitude to God for his goodness to me and mine.

Saturday 26. Father Sabine from Woodstock came in just at night on his way to Boston etc., and took his lodgings at the Parsonage and proposed to serve me tomorrow.

Sunday 27. Br. Sabine preached all say good sermons. Read prayers in the afternoon and both in church and at home made himself most agreeable.

Monday 28. Father Sabine left for Boston in his own vehicle about noon, I attended the evening meeting on the Carpet Block attendance was good.

Tuesday 29. Went to Boston, met Br. Banry and Br. John. Made up the paper chiefly but left a part open for account of convention. Met Father S. Br. Banry and I went out to Roxbury, heard Rev. Mr. Snow excellent sermon, subject the church, well chosen, returned to Boston same night.

Wednesday 30. Went to R. with Brs. Banry, McBurney, and John, got there seasonably, dined at Mr. Ebenezer Rhodes' and walked in at night, finished the paper, called at Hayward Place, slept in Bedford Street and on.

## **OCTOBER 1840**

Friday October 1. Returned to Lowell. The day rainy. Bible class not large. Somewhat affected by a cold.

Friday 2. Day damp. I preached 677. Mr. McCoy read prayers. Mrs. Green & Dr. here.

Sunday 3. A fair day, church pretty well attended. 172 persons received the sacrament. I preached 812 on home Missions, Sunday Schools were good Mr. Wilson sick and unable to be out. Mr. Stickney at church all day. The third service at the Hall was a Missionary meeting. The place was very full. Mr. Anderson at church with his bride.

Tuesday 6. Went to Boston. Eleven persons or more called at the office, and I attended a meeting of Standing Committee at 9 o'clock in State Street. Br. Clarke had a son born. His first born. Spent the evening at Mr. Thos. Nesmith's. Heard to my great grief that Br. Lewis who has recently left Marblehead refused to preach a fare, well sermon or to administer the sacrament to his people last Sunday the last day of his stay with them. He is gone to St. Paul's ch. Brooklyn N.Y.

Sunday 11. A wet day church not so full as usual. Preached 813 and 547. Chapel Hall was well filled the day and evening. Surplice washed last week and clean today, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. N. Moody at church.

Wednesday 14. Returned last evening from Boston and set off this morning at 7 o'clock for Hopkinton N.H. Arrives at about 4 ½ P.M. Found brother Chase sick on his bed. We went to church Br. McCoy preached and I read prayers We met Rev. Mr. Henry Smith from Cornish, (Claremont) N.H. He told that the first church he was ever in was St. Anne's, Lowell and the first prayer book he ever opened was in St. Anne's. It seems he came to Lowell from Nashua in 1825 and went to Saco in '26 or '27, that he was there at the first effort to get up a church thought it his duty to encourage it, thought it his duty to respond and soon became attached to the service. He was there when Messrs. Wills Cutler and Potter ministered there. He afterwards thought it duty to become a minister of the Gospel. Got in to Bp. Chase's College Gambier, and was ordained by Bp. MvIlbvanie. Married the daughter of Rev. Mr. Hilliard of Gorham ME. Smith, Emory, Fiske & Clark got their Episcopacy in Lowell.

Thursday 15. We had a prayer meeting in the Mason's Hall. Br. Ten Brock having joined us, a very good meeting. Afternoon I preached on affectional prayers and McCoy made remarks. Evening Br. Smith on the Sluggard will not sow, etc., and McCoy made an exhortation at the close.

Friday 16. Prayer meeting at 10. Afternoon, I preached McC. improved. Evening McCoy preached a baptism was then held after which I made some remarks.

Saturday 17. We had the meeting in the hall previous to parting. Exercises interesting. We left at 10 A.M. and arrived home at 5 ½ in the evening. Rode upon the outside of the stage both ways.

Sunday 18. Preached for the first time in Chapel hall this morning No. 813, a good number attended. It was an exchange with McCoy. At St. Anne's in the afternoon 672. There was a meeting of Superintendent and teachers of the Lowell Sabbath School Union held in Church in the evening at 6 o'clock. I had a very bad cold.

Tuesday 20. Went to Boston as usual. Had calls from Brs Blaisdell, Babcock Howe and Bent, also Mr. Barnard of Warren Street Chapel. Took my leave of Br. Howe who is going to Santa Cruz, for the health of his wife.

Saturday 24. A sick week with me this that is past. It is a bad cold. Father Sabine of Bethel arrived here this evening on his return home. Since he was here four weeks ago he has negotiated a marriage connexion and consummated the same and is here with his wife and her daughter. He is to preach tomorrow.

Sunday 25. The morning fine, but the day exceedingly overcast and dark. Father Sabine preached and performed the whole service both forenoon and afternoon. He preached in the morning "Buy the truth and sell it not". Afternoon about the Jews and their restoration. Spoke in the Sunday School. A few snowflakes of snow were seen this afternoon. Evening dark and damp. Chapel Hall full.

Monday 26. Snow covers the ground and is fast falling at six o'clock A.M. Father Sabine and his wife and her daughter set off in the afternoon to go towards home as far as Nashua N.H. this evening.

Tuesday 27. Went to Boston with Mrs. Edson and Elizabeth Mason saw Br. Banry and agreed with him to be at Boston on Friday.

Wednesday 28. Was hindered by the rain from going from Boston over to Cambridge in the afternoon. Evening attended Br. Stones Lecture on the Parable of the Fares (?). Went to William Parker's.

Thursday 29. A very rainy day. Went to the Depot of Worcester Rail Road at 4 ½ o'clock and was too late for the train. Spent the evening at S.H.P.'s Hayward Place.

Friday 30 The day of the commencement of the voting for electors for President Pennsylvania and Ohio vote today , Went at 5 ½ o'clock in the Worcester train. Met Rev. Mr. Cogswell Secretary of Am Edu. So. in the cars, arrived at Lowell Falls at Breakfast, The day rainy. Spent the morning with Br. Banry. At 2 o'clock arrived Madame & Mary Banry and Mrs. Edson, dined went to church. Rev. Mr. Banry baptized his only son an infant by the name of Alfred Louis for whom at his request I stood as sponsor. May God of his infinite mercy bless the child and give me grace to sustain faithfully the responsible relation. Returned to Boston and spent the evening at Hayward Place.

Saturday 31. Came home in the morning train. The morning in the Study. Rev. Br. McCoy called, spoke to him about the Gloria Patri in the chants. Doct. Green called to let me know of the sickness of Mrs. McBurney Senr. at his house. In afternoon I called and prayed with her, returning met her two sons on their way from Boston to see her. Called to see Mrs. Hardy sick. In the evening Doct. Mountain, Bishop of Montreal arrived from Pepperell.

## **NOVEMBER 1840**

Sunday 1. Mr. Calvin W. Cook was taken ill in the Sunday School this morning and went home. Bishop Mountain was in the S. School in the morning and afternoon, attended church, took the communion service at the absolution and went through, ministered the element to Br. McCoy and myself, and we to the people. In the afternoon the Bishop preached of the deep revolt of Israel with practical application, He spoke to the school in the large School house. In the evening he preached in Chapel Hall to an overflowing audience an excellent sermon on the testimony on earth of the Spirit and the water and the blood. I hope it will be blessed to do much good.

Monday 2. Morning, Br. McCoy took the Bishop over to Pepperell this morning. Mr. Cook better Mrs. McBurney about the same, Miss Mountain is better so as to ride out with much improvement but not well and no very distinct encouragement.

Tuesday 3. Went to Boston. Mrs. French and Mrs. Reed were in the cars going and returning, Louisa Parker and Isabella came to Lowell with me.

Wednesday 4. First mentioned to individual members of the Vestry the project of commencing by the gift of my own books as a Rector's Library. The prayer meeting in the S.S. House is still continued. Saw Mrs. McB. sick & Clarissa Taft, also sick. Friday had my confirmation class. Judge Farrar and Mrs. Farrar of Exeter called in the evening

Saturday 7. Great excitement every where prevails respecting the Presidential election. It amounts to insanity and the spasm will scarcely be over in all next week. God grant that the subject of religion may come up at length and that an interest therein may be revived.

Sunday 8. A cloudy day with a little sprinkling of rain at noon. Church rather thin, not so much by the absence of those who have gone to Chapel hall as of those who hold their pews and belong here. Preached 815 & 814. Mr. Cook out at Sunday School and apparently as well as before. Went in the morning to get Edmund Hanscom into the School but did not succeed. Evening went to Chapel Hall which was very full. I read the prayers, there was an adult baptism by Mr. McCoy who preached.

Monday 9. Election day very rainy and very great excitement. I voted.

Tuesday 10. The morning was damp and cloudy, Miss Banry called at the office invited me to dine and gave me a pot of prepared marrow for the hair. Evening met Mr. Ayer on the subject of Library. He seemed to like the plan. Appointed next Tuesday Evening for meeting of the Vestry.

Wednesday 11. A cloudy and rainy day

Thursday 12. Rainy. Thanksgiving in N.H.

Friday 13. Rainy in the morning cleared away in the forenoon. Mr. Stickney and the Princes were in this evening.

Saturday 14. Very fair weather which was delightful after three weeks of cloudy damp or rainy weather. Rev. S. McBurney came up to see his sick mother at 12 o'clock. He desiring an exchange, I felt that I ought to consent and so set off for Boston in the last train. Called on Brs. Clark and Stone.

Sunday 15. In the morning there was a heavy rain and the old storm seemed to have returned again. Preached in Free Chapel in the morning and in Grace Ch. in the afternoon. Home Mission sermon. In the evening in Free Chapel again. Met Mr. John R. Perkins, whole family in Bedford Street.

Monday 16. Staid in Boston and made up the Witness. Dined with Elizabeth at Madam Banry's. Called at the Bishop's. Saw McBurney after his return. He had a very thin church at St. Anne's. This day is fair.

Tuesday 17. Rectified a money mistake of Miss Hinckley, treasurer of ladies subscriptions for Missions, The error was corrected and the sum raised was \$131.25. In the afternoon visited the sick Mrs. McB C. Taft & Mrs. Wright, Evening at Mr. Morrill's with Mrs. Paul, Came home a little before 8, found Br. John Here. The Wardens and Vestry of St. Anne's met here to receive my proposal to give my books for a Recotr's Library, The two Wardens the two Frenchs and Mr. Means present. I proposed to give my own books provided an amount equal to their cost were contributed and added in two years, They did not act but adjourned to meet again in December, Mr. & Mrs. Prince from England are looked for to arrive in Boston today. We fear they must have had a stormy time if they have been on the water the three weeks past.

Wednesday 18 Brother John staid till eleven. We talked over some affairs of business which he had trusted to me and which I thought on the whole I ought to decline. He very kindly and affectionately regarded my feelings in the case and I am to attend to putting matters back again next Tuesday, Received from Br. Fuller an invitation to exchange next Sunday which I could not do being engaged. This is the day of the Convocation at Wilkinsonville and I feel anxious lest there should not be many there.

Thursday 19. At home in the morning Louisa assorted papers, At twelve rode with Mr. & Mrs McCoy to Mrs Hunts to dinner. Had a very pleasant time and returned half past four oclock. There is a political concert tonight in city hall.

Friday 20. Louisa left us at eleven expecting to hear Braham sing tonight. Mr. and Mrs. Prince arrived in Boston yesterday and at Lowell today. In the evening Mr. P sent in a beautiful and expensive book Wrinkle's British Cathedrals in two vols. as a present, Evening aold and uncomfortable Ellen Cochran and Ellen Green were all that were at the Conf. Class

Saturday 21. At eleven oclock the High School House was "dedicated" by reading the scriptures and prayers with an address from Doct. Bartlett, The two senior clergymen were called upon to perform the religious services Mr. Blanchard read the scriptures and made the introductory prayer. prayed after the address and gave the Benediction. In the evening Doct. Parker and Miss Sarah Scollay arrived from Gardner Mass. agreeably to previous arrangement. He first called and afterwards brought her. Looked over the marriage ceremony with them and fixed upon tomorrow in church immediately after service in the morning for the time of solemnization.

Sunday 22. The Church was well attended. Sunday School a little more interesting than usual. Married Doct. P. Mr. Hanscom and Ann Eliza Ayer stood with them. Mrs. Edson also came up. I preached 816 & 691. Harriet Law in Sunday School in the afternoon. The Page's sent in their flock of orphans who staid through the service both parts of the day. Mr. Cook told me there were 109 present at the S.S. House service. The day was inclining to snow and the latter part was a storm. Feeling trouble in my chest I thought it not prudent to be out and staid in Mr. McCoy came in after his services. R. Prescott here. Hanscom in with a cold.

Monday 23. I yesterday read the proclamation for Thanksgiving and appointed the service as last year at 10 ½ oclock. Mrs. E. is to go to Boston today to spend the week., I go down to make the paper so as to get it out before Thursday— 11 oclock Went to Boston, Attended a special Missionary meeting at the Bp's house, more than 350 invitations were given. There were perhaps thirty present. I spoke probably with more freedom than acceptance, expressing my doubt whether spiritual prosperity or missionary success could be expected until we make some further provision for the religious edification of the poor on Boston. Collectors were appointed in each congregation in the city.

Tuesday 24. Finished the paper did the business in relation to Br. John except one item wherein I found not the office open. Met Ingraham who is editing the School Library of the Mass. Board of Education. He gave me six vols. and I engaged to write an editorial on the subject of the Board & the Library, took the cars at 2 o'clock & got home at 3 ½. Heard in Boston at about 10 o'clock by Rev. S. McBurney that his Mother died yesterday morning. Doct. Green at the cars on my arrival. Settled about the funeral. Made a few calls in the afternoon, S. McB. here. Spent the evening at home. Had a very unpleasant sensation in my chest so as to divert my attention all the evening and to keep me awake one third of the night.

Wednesday 25. Better this morning. The weather this week hitherto has been very cloudy and rainy but not fair. The amount of foul weather is remarkable. Funeral of Mrs. McBurney in church.

Thursday 26. Thanksgiving day, Both congregations worshipped together, Mr. McCoy performed the service and I preached 817. He dined at S. Livermore's and I at Mr. Means' Tappan Wentworth was there. The Managers of the Sunday School met here at 3 ½ o'clock, Found the concern a hundred dollars in debt and agreed to have a collection in Church on the first Sunday in January, to be mentioned the Sunday previous. Good Bible Class in the evening.

Friday a pleasant day. Francis L. Bachelder called to see me, He is in college and spends the Thanksgiving here with young Dalton, The College boys are generally at home Held my confirmation class which has dwindled down to three viz. Ellen Cochran S. Ellen Green and Mary Ann Kelley, These seem determined, On return to the house found (unclear) Paul here who very kindly called to tell me about Bryon's visit here and to explain how that for want of time he could not call on me, For though he did not call at the door while we were at morning prayers he leaving the city at 8 o'clock was not able to stay to see me, Mr. Paul thinks him studying for the ministry, says he has not recovered from the effects of the African climate

Saturday 28. My family arrived home at three o'clock. Called at Mrs. Hardy's. Have great apprehension about the result of her disease.

Sunday 29. A pleasant day, and there were many people at church I preached No. 818 in church in the morning and in Chapel hall in the afternoon, on an exchange with Mr. McCoy, Chapel hall in the evening

Monday 30. In the study in the morning, afternoon in the High School made calls, Evening the Holland's and Adams' were here.

## **DECEMBER 1840**

Tuesday. 1. Went to Boston. The cars changed the hour of starting and went at 7 ½ this morning Weather colder,

Friday 4. Brother Fuller and his wife from Andover spent the day with us and he preached the Preparatory Lectures "If ye love etc"

Sunday 6. The day very cold and stormy. Communicants present 136 Several for the first time. I preached in the afternoon 819. Missionary Meeting in Chapel Hall in the evening. Mr. McCoy preached and I read intelligence. A good number present though the night was very bas.

Monday 7. We drank tea at Mrs. Fiske's with Mr. & Mrs. McCoy and Mrs. Wilson

Tuesday 8. Went to Boston as usual New car, omnibus fashion William Page went and returned & I stopped at Doct. Stowe's and had a talk with him not of the most pleasant about the Witness. Had a talk with the Bishop He wishes the continuance of the paper, Had a talk with Mr. Dow who also seems determined to continue it and wishes the present arrangement with me.

Wednesday 9. I received a letter today from the Rev. I.N. Coit rector of Trinity church Plattsburgh New York making inquiry in behalf of a Mrs. Jones who resided in Lowell many months during the last year and who had a seat in church six months ending April last. She resided here in the family of a sister who all go I believe to the Unitarian meeting, The name of the family is Harrington Mrs. Jones it would seem was not known here to me at all nor as I believe to any member of our congregation. If any observed her it was only as a stranger and no one pretended to know her. It seems she felt very unhappy about it and went home very much depressed in spirits, and on account of her extreme sensitiveness in the matter that Mr. C. wrote to me. In the evening my old friend Hon. D.P. King lectured before the Lyceum and to my great mortification I did not know of his coming at the time (unclear) I had asked him to stop at my house when he should come. I was not at the Lyceum to hear the lecture and we were all out to tea at Mr. C. Cook's. So that I saw nothing of him till about 10 when I went over to the Mer. House and spent an hour at his room. He was to set off at 8 tomorrow morning.

Thursday 10. I today had an airtight stove, so called put up in my study, and I am making the experiment. Had a call from a Mr. Emerson of Hopkinton, N.H., who brought a letter from brother Chase which I answered. Mr. Emerson is this evening told of Farmer in Dartmouth College who has become attached to the church We had a good Bible Class this evening. I afterwards went to Doct. Bartlet's.

Friday 11. Confirmation class not very well attended. Called at Mr. Brownell who had his second turn of bleeding last Monday evening. This second attack makes me more apprehensive of the result. I pray God may prepare him for whatever that may be. Called at Mr. Meldrum's. Learned from him that Mrs. M. has had a legacy by an uncle who was a Capt. in the British army. He was at the Battle of Waterloo and at Leringaphatum (?) in the East Indies. He died in London nearly a year ago. Two thousand guineas have been received and another thousand is on the way

Saturday 12. Went over to Andover in the last train of cars, on an exchange with Br. Fuller. We had a religious meeting at his house in the evening. Met in cars a Mr. Philips of Newburyport and Miss Reynolds.

Sunday 13. A very rainy day. Br. F. started for Lowell at 7 o'clock and arrived about nine. Started from Lowell soon after church and got home at half past six in his own vehicle. I had but a small congregation at Andover. Met a Mr. Richard's who is looking for the ministry and Mr. Merrill in deacons orders who is yet in the Seminary I preached Nos. 791 and 817.

Monday 14. returned in the early cars. Found my study at about 56 degrees of warmth and fire in the stove. I charged it at 4 ½ Saturday P.M. which lasted at least fifty hours. The room comfortable the whole time. Today the weather is fine. Took the cars in the evening and went to Boston. Attended the meeting of the Board of Missions which was held at Mr. Watson's on account of the Bishop's sickness. Watson proposed to exchange the Sunday after Christmas, with a view to me preaching the Missionary sermon at Trinity.

Tuesday 15. Had an interview with Banry who called. Br. John called. Went to see the Bishop, found him sick. Doct. Hale took from him a large quantity of blood and dosed him with (continorsey? unclear). Went with John and did up my business with him. Mrs. Parker of Woodstock passed down to Boston.

Wednesday 16. Wrote B.C.C.P. and asked him to be here at Christmas. Mr. Stickney passed his first and second examination in my study in the afternoon. Spent the evening at Mr. Prince's. A snow storm.

Thursday 17. I read this morning the first chapter in the Greek Testament. Visited Mrs. Wright and Mrs. Hardy, both sick. Evening went to Bronson's class on elocution then to my own Bible Class.

Friday 18. Read 2nd chapter of Matthew. The day is cold. My walk was chiefly through Central Street. Mr. Hanscom sick. Today comes out in Witness Strictures on Common School Library. Evening I had three at the Conf. Class.

Saturday 19. G. Testament. Received from Bixby a new hat (Bent & Bush) as a new year's present. Thomas the barber fixed my razors.

Sunday 20. A bright pleasant day in the morning. Church and schools well attended. Preached 640 & 820. The sun did not yet clear. Evening was the anniversary of the Lowell tract Union. McCoy made a speech and preached in the Hall. Mr. Stickney not at church.

Monday 21. Read 4th chapter of Math. Eve. Meeting as usual at the Carpet Block. Mrs. E. had company.

Tuesday 22.. Went down in cars to Boston. Called on Clark and on Mrs. F. Parker. It snowed merrily. On return found Rev. B.C.C. here, who arrived at 5 o'clock. It was Mr. McCoy evening to Lecture before the Institute which I fully intended to be at but through infirmity of memory my mind was at the time diverted from the fact. The public mind is somewhat agitated with the case of Mrs. Kinney which is now in the course of trial.

Wednesday 23. Sent for to Mrs. Barber sick of dropsy in the chest under which she has suffered for several years and for the relief of which she has been tapped forty three times. I gave the sacrament. Eight received and three others were present. Afternoon Mr. Stickney passed his third examination. Evening at Mr. N. Wilson's

Thursday 24. Clarissa Taft very low. Saw her this morning. Called at Tilden's, on the Colburn's. Christmas eve we had church. The dressing of the ch. is with trees and branches. Sermon by Rev. B.C.C.P. who insisted on reading the service contrary to my judgment of what was most proper and expedient. He therefore performed the whole. Preached from "The fullness of time etc." The church was filled uncommonly well lighted and appeared very well. Singing very good. Surplice clean this evening

Friday 25. Christmas Day. The church not very full owing to the absence of several of our own congregation. Our service began as usual on Chrs days at 11 o'clock. Chapel Hall at 10 ½ I preached No. 534. There were 144 Communicants received the sacrament. Dined at Doct. Huntington's. Meeting of Committee met in the evening. There was a pretty good spirit. It was agreed that more church room was needed and a committee was chosen to make an estimate of land and buildings for a church and report next Friday evening.

Saturday 26. I buried Clarissa Taft who died Thursday night. A snow storm came on in the afternoon. I went to Boston on an exchange with Br. Watson in the last train. A violent cold came upon me suddenly after dinner and was very sensible going down. Took carriage at Depot for Bedford Street. Met Mr. & Mrs. B.C.C. Parker.

Sunday 27. An uncommon quantity of snow for this time fell during the night. I felt my cold severely chiefly in the head but also in the throat. Dined at Mt. Vernon with B.C.C. Preached 812 Missionary Sermon in the morning and 694 Christmas sermon in the afternoon. Went into the Sunday School after church. Got through the services better than I could have expected. Went early to bed.

Monday 28. Staid in town and made up the Witness. Saw Doct. Boyle who agreed to stand in my place at Trinity in case Mr. Watson should not return in season for prayers at 11 o'clock. W. did not get in till half an hour after service time and the Doct. served. Dined in Bedford Street. Saw Ingraham and Miss Coolidge. Returned home in the evening. Mr. Ayer and Mr. B.F. French were here by appointment of a meeting of the Wardens and Vestry on the subject of my proposal for a pastors Library. The first adjourned meeting was appointed the afternoon of Christmas Day when the business being previous of this there were but three persons present. Of course these were not enough to act and this evening was appointed for another meeting when we got but two.

There seems to be a determination not to act on my proposal. I am not aware that the Wardens and Vestry as a body have ever acted in a single instance out of any regard for me either my feelings or my comfort or with any view to encourage me in my pastoral labors. The impression seems to be that their duty as a body is merely to hold me in from doing any mischief. As individuals they have been kind.

Tuesday 29. Saw Mrs. Wright who seems to be in the last stage of consumption, proposed to her the sacrament which she seemed to desire and is to let me know if she is able to receive it and when it may be convenient. Called on Hannah Buckley at Mrs. Paine's. A great party at Mrs. Moody's tonight. We were asked and I should have been glad to visit the family socially as David and his wife and William and his wife are keeping Christmas at the mother's. I saw today the notice of the death of Miss Elizabeth Ross in bath England on the 7. November. She was once a parishioner of mine when she boarded in this place with her sisters. There have been many deaths since, "In the midst of life we are in death".

Wednesday 30. Had a call from McCoy. He came to get Mr. Stickney's examination put off on account of his desire to attend the High School Examination this afternoon. I consented and he saw Mr. S. I attended the H.S. Exm. which was thronged and passed off pretty well. Saw Mrs. Hardy. She manifested more than usual religious feeling. I suggested to her the sacrament. She appeared to desire it and has it in consideration. The Prayer meeting in the evening was very comfortable. Twelve persons besides myself were present.

Thursday 31. The last day of the year. It has been marked with many blessings & many admonitions. Have I improved them. For the last three months I have been troubled with colds, uncommonly so for me. Made calls in Belvidere. Bible Class in evening, very bad cold.

## VOLUME 6

### JANUARY 1841

Friday 1. Ill with cold. Kept house most of the day. Had a call from Mr. Jonathan Coe from North Bridgewater a young man with whom I was much pleased who intends to offer himself as a candidate for holy orders in our church. He applied for a public school in Lowell and I went up to Doct. Green's with him in the afternoon did not find the Dr. Wrote a note of introduction which Mr. Coe delivered in the evening. He called again to see me between seven and eight. The afternoon and evening were very stormy with snow and rain. Mrs. Smith who spent the afternoon and evening here went home alone my cold being such that I was wholly unfit to go out. The Meeting of Com. in S.S. House held this evening. Sub. Comm. reported that land and church would cost 18,000 dolls, report accepted and given to another committee to put into shares for subscription to report next Monday night.

Saturday 2 A beautiful day. Mrs. E. went out and had a fall upon the ice on the side walk. My cold continues. Kept house the whole day.

Sunday 3. Weather fair. Preached 821 and 296. At noon I administered the Lord's supper to Mrs. Walter Wright she being very sick. Yet brighter than I have seen her for several weeks before. There were present and received Mr. & Mrs. Cushing, Mr. & Mrs. Phelps, Mr. & Mrs. Wright, Elizabeth Ker Stewart, Mrs. Edson & myself. The season was a solemn one and impressive. In the afternoon the ch. was quite full. A collection was taken for the Sunday School agreeably to previous notice last Sunday \$56.24 was the amount At chapel Hall there was taken at the same time and for the same purpose \$13.17. Mr. Douglas was in the Sunday Schools this afternoon. I went to the Prayer Meeting at 6 o'clock and read the service and Missionary intelligence at Chapel Hall in the evening, My cold was somewhat troublesome. Susan Moore has been sick today Mrs Balcom was here with her in the afternoon

Monday 4. I got up early and made fires on account of the sickness of the Susan Mrs. E. up by 5 ½ o'clock to get the breakfast. Saw Mrs. Hardy who speaks of the communion but no time is appointed. In the evening attended meeting of Sunday School Committee at 8 o'clock who made up the sum to near the amount requisite to pay the debts. Immediately a meeting was held of chapel hall committee and others about building a church and trustees were chosen to act and (unclear) committee. The meeting on the carpet was given up for the evening.

Tuesday 5. The mercury was 20 degrees below zero on the Lawrence Corporation and from that to twelve elsewhere. Went to Boston. Attended meeting of the Standing Com., passed. Stickney and Coe. Tried to do William Scully's (unclear) Got McB. to see Gratton about it. Dined at William's with John R. B.C.C. and Fanny. I spent the evening at Mrs. Jane Cook's.

Wednesday 6. I was called to see Mrs. Wright who seemed quite altered from what she was on Sunday and fast failing. Mr. Stickney's examination was completed this afternoon. Mr. McCoy received a discouraging letter from Mr. Sam'l Lawrence. We prayed over it and tried to trust in God.

Thursday 7. Mrs. W. Low, Mrs. Barber died. Saw Mrs. Meldrum about John. Saw Dr. Green who engaged to bring the case before the committee at the next meeting of the Board. At night Rev. B.C.C.P. & wife came up from Boston in cars, spent the night with us. This is the second day of a great thaw by which the snow seems to be going off in a hurry. In the evening Mary Hanscom and Artemesia Richardson were here and are going to start off tomorrow for Woodstock to attend Mr. Parker's school. R. was also here. Bible Class. Charles Naughton also present. Mrs. Wright departed this life this morning.

Friday 8. They all went off this morning though the thaw has continued with rain through the night. The weather is warm and fair this morning. An April day comfortable on side walks but very muddy in the roads Mrs. B. buried from church.

Saturday 9. In the morning mostly at home. At noon attended the funeral of Mrs. Walter Wright from the church. Went over to Westford with the precession and committed earth to earth dust to dust. Got back about four o'clock Mrs. E. rode over to Tewksbury with Mrs. Leach.

Sunday 10. A cloudy but not stormy day. Sunday School well attended and interesting. Preached a funeral discourse Nos. 637, 822. Distributed in the pews Spirit of Missions Extra. Mr. Ayer spoke about a collection in church and the last Sunday in this month was talked of. I did not go out as all after Sunday School on account of a cold that has troubled me for a good while.

Monday 11. was rainy especially in the afternoon and I did not go out of the house at all during the day and evening was better in the evening. Did not go to the meeting on the carpet.

Tuesday 12. As I got to the cars this morning on my way to Boston I heard of the death of Sheriff Varnum of Dracutt who died suddenly at eleven o'clock last evening. Called on br. Stone who said he would make it his business to speak to such persons of his congregation as are proprietors here about our new ch. Talked very well. Mr. Watson called as also Br. Banry and McBurney. Dined at Hayward Place and called on the Bishop, Mrs. Huntington and Miss Hinckley spent the evening here.

Wednesday 13. Called in Doct. Green to consult for my health who gave me a prescription. Ladies here in the evening.

Thursday 14. Mid. Co. Temperance Convention held in John Street Meetinghouse vestry. I was called upon to make the prayer. Deacon Moses Grant dined with us. Speeches in the afternoon were smart and the meeting was a pretty good one though nothing was

done. Evening Mr. Stickney was at the Bible Class. Mrs. E. & I called at Mr. Whittler's and at Mr. Newell's new families lately come to the church. Chs. Parker here today.

Friday 15. The day of the funeral of Sheriff Varnum. Had a talk with the Sharple's about Mrs. Dunn's matters. Called at Mrs. William's. Confirmation class in evening only one present Elizabeth Livermore dined with us.

Saturday 16. Did not go our the day. Mrs. Meldrum and her daughter called here at noon. During their stay a pain commenced on my instep which continued to increase till by 3 ½ P.M. when it reached its height it was very severe. I put my foot in hot water and the pain left me about half past four, leaving much stiffness and soreness. I was thus hindered from the following calls which I should have made on Mrs. Dunn, Mrs. Bean, Mr. & Mrs Fay sick, Mrs. Gillis I., Shepherd, and Robert Senior. I also intended to have seen Mr. B.F. French.

Sunday 17. Exchanged with McCoy in the morning. The day was rainy. Preached 685 & 380. Have had no trouble with my foot. Was called to see a poor man Mr. Stewart Irish Prot't on the Acre, sick and likely to die.

Monday 18. Went out both morning and afternoon. Called at Mrs. Gillis', Fay's, Robin's, Dinsmore's, etc. Evening at the meeting which was tolerably well attended. Mrs. Prescott returned from Vermont. Saw Mrs. Dunn.

Tuesday 19. Boston. Saw Br. Banry at Office. I suspect he is publishing something but he has not told me what. Had a pleasant call and Com. from Watson Dined at Hayward Place. Mr. Paul from Codman's place Dorchester called to see me & to say that he thinks he shall not stay there after the first of April and wished to come back to Lowell. I promised to do what I can to get him back. Called in the morning to see Mr. Morville. Saw Mrs. but not him.

Wednesday 20. Called to see Cyril French about the New Church. Had a very long talk. Called at B.F. French's twice but did not find him in his office. Spoke to Mr. Bartlett about a boarding house for Mrs. Balcom. Hanscom is left for Maine. Meeting of Directors of Lyceum from thence to meeting in S.S. House.

Thursday 21. A stormy day. Saw B.F. French and C. French again at his house. Made calls. Bible Class in evening. Elliott called in evening. Cough comes on again.

Friday 22. William Scullay came in from Windham. I wrote a letter to his sister in law Ireland enclosing a draft for four pounds which I procured of Mr. Gratton Boston through McBurney, Jan. 12 - Sculley gave me the money; Jan. 1 - I called at Mr. Swan's, and we drank tea and spent the evening at Mr. Gilman's Hamilton Corp.

Saturday 23. Went up to Doct. Green's and had a conversation with him about the new church. Nothing starts yet. Made the acquaintance of Mrs. Bronson who has attended church several years. She is at Mrs. Dearborn's whom also I came to know.

Sunday 24. A pleasant day though people came to church in the afternoon under umbrellas on account of snow. I preached 685 and 455. Gave notice of missionary Collection next Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Bean in the Sunday School. Evening had the two French's, Mr. Carlton, and Doct. Green to the matter of the new church. They staid till after nine but nothing was started.

Monday 25. Spent most of the day within. Baptized Carter's child, visited sick, had a good meeting on the carpet corp.

Tuesday 26. Mr. J. Tilden in the cars going down. At the office my old friend F.B. Watts called to invite me to dinner and to request a conversation with me at his office at 1 ½ o'clock. He stated that he had been a Unitarian but was not so now, that his wife too had changed her views on that point that they have been hearing the Rev. Mr. Kirk and have been awakened as to their religious feelings and have been changed as to their religious views. I felt very grateful at the intelligence it being what I had formerly prayed for with great desire. I went and dined with his family had a very pleasant time know not how it may come out but I cannot but hope they will come in to the Episcopal church. After dinner called to see Mr. Tilden about our new church. My call was but little satisfactory. Though he refused not his aid yet he did not mean evidently to give any encouragement. Had an invitation to stay and meet the Sears etc. at S.D. Parker's, Rev. Mr. Watson called, The Bishop, Mr. J. Hooper, etc. Saw Mr. Wm. Paul again. returned home.

Wednesday 27. Visited the sick, had a talk with Carlton also with Patch about the church Evening felt exceedingly depressed and discouraged, crushed, thought it hard that certain persons should stand in the way of such an enterprise. I suffered exceedingly and gave over the hope of success. I attended prayer meeting which I enjoyed. After which I went into the city Hall. Doct. Huntington lectured I heard the latter part and took home Mrs & Miss Edson.

Thursday 28. Mr. Fuller sick, Bible Class.

Friday 29. Mrs. E. went to Andover with Doct & Mrs. Leach. Snow storm.

Saturday 30. A beautiful day. Mr. Hanscom returned from a journey to Maine. Was at Carlton's. Subscribed two hundred dollars for new church.

Sunday 31. A bright and pleasant day. Had our Missionary Collection in the afternoon. Mr. Stickney dined with us. Mrs. Leach was in the Sunday School. I was at the Hall in the evening. Preached Nos. 823 & 644.

## **FEBRUARY 1841**

Monday 1. Was called to the funeral of two children first that of Mr. Kimball at the Merrimack house and then that of Mr. Prike. The afternoon and the evening were

attended with snow storm. I was at Mr. Carlton's. Mrs. E. and Elizabeth were invited but were hindered by the storm.

Tuesday 2. Went to Boston in the morning arrived about 10. Rev. Mr. Clark called the bishop and Br. John. I called at the office of F.O. Watts.

Wednesday 3. Had a letter last week from Bp. Doane. which I answered today also wrote to Br. Blackaller. Mr. Cook called to tell me about the loss of Missionary Boxes Sunday

Thursday 4. Another letter from Bishop Doane inquiring about Mrs. Dana's qualifications as a teacher. [took the letter yesterday received from Doct Stone to B.F. French] (all lined out). Mrs. Fuller from Andover was over with several of that parish preparing for a sale of articles in behalf of the church. Meeting in the afternoon of the ministers of the City in St. Anne's Sunday School house to consider a proposition of the Committee of the Temperance Union respecting a course of temperance Sermons. Eleven were present. Spent most of the afternoon. Bible Class in the evening.

Friday 5. Had a talk with B.F. French Showed him Doct. Stone's letter. Wrote to Bp. Doane. Sent to Mr. Clark the result of yesterday's meeting. Church well attended this afternoon. Evening Mr. & Mrs. Newell were in Preparatory meeting.

Saturday 6. Mr. Carlton came in this morning and expressed his conviction that the plan of the new church could not go on in its present shape at least and proposed that a subscription paper be drawn up for the purchase of St. Anne's and offered to the gentlemen forthwith. The plan was one which met my views and wished. He seems much interested to get the church some footing here. The Lord bless him and lift the light of his countenance upon him and his. Called at Mrs. Means. They were at dinner with company and I did not go in. J.C. Fuller sick. Called at Mrs. Dunn's, went over to Belvidere, went to Mrs. Hardy's etc. Heard today that Bp. Doane has an invitation from Bp. of London to preach on occasion of consecration in London.

Sunday 7. Communicants about one hundred and seventy. The Sunday Schools were good. The young communicants appeared well. I met such boys as I had not previously seen in the Vestry before morning service. Mr. B.F. French was out but did not stay at the sacrament think he must have been sick. Preached in the afternoon 695. Had a baptism.

Monday 8. Had a meeting of ministers in the afternoon when the matter of a course of Temperance Sermons in the City Hall was matured and I am to commence if the Lord permit on the evening of Sunday 21st inst. on the "History of the Reform". Mr. Elliott called in the morning and we had a long talk about church matters. Mr. Ayer took occasion to advise me strongly to give up the Witness at once and at all events. I expressed a willingness and desire to give it up as soon as some other person could be found to take it. Evening at meeting on the Carpet. Heard that Jane Kitchen and Lydia Kelley were at the Universalist meeting on Sunday.

Tuesday 9. Went to Boston as usual Young White and Gilman called, also Charles McBurney and Hoppin. I dined very pleasantly with my old friends F.O. Watts & D.P. King. Walton & Grimes called in Evening

Wednesday 10. In the morning the surface of things was covered with a fresh fall of snow. In afternoon called at several places among the Middlesex Co.'s people, on Mrs. Welton. Delivered a letter for Peale Dabney to Mr. Miles. In evening Mr. Cook called in my study. Agreed to have the Bible Class turned to a teacher's meeting. I was not at the prayer meeting which was held as usual.

Thursday 11. Visited Mr. Fuller sick and Mrs Dow (Dana ?) and called to see Mrs. Bean, she engaged to be a teacher in the Sunday School. Called on Mrs. Moody found her low, also on Wm. Patch. The ladies finished Mr. Stickney's gown here. In the evening Bible Class I spoke on inducing the pupils to learn the lesson.

Friday 12. Was out but little. Mr. McCoy had her prayer meeting as usual. He prayed with me as usual. Mr. Carlton paid me three dollars which I paid in behalf of the parish to Diocesan Convention for printing Journals.

Saturday 13. I found nothing had been done about getting a subscription drawn up and I went with Mr. Carleton to Doct. Green's but found him not in. Left our errand on his slate. Attempt to break open the Rail Road Bank.

Sunday 14. Began to expound Ephesians in church No's 824 & 825. Detected William Hulmes as the thief who stole the Missionary money from the Sunday School. At Chapel Hall in the evening. Gave Hardy the sacrament and baptized her children.

Monday 15. Drank tea at Mr. Andrews' and spent the evening at Mr. Erastus Douglas' upon an invitation extended to all the ministers of the City.

Tuesday 16. Went to Boston. The Bishop fixed the time of Mr. Stickney's ordination at Thurs. of next week. Saw br. Clark. Dined with McBurney. Mary H. ? Parker came home with me. Called at Mrs. Hulmes'.

Wednesday 17. Wrote letters. Called at the Stickney's, Mrs. Dunn's, Doct. Green's, and at Mr. Cyril French's, at the Lowell Machine Shop, had a talk with these two latter about the church. Mr. Carleton started for Washington.

Thursday 18. Messrs Lowell and Chadwick were spoken to about the church by Mr. Brownell. He looked at the premises. Teachers (?) attended Temperance Society at 7 o'clock. Teachers meeting at eight.

Friday 19. Mrs. McCoy's prayer meeting and Mr. McCoy prayed with me

Saturday 20. Found Mrs. Hardy very low.

Sunday 21. Preached in the morning in St. Anne's 624. In the afternoon in Chapel Hall 822. Surplice washed last week. In the evening delivered a temperance sermon in the City Hall. The house very much crowded. Lent notices were given.

Monday 22. Mrs. Hardy died yesterday. Mr. Stickney returned to Lowell and called this evening. Eliza Chandler called to know whether I would give her a letter to join the Freewill Baptists. Appointed her to ask tomorrow evening. Found Mrs. Morrison at the meeting on the Carpet.

Tuesday 23. Went to Boston. One hundred subscriptions had been given up of the Witness, not so many subscribers but persons who took one hundred papers. I advised Mr. Dow to manage the paper himself to which he agreed. At Doct. Green's in the evening.

Ash Wednesday 24. We commenced Lent with early morning prayer meetings the first of which was held this morning. At 10 ½ o'clock we had church. Br. McCoy read prayers and I preached No 600. The congregation was good. Evening church open Br. Woart (?) preached.

Thursday 25. Early morning prayer meeting was attended by thirty persons. A good time. At 9 the Bishop and Mrs. G. with Mr. Clark arrived. Mr. Stickney was examined for ordination and at 10 we went to church. Br. W. read prayers, Br. Clark preached, Br. McCoy presented. Bishop admitted Mr. S, a Deacon and administered the sacrament. The services were impressive & interesting. Sermon good. The clergy dined at Stickney's.

Friday 26. Kept in the morning mostly called on the sick. Afternoon Br. McCoy prayed with me in my study as usual since he has been here. These meetings have been kept up. Our morning prayer meeting was pleasant. Mrs. Prince was out and Miss Carney (?) who has I believe attended them all. In the afternoon Br. McCoy read the prayers and Mr. Stickney preached very well on the difficulties and dangers of the Christian life. In the evening Br. Stickney read prayers and Br. McCoy preached.

Saturday 27. Morning pr. meetg not quite so full yet well attended considering the weather which was snowy. The meeting pleasant. It snowed till the middle of the forenoon when it turned to rain. At noon arrived cousin Anna Parker with her Beau Doctor Taylor a very agreeable young man who makes a pleasant impression. If they ever come together may the Lord bless the union. They returned and took Mary with them at 5 o'clock. Br. McCoy aided me in the Catechizing. The number was small but I was occupied two hours.

Sunday 28. Was up a little before four o'clock. Went to the prayer meeting at the time at which there were over thirty. Sunday school pleasant. I preached in morning No. 826. Mr. Ayer is in School, he was absent some time past on his annual excursion into NH. Took his family with him and brought them back. Evening at C. Hall. Mr. Stickney read prayers.

## MARCH 1841

Monday 1. The prayer meeting was well attended. Afternoon Mrs. Buce called and proposed to take superintendance of the infant School. I agreed to name it to persons concerned and did Election Day. I voted on the subject of licensing the sale of ardent spirits. Evening the parish meeting was held. I was made the Moderator. A committee was chosen to estimate the property we want to buy and report in one fortnight.

Tuesday 2. West to Boston with Mrs. Edson, settled with Mr. Dow for the money which I have paid out. Attended meeting of Standing Committee. Met Brother Ballard in Boston who is on his way to see his sick father whom he scarcely expects to find alive. Met Mrs. Marianne Parker who told me of Pierpoint's outrage at Mrs. Davis' funeral. Dined at Bedford Street. Returned at 5 with Br. Ballard who came up with me and stopped the night. Had a pleasant evening at home, Mrs. E. and myself were at the prayer meeting this morning and left about seven.

Wednesday 3. Br. Ballard at the prayer meeting. Elizabeth Livermore at today's and yesterdays. The meeting very good. Br. Ballard left us at nine. I lent him the "Proposed Book". Ev'g McCoy preached. Mr. Stickney read prayers.

Thursday 4. Day of the inauguration of the President Harrison. In the afternoon there was a meeting of the clergy connected with the Tract Union. We had an invitation to tea at Mr. Mean's Bible Class in the evening very good.

Friday 5. Mrs. E. returned in the morning. The weather cold. Mr. Stickney left Lowell on an excursion to R.I. Afternoon McCoy read prayers and I preached. Mr. Gilman has been dangerously ill with bleeding at the lungs for a week past and is now more comfortable so that they now have hope of him. Evening I read prayers and Mr. McCoy preached.

Saturday 6. Catechizing was pretty well attended. Mrs. Cheetham attended with Elizabeth. I am to call there on Tuesday evening. Rev. Mr. Stearn's called here, will stop with us and preach tomorrow, the Lord permitting. Mr. Berk a converted Jew called with a letter from Doct. Burroughs.

Sunday 7. There was quite a fall of snow in the night. The morning prayer meeting was the smallest we have had, five only were present. Snow continued. Sundays Schools were tolerably well attended, at the sacrament there were 120 persons. The Rev. brother Stearn's preached in Chapel Hall in the morning and in church in the afternoon "If the truth shall make you free ye shall be free indeed." Christopher Walley (or Halley) was at Sunday School and church all day and drank tea with us in the afternoon. Evening missionary meeting in Chapel Hall. The converted Jew Berk was to have preached to the Sunday Schools this afternoon but failed to come on account of illness.

Monday 8. Rev. Mr. Stearn's staid with us last night. He was not in the prayer meeting this morning. The meeting was not so large as usual. I mentioned to Mr. Stearn's the Editorship of the Witness and advised him on going to Boston this week as he intends to see Mr. Dow. He left here for Bedford at nine oclock in the stage. I prepared two articles for the Witness. Went out in the afternoon. Mrs. Colburn, Mrs. Huntington, and Mrs. Tilden were here to tea. I attended the meeting at Mrs. N. which is getting thin.

Tuesday 9. Morning prayer meeting comprised about twenty four. I wrote and sent off the following letters viz. to Bishop Doane, Rev (?) J. Sabine, Lee, W.E. Webb, Rev. Henry S. Smith, R.B. Blasdell. Afternoon called with Mrs. E. at Mr. Brownell's. Douglas called at Mrs. Spurr's where I met Mrs. Lincoln her sister who was erst of Bridgewater with Mrs. Spurr. Called at Mrs. Gates' Brown's McArthur's Poulson's Milnes etc. Evening Mrs. Wright sent her little girl to ask us in to see Miss Gleason, who has been doing wonders here of late. I went over to Belvidere was at Mrs. Abbott's saw her sister Mrs. Wood from Gorton. Went to the Cheatham's explained the matter of rejection (?) of the girls from confirmation some time ago. Mr. C. seemed satisfied. Also the girls and Mrs. Cheatham. Went up to Doct. Kimball's where were a few friend.

Wednesday 10. Thirty four persons at morning prayer meeting. Isaac N. Metcalf called in forenoon. Afternoon I called at Dr. Green's and had an interesting conversation on the Committee's doings in reference to the church. Stopped at hospital, at Fuller's called at Mr. Gilman's found him better, at Mrs. Prescott's, at Mrs. Balcom's. A letter was received from George. Evening the church was better attended than last week. Mr. McCoy preached from "Be sure your sins will find you out." Mr. Morville called here after church and seemed inclined to talk about my going with him to England.

Thursday 11. Called at Hospital in afternoon. Mr. Carlton returned from Washington today having attended the inauguration of the new President Gen. Harrison. At Bible Class in the Evening a good number present. I catechized four Irish youths by which I was reminded of the laborious fidelity of the Irish clergy.

Friday 12. I preached in the afternoon "What must I do to be saved", and baptized children of Mr. (unclear) Jerkin's and infant of Stephen Cushing (?). In evening Br. McCoy preached "I came not to call the righteous but sinners to repentance." Church pretty well attended. Chas. N. Parker here.

Saturday 13. A snowstorm in the morning. Seven got out at the prayer meeting. Catechized in the afternoon. A good number present.

Sunday 14. Rady in at S. School. I preached Nos. 828 & 827. Had my six oclock meeting and read prayers at Chapel Hall.

Monday 15. Went with Mr. James Cook to see the Universalist meeting house galleries. Evening was held the adjourned meeting of the parish for purchasing the church.. Com. presented report. A paper was drawn up whereby subscribers bound themselves to pay the sum to the Merrimac Company which their committee might agree. Nineteen persons

signed it on the spot. This is the, perhaps I may say, first real movement towards getting possession of the property. The Lord be praised for his goodness. He it is who moves the hearts of men. The glory be to his own most holy name forever.

Tuesday 16. Called on Mr. B.F. French at his Co. Room and told him what was done last night. Evening called at Mr. Whittier's.

Wednesday 17. Mr. McCoy was ill today and unable to be out to the morning prayer meeting. Mr. Rollin's was ill quite so. I preached in the evening, No 500. Mr. McCoy was present. Mr. W. Wright called.

Thursday 18. Called at the Carpet block houses. Saw Mrs. J. Crane, Aunty Wilson, Mrs. Poulson, and Mrs. McArthur, all more or less sick. Thursday evening called at Mr. Cyril French's Bible Class after which I went to Mrs. Tilden's party.

Friday 19. I preached 510 in the afternoon and Mr. McCoy in the evening. Sent Mr. Sabine communication to Mr. Dow by Mrs. Colburn who went down to Boston this afternoon. Mr. Hedrick's child buried this afternoon.

Saturday 20. Catechized the children, a beautiful day.

Sunday 21. There were forty six people out at the prayer meeting this morning, weather fine, good Sunday School. Mr. Walter W. Wright is, Robert Hoxie has been in but not in class for three Sundays. I preached in forenoon at Chapel hall 582. The attendance was good and the worship exceedingly pleasant. There were prayers for Mr. Hedrick's family in affliction. Mr. Cleveland was with the Huntington's. Afternoon preached in St. Anne's church the same sermon as in the morning. In the evening I preached 282 in Chapel Hall. Mr. J.B. Dow was at church today.

Monday 22. Br. McCoy went to Boston in morning. Mr. Dow called. Called at Mr. Gilman's. He has been bleeding at the lungs and was quite sick but is recovering.

Tuesday 23. Catechized at Mr. Nath. Wright's. Henry P. and Emory said the most of it and Sarah Whiting said it very well indeed. The night was very rainy and dark and I walked home in the rain and mud which I found considerable and with the thick darkness no small inconvenience till I came to the sidewalks the importance of which and of street lamps I fully appreciated.

Wednesday 24. A bright and beautiful morning after the rain, I yesterday met Mr. Ruggles Slack from Boston or rather now from Chelsea as he says where he is much in hope of getting up a church. He was in this morning at the prayer meeting which was not so large as common. Only sixteen present. Br. McCoy was among the missing which was extraordinary. Evening Mr. Berk the converted Jew spoke after the service till after nine o'clock. More people than our usual attendance present. First observed the grass had started.

Thursday 25. The death of Mr. Elliott's youngest child occurred last night from the effects of suffocation by smoke being asleep in a room where the bed caught fire. Evening Mrs. William called. Attendance at a little meeting good I catechized the whole evening.

Friday 26. Mr. McCoy attended the funeral of Elliott's child. I was present. I preached 438. Mr. McCoy preached in the evening.

Saturday 27. Berk called and agreed to speak next Wednesday evening. Children had a singing meeting in the City Hall. I catechized as usual number not large. Mrs. Buce called about occupying the S. School for a sewing school.

Sunday 28. I preached 508 & 829. Afternoon sermon was upon lukewarmness (?) which I fear is but too seasonable (?) and which I pray God may be blessed. O Lord thou canst bless the feeblest means. Truth however feebly spoken may be made by they Spirit quick and powerful. In the morning prayer meeting fifty persons were present. I spoke to Mr. Luke Whitney and asked him into the Sunday School. He came in the afternoon. I spoke to Nath Wright and Andrew Swapp in the School also to Thos. Freeman who is here from Danvers going to School, gentlemen of the S. School Managers stopped after school to consult with me in regard to making a change in the small school by putting in a female Superintendent. The feeling seemed to be that we had better not make any change in which Mr. Wilson the present Superintendent acquiesced. There was a Sacred Concert in the city hall instead of the temperance meeting, at which was performed the Oratorio of David. I went to Chapel Hall which was well filled though many accustomed to attend were at the Concert. I read the service Mr. McCoy's lecture was on Responsive Worship. Wm. L. Garrison (?) was there with father Puffer. Mr. Chandler took care of the Hall and introduced strangers to their seats.

Monday 29. There were sixteen at the morning meeting. The dark and (unclear) rs. Wm. Smith called in the forenoon. I feel much afflicted in the embarrassment of their pecuniary affairs. Called at Mrs. Dunn's William has been sick for two days but is better. Called at Mrs. Sharple's. Received a letter from McBurney and answered it. I am truly grieved to think of the trial to which he has been subjected in seeing the chapel enterprise frustrated wantonly & unreasonably by churchmen so called. I do not know an instance in my life in which I ever intentionally hindered any church project. I learned that the committee for buying the church held a meeting this day and authorized the Wardens to negotiate with Directors of the Merrimac Co. forthwith. I think God will bestow his blessing for which many prayers have been offered. There is an understanding that they are not to give over ten thousand dollars for the church and the land it stands on with twenty five feet each side from the line in the rear out to Merrimac Street. I was at the meeting on the Carpet Corporation at Mrs. Holden's. It is said to be probably the last meeting we are to have there on account of her having to move to another tenement. The day has been snowy and rainy and the evening dark and wet. Yet Aunty Wilson lame and decrepit came out. How much more highly she esteems such means of grace that many persons who are in the vigor of health and strength, who would not cross the street.

Tuesday 30. The morning prayer meeting numbered about twenty two and was a pretty good one. Wrote an article for the Witness and a letter to Br. John Edson. Called on Mrs. Dunn. In the afternoon the High School was examined. I attended. Evening went to Mr. James Cook's with Mrs. E. and Lizzy.

Wednesday 31. Wrote to Watson Woart and Stimpson and Urquhart. Also to Rev. Mr. Smith. Visited the Scotch Block. Mr. Berk a Christian Jew spoke to the people in church this evening and a collection was taken of \$8.02 for him. His story was an interesting one. Saw Mr. Ayer about the purchase of the church. The committee or rather the subcommittee consisting of the wardens are to have a communication with the Committee of the Directors of the Mr. Com. tomorrow.

## **APRIL 1841**

Thursday 1. Nineteen persons at the prayer meeting. The meeting good Mr. Elliott was in and Mr. Billings was present. Prayer was offered for God's gracious guidance and blessing to be given to the church in the negotiations of this day which affect the welfare of this congregation. P.M., I have learnt that Mr. Chadwick the Agt. of the Merrimack Man. Co. was not here today. But that he is expected on Monday next, and our Committee the Wardens have postponed the matter of negotiation till then. Received a letter of inquiry of J.B. Collins Esq. New York respecting our Irish Roman Cath. Schools I learned that Mrs. Cheetham is deranged. Called immediately and found her in a most deplorable state of insanity, terribly raving. It has been coming on for a month or more, has been decidedly bad for several days. I prayed with the family. Evening I catechized pretty good attendance. Rev Mr. Devens (?) called whom I called upon at the Mer. House after nine o'clock.

Friday 2. Brother Devens was present at the prayer meeting made remarks and prayed. He remarked on the propensity to omit religious duties as an illustration of depravity. We say "I am obliged to do so and so, I am obliged to attend to this and that matter of business." But we never say "I am obliged to attend to the worship and service of God." I asked him to breakfast but he declined. He called immediately after breakfast. He is going to Nashua with a view to explore the ground. I gave him a letter to Dot. Spaulding and also the names of other persons there. Mrs. Cheetham was taken to the Hospital in Charlestown today at 11 o'clock. I saw Mrs. Wells of Portland and Mrs Bonroth (?) of Ohio sister and niece of Mrs. Huntington in the cars. Mr. and Mrs. Paul came to Lowell from Dorchester yesterday. I saw them both this morning. I preached P.M., No 461 and Br. McCoy preached this evening on the prodigal son. A man is said to have been drowned in the canal this evening, to which allusion was made in the sermon.

Saturday 3. A windy day, though otherwise fair. Mrs. Edson went over to Andover this afternoon with Doct. Leach and returned in the evening.

Sunday 4. At the morning prayer meeting were forty persons and we had a good time. I was in the Sunday Schools as usual Preach 415 and 830. In the morning read the

exhortation to the Communion in full the second. After afternoon service I baptized Mrs. Abbott's child. Had an interview with Manager of Sunday School after school. Evening attended Chapel Hall read Missionary Intelligence and performed the service.

Monday 5. Had a good prayer meeting in the morning. Began with the Ante Communion service. City Gov't. organized for the year. Rev. Messrs. Thurston and McCoy came as a committee from a meeting of the clergy desiring me to draft a petition to the Mayor and Alderman remonstrating against the licensing of the Lowell Museum so called. After some discussion I drew up and signed the paper. G. Worcester called to show me the plan of the cemetery which he has made this winter. Berk the Jew called. The day is beautiful. Made calls on the Merrimac. In the evening church was opened. I preached and Br. McCoy read service and made remarks after sermon. I gave 342. A good number attended comparatively, no choir.

Tuesday 6. There were thirty and over at the prayer meeting. I began with the Confession and extracts of Morning Prayer, sung and then read the Ante Communion Service after which we went on as usual. Wrote an article for the Witness. At noon came the melancholy intelligence of the death of the President of the United States which took place a little after midnight on Sunday morning as announced officially by the members of the Cabinet. He had been in his office about one month was elected with great expense and excitement and inaugurated with great éclat. His administration was looked forward to with much expectation by the people. Called at Doct. Green's about Collins letter from New York. Read in the Recorder Bp. McIlvaine's (?) letter to Seabury. I fear there will be trouble. Parties are involved who love fight and occasion will not be wanting. Saw the Fiske's about Tom's taking the S. S. Library. It is to be offered to William Henry Wright. Rev. Mr. Stickney arrived in Lowell this evening and called here. I read the service and Br. McCoy preached on the lifting up of the brazen serpent by Moses.

Wednesday 7. McCoy in the prayer meeting then went to Boston in the cars. I wrote to Joseph B. Collins, New York in reply to certain inquiries of his about the Irish schools in Lowell. With the letter I sent City Charter, Rules of Sc. Com. and last annual Report. Had occasion to call twice on Rev. Mr. McDermott. Our Committee on purchasing the church through their sub-Com. The Wardens waited on Mr. Chadwick proposing to negotiate for the property. He is to give them an answer after consulting the Directors. In the evening I read prayers and Br. Stickney preached on the difficulties in the way of salvation. Addressed a note to Mr. & Mrs. Wright.

Thursday 8. Fast Day. William Henry Wright called to decline taking the Library in the small S. S. House which was offered him. At 10 ½ o'clock I preached No. 515. A good number at church. Resolutions were read on the death of the President agreeably to request of the city government. There was a baptism, afternoon a funeral of Mr. Young's child. I attended the annual meeting of the Temperance Union. Br. McCoy arrived from Boston this afternoon. The day has been fine. A good attendance in the evening. I read the prayers and Br. McCoy preached on Christ's agony in the garden.

Good Friday 9. The prayer meeting was well attended over forty and the season a good one. Ann McDonald present who came to Lowell from Danvers on Wednesday. She called to see me this forenoon. The day wet snowy and rainy. Br. McCoy read prayers and I preached No 362. I called at Mrs. Davis'. Evening I read prayers and Br. McCoy preached.

Saturday 10. Got a warm bath at the Middlesex Mills in the forenoon. Afternoon Miss Olivia Hunt called to see me on the subject of personal religion. Catechized. Called to see Mrs. Straw. She and Miss Hunt are to be baptized tomorrow. Evening I read prayers & Br. McCoy preached.

Sunday 11. Easter Day. A full prayer meeting & very comfortable. There were 185 persons at sacrament. Preached in afternoon No 363. Read prayer in Evening.

Easter Monday 12. Prayer meeting was held and the series closed this morning. They have been kept up during the whole season beyond my expectations. Elizabeth M. Mason returned from Boston where she has spent a week and more. Caroline Parker came with her. The day has been remarkably cold and chilly. This evening was held annual meeting of the parish for the election of officers. A report was expected from the committee for the purchase of the church. But as no answer was obtained from the Directors the meeting was adjourned to meet next Monday evening to hear and to act upon that report which may then be made. The meeting was well attended.