

# Moses Quimby, His Diary

1821 - 1885

Free Will Baptist Minister  
In Southern New Hampshire and Maine

As Transcribed By  
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Munsey, Horace L.

Buried June 25, 1863

(Soldier d. Alexandria) Buried Near  
Barnstead Center.

Young, Isaac Diamond

d. July 1, 1863 age 40 yrs 6 mo.  
lung fever

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Hill, Sidney G. put. Co A. 1<sup>st</sup>.  
Regiment

d. Aug 18, 1863 20 yrs.

Aikins, George W.

d. Aug 23, 1863 age 19

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~~Tibbitts, sister~~

~~d. April 18, 1864 age 72~~

~~Carr, Lyman H. and Jane Edgerly~~

~~m. July 14, 1864~~

~~Gilman, Mrs H.~~

~~d. July 18, 1864 age 64~~

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Dockham, Joseph

Funeral May 27, 1863 age 22

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Gilman, A. G.

d. May 31, 1863 age 18

Smith, Horace R.

d. May 31, 1863 age 28  
(Soldier Killed at Fredericks)

Nutter, Arvin L. and Nancie A. Vincent  
of Barnstead

m. May 31, 1863

Flanders, IRA

Funeral June 7, 1863

(Soldier died Chancellorsville)

Edgerly, Abigail

d. June 17, 1863 age 62

Young, Dudley

d. June 23, 1863 age 75

Sleeper, Mrs age 66  
d. Feb. 9, 1864

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Folsome, Mrs  
d. Feb. 23, 1864

Gilman, Moses  
d. Mar 9, 1864 age 50

Foss, Simon + Mrs Watson  
m. Mar. 14, 1864

Dow, Sister S.  
d. April 8, 1864

Watson, Warren  
d. April 11, 1864 (soldier died at  
pt. Lookout)

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Perkins, Peley Q and Sarah E. Dow  
m. Nov. 30, 1863

Hill, Calvin N. and Lissie Linton  
of Barnston, Canada  
m. Dec 5, 1863

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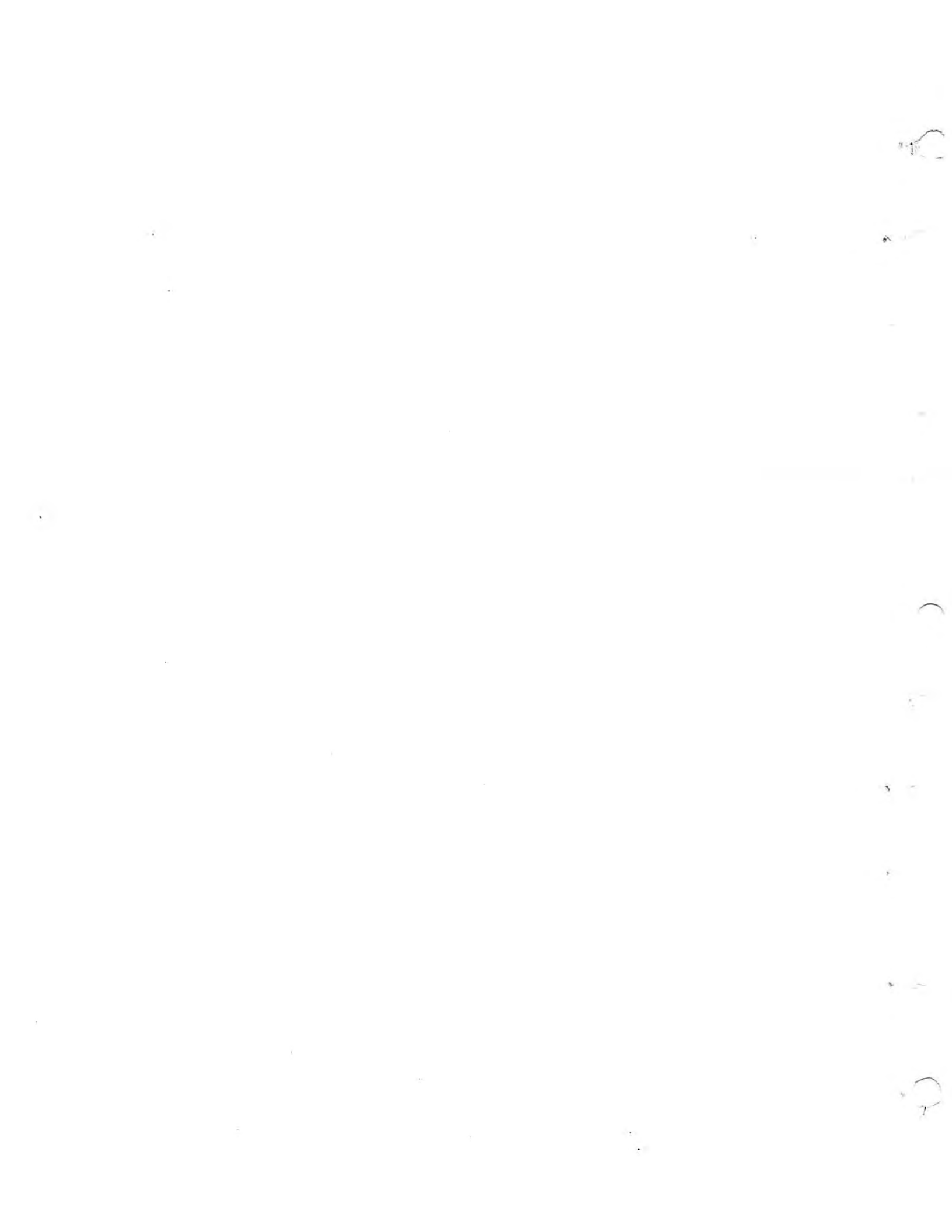
Davis, Charles F. and Sarah L.  
Tuttle of Barnstead.  
m. Dec. 10, 1863

Young, Charles H. (of San Francisco)  
and Abbie A. Eaton  
m. Dec. 20, 1863

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Nutter, Nancy A. age 20  
d. Jan. 11, 1864 married only  
4 months.

Hayward, Moses and Mrs Rhoda  
J. Badger  
m. Jan 30, 1864



Moses Quimby was born October 5, 1821 and grew up in Lyndon, VT. He had a conversion experience and became a minister of the Gospel in the Free Will Baptist Church. He was greatly influenced by his grandfather Elder Daniel Quimby, who was pastor of the Free Will Baptist Church in Lyndon.

This is his diary; it begins with his early life and ends with the year 1885. He recounts details of his early life, experiences in his various pastorates, he comments on the events of the day, particularly on the Civil War, and he records a number of the baptisms, marriages, and funerals that he performed. His pastorates were located in Southern New Hampshire and Maine. In New Hampshire he served at four separate intervals at Epsom, twice at Gilmanton Iron Works, and at New Durham, Alexandria and New Hampton. In Maine he served pastorates in Limerick and West Lebanon.

As a retired clergyman I am interested in how the situations he confronted contrast with the situation I have known in my ministry. This difference is particularly true of death. He had to deal with more deaths of infants and children in one year than I did during the full course of my ministry. Death was constantly on the scene; it could happen at any time; people knew they were going to die and they could and would talk about their impending demise. Unlike today there were no miracle drugs, no machines, no exotic therapies which could affect cures or add years to life. Death was an everyday occurrence to be faced, not an isolated tragic injustice which sneaks in and singles out some other poor unfortunate.

This diary came into my possession through my great great grandmother, Emeline Quimby Masta, who was a sister to Moses. In its transcribing I have in most parts corrected the spelling, although in some obvious places I have not. There are a few sentences that I could not puzzle out. Some of the names, which are difficult to decipher, may not be accurate. The original has been deposited with the New Hampshire Historical Society.

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1. The first part of the document is a list of names and addresses of the members of the committee.

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## His Conversion

I was born in Lyndon, Caledonia Co., Vermont, October 5, 1821. My father's name is Thomas son of Elder Daniel Quimby, pastor of the First Free-will Baptist Church in Lyndon, who moved from Sandwich, N.H. into this town in 1816. My father was born in Sutton, VT. in 1799. Previous to this his father had moved from Sandwich to this town, but did not remain long. While in Sutton he lived near what is call the Corner, and then owned all the land that now comprises the village. My mother's name is Delia the daughter of Caleb Gilman. She was born Dec. 10, 1794 (06) in Sandwich. My grandmother Quimby's maiden name was Dolly Burleigh, and the maiden name of grandmother Gilman was Ann Webster. My grand parents on my mother's side were Friends or Quakers. My mother was baptized when she was 16 years of age by Elder John Colby and joined the Free-will Baptist church in Sandwich. My father was baptized by his father previous to his marriage, which occurred when he was 20, that is he was married then. My father's mother died when he was about two years old. Grandfather Quimby married for his second wife Lydia Gilman, half-sister to my own mother. My parents enjoyed religious instruction in their youth by their friends, and were both lead in early life to embrace the Saviour.

There are in my father's family six children, two having died in infancy, boys, eight in all. Of the living three are girls and three are boys. I am the oldest. Our names read thus: Moses A., Dolly B., Julia M., Emeline B., George W., T. Jefferson. My parents being both followers of Christ, they sought to impress my mind with the importance of piety in childhood. By them I was taught to pray, and as soon as I was old enough, to read the Bible. How many times my mother has related to me some striking incident in that blest book, to make me good, and early create in the heart a love for the Scriptures! My first recollection that I have of realizing any thing of the necessity of giving my heart to God, was, when I was ten years of age, on going home from school. I thought I was not old enough to seek the Lord. I then made a promise that I would become a Christian when I thought I was old enough. In this I was sincere, oh that I could have seen different. The summer before I was 14 in the fall, for some four months I was sick with the rheumatic fever. But few thought That I should live; but thru his abundant mercy God raised me up. If I had died then, what would have become of me? I seemed to be very indifferent to my situation, which caused my dear mother, as she said afterwards, no little anxiety. My life was prayed for and my heavenly Father raised me to health again. The year following grandfather held some extra evening meetings assisted by Elder David Sweat and John Coais. At this time the Holy Spirit strove with me and I was almost persuaded to become a Christian. But I said, Go thy way for this time; when I have a convenient season I will call for thee. From this time till I experienced a forgiveness of my sins, I grew more and more careless, was less and less inclined to seek religion. Other things took possession of my thoughts, and God was scarcely in them. Sometimes I tried to believe that there was no God. I shall never forget the impression that was made upon my mind in conversation with my mother the summer previous to my conversion. On going into the house one day I found mother alone. I embraced this opportunity to tell her my faith in religious things. I told her that I did not believe there was any God. I can see her before me now just as she looked, when she with deep solemnity and tears said, "Moses, I don't know what will become of you, I fear your soul will be lost." These words went to my soul like an arrow. I never have forgotten them. In the fall of the same season the Lord called after me again. The first of November grandfather and Elder Silas Goskill, who supplied the desk one half of the time, began



a protracted meeting. They were assisted by other ministering brethren. The meeting commenced Monday evening and continued same over a week. Wednesday evening was the glad time when I found my way to the anxious seat for the first time. A few had started to walk the path of life the evening before. It seemed to me that this was the last call that I should ever have. But oh, my unfeeling heart! I thought if I could weep that was all I wanted to convince me that it was my duty to go forward for prayers. I went to the anxious seats, however, just as I was. But the moment I took my seat my whole soul was overwhelmed with sorrowful penitence for my sins. My heart was all broken up. My breast heaved with intense emotions and my eyes flowed with tears. With many others I bowed the knee for the first time at an anxious seat. Oh the prayer of that sainted grandfather! He kneeled by my side and placed his hand on my head and then wrestled with God in prayer for the salvation of my soul. My sorrow for sin increased. I felt that I was sinking to the world of woe. I called upon the name of him who died to save sinners, and my prayer together with the prayers of others was heard. That very night I found peace to my soul. How distinctly I can feel the soft pressure of that hand on my head that now rest in the ground! My soul that night was tranquil and full of heavenly joy. At first I could not think that I had so soon found the pearl of great price. But I was decided. I meant to have religion when I made the effort, if it was for me. I did not seek the Lord in vain. As soon as I gave all up and submitted myself to God then he received me and owned me as his child. The evening was delightful. As I left the meeting house in company with my sister who the same night found the Saviour, and my aunt who loved the Lord and knew the joy of God's salvation by experience, she asked me if I did not feel light enough to fly. I respond, yes. How different every thing looked! The moon that was then shining through the tops of the trees in front of the meeting house seemed to shine with increased splendor. I felt very different in going home then I did when I left for the meeting. We road home. It was some late in the evening and my dear parents had retired. But I could not retire till I had told them what the Lord had done for me. My sister and myself went to the bedroom door and I spoke. The first thing I did was to confess to father and mother and ask their forgiveness. This was a happy greeting, and yet tearful. When I went to my room that night I felt as I never felt before. Heaven and myself were reconciled. I knew that Jesus had always been my friend, but now I could enjoy that friendship. He is a friend that stickers closer then a brother. I was converted to God November the 6th 1839 in the Free-will Baptist meeting house in the north part of my native town. Elder David Cross preached that evening, and his text was, "Why will ye die". Many were converted during the meeting, and among the number most all of my associates. What pleasant seasons we enjoyed and, how sweet their memory still. I went on my way rejoicing. The Bible was a new book to me and I studied it with care and interest. I love the people of God - their society was mine. I improved my gift in meeting as I had opportunity, and the opportunities were as numerous as the Sabbath and other meetings. Then it was customary for brethren and sisters to talk in meeting at the close of the sermon. I did not fail to improve these precious opportunities. This custom was a great help to me. My heart was full of love for others. Oh how I wanted to lead souls to the Saviour. I thought I could convince any one of the reality of religion. The first one that I ever did invite to Christ did comply and was made happy in a Saviour's love. He was a dear friend of mine, a cousin. We had spent hours and hours together in sin and I felt deeply anxious for his soul. But I soon found that some would not be persuaded to seek the Lord. I have reason to believe that I was useful that winter in winning some souls to Christ. The fruits of this meeting were many. The church was enlarged in her membership and the aspect of things in society much changed.

December the 5th - just one month from the day of my spiritual birth, minus one day, is a day that I call to mind with deep satisfaction. I mean the day of my baptism. I desired to be a whole hearted Christian and do every duty. After the ordinance was administered I felt like the eunuch to go on my way rejoicing. But it was not long after that I fell into doubts, thinking that I had gone to fast. But I now believe that I was in the path of duty. My father spoke an encouraging word to me which did me much good. How much the lambs off the flock need to be fed and cared for. The devil tries to fail the efforts of the young convert and throw them into the dark, but if they follow the Saviour they will not fall but he will give them "the light of life". What precious interviews everyone enjoyed with those who started the journey to heaven with me that winter! Our theme was religion. We were not ashamed of Christ or his words.

My early impressions relative to preaching the gospel. I thought of this subject but once in my life before my conversion. This was the summer previous to the fall that I set out on pilgrimage for the New Jerusalem. I was in my father's field walking alone one Sabbath afternoon when the idea that I might some day preach the gospel strongly impressed itself upon my mind; tho at that time I was far from Christ. I had been to the house of God, and no doubt this had something to do in suggesting the subject to my mind. But it has especially seemed to me that it was the Holy Spirit that was talking with me and leading me to contemplate the very calling that I was to pursue in after life. The subject came up again in about three months after my espousal. I did not think it was my duty to go to preaching at once for I knew I was very deficient in necessary qualifications for so great a work. When I gave my heart to God it produced a marvellous change as to the importance of studying the scriptures and seeking an education that I might become useful in the cause of my great Redeemer. Before the Bible was a dull book and I cared not to peruse its sacred pages. My mind was averse to mental culture. But now I thought different and felt different. Others thought that the Lord had a work for me to do in the publication of the glorious gospel. Among the first to talk with me upon this subject and encourage me to go forward in duties path was my grandfather Quimby. I read the lines of eminent men for piety who had been very useful in the gospel ministry, such as Colby, Whitefield, Marks, etc, but my experience seemed different in many respects. I thought I was not suffering in my mind what some of them did which I regarded as the strongest evidence of their call to preach. But grandfather said to me if you refuse to go as Christ calls you, you may experience something of what others have and more, now would it not be better to engage in the work freely, and not pass through such a struggle? I saw the reasonableness of what he said and shall always remember it. Christ's yoke is easy. The Holy Spirit inclined me to love the thought of being a minister of Christ. Though I often shrunk from engaging in so responsible a work. I trust that I was called to this work, or I should not wish to go any further. My father had a large farm and he needed my labor. This at times perplexed me, but when my parents understood how I felt, and still felt themselves that God had a work for me to do in his vineyard, they said if the Lord was calling me to this work his claim was first. And they always encouraged me to go forward. I attended the district school and I had opportunity and thought of going to the Academy but hesitated and at times became cold in religion till the fall I was twenty one when father carried me to Parsonsfield, ME to attend the Biblical School. When we arrived at Parsonsfield we ascertained that arrangements had been agreed upon to remove the school in a few days to Dracutt near Lowell, Mass. I remained at P. a few day and then in company with the Professor M.M. Smart and some students started for Lowell. I attended school

that term. The school numbered about twenty. I roomed with Bros. I.G. Davis, Wm H. Littlefield, Thomas Nichols, and a brother Hoyst. This was the fall of 1843 and the beginning of the Miller excitement relative to the second coming of Christ. At times I was not a little bewildered in my mind and thought if the Lord was soon to make his appearance in the clouds of heaven that I ought to be about my Master's work. It was while attending school that I finally came to the conclusion that I must preach the gospel. I wandered away one pleasant P.M. far down below the city of Lowell on the banks of the Merrimack and there upon my knees before God prayed and wept, and walked and talked with Jesus as I arose from prayer and then prayed that till I in my mind felt that I had laid all upon the altar. Now I felt settled and peaceful in my mind. I now felt the love of Christ constraining me to go and invite sinners to Christ. A short time afterwards I attempted to preach - for the first time in a school house in Dracutt, Mass. I took for my text these words: "And they that were ready went in with him to the marriage; and the door was shut". Matt 25:10. I talked about fifteen minutes and then asked those who wanted to seek the Lord to arise, and two young person arose to be prayed for. This gave me some courage and hope that I had not mistaken the path of duty. In a few days the term closed and I returned to my home in Vermont. The first Sabbath after I came home I tried to speak for Christ again. The Ch. was low and I took this for my text. "Where art thou?" Gen 3:9 I had some freedom in discoursing upon this phrase, while I inquired where they were who professed religion, and suggested the position of those who had fled from God should be found in. The next Sabbath I made another attempt to talk to the people and chose for my text these words: "Come thou, and all thy house, into the ark", Gen 7:1 I exhorted the people for a few moments and then I became so embarrassed that I could proceed no further. I sat down and oh how I felt! Who can tell how I felt? I went home from the meeting feeling that if I had not commenced I would not. In the evening I had an appointment at the Egypt school house and I thought that I would go to my meeting and tell the people that I was mistaken. I enjoyed my mind better that evening, tho for sometime I did not feel as I wanted to. At this time the words of grandfather were a great help to me - his experience in the gospel ministry had prepared him so that he seemed to know just what a young minister needed. It was his delight to encourage young men just commencing to preach. Sometimes I felt that I was in the right way and then I had many fears that I was not. Finally the great question was settled in my mind and I continued to improved my gift, tho small, according to the grace given. As I went forward in the discharge of my duty the conviction increased more and more in my mind that God had called me to this great work. But oh how I prayed for light and the evidence that I was not going without being sent. Perhaps the desire to be a preacher and share in the honor of that profession influenced me too much. If my motives were not right then I hope they are now. "The love of Christ constraineth me". That winter I attended school and improved my gift from time to time as I had opportunity in the neighborhood where I was born and brought up. Grandfather lived in the same house with my father and I enjoyed his advice and instruction very much. I accepted the desk with him usually on the Sabbath and took part in the exercises. At the January term of the Wheelock Quarterly Meeting held at North Danville I received a license to preach for one year. This was Jan 1843. I remained at home working on the farm with father and holding meetings in different places as I had opportunity till Sept 20th 1843. At the request of the Trustees of the Strafford Academy, NH Eld. David Marks who was then residing at Oberlin, Ohio came east and canvassed the NH Y M to raise funds for that institution. He gave notice in the Star a few weeks previous to his leaving New England that some young men were expecting to accompany him west to attend the Geanga Seminary. When I saw the notice in I decided at once

that I would be one to go with him, tho I had never seen him; yet his praise was in all our churches. I left home the 20th of September and went to Boston where I met Bro. Marks and soon ascertained that I was the only one who had met him there on purpose to go west with him. We remained over the Sabbath at B. I had the privilege of hearing him preach for the first time, and I was much interested in his discourses. Monday we started on the cars for Ohio.

On our way to we spent a few days at Albany, NY at which place he purchased some molases to use with some barberries that he had taken along with him from New England on purpose to make preserves as we journied thro New York on a canal boat. On the boat our progress must of necessity be slow so that we found ample time to pick at the barberries and make the preserves. At Syracuse we spent the Sabbath and in the AM we attended meeting together at the Baptist House, and in the PM for the first time I attended the Roman Catholic meeting. I hope God has a few children in this church in spite of their numerous errors and sins. At Rochester also we stopped a short time. I went about the city considerable and was much interested in the place. At Buffalo we changed our mode of conveyance and took the steam boat Constellation for Cleveland. The day that I was 22 years of age I took my first steam boat ride on lake Erie. The next morning we arrived at Cleveland, Ohio where we met Sister Marks. That day he left for Oberlin and I left my trunk, and started for Chester about 20 miles from C. on foot. During our journey Bro. Marks was often quite unwell so that as I adminstered to his want he frequently expressed much satisfaction for my companionship. I felt sad on being obliged to part with him but his words of advice as we separated were a compensation - in part. But I was destined to be in his society more then I had. As there was no stage to Chester I had to walk tho I was so fortunate as to get a a ride the most of the way. As I thought of those that I had left behind and that I was among entire strangers I felt lonely at times but my prayer was that God would keep me in perfect peace. My first night I spent at Bro. Samuel Philbrick's. He was always a friend to me. I found myself hundreds of miles away from the home of my childhood and I often inquired of myself why I had come here. I felt that I was in the path of duty and that was enough. I was intending to attend school at once as my means would allow. But the Institution wanted some one to help them - and so I let myself work for them. My design was to labor about a month and then go to school. But Bro. Marks being unable to travel alone on his agency for the Seminary, the Institution wished to employ me to assist him in his labors and I consented to go with him. This gave me an opportunity of being in company with Bro. Marks which I regarded as both useful and instructive. Also I had the privilege of becoming acquainted with many excellent brethren and seeing much of the country. I travelled with him about two months when his health failed and for two weeks I journied alone and tried to attend his appointments and collect the subscriptions. I felt that God was with me and enjoyed good liberty in addressing the people. In our tour we visited the most of our churches in northern Ohio and travelled thousands of miles. I like the country and saw many things of interest to me. I spent one or two Sabbaths at Oberlin and was most interested in the preaching of the professors. As soon as I closed my labors in this direction I came back to Chester and at once entered the school. I liked the school and felt contented all the time. I remained. I attended the Seminary in all about one year. The teacher Daniel Branch and wife were very excellent instructors and very spiritual and devoted Christians. They worked not only to secure the enlargement of the power of thought and the sphere of scientific knowledge, but they sought most earnestly to cultivate the heart and develop the moral nature of the soul. They were highly useful and successful in leading souls to Christ. While in Ohio my license was

renewed by the Geanga Quarterely Meeting. I trust I was somewhat useful while connected with the school. I became acquainted with many excellent brethren while at Chester and saw with others a number of souls converted to God. It was my happy privilege while there to enjoy the preaching of Bro. Ransom Dunn for about six months which was a great help to me. A number that were associated with me in study there are now faithful watchmen for the spiritual walls of Zion. On the whole my visit of about a year and a half in Ohio was beneficial to me. I had the privilege of seeing the country and becoming acquainted with many co-laborers in the gospel field. I love to think of them and hope to meet them in the Eden above. In the Spring of 1845 I left Ohio and came back to VT. God was good to me and returned me to my friends safe and in good health. Soon after I returned I commenced laboring with the first Church in Lyndon, my native town. Here I attended meeting when a boy and often heard my grandfather preach the gospel. At this time he was feeble in health and somewhat advanced in life and he was very glad to have me as his associate in the gospel ministry. God was with us and we enjoyed many precious seasons. He was a spiritual father to me and gave me much advice that I hope to profit by. I recieved but little compensation for my labors, yet I enjoyed many heavenly seasons in dispensing the word of life. In the fall there was some revival which gave me courage to still work on.

A revival in connection with the school at the Corner. For some weeks past the Methodist brethren have been holding some extra meetings or a protracted meeting. A number of the students have been converted. I have attended the meeting and enjoyed them quite well. Two of my room mates my sister Julia and a young lady have experienced a forgiveness of their sins. Four of us boarded ourselves and we are having a fine school. We commenced with daily prayer in our little family, so to speak; two of us Bro. Geo. M. Prescott and myself were the professed disciples of Christ, the other two were not; but before the term closed they could bow with us in holy worship and praise the Saviour for what he had done for their souls.

### **Ordination**

Today, December 3, 1845, I was publicly set apart to the responsible work of the gospel ministry by a council of ministers chosen by the Mt Wheelock Quarterly Meeting for that purpose. The services were attended on the hill in the old meeting house in the presence of a large congregation. Bro. Jonathan Woodman preach the sermon from 2Cor 6:7. The consecrating prayer was offered by Bro. T.P. Moulton. The charge was delivered by Bro. N.H. George. Bro. H.W. Harris gave me the right hand of fellowship. The meeting was interesting but deeply solemn to me. I feel the responsibility of the work more than ever. Oh how unworthy to bear the tidings of salvation to dying men! My only hope is , "my (God's) grace is sufficient". It seems to me that I have laid all upon the altar of consecration. I hope to be usefull in the vineyard of my Lord, and live to see many souls converted to God. Oh may God keep me that I may never disgrace this holy calling. I fear that I shall not be able to meet the expectations of the people, and yet my trust is in the Most High.

December 7, 1845 God has been with me today while I have tried to proclaim his truth. I have enjoyed good freedom in speaking to the people. Sinners wept - and saints rejoiced in this God of their salvation.

December 8 Today I begin my first school in my own neighborhood. I hope to be able to teach christianity both by precept and example as well as to succeed in imparting scientific knowledge to my pupils.

### **The Year of 1846**

Jan 1, 1846 Now may God help me to renew my consecration to him that I may be a better Christian and do more for him during the year to come than the year past. My scholars seem to be serious and I hope to see them converted. Can God work by such a feeble instrument? He often chooses the weak to confound the mighty.

Jan 4. Dark clouds hang over my mind, oh when will my heavenly Father appear for my help!

Jan. 11 today our wanderer came home and found peace. The singing of the hymn "rock of ages cleft for me," was the power of God unto salvation to her soul as she afterwards stated in her experience.

Feb 15. I have observed the Lord's supper today for the first time. We have had a glorious season. Grandfather enjoyed it much. Oh how unworthy I felt to take those emblems of the broken body of my great Redeemer!

Feb 25, 1846. A sudden death. Lydia Quimby a cousin of mine died today, aged sixteen. She was sick only five days and during this time she became reconciled to death and left good evidence that she was prepared for the change. As soon as she was taken she wanted to see me and I went. And on conversing with her I found that she had been in the habit of praying and often thought more upon the subject of piety than we had supposed. She bid her school mates good by and gave to them cards and hoped to meet them in heaven. The last word she uttered when dying was, "Farewell". What a comfort to parents and weeping friends, that this youth was ready for death!

March 7 Met today at the house of Bro. Welcome Fletcher and baptized to happy souls. The weather was so cold that the clothes of the candidates almost were frozen, but our hearts were warm. We had a heavenly time. Where the ice was cut open it was about two feet thick. I talked from these words "Immediately I conferred not with flesh and blood." Gal 1:16 The person baptized were Christopher Fletcher and Louis Esterbrook. The past winter I have been teaching school in my father's district with good success. This is my first attempt. The faithful Christian teacher has a good opportunity to be useful in this calling.

April 5, 1846 The Lord has been with me today and helped me to proclaim his precious truth with good liberty. His name has been glorified in the congregation of the just; but then, when will sinners believe and repent of their sins. Oh that God would come and make us a gracious visit.

April 19 This evening preached at the South Ridge school house. A good meeting.

May the 5th. On my way home from school at the Academy called to see Dec. Joseph Rice, heard the last word that fell from his lips, and saw him breathe his last. At the close of my prayer he

responded by saying, "Amen", and in a moment his spirit had fled to the realms of eternal day. Happy death. He was a good man and an active member of the ch. He will be missed.

May the 10th. Yesterday I closed my labors with this sh. for one year. But oh how little I have accomplished. Still I have enjoyed many precious lessons and hope that my labors have not all been lost. The privilege of sitting Sabbath after Sabbath with my grandfather in the desk, hearing his warm and strong prayers and enjoying his wise counsels, I esteem as valuable. I have engaged to preach one half of the time for the people for the present.

May 16th Held meeting today with the brethren in Sheffield where Bro. Hill preaches. No special interest, yet I felt that Jesus was with me while I tried to invite sinners to Him.

July 9th A visiting tour. In company with my sister Julia I have visited friends in Newark, Brighton, and attended the ordination of Bro. H. Brackett at West Charleston during the week past. I gave the right hand of fellowship to Bro. Brackett. May God bless his labors to the people of his charge.

July 23 The last Lord's day enjoyed communion service with my brethren. To me these are interesting persons, conducive of much good to both pastor and ch.

Aug 15 Oh that I was more spiritual. I have been visiting and conversing with some upon the subject of religion. Oh that God would give me access to the hearts of the people that I might win them to Christ.

Aug. 28 Today visited Mr. Bundy who is near his end. He fell from the high beam, and is so injured that he cannot live. How important to be always ready for our change.

Funeral today 31st. Bro J. Woodman preached an excellent discourse to a large congregation.

Sept 7. I now expect to attend the Academy at the Corner the present term. I feel the need of more learning that I may be more useful and successful in leading souls to the Saviour. I trust I have no other motives then the honor of my heavenly Father.

Sept 14 I like the school much. Mr. Ruggles and his sister the teachers are excellent. Mr. Ruggles is very devoted. We now have a weekly conference meeting connected with the school. Preceptor is deeply interested in the spiritual benefits of his pupils. He talks with us much.

Oct 1 Bro. Ruggles seeks my society often tho a stranger at first. I like to be in his company and hear him talk. He has a strong memory and he often repeats to me beautiful extracts of poetry. I think he has upon his mind the great work of the gospel ministry. He is a congregationalist.

Oct 5. Prayer meeting in the evening quite good. Some backsliders confessed and one young man ran for prayer and said he wanted to be a Christian. This is my birthday. Oh may I live more faithful the year to come if God lets me live than I have the year past.

Oct 17 Some are anxious in the school How sweet the privilege of praying for inquirers after the truth. May this work increase.

Nov 1. Attended the Wheelock Q.M. Preached Saturday AM.

Nov 25 The present term of school is closed. It has been a very pleasant term to me, and I found it hard to part with the teachers and scholars expecting never to meet all of them again in this life. I shall often think of the interesting interviews that I have enjoyed with Bro. Ruggles as we have walked out together and discussed the great work of the gospel ministry. He is associated in church capacity with the Congregationalists. Heaven be with him.

### 1847

Another year has passed, and with it many have gone to their long home. Time is short. Some, no doubt, that I addressed today never will live to see another year. Perhaps I shall not. The Lord help me to live better in time to come than I have in the past.

Sabbath 28. More interest than usual. Some tears and exhortations. The Lord bless his word and make it the power of salvation to those who believe.

March 4. Have closed my school in Egypt. This is my second school. I have had good success and hope that I have done some good.

Saturday 20. Have visited the sick today and received a great blessing.

Monday April 26. Talked as usual to my people. The season is very backward. There are some 2 feet of snow in the woods and the sleighing is quite good.

May 10. Held a meeting yesterday in the north part of Sutton. Saw a snow-drift that a Bro. told me was 10 feet deep. But the warm sun will soon melt it away, so may the Son of righteousness warm the cold heart and cause them to be fruitful in the knowledge of the truth.

The 15. I have visited eleven families and had religious conversation with a number. I hope good will follow this feeble effort.

May 27. I received a letter from Bro. H.G. Woodworth which contains the solemn intelligence that his brother John is dead. He was a promising young man with whom I became acquainted with in Ohio.

Jun 14. Have been to the N.H. Yearly Meeting which was held at Lisbon and enjoyed the meeting very much. The preaching was good and I was especially interested in Bro. R. Dunn's sermon on these words: "If ye will not hear it my soul shall weep in secret places for your pride". This church has been injured very much by Millerism.



June 21. My soul is sinking within me with discouragement, but yet I will hope in God. Oh Lord, do help me and keep me in thy love.

July 5. Yesterday was the fourth. Seventy-one years ago our fore fathers declared themselves free and independent. Thank heaven for national and Christian freedom. But then, think, oh my soul of the millions in bonds! God speed the right, and hasten the day of their liberation.

Aug 30. The first week attended the August session of the D.M. at Warster. Met with Bro. Angar from the west. Bro. A. came with me from Ohio to attend the Biblical school at Whitestown when I returned from the west, and now - he is laboring in Wisconsin. We were glad to meet again.

Sept 13. Attended meeting yesterday at the Centre talked in the AM and heard Bro. T.P. Moulton preach Bro. B. Walker's funeral sermon who died the 10th in the PM. Bro. W. had been a wanderer from God till within a few years. He was reclaimed under these circumstances. In a protracted meeting grandfather Quimby felt an unusual interest in his spiritual welfare and went to him one day during the meeting while he was in his seat, put his hand on his head and entreated him to seek the Lord. He was enraged and went home much tried with grandfather; but that word he spoke and that effort he made so troubled his mind that he soon confessed in the meetings and stated that he had been a backslider for more then thirty years. He remained faithful till his death.

the 20th. Frequent attendance upon the worship of God does not make the service less delightful. The Psalmist was glad when they said let us go up to the house of God together. May this attachment increase more and more.

Oct 4. The desk yesterday was supplied by two brethren on their way to the Gen. Conference.

Oct 5. This day carries me twenty six years on my way to eternity. May God enable me so to remember my day as to apply my heart unto wisdom.

Oct 17, 1847 For the last ten day I have attended the Thirteenth General Conference at Sutton. I was present every day. The Conference was very interesting to me and I was greatly benefited by attending. Saw many of our brethren that I had never seen before. The persence of Dr. Burns and J. Goodly, delegates from the General Baptists, England, added much to the interest of the meetings.

The 31st met with the people at the Hoyt school house in the west part of town.

Monday eve Nov 1 met with the brethren at South Wheelock and addressed the people with some freedom - from these words, "Oh Lord revive thy work". Thursday I met with other brethren at North Danville in the capacity of a counsel. The ch. is low and in trouble. The Lord send them speedy help.

Thursday Dec 4. This is the last privilege in monthly meeting, no doubt, that I shall enjoy with my dear brethren here far a long if ever. Here is where I was converted, and with this church I first united. Often have I met them and many precious opportunities have I enjoyed with them. Would

that I could feel that I had done my duty always as I should. I shall often think of the first Thursday in the month when about the last Sabbath before going to Whitestown to attend the Biblical School. Two years and a half have passed since I came back from the west and during that time I have been trying to fill grandfather's place by way of improving on the Sabbath. Since my ordination I have officiated with him as pastor of the church. But oh how much I need additional intellectual qualifications to prepare me for the work. This is why I leave for Whitestown. I know I must be a better Christian to be as useful as I ought to be, but then a minister at this age of the world needs a good stock of knowledge besides. I trust God will approve my motives, he will if it is right. I feel sad on leaving. This has been my last Sabbath with this people for the present. I hope I have done some good.

Saturday 4 Dec. 1 I left home and long shall remember the last prayer scene around my father's consecrated altar of prayer. The two years and a half past I have lived at home and they have been precious season indeed to me. As mother said I have spent more days with my parents than I ever shall again in this life. Long shall I remember father's look as he took me by the hand as the stage was about to leave and bade me good by. Heaven protect the friends I have left at home.

I now find myself at Whitestown NY after a fatiguing journey of four days. I came by stage as far as Troy by the way of Windsor, Brattleborough, and Bennington, the rest of the way by railroad.

Whitestown is a pleasant place some four miles west of Utica. It lies between the great Erie Canal and the Central railroad.

The school is in a prospering condition, and the teachers and scholars are mostly strangers to me, I hope to be acquainted soon and feel at home. In my course of study here it is my design to make the most I can of my opportunities. My motto is, "Redeeming the time". There are many ways by time, precious time, is all or nearly all lost. God help me to improve my time wisely. My principle study the rest of this term is Hebrew. The class are all ahead of me and I shall find it hard keeping along. I room in the Seminary Building and board at the boarding house. Board, lights and wood excepted, 1.25. Room rent and tuition free.

Wednesday 15. About the first thing I had my watch stolen. I am happy to learn that the man who stole my watch has been taken up and my watch is ready for me at Utica. I have been down to the city with two other brethren this evening and obtained my watch. All things work for good to those who love God. The circumstances are as follows: Tuesday at about half past 4 PM a peddler by the name of Deveraux came into my room with some cards, envelopes, and pamphlets for sale. I bought a few envelopes of him. It raining as he started for the village he asked me to loan him my umbrella saying that he would return it soon. I told him I wished to use it. He inquired how long first, and looking to my watch which hung up by the window and said in a few minutes. He at the same time stood looking at the watch, but soon went out. The bell shortly rang for supper and on going out of my room I turned the key and left it in the door. On my way to tea I met him and thought nothing of what afterwards happened. I did not immediately miss my watch but did early in the evening. I related the circumstances to the brethren the next morning, with no expectation of ever seeing my watch again as the one I suffered had taken it was a stranger to me and I knew not where he lived. But some of the brethren knew him and said he lived in the city of

Utica. A. Deering, one of the brethren volunteered to assist me in trying to get the watch. We took the express and went to Utica and made what inquiries we wanted to where he was known and procured the services of constable Hall. We came back to W. and procured a search warrant and sent it back to Mr Hall. Soon after he found him and made the man own that he had the watch on his person. He then took him to the watch house where he remained till his father bailed him out. I went down to the city Saturday and obtained my watch.

Sabbath morning. How different I am now situated from what I have been here to fore. I am permitted to recall past opportunities with absent friends and hope to spend this holy day agreeable to the will of Heaven.

Friday eve Dec 31, 1847. This year is soon to close. Many since its commencement have passed away, and I am alive. Thanks to God that I still live. So I take a retrospective view of the past, how sensibly my mind is improved with the goodness of our Heavenly Father.

## 1848

Jan 1, 1848. New Years' day. It is my greatest desire to improve upon the past and live better in the future. I enjoy the meetings here very well indeed. I am getting along finely in studying Hebrew. I like the teachers and the Biblical brethren are affectionate, spiritual, and actively engaged in the cause of Christ. The Tuesday evening class meeting is rich feast to my soul.

Jan 16. A morning without clouds. Who would not praise the King of Kings, today? I feel that my thoughts harmonize with the voices of nature which so loudly proclaim the wisdom of the infinite One. How transporting to the devout soul communion with the Father of spirits! One soul has recently found the Saviour. May showers of grace come down upon these teachers and this Institution.

Feb 3. This evening a number arose for prayer in the conference meeting. May this good work go forward.

Mar 13 went to Newvile preached twice and administered the Lord's supper. The Lord was with me and helped me to speak his truth in demonstration of the Spirit I trust.

March 6. Enjoyed the privilege of pointing a young man to Christ who seems not far from the kingdom.

March 22. Vacation. The 16th I went to Newville to spend vacation. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday visited some. Sunday preached twice. The week following visited some and worked some. Saturday went to Southville. Sunday preached in the AM at S. and at Von Harn Hollow in the PM. Monday came back to Newvill and preached in the evening at a school house. Tuesday returned to Whitestown on foot - distance 28 miles. I feel that I have done my duty in spending my vacation as I have. I hope that I have done some good.

April 19. Saw a rum tower burn down today. How the flames rolled heaven-ward when the fire found its way to the cellar where the spirituous liquor was kept. It was terrifying to behold the fire. May God overrule this event for his glory.

May 20 went to Middleville attended monthly conference Saturday and on the Sabbath preached and administered the Lord's supper. It was good season and I felt that it was good to be there tho in body I was very feeble.

June 4th preached in the Chapel in the AM and was divinely assisted in communicating the words of this life, life spiritual thro Christ.

July 4. Today the spring term closes. I expect to spend my vacation at Middleville. The Lord direct.

Vacation. When I left the school I found myself quite unwell, health rather poor; and by the blessing of God it has greatly improved. During the time I have been able to work 33 days at manual labor, preached five times on the Sabbath AM and in all have earned 36 dollars. Truly the Lord has greatly blessed me.

At school again. Hope to make increasing proficiency in my studies. I soon enter upon my second year in Biblical study.

Aug 26. I have engaged to preach for the church at Middleville one half of the time for the present.

Close of the term. My heavenly Father has been very kind to me. Trust that I have made some improvement in piety as well as in my studies. My deepest anxiety is to please God. The privileges I enjoy are great and call forth the warmest gratitude. I need to be more devotional. Oh that Jesus would fill my soul with perfect love. Ah, there is a judgment. How important is life. Few reflect long enough to see it.

Nov 23. In the evening of this date I gave an anti-slavery lecture AM. Some were fearful of its effect, but I felt I must proclaim the whole truth and lift up my voice and show the people the iniquity of this cruel system. Text Heb. 13:3.

Dec 6. I have spent the time during vacation in selling book of the Tract Society and in visiting the people of my parish. I have conversed with a number upon the subject of religion. I hope not without effect. I have preached five times.

Friday 15, left Newell and went in company with Bro. L.B. Star to attend the Whitestown Quarterly Meeting held at German Flats. The going was bad and but few attended the meeting. Acted as clerk pro tem. Good meetings.

1849

Feb. 22, 1849 Donation visit. Met at John Woods, esq. Over 200 present. 73 dollars given in money and 7 dollars in clothing. An interesting gathering.

the 25. One soul of late has been converted and another is serious.

April 1. Revival and vacation. During the few weeks past God has been with me and abundantly blessed my labors in this village. The meetings continue some three weeks evenings and some of the time in the PM. Bro. F. Reed has been with me a part of the time. Some interesting cases have been brought under the power of the grace of God. Two noted drunkards and one Roman Catholic have been converted. Some of the meetings have been very solemn and powerful. I have enjoyed this protracted very well indeed. I now feel that this revival is a seal that I am in the path of duty. This proves to me that one may be pursuing a course of theological study and at the same time be useful in winning souls to Christ. Baptized a sister E. Walker today. Meeting interesting and full.

May 6. This day has been a delightful one to me. Enjoyed the happy privilege of baptizing two precious youths Mariah Frink and Susan Foster.

June 17. I should feel lost if I had no place to preach or if I did not improve my gift. I have now spent one year with this little church and trust that my labors have not been in vain. I am still to continue my labors with this people.

Aug. 27. Vacation. Left W. for home June 25, stayed three days in Barton, visited Mount Auburn, the Bunker Hill Monument, Navy Yard, and the State Prison at Charlestown. Tarried over the Sabbath at Manchester and preached in the PM for Bro. Cilley. Left July 2 in company with sister Julia and arrived at fathers in VT the next day. Found my friends all well and very glad to see me. Enjoyed visiting my friends and old acquaintances very much indeed. Preach twice in Wheelock, three times in Sutton, and a number of times at home.

Sept 1,2. Attended the W. D.M. at Columbus and preach Sabbath PM.

Sept 9, baptized Bro. J.J. Stavens. An interesting and spiritual meeting.

Friday Oct 5. Today I am 28 years of age. Can it be possible? The Lord help me to re-new the consecration of my entire being to his blessed cause.

Nov 4. Communion season. Some anxious to find the Savior. Come gracious Spirit with all thy quickning power.

Sabbath Nov 25. preached from these words in the Chapel, - "He that winneth souls is wise". Good liberty in speaking tho at seems embarassing to talk in the presence of teachers sometimes.

Dec 17 Vacation. Nov 29 Thanksgiving. Heard a sermon from these words, "The lives have fallen to us in pleasant places. They have a goodly heritage". The 30th attended the QM at Plainfield.

Preached in the evening. Dec. 3 went to Middleville and remained there the rest of vacation, preached some and visited some.

Dec. 30. The last Sabbath in the year. Text, - "We will remember the name of the Lord our God". Every year is bearing us away to the vast ocean of eternity. Soon I shall be there. But while I remain below, I hope to live to some wise purpose.

## 1850

Jan 12, 1850 The 10th followed one of the students of the other department to the silent grave. Also the same day accompanied Bro Randolph to the depot with his three children one dead and another very sick. The Lord be with his family. At the present it is very sickly here with the typhoid fever. Nearly one hundred students have left recently on account of the sickness. Some have died. My time has been fully engaged in waiting upon some of the brethren in the Biblical Department. My health remains good. The school has stopped, owing to the sickness.

Feb 11. Yesterday the Lord blessed me in proclaiming his precious truth. Had good liberty in discoursing from Solomon's Song 6:10. I do not feel very pleasant about some of my ministering brethren at W. who are here lecturing upon Psychology. It seems to me if they are called of God to preach the gospel of Christ that they ought not to practice such things. Oh Lord, how far shall I fellowship them in these things. Do help me to take a proper course. After an absence of two weeks in consequence of the sickness I find myself back again. Board at Bro. Tilton's because of sickness at Bro. Stark's where I usually have board.

Sabbath 24th Bro. Backelder, a student, attended meeting with me and preached his second sermon.

Thursday 28, 1850 In the PM and evening of this date my friends at M made me a very agreeable and liberal donation for which I feel grateful. Sum donated \$82.00 A wedding in the evening Mr. Colby B. Delano and Miss Emily Wright both of Middleville.

Saturday and Sunday The D.M. convened at Middleville.

March 29 Went to Phoenix and preached on the Sabbath. The first week went to Schrafle and Tuesday night stayed with S. Burleigh a distant relative in Clay.

April 4. Today I enter the last term of my regular course of study. Soon I shall close my studies with this Institution and go out to labor in the vineyard of my God.

Friday 26 In company with Bro. J. Mariner went to Plainfield to attend Bro Tilton's appointment. Preached Saturday PM to a congregation who keep the seventh day and Sunday AM to a congregation in the same house who keep the first day. About fifty have of late been converted in the Free-will Baptist Ch. where Bro. S. B. Star labors.

June 3 The DM just closed has been one of benefit I trust to me especially, since it has been held with the ch. with whom I labor. The meetings have been well attended the preaching spiritual and edifying.

June 24 Have just returned from the Central N. York Yearly Meeting held at Plainfield. Went in company with teachers brethren and sisters from Whitestown, teachers, ministers, and students.

July 1, 1850 Yesterday preached my last sermon with the church at Middleville. The sermon was interesting and solemn. For the last two years and a half past, the time I have been pastor of this church, I have enjoyed many precious sessions with the brethren and sisters. Seen much of the power of God in the conversion of souls. Some who have been converted have joined this ch. and some have joined other churches. It is affecting to part. In all probability I shall never meet them again. Am I prepared to meet this dear people at the judgment? With them I have found a good home. They have been kind to me for which I feel grateful. How kind Mr. Wood and his Christian wife have been to me; with them as well as others I have always been welcome. They want me to still be their minister, but I feel like returning to the green hills of my own native state.

Whitestown July 5, 1850 This brings me to the close of my Biblical Studies. For three years I have been connected with this school. The teachers have been kind to me and have done their duty. I am under many obligations to them. The school has been a decided benefit to me in increasing my anxiety to be holy and useful in the cause of God, my love for the Scriptures and useful reading. I am enabled to plan my discourses with much greater ease than before. I know that I am poorly qualified for the responsible work of the gospel ministry, still I would not part, for any sum, with the intellectual and spiritual help that I have derived since I came here. I now take my leave of beloved teachers and associates and go forth to work for my great Teacher in winning souls to God and building up the ch. I hope to be successful. The Lord direct my path.

Since my conversion or at that time there was a great change in my mind as to learning. Previous to that important period I had but a limited education and but little interest in study. The Bible was a sealed book to me, and I did not like to read it all. But since then my love for the Bible and useful learning in general has increased greatly. I owe all to Christ and the work that he did for my soul when I passed from death to live.

Soon after I entered the path of life I felt that I must do something to make myself useful in the world. I was anxious to understand the scriptures and studied them much. I felt my need of mental culture, of learning, and sought it at school. I attended the Academy in my native town a number of terms, also the Geauga Seminary, Ohio, about one year. My course of study has been rather irregular, and yet I hope not altogether profitless. My youthful days are fast passing and what I do for my Master must be done soon. The errors I have committed, the false steps that I have taken, cannot be recalled; yet thank Heaven, they can be forgiven. Much is depending upon my future course. I feel that I have done right in coming here, and pray God that my steps may be ordered in righteousness, in the future. I feel that I cannot go to do the work assigned me unless the great Redeemer is with me.

Left Whitestown July 9 in company with Bros. Mariner and Sargent. The 10th on the Hudson at 10 o'clock A.M. opposite Athens and Hudson - heard of the death of President Taylor. The flag was run down half mast. All die, the great as well as the small, and both small and great must stand before God in judgment.

the 14th Enjoyed the privilege of worshipping with the brethren of Manchester and the next day arrived home. Friends all glad to see me and well with the exception of grandfather Q whose health is poor. Death has made a marked a change among my friends and neighbors.

Monday 22. Met yesterday at the Centre and heard Bro. Jackson preach and tried to speak myself a part of the day. The ch. is prospering.

The 28th Met with Bro. Richardson at Sutton.

August 11 Preached at South Wheelock. Good congregation and good liberty in speaking.

The 18 Met with the people at Wheelock Hollow. The ch. is low.

The 26th Met with the brethren at Sheffield. The Lord helped me to preach his word.

Sept 1. Meeting in the evening at grandfather's. He is low but enjoyed the meeting much. Text "Whom have I in heaven but thee? and there is none of the earth that I desire besides thee My flesh and my heart faileth; but God is thy strength of my heart, and my portion for ever." Ps 73:25-26

Sept 3. A few weeks that I have been at home I have enjoyed the society of my friends exceedingly well. When I came back I thought of laboring in this vicinity, but as there is no special opening, and I have had a call in another direction, it seems, judging from the indications of Providence, that it is my duty to leave. I am requested to make the brethren in Epsom, NH a visit and expect to.

Sept 6. I left home the 4th and arrived here, Bro J.A. Knowles, Epsom, today. All strangers, but I hope soon to become acquainted.

The 9th Yesterday met for the first time on the Sabbath with the people but it being very rainy only a few came out. It looks discouraging. The house is an old ill-constructed thing, hardly fit to worship in. But this a matter of minor consequences provided I can feel that it is my duty to labor with this people.

Sabbath 15 had a very full house and good attention. God helped me to preach and I enjoyed my mind very well indeed. This was my text: "Therefore came I unto you without gainsaying, as soon as I was sent for. I ask, therefore, for what intent you have sent for me." Acts 10:29 PM Psalm 126:6 On seeing so many present gave me some encouragement, and suggested to my mind that this might be a good field of labor. Time alone will tell whether this is the place for me to work in God's vineyard.



Oct 26. The week past in company with Bro. N. Bickford have attend the New Durham QM for the first time. It was held at Northwood.

Wednesday PM preached from this text, "Speak unto the children of Israel that they go forward" Ex 14:15 The Lord helped me to speak. This was an interesting season to me. I saw some brethren in the ministry for the first time with Bro. Arthur Conirno and heard him preach an interesting and powerful discourse from these words: "The Lord is risen Indeed".

Saturday Nov 2 Have visited a number of families this week and as I become acquainted with the people feel more contented.

The 9th monthly conference. A good number present, some 40.

Thursday 14th. Went in company with Dea. Ephriam Locke to attend a protracted meeting at North Strafford. We had a powerful meeting on Friday. Three professed to find hope. All kneeled except one, a young woman who is powerfully convicted. A few have found the pearl of great price and some are still anxious. The great difficulty seem to be this, the ch. is low and unwilling and unprepared to work. No doubt good has been done, the fruit of which will be seen in eternity.

Dec 14, 1850 I have just received a letter from home learning the sad and solemn intelligence that my beloved grandfather Quimby is no more. This news I have been expecting, but how different I feel when I think that I shall see his face no more on earth. He has been a spiritual father to me in the gospel, and I have reason to respect his memory. I shall remember his good advice, warm and fervent prayers, and deep interest in my welfare. He died Nov. 29, aged 76 years and 11 months. He was born in Weare, NH, and at the age of 7 his father moved to Sandwich. He was baptized by his brother Joseph Quimby and commenced improving his gift during the year 1816. This year he moved into VT the last time, and spent then most of his time in preaching in that state. He was acquainted with Randall and Colby and the fathers of the denomination and spent some time in kneeling with them. He supported himself on his farm mostly and at the same time preached. He was successful in winning souls to Christ and saw many converted. As a man he was of medium size, firmly built and capable of much endurance. In person he was well looking, neat, and in manner pleasing. In social life he was very affectionable and was deeply attached to his family and friends. He was benevolent and warmly devoted to the cause of Christ, and had a strong sympathy for the cause of missions. His library consisted mostly of his Bible and concordance, and the Morning Star. He was a man of strong faith and when praying appeared to talk with God and I have no doubt he did. His success in settling difficulties was remarkable. Well might he be called a "peacemaker". He was a progressive man, for he kept pace with the great moral questions of the age and was ready for every good word and work. His memory is precious. He is living in the grateful recollection of hundreds.

Dec 15 Sabbath eve. This has been a solemn day to me. Often have I thought of the precious interviews i have enjoyed in the sacred desk with my departed grandfather! How sweet their memory still! These seasons are past. I did not realize them as I ought, while I enjoyed them. The Lord forgive my unfaithfulness.

Monday 16 attended the funeral of Mrs. Dicky aged 79. Text -:As it is appointed unto man once to die."

The 29th This is the first Sabbath for two years that I have been obliged to stay at home. A great storm. I can sympathize with those who are often under the necessity of remaining at home.

## 1851

Wednesday, Jan 1, 1851 Another year has gone with its numerous changes. How cheering the thought that I have been trying to win souls to Christ, and my want of success I greatly deprecate.

The 6th the first Sabbath I preached from these words: "This year thou shalt die".

Saturday Feb 1. The funeral of Mr Richard Tripp aged 77.

The 10 Oh that there was more self-denial, more of a self-sacrificing spirit in this ch. I am not what I ought to be. Bless my soul Oh Lord, and draw near unto me and fill my soul with the perfect love of Christ. May thy servant seek to be just he ought to be.

17th. Funeral of an intemperate person. I felt while preaching that religion is truly beneficial.

March 1, 1851 Closed my school today in the Fowler district. I have had a pleasant school of about 20 scholars and have kept some 12 weeks. I hope I have done some good.

The 14th The 3rd I left for home to see my friends and attend the marriage of my sister, now Mrs G M Prescott. Have had a pleasant visit and preached once. But one was absent, who long stood upon the walls of Zion - as a faith watchman.

April 1st. I have now been with this people six months, and have received about 90 dollars. They seem anxious to hear my sermons and I feel that it is my duty to accede to their request. I feel unfit for so great a work, yet my trust is in God, who has said the minister's sufficiency is of him. The prospects are encouraging. The meetings are fully attended and the ch. is better united. What we most need is a revival. May the showers of grace fall upon us abundantly.

April 3. Fast Day. Temperance Address. Intemperance is the ruin of many home. Oh God save thou the youth from this hydra headed monster.

The 22 Attended the funeral of Bro. Jeremiah G. Burnhouse aged 64. Sick only one week. Preached by request from this text, "Be still and know that I am God". Ps. 46:10

Funeral at the Alm house of Mr Barton - aged 100 wanting 9 days. Think of the changes of the past century and of the hundred years to come. How few of the very youngest will be living then.

Many are passing from time to the eternal world. The 12 of May I attended the funeral of Mr Wm. Yeaton of Pittsfield aged 60. A full congregation and God helped me to preach from these words, "Mark the perfect man."

June 27 funeral of Abbey Towle. I trust although this aged woman was poor as to this world that now she possesses the wealth of heaven.

July 3 the wedding of John B. Philbrick of Allentown and Susan E. Cass of this town.

July 27 The funeral of the infant child of Bro. N. Marden. "In the day of adversity consider".

July 30 this evening I received the sad intelligence that my sister is dangerously ill. I am requested, if I expect to see her alive, to come and see her.

Friday, Aug. 1. found sister D. very low.

The 8th Spent the most of the day with her. She is happy in God willing to live or die, but seems more willing to depart and be with Christ than to live.

The 12th I have, perhaps, have seen my dear sister for the last time. I hope not. God is able to raise her up, and for the sake of her family I pray earnestly that he may. I now leave to go back to my field of labor. What changes shall I witness before I meet my friends again. Who of us shall be missing when we meet again? The Lord is our preserver.

Sept 25 My first baptism in Epsom. I have enjoyed this happy privilege of baptizing Mary Marden, James and Gilmore Bartlett, brothers, all three are strong in "the unity of the faith". May this be the beginning of better days with us, days of revival and refreshing from the presence of the Lord.

Sabbath Oct 15th God has been with me today. Thirty years of my life have passed. Can it be so? I have tried to feel the importance of living nearer the Lord in time to come. When I think how little I have done and the length of time I have been in the ministry I feel to regret exceedingly that I have accomplished no more. In the AM I tried to talk from these words: "Length of days is in her right hand; and in her left hand riches and honor". Prov 3:16 In the PM I spoke from Heb 3:2, "Oh Lord revive thy work". In the evening I delivered a Temperance Address from these words: "Wherefore, if meat make my brother to offend, I will eat no flesh while the world standeth, lest I make my brother to offend". I Cor 8:13.

Friday 10th. The three days past attended the Free-world Baptist Anniversaries at Lebonon, ME.

The 11th attend the funeral of the infant child of David Philbrick.

1852

Jan 1, 1852 A good work of grace in the ch. at Concord where Bro. A.D. Smith labors. For two weeks past have attended some extra meetings with him. A number converted and reclaimed. Have tried to address the people nine times, and have enjoyed some liberty.

Feb 10th One of late has found the Saviour. May others seek the Lord.

The 22 Attended the funeral of the mother of Eld. Wm. Swain. Also the 23rd the funeral of Wm. Marden's child of Allentown.

March 25th The funeral of Betsey Jane infant child of Levi Robinson. Likewise the 29th the funeral of Susan Yeaton. Text Ps. 56:13.

I have engaged to remain with this people another year. Ear its close. I hope to see the salvation of God in the salvation of sinners.

April 10th Prayer meetings more interesting. A youth has recently given her heart to God and is happy in his love.

The 22nd A great freshet. Five or six bridges and one saw-mill have been swept away by the rise of waters. Oh let us have our treasures where the floods cannot reach them. Death reigns. April 23.

Today I have been to attend the funeral of a youth aged 17, Sarah Rogers. Sarah love the Savior and we trust has gone to the land of the elect. At the request of her sister I talked from these words, "Her sun is gone down, while it was yet day". Jer 15:9.

The 24th The marriage of Uriah Fogg and Louise C. Manson.

The 29th The marriage of John C. Burnham of this town and Mrs Angeline H. Perkins of Concord.

The 1st of May The wedding of Joseph B. Dalton of Rye and Abigail Brown.

August 3rd the funeral of John Wallace's wife. She died in the Lord we trust. The subject of discourse on the occasion the Christian Hope, Heb. 6:19.

Aug 19. Observed the funeral rites of Sarah Smith, the daughter of Dea. John Smith of Pittsfield. Her last words were, "come Lord Jesus". Text - "What is your life?"

Aug 30. Funeral of James Chesley's infant child.

## **Our Marriage**

Aug 31, 1852 Tuesday PM I was married to Miss Naomi Leavitt of Pittsfield, NH at Concord by Rev. D.P. Cilley of Boston. As we are one in this important relation, so may we be one in Christ. I trust this union of hearts and fortunes for life will contribute to our increased usefulness in the cause of God. When the changes of this life are passed may we spend our eternity with Christ and the glorified millions in heaven.

Sept 3 The burial of John Dickey. Also Oct 18, the infant child of John Philbrick of Allentown.

Sept 31 at Lyndon Centre, the wedding of Simeon L. Strant of Conway, NH, and Mary E. Woodruff of Lyndon, VT.

Oct 13 Wm Yeaton and Caroline A. Griffbath of E.

The 23. Attended the burial of Alfred Green a young man of 27. May spiritual life spring from this sudden and unexpected death.

the 27th Funeral of Mary E. daughter of Bro. Wiggins, aged 9 months.

The 31 Preached the funeral sermon of Hannah J. Dickey aged 18.

Nov 11 Thanksgiving Day wedding of Josiah D. Langley Elma J. Louk both of this town.

Dec 12 Interment of Mehitable Barton aged 92.

The 24th Marriage of John D. Eaton of Pittsfield and Huldah Ann Dow of Seabrook.

## **1853**

Jan 1, 1853 Wedding of Joseph Packard of Canterbury Lucey M. Towle of this town.

Feb. 12. Death is still doing his fearful work. Funeral of sister Jemina Roby of Chichester.

March 5 Funeral of Mary H. daughter of Mr & Mrs Spaulden aged 1 year 10 months.

April 11, 1853 I feel as I enter upon my labors for another year that my work is great, important, and responsible. I would to God that I might have been more accomplished in the past. Oh Lord make me more faithful. My great desire is so to preach the gospel to the people of my charge that the blood of souls may not be required at any hands. I trust that my labors have not all been lost the year past. Some ten have found the pearl of their salvation. Oh that I may feel more the worth of immortal souls. May God make me an efficient laborer in his cause and give me the desire of my heart the salvation of souls.

May 1st We are now having our first experience in house keeping. We reside in John Wallace's house. It seems better to live by ourselves, tho we have had a pleasant boarding place. The winter past we have boarded in J. A. Knowles family. They have been very kind to us. Bro. Knowles is expecting this season to commence a course of study at Concord in view of the ministry. May God direct his course and make him useful in his cause.

June 1 Married Wm. E. James and Hannah E. Cote both of Deerfield.

Aug 4th Luther Hoynes of Loudon and Rubomos D. Dyer of Manchester

Aug 7th in the Free-will Baptist house John Wallace and Sarah H. Towle both of this town. For a few months we are now to reside in A. W. Perkins house till the Society completes the parsonage.

Sept 1st married Christopher S. Hutt of Manchester and Prasilla W. Clough of E.

The (?) Lorenzo Hoit of Cordia and Mary A. Bartlett of E.

July 4 Funeral of Charles C. son of E. H. Goodhue aged 5 years.

Also the 9th in Chichester Josiah Wheeler in the 24th year of his age.

The 18th at Suncook village the daughter of Geo. Newman.

Oct 20th The past few weeks I have attended as a delegate from this Y. Meeting the General Conference held at Fairport N.Y. The Conference was interesting, and business done in harmony. At this session the Con. voted to remove the Bible School from Whitestown, NY to New Hampton this State. In my absence I spent one Sabbath at Middleville and the other at Rochester. Before the Con. I visited the World's Fair at New York City, and after Niagara Falls. The G. Con. convened the day that I was 31 years old.

Nov 10. In the short time of two weeks I have been called to attend three funerals in Bro. James Marden's family; his wife, who died the 10th, Sarah E. who died 16th aged about 14, Dareus, who died the 27, aged 9 years. How sudden we are summoned away by death. The disease with which these persons died was the typhoid fever. May the Lord be with the husband and the remaining children to sustain them by his grace.

The 18th. Hannah R. Smith aged 36 died very suddenly this Sabbath following. I attended the funeral and spoke from these words, "How we escape if we neglect so great salvation?"

Dec 1 moved into the new Parsonage. During the season past the Society sold the old Parsonage at the Short Falls and bought here near the Meeting house, and have fitted up a very comfortable and convenient house, and we feel quite at home since we have a place of permanency to reside in. Before the Parsonage was some two miles from the place of worship, and now it is only a few rods. Every society ought to have a parsonage for their minister, for who wants to be moving

from place to place every few months? And then it is desirable to have it near the meeting house where it is possible.

Died in this town Aug 9 Lucian E. Hamlet aged 17, also in New York City Geo. P. Yeaton Sept. 3 aged 22, also Mrs May Crichton of this town aged 63, and Clarence J. Burnham aged 1 year and 4 months. I attended each of the funerals.

## 1854

Jan 1, 1854

And still God permits me to live. I would praise his name for his preserving care. As life passes I would become more and more like Christ, and be less conformed to this world. Today, I joined in marriage Mark S. Moses and Mary A. Towle.

Jan 2 Four of late have indulged hope in Christ. The interest at the Short Falls is good. Oh may the work spread gloriously. Savior divine, my faith looks up to thee. Oh let me wholly be thine.

Jan 21 afternoon and evening the people of my charge made us a donation visit. Some 100 present in the evening. They left for our benefit some 36.00 dollars in cash besides a number of other things very needful. The visit was quite agreeable and I hope pleasant to all.

March 1. For some weeks past the Lord has been reviving his work most gloriously. Long have we waited for this blessing and now we feel that we have not waited in vain. The protracted meeting that we have been holding continued four weeks afternoons and evenings. 40 or more are anxious and some 25 of them have sought and found the Savior. The ch. has come up and labored well as a general thing. Some old difficulties have been settled and good feelings exist among us. To God be all the praise.

April 7 And still I remain pastor of this flock. And since I have seen the work of God in our midst in the conversion of sinners well I may feel that it is still my duty to occupy this field. What a satisfaction to feel that the seal of the Lord rests upon my humble labors.

Today funeral of Bro. John Stevens of Chichester.

The marriage of Charles Lamprey of Moultonbury and Mary J. Dow of this town.

the 16th What fearful ravages rum makes in the world! How many families are ruined by it! We have buried a man today who has fell a victim to alcohol. Wm Haynes.

April 20. The baptism of John L. Catterell and Abby Worth.

the 24 funeral of Martha Libbey aged 73. "I shall be satisfied when I awake, with thy likeness."

the 25 joined in marriage Josiah Page Jr. and Julia A. French of Chichester.

May 12th funeral of Samuel Bartlett of Northwood.

The 14th Another baptism the fruits of the revival. Thomas Curtis, Harriet Curtis, Hannah Towle, and Sarah E. Yeaton.

The 17th the wedding of James Martin and Hannah Fowler.

June 4 Baptized Moses Choucherlain and Daniel Yeaton. The interest in meetings of worship and in the Sabbath school is good.

July 2 The lord is still with. I enjoy the privilege of leading converts down into the liquid stream in honor of Christ's burial and resurrection exceedingly well. This was a good day to me and those who followed their divine Lord in this significant ordinance. Persons baptized, Philip C. Marden and wife, Louisa B., Thomas E. Bickford, Holis M. Ham, and Mary Goss.

July 4th Praise God for the liberty of Christianity. The freedom that Christ gives is freedom indeed. It has been a lovely day, and we have been served the day of our national independence in administering the ordinance of baptism to four youths: Angeline F. Perkins, Clara L. Perkins, Ellen C. Perkins, sisters, and Wm. Burnhouse.

July 23 A thunder storm.

July 24 Have been today to attend the burial of one of our beloved sisters Mary Libbey aged 51. Sister L. has been a great sufferer but the Lord has been with her in all her sickness. Her soul has triumphed in the rich and free grace of God Text Rom 8:18

August 8th 1854 An eventful day. Funeral of a little girl aged 11 years - Burnham. She died in Quincy Mass. and was buried here.

In the AM the birth of a little girl. May we receive this gift as from God and if she lives may we bring her up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

Aug 13. Two united with the ch. today. Philip Babb by baptism and his wife by experience.

the 20 funeral of little girl aged 1 year 3 months. Fanney Green.

the 26th. Interment of one of our neighbors an aged man Samuel Whitney. Died as he lived.

Sept 1 Married Charles F. Marsh of Concord and Judith C. Bickford of E.

Sept 15 About this time we went to VT to visit my friends. We started when our little daughter Delia was six weeks old. Mrs Q. and the child stood the journey very well indeed.



Oct 20 About this date we started for home. Coming thro Franconia Notch the snow was 8 inches deep. The last of our journey the weather was delightful. Our visit on the whole was very pleasant and we enjoyed it much.

Dec. 10 This PM Sabbath the funeral of Mary S. Wiggins aged 20 years. Mary was an interesting girl loved by all. She had neglected the one thing needful till near her end, and then she sought and found "the pearl of greatest price", and died happy. Text Luke 10:42

## 1855

As I look over the past year I feel that my efforts in Christ's cause have not been in vain. Oh that the year to come might prove to be a year of the righthand of the Most High.

Jan 12 The good people of my parish this PM evening made us a very agreeable visit and left for our benefit quite a generous and a very acceptable donation. Such acts prove that the minister is not forgotten by his people.

Jan 14. How uncertain is human life. Six weeks today I attended the funeral of the sister who obsequies we have this PM observed. Winnie was two years younger than her sister Mary she being 18. Thus in a short time two lovely youths have been called away by death. We trust they are better off. In their last sickness they were anxious and we hope made their peace with God. But health is the best time to get ready for the solemn hour of our final destination.

Feb 7. Solemnized the marriage of Charles W. Packard of Canterbury and Elvira A Towle of the town.

The 11th Attended the funeral service of John D. Brown at the meeting and preached from Matt 5:4

The 21st Another funeral How solemnly we are admonished to have our work seasonably attended to.

March 1. Solemnized the marriage of Nathaniel Twombly of Barrington and Mary Sanders of E.

The 14th Today I was called to attend the burial of Ruth Philbrick aged 13. This youth was called away suddenly. She was a promising girl and a favorite in the family.

April 1. Death knows no difference. The young, the gay, the strong, the aged alike fall at this file destroyer. Another burial today. I tried to open as revealed in the gospel to the minds of the people a blessed immortality beyond the grave.

The 14th. Sad news. Dea. Ephriam Locke is no more. He drowned himself in his well. He probably was insane. This funeral was attended by Bro. E. Place and myself. For many years he was very useful in leading souls to Christ. In exhortation he was decidedly gifted. In latter years

he has not walked with the ch. owing to some differences of opinion, till very recently he has felt different, attended the meeting of the ch. in part, and seemed more like himself.

The 23rd joined in marriage Elbridge A Twombly and Emeline Marsh both of this town.

May 30 The marriage of M. M. Libbey and Susan Goss both of E. Also Richard M. Patten of Concord and Emily J. Lewis of Springfield.

June 25. Died in Northwood Caroline L. Spofford aged 17. The funeral was attended myself.

July 21 The funeral of the daughter of A. C. and S. Locke.

Aug 16. funeral. We feel in reference to those who die in infancy that they are safe.

The 19th Joined in marriage, in the meeting house Frederick J. Cate and Abigail Hanson both of Stratford.

Aug 31, 1855 Three years today since we were united in marriage. Today, God has sent us another little daughter. May these little ones that Heaven has given us be trained up in the way that they should go.

Sept 15 Funeral of Charles Sherburne aged 9 years.

The 25 Marriage of Jonathan E. Bennett of E. and Perces E. Sleeper of Hacksett.

Oct 14 Married Mr Hiram Batchelder and Miss Susan F. Edmonds both of Chichester. Sister Emeline present on a visit from VT.

Nov 29. Thanksgiving day. Married Mr Samuel S. Cass of E. and Miss Lovina J. Fife of Concord.

Dec 5 Married Mrs James L. Bartlett and Miss Sarah E. Yeaton both of Epsom.

Dec 20 Married Mr John W. Page and Miss Mandona C. Sack both of E.

1856

Jan 1, 1856 The interest in religion is low among us, but we hope to see better days. When we get right before God than we may expect to see the Salvation of the Lord. Time flies and is bearing me rapidly to the world of spirits.

Jan 1 joined in marriage Charles Quimby and Frances M. P. Haynes of E.

The 27th Levi A. Leighton of Northwood and Eliza J. Griffin of E.

Feb 7. Funeral of the infant daughter of Mr & Mrs S. S. Sanders

The 19, funeral at the Alms house. The poor have the gospel preached to them.

The 21, Solemnized the marriage of J. Merrill Emery of Pembroke and Martha E. Hall of E.

the 26, the burial of the infant child of Mr & Mrs Ambrose Haynes.

March 3. marriage of Wm Grout of E. and Sarah A. Twombly of Barnstead.

The 18, the marriage of James C. Yeaton of E. and Hannah D. Towle of Northwood

April 6 Called again to the house of mourning. A youth of ten years. Emma E. Healy, we have buried today. Death leaves a shining mark.

June 1, funeral of Mr Wells aged 27.

July 19, marriage of C. E. Call of Northwood and E. M. Durgin of Lee.

Aug 14. the burial of Hafley Yeaton. The way of the transgressor is hard.

the 15. observed the funeral obsequies of Levi G. Young aged 73.

Oct 29 married Hazen Saltmarsh of Hooksett and Mary Matthews of E.

Nov 1. joined in marriage Wm. Fowler of E. and Sarah E. Kelley of Pembroke.

Dec 1. Solemnized the marriage of James P. Hoak of Chichester and Sarah J. Gates of Concord.

the 9. The marriage of James M. Burnham and Mary J. Wells of E.

the 21. the funeral of Mriaha Fogg. Sick only a few weeks. How important to be ready.

1857

Jan 1, 1857 Today I have a strong desire to renew my covenant with my heavenly Father. I feel determined by his grace to live nearer to him and to do more in his cause. I have not lived as I ought to. Sinners are dying all round me without hope in God. Oh Lord may I see many souls converted to thee this year.

The 5th attended the funeral of Betsey Brown of Allenstown.

the 6th attended the funeral of Charles A. only child of Geo. W. and Mary Swain aged 2 years and 5 months. He was an interesting little fellow full of life and promise. Thus in a few days the fondest anticipations of these parents have been cut off. The Lord sanctify this sudden death to the salvation of their souls.

the 17th attended the funeral of Mrs Charlotte M. Gardner wife of John A. aged nearly 29. She died in Watertown Wis. Jan 11th and was brought home and buried in this town.

the 26th attended the funeral obsequies of widow Goss formerly Burnham aged 95. She was the mother of ten sons and seen them all married and settled in life. Her first husband was a revolutionary soldier. She had 55 grand children, a large number of great-grandchildren, and a number of great great grandchildren. Her last words were, "Come, Lord Jesus Come quickly".

the 30 married Wm. S. Merrill and Mary A Brown both of this town.

Feb 1 Funeral of Frances S. Ordway aged 2 year and a half.

the 18th A fortnight past we have had some extra meetings which as resulted in the conversion of some 15 souls and some have been reclaimed and others revived.

the 28th Thhe week past I have been laboring with the pastor, in company with Bro. S. Curtis, at Northwood in a protracted meeting. The meetings were solemn and powerful. The Lord is reviving his work in that ch. gloriously. To God be all the praise.

March 15. The interest with us is good but not general. It is interesting to see the young, some quite young, engaged in the cause of God.

the 28 joined in marriage Sherburn D. Cass of Pittsfield and Elizabethh S. Moses of E.

April the 11. Bro. S. Robinson met with us for the last time before going to California in monthly meeting. He said, "If I am loved - that is enough". The Lord keep him and bring him back to us again.

the 16th A wedding not soon forgotten. At the Eagle Hotel, Concord Samuel N. Wead of Lowell, Mass and Emma B. Dudley of E.

the 30th marriage of Samuel Bickford of this town and Rachael Noys of Pembroke.

June 4 married Simeon L. Yeaton and Mary F. Leach both of Pittsfield.

the 21 baptized five - Mrs Goss, Estabrook, Clark, and Lizzie E. Hall and Lizzie Chesley.

July 26 Today God has given me the privilege of baptizing four precious converts - three sisters, the only children in the family, Mary B., Martha A., and Emma A. Libby; also Galielma Chesley.

## 1858

Jan 1, 1858 We begin the year with death. Today, have preached the funeral service of Hannah Green, aged 62 years. How often are we reminded that nothing is abiding below the sun. I would have my conversation in heaven from whence I am looking for the Savior.

The 24. My people are awaking to their responsibilities in the cause of Christ I trust. There is a feeling that we need a a revival and some are praying for one. I have faith to believe that when we get right we shall have one. Oh Lord, send by whom thou wilt. I hope to hear the penitent crying soon. What must I do to be saved?

Feb 15 For some few weeks past God has been reviving his work in this place in a glorious manner. The protracted meeting just closed has been blessed of God wonderfully. The ch. has been quickened, wanderers reclaimed and more than 50 souls have been awakened, and a number have been saved, and still the work goes on. In one neighborhood, New Rye the work has been very extensive, probably some 25 or 30 have indulged hope in Christ in that district. My health has been poor, so that I have not been able to attend all the meetings, yet it has been a precious revival to me. In this and the Congregationalist society as many as 95 are anxious and many have found Christ precious to their souls. The ch. is in a good place.

The 21 Attended the funeral of Mr. & Mrs. C. H. Hall aged 2 yrs.

The 22 Preached a funeral sermon from these words, "The Master is come, and calleth for thee" on the death of Nathan March aged 7 years.

The 25 I begin to feel my health is so poor that I must close my labor with this dear people. Perhaps I am doing my last work. Friends advise me to rest awhile. The thought that I may have to suspend my labors altogether in the gospel ministry fills my soul with sadness. Thy will, oh my Father be done, not mine.

The 27 My health is better. Dr. Tenney has been to see me a few times and he has helped me. What a precious privilege tis to be preach the glorious gospel of Christ! I hope to live, and yet see many souls won to Christ. My greatest desire, I think, is to live to be useful in the cause of God.

March 1 The people of West Lebanon, ME seem to be anxious to have me become their minister. Yesterday I preached for them. I am still feeble, but I am stronger and better.

The 12 Addressed a large congregation today from these words, "Blessed are the poor in heart, for they shall see God", on the funeral of Leveretial E. Sanders aged 26. She was a beautiful young woman, much beloved by all, and died very happy in the Lord. The funeral of Mary J. Libbey aged 19. She lived in Allentown.

The 30 I have enjoyed a very gracious privilege today. God has given me the opportunity of baptizing eleven happy converts. Long shall I remember this occasion. The names are as follows: viz. Geo. W. Swain and Mary C. his wife; & Clara A. Sanders, & Mary E. Griffin; Mary L. Wallace and Eliza J. Wallace, sisters; Nancy F. Carlton, Ann E. Bennet, Benjamin L. Haynes, John Malvern and Mriah G. Hall.

April 15 Yesterday I preached my first sermon at W. Lebanon. My subject was the disinterested object of the gospel ministry; based upon these words, "For I seek not yours, but you".

The 6th The funeral of Mrs Masters.

The 8th Fast Day. Preached today my last sermon to the people in Epsom, at least, for the present. Text, "Lo run that ye may obtain". At the close of the exercise we repaired to the beautiful banks of the Little Suncook where I baptized Edward F. Sanders and Evelina M. his wife both aged 55; also Mary Fife, Geo. W. Hom, and Henry Haynes.

Thus closes my labors with the people here. It is now seven years and seven months since I came here. During the time I have had my joys and sorrows. My greatest regret is that I have been no more useful. I have enjoyed a number of good revivals, and seen much of the power of the Most High revealed in the salvation of souls. It is painful to leave at this time at the close of a blessed refreshing from God, but I conclude that it is my duty. I feel anxious that this people may prosper. There is much to attach me to this place. Here we came married, and here our little ones, oh how dear to us, were given to us.

Oh may Heaven forgive my past remissiveness in duty, and make me a better man, and a more useful minister of Christ. During my stay here I have attended 71 funerals, 47 marriages, and 49 baptisms.

April 15, 1858. Today, we arrived at West Lebanon, ME where we are engaged to preach for one year. It is with some misgivings that we have left our former field of labor. However as duty seems to point us to this place, I hope that it will prove the best that we have consented to take the oversight of this people. Their previous pastor, Bro. Frederick Moulton, a few months since closed his work on earth and has gone to his reward. He was much beloved by the people and his death is deeply lamented. My health is poor, but my trust is in the great Shepherd of the ch. The ch. and Society have engaged to give me 400 for the year. The people seem well desposed and kind. As God is reviving his work all abroad, so I hope that we shall see the salvation of the Lord here. I hope the moral effect of Bro. M.s death will be such, that, together with our labors and

God's blessings, we may see the cause prosper in this place. The Academy is in a flourishing condition, there being some over a hundred scholars in attendance this term. The congregation is good. How much I need the presence of my Savior as I go in and out before this people.

May 1st. We are becoming more acquainted with the people here, and as we visit and learn more particularly concerning the state of religion, we become more and more convinced that there is but little union of feeling in this ch. A serious difficulty has arisen out of the settlement of Bro. Moulton's estate. My aim I intend shall be to lead this people out of their difficulties and induce them to cultivate the Spirit of Christ more especially.

June 1st. I enjoy freedom in preaching and my soul is drawn out in earnest prayer for this people. As the Lord leads me into the sanctuary, I get a clearer view of the condition of the lost. Oh Lord, revive thy work.

The 18th Funeral of Wilbey H. Dixion aged 19. He died as he lived. God favored me in speaking on the occasion as I warned the people to make preparation for the judgment.

9th funeral of Thomas Dixion's's son aged 2 years.

July 5th At monthly meeting one young woman confessed Christ. Thank the Lord for one anxious soul.

the 18th Sabbath. At the social meeting this PM a young lady rose for prayers. She is anxious. The Lord give her peace in believing.

The 20 Unsettled difficulties in the ch. What shall be done? God of mercy, do help us.

Aug 1. The people are solemn and attentive to the word. In a few days we leave with our family to visit our friends in VT.

The last of September. We have been absent some few weeks on our visit. We went by private conveyance by the way of the White Mountains. Stopped on our way with some friends in Conway, NH. We enjoyed our journey to and from VT very much indeed. We came back thro the Franconia Notch. We gazed with delight and admiration upon the grand and imposing scenery along our pathway thro the mountains.

Never shall we forget the scene we witnessed at the close of the day we stayed at one of the public houses beyond the Notch. The sun had gone down, and we had but just arrived at the tavern, as the sky grew dark and distant peals of thunder were heard. Soon the heavens grew darker and the vivid flashes of lightening filled the mountain gorges with one blaze of light. The very mountains shook at the deafening sounds of thunder. The fast falling rain, the fierce winds, the terrific peals of thunder, the darkness of the evening, made more so by the storm, and the majestic scenery around in all conspired to awaken in our minds the thought of God's awful power, and the terrors of a coming judgment.

We find things about as we left them. The school is going on quite well, and it is very well attended.

Oct 5th Today I am 38 years of age. How rapidly days are gliding away! How soon I shall reach the vast ocean of eternity, into which the stream of life enters and is lost! I tried to preach in the morning from Rom. 14:7,8, upon this subject: Consecration to Christ. The savior was with me and I felt to renew my consecration to him.

the 14th Married Stephen Dixion and Hannah Carson both of Lebanon.

Dec 1st The month past there has been more interest manifested in our social meetings. Two have indulged hope in Christ.

The 15th The funeral of sister Eliza Rowe aged 44. She was a member of the South Ch.

### 1859

Jan 1, 1859 Donation Visit. My people made me a very generous offering of some 80.50 mostly in money. We met in the meeting house and enjoyed a very pleasant interview. We were much gratified with this visit. The Lord bless the donors.

Feb 5th The wedding of Thomas M. Chisholm of Milton, NH, and Christina J. Hagdon of this town.

the 9th the funeral of one of the members of this ch. sister Mary Freckey of Rochester aged 63.

The 28th I have attended three burials this week and preached each time. Charles Edgar Sanborn, aged nearly 3, Miss Lydia Pierce of Albion aged 55, and Moses R. Grout aged 42.

For two weeks past Bro. Theodore Stevens, & D. P. Cilley have been with us in a protracted meeting. The meetings have been interesting and deep feeling and solemnity has characterized them. A few have found the pearl of great price, and some have been revived. The great drawback has been the difficulties in the ch. and with the teacher and some of the trustees and others in the community. And yet God has revived his work to some extent. Some of the youth have turned their feet into wisdom's paths and others are anxious. Were it not for these hinderances we might hope to see much good accomplished.

March 7th funeral of Charles E. Pray aged 15.

the 11th The inquiry meetings at my house are interesting. A number of the students are serious and talk very freely upon the subject of salvation and some of them are happy in the Savior's love.

April 26 attended the funeral of Sally Blaisdell aged 80 second wife of Elder John Blaisdell.

May 16th attended the funeral services of Polly Legrae aged 79.



June 16th called again to the house of mourning and to attend the funeral exercises of Samuel Randall aged 66.

July 1st For some weeks past my mind has been much exercised upon the all important subject of holiness. The idea that we must continue in sin that grace may abound, or that it is impossible to live without conscious guilt, seems to me to unreasonable with my views of the provisions of grace. I have enjoyed my mind much in trying to instruct my people upon this subject.

Sept 25, married Anson J. Ring and of Hampstead, NH and Delano D Carson of Lebonon.

Oct 18 attended the funeral of Benjamin Blaisdell aged 70

Nov 1st I am now at Farmington with Bro. Cilley in a protracted meeting some conversions.

the 4 Funeral of the infant daughter of Mr Webster in Rochester

Nov 6 Funeral of sister Mary Wentworth aged 58.

the 24 Wedding of Geo. A. Sulasey of Milton and Lirvie M. Fernald of Lebonon.

## 1860

Jan 11, 1860 Married John B Cotterell and Clara A Sanders both of Epsom, NH Wedding at Pittsfield.

March 18 funeral of Mr Knox aged 59

the 23 Attended the funeral of Noah Lord aged 72 He was a good man and died in peace.

in closing my labors with this people I feel sad, yet I trust that some good has been done during the two years I have spent here. Some have been converted. The church has experienced many trials and still is in difficulty. May God's blessing of love rest upon them. We shall after revert to our labors in Lebonon with pleasurable emotion, tho mingled with sadness, and hope in that day when Christ comes to make up his jewels to meet some who were brought to Christ by us while there, with many others . They have regarded our temporal support with care and interest. The last year we have received 450 dollars.

Epsom April , 1860 the last two years I have been settled over the ch. at West Lebonon, ME. I have accepted a call from this church and return to my former field of labor. When I left I did not expect to ever come back again to become their pastor. And now I feel that I should not if the request of the people had not been earnest. I feel interested in this people and hope that I have not missed the path of duty in resuming the pastoral charge again. Time will tell. Religion is low and some difficulties have sprung up since I left. I hope to see the cause of God prosper here and see

souls converted as in days past. A revival and a new house of worship are the two things that now weigh upon my mind. Oh God, send us prosperity.

The 1st Joined by marriage John Yeaton Jr. and Mrs Caroline B. Cilley both of this town.

the 11th The funeral of Henry Osker only child of Horace and Sarah J. Robinson aged 2 years and 8 months. May the death of this child result in the conversion of their or his soul rather. Sister R. is a follower of the Savior.

The 23 united in marriage Wm. Burnham and Emma C. Wells.

The 15 of May likewise Daniel C. Ayer of Deerfield and Ellen A Yeaton of E.

the 16th Solemnized the marriage of Winthrop Fowler Jr of Pembroke and Ann L. Lock of Epsom.

the 20th attended the funeral of Nora daughter of James and Mary Brown aged 5 years.

June Today Sabbath, baptized James Worth. A good season. This reminds me of past seasons by the water's side when converts were bold to confess their blessed Savior in this sacred ordinance.

July 1st joined in marriage Joseph Morse and Caroline Hopkinson both of this town.

August the 5th The wife of Dea. Wm. Wentworth of Lebonon, ME died this date and the day following I went to L. and attended the funeral. Sister W. was an excellent woman.

Sept 3. The week past we have been to the Beach Hampton and Rye.

the 6th My parents came down from VT today to stop a few days with us.

## 1861

Jan 8. For some weeks past I have been endeavoring to stir up my people to make a special effort for the salvation of souls. How much we need a revival! How hard it is to wake them up!

Feb 11th Today we begin our protracted meeting. No special indications of mercy - must work for a revival.

The 12th. The going is exceedingly bad. Attended the PM the funeral of Sarah Garvin of Chichester.

The 14th Bro. Keniston and Tucker are with us preaching the word to good acceptance. A few are anxious.

The 25th The week past Bro. Curtis has been with us and his labors have been blest of God. It is true but few have started as yet, but the interest is on the increase. Some heads of families are seeking the Lord. Some of the meetings have been very solemn and spiritual.

The 26th joined in marriage Warren D. Foss of Lowell, Mass and Susan F. Yeaton of this town.

March 16th joined in marriage Amos B. Barton of Pittsfield and Mary E. Philbrick of this town.

The 20th The Lord has favored us of late with a moderate shower of divine grace, which has somewhat revived our spiritual vineyard, and caused the seeds of gospel truth to take root in hearts before unfruitful. Some have been quickened in spirit, a few have been reclaimed, and some ten or twelve converted. Our prayer to God is, that he may not take away his Holy Spirit from us, but still give us the gently, and frequent showers of his saving mercy, that we may behold is our midst a type of urgency, consistent, and enduring, and more fruitful piety.

The 26th The meeting at the mountain district this evening has been more than usually interesting. Two ran for prayer.

From time to me since our series of meetings commenced the interest in religion in this ch. especially one branch of it has been good. Oh that I might see all taking hold in the good work of winning souls to Jesus. During most all of the meetings, with very few exceptions, I have enjoyed my mind very well indeed. I feel like trusting all in God.

April 1, 1861 One year has passed since we came here last. Thus far prospects are good. Divisions have been healed, and the ch. is much better united then when I came back. Besides during the fall and winter we have raised over two thousand dollars toward erecting a new house of worship. The building committee are appointed and the timber for the frame all in readiness for use, and some workmen engaged to do the work. "Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it." Ps 127:1. In addition the Lord has revived his work and some have been reclaimed and quite a number have found peace. The Spirit of the Lord is in our midst. In the vicinity of the Short Falls the interest is good.

The 16th Last ever, Sabbath, a very excellent meeting - the brethren and sisters were well engaged and at the close three arose for prayers, two, a man his wife, for the first time.

April 17th. The prospects look dark as to a new house. There is some division as to location. God only knows how I feel about this. The cause must suffer if there is not a new House built, especially since we have gone so far. It is my prayer that we may have light, union and courage to persevere in the work.

The 19th More encouraging prospects. At the Class Meeting last eve two requested prayers. Met today with a young woman who has recently found the Savior.

The 20th Two joined the ch. today one by experience, the other by letter.

My Country. Sad thought that evil war has already commenced. Who can tell the end? Oh God, cause the wrath of man to praise thee, and the remainder restrain. The battle at Charleston, S.C. the 12th and 13th has resulted in the victory of the rebels - Fort Sumter is taken. The seceding States are elated with the victory. President Lincoln has issued a proclamation for 75,000 soldiers and the excitement is intense. Slavery is the cause of all our trouble. The wrath of an offended God hangs like a thick cloud over the South. The Most High will, the freedom of the four millions now held in cruel, abject oppression. War is awful any way, but who could ever describe the horrors of civil war?

Monday 22. Last eve was a most excellent meeting. The time was well improved, and a man and his wife confessed that within the week they had passed from death to life and want to go forward in doing their duty.

The 29th Burial at the Alms house. "Give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with food convenient for me."

The 10th of the month I solemnized the marriage of James L. Wells of E. and Laiza Meserve of Northwood.

May 1st. This morning I have had the privilege of seeing how good religion is in sickness. I have been to see one of God's children, Sister Towle, who is near her end. She is happy in God, and longs to depart this life, and be with Christ in heaven. Death has lost all its terror to her. She remarked that death would be as welcome to her as a good cup of cold water when thirsty.

The 6th Yesterday, Sabbath, was a good day to me. I feel that the Lord helped me to preach his word. In the morning I spoke from these words, "Nay, but I will surely buy thee at a price: neither will I offer burnt-offerings unto the Lord my God of that which doth cost me nothing." 2 Sam 24:24. The theme of my discourse was - The Acceptable Offering. I attempted to show the nature of an acceptable offering, and that religion costs something. In the afternoon I enjoyed my mind very well in discoursing upon the elements and achievements of true Christian faith. My text was this: "According to your faith be it unto you." Matt. 9:29. This sentiment I aimed to establish from the text, that the measure of our success in building of the cause of religion is our faith in Christ. At five o'clock PM I preached at the Mountain school house. At the close of the meeting three rose for prayers. The spirit of the Lord is still with us. We have some trials, but prospects seem to brighten a little. Oh Lord, increase our faith in thee.

May 16 For a few days past the people have been moving the old meeting house - so to be able to build another on the same site. Bro. Wm. Goss has brought and moved the house off; we expect to worship in it till the new house is completed. Last Lord's day, the 12th, we held our meeting in the old house in the road. The house is now on the spot and the old site is clear of this encumbrance. I hope we shall succeed in erecting our contemplated house for God, but it looks dark.

the 20th. Yesterday PM at the 5 o'clock meeting, at the Mountain district one confessed Christ for the first time. Today I attended the burial of Mr Pettingill at the Alm house, supposed to be more than a hundred years old. Having food and raiment let us there with be content.

The 25th Saturday eve. The week past has been a week of unusual mortality in this vicinity especially among the aged. I have attended four funerals and preached three sermons. Monday, Mrs Elizab. Pettingill; Thursday, Mrs Towle; Friday, R. McDaniels, Saturday, John Pond.

The 31st Yesterday I was called to the house of mourning. Betsey Dow a widow lady was suddenly called to the spirit world. At the funeral I enjoyed good liberty in talking from 2 Pet 3:14. I noticed 1. Some things that we are expecting. (1) Death (2) the coming of Christ. (3) The judgment. (4) A eternity of bliss or not. 2. The state we should be found in to be prepared for the things that await us. (1) Holiness. "Without spot". & (2) Happy. "In peace". 3. The duty that we must regard if we would be prepared for the thing that we are looking for. 4. Diligence.

June 2. Joined in marriage today Luther Hoys of Milton and Sarah D. Cochran of Pembroke.

June, Friday 21, 1861. The new Meeting House frame is up. Thank God for this. It was rainy today. Oh that this people would realize her obligations and privileges! I am still trusting in my heavenly Father for success in this enterprise.

June 30 Sabbath PM half past two. I have just returned from worship. I have felt more than usually depressed in Spirit, today. I fear at time that this is not my field of labor. But I am resolved to trust in God for success and leave all with him. This morning the Lord helped me to speak from these words to some effect I trusts. "Blessed are the poor in spirit: for their's is the Kingdom of heaven." I aimed first, to define true poverty of spirit, i.e., to show what it is to be poor in spirit, and second to consider the consequent happiness enjoyed. This PM my text was, "Do thyself no harm". Acts 16:28. I spoke 1. off the injurious tendency of sin, 2. the apostle's warning. The warning I showed to be 1. benevolent 2. timely, 3. the last. But then, how little good my preaching does here. I feel that I need more faith.

July 4 Have been today with my wife and children to visit father Leavitt's family. Today Congress meets to consider the state of the country. Civil war rages, but the government is growing stronger each day. Already 250,000 soldiers are in and about Washington. How can the 100,000 Secessionists meet this mighty force? The free north is awake.

The 5th I have made eight pastoral calls today. One man promised me that he would pray with his wife. My God convert both of their souls to him.

The 13th. This week I have been to New Hampton to attend the Anniversary exercises of that Institution. The closing exercises on Thursday were highly interesting and reflected honor upon the teacher and the different graduating classes.

This PM I have been called to attend the funeral services of Leoclata Libbey of Allenstown.

The 19th This morning I have been out visiting the sick. How much I need the grace of God in this department of my labors!

July 29 One week ago yesterday, the 21st, which was the Sabbath, one of the most bloody battles was fought between the Federal and Secession troops at Bull's Run near Manassas Junction, VA which was ever fought upon this Continent. Our men were successful at first and drove back the enemy and held the ground for sometime; but the enemy being re-enforced and much more numerous. The Federal troops were obliged to retreat, at last. Our forces were some 50,000 and that of the enemy 90,000 strong. Many were killed and wounded on both sides, but the exact number is not known as yet. Less than 1000 were killed on the side of the north or union men, and near 2000 were wounded. The loss of the southern army was much greater. When will nations learn war no more? The Lord hasten the time.

August 6. I have just returned from the funeral of Miss Lorey C. Locke aged almost 39 years. She died the 4th. She was willing to die and we trust has gone home to be with Christ. I spoke from these words, "For the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal." 2 Cor. 4:18 Subject, the seen and the unseen - our relation and duty to each. I enjoyed the favor of Heaven while speaking and hope that the word delivered will do good.

Aug 10 More than usually interesting monthly meeting This PM. Four persons, two husbands and their wives related their experience for baptism.

The 12. Yesterday was a happy day to me. God gave me the privilege of leading down into the water and baptizing 5 precious believers in Christ. David Robinson and wife, Jefferson Edmunds and wife, and Joseph Perkins.

The 16th I have just returned from the funeral of Sarah Frances daughter of B. E. and Abby Sargent who died the 15th, with the diphtheria, aged 5 years and 7 months. I addressed the congregation from the advantages of sanctified afflictions. It is good for me that I have been afflicted. Before I was afflicted I went astray.

the 24th I am made to rejoice in the God of my salvation as he lets me see from time to time that my labor in his service is not in vain. Five have related their experiences for baptism today. It is truly encouraging while there is so much to distract the mind in these times of civil war in our land to see some enlisting to fight the good fight of faith.

Sabbath 25th I baptized John Spalim, his wife joined the ch. by experience at the same time, Franklin Marden and wife, Margaret Chesley, and Sarah Worth, five in all. This season we enjoyed very well indeed. The Spirit's favor was felt in many hearts as the seal of divine acceptance.

The 30th. Have just returned from our PM which was very well attended and quite interesting. It was held with the 2nd Strafford ch. at Crown Point. It was my privilege to assist in the ordination of Bro. Nehemiah C. Twombly - I gave the charge.

Sept 7th A surprise visit. On returning from monthly meeting at our great surprise found my sister Julia, husband, and child on a visit from VT. True friendship is is sweet. We were right glad to see them.

The 8th Today I have administered the ordinance of baptism to six precious believers in Christ. Rufus Baker, James Baker, Mary Baker, and Emily Baker all brothers and sisters. Also Mary Young and Lucy Robinson. Bro. R. Baker's wife joined the church. In the PM we observed the Lord's Supper and the season was a precious one indeed.

The 13th I have been called again to the house of mourning. This PM I preached the funeral sermon of sister Eliza H. Towle. Sister L. died sudden. She had been sick but a few weeks. She leaves a husband and two little children to mourn a great loss.

Sept 23 The week past have been engaged in a protracted meeting at Bow Lake, Strafford. Some interest. The 21 at 6 o'clock saw Judy Jenness' house and barn burn. Nothing certain here.

The 26. National Fast. Met at the Congregationalist house. I preached a discourse upon these words. "Then all the children of Israel and all the people went up and came unto the house of God, and wept, and sat there before the Lord, and fasted that day until even, and offered burnt offerings and peace-offerings before the Lord. And the children of Israel inquired of the Lord-saying Shall I yet again go out to battle against the children of Benjamin my brother, or shall I cease? And the Lord said, Go up; for tomorrow I will deliver them unto thine hand." Judges 20:26 & a part of the 27th and 28th verses. This is an important hour with us as a nation. We are aright in the midst of civil war. Our hope is in God. Have we not the promise of victory? Our cause is a righteous one; and numerically we are strong. And what are we the Divine interposition? In this discourse I gave in the first place a brief account of the war between Israel and Benjamin, and in the second place made an application of the subject to us in our national difficulties. I enjoyed good freedom in speaking.

Oct 21 Yesterday morning about 10 arrived home from a visit to Vt. We left, wife and children the first day of the month and were three days in going. The weather was delightful and we enjoyed our journey much. The foliage was richly adorned in all the beautiful colors of autumn and the view was charming indeed. In our journey to and from fathers we passed through Chichester, Loudon, Canterbury, Northfield, Sanbornton, Merideth, New Hampton, Holdeness, Plymouth, Rumney, Wentworth, Warren, Bolton, Hoverill, New Hampshire; and Newbury, Rigeate, Barnet, St. Johnsbury, to Lyndon VT. We found all our folks well but Dr. Masta who was sick with the typhoid fever. The first Sabbath attended meeting at the Center and preach once. The next Lord's Day we were kept to Barton in consequence of the weather, and preach in the AM at the Methodist house. We attended the Free-will Baptist Anniversaries held at Sutton which were very interesting for these "war times". Geo. has gone to the war and we missed him and Jefferson who is far way on the Pacific shore - digging gold in Oregon. We enjoyed our visit exceedingly well, tho we were sorry to find the Dr. sick. On our way back we made uncle Caleb Gilman's folks a visit at Barnet village and preached in the evening.

Tuesday the 15, in the Congregationalist house. We did not reach home till Sabbath morning in consequence of there in on Saturday, but were in time to preach to our people in Epsom. The

New House is progressing finely and hope to be able to dedicate it to the worship of our heavenly father soon.

The 24. Solemn news from Barton. Dr. Masta is no more. Today he is to be buried. How I wish I could be present to comfort the broken heart of my dear sister! But Jesus, the mourner's best friend is with her. The Dr. was a very successful physician and will be greatly missed. He was a graduate at Dartmouth and well prepared for his profession. He was a member of the Congregational church, and we trust has gone to heaven. He leaves a wife and two children. It is my prayer that this death may be sanctified to us all.

The 28th Today I have been to Pembroke and attended the funeral of Mrs Emeline W. Cilley aged 45. Text - "And we all do fade as a leaf." Is 64:6

The 30 Have been to the funeral of Mrs Clark this PM an aged lady of this neighborhood.

Nov 30 Nothing special has transpired with us the month past. Bro. James B. Stanton, master workman on the meeting house, who has been boarding in our family this summer has left and gone to his home, Lebonon, ME. The most of the time for a few weeks past we have been busily employed in getting fixtures for the new house. Good to see it so nearly completed.

Dec 8, 1861 married Mr Samuel J. Clark and Miss Susan Alden both of Epsom.

Dec 3, 1861 Today we have met to sell the pews of our new meeting house. Full gathering and ready sale. Good union among the pew owners and but few pews unsold.

The 7th Another meeting to sell the few remaining pews and settle with the pew holders. Only two but are disposed of. Our success is much better than we anticipated. Owing to the hard times in consequence of the war it has been difficult to raise money to complete the house. But the Lord has been with us and in his hands the work has succeeded. Dedication Christmas. There is good feeling in the Society.

The 25th To me this has been a good day. Two blessings, I sought specially at the hand of God when this year commenced: one the salvation of souls, and the other success in building a house for God. I have lived to see my prayers answered in these two respects, in a way that I doubt not that the Lord has been with me to prosper his work in my feeble hands. Today we have dedicated our house of worship to the worship of the Most High and the advancement of his cause in the world. Last Sabbath I preached my last discourse in the old house from Ps. 48:12,13; today, I preach the first in the new from Gen. 28:17. "This is none other but the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven". In my discourse I discussed two points, viz.; First, Some of the appropriate uses of the house of God, and second, the immense value of Christian opportunities there in. The exercises passed off well, and we had a very good meeting indeed.

When this hand that now holds this pen shall have long ago crumbled back to mother dust, may this church edifice which we today consecrate to the Lord, be still standing and occupied by a faithful and deeply spiritual ministry and well filled with pious an attentive hearers. And when the



books are opened and Christ comes to make up his jewels than may we know indeed that this house has not been built in vain, but has been the birth-place of many souls, who shall shine as the stars for ever and ever.

Sabbath 29th For the first time we have worshipped on the Lord's day in our new house. I preached in the AM from Hag 2:9: and in the PM from Is 35:8-10. I tried to show what constitutes the glory of the house of God, and urged the importance of making this house to surpass the former in spirituality and success in advancing the cause of God and winning souls to Christ.

## 1862

Time is ever on the wing. Another year has passed and its acts sealed up for the judgment. Never has this nation been so rent by civil discord as now. For the last few months hundreds of lives have perished in civil war, and the end is not yet. How many hearts have been made sad during the year just closed, in consequence of death's doings! And how we shudder with fear as the eye runs along the line of the future. But there is an over ruling Providence and we still hope that he will bring us out of all our national difficulties, and cause this unhappy war to result in good to this nation and the final overthrow of this wicked system of American slavery. Today, we feel like buckling on the whole armor of the Lord and still fighting the good fight of faith. This blessing I am sure above all others - holiness of heart and success in leading souls to Christ and building up his precious cause. Oh how poor I feel. Blessed Savior, do be with me, and fill my soul with thy perfect love. Direct my future course and make the place of my feet glorious.

the 5th First communion season in the new house. Read an interesting letter from Bro. Coverno. The day has been cold, but we had a good season.

The 9th; Visited a young man today, a soldier in the army, who has lately returned to his home, owing to ill health. Some ten days ago he promised me that he would pray mentally, that God would convert his soul and prepare him for his heavenly kingdom. That promise he has kept and feels different in his mind.

The 10th. Today I have attended the funeral of two little boys, Frank and Geo. Pond, one aged 4 and the other 2 years. The only children of Geo. H. and Sarah A. Pond of this town. There was only a few hours difference in their deaths, and they were both put into one coffin and buried in our grove. This is a serious affliction to these youthful parents, but yet mingled with mercy.

The 13th Yesterday had an exchange with the Methodist minister at Suncook, Bro Green. In the PM enjoyed unusual liberty in preaching from Rev. 7:14 "These are they which came out of great tribulation".

The 14th. This PM and evening my people have made us a donation visit. Good attendance. They left for our benefit in money 17.00 dollars, in all about 31.83. Many thanks for all their kindness to us.

The 19th Married in the meeting house Alfred Kimball of Haverhill of Mass. and Mira B. Chesley of this town.

The 19th great battle at Somerset KY. The Federal troops victorious.

The 27th No meeting yesterday owing to the great storm. Bro. J. P. Nutting and myself have enjoyed a precious season in getting up a plan for a sermon on Ps 142:4; and John 1:42.

Feb 3. I enjoyed excellent freedom in discoursing upon this text yesterday, "He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire," Luke 3:16, upon the baptism of the Spirit. Not many days hence, I hope we shall all be filled with his gracious favor. "Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly dove".

Feb 20 For a few days past, it has seemed very solemn with us. I have had an unusual number of funerals to attend. The 14 I attended the funeral of sister Sarah Burnham, a mother in Israel indeed. She died happy being some 65 years of age. The day following I attended the burial of Mr. A. D. Lock's twin girls aged 3 years. They were beautiful little girls and both buried in our grove.

Monday the 17th. I preached the funeral sermon of Mary P. Horn aged 29. She was exceedingly unwilling to die at first. Early in the summer on one lovely Sabbath she went into the forest nearby, and alone before God in earnest, believing prayer she gave all up for Christ, and came back to her house rejoicing in the Rock of her salvation. Even after this till she died she could say, Thy will oh Lord be done. Her end was peaceful.

The 18th. I attended the funeral of a little girl aged 3 years, the daughter of Thomas J. and Martha J. Ames. It was hard for them to give up little Hellen, their only child. Will not this death be the means of bringing them to Christ? This evening went to Concord to hear Henry Ward Beecher lecture.

The 21. Today I have been to visit a man between 60 and 70, near 70 probably, sick, who says, "I have not religion, but I want religion", who kneeled with me in prayer and made a short prayer himself, who said this was the first time that he ever kneeled in prayer. I think he is not far from the Kingdom.

The 22nd This is Washington's birthday. Tho dead he speaks. The war for the union and the government is making successful progress. Our troops have recently taken Roanoke Island, Fort Henry, and Fort Donaldson. The power of the enemy is weakened. Already rebellion is nearly exterminated in Mo. and Ky.

The 23rd An exchange today with Bro. Edgerly Barnstead. In the evening the wedding of Mr. Philip E. Bartlett and Miss Matilda Danielson both of Northwood.

The 26th Philip E. & Abbie P. Bartlett's only child, Winslow H. aged 1 year and 4 months and 10 days was buried this PM. The child died in Northwood the 24th, and was buried in this town.

March 3. This evening preached at the Narrows Northwood. Mr Bartlett and wife ran for prayer. Life divine will spring from this chastisement no doubt.

The 7th This eve an excellent meeting at the mountain district. Four arose for prayers.

Saturday eve the 8th. Today my soul has magnified the God of my salvation. Nearly 40 at the monthly meeting. Our wanderer was present and confessed his backslidings. Oh a spirit of the Lord was with us. The meeting seemed solemn because two of our brethren were about to leave for California and this was their last meeting with us.

Monday the 10th Yesterday I enjoyed the privilege of hearing a young brother dispense the word of life who is just beginning to improve his gift, that I saw converted and had the privilege of baptizing four years ago this spring. A young woman confessed her need for Christ at the evening meeting at Bro. N. Bickford's.

The 14th. Today I have been to the houses of mourning. Bro. M. M. Libbey has buried his 2nd wife this PM. Susan C. aged 59. She died the 11th.

### **(Death of daughter Delia)**

March 18. Oh, what a deeply solemn day this has been and the few days past to us! We have today buried our dear little Delia. Can it be that she has left us and that we are never to see her again in this life? She died Sunday morning, the 16th, about half past two. Her age was seven year and seven months and eight days. She was sick only one week, and died with the diphtheria. At the first of her sickness she said that she should not get well, and wanted to die and go to heaven, to be with Jesus. She said to her mother, If I die I want some flowers placed around my head. She told us of certain things of hers, that she wants us to have if she died. She often spoke of dying and going to heaven when she was well. While we were on a visit with our children last fall to VT, she said to her grandmother, who asked her to come and make her a visit next summer, "Maybe that I shall be in heaven next summer". When speaking of another world a few days prior to her last, said, "Mother, I shall die and go to heaven, and I shall be an angel, and I shall have little wings, and I shall fly. You will die too, and you will come up to heaven, and you will say, where is little Delia?" In speaking of her grave she said that she wanted a tree planted by it as a monument to mark her resting place. She was a good little girl and we miss - especially her sister so near her age. We praise the Lord that he permitted her to live with us so long. The funeral, the first in our new house of worship, was attended by Bro Silas Courtner of Concord who preached an able and an interesting discourse from 2 Cor 1:4. The following is an obituary notice of her death as published in the Morning Star. Died in Epsom, March 16, of diphtheria, Delia, daughter of Rev. Moses A. & Naomi L. Quimby, aged 7 years and 7 months. Delia was the oldest of two daughters, which were the only children of these fond parents. She was very suddenly taken from them and has gone to live with Jesus in the heavenly mansion. Com.

The following are some excellent lines dedicated to her memory.

## For the Morning Star

Inscribed to Rev. & Mrs. Moses A. Quimby, in memory of their daughter, who died March 16, aged 7 years and 7 months.

"I am going home" said the dying child, "I am going to be an angel now;" And the little suffer meekly smiled, And a holy light played over her brow - "Papa you've held us on your knee, And often talked of Jesus' love, How little one like sis and me Were carried in His arms above. And when, dear father, you have told Of that great city, bright and fair, With gates of pearl and streets of gold, O how I've wished I could be there. Now I shall live in that dear home, The blessed Savior I shall see; But hark! there's something saying 'come', It is the angels calling me. I know you'll weep when I am gone, I love you all, but cannot stay; You know I shall not go alone, These shining ones will lead the way. Mother, you know I've loved the flowers, The singing birds, the summer breeze; When sick and weak, and the long bright hours, I've pined to play, neath the tall green trees. Tis all past now, but this I crave, When you have lain me with the dead, Come plant a tree above my grave To spread its branches o'er my head. The tree I know you wont forget, But as it grows from year to year, Beneath its shade you'll come and sit, And think, perhaps, that I am near. The little form grew still and chill, And fainter, shorter, grew each breath, One feeble moan, and all was still - The solemn, - awful hush of death. A Friend is there, yet there's a cloud The light of his loved face to hide, His hands are strange, for there's a shroud To veil the marks of the Crucified. He speaks, His voice is our unknown, The stricken hearts grew faint with fear, For ne'er before had the Holy One, In robes of death, approached so near. The bosom heaves with strange wild pain, The earth seems hid beneath a pall, While sorrow's waves like the surging main With o'welming floods on the spirit fall. The August One comes nearer still - His dark-gloved hand has touched the heart, Its chords with deeper anguish thrill, Its tendrils, bleeding - quivering - part. The conflict's past. These severed ties Have loosed at last their tender hold, When lo - before your weeping eyes, The Savior's arm your child enfold. Now, O what majesty and grace, Compassion, love and tenderness Are beaming from that glorious face, As words divine the mouners bless. The vision, rising now from sight, In distant glory melts away, As stars that cheer the long dark night, Are lost at last in brightening day. Still dawn the skies there steals a tone, Soft breathing of the Father's love, "Yet nearer, nearer to my throne, Your treasure and your heart above." The wound must bleed, the tears must fall, Life's sweetest, holiest ties are riven; One glorious hope still glows thro' all You'll find your angel child in heaven.

Christiania B. Cowell

West Lebanon, ME April 1862

April 1st I feel that my heavenly Father is making the death of my dear one a great blessing to me. She is much in my thoughts, and I seem often to hear her sweet voice, and to see her lovely face peering from the window as I used to when returning from my calls among my people. But she is in heaven and to meet her I know that I must be pure in heart. "For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth".

The 3rd Tomorrow, Providence favoring, I expect to make my friends a visit in VT. Since Delia's death my health has been feeble so that I have been under the Dr's care and have not been able to meet my people on the Sabbath all the time.

I now expect to remain with this people a while longer. I did have strong impressions that it was my duty to leave and go to Bow Lake, Stafford receiving an urgent and unanimous call from the ch. and people there, but death and sickness in the family gave me different impressions of duty. I desire to follow the clear indications of divine Providence.

the 22. Yesterday I came home from VT. Owing to high water in the Merrimac I was detained over the Sabbath at Concord. I have had an excellent visit with my parents and other relatives. I enjoyed the privilege of going into father's sugar yard very much indeed - eat all the hot sugar I wanted. Fifteen years or more have passed since I have been at home at this season.

How different it seems from what it used to be! The children all away. My two brothers, George, Capt. in the army and Jefferson away off in Oregon mining. Father and mother alone on the old farm. Frequently did I think of our dear one so lately gone up to live with Jesus in heaven.

#### **Delia's little Prayer**

Oh Lord, bless father. Help him to preach the gospel. May he be good. May I love the Savior, and when I die go to heaven.

Oh Lord, bless uncle George out in the army. May he be good. Drive back the rebels. May he come home.

May 1st Two weddings this AM at the parsonage. Octavius W. Fellows and Melissa A Barton, both of Pittsfield. Also Geo. S. Smith of Chichester and Arvilla A. Fellows of Pittsfield.

the 3rd Garham P. Pond and Thersaess M. Hayes, both of this town.

The 12th Yesterday was an interesting season to us. Our communion service was deeply spiritual and refreshing to my soul. Two added to the ch. one a young man of promise who is a member of Dartmouth College. Is not God calling him to the great work of winning souls to Christ?

The 15th In my visits today I found a young woman under deep conviction. She is not willing to confess Christ with the mouth.

The 17th Last eve married John A. Walker and Emma A. Eaton both of Pittsfield.

The 24th joined in marriage Benjamin Thompson and Helen S. Lancaster both of Northwood.

The 30th. This week I have been to the DM assisted in the ordination of Bro. Joseph H. Brown - gave the charge. The meeting was one of interest. This PM preached the funeral sermon of Mrs Sanborn who died yesterday aged 68.

### **(Death of Dr. Masta's child)**

June 3 Today funeral of Mr. Masta's child. A fortnight ago attended the funeral of another child. These children were aged 3 & 5. I have attended the funeral of seven children in this neighborhood within a few months.

Monday 16th Last Thursday we, myself, wife and Alida left home to attend the Yearly Meeting held at East Andover about 30 miles distant. Dined at Bro. Joseph Clough's at Canterbury Centre. Death has entered his family. A son, a Lieut. Col. in the rebel army fell in the battle of Fort Donaldson. Sorrow finds a home in many hearts in this nation.

### **Observations at the Yearly Meeting.**

The conference opened Friday at 10 o'clock. The DM's were well represented by their respective delegates. The letters breathed a high devotional spirit; both to our God and country in this day of treason of the south. Some ch. have enjoyed precious revivals the year past. We noticed as visiting brethren from other YM's Woodman and Lyford from the VT, Burgess from the RI and MA, and Burbank, Brook, Cheney, and Knowlton from the Maine YM's. One hundred and twenty were baptized at Lewiston, ME by immersion the Sabbath of the YM. Cheney spoke of the revival there. Other religious leaders were represented in Conf. The business in Conf. was transacted in order and harmony.

The benevolent societies, missions, education held their annual meetings in connection with the YM. I can speak more specially of the Home Mission as I am a member of the board. We held our session at Bro. Samuel Brown's most all night. He had made arrangements to that we all lodged there - most all. I shall always remember the delightful singing of the brethren on our way to Bro. B.'s some more than a mile from the meetings, as we stoped and gathered around a large rock by the road side and sang in the twilight of eve the hymn beginning, "Forever with the Lord", and also " I am a pilgrim." A brother in western NY the year past has willed some 4000 to the YM fund.

It may be proper to notice the meeting of worship. In the social meetings the Spirit's power was felt as fathers and mothers and friends spoke of their sons and companions in the army. Much was said of the benefits of prayer. The last meeting Sabbath eve some manifested a desire for prayers. Preaching on the Sabbath at both houses. Nutting, Vary in the Christian Baptist house, Woodman, Knowlton, and myself at the FW Baptist house. The sermons at our house were as follows: Text, Luke 9:43,44 Subject the favors of God manifested in Christ as the true Messiah. Ps 73:28 Nearness to God. Luke 3:16. The Baptism of the Spirit. Attendance large - effect of preaching good.

### **Reflections**

More time is needed to make all these meetings interesting as desirable. Every church should be represented at the YM. The need of a higher type of piety is felt and sought by some. May the number increase.

Each returning session brings its changes, reminding us that we are hastening on to the great gathering of God's elect in our glorious home above. Little did we think when at Strafford one year ago that before another session of the YM we should be called to part with our beloved daughter. Little Delia is not here to ask her many questions about the meeting. Oh Lord, how my heart yearns to get home and meet her in heaven! But as the living requires my longer stay. Oh yes. let me remain a little longer to point souls to Christ, and then I hope to rise to the blest state of the glorified, and there recognize that dear one and join with her in singing the Redeemer's praise to harps of gold.

The 19th This PM I have been called to attend the funeral of Bro. Wm. Monson aged 88 years and 6 months. Bro. M. has been journeying heavenward more than 50 years. He died the 17th. Text, Phil 3:21. Many precious opportunities have I enjoyed with this father in Israel during the past twelve years. His theme was religion.

July 4th We have been to Pittsfield today to assist father Leavitt's. Sad thoughts steal in upon my meditations of the past. One year ago Delia was with us. Great excitement at this time owing to the war. The Union army in retreating from Richmond has fought the rebels for some six days past. The loss on both sides is immense. We have lost over 15,000 dead, wounded, and missing. The rebels estimate their loss to be more than 25,000. Oh what a cruel war!

the 19th Today I have received a letter from bro. George. He is in McClellan's army near Harrison's Landing on the James river. He has been in three engagements and thru the mercy of God he still lives. He is captain the 4th Vermont Regiment. I hope that God will spare his life that may live to be useful in his cause.

The 21st It is now one year since the Battle at Bull's Run. Many battles have been fought the year past and many lives have been sacrificed. When will the end come? The union army has seemed to be successful till of late. The recent battles before Richmond have seemed to be rather against us. The President has called for 300,000 more soldiers and the settled determination of the government is to put down this huge rebellion. Over one half of a million have volunteered prior to this. The great cause of this rebellion is slavery and the thirst for dominion. May the war soon close and with it I hope to see slavery go down. How much trouble this sin has caused: "A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump".

Aug 3 Sabbath. Attended the funeral of Betsey Leavitt of Allentown at the place of her residence in that town. It was her wish that I should preach on the occasion Text PS 61:2 God helped me to speak his word and I trust good was done.

August 8th We have just made a visit to Delia's grave. If she had lived, today she would have been eight years of age. Oh what thoughts stir the mind, what emotions swell the heart as we stand beside the silent mound and call up the past! I am happy beside the grave of my child, tho. in sadness and tears. The resurrection is my hope and comfort. I seem to hear the voice of my Savior as of old, "I am the resurrection".

Aug 19. Wedding of Mr Harvey Johnson and Miss Mary A. Morrill both of Pittsfield.

Aug 20th The war fever runs high. Eight of our brethren have recently enlisted besides other members of my congregation.

The 23rd This PM we had an extra monthly meeting at Dea. Tripps - about 37 were present. A number of our brethren who have joined the army were present, probably some of them for the last time. The spirit of the meeting was excellent, and our young brother related his experience for baptism.

The 30th Monthly conference met at the meeting house and two young sister were received as candidates for baptism and church membership.

Aug 31 Baptized Bro. Joseph Bartlett today, Sunday, and had communion in the PM. A portion of the time was occupied by the brethren who soon leave us for the seat of war. We enjoyed our mind well in administering both ordinances. The Lord was indeed with us. In the AM I preached with some freedom from these words: "And lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world". Matt 28:20. My theme was, Christ always with us, and I tried to apply the subject to those who have enlisted to fight the battles of our country.

Sept 11th Today I have been to Concord to witness the departure of the 11th Regiment for Washington. The scene I shall never seen forget. It was most affecting to see, but much more so to kindred friend, to take the parting hand. Most all appeared deeply solemn while others shed the parting farewell tear. Some over thirty from this town were in this Regiment and a number of our best brethren. It seemed to me that I never loved them so well. This eve we miss them in the Class room; but our prayers go with them. Nine of the members of this ch. are in this Reg. beside others who are members of our congregation.

the 15th Yesterday was a good tho. solemn day to us. In the morning I preached the funeral sermon of Harvey Marden soldier in the 7th NH Regt. of Vol's who died at Beaufort, SC Aug 8. My text was, "What I do thou knowest not now; but thou shalt know hereafter", John 13:7. I noted 1. that the providences of God are often mysterious to us; 2. that they will all be made plain in the future world. At noon I baptized two interesting young sisters: Annie Fowler and Reheuhower J. Locke. In the PM I preached from Ruth 1:16,17 upon the subject of Christian attachment in the church of Christ. I made the attachment of Ruth to Naomi illustrate Christian attachment.

At noon today, the 15th I joined in marriage Mr. Geo. F. Merserve and Miss Livonia L. Emerson both of this town.

the 16th The funeral of Elmer Erwin, son of B. F. Towle of Northwood, aged 18 months. How sweet the thought that our little ones are with Christ in heaven!

The 23rd I have been to Concord today to visit the Soldiers encamped there. Three Regiments are now encamped on the fair ground in close proximity, the 12th, 13th, and 14th, nearly 3000 men. This makes business lively at C.



the 25th I have been to Deerfield today to preach the funeral sermon of Bro. Moses Thompson. For years he has been confined to his house or unable to perform any manual labor. He died happy in God aged 67.

The 26th This evening married True B. Marston and Martha A. Buzzell both of this town.

The 29th. Yesterday I preached at Suncook on exchange. I enjoyed unusual freedom in discoursing from Divine truth. Preached in the morning upon the unearthly character of Christ's Kingdom. "My Kingdom is not of this world." John 18:36 Text in the PM Matt 18:3.

The first of October. This PM attended the funeral of a young child of Mr A. Daust.

Oct 6, 1862 Yesterday, Sabbath, the 5th, was my birthday. Forty one years of life's journey is completed, and I find that I am just beginning to descend the western slope of life. At this period of my existence, I seem to stand as upon some commanding eminence; on the one hand I see my fellow beings, the youthful, the strong, and the active, pressing to the goal I am now passing, while on the other hand, I beholdeth the strength of manhood, the hope of coming generations, and the good and venerable ripe with the experience of years, descending behind the western hills of life, soon to pass over Jordan into the promised land. I feel in regard to my own heart, my consecration to Christ, my gracious Redeemer, very much as expressed in the text I used yesterday, "There remaineth yet very much land to be possessed." Joshua 13:1 In respect to the individual heart, the family, the church, the congregation, the benevolent causes, and the world at large there is indeed very much land to be possessed and cultivated.

Oct 13 Yesterday I enjoyed excellent freedom in preaching from Mark 16:16. I noted 1. the nature of saving faith; 2. considered the relation of baptism and faith in the salvation of the soul; and 3. Considered the consequences of unbelief. I know not what it is to be damned in the future world and I hope I never shall. Salvation by Christ is a most precious and valuable blessing.

The 16 I attend two funerals. At half past one that of Mrs Pond of this town aged 72 and Truman Marden one of our Sabbath school scholars aged 10. He was an interesting and promising lad.

Nov 7. Bro. Michael M. Libbey is no more. He departed this life the 5th aged 70. He was a member of this church and a very excellent man. Since I came to this town I have attended the funeral of his mother, his first wife, and daughter, and now his. Also, I married him to his second wife and baptized his children, three daughters. Mary and Martha still live. In visiting them one is reminded of Christ's visit to Bethany.

Nov 14 Bro. Edward H. Sanders is no more. He has gone home. He was a young man of promise. I trust that God made me useful in leading him to Christ. He was a member of Dartmouth College. Today I preached his funeral sermon. He is life so brief, 24 years, seems like a promising spring with the heavens all bright, and blue, and full of sunshine, with singing birds and blossoming trees, indicating full growth in summer, and a mature harvest in autumn. And so we

Speak of him as the tree whose blossoms in rich profusion lie scattered over the fields, while the fruit fall on heavenly fields, to be gathered by angelic hands.

Dec 13 This afternoon I have been to the house of mourning again. This is the third funeral of this family that I have been called to attend. They died with consumption. Jacob H. Wiggins was nearly 22 years of age at the time of his death. In conversation with me a few days before his death he said, "I think it will be well with me. I long to have the time come."

The 17th Death reigns all around us. They die in the army and here too. I have been to Allenstown this PM to attend the burial service of Mrs Clara P. Evans who died quite suddenly aged 36 years. She was a good woman and has gone to rest.

Dec 31, 1862 This closes the eventful year of 1862. What a year to us and to many others in this land. How fearfully evil war has raged in this country. Thousands have fallen over the field of battle and by disease.

#### **(Death of George Washington Quimby)**

Sunday eve, the 21. The sad intelligence reached us by way of the telegraph and a friendly messenger from Concord, that my dear brother George had fallen in the recent battle at Fredericksburg, VA. The next morning I with Mrs Quimby and Alida left to attend his funeral in VT at fathers. When we arrived at Well's River we ascertained that his body was aboard the cars. How mournful it seemed to us! We arrived at fathers, about seven in the evening, and what a solemn meeting it was! How we wept for our dear friend layed low by the hound of treason! How grateful we felt to have the body, and enjoy the sad privilege of looking upon that ever pleasant and manly countenance, now cold in death. Capt. George Washington Quimby is no more. He has fought his last battle Death is vanquished - the spirit is free. He died in the battle at Fredericksburg, VA, Saturday, Dec 13, 1862 aged 27 years and 3 months lacking five days. As the light of that long-to-be-remembered day was fading away, as night shades came stealing on and the bloody scene of that day was soon to close, he fell while heroically sustaining his position in the front line of battle, pierced through the neck by a bullet, causing almost instant death. He never spoke. He fought with iron courage where the lead and iron hail had been terrific through the entire day. He did not quail but died a hero said the Chaplain in a letter to me. He enlisted Sept. 1861 as Lieutenant in a Co. that went from Barton his native state. But subsequently he was promoted to the Captaincy in which office he served his country with skill and acceptance. He was soon to have been appointed Major of his Regiment. He was left in the 4th Vt. Reg. Co. D and served under Gen. Burnside in Gen. Franklin's grand division, Smiths cops., at the time of his death. He also served under Gen. McClellan during the campaign up the Peninsula and was in the battle at Yorkstown, or Lee's Mills, near that place, Fair Oaks, and in the seven day battle before Richmond. The most of the time his health was very good. He helped cover Gen. Pope's retreat and then went in to Maryland, and the only thing that prevented him from being in the battle at Antietam was his health at that time, tho, he was able to join his Regiment immediately upon the close of the battle.

His body, by the great exertion of the Lieutenant and special the Chaplain, Rev J.L. Roberts, Chelsea, NH, was saved from the hands of rebels, sent to Washington, where it was embalmed and at once sent to father for interment. His funeral took place, the 24th, at the Free Will Baptist house where large numbers met to weep with those who weep, and pay their last respects at departed worth. Our national flag, with its stars and stripes, hung over the pulpit and on the opposite walls, cold in mourning, with its stars weeping over the lifeless remains of the brave man laid low in death by rebellion, while appropriate mottoes, "Lyndon - weeps for her son" and "Barton mourns a friend and officer" adorning two beautiful flags, one at each end of the coffin, told how highly the deceased was esteemed as a friend and a Christian patriot. Rev. M.C. Henderson preached an excellent discourse from the words: "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." Rev J Woodman and L.G. Harris made the prayers - they were good and comforting to our broken hearts.

### 1863

Jan 26, 1863 Yesterday, Sabbath, we attended the funeral services of Bro. Levi G. Young and Wm. B. Perkins, soldiers, who died at Falmouth, VA. Bro Y. died Dec 19. Mr Perkins, the 25th. The former belonged to the 11th, Mr Perkins to 6th NH Regiments. They both sleep near where they died on the banks of the Rappa Tamack, whose waters will long sing the sad requiem of the gallant and noble dead, who have died there by disease, and in the battle of Fredericksburg, who will awake no more till the trump of God shall call them to judgment. Then we hope to meet these brethren with others who have gone up from camps, hospitals, and battlefields to wear the fodeless crown of life. Their ages were 39 and 29. Text - Rom 8:18.

Feb 14 the funeral of David Dickey aged 85. The aged must die.

The 17 The burial of Simon Grant aged 87. "And there is no discharge in that war".

The 29th For a few days past I have been at Northwood assisting Bro. E. Manson in a "three days meeting". No special interest, but a good meeting. The brethren seem to want to get nearer to God. I preached three times with a good degree of liberty. There are some signs of rain. According to your faith, so be it unto you.

March 7th For two days past I have been holding some meetings with the brethren at North Chichester in company with Bro. Swain. But few attended the meetings, yet they were quite interesting. They seemed to confirm and strengthen the faith of the few brethren who reside there. The church is very small, but some have been revived anew of late.

March 18, 1863 How soon a year has passed, and what solemn changes have occurred. One year today and we followed our dear one to the silent resting place of the dead. How vivid that recollection!

The 19th I joined in marriage Samuel W. Cobb and Susan A. Richardson both of Northwood.

The 20th I contemplate seeking another field of labor. I have before me an invitation to visit Gilmanton Iron Works, South Ware, and Amesbury, MA. Oh Lord, guide me by thy Holy Spirit, and lead me to that place where I can do the most good. I desire to be useful in winning souls to Christ. Choose than a place for me, my heavenly Father. And I will fill it the best I can. Lead thou me, by the light of thy countenance and in blessing me make me a blessing to others. Oh how unworthy I am! I feel that without Jesus Christ I can do nothing.

The 27th This PM I preached the funeral sermon of a little girl, whose clothes accidently caught fire, and so burned her that she soon afterwards died. She was a bright little girl aged nearly four years. Little Jeanette Lirfe is now an angel and can die no more.

March 30, 1863 Yesterday I closed my labors with this church a second time. I have been the pastor of this people in all ten years and seven months; seven years and seven months the first time, and three years the last. And now in leaving, it seems much like going away from home.

### Parting words

A solemn sadness steals over the heart, As we now from our parish friends part; But a bright beaming light shines from a far, Tis the rays of the bright Morning Star. We hail in prospect its christial light, And watch its dawn with pleading delights; And we know now it cannot be long, Ere we shall join in Redemption's Song.

April 3. Attended the funeral of Wm. Hains wife Esq. aged 70 years. She lived in Epsom opposite the parsonage. She had been a great sufferer; for more than eight years she had been confined to her bed. She has gone to rest we trust.

April 6, 1863 Yesterday I commenced my labors with the people at Gilmanton Iron Works. The people appear united in me and I hope to be useful among them. But who is sufficient for these things? I mean to live nearer to the Lord than I have. Oh for holiness of heart! Give me, oh my Father, more faith in thee and thy word. Souls are precious, and how can I see them perish? I hope to see presently that I am in the right field by the prosperity that my Lord gives me. I believe that if I am right the blessing of Heaven will attend my humble labors in his vineyard.

April 18 Being at Epsom I attended the funeral of Mrs Benjamin Sanborn aged 65.

April 24, 1863 Today our goods arrived and we find ourselves quite well provided as to house, etc. It is a task to move, but this is not the greatest burden to bear. How our minds go back to our old field of labor. Pleasant associations revive in the heart together with bad ones. We trust the Spirit of the Lord has led us here, and we hope to feel at home in our new field. The people seem kind and friendly.

May 27. We have been to the house of mourning. We are taught to weep with those who weep. We have buried today a worthy soldier, Joseph Dockhom, a member of this church who died at Washington from the effects of a wound received in the late battle at Chancelorville, VA. He was well resigned and died happy. He talked much with his father who went to see him upon the

subject of religion and prayed for a long time for his friends and the youth of this place. He was a promising young man aged 22.

Sabbath May 31 This AM I was called to preach the funeral sermon of A. G. Gilman aged 18. He died the 28. This PM I preached a sermon upon the death of Horace R. Smith aged 28 who was killed May the 3rd in the battle near Fredericksburg. He was a fine young man and a valiant soldier. His body rests beneath the soil drenched with the blood of freemen who died to save their country from treason and despotism.

The same day, 31st, joined in marriage Arvin L. Nutter of this town and Nancie A. Vincent of Barnstead.

June 7 I attended this PM the burial service of Ira Flanders who died at Washington from the effects of wounds received in the late battle at Chancellorville, VA. How sad that so many of our New England sons must yield up their lives in consequence of this wicked rebellion of the South.

The 15th The week past we attended the Yearly Meeting at Gilford. Large attendance and an excellent meeting. On the Sabbath, PM I preached at Laconia for Dr. Young. Text - Rev 7:14.

The 17th Funeral of sister Abigail Edgerly aged 62. I preached from these words. "And they sang a new song."

The 23rd. The aged must die. I have just returned from the funeral of Dudley Young aged 75 years. I preached from these words, " So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom." Ps 90:12 Sentiment: that the improvement of time according to God's method of instruction is the attainment of true wisdom.

June 25 I have just returned from the funeral of Horace L. Munsey who died at Alexandria, VA. The funeral was at Mr. Sattles, his father-in-law. His body was brought home and buried near Barnstead Centre. The much worn Testament that Christian benevolence placed in his hands when he left, was brought home and used at the funeral. With his own fingers a leaf was turned down at these words, which we were requested to use in preaching his funeral sermon: "These things have I spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. in the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world". He was a good soldier.

The 29 Saturday I went to Epsom and on the Sabbath preached the funeral sermon of Wm. Yeaton aged 33 years who died in the hospital near New Orleans, LA, May 26. He was a private in the 8th NH Regt. He was a good soldier and a Christian. He sleeps in a strange soil far from home and friends. But his body shall rise at the resurrection of the just, to die no more.

July 1 I have been today to attend the funeral of one of our brethren who died quite sudden with the lung fever. Bro. Isaac Diamond Young will be much missed. His age was 40 years and six months. Death found him as at the beginning of his sickness he felt unprepared for so great a change. But ere he passed the bounds of time he became fully reconciled to the will of God and died peaceful.

July 6 The news from the far South West and from the army of the Potomac is highly gratifying. Vicksburg has surrendered and the rebel army under Lee has been defeated by Gen. Mead in a great battle at Gettysburg, PA. The battle was fought on the 1st, 2nd, & 3rd. The loss on both sides is immense. What a cruel war this is.

July 12 My trust is in Jesus. He is my all. It seems to me that I love him more than ever. How I wish I could preach him better!

Aug 18 Again have I been called to preach the funeral sermon of a soldier. Sidney C. Hill's, whose funeral I attended today, was a private in Co. A. 1st NH Regiment recently from Fort Hudson, LA. He came home with his Regt. and lived just one week after his return. He was 20 years of age.

22. Another funeral today. Geo. W. Aikins died, the 19, in the hospital at Brattleborough VT. He was a musician in a Brigade Band. Often with the greatest pleasure had he played our national airs, but now all is quiet. He is praising God to harps of gold we trust.

Sept 21, 1863 For the last few weeks I have been with my family on a visit to my friends in Vermont. We left here, Gilmanton, the first day of the month. We left in company with our Sabbath school on a excursion over the lake from Alton to Center harbor. There were 245 tickets sold, so that we had a full company. The day was pleasant and all were much delighted with the excursion. We put our team aboard the boat. From Center harbor we went to Sandwich and stopped there two nights and one day. Stood on the rock where Eld. Joseph Quimby was ordained and repeated these words, "On this rock I will build my church".

Thursday the 3rd we passed over Sandwich mountains and Alida often sang, "Come, children come, hear the Savior proclaiming". The day was pleasant and we were as interested as ever to gaze on the hills and mountains, the rivers and valleys. The Old Man of the mountain looked as familiar as twenty years ago when first we were pointed to it by him who long since passed to his reward. I love these wild and raw mountain retreats where one can see and feel so much of the grand and sublime. Found friends at the old homestead in usual health and very glad to see us. Tho sad in thinking of those never to greet us on earth's shores again. As we passed through the different rooms we could see many things to remind us of George. There hung his sword, glasses, and pistol, and the clothes he used to wear.

The 6th I preached for Bro. Henderson and was glad to meet old friends once more.

The 11,12,& 13th. attended the VT Yearly Meeting. Our brethren are about establishing an institution of learning the state. The location principally spoken of is East Orange. Left for home the 16th and were three days in coming home. Came by the way of Well's River, Haverhill, etc. Arrived at our home the 18 feeling somewhat fatigued with the journey but in usual health. The Divine Hound has guarded us during all our absence and may we love him more and serve him better. Once more I have had the privilege of visited father and mother. The last time must be near if this is not. But I am thinking of another home where other friends are waiting for me.

Oct 4 This PM preached the funeral sermon of Hazen D. Nutter, a private in the 15th Regiment who died at Bottom Round, LA. Text: "Oh earth, earth, earth, hear the word of the Lord".

The 15th Today I am 42 years of age. Can it be? And so I am passing on to that land from which I shall not return. This morning myself and wife started for Lowell, Mass to attend the Anniversaries. Dined in Epsom and tarried over night with cousin Geo. W. Quimby's at Manchester. The next day went to Lowell. There we visited in the family of S. N. Wood. We were cordially entertained. The anniversaries were interesting and we were amply rewarded for all our trouble in going, double so. I enjoyed the privilege Wednesday eve of speaking upon the work of Christian Missions before the Home Mission Society. This war is liberating so many slaves that we shall find all we can do to occupy the whitening fields of richness opening before us.

The 11th I preach on my way home the funeral sermon of Acting Assisting Adgt. Gen. Libbey of Gen. Strong's staff who was mortally wounded the 18 of July in storming Ft. Wagner. He was a brave man and a fine officer. His wife, formerly Lirrie E. Hall lived for some time in our family. May a gracious providence protect her, and soothe her many sorrows.

Nov 13. The past week we attended our QM holden at Lake Village. Preached the opening sermon.

The 21. The week past have attended a protracted meeting in the Congregational house. Meetings interesting. This eve some 20 youths confessed Christ with the mouth in a public meeting. Some 30 are anxious - a number have found peace. Some 12 of my people have sought the Savior and some of the brethren became revived. Oh may the work continue to go on.

The 26 Thanksgiving day. We have today both a National and a State Thanksgiving. Met with the Congregational brethren and preached from Matt. 22:21.

The 29 Others of late have been inquiring what they must do to be saved.

The 30 Tonight joined Mr Peley Q. Perkins, a private in the 12th NH Regt. and Miss Sarah E. Daw in marriage.

The 15 Married a couple.

Dec 5 It is just 24 years today since I followed my divine Lord in the sacred rite of baptism. Oh how pleasant to go back and review the past. How good and how merciful my heavenly Father has been to me. Oh that I had been more faithful! Thank god that by his grace I have been kept till now. This week I have been holding a three day's meeting with Bro. Sleeper at Lower Gilmanton. Some good we trust.

This PM joined in marriage Calvin N. Hill and Lizzie Linton both of Barnston, Canada East.

The 7 My savior helped me greatly in preaching from this text yesterday 2 Sam 5:24 "And let it be"

In the evening some new tokens of good. Oh lord make me a better man. Give me thy Spirit to show unto me the things of Christ. Amen.

Dec 10 Another marriage. Joined in marriage Mr Charles F. Davis and Miss Sarah L. Tuttle both of Barnstead.

The 11 Previous meeting tonight. A youth promised to pray for herself.

The 16. Meeting this eve at the Pine Grove school house. Talked from this text, "Have faith in God." Some 10 converts and anxious ones spoke in the meeting. God is reviving his work in power in this part of my parish. Praise his name.

The 19 The week past Jesus has given me some precious opportunities of conversing with the unconverted and those who are backsliders in heart. But our meetings at the Vestry are spiritless and much wanting in general interest, yet some have found Christ of late.

the 20 Sabbath. Preached from this text in the AM. "Behold thou art made whole: sin no more". John 5:14. Noted 1. The interesting part stated. 2. The necessary prohibition given. 3. The important consideration presented. Preached in the PM from these words "Where hast thou gleaned today?" Ruth 2:19

In the morning united in marriage Mr. Charles H. Young of San Francisco, CA and Miss Abbie A. Eaton of this town.

blessing promised. 2. The condition of receiving it. Luke 11:13. God's method of leading us in the way to Heaven. 1. Contemplate the way to heaven 2. Notes God's method of leading souls in that way 3. Why should we walk in this way Is 30:21. The friendship of Christ. 1. Its distinguished features 2. Its value 3. How to avail ourselves of Christ's friendship Prov 18:24.

The 26th Last eve, Christmas, was an interesting occasion with us. In our church we had a Sabbath school concert. It was fully attended and successful. The scholars did themselves credit in the performance of their several dialogues, recitals, etc. Our Sabbath school is very interesting. Some fifteen have become interested in religion of late.

## 1864

Jan 1, 1864 Another year has passed away. It has been a year of intense anxiety, and deep affliction. Hundreds have fallen, yea, thousands on the battle field, and many in hospitals. To many of the oppressed of our land, it has been a year of jubilee. God is overruling this wicked rebellion for the good of the enslaved. With what measure you mete to others shall be meted to you.



As to myself, I purpose by Divine help to live nearer to God this year to come. I desire above everything to be useful in the cause of my gracious Redeemer.

This eve, new years', the people of my charge have made me a pleasant and liberal donation visit. A clock was present to Mrs Q. and money sufficient to purchase me a coat and a pair of gloves.

The 6th It being rainy all did not come to the donation visit the other eve, but came tonight. About 12 dollars were given. In all some over 90 dollars has been given in money and other things. Heaven bless the doners

the 9th This week I have been to Alton with Bro. A. D. Smith laboring in a three day meeting. Excellent meetings.

The 11th Yesterday, Sabbath, I preached the funeral sermon of sister Nancy A. Nutter aged 20. She died very suddenly - sick only four days. It is only 7 months since I married her to Mr. Nutter. He is deeply afflicted. She was a lovely woman her death she wanted her friends to sing, "My heavenly home is bright and fair". A large concourse of people came to her funeral and tears fell from many eyes while we talked to them from these words, "Let your loins be girded about, and your lights burning." Luke 12:35,36

The 15th I have been a few days at Alton this week. One man and his wife have come over on the Lord's side, and others are serious.

The 18th A solemn meeting last eve. Our back slider confessed and deep feeling pervaded the minds of many of the young associates of sister Nutter. The Lord sanctify this death to the living.

The 30th The past week the DM convened with us and we are now protracting the meeting with favorable indications of a plentiful shower of grace. Already some are inquiring what they must do to be saved.

This eve married Mr Moses Hayward and Mrs Rhoda J. Badger of this town.

Feb 1st. Bro. a. D. Smith spent the Sabbath with me and he is laboring with good success in our protracted meeting.

the 8th Our meetings are becoming more and more interesting. There are new awakenings every day. From 30 to 40 take their places in the anxious seats. The past few days we have been favored with the faithful labors of Bro. G. Sanborn.

The 9th Today have attended the funeral of Mrs Sleeper aged 66. She has gone to rest we trust.

The 13th Tonight we have closed our meeting. For nearly three weeks we have been holding extra meetings and God has in a very gracious manner revived the church and converted quite a large number of precious souls. A number of heads of families beside a number of the precious youth have found Christ.

The 16th Returned today from Concord, where we have been to purchase clothing.

The 17th Very cold. Joined in marriage this PM James Baker of Epsom and Abbie A. Hanscom of Barnstead.

So cold tonight that we deem it not best to have any meeting. Praise the Lord that I am permitted to see the salvation of God in the conversion of souls. Take not thy Holy Spirit from us. Still let thy rich blessing rest upon us.

The 20th For two days past I have been helping Bro. True of Farmington in a three days meeting. Good meetings - a few anxious.

The 23rd Attended the funeral of Mrs Folsome. Spoke upon the Christian hope.

March 9th. Bro Moses Gilman died very suddenly the 7th and has been buried this PM. He was sick only 3 days. How sudden! In preaching I tried to impress every mind with the importance of being ready for death. His age was about 50.

The 14th Joined in marriage Mr. Simon Foss and Mrs Watson.

The 31st It is now one year since I commenced laboring with this people. The congregation has greatly enlarged - the Sabbath school is in a much more flourishing condition, some 150 this winter, and God has favored us with a glorious revival during the latter part of the fall and winter. More than 50 have been converted and revived. For a few weeks past we have been raising money to pay off a long standing debt on the meeting house. While I remain with this people I hope to be more and more useful in winning souls to Christ and in building up his cause.

April 8 Attended today the funeral obsequies of sister S. Daw. She was a good woman and died in hope of an endless life of peace.

The 11th Yesterday attended the funeral of another soldier, Warren Watson who died at Point Lookout.

the 16th Two years today my dear brother was in the engagement at Lee's Mills near Yorktown. The week past I have been to Concord in business with the Home Mission Board relative to our mission to the Freedmen of the South. Bro. E. Knowlton has just returned from a tour among them at Norfolk, VA, New Bern, NC, and Beaufort, SC. The field is an inviting one. We are sending out some preachers and teachers. Bro. K. presented me a cane cut the 16th of March on the battlefield of New Bern.

A donation. Five young men soldiers of the NH 4th on leaving Concord the 14th for Washington made me a present of five dollars. The Lord bless them and keep them from evil.

The 18th Yesterday preached the funeral sermon of sister Tibetts aged 72. She passed away during the night in her bed when no one knew it. Text: 2Kings 2:11. She was a worthy woman and had been a member of this church 48 years.

May 5. The minister meets with many drawbacks in his labors. How much is lost for the want of union! It grieves my heart to see so little interest on the part of brethren and sisters in leading the converts along in the path of duty.

The 12 A full monthly meeting. Three related their experience for baptism. The Lord is still with us to bless us. Our success in the good of God is the measure of our faith in Christ. Let the Holy Spirit, Oh Lord, sweep the chords of feeling in our heart that our souls may be filled with heavenly music.

May 29 Sabbath. This PM I enjoyed the precious privilege of baptizing six happy souls in a beautiful pond about one mile from the sanctuary. The Lord was with us. Never did I administer this sacred ordinance where I enjoyed more or felt happier. The day was delightful and every thing around, the water, the scenery all conspired to impress the mind very pleasantly. The large ordinance seemed to show by their looks and appearance that God was with us. Two of the candidates were brothers in the middle of life who promise to be a help to the church. So also two sisters-in-law whose husbands are in the army. And we doubt not that the aged sister will double her diligence in the Savior's cause. The last to go down in to the water was a young girl of only 13 years of age who bids her to be very useful in the world. She related the best experience that I ever heard from one of her years.

June 18 Have just returned from the last session of the NH YM holden at Lisborn. We enjoyed the ride to and from the meeting much. The meeting as usual was largely attended and on the whole interesting. In company with some others we visited some places of interest among the mountains - the flume, Pool, etc. The Old Man of the mountain looked as memorable as ever, and tho we had gazed upon his weather beaten face many times, still we were glad to see him once more. This is one of the greatest of Nature's curiosities.

July 1. Today we have been to Epsom to attend the funeral of W. More a soldier of the 11th NH Regiment who was wounded on the North Ann River in VA in connection with the battles fought by Gen. Grant on his way to Richmond.

July 4. Another fourth has come, but oh the changes! Civil war still rages in our once fair land. And ever we hope that God will yet save us from the power of rebellion. He is just, we have sinned. Oh Lord, let this year bring victory of peace.

The 14. Married Lyman H. Carr and Jane Edgerly both of this town.

The 18th Suddenly death has removed another fellow mortal. His funeral I have attended today. Mr H. Gilman was 46 years of age . Text - "But the end of all things is at hand".

The 26th. We are having a severe and a very long drought. For many weeks we have had scarcely any rain. The pastures look as dry as in early Spring, and the grass, and grain are drying up. The crops must be small. Last evening we had a very little rain but still it is very dry. How easy to see our dependence. The 13th my people made us a very pleasant and liberal surprise visit and left for our benefit some over forty dollars mostly in money.

I should feel much encouraged were it not for the trials in the church that prevents the converts from going forward in baptism. The converts seem decided and I hope that they will take up the cross and go forward in duty.

Aug 4, 1864 National Fast. This morning married Albert L. Emerson and Ann E. Norris of Alton. Assembled with the people for worship and preached a discourse upon the war from these words, "It is enough: stay now thy hand". 2Sam 24:16.

Tried to show that the hand of God is in the war, and that we had suffered and been punished enough as a people to answer the purpose of God in the war. Have we not suffered enough to see that slavery is the cause of the war and to yield to the black man his God-given rights? ☉ may the Lord interpose and bring this cruel war to an end!

Aug 8 Yesterday preached the funeral sermon of a young soldier aged 14 who was killed near Petersburg, VA

Evening. Tonight my mind reverts to the past. Ten years today and God gave us our first born. Then were our hopes bright, but in a few years they were destined to be cut off. My dear little Delia still lives in my thoughts, and she lives in heaven. I hope to meet her when the day of life is over. My heart leaps forward at the pleasing thought. My days are passing. I soon shall be there if faithful. I see much to be done. How my heart longs to be filled more and more with love to Christ and for souls!

Aug 12. Yesterday went to Epsom to attend the funeral of the infant child of James M. and Lucy C. Sherborn.

The 24. This morning a messenger came to Pittsfield and informed me that I was requested to go to Alton to attend the funeral of a little lad who was suddenly drowned at the Bay aged 7 and his father a soldier who died at New Iberia, LA and was buried nine months ago today. A solemn funeral. Text - "Have faith in God". Mark 11:22

the 27th. It is evening. Today I have been to attend the funeral of James Wiggin aged 63. He was a highly respected citizen and will be greatly missed. He came to his end very suddenly by falling from the scaffold in his barn. It is thought a paralysis was the cause of his falling. The practical lesson of this solemn event is, Be ye also ready.

The 30th The aged must die. Preached the funeral sermon of an aged lady, aged 83. Death reigns all around us.

Sept 1. We went over to Alton Bay to an Advent Camp Meeting today. Heard this PM an interesting discourse from a woman preacher from these words: "Now faith, hope, and charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity". They have a beautiful place for their meeting and I was more favorably impressed with the appearance of things than I expected to be. Some of their leading men evidently are men of talent. Every thing was an aspect of neatness and propriety so far as I noticed. The assembly was very large. As a people they are very zealous and doing all they can to increase their peculiar view of the kingdom of Christ and the future destiny of man. I hope that God will lead them to see their crazy errors, drop them, and to become a powerful division in the army of the Lord for Christ and souls.

Sept 5, 1864 The Selectmen of Gilmanton have put into the army of the Union for me a substitute for three years for \$1200. I have paid \$600 of it, the town and State the remainder. I have done this to avoid the liability of being drafted, and to prove that my Country is dear to me, as well as the brave soldier who gives more - his life. I hope I have done right.

The 3rd Saturday eve. I have been to Epsom again to attend another funeral. Mrs Hall died very suddenly Wednesday night, and today I preached her funeral sermon from these words, "And truly, as the Lord liveth, and as thy soul liveth, there is but a step between me and death." I spoke 1. of the nature of death; and 2. of its nearness; and 3. of what succeeds death.

It was a solemn time and the Lord helped me to speak to the living.

The 8th Preached the funeral sermon of Bro. A. K. Gilman's little boy aged 22 months. "Is it well with the child? And she answered, it is well."

And how poor I feel tonight! My soul is full of despondency. All looks dark around me, and I have but little light within. Oh Lord, give me the indwelling light of the Holy Spirit. Of for more faith, a fuller trust in God. My mind is under a great trial in view of obliquities and wonderings of church members. When I think how hard I have tried to build up this church, and then see prominent members standing right in the way I feel discouraged. And then I need more religion myself. Oh lord, give me thy Spirit to guide me moment by moment, that I may neither say nor do anything to hurt thy cause.

The 12th. I have just returned from Bow Lake Stafford where I preached yesterday. On my way home this PM I preached the funeral sermon of Sister Edgerly aged 93. It was her request that I should preach her funeral sermon. She had been a friend of Jesus over 70 years. She retained her faculties to the last. Her memory was remarkably strong. Text - "And to die is gain".

The 13 Preached the funeral sermon of W. Hill aged 83. I felt remarkably well in my mind while speaking from God's word to the living. Text - "What is now that thou art mindful of him?" 1. What is man? 2. The evidences of the Divine mindfulness of man. 3. Why does God make man an object of his special interest?

The 14th and 15th. Attend the QM at Loudon. Preached the closing discourse from these words, "He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches". Rev 3:22. The Spirits

message to the Churches. 1. The fact - the Spirit speaks to the Churches. 2. The message - what does the Spirit say to the Churches. 3. The importance of attending to what the Spirit says unto the Churches.

Sept 21, attended the funeral of Thomas Edgerly aged 72 years. He was a member of the ch. and we miss him much in our social meetings.

The 19th I attended the funeral of Mr. Wentworth's little boy in Barnstead aged some over 4 years.

Oct 5, 1864 Twenty one years ago today, I took my first steam boat ride. I was on my way to Ohio. The ride was upon Erie's blue waves from Buffalo to Cleveland. That day I was 22, today I am 43. Can it be possible? How time flies! I love the Lord, and bless his name. Oh for grace to love him more! Today I have been to church meeting. Every year I live, I feel more and more the shortness of time, and the need of greater activity in the cause. Two things I seek to have foremost 1. To be more like my Savior 2. To be useful in winning souls to Jesus and building up the cause.

Oct 30 Exchange with Bro. Green of Loudon Mills. Afternoon preached the funeral sermon of Mrs Merrill aged 72.

Nov 6. Sabbath. Just 25 years today since I made my first effort to be saved. Communion this PM. I spoke of my Christian experience and used these words "Lord, what wait for? My hope is in thee". 1. Why do I live? 2. For what do I live? 3. What is my hope?

In the evening married Mr Joseph Dow and Mrs Sarah Swain of this town.

Nov 8, 1864 Presidential Election. Great excitement. Four years ago President Lincoln was chosen. The most of the time since Civil War has raged in our land to a fearful extent. Millions of men have been marshaled for the conflict. Most all the Southern States have seceded. But in the prosecution of this war against the rebellious states the government has prospered wonderfully. Thousands of the down trodden of our land now have their freedom, and we hold much of the territory they once occupied. Today I have voted for Lincoln again. With God's blessing I hope we shall see this awful rebellion subjugated, yet conquered.

Nov 21 Yesterday Sabbath and I preached the funeral sermon of the wife of Mr. Augustus Smith. Today I attended in company with Bro. Bradford, Congregationalist, the funeral of Mrs Moses in the south part of this town.

Nov 28. Today I have been to Epsom to attend the funeral of Bro. Thomas E. Bickford a soldier of the 11th NH Regt. who died the 23rd in the hospital at Alexandria, VA. of wounds received in battle near Petersburg. Bro. B. was a good soldier. He served his country faithfully and has gone to heaven we trust.

The 30th. This week QM at Laconia. A a good meeting. Enjoyed the privilege of preaching twice.

Dec 9. A severe day to be out. Preached the funeral sermon of Albert Rogers a soldier who died in New York the 22 of Nov. He belong to the 7th Regiment. He was the third who had fallen in this terrible contest for right and freedom, of 5 brother connected with the army. They were the only sons of children of the family.

Dec 13. This day calls to mind that fearful battle of two years ago in which my own dear brother fell while nobly defending this godly government from treason and oppression. The memory of him still keeps my heart tender with brotherly affection.

The 15. Many trials in the church occasion me much anxiety and pain my heart. This is a hard field of labor, yet my trust is in God. Oh, that I might see these clouds pass over and behold the face of my Savior revealed complacently toward this people. The Lord give me patience to hear and forbear. I have some peace with God in fighting the good fight of faith. I delight in holding up the standard of full salvation and a consistent Christianity. I am resolved 1. to be right 2. to do right 3. to suffer the will of God. I see a fullness in Christ that I fear I have not attained to. Oh for the sanctifying power of God's spirit to refine my nature and fill my soul with the perfect love of my great Redeemer! Jesus is my all. He is my light, my shield, and my blessed portion. In him I am complete, satisfied. Glory to his name. Amen.

Dec 31. I am now closing up my account of the former year. The history of the past year is full of interest to this nation; and so it is to me as an individual. I am sorry for my sins, and hope to live nearer to God, and to live better. And so I have said a hundred times. Our Christmas festival Monday eve in Tibets hall was some what interesting.

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Sabbath morning. Today begins another year - the year 1865. How many who with me welcome the light of this new year's Sabbath morning will be sleeping in death ere the year shall close. Perhaps this year will bear my soul away "to the rest for the weary".

Sabbath eve. Preached today from these words, - "Choose you this day whom ye will serve". Joshua 24:15. this PM we had communion. I have been trying to renew my consecration to my heavenly Father.

The 4th. Difficulties in the Society still prevail. Is there no end to this?

The 10th. Ordination of Bro. E. P. Ladd of Alton. I participated in the exercise and gave the hand of fellowship. A three day meeting followed in which there was some interest and excellent meetings. A few anxious and some have found peace.

The 11th. Donation visit. Attendance good - visit pleasant, liberality commendable, specially on the part of some. Rising of ninety dollars given money and all.

The 18th Preached the funeral sermon of Ezra Ham, son of Rev. E. Ham of this town. Ezra was a soldier in the 4th NH Regiment and served his country faithfully and honorably. Trust that he died in the Lord.

The 21st. Our three days meeting closed this eve. Bro. A. Shepherd has been with us and labored to good acceptance. No special revival, but good meetings, and some of the brethren quickened.

The 25th. Ordination of Bro. J. B. Higgiins of Alton, not Chaplain of the 12th NH Regiment. Exercises interesting. God helped me to make the consecrating prayer. Praise God that he is filling up the decimated ranks of the ministry with faithful watchmen.

The 28th Joined in marriage Charles Houckins of Centre Harbor and Georgia E. Meader of Tomworth.

The 30th. the cloud is passing by I trust. A plan of the settlement of our difficulties relative to the meeting house debt was adopted this eve. I hope we are to see better days now. I think one brother must answer very much for loss of interest since the revival one year ago.

The 31st. Quarterly Meeting at Factory Village. This eve discussed this question- What will be, probably the moral and religious condition of the world when Christ makes his second advent?

Wednesday AM Preached from Matt 17:8 This PM I went to Bow Lake and stopped all night with Rev. J. H. Brown.

Tuesday 2nd Dined with father Place, Stratford Centre. Bro. Place is declining - soon will leave us. His faith is strong.

Joined in marriage Edgar D. Parshley of Barnstead and Ruth N. Hawks of Ellenburg, NY Feb 2, 1865

Sunday 5, preached the funeral sermon of Joseph Hopkinson of Epsom at his father's residence. Text 1Pet 1:7. I was invited one rainy Monday PM to visit this man, and found him in great distress of mind. He had committed a great wrong in taking a false oath, for which he felt there was no pardon. He did find forgiveness and live for Christ, tho in feeble health, owing to paralysis, till death. His ease was remarkable. For some time he could converse with his friends only by the shake and nod of the head, being unable to speak or to move any part of his body except his head. He thought much of me, and I went 16 miles to attend his funeral.

Friday 10th. Have been helping Bro. G. Sanborn at Gilford in a protracted meeting. Few ran for prayers and some are believing in Christ. Interest increasing.

Sunday 12th Today I preached on Christian Progress from Exodus 14:15. "Speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward".

Thursday 16th. Visit 3rd Alton church in company with Rev. Bro. Sleeper and Dea. Clough.



Sunday 19th, preached at Bow Lake on exchange with Bro. J. H. Brown. The people seem anxious to have me settle with them and become their pastor.

Tuesday 21st. Heard Rev. J. Boody nearly 92 preach a funeral sermon from John 14:12.

March 1, 1865 Spring opens mildly. Let the spring time of my soul be as mild, giving promise of a fruitful season of grace and ch. success in my service for Christ and his cause.

Wednesday 8th Packed up our good to leave the Thurston house.

Sunday 19th. Preached in the AM from 1Pet 1:5. Bro. Hunicutt of VA preached in the PM and lectured in the evening.

Tuesday 21st at Bro. N. Young's. Formed a parsonage association and bought Bro. Heniston's house for a parsonage.

Friday 31st Funeral of Mrs B. G. Grant at the Pine Ground, Chichester.

April Sunday 2, preached at Pittsfield the funeral sermon of Bro. Snow's little daughter, aged one year and a half. Bro. Snow is the pastor of our church there.

Tuesday April 4th At J. S. Gilmond's. Good news from the war. Richmond is taken - the rebellion is conquered.

Thursday 6th Moved into the parsonage today. The past six weeks have been without a home, visiting from house. The brethren have given us the best entertainment, yet we like a home of our own the best.

Monday 10th Good news. Gen. Lee surrendered to Gen Grant yesterday at 4:30 PM

Thursday 13th Fast Preached from Ps 46:8-11

Saturday 15 Sad news. President Lincoln killed by an assassin in a Theatre at Washington last evening, died this morning at 7 o'clock. Country in great excitement. Deep sorrow and great mourning for the President.

Wednesday 19 Preached on the death of President Lincoln from 2Sam 3:34,38 Both societies met at the Congregational house.

Saturday 22 Bro J. Malvern and J Catterell stop with us over night.

Monday 24 Rev. F. Reed an old friend visits us.

May 3rd. Circle met the PM at the Parsonage - full attendance.

Friday 5th Called this morning on Moses Coffin's, he promises to give his heart to God.

June 1. Went from DM held at Gilford to attend the national fast at Concord. Heard Hon. Mr. Patterson a eulogy on the death of the President

Thursday 6 went to Epsom and married Mr. Warren Kimball of Haverhill, MA and Miss Lizzie J. Hesley of Epsom.

Monday June 12th. The week past have attended the Yearly Meeting at Dover.

Thursday 29. Surprise visit in the evening \$20.00 given.

Friday July 7th. Attended the funeral of Lyman Carr of Loudon aged 37, married about one year ago. How uncertain all things here.

Thursday 13 Monthly meeting. Sister Elkins sends in her dying exhortation, "Live near the Lord". How appropriate these words. May they sink deep into our hearts.

Sunday July 16. Preached the funeral sermon of George Parsons' daughter aged nearly 3 years. Text Matt 19:14

July 18 A shocking sight! Visited Jer. Morrell's. His son cut his throat with a jack knife - died immediately. Cause trouble - melancholy. Terrible affliction to the family.

The 19th united with a new temperance organization, the Good Templers. Object greater usefulness in the cause. Active as chaplain.

Thursday 20th attended the ordination of Bro. John Malvern at Epsom. Preached from 2Cor 4:5, and Col 1:28 Theme, preaching Christ. Service is deeply interesting. I saw this dear Bro. converted and I baptized him. He gives high promise of great usefulness in the ministry. I feel to thank God for this seal of my ministry.

Friday 21. With Bro. Allen attended the funeral of Hiram Marvell who committed suicide the 18th. Bro. A preached and I addressed the mourners. Solemn funeral.

Sunday 23. Preached on the death of Sister Elkins, who was buried the 22nd. Text 2Tim 4:7. This was the last service that Mrs Quimby attended before her sickness. Dr. Blake preached in the PM

Friday 28 Drew home my last load of hay today. Mrs Q helped me unload it. This was her last work before her long and severe illness.

Sunday 30, unable to preach owing to the sickness of Mrs Q. This has been an anxious day to me, but my trust is in god.

Monday 31 My companion remains very unwell.

Aug 1. No better - growing worse.

Wednesday 2 C. E. Hurd goes to Pittsfield for Dr. Tenney and to Epsom for Mrs Fogg agreeable to Mrs. Q's request. Dr. Montgomery thinks she will recover from the fever. More like herself.

the 3rd Mind very wandering

The 4th Precious season of prayer - we all prayed and Mrs. Q prayed with unusual ability and freedom.

Sunday 13. Preached as usual but with a sad heart. More encouraged about my companion.

Thursday 17th Rode out with Mrs Quimby today.

Friday 18th Not so well - I have fears of insanity.

Saturday 19 Been at home during the week caring for my sick wife.

Sunday 20th preached as usual.

August Monday 21. Dr. Tenney and Dr. Montgomery met at my house to consider relative to Mrs Q.'s illness. They pronounced her insane. Can it be so? This is a severe affliction. I know the lord is our helper. How can I have it so? The affliction is so unexpected, I find myself unprepared for it. I look upon my dear suffering companion, and oh how I pity her!

Thursday 24th Rode out with Mrs. Q. She requires my constant attention.

The 25th A sleepless night while watching over my dear distracted and suffering wife.

Saturday 26th Rode out with dear wife today - no better.

Sunday 27th preached as usual, and Mrs Q. seems more comfortable.

Thursday 31. Last day of summer, 13 years ago we were united in marriage. How changed all appears today. Still we will hope in the Lord.

Saturday Sept 2 Mrs Q. has remained thru the week about the same. More quiet - some more favorable symptoms we hope.

Sunday 3. Funeral of Mr Drutney's daughter aged 14 months. Text Is 33:24. In the PM funeral of George Edgerly's son 2 years old. Text 2Kings 4:26.

Thursday 5th Dea. Clough's wife died this PM at 4 of the clock.

The 6th Reading a book on winning souls to Christ, given to me by H. L. Snow.

The 7th Bro. A. D. Smith called to see my wife and prayed with her which she enjoyed very much and said she appreciated every word of it.

Saturday 9th. More difficult to take care of Mrs. Q. Her insanity assumes a more destructive aspect. What shall I do?

Sunday 10th Funeral of Bro. Wm. Page aged 88. Text, John 14:1,2. Bro. J. Pickering makes me a present in behalf of Mrs. Q.

Sunday 12th. Rev. Bro. Tilton an old class mate of Whitestown, NY calls to see us. Gives a dollar. Sympathy is valuable.

Thursday 14th Have decided from the advice of physicians to take my dear wife to the Assylum at Concord. This is something that I have feared, and have resisted till now. I am nearly worn out with care and watching, and she is so troublesome I do not see as I can do better. Friends have been kind to watch and do all in their power to help me. It seems to me that she will recover. For this I am praying. May God keep me from murmuring. "The will of the lord be done".

Friday 15 Bro. Hill with my team takes us to the Assylum at Concord 20 miles away. Oh with what a sad heart I come back to my home, remembering that I had left my dear wife an inmate of the assylum.

Saturday 16th. How changed all appears at home! Can there any good come out of this affliction? My hope is in the Lord.

Sunday 17, I was able to preach, but how sad! Text 1Pet 3:15. Miss Mary A. Clough who had worked in the Assylum came to help us in the family, and she seemed to know just how to adapt herself to Mrs. Q. and I shall always remember her kindnesses to us in this time of great need.

Thursday 21st Have been to Concord to inquire after Mrs Quimby's welfare. Was not allowed to see her.

The 22nd At home making preparations to go with dear Alida to VT to visit my friends there.

The 24th Preached to my people at the Iron Works as usual before going on my visit to Lyndon, VT.

Monday 24th Left home for VT. Dined at Bro. A. D. Smith's. Stayed over night at widow Chamberline's in Plymouth. How different it seems to be journeying to father, and without my dear wife.

The 26th We dined at Bro. Heryelton's in Warren. Stayed over night at Haverill with Bro. John Davis that I had not met for 20 years. He used to preach in Lyndon, VT. He received us very kindly.

The 24th Dined at uncle Caleb Gilmor's at Barnet, VT. At night stayed with Bro. T. Spooner's St. Johnsbury. The next day Bro S. took me all thro the Seales Manufacturing owned by the Fairbanks. I went on to Lyndon dined at cousin H. A. Quimby's, visited Bro. George W. Quimby's monument, and at night arrived at father's. Find mother in poor health. How I miss my dear wife. How she would enjoy this visit if well. Dr. Blackmer writes me that Mrs Q. remains about the same.

Oct 1. Preached at Sutton Corner. Visit sister Stoddards. I have her sympathy.

Oct 5. I am 44 today. How swiftly my days are passing. The Lord give me grace to live near him.

Friday 6th. Three weeks today since my dear Naomi went to the Assylum. Alida is at sister Dolly's boarding and going to school.

Wednesday 18 Bro. T. Spooner and wife visited at father's. Pleasant visit.

The 21st Ground white with snow.

The 23rd Answered a letter from Bro. Woodman relative to going to Amesbury, MA to become the pastor of that church. Must wait to see how it turns with my dear wife. The future is all uncertain.

the 25 Sold my horse and wagon to Bro. Stoddard for \$130 dollars.

The 27 Attend the Wheelock DM at South Wheelock. Stopped at Mr Wm. Jones. Participated in the examination of Bro. Stephen M. Jones for license to preach.

Sunday 29th Preached from Matt 21:28. I learned that my discourse was greatly blessed of the Lord in the conversion of precious souls.

Monday 30. Bade my dear parents farewell, and left dear Alida at VT to board with here aunt while I in sadness returned to my home at Gilmanton.

The 31 Went to the Assylum on my way home to inquire relative to my dear wife. She is more calm.

Nov 1 Attended minister's Conference at Canterbury.

The 2nd Preached from 2Cor 5:11 Some interest in the meeting.

Saturday 4th Arrived this morning at the Iron Works. Been absent 5 weeks. How changed at the parsonage! My dear one at the Assylum and dear Alida in VT. The lord keep us while absent and bring us together again, if it may please thee.

The 5th Have been permitted to preach to my people again. They are kind to me and I have their prayers and sympathy.

The 6th This is the 29 anniversary of my spiritual birth. The lord help me to live near to him in time to come.

Wednesday 8th Stopped over night at Bro. N. Young's. Expect to board here and make this my home for the present.

The 14th Attended QM at Upper Gilmanton and stayed at Bro. Jesse Towles. Bros. J .B. Leighton pastor. Went in company with Dea. Page. Wednesday preached with freedom from Matt 21:28

Nov 20 Moved some of my things to Bro. N. Young's and began to board in his family.

The 27th Attended the funeral of Rev. Peter Clark at Belmont. Ten ministers present. Bro. H. Quimby preached.

the 28th Went to Concord to inquire concerning Mrs Quimby's health. Remains about the same.

The 29th Went to hear R. W. Emerson lecture. Stopped over night with Bro. Easterbrook's family.

The 30th Attended donation at Bro. A. D. Smith's. Pleasant gathering.

Dec Sunday 3rd Preached from Acts 2:1. Bro. J Malvern preached in the PM from Rev 3:11. Good meeting in the evening. I enjoyed Bro. Malvern's visit much.

The 4th. Carried Bro. Malvern to the Corner to take the stage.

Wednesday 7th. National Thanksgiving. Meeting at the F. B. house.

Sunday 10th Preached at Alton. In the evening held a meeting at Alton Gare. Tarried over night at Bro. Geo. Glidden's.

Dec 13th Thinking of the past. Three years have passed since the death of Bro. George in battle. How many things come to my mind to make me feel sad. But the future is full of hope to the Christian.

The 25th Pleasant day for Christmas. Staying at Bro. Sowards.

The 26th In company with Bro. J. B. Leighton went to Meredith Center to attend the Minister's Conference. Reviewed the doctrine of the Atonement and had a sketch of a sermon on Rom 8:28. The exercises of the Con. interesting.

The 28th Stopped over night at Dea. Weeks. Took the cars in the morning for Concord to inquire after my dear wife. Symptoms more favorable.

Sunday 31 This is the last Sunday in the year. Funeral of Mr. Flanders this AM Text Amos 4:12 This PM Rom 13:12 Good social meeting at the vestry. At Bro. N. Young's we watched the old year out and welcomed the new year in. "We spend our years as a tale that is told."

1866

Jan 1, 1866 This opening year finds me alone, and in deep affliction. It is my prayer to God that my afflictions may be sanctified.

Friday 5. Have just received a letter from Bro. Jones of South Weelock stating that my sermon at the QM from these words, "My son, go work today in my vineyard", was followed by a precious revival.

Sunday 7th. Preached from Is 61:1-5 on the Ministry of Christ. Communion in the PM.

Monday 8th. Called and stayed over night at Bro. J. T. Catterell of Epsom on my way to the New Durham DM. This visit would be complete if I had my dear wife.

Tuesday 9th. The New Durham DM convened at Northwood. Remained to the close. A cloud of mercy seemed to hang over the people. My soul is calm and trustful. Oh come Lord Jesus and ever abide by my side. How precious companionship with thee.

Friday 12th Stayed over night at father Leavitt's. Dined at Bro. Abram and tarried over night at Bro. E. Williams. Always find warm heart here.

Saturday 13th At Bro Young's. Two letters from home. One from Bro. George Prescott and the other from sister Dolly and Alida.

Sunday 14th Subjects Have servation to god and the Religion of principle. Rom 12:1 Daniel 3:17-18.

Oh how lonely I feel at times. I greatly miss my dear wife and daughter.

Tuesday 16th Today Mrs Q. is 44. I hope soon to meet her again. If not on earth beyond the dark, dark river where the aching head shall forever be at rest.

Sunday 21st The Christian Character, a year to come to Christ Ps 15:1-5 Mark 10:50

Thursday 23rd Received Mrs J. L. Coffin under the watch care of the church.

Thursday 30th As I slept in my room a Bro. Y. listening to the murmuring river near by a sweet sense of the Divine presence came over my soul as I thought the angels would come and bring me over the river of death, when called to die.

Thursday 31st A letter from the Dr. encourages one to believe that my dear wife is on the gain. The Lord be praised.

February 1st The QM is now in session. Owing to ill health not able to be present till the last day. The DM makes me a present of \$21.34. I praise the Lord for friends in trouble. Some interest in the meetings and some arose for prayers.



Wednesday 7th. Today I have been packing my goods. The ministerial committee made me a visit this eve and invited me to remain another year.

The 14th. Attended the funeral of Bro. L. Knowles. Text Ps 17:15.

The 15th Donation. How kind this people are to me in my affliction. And friends in our old parishes have sent us aid Epsom 30 dollars, West Lebanon \$13.50. And besides several friends have made individual presents for which I feel grateful. May God bless the donors.

The 17th The funeral of Bro. D. Seavey Ps 90:10.

The 23rd Today have been to visit Mrs. Caswell said to be over a hundred years of age. A long life if well spent.

March 1st Have been making a few calls. My family being broken up I have called and stopped over night with many families in my parish. I am soon to close my labors with this dear people. I have had many things to trouble me. And I give them all up and leave all with the Lord.

Sunday 4th. Today I have preached my last discourse for the present if ever. Text, Phil 1:28. Communion in the PM "Do this in remembrance of me". Three years I have sought to lead this people under God, but not so successfully as I could wish. One very extensive revival, and some additions by baptism. The debt on the house is paid and a good parsonage has been purchased.

Thur 11th Preached at Concord. Have agreed to supply the pulpit after I visit my friends in VT.

The 12th At fathers. Permitted to meet Alida and other friends after an absence of four months. Find mother in feeble health. I fear her stay with us is short.

Thursday 29th I thank thee, Oh Lord, for thy goodness to me. Keep my heart ever in thy perfect love. bless my dear wife and child. May we yet live together on earth.

April Sunday 1st At home with mother.

Monday 2nd Rode out this morning up into the sugar yard with mother. She spoke of the interest that father had taken to have every thing nice and convenient.

Tuesday 3rd Went up to Barton with Alida. She will remain with sister Emeline and attend school.

Saturday 7th Leave home for Concord, NH. A fearful crack up below Barnach on the R.R. but no one fatally injured. Arrived at Concord in the evening.

Sunday 8th Preached at our church in Concord from Mark 4:38 Acts 2:1. At the assylum to inquire after Mrs. Q.'s health before the evening service.

The 10th Meet at Bro. H. Quimby's at Lake Village to attend the Home Mission Board.

Sunday 15th. Have preached today on the L. and the duty of immediate consecration to God.

The 17th Harmon Bickford helped me to set out a pine tree at Delia's grave today. I wish my dear wife and daughter could be here.

The 20th Have made several calls in Concord conversed with 10 or 12 persons upon the subject of religion. More than usual interest in the meeting this eve.

May 2nd At Bro. S. W. Joy's in New Durham. Visited Randal's grove. Also visited Eld. J. Boady aged 93 - been preaching 69 years. Was baptized by Randal.

The 3rd Ordination of Bro. I. F. Joy to the work of the gospel ministry, and S. W. Joy and Ezekiel Berry deacons. Bro. G. Sanburn preached the ordination sermon of Bro. Joy and I preached on the office of deacons. I offered the ordaining prayer of Bro. I. F. Joy. I preached from 1 Tim 3:13. Subject: The office of deacon. 1. The office a work of deacons; 2. What is the character that proves them fitted for this work?; 3. The results of fidelity to their work.

Saturday 9th Came back to Concord.

The 18th Attend a lecture at Phenix Hall by J. B. Gough on Fact and Fiction. Interesting

The 20th preached as usual at Concord.

The 27th Preached at Contoocook.

The 29th Leave in company with Bro. S. C. Kimball for Sutton to attend the QM.

Wednesday 30th Preached from Mark 10:50. Came back with Bro, K, and stayed over night at his father's.

Sunday June 6 Preached again for the brethren at Concord. I have now preached 2 months for this church.

The 5th The tension excitement remains. United States troops are being sent forward to protect the frontier and maintain neutrality with England.

Wednesday 6th Witnessed the organization of the NH State Legislature in the New State House.

The 7th Take the cars for Holderness to attend the YM Meeting with the Home Mission Board.

Saturday 9th I preached at the YM from Jer 22:29.

Monday 11th Left Holderness for Lyndon. Met father at the Depot. Find mother very feeble and nearing the heavenly part.

Sunday 17th I am at father's today with my dear mother. Seldom that I spend a Sabbath in this way. Have heard mother's Christian experience. I shall not have a mother on earth long. She has been a valuable mother to me. How consistent her life.

the 20th Mother is not quite so well. She says that she has had a vision. She saw a bridge across a river. Saw the gate that opens into the celestial city. Saw Delia and Delight as angelic sentinels watching her approach to the beautiful city of God.

Sunday 24th Preached at Burk Hollow. Hope the good seed of the word will bear fruit.

Monday 25 Mother is not so well. Has given up all hope of ever being any better.

Sunday 26 Mother is more comfortable this morning. She has unshaken confidence in her Savior. She enjoys my presence and I am glad to be with her.

The 27th Finds mother about the same.

Thursday 28th Mother is worse, tho we think she may stand it some time yet. Oh how calm and patient.

Friday 29 Father called me up at one this morning. Mother is nearing the crossing of the dark river. Memory good and she reasons clearly. She prays: "Come, Lord Jesus, and release me. Come quickly. Oh grave where is thy victory? Victory, victory. Dear Savoir give me the victory." Her last words to me were: "Be faithful to warn sinners. Tell them to seek the Saviour". At 15 minutes before 10 o'clock AM she soars to worlds on high.

July Sunday 1st Today I have followed my own dear mother to the grave. Bro. S. B. Tasker preached an appropriate discourse from these words, "The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance" Ps 112:6 The day has been lonely, but it was sad to take the last look at one so dear to us all.

Wednesday 4th Family gathering at father's. Raised a family collection of \$6.75 for Foreign Missions.

Friday 13th. Since mother's death I have been helping father hay. Today, father and Alida accompany me to the cars for Concord and Contoocookville.

Saturday 14th Went to Contoocookville and stayed at Bro. Joah Patterson's.

Sunday 15. Preached for the people. Interest low.

The 19th Good news from Dr. Bancroft and dear wife. In a short time the Dr. says it will be prudent to have Mrs Q. leave and go to her family. She appears well. The prayers of Christians have prevailed with God. Thank to his ever glorious name.

The 25th Cheering news from Dr. Bancroft. He says that I may take my dear wife from the Assylum the last day of this month.

Sunday 29 I have preached here today. I now have preached four Sabbaths for this church.

Monday 30 Today, my dear wife leaves the Assylum. Ten months and a half since she came here and I have seen her but once in the time. A blessed release. Then go over to Pittsfield in the stage to father Leavitt's. Today the Ocean telegraph across the ocean was completed.

Sunday Aug 5 Preached at Contoocookville again. Return to Pittsfield and then go to the Iron Works.

Sunday 12 At the Iron Works. It excites deep gratitude to God to be in the house of God once more in company with my dear wife. The first Sabbath for more than a year that she has been able to attend public worship at the house of the Lord.

Wednesday 15 Leave Laconia for Lyndon. Arrive at father's in the evening, and oh how changed. No dear mother to greet us as formally. After an absence of 11 months mother and daughter meet again. How joyful the meeting amid tears and praises to God. Long may we journey together.

Friday 24. Attend the QM at Newport. After conference go to Bro. S. Margoon's and tarry over night.

Wednesday 5 of Sept. Left home in company with father and other brethren from the YM to be held at Starksboro. In going there we passed thro' Wheelock, Greensboro, Hardwick, Walcot, Morrystown, Stowe, Waterbury, Bolton, Richmond, Huntington, Hinesburg, into Starksboro.

Saturday AM I preached from Jude 22,23 on saving others. Here I met Bro. Wm. Burr for the last time.

Monday 24 The two Sabbaths past I have preached at South Strafford, VT. Stayed at Bro. Bela Cutter's in Sharon. On my way back to father's I stayed at Bro. L. Steven's and Bro. Clough's in Hetford.

Oct 5th I am 45 today. How fast I am nearing my heavenly home.

The 19th We left father Quimby's for Pittsfield in the cars. Arrived at father Leavitt's at 6 PM Found them usually well.

Saturday 20 A providential opening to preach at Barnstead Centre tomorrow.

Sunday 21 Have preached twice today at Barnstead Centre as previously arranged with Mr Huse the committee.

The 28th Preached at North Barnstead on the value of the Gospel and Jesus only.

Sunday 11th Preached today on the death of Rev. Mark Hill of Sutton, VT. and Bro. Wm. Burr of Dover editor of the Star. It is not two months since I met these brethren at the VT YM at Starksboro. Text: "Be ye therefore ready also". Luke 12:40 Stopping at Joseph Goodwin's.

Dec. 3 Married Charles Smith and Eva Foss both of Gilmanton.

Sunday 9th Preached on exchange with Bro. G. Sanborn.

Saturday 15th The past week I have been attending a revival meeting with Bro. G. M. Park at Canterbury. Good meeting with some revival.

The 16th preached at the Iron Works.

The 21st Left the I. W. for Limerick, ME Stayed at Dea. Sawyer's.

The 29 I went to Simington and preached the funeral sermon on the death of Mrs. Blake an aged lady and a member of the Congregational church there.

Dec 30 The two last Sabbaths of the year I have spent with the brethren at Limerick, ME. I expect to move there and become the pastor of the church, if the Lord will.

## 1867

Limerick, ME Jan 1, 1867 greet this new year with an increasing desire to be more useful in the cause of my Master.

The 2nd Back again to the I. Works. Have decided to accept a call from the church at Limerick.

The 14th. For the two months past I have supplied the pulpit at the I.W. Donation this eve with the collection of \$10.55 amounts to \$26.00.

The 17th My goods leave today for Limerick. For a number of weeks past we have boarded out at Bro. E. Hill's waiting to find a settled pastorate. We expected to have left today, but a very great snow storm prevents.

The 22nd Today we left Bro. Hill's and went to Farmington and stayed over night at Bro. I. Copps. The next night we found a very pleasant home with sister Drew and daughter at West Newfield. Tho. strangers they received us as old friends. The next day we went on to Limerick and were invited to sister Nancy D. Burbank's where we met with a hearty welcome. Our goods came the same day. Owing to the storm the team could not get thro' before tho' not much more

than 50 miles from the I.W. As there is no convenient house for us to live in, and as Mrs. Q. is very feeble in health we shall board at sister Burbank's for the present.

The 27th. I preached my opening discourses. "Fear not little flock" and "According to your faith". Social meeting thinly attended in the evening. Lord, increase my faith.

Feb. 1 I am busy making calls and getting acquainted with the people. I think I shall like and hope to be the means of doing good here. Religion is low, and severe trials have effected the union and prosperity of the church. Dr. James Buzzell of Portland being in the place was invited to call and see Mrs. Q. who is feeble in health.

The 11th Attended the funeral of Bro. Ephriam Brown. Preached from John 6:40 agreeable to his request.

The 12th, 13th, 14th. Attended the Parsonsfield DM for the first time. Father brought me here 24 years ago to attend the Biblical School, I only remained one week as the school was moved to Lowell, MA.

Thursday AM I preached from Mark 4:38. Back again to L. The following names are becoming a little familiar to us. Dea. Sawyer, Dea. Hasty, Joseph Harper, David Eastman, Bro. Hamilton, Dr. Lawrence, Mr Holland, Mr Durgin, Brown, Burbank, Emery, Horace Burbank, Esq.

The 16th In consultation with Bro. Titcomb Cong. minister, and Bro. Esty, CB minister have arranged for a union prayer meeting to be held on Friday evenings.

The 26th Attended the funeral of the infant daughter of Mr & Mrs John Stimson.

the 28th There seems to be a little waking up, but the backwardness is too manifest. "Oh Lord revive thy work."

March 4 Minister's meeting at Bro. Titcomb's Bro. Esty, Watson, and myself present. Bro. Titcomb presented a brief sketch of his AM discourse. "Which things the angels desire to look into". 1Pet 1:12. Angelic interest to investigate, the doctrine of man, and redemption thro' Christ.

The 28th An excellent prayer meeting this eve. Some wanderers are returning home. The interest is increasing.

April 1 heard Bro. Esty's plan of a sermon. I find myself associated with worthy ministers of Christ who are pastors of the other churches in the village.

The 2nd Funeral of Mrs. Ricker, second wife of the Rev. R. Emery.

The 4th Fast. The three societies met at the FB house and preached from Luke 10:36,37.

The 5th Prayer meeting at Dea. Esty's. Some are inquiring, What must I do to be saved? A young lady went to the room of one of our sisters and asked her to pray for her.

The 7th Attended the funeral of Elder Ellas Libby's daughter 3 years of age. A beautiful flower, gathered by a Savior's hand to bloom in the heavenly land.

The 9th Meeting at the Percy S. House. Some revival in this neighborhood.

The 10th Prayer meeting at Bro. Boothby's Two a rose for prayer.

The 11th Two spoke for the first time in the social meeting tonight.

Sunday 14th. I felt that I must press home upon the Christian heart the subjects of revivals. Good attendance. My aim is to win souls to Christ.

The 25th An excellent monthly conference this PM 20 present.

May 8th. Have been away to North Parsonsfield today at one of a council to settle a difficulty between brethren in the church.

Monday 13th Rev. E.A. Starchman on the Freedmen Mission. Collection \$8.06.

Sunday 19th Attended the funeral of Bro. N. Pierce aged 76. Text Job 5:26

The 20th have been collecting money to replenish the S.S. Library.

The 21st Dined at Elkanah Philpots. Have 25 dollars on my paper(?).

The 31st Tea at Mr. Richards. Meeting at the Warren S. House. Our backslider confessed and one rose for prayers.

June 5th. Left home to attend the NH YM to be held at Northwood.

Friday 7th. Asked to be excused from serving on the Home Mission Board. Have served 12 years on the Executive Committee.

Monday 10th On our way home from the YM stayed at Bro. L. Stephen's, North Lebanon. Near night arrived home in usual health. tho' Mrs. Q. feels somewhat fatigued with the journey.

the 18th Attended the Maine Western YM at Limington.

The 25th We have completed the work of replenishing our SSL. Have raised \$50.00 and purchased 109 volumes of good work.

The 30th Exchanged with Bro. Snow of Cornish Village. A beautiful day, and I enjoyed some freedom in preaching.

July 1 Gave Mr Levey 50 cents whose buildings were burned today.

The 7th Communion. One united with the church Mrs. Boynton. Precious season.

The 8th Have engaged with Bro. Hamilton to do sister Burbank's haying for \$46.00.

The 10th An invitation from Bro. L. G. Berry to preach in Barnstead.

The 14th Mr. Leavitt from VT with Miss Bailey public singers were in the show today. Singing interesting. Meeting a Perry's house at 5 o'clock.

Sunday 28th Baptized Bro. Royal McKensick and wife this PM at 2 o'clock. Preached from Luke 1:6. Gave to them the right hand of fellowship a 5 o'clock meeting.

Aug 20 Visiting at Alman Durgin's. Heard of the death of Rev. Bro. Sleeper of Meredith Centre. A good man has finished his ministry on earth, to join the redeemed in heaven. Have met with one soul anxious to be saved.

The 25th Preached to the children today from 1Sam 3:19

The 26th Attended the funeral of Mr. H. Lord aged 83. He was a stone cutter by trade. Text 1Pet 2:6.

Thursday 29 Preached at the Cumberland QM at Buxton from Is 30:21.

The 30th. Received a letter from dear father.

Sept 6th Preached on the extension of the church of Christ in the world, in the AM and on Christian meekness in the PM Is 2:2-4; Matt 5:5.

The 10th Attended the QM at West Limington.

The 14th Bro. John Smith and daughter from Pittsfield, NH called on us and took dinner with us.

The 21st. The past week have been with Mrs Q. to visit friends in Pittsfield. On our way stayed at Mark Stephen's on New Durham Ridge.

The 29th exchanged with Bro. A.C. Peasler at Daws Mills, Newfield.

The 30th The mountains and high hills are white with snow. Wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.



Oct 4th Attended the funeral of Jacob Miles. Hope he obtained forgiveness during the last days of his life.

The 5th Today I am 46. One year ago I visited the place of my birth. I am at sister Burbank's. I have prepared a sketch of a sermon on John 12:21.

The 8th. At the Anniversary of the Benevolent Societies at Dover. Attended the dedication of the monument at Wm. Burr's grove. Eulogy on his death by Bro. G. Y. Day.

The 13th Funeral at the Baptist House of two sisters aged 65 and 70, who died within 40 minutes of each other.

The 18th Preached from these words, "For our lamps are gone out". at the Warren L. H. Solemn meeting.

Sunday 20th Evening meeting interesting. One new one spoke and confessed Christ.

Nov 3rd Preached at Kezar Falls. Stayed at Bro. Thomas Randall's.

Nov 6th My mind reverts to the past. 28 years, today, I gave my heart to God. I regret not the choice I then made, I would renew my consecration to my Savior and live nearer to him.

Monday 11th Meeting to see if the church will leave the QM. 35 members present. A majority voted to remain. This decided the question.

The 12th. In company with other brethren went to Brownfield to attend the DM. Wednesday evening preached at the Centre from Deut. 33:11,12.

Thursday AM preach at the QM from Acts 10:26.

The 19th Have spent the day in the Stimpson neighborhood. Dined at Bro. Philip Gilpatrick's. Made a few calls and preached in the evening at the L. House.

The 24th Preached at the Cong. Church on exchange with Bro. Titcomb.

The 25th Prayer meeting at Bro. Ezra Eastman's.

The 28th National and State thanksgiving. Meeting at the Cong. Church Bro. T. preached from Ps 107:8,9.

Thanksgiving Dinner at Dea. Hasty. wedding in the evening at 6 o'clock. Married Mr Noah Weeks of Cornish and Miss Armanda L. Hasty of Limerick.

Dec 1st Preached to young men today from Ps 119:9. May God bless the word.

The 5th Twenty eight years today since I was baptized and united with the old church at Lyndon., VT. It was thanksgiving day in VT. pleasant and only but little snow to be seen.

The 11th Visited at Bro. Joseph Harmon's.

The 19th Bro. J. Chick invites me to move to Ossipee Corner to take charge of the church there. I think my work is not done here.

Dec 30, 1867 Have attended today the funeral of Miss Hannah A. Hasty aged 25. Ten months ago she was the picture of health. she was a Christian and a member of this church. Her pleasant face so beautiful and so radiant with expressions of goodness will be greatly missed in the family and in the church. Her disease was consumption, caused by a sudden cold.

The 31st Tuesday eve. Another year of this short life is past. As I stand on its last crumbling sands of time, and take a retrospective view of the past, I feel regret for want of greater success in winning souls to my Savior, and yet I feel to praise the Lord for his goodness to me and mine and that I can trust all with my heavenly Father. He assures me that my labor in the Lord shall not be in vain.

## 1868

Limerick Jan 1, 1868 In greeting this new year, I would begin it with new praises and new consecration to my Divine Lord and Savior.

The 2nd Today, I have attended the funeral of Freddie F. son of Joseph and Amanda Bradeen of Waterboro. Visited also the grave of Tingley one of our early ministers.

The 3rd Attended the funeral of Charles A. Furlong aged six years. Died suddenly of croup.

Sunday 5th Preached from Luke 14:10 "Friend go up higher", and Luke 13:8 "Lord, let it alone this year also." I have preached 7 times within eight days.

The 6th Annual donation in the church. Full gathering and a liberal offering of money and other necessary things for our comfort.

The 7th We begin keeping house again in Mrs. Sidney Chick's house. It is now 2 years and 6 months since we have been able or found it convenient to keep house by ourselves. The year past we have boarded at widow Burbank's.

The 14th In company with Bro. A. C. Peaslee attended DM at Portland. Wednesday preached from Ruth 2:19. In the evening heard H. W. Beecher lecture in the City Hall. Subject: Hands and Brains.

Monday 27th Arranging for some extra meetings. Preached in the evening from 1 Samuel 14:6. 5 prayers and 6 exhortations.

The 28th Bro. A. C. Peaslee preached in the evening from Ps 85:5. A good meeting - some interest.

The 29th Bro. Esty the Baptist minister of the village preached from 1Pet. 1:14.

The 30th Bro. Peaslee preached from Rev. 3:20. One rose for prayer.

Feb Sunday 2nd Two anxious in the meeting this evening.

Monday 3rd This eve I preached from these words, "And David encouraged himself in the Lord his God." 1Sam 30:6

The 4th Attended the funeral of Mrs. Mary Pendexter, East Parsonsfield, aged 79.

The 6th Excellent meeting this PM and evening. Some 6 or 8 are anxious to find the Savior. The interest is increasing.

The 8th Preached from Gal 1:16. Some men no longer to confer with flesh and blood.

The 10th At the inquiry meeting we found a number anxiously seeking the Savior.

The 11th Attended the Minister's Conference at Newfield. We discussed the best method of promoting revivals. The meeting was deeply spiritual and interesting. The QM that followed was greatly blessed to the church in a precious revival. The pastor, Bro. Peaslee was permitted to receive into the church by baptism in the spring a large number of converts. We were permitted to be in the revival and assist some, while at the same time the lord was blessing us at Limerick. I preached a number of times for Bro. Peaslee and Bro. C. Bean was very useful in the meetings.

The 21st The anxious remain decided. I have now been in meetings at home and at Newfield for 4 weeks and have seen a number saved.

Saturday 29th This eve Bro. J. M. Harper was set apart to the office of deacon. Meeting full and interesting. Sunday 1st preached at East Parsonsfield.

Monday 2nd Last night the tide set in heavenward with increasing interest. One man Ephriam Durgin one of the selectmen of the town spoke for the first time.

The 3rd The interest is on the increase. A few are able to speak of Christ's pardoning love. From ten to fifteen are seeking the Savior.

The 5th The work of revival progresses. Four new ones spoke tonight.

The 6th Five new ones arose for prayers this evening.

The 7th At the inquiry meeting we had 8 prayers by the children.

The 9th Town meeting. Excellent prayer meeting in the evening, 21 exhortations and 9 prayers.

The 10th "Behold, I set before thee an open door". One new one rose to be prayed for.

The 11th An interesting meeting this eve. Two new ones arose for prayers.

The 12th One new one spoke tonight.

Sunday 15th. The interest remains good. God has greatly blessed us with his Spirit and Loving favor.

The 21st One has found the Savior this week and so the work goes on. May it be deep and lasting.

The 26th 35 Exhortations and prayers in the meeting this eve. One new one arose for prayer.

The 28th Prayer meeting at Dea. Hasty's. Several arose for prayers. I have attended meeting every evening this week.

April 7th Wedding at Bro. E. Durgin's. Married Mr. Charles E. Beard of Brookline, MA and Miss Malvina F. Durgin of this town.

The 10th Two arose for prayers tonight at the Hale S. House.

The 20th Meeting at Bro. Nathan Check's. Social meeting interesting. New voices make them more so.

The 24th A very solemn meeting at the Hale S. House. A few have started within neighborhood.

The 7th of May I attended Bro. A. C. Peaslee's ordination. I gave the charge.

The 8th Bro. Cotten Bean died today aged 64. Sick only one week.

The 9th Meeting at the Warren S. House. Two new ones spoke tonight.

Sunday 10th Heard Bro. J. Steven's present the funeral sermon of Bro. C. Bean.

The 18th Attended the funeral of Mrs. Hancock aged 72.

The 28th Today four related their experience of baptism.

June 4th Four joined the church by letter today.

The 6th Attended the funeral of Bro. John Philpot aged 69. A worthy brother of the church.

The 7th Baptized this PM in Pickerel Pond Bro. Ephriam Durgin, Bro. Haynes and wife and Luther Libby.

The 9th Funeral of sister Hasty the mother of the Deacon aged 76.

The 11th In company with Dea. Harper attended the QM at Parsonsfield. Preached from (?) 14:8. God helped me to preach his word.

The 18th Preached from Rev. 2:29, at the Maine W.Y.M. at North Lebanon.

The 23rd Married Mr Robert E. Edgcomb of Hollis and Miss Augusta h. Sylvester of Albion.

Sunday 5th This has been a precious day to me. I had the privilege of baptizing Bro. John Parsons and Annie his sister. they are interesting young people.

July 18th Attended the funeral of James L. the twin son of Charles Pierce aged nearly 3 years. Text: "The one shall be taken and the other left".

Aug 22nd For 8 days past we have been away on a visit to Lebanon, Glimanton I. W., Pittsfield, and Epsom. Mrs. Q. remains feeble but is on the gain.

The 23rd I married Mr Charles A. Sleeper to Miss Emma A. Seavey both of Bideford.

Sept 10th Preached at the QM at East Parsonsfield from Prov 18:24, on the Friendship of Christ. Deep feeling in the meeting.

The 23rd, Meeting at the South Cornish meeting house this eve 20 or 40 present.

The 24th Stayed over night at Dea. Allen's. Meeting in the evening.

The 26th Visited at Bro. James Lord's at Perry's Corner. Prayer meeting in the evening.

Oct 2nd Being a delegate to the Gen. Con. I found it necessary to leave home today, as I wanted to be in Boston the 5th to go with others to Buffalo, NY where the Gen. Con. is to be held.

The 5th Left Boston in company with a large delegation of brethren and sisters at 2 1/2 PM for Buffalo.

The 6th Arrived at Buffalo at 11 o'clock AM. At first I boarded at Bro. Bartholomew's on Essex St.

The 7th Conference organized. 70 delegates present besides many visiting brethren.

The 9th Changed my boarding place from Bro. B's to Mr. D. Frost's South Division St. Great activity prevails in the business of the Conference.

Saturday 10th Excursion to Niagara Falls. I have visited these Falls once before. Oh how grand and impressive the view! There were 300 in the company - no accidents.

Sunday 11th In the AM I went to hear Bishop Kingsbery, Methodist, and in the PM and evening heard Bro. Fulanton and Bro. Dunn.

The 15th The Conference closed last eve. This morning we left Buffalo for Whitestown where we stayed over night. Glad to visit the place and Institution. Here I spent at school some two years and a half.

The 18th Preached at South Boston from Ps 87:9. "All my springs are in thee".

The 19th Have made several calls in Boston and vicinity. Visited at cousin L. Land's and Mrs Stempson, relatives of Mrs. Quimby's.

The 20th Took the boat at India Wharf for Portland and home.

The 21st Arrived home at Limerick well and found my family in usual health tho Mrs. Q. is not in firm health. The Lord is good to permit us to meet again. At the Gen. Con. and in my journey to and from Buffalo I have seen much to admire, and I hope I have served the Lord and my brethren acceptably.

The 25th at home with my people. Spoke in the morning from Acts 28:15, on my observations and experiences and hopes relative to the Gen. Con. For the PM spoke from Luke 2:34,35.

Nov 1st Went to Lyman 13 miles away to attend the funeral of Mrs. Andrews. Text Matt 24:44

The 4th Attended with Mrs. Q. the York Co. QM at Ross's Corner. Preached from Luke 5:7. I enjoyed the meeting and God gave me some freedom in speaking his word.

The 6th It is 29 years since I gave me heart to God. Oh that I had lived nearer him!

The 11th Walked to South Cornish, 4 miles away to attend the QM. I was appointed moderator of the Con. and preached from 1John 1:7. This church was well nigh extinct, only a few remaining who felt the need of help. The meeting house was greatly out of repair; but two unconverted men felt that something must be done to have meetings, and they went and procured some shingles for the church and the house was shingled. This opened the way for the QM, which had not been held there for a long time. The QM was well attended and warmly entertained, and interesting. At the close of Bro. Peaslee's sermon, Thursday eve, one arose for prayers. I had planned to protract the meeting, and I remained on the ground visiting and preaching evenings till God revived his work in great power.

The 13th Visited a number of families, and preached in the evening from Ps 51:12,13 Interest increasing.

The 14th Went home to attend my meeting on the Sabbath.

The 16th Preach at South Cornish in the evening from these words, "How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation?" Heb 2:3.

The 17th I preached in the PM from 1Sam 14:6, and Bro. Hasty in the evening from Luke 14:17.

The 18th Stormy, but the power of God was manifest in the meeting. I preached in the PM from Luke 14:28, and in the evening from Gal 1:16. Several arose and promised to read the 11th Chap. of Matt. and reflect on the three last verses. One man hitched his horse and went into his house and read the Chap. before putting his horse up. He was soon rejoicing in the love of Christ.

The 19th Some spoke in the meeting today who had not for 20 years. Feeling deep - some manifested their desire to be saved by rising for prayers.

The 21st Preached the funeral sermon of Bro. E. Cobb of Limington, a licensed preacher, aged 73. Text Matt 25:21.

The 23rd Preached at South Cornish. The revival is still progressing. Stayed one night at Mr. Redlon's. I hope he is near the kingdom.

The 24th I found in the morning in conversation that Mr. Redlon is under conviction.

The 25 Meeting at South Cornish this eve. Mr R. is among the anxious. Thanks me for the little steps I have asked him to take in becoming a Christian, like rising to be prayed for, rising promising to read a particular portion of Scripture, kneeling in the family at prayer time.

The 26th Preached a Thanksgiving discourse at the Baptist house from Ps 116:12-14. In the evening married at Mr Gow's Mr Ezra N. Watson of Salem, MA and Miss Emily J. Gow of Limerick. Fee \$10.00.

Saturday 28th At home making preparation for the Sabbath. Oh how unfit I am for so holy a work as preaching the blessed gospel of Christ! Oh God, save me, and make me pure in heart.

The 30th Meeting at South Cornish. Some holding back, still the revival seems to be progressing.

Dec 1st Two new ones spoke this PM Mr Redlon and Mrs Stow. Some confessed their backslidings. One new one spoke in the evening, Mrs Emma Gastill. Some arose for prayers.

The 2nd At home. My people at Limerick made me a donation of \$60.46 in money and some other things. Pleasant gathering.

The 4th Dined at Bro. Wm. Allen's. Excellent meeting in the PM and evening. Many confessed Christ, and one rose for prayers.

The 5th Twenty nine years, today, was Thanksgiving in VT and on that day, long to be remembered, I was baptized.

The 8th Bro. James Stow came out and carried me over to South Cornish to attend meeting in the PM and evening. The meetings were interesting. Quite a number have been revived and several converted.

The 9th Stayed last night to Bro. Redlon's one of our converts. At home in the evenings. Have made 19 calls today.

The 16th Dined at Bro. Haley's at South Cornish. Meeting in the PM and evening. Stayed over night at Bro. Frost Gastill's. His son and wife are among the converts. His son's wife Mrs. Emma Gastill began first. She promised to live a life of prayer and began by praying all alone in the family. Soon her husband, and his father and mother joined her. I can hardly think of a visit with any family that I ever enjoyed more. All praise to the great I AM.

The 20th Preached from PS 118:25; and Acts 24:25. At the evening meeting one arose for prayers, Miss Lenie Warren, from Denmark, ME, a lady I afterwards baptized at Fribing near her home.

Dec 22nd Bro Redlon came out and took us, myself, wife, and Alida to his house where we dined. Excellent meeting in the PM and evening. Stayed over night at Bro. Haley's.

The 23rd Dined at Bro. James Stone's and took tea at Bro. Chaney's. Went to Dea. Allen's where the people gathered in the evening and made us a donation of \$29.00. A very pleasant visit. Dea. Allen brought us home.

The 27th Preached in the AM from Dan 5:27. Weighed and Wanting. In the PM from 2Pet 3:9, on God's unwillingness to have men lost.

The 30th A visit from Bro. Philip Gilpatrick and wife, Dea. Harper and wife Bro. Aaron Pierce and wife, Bro. John Stimpson and wife, Dea. Hasty and wife, Miss Tilfha Harper and Miss Mary Perry.

The 31st Prayer meeting at Bro. John Brown's in the evening. Emily, his daughter, confessed Christ for the first time. Thus closes the year of 1868. I have enjoyed the privilege of seeing 3 revivals this year; in my own church at Limerick, at Newfield, and at South Cornish. When I began the meetings at Cornish there was not one in the place that would pray or speak in the meetings. Now most all in the place are active in the meetings. What a blessing a revival is in our community.



1869

Friday 1, 1869 I live to enter upon the duties and hopes of another year. I feel to thank God for what I have witnessed of the salvation of God in revival work the year past. Oh that God may give me greater success in winning souls to Christ this year. I feel anxious to see my people taking higher ground. I hope to be able to manage to excite in them the importance of higher aims, and to awaken higher purposes of action in Christian life.

Sunday the 3rd. Texts today "This year thou shalt die" Jer 28:16 "Choose you this day whom ye will serve" Joshua 24:15. Communion. Excellent social meeting in the evening.

Tuesday 5 Visited at Bro. Samuel Kimball's and married Mr. Albert H. Kimball of North Chelsea, Mass. and Miss Hattie A. Kimball of Cornish.

Sunday 10 I had more than usual freedom in speaking in the morning from Gal 6:2.

The 12th Meeting at South Cornish. Preached to the youth on the importance of Early Piety.

The 20th Married Mr. Wm. Mason and Annie Palmer both of Limerick.

The 25th Have answered three letters today from North Lebanon, Springvale, and Epsom, relative to becoming the pastor of these churches.

The 9th QM at Cornishville.

The 11th Preached in the evening from Matt 22:28. Mr Joshua Cobb spoke for the first time. The revival has begun.

The 16th Walked to South Cornish and Bro. Y. Haley carried me to the village where I spoke in the evening from Acts 26:28. I am helping Bro. Burlingame in a protracted meeting.

The 17th Inquiry meeting in the PM in the evening I preached from Matt 11:22 "Have faith in God" Excellent meeting and some new ones arose for prayers.

The 18th Two new ones arose and spoke this PM. Preached in the evening from (?) 29:5 and two new ones arose and so the blessed work goes on.

The 20th At home. There is the prospect of a precious and extensive work of grace in the village of Cornish. I hope to hear that the work is progressing.

The 26th In company with Bro. E. Durgin have made several calls to raise money to pay a debt on the meeting house. Succeeding well. The debt will be paid.

March 5th Left home this PM in company with Bro. J. G. Catterell to attend the funeral of Bro. G. W. Swain, who died the 4th in Chichister at his brother's aged 43.

The 6th Arrived at sister Swain's at 5 o'clock, PM. The family is in great affliction.

Sunday 7th Preached the funeral sermon of Bro. Swain in the church at Epsom from Ps 61:2.

The 8th Came back to the Iron Works and stayed over night at Bro. J. M. Lauzer's.

The 9th After making a few calls left for home. Arrived at Limerick at 7 o'clock in the evening. All well.

The 12th Attend with Bro. Lord at the cong. house the funeral of Mary E. Perkins an only daughter aged 20. Sermon by Bro. Lord. Text : "God is a refuge for us" 1. We all need refuge; 2. God is just such a refuge as we need; 3. How to secure this refuge.

The 19th Attended the funeral of Capt. Jabez Towle at East Parsonsfield aged 68.

April 15th State Fast at the Cong. house. I preached from 2Kings 2:21.

The 18th Preached the funeral sermon of Mrs Sarah Dudly aged 65.

The 20th Married Mr John P. Eastman of Limerick and Miss Annie C. Parsons of Parsonsfield.

The 29th Attended monthly meeting at South Cornish and heard 7 relate their experiences for baptism. In the evening Sister Lennie Warren related her experience for baptism.

May 1st Today, have been canvassing my parish to raise money to replenish our S. S. Library.

The 3rd. Confined at home owing to lameness cause by a severe cold.

May 22nd Have examined Martha J. Courtland of Wenham to teach school. Did this while confined to my bed with the rheumatic fever.

The 24th Mrs Quimby left this morning for Pittsfield to visit her father who is dangerously sick from an injury which he received from a fall.

June 6th Preached today for the first time for a number of Sabbaths owing to my sickness. Text Rev 1:10. After sermon reorganized the S. S. We have raised about \$50 to replenish our S. S. L. The books are numbered and ready for use.

The 20th Preached today from Is 27:3,4. This PM after service married Mr. James A. Lord of Sanford and Miss Hattie M. Allen of Cornish.

The 21st Received a letter from Bro. Witham informing me that the YM has appointed me Missionary Agent for the YM. Not fully decided to accept.

the 24th Attended the funeral of Mrs Dudley of Dalton's Corner, Parsonsfield. She was 82 years of age.

The 25th Left home this PM for Denmark. Stayed over night at Dea. Stickney's in Brownfield.

The 26th Arrived at Mr. Caleb Warren's at or near noon. We were happy to meet Lenie their daughter. Pleasant family.

Sunday June 27th Preached at Pike's Peak, Fryburg, and baptized sister Lenie A. Warren. The day was pleasant and many witnessed the ceremony. Long shall we remember this day.

The 28th On our way home stayed over night at Cornish with Bro. Burlingame. A pleasant visit.

The 29th At home with somewhat improved health. The Lord be praised for his goodness to us.

Sunday 4th Preached today from Micah 4:4 on National Peace and Security. In the PM preached from Luke 22:19, which was followed with Communion.

The 9th Attended with Bro. Esty the funeral of Mr. Stephen Libby aged 74. He was a near neighbor, and suffered much in his last sickness. "Neither shall there be any more pain."

The 29th Bro. Von Dam who has been visiting us a few days left us this morning. We have enjoyed the visit much. This may be the last.

Sunday Aug 1st I preached upon Christ's mission to the lost, Matt 18:11; and on the Service of Christ, John 12:26. The social meeting at 5 o'clock quite interesting. Married also Mr James M. Watson of Parsonsfield and Miss Hannah B. Sargent of Limerick.

The 4th In company with others spent the day on Lins Net Plains some 10 miles away blueberrying. Found them in abundance.

The 8th Preached in the AM from Rom 7:11, on the deceptive power of sin, and in the PM from 1Cor 13:12, on the perfection of knowledge in heaven, the subject suggested yesterday while viewing the eclipse.

The 10th I left home in company with Mrs. Q and Alilda to visit Old Orchard Beach. Stayed at Dea. Durgin's and Bro. True's. Much delighted with the view of the ocean and the park.

The 12th On our way home visited at Bro. Aaron Pierce's and had a prayer meeting in the evening.

The 14th Attended the funeral of Alice Brackett, Mrs Cortland who died very suddenly. Her early death is much lamented.

Sunday 15th Preached the funeral sermon of Grace Langee at her uncle's in Parsonsfield. Three young people have died recently, Joseph Hayes, Mrs Alice Cortland, and Grace Langee.

The 16th I left Limerick with my family for Pittsfield, NH this PM at 3 o'clock. Stayed at Bro. Reuben Lord's West Lebanon over night. Today 17th we dined at Bro. Daniel Babb's, North Strafford. Stayed at father Leavitt's all night, and the next day went to Epsom.

The 18th Visited aunt Bobb's and aunt Hall's. Found aunt Hall very sick nigh unto death. This was our last visit with her. That night we stayed at Bro. Goss and visited Delia's grave.

The 19th Uncle Wm. Bickford carried me to Concord, where I took the cars for VT. Arrived at father's at 5 o'clock.

The 22nd Preached at Lyndon once today, and then went to the Cemetery to visit my dear mother's and brother's graves. Thoughts of the past come stealing over my heart in sadness as I think of the past. It fills my heart with the hope of meeting again.

The 27th Attended the Weelock QM held in this place.

The 30th In company with Bro. Peckham went to Waterbury 50 miles away to attend the opening exercises of the Green Mountain Seminary.

Sept 1st Today the new institution was dedicated. Prof. Dunn of Hillsdale, Mich. gave the address which was interesting. Here I met Hon. Charles Willard of Montpelier an old advocate of my native town and former member of Congress.

The 3rd The Methodist Conf. Meeting is now in session. Have attended some of the meetings.

The 5th Went with father to North Danville and preached in the PM for Bro. Dome. After meeting rode over to St. Johnsbury and took tea at Bro. Spooner's.

The 7th This morning I bid adieu to my friends in VT and turned my face homeward. Rode in the cars from Lyndon to the Weirs, NH, and then crossed over the Lake in the steam boat Lady of the Lake to Alton Bay. Went from there to Dover and stayed over night with Bro. J. Malvern and reached home the 8th and found my family in usual health.

The 11th Attended the funeral of Mrs Moore of Newfield aged 58.

The 12th Preached to my people as usual and then married Albert M. Emery of this town and Miss Frances H. Cole of Cornish.

The 14th Preached this PM the funeral sermon of Bro. Jacob Guptell's little boy aged 3 years and 6 months.

The 15th Attended the State Sab. School Convention at Lewiston. Stayed with Mr. B. Brooks, Auburn.

The 16th The Convention closed at noon and I returned home in the PM. The convention was highly interesting. Was pleased to hear Dr. Vincent address the Convention.

The 30th Attended the funeral of sister Knight and her infant son 3 1/2 months old. She and her child sleep peacefully side by side. She died in the Lord.

This PM attended the funeral of Bro. Jacob Guptell one of three sons born at one birth. He leaves a wife and the two brothers of the same age. His age was 35. His only son and child passed away a few days ago.

The 3rd Preached at Epsom. Not a very full congregation owing to the rain.

The 5th Left E. by way of Gilmanton I. W. A very great freshet. Bridges carried off so that I found it very difficult to reach the Iron Works.

The 6th finds me at home again, attending to my pastoral duties, etc.

The 12th Various ladies of the parish called this PM to aid Mrs. Q. in working a rug. A pleasant gathering.

The 29th Visited at Bro. A. Towles, South Parsonsfield. Made two calls on our way home.

the 28th Visited at Dea. Harper's, made several calls, and preached at South Cornish in the evening.

The 29th Several friends from South Cornish visited us this evening. Bro. Redlon, and Haley, and Elkanah Philpot with their wives. As some of these friends had recently found the Savior this made the interview more interesting still.

Limerick, Sunday Oct 31, 1869. Today, I have preached my farewell discourse to this dear people. In the AM I preached from John 12:32 and in the PM from Phil 1:27. Closed the service with communion. We close in the spirit of Christian harmony. Mrs Q's health has greatly improved since we came here, and God has blessed us temporally and spiritually. We have seen the great trial that had long embarrassed the church in her progress overcome, confidence restored, and precious souls converted to Christ. And who ever shall succeed me, I pray that the work of God may prosper in their hands. Never shall we forget the kind hearts, who have given us their confidence, sympathy, and support in our ministry and work for Christ here. Some I shall never see again; while other, if I should live, I can only hope to see them occasionally, since my prospective field of labor will carry us miles away. So then I will think of "the home over there", where we will hope to meet loved ones again.

Nov 2nd The brethren are here with their teams to move us to Epsom our old field of labor.

The 3rd The brethren left with our goods this morning. This PM I preached the funeral sermon of Susan Miles at the Baptist house. Social meeting at Dea. Hasty's in the evening.

The 4th Dined at Bro. Davis the tavern keeper and at 3 o'clock, PM, rode out of the pleasant village of Limerick with my dear family, on our way to Epsom NH. As we rode on, we threw a glance backward, that we might catch a parting view of the village and hills, and other familiar objects once more, for soon we could view them only in recollection. Stayed over night with Mr. Martin's family, West Chewfield.

The 5th Went on to Gilmanton and stayed over night at Bro. E. Hill's.

The 6th Left Bro. Hill's this morning and went to Pittsfield, and dined at father Leavitt's. Reached Epsom at 5 o'clock and stayed at Bro. J. C. Hall's.

Epsom Sunday 7th This is the third time that I come to preach at the earnest solicitation of the people, and I hope to be useful and to see the salvation of God as in other days. I preached in the AM from 2Cor 12:14; and in the PM from Acts 10:33.

The 9th We moved into the Parsonage and began to keep house again. Oh may the Lord be with us to bless us and our labors in his precious cause.

The 11th Purchased a young horse of Mr. Batcheldar and paid him \$150.

The 13th Monthly meeting at the Parsonage. Nineteen present. Mrs Q. and myself united with the church once again.

The 14th Preached as usual and reorganized the S.S.

The 18th Attended Thanksgiving service at our church.

The 23rd Attended the funeral of sister Lucretia Yeaton a member of this church.

The 25th Married Mr Frank Buffum to Miss Clara J. Philbrick both of Epsom.

The 27th Purchased a new harness and paid \$38.00 for it.

The 28th Preached on an exchange with Bro. Manson of Suncook.

The 16th Donation at the church. Quite rainy. Given in money and produce \$57.00

Dec 31st And so I have come to the close of another year. How many have fallen by death the year past. How thankful I should be that I myself with my own dear ones are still alive. The faces that greeted us at the beginning of the year, I see not for we occupy a new field of labor miles away.

The Lord bless them with my dear people here. As the years go by, may I feel more and more the importance of living near God.

## 1870

Epsom Jan 1, 1870 New Year's offering

The 2nd Sabbath. Preached from Ex 40:17 on consecration to God. PM preached the funeral sermon of Francis Lock, from 1Cor 7:29-31 Age 78.

The 4th Viewed the ruins of a railroad disaster some 4 miles below. One so badly injured who has since died.

Thursday 6th Attended the funeral of Mrs Rhoda Carson of Pittsfield. Aged 46.

Sabbath the 9th Sermon talk from Luke 14:10. PM Heb 13:8 Communion.

Thursday 13 Preached at Pittsfield in the PM at the New Durham QM from John 1:51.

Sabbath 16th Preached to my people as usual. Text 1Pet. 1:22,23; Luke 5:10.

Thursday eve 20th Meeting at New Rye. Text 1Thess 5:10.

Friday eve 21st Center S. House Text Gal 2:20 "Who loved me and give himself for me."

Sabbath 23rd Exchange G. I. Works with Bro. Osgood, Text "Amos 6:1 1Thess 5:10 "Who died for us"

The 25 PM Preached at Manchester at the Weare QM.

Sabbath 30 Sixty present, snowy. Subjects: A reward, Habb 3:2 (?)

Feb 5 This week we were to have a revival Convention, and one brother L. Keniden came and we had a few meeting, but the people did not attend, because sleighing has just commenced and the people were very busy in using the snow . Adjourned for two weeks.

Feb 19 There is some awakening. A few have been converted. Bro K. has been with me a few days and rendered us good service for God and souls.

Feb 26 The work is increasing. Souls are coming to Christ.

March 28 During the last two months we have had but one discourse on the Sab. Social meeting in the PM. God has greatly blessed us in these meetings.

April 28 Married Charles D. Weare of Deerfield and Emma H. Hill of Gilmanton.

May 21 Married Charles Blaisdell of Loudon and Francenia Morrell Messerve of Epsom.

May 23 Yesterday was a good day with us. I baptized 7. Isaac W. Chandler, Trueworthy F. Kelley, Geo. W. Burnham, Palmer Chesley, Floria E. Marden, Mary J. Chesley, and Etta C. Chesley.

May 28 The N. Durham QM convened with us this week.

June 4 Attended the funeral of Minatt W. Catterell aged 4 years. Wedding this eve of Warren A. Sanders and Mary J. Edmunds both of Chichester.

June 6 Yesterday I baptized 18. Mary A. Yeaton, Georgia A. Quimby, Charles W. Leighton, Eliza J. Leighton, Electa A. Goss, Mary Abbey Fife, Adah S. Baker, Mary J. Merriom, Levina Marden, Mary Ellen Heath, Susan B. Marden, Ellen L. Chesley, Annie E. Sanders, Alonzo Marden, Luther S. Hall, Cyrus Marden, Frank W. Edmunds, and Burleigh A. Marden.

The 15 Attended the funeral of Geo. W. Sherburn aged 53.

The 20th I baptized yesterday nine. Thomas J. Ames, James M. Burnham, Charles W. Fisk, Shepherd S. Ham, Mary A. Heath, Viernia R. Batchelder, Adah E. Edmunds, Alida Quimby and Alice L. Burnham. God be praised that my dear daughter Alida has given herself to God and his people.

July 10 Attended the funeral of Mrs. Sarah F. Knowles of Pittsfield. The funeral was held at her father's, James Bickford's, in Northwood. Text Is 40:6-9.

The 25th Attended the funeral of Mrs Libby aged more than 80 Ps 71:17,18.

The 26th Attended the funeral of the infant son of Samuel Clark of Pittsfield aged 19 months.

August 1st I have been called to attend a very affecting funeral today. Sister Margaret Ann Yeaton, wife of Daniel Yeaton, aged 28 years. She and her infant child sleep in one coffin. I baptized her nine years ago. She was a fine school teacher, a good wife and a worthy Christian.

The 3rd Joined in marriage Mr. Charles Yeaton of this town and Mrs. Ann M. Cofron of Pembroke.

The 23rd I attended the funeral of Bro. Thompson's little girl at Northwood Narrows.

Oct 3 Attended the funeral of sister Nina Philbrick of this town.

Oct 9 Joined in marriage Mr. Frank H. Upton of Concord and Miss Anna M. Chapman of Epsom.

The 22 Married Charles W. Brackett of this town and Ada L. Baker of Deerfield.



Dec 25 Sara A. Longley died aged 2 years and 8 months.

## 1871

Attended the funeral of Mrs. Naomi B. Marion. She was a worthy sister and has gone to rest in peace.

Feb 9 Joined in marriage Mr. Andrew S. Evans of Allenstown and Mrs Mary A. Morrell of Epsom.

March 5 Married Mr. Eben R. Richardson of Northwood and Mrs. Levina L. Merserve of Pittsfield.

The 10th Attended the funeral of Dea. Thomas Tripp aged 62 A good man has gone to his rest. Text John 20:29.

May 9th This eve joined in marriage Mr. Alonzo Marden and Miss Annie Fowler both of this town.

Aug 29 Attended the funeral of sister Lucy Dow of Northwood aged 34.

Sept 2, 1871 In monthly meeting Bro. Charles A. Yeaton and Sister Ann M. Yeaton his wife related their experiences for baptism.

Sept 3 Married Sabbath noon Mr. Cyrus N. Barton and Ellen C. Leighton both of Concord city.

Sept 17 Baptized Charles A. Yeaton and Ann M. his wife, and Ann Lydia Fowler. Pleasant September Sabbath and I enjoyed the baptism of these candidates very much.

Oct 2 Left home to attend Gen. Con. at Hillsdale, Mich. Went by way of Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne.

The 5th Arrived at Hillsdale today.

Thursday, at noon. 50 years old . Made my home while at the Con. with Bro. Samuel Dyer's family. All very pleasant.

October 13, 1871 Today walked over the burnt district in Chicago, and witnessed the ruins of the great fire. Left for home in the evening. Spent the Sabbath at Harrisburg, PA. Preached in our church from 1John 4:16. Arrived home Thursday the 19th.

Nov 4th. Attended the funeral of Mrs Mary J. Lamprey, aged 37 years.

The 23rd attended the funeral of Ruth E. and Augusta L. daughters of C. C. and M. E. Brow aged 8 and 4. Three hours difference in their deaths. Both buried in one coffin. Sister Julia and Emeline came last eve on a short visit.

Dec. 3rd Baptized sister Anna Blaza, of Parsonsfield, ME. she is teaching in this district.

The 16th Funeral of John Page aged 92. Text "To die is gain" Phil 1:21.

Dec 31, 1872 Today I close my labors with the church of Epsom. I have been here this the third time 2 years and 2 months. Have baptized and added to the church nearly 40. I leave of my own free will. I have preached to these people of Epsom in all between 12 and 13 years. I never expect to be settled there again.

## 1872

Jan 7, 1872 Barnstead Centre. Today I begin my ministerial labors in this place. Have engaged to preach here and at North Barnstead the year to come for \$500 besides the use of the Parsonage and a donation. My only hope is in God, who has promised to bless the preaching of his word.

The 10th Preached at the QM at Pittsfield. Received the last letter that dear sister Julia ever wrote to me or anyone. Today she had an unsuccessful operation to have a tumor removed from her.

The 11th. Letter from Bro. Tasker that sister is not expected to live.

The 12th We leave Mrs. Q., Alida, and myself for VT. We find dear sister alive, but no hope of her recovery.

The 14th. Sabbath eve. At half past seven death seems very near. She makes her arrangements for he departure. Her last words. "Weep not for me, but for yourselves". Repeats the 4th verse of the 23rd Psalm which she called her psalm. "Yea, tho' I walk, etc." Requests singing and joins with us in singing, "Come and sing to me of heaven". Says to her darling boy Sumner, "My son never drink anything stronger than ice water. Remember you gave your mother ice water". And among her last words she said, "I am going to see Jesus and my dear friends in heaven. Come and see me." She lapsed to her heavenly home at half past one Monday morning the 15th, aged almost 42. Funeral Tuesday. Text: "She hath done what she could."

Tuesday 23rd Moved to Barnstead Centre.

Feb 1 Attended the funeral of Mrs. Jacob's aged 82.

The 11th Sabbath. At Epsom to attend the funeral of Wm. Ham Esq.

the 28th Attended the funeral of John and Grace Nutter's infant son aged 6 months.

March 3. Sabbath. Attended the funeral of Mr. Joseph Ayers aged 71. He was a good man, and has fallen asleep in Jesus.

The 11th Attended the funeral of Mr & Mrs Shackford's infant son aged between 3 and 4 months. Funeral at the tavern.

The 21 Attended the funeral of Mr. Curtis C. Tuttle aged 57 years. He died as he lived.

The 24th Attended with Bro. Carr the funeral of sister Betsey J. Tuttle aged 69, both funerals in the same house.

The 31 Attended at Pittsfield the funeral of Mrs. Keniston, sister of the above named, aged 79.

The(?) a few days attended at Pittsfield the funeral of Owen Reynolds nephew of the last named person aged 53. He died sudden. A goodness.

April 2 Four have recently started in religion connected with this circle of mourners. All give evidence of a change of heart.

The 23 Attended the funeral of Mrs. Mary M. Bridges aged 64. Funeral at the Clarkstown meeting house.

The 25 Married Mr. Albert F. Shackford and Mrs August H. Jenkins both of Barnstead.

May 1st Married Symour H. Jenkins and Miss Mary A. Shackford both of Barnstead.

The 18th of May met the Free Evangelical, as it called, and the 1st Barnstead F. B. church at the meeting house Barnstead Centre and we with 8 others joined this church to be known as the Barnstead Free Will Baptist Church.

The 27 We have been to Epsom today to attend the funeral of sister Annie F. Marden. Married a little more than a year. Text Ps 17;15.

Oct 26 The past week the ND QM convened with us. An excellent meeting. Today I attended the funeral of Mr. Winkley aged 75.

Oct 29 This morning married Hon. S. G. Berry and Mrs. Lydia Moody of Belmont. Also the funeral of Charles Silver aged 21. text, "Run, speak to this young man".

Nov 6 Attended the funeral of Bro. Samuel Bickford aged 66.

Nov 9 The past week have been to Amesbury to purchase a carriage.

Nov 10 Today preached at the centre. Great fire yesterday or last night and today in Boston. The principal wholesale stores burned. \$125,000,000 destroyed. Over 100 acres burned over. Thousands thrown out of employ. 100 dwellings have burned. 2500 stores burned.

Nov 17 Preached at the N. B. and made the fire a lesson of the uncertainty of earthly treasures. Text Prov 23:5. Two have recently started in religion.

Nov 28 Thanksgiving. Went to Epsom and attended wedding. Mr Joseph G. Whidden of Boston Mass and Miss Effie Fowler of Epsom.

Dec 14 The week past attended a three day meeting at North Barnstead. Bros. Baker, Edgerly, and Rogers ministers. Some revival. Five conversions and to reclaimed.

### 1873

Jan 1, 1873 Married Mr. James L. Osgood of Dover and Miss Angie Elliot of this town.

Jan 22 Attended the funeral of Miles Clark aged 20.

The 30 For two weeks past have been helping Bro. Rogers in a protracted meeting at North Strafford - some revival.

Feb 15 This week have had some extra meetings. The brethren appointed did not come.

The 10 Attended the funeral of Mr. Joseph Berry of Alton aged 79.

March 2 Sabbath. Today at 4 PM I married Mr. Geo. W. Dudley of Concord and Miss Sarah E. Locke, and Mr. Charles C. Perkins of Concord and Miss Martha F. Locke sister to the above, both of this town.

The 3 For two weeks I have been confined to my house with the influenza.

The attended the funeral of Mrs. Ayer North Barnstead aged 82.

April 20 Attended the funeral of Mr. Hiram Clark's little boy aged 3 from Concord.

The 21 Attended the funeral of Geo. Smart age 16. Text "He hath done all things well."

Feb 2, 1873 Married Mr. Edwin A. Prescott and Mrs. Julia A. French both of Alton.

The first of May 1873 I closed my labors with the people of Barnstead and moved to Meredith Centre, some 7 miles from New Hampton, desiring a nearer location to that place, in view of school privileges for Alida. I preached my first sermon on the second Sabbath. The people promise me 400 parsonage, and donation. I trust that I am in the path of duty. I hope to see the church prosper and souls saved.

June 3 First wedding at Meredith. Mr. Orin F. Swain and Miss Annie E. Perkins of Meredith.

Meredith Dec 24 Today I joined in marriage Mr. C. Elwin Swain and Miss Elen B. Plummer both of M. The same day united in marriage Mr. Howard P. Smith and Mrs. Clarinda J. Swain both of New Hampton.

#### **1874**

Feb 21 This eve I united in marriage Mr. Warren L. Glidden and Miss Adaline A. Avery both of Plymouth.

March 2 Joined in marriage Mr. Luther M. Chase of Meredith and Mrs. Melvina Chase of Sanbornton.

May 20, 1874 Today I attended the funeral of Bro. Dennis Bobb Barnstead. A dear brother in Christ aged 74.

Aug Attended the funeral of Noah Robinson of Laconia.

Sept. 26 Attended the funeral of Bro. Hall of Meredith.

Oct 10 Today attended the funeral of David Carliss born in Salem, NH Dec 14 1777. Died the 7th aged nearly 97. Only 3 houses at Meredith village when he moved there. He delighted much in singing. He sang the old tune of Bongur thro' some 20 minutes before his exit.

Oct 16th. I preached today the funeral sermon of Capt. Wm. Pike, aged 80 years. The aged must die. He died as he lived giving no evidence of faith in Christ.

Nov 30 The past month have seen some revival. Some 8 have found Christ in the Edgerly neighborhood.

#### **1875**

Jan 4, 1875 Yesterday attended the funeral of Mrs. Joshua Robinson of Laconia. The day before new years she with her husband made a visit at Mr. Pitnous a mile from home. On her way home she was attacked with apoplexy and died new year's morn at 6 o'clock. She was 58. Text 1Cor 7:29.

Jan Attended the funeral of Bro. I. Pifer aged 60.

Jan 22, 1875 Bought a place at New Hampton. The last week in this month we held a three days' meeting. Bro. S. C. Kimball was with us one day and two nights Bro. A. D. Smith stayed over the Sabbath. Quite a number became anxious and some have found peace in believing in Christ.

Feb 14 Sabbath. Today I preached the funeral sermon of Deborah J. Tuttle, aged 35. Text Gen 35:8.

March 1875 Attended the funeral of Dea. Perkins.

March 24, 1875 Moved to New Hampton. During my pastorate at Meredith we have improved the meeting house at the expense of 1000 dollars. Had a good revival and seen some 20 souls converted to the Lord. Closed my labors at Meredith the last Sabbath of April. Engaged to preach for the people at Alexandria the first Sabbath in May.

Have attended a number of funerals the past year.

June 8th. Mrs. Hodgdon of Alexandria

In June I attended the funeral of Bro. Joseph Akerman.

July 4 I baptized Emma Atwood. Not far from this time I attended the funeral of Mr. Rolin's little boy. He was the only child.

Oct 2 I joined in marriage Mr. David L. Gilmore of Manchester and Miss Lucinda Akerman of Alexandria.

Nov. Attended the funeral of Wilm Lewis aged 21. Died instantly almost.

During the winter I attended several funerals. Mr. Matthews, Ballam, Blake, Mrs. Akerman, and Clara Clautman.

## 1876

In February I held a protracted meeting. Bro. L. Keniston helping a few days. Some 15 precious souls found the Savior.

March 26, 1876 Married Isaac B. Gordon and Miss Louise R. Wells, daughter of Dr. Wells, all of Alexandria.

In April married Mr. Wm. Kelley and Miss Page both of Alexandria.

June 29, 1876 Today, Alida graduated at New Hampton with five other ladies and ten gentlemen. A fine class of graduates.

Aug 6, 1876 Baptized 4 and preached in the woods near Hutchins Mills. Many people present. An interesting meeting. Mrs Durgin and Berry, Bro. Thomas Akerman and James Brock were the persons baptized.

Sunday Oct 8 Baptized sister Pierce at the same place.

Soon after this I attended the funeral of Bro. Benjamin Potter, a good brother and member of the church.

The first Sabbath. Nov 5 I preached my farewell sermon to the people of Alexandria. The year and a half that I have spent with this people, I trust, has not been in vain. I have seen the salvation of God in the conversion of sinners and baptized six, married 4 couples, and attended 9 funerals where I have preached. During this time my family has lived at New Hampton.

Sunday Nov 12, 1876 Today I have preached my first discourse at Belmont. We moved here the tenth. The last 18 months we have lived at New Hampton and I have supplied at Alexandria. I find more pleasant to have my family with me.

### 1877

Feb 4, 1877 Married Mr. Dana D. Maxfield of Belmont and Miss Anna M. Harris of Laconia.

April 28. This week I have been to Boston to visit Mrs. Masta, my sister, and to attend the Moody and Lonkey meetings at the Tabernacle. I left home Monday in company with Alida. I left her at sister's to attend the N. E. Conservatory. The meetings were fully attended 7000 at some of the meetings, and they were interesting. Thousands have been gathered to Christ. I have longed to see the salvation of God here in the conversion of souls. No interest here.

June 16 The two weeks past have been on a visit to father's VT and to attend the NH Y. Meeting at Whitefield.

Aug 12 Today attended the funeral of Bro. J. P. Hawkins aged nearly 50. Died in his chair at the breakfast table. He was already for the change.

Aug 5 Sabbath at Franklin. Preached and attended Communion, and baptized three today. Benjamin Fowler, Ella Babie, and Mary Woodward.

Sept 28. Attended the funeral of Bro. John F. Lamprey of Belmont aged 70 years.

Oct 15 This eve my people made us a visit, and including what they had given before, made me a present of 51 dollars. This is their annual donation. The salary is 300 besides the parsonage.

Oct 23 This eve married Mr. Salon S. Southard of Bristol and Miss Clara E. Nelson of Canterbury.

Oct 24 This eve I married Mr. Fred S. Jewett of Laconia and Miss Lirrie S. Tibbetts of Laconia, NH.

## 1878

Feb 28, 78 Married Mr. Enrols P. Ellsworth and Miss Mary E. Allen both of Gilmanton.

March 6, 1878 Married Mr. Charles H. Lovejoy of New York City and Miss Clara P. Nelson of Canterbury.

April 1878 The past season has been a time of refreshing from the Divine Presence. God's people have been quickened, and precious souls have come to Christ. This has made joy in heaven and joy on earth.

May 1, 1878 Marriage at the Bride's home. Married Mr. John A. Small and Miss Sarah E. Maxfield both of Belmont.

The 3rd Attended the funeral of Mrs. Elizabeth Clark Bean, aged 62. Brought from Lawrence, Mass. and buried here.

May 14, 1878 Married at the parsonage Mr. Marcus S. Weeks and Mrs Sylvia Foster both of Belmont.

May 26, 1878 This has been a glorious day. God gave me the blessed privilege of baptizing 13 precious ones, that I trust He will make a great blessing to his church and at last love in heaven. We baptized in the Village near as just shown the Bridge. These are the names: Benjamin B. Philbrick, Wm. H. Shepherd and Mary F. Shepherd, sister, James S. Leighton and Ellen S. Leighton his wife, John A. Ladd, Mrs. Olive B. Willard, Mrs. Nettie F. Weeden, Mary S. Morrill, John D. Huckins, Faney M. Smith, John R. Dearborn, and Elmer J. Piper.

June 2 Communion. These all but one received the right hand of fellowship with 3 others received by letter, were added to the church. A few others are expected to go forward soon.

June 9, 1878 Married at the Parsonage Mr. Edwin C. Bean, postmaster, and Miss Tressa L. Gross both of Belmont.

June 14, 1878 Wedding at the Bride's home. Married Mr. Frederick E. Copp of Loudon and Miss Mary L. Merrill of this town.

July 7 Married Wm. A. Jenkins and Angeline W. Edgerly both of Gilmanton.

July 27, 1878 married Henry M. Downing and Miss Nettie E. Gilman both of Belmont.

July 28, 1878 This Lord's day I have had the privilege of baptizing six precious converts, viz: Gardner S. Gilman and wife, Wm. H. Plummer and wife, Clara A. Maxfield and Albert Hillsgrow. The day was delightful and many stood on the bridge below and along the shore to witness the



scene. We were as happy as ever, if not more so, as we lead these disciples of Christ into the water and baptized them according to the great commission.

Aug 31 The last of this month father and sister Dolly made us an excellent visit.

Sept 22, 1878 Exchange with Bro. Melgregan of Alexandria Village. Baptized today near Alexandria Village Bro. Charles Clantman and sister Ella R. Atwood. interesting meeting.

The 17 attended the funeral of Bro. Smith, near Bro. Charles Norriss'.

Oct 29 The Y. M. C. Association are holding meetings with us.

The 31 Blessed this eve. Excellent meeting. No general move. Beginning to be serious. Meeting ought to continue longer.

Nov 17 Attended the funeral of Bro. Osker Crook aged 35.

Nov 24 Attended the funeral of sister Buzzell aged nearly 90. The mother of Rev. Hiram Sleeper deceased.

Nov 23 Have been holding extra meetings with Bro. E. P. Moulton at Alton. One lady gave her heart to Christ - others serious.

## 1879

Jan 1, 1879 A very excellent meeting at Canterbury. Preached from 1Cor 29:5, on Immediate Cooperation.

Jan 3 Came home today. Some revival

The 4 Made a prayer at the house of Mr Madison's at half past 6 this morning, prior to his taking his wife to Providence to be buried. She suffered much, but died in the Lord. While sick marked Psalm 17:15 in her Bible and wished me to speak from it at her funeral. At the early dawn of this day we read these words and pointed mourning friends to Christ and heaven for comfort.

The 8 Donation in the church tonight.

The 30 Have been to DM at Lake Village.

Feb 7 Have been helping Bro. Scribner in revival meetings at Lake Village. Good meetings.

Feb 9 Sunday. Married Mr. Ira C. Pitman of Alexandria to Mrs. Carrie Huntoon of Laconia.

March 3 Attended the funeral of Mrs. Bean.

March 6 Married Mr Nahum Sawyer to Miss Ceta Thompson both of Belmont.

April 10 Married Dr. H. G. Lincoln of Boston and Miss Lirrie A. Morrill of Belmont.

May 5,6 Annie and Ansel Young died of scarlet fever, children of Atkins Young. Attended the funeral of each. There was only one day's difference in their deaths.

June 1 Preached at the Province Home and baptized five persons: John L. Roberts, Mrs. Helen Prouty, Lizzie S. Rowe, Mary Folsom, and Susie C. Farrier.

June 5 Attended the funeral of Thomas Clark.

June 15 Preached the funeral sermon of Mary A. Brown wife of Newell Brown of Epsom. Funeral at her residence.

July 23 Attended the funeral of Guy F. infant son of Jesse L. and Nettie G. Allen who died at Kittery, ME. Mrs Allen had been at the sea side but one week when the little one was called away.

August 10 Today I have been to Franklin to preach the funeral sermon of Lela Ethelwyn, oldest daughter of James and Ida J. Starry eyed 5 years to an hour when she died. A lovely little one of much promise.

Aug 18 Left home with my family for a visit to my friends in VT. On our way visited uncle Ponds at Dartmouth passed up the Commencement since visited at Mr. Hadsden's uncle C. Gilman and Winslow Gilman in Barnet and arrived at father's the last of the week. During our visit attended the DM at Albany and preached one sermon. Visited uncle Parker's at Island Pond, VT. We returned home Sept 18th.

Oct 7 Attended the funeral of widow Honos Clark. An excellent woman already for her change. Her praise is in all the church.

Dec 25 Married Elbridge G. Dow and Annie W. Healey of Gilford.

## **1880**

Feb 13, 1880 Married Charles C. Bean and Sarah Martin of Belmont.

During Feb and March some revival. A few have found the Savior.

Invited to preach at Gilmanton.

April 13 Attended the funeral of sister Abigail Hill of Lower Gilmanton, wife of J. P. Hill aged 70 years. She was a worthy woman. Her departure was sudden.

May 24, 1880 Married Frank E. Reed of Canterbury and Mary E. Berry of Belmont.

May 31 Married Hiram M. Sockett and Mary H. Straw of Barnstead.

June 6 Preached a funeral sermon on the death of Mr. Wm. Sanborn's 4 children who died with the diphtheria a little less than one month. Geo. A. who died Jan. 22, aged 8 years; Alice T. who died Jan 23, aged 13; Etta B. who died Feb. 5, aged 11; Emma J., who died Feb. 19, aged 15 years. Emma said to her friends and school mates meet me in heaven. Text, Mat. 2:17.

June 30, 1880 Today have attended the Centennial anniversary of the organization of the New Durham church, the first organized by Benjamin Randall, 1780.

July 30 Have attended the Gen. Con. at the Weirs. Very fully attended and deeply interesting to the close. Our denominational outlook is encouraging. Mrs. Q. myself and Alida attended the memorial service at New Durham July 29. The services were held in a grove near the Monument. Long will this Christian gathering live in memory.

Aug. A visit from sister Emeline Somerville, MA. She accompanied me to VT to visit father and our friends there. Mrs. Q and Alida came up on the cars and came back with me by private conveyance.

Aug 30 Attended the funeral of Mrs. Dolly Tilton at Meredith Center aged 82. An excellent Christian woman.

Sept 1, 1880 A wedding at Thomas Robinson's, Laconia. Married Rev. Charles M. Emery of Alton to Miss Emma R. Robinson of Laconia.

Dec. Attended the funeral of Mr. True Judkins of this town who died from the effects of the fall of a tree upon him. He died in the evening after the accident. There is but a step between us and death.

Oct. Attended the funeral of sister Lampery a prominent member of the 2 church in Belmont.

Dec 12 Attended the funeral of Mary Etta Bennett, aged 22. She died on her birth day. She was sick only 5 days. She was a very amiable girl and a member of my Bible class.

## 1881

Jan. 23, 1881 Attended the funeral of Nellie B. Nelson, of Canterbury, who died the 21st, after the short sickness of five days with the diphtheria. A sudden call, she was nearly 21.

Feb. 11 Attended the funeral of Lowell Sanborn aged 61. Two years ago he confessed Christ publicly for the first time.

Feb. 19 Joined in marriage Charles C. Clark and Louisa M. Peaslee both of Belmont.

March 5 Attended the funeral of F. Merle, youngest son of F. K. and A. A. Johnson, aged nearly 19 months.

March 28 We have been holding some extra meetings in private houses with some interest. One woman has come out on the Lord's side and one or two have been quickened some.

April 11 Have been on a visit to see my father and friends in VT. Pleasant visit. Enjoyed rich feast of sugar.

The 21 Today Mrs. Q. and Alida leave for Somerville and vicinity to visit sister Emeline and other relatives.

May 5 Attended the funeral of the oldest person in the county, perhaps in the state. Mrs. Eunice R. Leveatt aged 105 years 2 months, and 22 days. She was born in Hampton Falls Feb. 11, 1776. She enjoyed remarkable health thro' life. Suffered but little, if any pain in her last illness, which was only 4 days. Was inclined to sleep and gradually became weaker and weaker till she quietly passed into the sleep of death. Her memory was remarkable. Sunday eve before her death on Tuesday she repeated two hymns, that she had learned in her youth, one of 5 and the other of 7 verses. The funeral was largely attended and the exercises interesting.

May 7 Joined in marriage at the parsonage Mr. Ellis Gardner of Belmont and Miss Emma A. Tucker of Canterbury.

May 9, 1881 Yesterday I closed my pastorate of 4 1/2 years with this church. God has blessed me and permitted me to see his great salvation in the conversion of precious souls. I deeply regret that I have accomplished no more. God has given me the great privilege of baptizing 19 here and 10 in other places during my stay here, and two more were received as candidates for baptism on Saturday.

Gilmanton I. W. May 15, 1881. Today I find myself back to the Iron Works again after an absence of nearly 15 years. My text may be found in Rom. 15:29. "I am sure that when I came unto you".

We moved back May 21 into the old parsonage, but found that time had changed that as well as other things. We hope under God to be a blessing to the church and community.

June 1 Attended the funeral of Bro. Joseph Allen member of the Lower Gilmanton church. He died May 31 aged 67.

June 2 Attended the funeral of Jonathan H. Watson drowned at Topsfield, Mass. Funeral at his father's in Alton. He was 21 years old.

June 11 Attended the funeral of Mrs. Joseph Prescott aged 60. A husband and six children mourn her death.

- Aug. 21 Attended the funeral of Miss Julia A. Sack Tibbetts, aged 39. Sick only 5 days.
- Aug. 24 Attended the funeral of Mrs. Evelyn Hill, aged 72. She was a member of the Lower Gilmanton church.
- Sept. 3 Attended the funeral of Mrs. Judith C. wife of Dea. Caleb Hurd aged 84.
- Sept. 11 Preach today at North Trowbridge at the VT YM. Text Matt. 4:19
- Sept. 18 Preached at Lyndon Center. Text Luke 14:10 "Friend go up higher".
- Sept. 20 Heard at Lyndonville of the death of President Garfield.
- Sept. 24 Arrived home from a visit to father's.
- Sept. 26 The memorial services of President Garfield at the F. B. Church. In the PM attended at the Parsonage the wedding of Mr. Plummer G. Lovering and Mrs. Susan A. Cate both of Brookfield.
- Oct. 4 Attended the funeral of Sidney E. Hill aged nearly 18. Died at his father's very sudden.
- Nov. 26 Mrs. Caleb Moulton aged 74.
- Dec. 23 Returned from a visit to father's, VT.
- Dec. 25 Married George R. Dicy of Alton to Nellie F. Prescott of Farmington.

## 1882

- Feb. 10 Attended the funeral of Mr. L. S. Straw of Barnstead aged 68. In the PM of the same day attended the funeral of Mrs. Shirza Buck at the home of Mr. Ransom her son-in-law of this town. Her age was 76.
- Feb. 15 Attended the funeral of Mr. James Leighton who died the 11th aged 76. He was a member of this church.
- Feb. 23 Attended the funeral of Mrs. Lydia Morrill aged 80 years.
- Feb. 26 Attended the funeral of Mrs. Sarah E. Paar aged 32. Leaves a husband and two daughters.
- March 1 Have been helping Bro. Emery of Alton in some extra meetings. An increased interest.
- In March attended the funeral of Mrs. Nancy, wife of Harrison Dockham who died at Little Falls, NY March 11, aged 54.

April 28 Attended the funeral of sister Eliza F. Allen at Belmont. Aged 72 years and 9 months.

May 1 Went to Epsom to attend the funeral of Mrs. Louisa B. wife of Philip C. Marden, who died April 29 at Plastow. Her age was 62.

July 13 Went to Pittsfield to attend the funeral of Lila M. daughter of Reuben T. & Emily A. Leavitt, aged 9 years 9 months and 16 days.

Aug. 4 Attended the funeral of John L. Young, aged 82 years.

Aug. 24 Attended the funeral of Annie A. York aged 14 years. Her home was at Belmont. It was her request that I should preach her funeral sermon from Ps. 23:4.

Aug. 31 Attended the funeral of Georgia E. daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Horace L. Gilman aged 5 years at Lower Gilmanton.

Sept. 17, 1882 Married Franklin P. Colwell and Emma J. Canney both of Barnstead.

Oct. 1 Attended the funeral of Mrs. Nellie Rollins aged 29. Died very sudden and the suddenness of her death occasioned many remarks.

Oct. 21 Attended the funeral of Willis H. Watson of Alton. He accidentally shot himself in taking his gun from the rear of the wagon. His age was 18.

Oct. 23 Married Samuel R. Yeaton and Miss M. Evie Stewart both of Epsom. The wedding was at Mrs. Stewart's Epsom.

Nov. 5 United in marriage Mr. Frank P. Varney and Miss Mary P. Leavitt, niece of Mrs. Quimby, both of Pittsfield.

Nov. 18 Married Mr. Frank E. Young of Alton and Miss Lizzie A. Foss of Farmington.

Nov. 26 Attended the funeral of Mrs. Mercy Clough aged 78. She lived on the hill north of Mr. Cogswell. She died suddenly. Funeral in the church. Text Matt. 5:8.

Dec. 7, 1882 Today I have been to Epsom to attend the funeral of Mrs. Betsy R. Bickford Dutton aged nearly 55 years. Leaves a husband and five children, the youngest 12 years. Large gathering at the funeral.

Dec. 8 Attended the funeral of Mrs. Sally Edgerly aged 86 and 6 months. A superior woman. Her mind was strong and clear to the last. She is mourned by a large circle of relatives and friends.

Dec. 10 Sunday. Made a prayer at the house of widow Bean's, who died the 7th and was buried this PM at the Academy. She was a Christian woman aged 83.

Dec. 14 Attended the funeral of Bro. John Nutter aged 71. He had been a great sufferer during his sickness, but bore well with resignation. Text 1John 3:#3

Dec. 17 Sunday. Preached from Matt. 18:23 on the death of Edna May Tibbetts aged 2 years and 5 months. Died sudden. A beautiful child. Gone to live with Jesus.

### 1883

Jan. 10, 1883 Attended the funeral of Maj. Gardner L. Barker, aged nearly 86. He was a member of this church.

Jan. 11 Attended the funeral of Mrs. Syntho A. wife of S. L. Randall aged 46. Died at Mr. Chaugh's her son-in-law.

Jan. 28 Attended the funeral of Miss Carrie M. Nelson aged 50 years.

Jan. 30 Attended the funeral of Bro. Wm. Robarts aged 69. Leaves a widow, and a son and daughter married. He was a warm Christian man.

Feb. 3 Attended the funeral of Frank H. Piper, aged 21 last Sept. His last sickness was short, during which, he gave good evidence of being prepared for his last change.

" 11 On a visit to father's. He is 84 today. Preached at Lyndon Centre from Heb. 4:9.

March 12 Married Edmund C. Varney of this town to Laura E. Varney of Rochester.

April 8 Attended the funeral of Mrs. Mercy P. Ham widow of Rev. Ezra Ham aged 82 years 4 months and 9 days. Text 1Peter 4:7.

Gilmanton April 18 Bro. Wm. R. Gale died in Belmont, aged 69. At his request I attended his funeral the 21. He was a stone cutter by trade. He was a member of the Cong. church at Laconia. A worthy citizen and a much respected friend.

May 12 Married at the Parsonage at Gilmanton I. W. Mr. John R. Dearborn and Miss Adella E. Adams both of Belmont.

May 13, 1882 Today I have closed my two years pastorate with the church at Gilmanton Iron Works.

The 16th We came to New Durham to become the pastor of this church. We find the church well united, and blessed with a good working force of brethren and sisters.

June 3 Married Mr. M. G. Glidden of Belmont and Miss Alice J. Hurt of Alton.

July 4 Attended the funeral of Mrs. Martha K. Berry widow of Joseph Berry aged nearly 83. She was a member of this church.

July 7 Attended the funeral of Mrs. Sally M. Straw aged 80. She had recently given her heart to God. The day following her death, the 5th, was the 53 anniversary of their marriage.

July Attended the funeral of Isaac G. Watson aged 29. He was a member of this church.

July 9 Attended the funeral of Bro. Jonathan Pickering of Barnstead aged 84. He died in the Lord.

I also attended the funeral of Mr. John F. Hopkinson at Epsom, who died Aug. 23, at Claremont very suddenly aged 58. He took a ride with his wife in the AM ate dinner as usual and died at 3 PM.

I also attended the funeral of Mrs. Nancy A. Ricker of this town who died Aug. 31, aged 58.

Sept. 14 Attended the funeral of Mrs. Charlotte Crockett aged 74.

Sept. 7 Attended the funeral of Cap. C. H. Norris who died the 4th aged 71. He lived in Belmont and it was his request that I should attend his funeral. He was a worthy Christian man.

Sept. 22 Attended the funeral of Bro. Stephen Pinkham aged 79.

Sept. 23 Attended the funeral of Samuel L. Sanders aged 67. He was a single man and lived with his sister.

Oct. 9, 1883 Attended the funeral of Mr. Solomon Gray, aged 66. He was accidentally killed while driving his oxen down the hill near his residence with a cart of apples.

Oct. 10 Attended the funeral of Mrs. Mary J. Chesley of Chichester aged 57 years. It was her request that I should attend her funeral, and she chose her text Job 7:16.

Oct. 13 Attended the funeral of Mrs. Mary J. French of this town aged 64.

#### 1884

Jan. 7, 1884 Married Mr. Frank E. Shannon of Gilmanton and Miss Marietta C. Berry of Barnstead.

Jan. 27. Attended the funeral of Mr. George Webber of Farmington aged nearly 89.

Feb. 26 Attended the funeral of Mrs. Mary A. Elliott of Barnstead daughter of Rev. E. Ham, deceased, aged 59 years and 3 days.

April 26 Attended the funeral of Mrs. John Edgerly aged 63. She was a member of this church.



May 12 Attended the funeral of Capt. A. C. Locke of Epsom. He died the 10th aged 59 years 6 months and 25 days. A Capt. in the 11th NH Reg. He was a good soldier of Christ, as well as a worthy soldier of his country.

May 17 Joined in marriage Mr. Charles J. Rollins of Farmington and Miss Nettie B. Lurfts of Alton.

June 1 Sunday, attended the funeral of Bro. Daniel Davis at West Alton who died at his home Wolfberg May the 30, very suddenly. His age was 72.

The 7th Went to Lyndon VT to attend the funeral of my step-mother, who died the 6th aged 75. Funeral the 10th. She was buried at Johnson by the side of her first husband. Father survives her, now at the advanced age of 85.

June Attended the funeral of Mrs. Long at Long's Corner in Alton aged 79.

July 30, 1884 Attended the marriage of John W. Hubbard and Emma Ham both of Farmington.

Aug. 31, 1884 Anniversary of our marriage and Alida's birthday. It is Sunday. This AM I baptized Mrs. Arthur Edgerly, John K. Bobb, and Sylvester Hill.

Sept. 24 Attended the funeral of Mrs. Stockbridge aged 70.

Sunday Sept. 28 Married at the parsonage in New Durham, Charles True Prescott of Laconia and Carrie F. Marston of Meredith.

Oct. 5, 1884 Today I am 63 years of age and I have enjoyed the precious privilege baptizing three persons lately converted. Orphie Irving whose birthday occurred on the same day of her baptism, and Mr. and Mrs. Dame two prominent persons in society.

Oct. 22 Attended the funeral of Isaac Garland of Barnstead who died the 19th aged 82. He was a good man. He made himself useful in his younger days as a lay preacher.

I attended the funeral of Wm. Dudley of Alton who died Dec. 10, aged 79.

The 25th Our people made us their annual donation. Pleasant gathering. Sum given in presents to Alida and ourselves 67.

## 1885

Jan. 3, 1885 Attended the funeral of Miss Hannah York aged nearly 77. Died Dec. 31, 1884. On same day in the evening married Charles E. Carson and Addie J. Berry both of Alton.

New Durham Jan. 19, 1885. This will be a day never to be forgotten while I remain on earth. I received a telegram Saturday the 17th stating that my dear father at Lyndon, VT was very feeble and near his end. I left Monday morning the 19th in the cars for L. and arrived at father's at 5 PM, and he had left for his heavenly home. He died at 3 in the morning. Father's funeral occurred the 21st and took place at his late residence. The day was pleasant. I remained in VT till the 26th, when I left for East Somerville, MA to visit my sister who was not able to be at father's funeral, owing to poor health.

The 28th I left Boston for New Durham. Arrived home in the evening in a heavy snow storm. All well.

Feb. 26 I attended the funeral of Mrs. A. H. Chamberlin, wife of Bro. Samuel Chamberlin, a very worthy sister of this church, and highly esteemed by all. Text Mark 14:8.

March 11 Attended with Bro. Edgerly the funeral of sister Twombly, wife of Harn Twombly aged 69. Her death was very sudden. In the morning at 7 o'clock met at Bro. E. E. Berry's to offer prayer, prior to carrying Mr. Webster to Fryburg, ME for burial who died all most instantly of heart disease. His age was near 50.

April 1 Attended the funeral of Miss Lovina Gray aged nearly 49, at her brother's Mr. Wendal Gray. She died at Dover at her brother's, while on a visit there, very suddenly. She was a good woman and a faithful Christian. Rev. 22:4.

New Durham, April 12 Today preached at Epsom. In the PM married Charles E. Robinson and Mrs. Lizzie S. Foss both of Northwood.

Sunday May 3 Preached at Epsom.

Sunday the 8th I preached my last discourse at New Durham from 1Thess 5:12,13. This closes my two year's pastorate with this dear people. God has blessed my labors, and given me the privilege of baptizing six, while some others I have seen won to Christ. I go from here to Epsom a former field of labor to preach the word and work for Christ.

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