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

Sunday March 14th The weather cold and squally
 Been to Church and heard two excellent sermons from Mr. Hayes, the forenoon's text was in the book of Isa 24th Chapter 13th verse
 Afternoon Acts 16 Chapter 13th verse the importance at once accepting Christ on the terms of the gospel was urged on the sinner. A meeting to be held to night

Monday 19th Had some conversation with two young men on the subject of religion one of whom thought that it was all luck and chance about getting to heaven probably these were not his true thoughts the fact of his mentioning the subject showed that there was something on his mind that made him feel uneasy. In view of the fact of the willingness of all to talk on this all important subject we may exclaim: the harvest truly is plenteous but the laborers are few pray ye the Lord of the harvest that he will send forth laborers in to his harvest

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Cold sour day and the weather has had
its effect on me but hope that when the
clouds disperse and the warm sun appears
that the sun of Righteousness will shine
in to my soul dispelling the darkness that
reigns there. Have had a meeting at our
house this evening the tendency of which
I hope has been good on me and all
who attended. The cases of four young
men presented for prayers

21th The weather still continues stormy and
uncomfortable. may the clouds and dark-
ness of this world lead my mind to look
above this world to the Eternal sunshine
of heaven where the wicked cease from
troubling and the weary are forever
at rest

22d The weather more mild today went to New
haven and Fair haven called on cousin
Abnera Foot found her sitting up and
slowly gaining.

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got the lumbago as some call it hope a change
of weather will alter my feelings. Hope got
the same complaint hope we shall both get
better soon looking in the hymn book my eyes
rest on the 407th hymn which seems appropriate
The billows swell the winds are high
Clouds overcast my wintry sky
Out of the depths to the I call
My fears are great my strength is small 16

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

~~April~~

March 24th Blustering weather been to the
 fort clanning and am now going to have
 a sociable with my wife and expect
 that will close ~~the~~ up the week and prepare
 the mind for the coming Sabbath.

25th Sabbath day been to Church and heard
 the word preached hope that it will do me good
 as it doth the upright in heart. ~~That~~
 The weather still continues cold and windy
 the snow fell this morning about two inches
 deep and this afternoon it is peering and prom-
 ises a cold night. ~~Rejoice~~

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March 26th Cold and blowing. Been to Fair Haven
to day. talked on Mrs Rigs. abt Mr
Dudley and spoke of the state of feeling
in the church

27th More pleasant to day feel languid in
body and mind. Received a letter from
friends in Essex saying that the Lord is
working on the hearts of the people

28th Went to Truxen & to Rogers mill and explored
the country in that vicinity. In the evening
attended a meeting in the town house well
attended and interesting.

29th This morning carried ^{Miss} Susel the dress maker
and Loris a dinger to Fair Haven in the rain.
had a call from Mr Bartlett and conversed
some on the state of Religion in our midst and
furnished a letter to sister Ella Parker. abt 12 o
clock raining quite hard. There ^{are} appointed
four prayer meetings this evening one at
Mr Melkers one at F Streets one at Beacon Street
and one at Capt. S. Thompsons.

30th Been to Church to day. meeting of the church
in the forenoon preaching in the afternoon.
In the evening went to New Haven to hear
Mr Abainard from Tennessee speak on the
political issues of the day he did not come
heard Patrick Corbit and liked him
well got home about midnight there
was an Eclipse of the moon total the weather
cold.

March 31st Did nothing of importance today went to the Blacksmith and did some small chores about home read some and thought some and resolved some hope to have wisdom to carry out my good purposes.

April 1st Pleasant this morning O may my heart be engaged in the duties of this Sabbath day Day of all the week the best

Emblem of eternal rest

Been to church and heard two ~~very~~ good sermons By the Rev. Mr. Thayer forenoon text John 10 chapter 9 verse afternoon Exodus - 12 chapter 13 verse

I am the door -

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

2^d Electors meeting today starting times went to Branford North Branford and Thoben in the afternoon

3^d Been to North Haven and bought a Pig made some calls on the neighbors &c In the evening went to Prayer meeting at Mr. Perkins meeting well attended some young converts spk. the young engaged in the work

4th This forenoon been plowing for early potatoes

5th Planted some Potatoes Went to meeting in the evening at Nathan Andersons

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Weather cool and rainy worked around the
house and barn and went to mill &c

4th

Went to church in the morning came out
with Sarah she had a faint spell and
came home. Weather stormy snowed
all the forenoon and still continues at 12 past
one o'clock

This changeable weather of sunshine and rain
cold and heat remind us of the changes of our
mortal life - May I look forward to that world
where the clouds of earth shall be exchanged
for the eternal sunshine of Gods counte-
nance and where all is serene in Heaven
Lord teach me so to number my days that
I may apply my heart unto wisdom
This evening had calls from Mrs Faxon
and Mrs Elijah Bradley and talked
on various topics of interest

9th

Called on Merwin Tuttle in the morn-
ing found him low spirited but able
to express himself in strong terms
of the evil of bad habits they cling to
us to often through life. In the afternoon
helped S. Pardy. Was going to stop but
my wife thinks she ought to be mentioned
is weak and languid from the effects of
a faint turn yesterday

April 10th Pleasant to day. Went out to the Rock and
got a load of wood in the forenoon. In the
evening went to a Barper meeting at
Samuel Childs's meeting well
attended and interesting.

11th Been to New Haven on business and
rode some for pleasure. In the evening
attended a meeting in the town house
meeting well attended.

12th Worked in the garden in the forenoon
in the afternoon went clarning to the fort.
came home by the chemical works
in the evening attended meeting at G. Gran-
nis.

13th Went to the Thorn lot in the forenoon went
clarning in the afternoon. This evening at
home.

Abid pleasures and palaces wherever I roam
Be it ever so humble there is no place like home
Oh charm from the skies seems to hallow us there
Which though sought through the ^{earth} ~~stars~~ ^{elsewhere} is not met with.

14th Planted potatoes to day the weather has
been windy and it looks stormy.
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The evening shades appear
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The night of death draws near.

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Lodged in thy sovereign hand
And if its sun arise and shine
It shines by thy command.

To Jesus may we fly
Swift as the morning light
Best bipes young golden beams should die
In sudden endless night

15th

attended Church today Rev Mr. Haines
preached the forenoon text ^{ch. vii} Nehemiah 6-3

Sunday school concert in the afternoon
The text was in 2 Timothy ^{ch. vii} 2-15 the minister
gave an account of the conversion of Timothy
to the Christian Religion through the labors

of the apostle Paul and spoke of the piety of his
Mother and grand Mother and also of his
labors in company with the great apostle
of the gentiles his supposed visit to Rome
the day before the death of that apostle and the

witnessing of his execution and performing
the last act of earthly kindreds to his remains
then leaving Rome and going back to
Ephesus to labor for Christ and followed his
eventful life through to his martyrdom
ever proving faithful to the cause of his
blessed master to the end of his earthly
course. The meetings for the week are this

evening at the Church Wednesday evening
at the parsonage the Church Committee
and all that wish to unite with the Church
at the next communion.

April 15th the neighborhood meeting at south end and Woodard district and center and East.

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

16th Stormy day the dull sound of raining day work is all of interest that appears in sight had a call from Brother Bartlett talked of the state of feeling in and out of the Church fixed a picture for Miss Linsley, this is all of importance that has taken place up to 11 o'clock

17th Went to New Haven through Fair Haven called at Elmira Falls. In the afternoon went to the funeral of Dea. Curtis child, forcibly reminded of the fact that in the midst of life we are in death.

18th In the forenoon worked in the grave yard in the afternoon rode out with wife went to the grave yard had some conversation with Mr Havens called on Mr J. Barnes,

19th Cleaned up the north garden in the forenoon in the afternoon worked at the grave yard

20th Planted potatoes for Mr Walker. Have felt rather low spirited in consequence of the feeling

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21st This morning worked in the flower
garden. In the afternoon went to New Haven
through Fair Haven. Called at uncle J.
Luddingtons. Came home in a shower,
and thus ends the cares and perplexities of
another week in view of which who would
not exclaim

I would not live always. I ask not to stop
Where storm after storm arises dark o'er the way.
O how I often wish that I could get toughened
into an indifference with regard to the cold-
ness of professed friends who while saying
how do you do my Brother will stab me
under the fifth rib with that dangerous
instrument the tongue. How necessary it
is that I claim the fulfillment of the prom-
ise made to the apostle My grace is suffi-
cient for thee. (The sabbath left out by mistake)

22nd Been to the mill this morning.
commenced drawing manure the rain
broke me off raining hard now at 10^{1/2}
O'clock. I hope that when the rain ceases
and the sun again appears that the clouds
will leave my mind. Death of Deacon
child occurred this morning at 4 O'clock.

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

The day is past and gone

The evening shades appear

O may we all remember well

The night of death draws near

24th Worked for Levi Bradley. Cold and windy for the season. In the evening had a meeting at our house well attended nearly forty. Brother S. Andrews led the exercises. Brothers Bartlett, Walker, &c. spoke. Two young converts took up the cross.

25th This forenoon worked about home. Still cold and windy. This afternoon went to the funeral of Dea Curtis child. In the evening went to Miles Grannis. Saw the corpse of his wife's sister. Died this morning at 4 o'clock.

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

26th Have been at work for Levi Bradley to day. The day has been very cold and windy.

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farred and how blessed is the truth therein
revealed that all things shall work together
for good to them that love God may I be
of that happy number Lord make me to
know mine end and the measure of my
days what it is

Let the sweet hope that thou art mine
My life and death attend
Thy presence through my journey shine
And crown my journey's end

27th Worked for Levi Bradley a cold windy day
in the evening sit down and meditated
on the past and present. How pleasant it is
to withdraw ones self from the world at times
and feel that there is pleasure in commun-
ing with our own hearts with the aid of
Gods word

28th Worked about home today drew manure
plowed garden been to mill to Mr Williams
Do This evening attended a meeting at Mr
Bartlets well attended for a neighborhood
meeting. Where the spirit of the Lord is
there is liberty the glorious liberty of the
gospel of Christ

9th Been to church today Mr Willard preached the text in the forenoon Phil 3-13-14 The duty of forgetting the things that are behind and pressing forward toward the mark of the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. The afternoon text was in Rom 18-24

The friendship of Christ was the theme and the duty of men to love him for his disinterested friendship

From the cross uplifted high
Where the Saviour deigns to die
What melodious sounds we hear
Bursting on the ravished ear
Loves redeeming work is done
Come and welcome sinner come

30th Worked in the garden in the morning in the afternoon plowed for corn

May 1st Worked part of the day for Mr James Williams this afternoon looks like rain warmer than it has been. The fear of man bringeth a snare But whose putteth his trust in the Lord shall be safe

2^d This morning very rainy in the forenoon had calls from Mr Bartlett Mrs G Bradley Mrs Linsley talked of the state of feeling in the Church and the neighborhood &c. In the afternoon went to Election was too late to see the procession found plenty of mud saw some people traded some and came home rather dissatisfied

But she who takes like the wise man The eye with her

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

3^d In the forenoon turfed graves for Samuel
Chidsey. In the afternoon worked in the home
lot firing for corn. In the evening attended
a meeting at Dea. Curtiss, it was interesting

4th In the forenoon worked about home.
Went to the preparatory lecture. Finished up
the day planting corn. This evening called
on S. Chidsey found him more comfortable.
Thus ends another day with its round of duty.
Lord keep us safe this night

Secure from sin and fears
Away angels guard us while we sleep
Till morning light appears

5th Finished planting corn. In the afternoon
went to Branford on business and pleasure
combined thus killing two birds with one
stone. This evening attended a meeting
at Mrs. Birds the meeting interesting.

So I am with you all always even
unto the end of the world. Mat. 28:20

6th Been to Church today the text in the forenoon
was in 1 Cor 1:30 the subject sanctification
Communion in the afternoon about 8 o'clock

to the church a meeting appointed this evening
Prayer meetings this week at I Barnes and
Laban Smiths Tuesday evening Thursday
evening at Mrs Davidsons and I Woodards
elkay 7th Worked for Levi Bradley at the farm have

thought to day much of the uncertainty of
all things here below and trust the reflection
has been profitable. I am fully convinced
that the friendship of the world is enmity
with God may I have a conscience void
of offence toward God and toward men.

4th Worked for Jeremiah Barnes in the
evening attended a meeting at his house
Blest be the tie that binds
Our souls in christian love

9th In the forenoon worked for J Barnes in
the afternoon went to Fair Haven through
Fair Haven. Rode through some of the prin-
ciple streets went into the old cemetery and
stood through it reading here and there a
name of those that had occupied stations of
honor and trust and beside them the poor and
the needy thus showing that death levels all
distinctions

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

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

10th Worked for Levi Bradley on the farm
In the evening attended a prayer meeting
at Jeremiah Woodards. Thus ends the
day with its cares and duties.

11th Planted corn for J. Barnes. Pleasant and
warm. This evening called on L. Chidsey
no material change.

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

12th To day worked for Foot Andrews planting
corn this evening attended a prayer
meeting at Mrs Linsleys well attended
and interesting.

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

13th Attended church text forenoon Gal 5-7
afternoon Psalm 78-5-6-7-8. The sabbath school
reorganised at noon. The afternoon sermon

was on the importance of the Religious train-
ing of children both in the family and
the Sabbath School. The forenoon was on the
causes of the decline of religion in a church.

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

Give me understanding and I shall keep thy
law yea I shall observe it with my whole heart
Psalms 119:347

14th Planted corn for T. Andrews very cold
and windy have worked alone and
had none to quarrel with. Have been busy
with my thoughts some I hope have been good
some may have been ^{lady} How pleasant at times
to let our thoughts soar above the grovelling
things of earth to those joys that are substan-
tial and severe

15th To day worked for Timothy Andrews on
the farm the weather cool a heavy frost
this morning. This evening attended a prayer
meeting at Mr. Walkers

16th Planted corn for T. Andrews on Brasford
land nothing of importance taken place to
note down the daily routine of duties excepted
feel that age is creeping on. but hope that as
the outward man perishes the inward man
may be renewed day by day

17th Stormy in the forenoon shed horse went to
mill &c. In the evening attended a Prayer
meeting at G. Granvilles.

18th Worked for T. Andrews the weather misty
and cool for the season

19th Worked as above. In the evening attended a
Prayer meeting at Harriet Bradleys

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Attended Church Mr Word preached from
 Rom 12-10 the subject was brotherly love well chosen
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 at the church a long lecture by the pastor with
 the usual result

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

22nd

Worked for Levi Bradley the weather cold
 and windy. In the evening attended a
 meeting at J. Andrews

23rd

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

24th

Today have worked about home being so
 busy to mill worked some in garden
 Feel rather unwell tonight feel that this
 is not my abiding place and that some
 the places that know me will know me
 no more forever. Feel to exclaim with the
 1st Psalmist O spare me that I may recover
 strength before I go hence to be here no
 more

25th

Have felt unwell to day and stayed in doors 31
 have reflected on the uncertainty of all things
 earthly and hope these reflections will have

the effect to win me from an undue attachment to the things of earth and fit me for the more full and complete enjoyment of the Heavenly rest.

26th This forenoon stayed in doors most of the time not feeling very well. This afternoon been to Fair-Haven and New-Haven trading. The day has been fine. Thus ends the labors and cares of another week each day of which has had its cares and worldly perplexities its mingled emotions of joy and of sorrow the common lot of all mankind.

27th Staid at home to day with soar throat. read some thought some and slept some the first sabbath in a year that I have staid at home all day with one exception.

28th Have felt some better to day. planted over corn planted Pumpkins set out tomatoes &c. Keep me as the apple of the eye hide me under the shadow of thy wings Psalm 17th & 8th.

29th Worked forenoon for Levi-Bradley the afternoon stormy and cool am at home feeling the effects of the weather on my throat.

30th Worked for A. Walker cool for the season. Think every day of my life of the evils that are in the world but dwell much on that worse than evil that curse of Intemperance which is the bane of social life in our country and pray that the time may soon come when Christians will unite their efforts to put it down.

31st 3^d day cart-wa hard job growing so live & -merit & everlasting Lord tea

June 1st Worked a some tea Withheld me O- and thy

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hard job. Feel tired this evening am
growing old and infirm. O that I may
so live that ~~that~~ when this mortal ten-
ment shall fail, I may be received into
everlasting habitations

Lord teach me to live wisely and well

June 1st

Worked about home To day had some planted
some beans painted some be

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

Psalms 40-11

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

3^d

Am staying at home from church this
forenoon not feeling very well
at stormy day have stayed at home all day
hope that I shall not have to do it again at
present hope to feel better soon in body and
spirit

4th

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

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to completion and we like Noahs dove find a place
for the sole of our feet. Thus may it be.
Finnest. Hired corn to day the weather has been damp
This evening attended a prayer meeting at
Mrs. David Andrews

6th To day finished hoeing corn the first time worked
som in the garden. This evening rode out called
on Mrs. Rigg went to the grave yard and to
the lake &c

7th Worked for Hezekiah Bradley hoeing corn the
weather has been warm and felt some like
summer. feel rather languid this evening
For he knoweth our frame he remembereth that
we are dust. Psalm 103-14

8th Worked again for Hezekiah Bradley the weather
has been changeable like the scenes of life with
sunshine and clouds. This evening is wet with
a prospect of a wet night

9th Worked to day for E. Grammis. This evening
attended a prayer meeting at mr Barthols

10th Attended Church to day the forenoon text was in
Bible 14th afternoon Acts 2^d 41-42^d went into the Bible
class and was interested in the remarks on the
begin the 2^d chapter of mat. May I profit by
the study of the Bible and the means of grace that
I enjoy

11th Have worked at home to day hoeing potatoes. This
evening rode out. The weather has been pleasant
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place have occupied my mind to day
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12th Attended the wedding of ^{Suzie} ~~Harry~~ Bartlet. Been

to the picture saloon had potatoes worked in the garden been to mill moved the stove &c.

This evening attended a prayer meeting at Mrs. Davidson's.

13th The weather has been variable and I have varied with it. Worked 6 hours for Levi Bradley set out cabbage plants for myself planted red beans and some white ones &c.

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

14th Worked for Levi Bradley having have felt rather dull in consequence of getting wet yesterday. How easily do these bodies get out of fit in consequence of the exposure to the changes in the weather and the seasons. Strange that a harp of thousand string should keep in tune so long. May I govern my passions.

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that I grow wiser and better

as life wears away.

15th Have worked to day having for E. Garrison on Branford land the weather has been rather pleasant.

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

June 17th Have been to church to day and heard two good sermons from a stranger the text in the forenoon was in Romans 8-18- The sufferings of this present world contrasted with the glory that shall be revealed to and in us in the world to come if we are Christians.

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

18th White-washed the kitchen set-out cabbage plants and peppers been to the shore and got a load of seaweed from Uncle Sam's farm and done mill work in general. Horse cleaning is the business of the day things generally tops of turn but these things will happen. Been to a meeting at the town house conducted by the Methodist Brethren

19th Worked about home to day at various kinds of work This evening attended a meeting at the parsonage

20th Worked for E. Gravins hoeing on the farm. The weather has been cool but pleasant

21st Worked about home to day This afternoon went to the grave-yard Elias Bishop was buried. This evening attended a prayer meeting at E. Gravins

22^d To day have worked at home hoeing. Shod the horse been to mill &c This life wears away may I profit by lifes experiences and grow wiser and better as I near the end of my earthly course

23^d The forenoon was rainy In the afternoon went to the grave-yard and turned up the graves

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of two women that were travelling they came
in the forenoon and stayed till near night
This evening attended a prayer meeting
at Mr Bartletts few in number but in
the spirit may they long thus remain
interesting

24th Attended Church to day the text in the forenoon
was in 1-Peter 7-13- afternoon Luke 23-34-

The weather has been warm and summer
like, there is to be a Sunday school concert this
evening in the church

25th To-day have worked for Levi Bradley hoeing
it has been a warm day

Deliver me from all my transgressions
make me not the reproach of the foolish Psalm ³⁴⁻⁴

26th Worked for Levi Bradley. This evening
attended a prayer meeting at Mrs Bartletts

27th Again helped L Bradley the weather
has been quite warm. This evening there
is a thunder shower

28th The day has been wet and I have been
doing wet weather work such as sprouting
potatoes going to mill &c. This afternoon
been to New-haven with my wife found
plenty of wind and also found a remarkable
willingness on the part of the merchants in
the city to take money &c. Think I saw ^{the} haw-
smakers and shod-eaters hop they have got
about through making laws and breaking
them for this year

29th To day have worked at home hood corn hied the garden white-washed the bedroom &c

This evening took a ride to southend by Mr Doolittle and around through South end

30th Worked for E. Granmis to day. This evening attended a neighborhood prayer meeting at Mrs Linsleys Tomorrow is the Sabbath of rest & may my heart be engaged in its services

July 1st Been to Church to day the text in forenoon was in Phillipians 4-19- Communion in the afternoon, monthly concert for missions in the evening. About 20- united with the Church to day.

2^d Worked for Hiram Bradley to day being the weather has been warm.

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

4th Independance day little done in the way of work some firing some on excursions and some drinking. What memories crowd around the day as the patriot looks back to the days of '76- Did little and thought much of the day, have been to Fair and New Haven called on Edmund Fort &c.

5th Worked to day for H. Bradley warm weather Been to conference & meeting this evening.

6th Again helped Mr. Bradley; a very warm day, feel weary and worn

7th Worked about home to day very warm Took a short ride in the evening and bathed the son

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the preacher was an old man I did not learn his name. the text was 1-Thess. 5:19 quench not the spirit. There is a fine shower this evening that revives vegetation and refreshes man and beast. Thus the rain falls on the evil and on the good.

9th

Worked at home today this afternoon went to Fair-haven called at Uncle Luddingtons

This evening attended a meeting at the Turnhouse preaching by a Methodist minister

meeting well attended.

10th

Worked haying for Mr Bradley. This evening called on S. Chidsey found him very feeble

What a blessing is health and how little do we prize it Teach me the measure of my days that I may know how fruit I am.

11th

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

12th

Still haying as above the weather has been very warm to-day.

13th

Been haying again today the weather has been very warm indeed. I have thought that if I was rich I would not work till it was colder. Wife thinks so to but there is no use talking

14th

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

July 15th Attended Church in the forenoon the text was
in Heb 6-1 No service in the afternoon Sunday
School concert at 6-0 clock interesting remarks
by John G. North. Called twice to day on
Leander Chidsey he is very low and in all
probability will not live long

16th To day worked again for Mr Bradley the weather
has been very warm This evening have
been to Fair Haven

17th Again worked as usual at haying the weather
has been hot and sultry a light shower towards
night has cooled the air here it looks like more
rain hope we shall get it

18th Hayed it at the old place a very warm
day at times this afternoon This evening
attended an meeting at the tavern house

19th This morning went to Fair Haven and Fair Haven
set 2 shoes on the horse Finished up the day by
working 4 hours for Mr Bradley This evening
called on Leander Chidsey has a more comfortable
day

20th The same old story of haying at the same
old place the weather has been comfortable
cloudy in the morning but cleared up and
hay dried well

21st It has been a misty wet day have done the
small chores about home drew a load of sea-
weed &c Mr Grammes took the cow to day

This evening called on Leander Chidsey found
him very low Death lurks in every passing
breath It is appointed unto man once to die

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The text was in John 20-9 the subject was the
resurrection from the dead. The afternoon text
was in John 13-17. The importance knowing the
right and then pursuing it or the fact that merely
knowing the right will not save men.
This evening we went to Folen to see Eddy he got hurt
with a potato fork found him as well as I expected.
Found that they were starting a Sabbath School
at the school house called in and ^{had} a good time in
the best sense of the term.

23^d Worked for Mr Bradley again the weather
mild. In the evening met the Lyceum at
Mr Hickman and passed resolutions on the
death of Alexander Chidsey voted to attend
the funeral to-morrow in a body.

24th Stayed in this forenoon this afternoon
attended the funeral of Alexander Chidsey
and Augustus Regel. This evening attended
a prayer meeting at Mr Bartlets hope to be
always willing and ready to take part in such
gatherings.

25th Keeping in the forenoon of the day a shower in
the afternoon broke us off. Been to mill
another shower this evening a prospect of rain
in abundance which we very much need.
Thank God for seed time and harvest the
genial sun shine and the refreshing showers.

26th To day worked for myself and company sold some
potatoes in Fair Haven this evening been to
Folen and brought Eddy home with us.
The weather is pleasant.

Friday 28th To day worked part of the day for Mr Bradley
towards night dug some potatoes and carried them
to fair haven

28th Worked half day at haying. This afternoon
has been raining and I have stayed at home
thinking home the place for a man ^{business}
honest ~~plac~~ not call him away

The labors of the week are ended. ^{business} ~~their~~ life
wears away may I improve each day although
it were my last

29th It has been pleasant today thoughts of the sweet
Balmist of Israel come into my mind. A day in
thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather
be a door keeper in the house of God than to
dwell in the tents of wickedness

Have been to church to day. The previous text
was in Job 34-9 the duty of delighting ourselves in
God and the future rewards of such delight ^{is} ~~is~~
the theme. The afternoon text was in John 16-4

The great truth announced by this discourse to
his Disciples that they must expect trials and
persecutions and expect them because he had
foretold them was the theme of the discourse
This evening attended Sabbath School in
Freem quite interesting

30th Again helped Mr Bradley. A light shower
this evening

31st Hayed it again. To day have had hard work
to hille around with a lame foot. This evening
attended a prayer meeting at Mrs Lindes

August 1st Have been up to day with a lame foot
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flow of blood from the head. Thus in the
midst of life we are in death.

August 2^d Again have kept the house most of the day feel
rather uneasy to be laid up this pleasant weather
but hope these aches and pains will not be felt
without teaching me the important lessons they
are intended to convey. If life moved smoothly
on I might forget its great object.

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

4th Still at home as yesterday still have an oppor-
tunity for thought and reflection on the frailty
of life and the uncertainty that clusters around
every thing earthly. May the lessons of life be
studied and improved in such a manner as to
tell for good hereafter. Then shall I not be ashamed
when I have respect unto all thy commandments
(Psalms 119-6).

5th It is the sabbath of holy rest still and quiet.
Sweet is the day of sacred rest
no mortal cares shall seize my breast
(O may my heart in time be found
like Davids harp of solemn sound
I have been reading to-day and thinking of
Balaam and think that his life and char-
acter as far as they are given in the Bible are worth
an attentive perusal. He must have been an
educated man a talented man a man very
extensively known in the country around where
he lived and it seems that he had a knowledge
of the true god, and yet he perished among

~~among~~ and with the Idolaters & Heathens and why
 is the question that comes up to the mind. The answer
 is given in the words he loved the wages of unrighteousness.
 He tried to serve God and man and did what all men since his day have done
 failed. Baalim was a representative man thousands
 are trying to day to divide their affections between
 the world and Christ giving to him the smallest
 share and are thus losing their souls.
 Let me die the death of the righteous and let me
 rest and be like him was his language and yet
 failing to live his life he failed of his death.
 16th I'm compelled still to keep the horse with my
 lame foot ^{now} somewhat tired of it but hope
 that it will be entirely lost time in the calendar
 of my life. These are favorable days to reflect
 on the frailty of life and its joys.
 17th Still on the lame list have read and thought
 some these are good opportunities for thought.
 This evening had the weekly prayer meeting at
 our house some few still think it a duty and
 a privilege thus to meet and spend a social
 hour in the worship of God.
 18th Have rode to about Fair Haven a pleasant day
 am some better of my lameness hope soon to
 get about without crutches.
 19th Have kept the house to day. It was 1 on a rain
 day.
 20th This morning with some difficulty managed
 to get to the great Mill and back have been
 around with my lame foot till I am tired and
 lame all over.
 21st To day managed with the help of wife and little
 children to dig a few potatoes and carried them
 to Fair Haven found the market dull.

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ings in disguise. May I report by these life
experiences live so that I can meet them with
out fear or dismay.

12th It is the Holy Sabbath day - it is dear and pleasant
I am at home feeling to leave to go to church.
O may my thoughts and thanks arise
As grateful incense to the skies
And draw from thence that sweet repose
Which none but he that feels it knows.
And then shall I be fitted to offer unto God
the acceptable sacrifice of a broken and
contrite heart which he will not despise.

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

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

There is an hour of peaceful rest
For wandering wanderers given
There is a joy for souls distressed
A balm for every wounded breast
His friend above in heaven.

13th It is a rainy day have stayed almost home to
day done some chores called in a neighbor to

Aug 12th Tried to help Wife hang a picture she thought hung rather in a hurry and out of balance. But that was in consequence of having turned in shortly to strike when the iron was hot. Feel rather under the weather yet aches some but hope that a little clear weather will fetch me out in better humor.

Thus life is made up of sunshine and clouds storm and calm and happy is he that successfully steers his bark ^{as} not ^{to} founder on the rocks and shoals that lie in his track.

14th Still at home. Lami have rode out this afternoon with Wife. went to south end or within a few rods of it saw the dead deer and picked a few berries and returned.

This evening attended a prayer meeting at Mr Bartlets.

15th Had about concluded to go to Bridgeport to the great Temperance picnic but the rain has fell in torrents the most of the morning. It will be a great disappointment to many especially to the ardent lovers of the cause.

I hope they will attend to it another day for if there is any subject that is of importance at the present day ~~that~~ it is that of Temperance.

The Church ~~is~~ feels the effects of intemperance the state feels it the world at large feel it and it is my earnest prayer to that God that rules the destinies of nations as ^{well as} of individuals that the intolerable evils that cluster around the drinking system ^{may} cease and the system crumble and ~~not~~ fall and the united civilised world shall utter a long and loud Amen over that cause of the world and scourge of mankind and system of the Devil.

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Point & dined with the Episcopal Rector had
a pleasant time. Returned through Woodluff
Farm. The rain yesterday left the roads very
muddy and a plenty of water on the meadows.

17th

Have waited upon the ladies to day drove
to Fair Haven & twice worked a little about home
and thus ~~filled~~ up the time. This time
passes away. O' my! I so improve it that I
can feel each night that I am pitching my
evening tent a days march nearer home.

18th

Saturday

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

Sunday 19th

Been to Church to day. Rev Mr Scott
preached, the text forenoon was in Rom 3-24-25-26 verses. The Gospel plain of salvation
was the theme. Afternoon text was in Rom
Mat-5-18-19 verse. The law of God and its
obligations and binding force and its Eternal
durability constituted the sum of the dis-
course.

Monday 20th

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

My wind is a lamp with my fat and a light
with my path. Psalm 119-104

August 21st Worked for Mr Bradley. The weather has been cool. This evening attended a prayer meeting at Mrs. Herd's. The cause of Christ seems to languish and fear come to the solemn feast.

22th Worked it again today the weather cool with a light shower. This evening attended a prayer meeting at the parsonage. S. J. Andrews and myself the only able members of the church present.

23rd Worked in the morning for Mr Bradley. The afternoon has been rainy. Shed the horse did chores rested to gain strength for better weather.

24th Again worked as above on the meadow. The day has been pleasant. This evening is rather squally.

The day is past and gone.

The evening shadows appear.

May we all remember well.

The night of death draws near.

25th Have worked on the meadows today. The day has been pleasant but cool for the season.

The labors of another week are ended and this the meet that perisheth has been partially secured. May the wants of the better part be supplied from the fullness of the Eternal Father.

26th Attended church today. Text for sermon. Malakuk 2:14. The latter day glory of the Church. 2 Cor 2:11. The character and works of the Devil and his power over the mind of man were in part the theme.

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picnic next Tuesday if the weather is good
at Branford Point hope it will be a success

August 27th Worked on the meadows haying have got most
of it. The weather has been good for haying.
This evening fixing for picnic making everything
we hope we shall realize all we anticipate

28th Been to the picnic had a pleasant time and all
things passed off well a good turnout and all
enjoyed it.

29th Stayed about home most of the day went to
the mill in the morning in the afternoon
it rained.

30th Worked about home in the forenoon dug
potatoes turned up Mrs. Parsons' garden

In the afternoon went to the lake on a
trading expedition, Home again all
night. The evening is cool and the chirping
of the cricket and the cat did are reminders
that the fall is near. Thus the season passes and
growing old may we try to make the time
as it passes sweetly by to the best advantage
that we may get a good account of it

31st At home in the forenoon. Afternoon went
to the preparatory lecture. Watched with the
Kirkham through the night

Sept 1st At home again. To day watching the
day day weather hope it will soon be
gone and the clear air appear