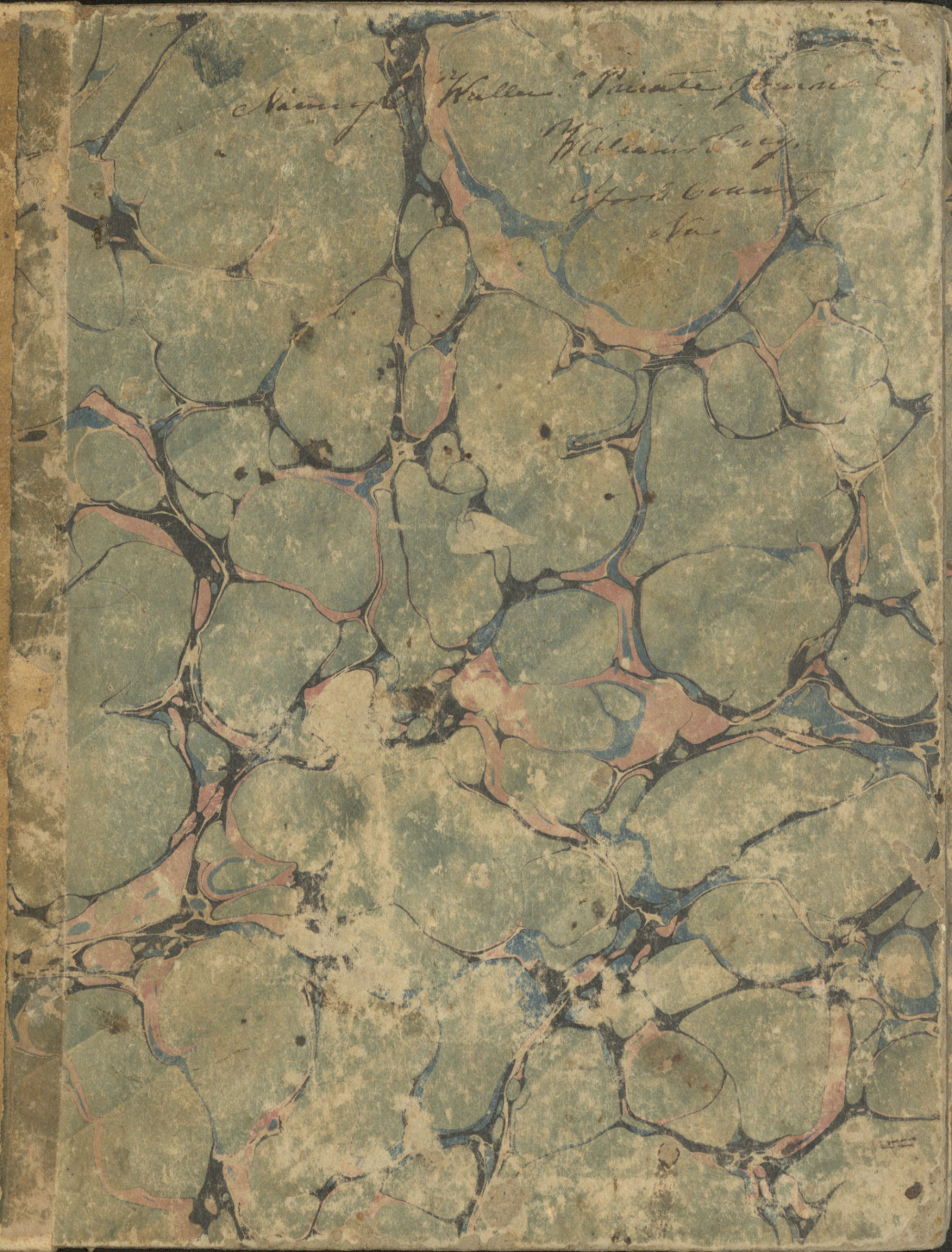


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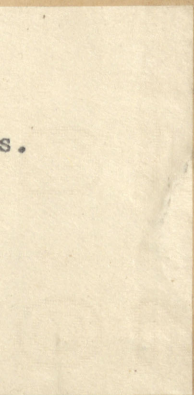
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Private journal continued from the year 1848 -  
May 25<sup>th</sup> 1849 Williamsburg Virginia.

Nature has again arrayed herself in her robe of  
green and all is cheerful and bright. The appearance  
of the Old Metropolis is very much improved by the  
change of nature. Thanks and praise be given to the  
Giver of all things, for his mercies in bringing us to  
school another season, especially one so much calculated  
to inspire our hearts with gratitude and a sense  
of the infinite power and might & wisdom of  
the Divine Being. Lord make us to remember our duty,  
that we may apply our hearts unto Thee; Grant that  
we may no longer be wanderers and backsliders from  
Thy most Holy Law. Let us walk in Thy paths and  
obey Thy commandments. I fear we are all  
disobedient and rebellious, for it appears that we  
are about to be chastened with a heavy scourge.  
I tremble on the brink of the great mortality which  
The Cholera has pronounced in Norfolk.  
and I am apprehensive that it will  
visit us, with the same degree of malignancy  
and fatal marks of its visitation, I trust in  
Providence, Lord let Thy will not mine



he done. I feel and know we deserve thy smath,  
Let Lord determine thy day of visitation contain  
thy mercies Good Master. I am now in expec-  
tation of meeting with my dear Father,  
Dister and Brother, who will visit me on Saturday  
next, if the Lord will. For with us all things are  
impossible. I am presents very busy have  
scarcely time for the perusal of any work.  
I am very much interested in the life  
of Mr. Lullson the various incidents relating  
to her missionary career. It is a very enjoy-  
able work and enables us to appreciate the numerous  
privileges which we are permitted through  
Divine agency to enjoy. I received a letter from  
my Father on Yesterday informing of the death  
of a dear junior and companion, two years  
my junior. Lord let this be an efficacious  
warning to us who are so unfaithful and  
unworthy. Comfort her afflicted parent.  
Good Lord; Let him remember that thou  
lovest whom thou chastenest. She well loved  
and desired death as a release from all  
her sufferings, she has been a disciple of



The meek and lowly Jesus for two years, and  
in this her immortal spirit has left this earthly  
tabernacle of clay, to join her mother's con-  
gretic choir above who left this earth two years  
pious. How sweet and comforting are  
these lines. "Jesus can make a dying bed,

Feel soft as downy pillows are

While on his breast, I lay my head

And breathe my breath out sweetly there.

Let me live the life of the righteous, to my last  
end be like this. Thine mercy ~~Send~~ our thro' absent  
and turn his heart unto, O Father of all mercies:

Grant through Jesus Christ our redeemer and Saviour  
of the world. May. Saturday May 26<sup>th</sup> 1899.

26<sup>th</sup> May. Through the mercies of a wise Providence we  
have been brought almost to the end of another  
week. How humble and grateful for the numerous  
blessings we have received the hands of a long  
suffering and eminent Calvary. Yet still and  
devoted are our hearts, many too many of us  
are anxious of the power who hath made us  
and preserved us until this hour. God forbid  
that I ever forget his goodness, and a sense







I never was present during their service and  
am altogether ignorant of their forms  
and plan of Sabatary. If the weather be  
fair on tomorrow what a concourse of  
persons will there be assembled! It is such  
a rare occurrence a meeting of description  
It is generally well attended. I have just com-  
pleted some work which I was eager to finish  
and am really glad. Holy days are almost  
gone for I have been working so constantly  
of late, a little rest would be quite pleasant.  
However work is such a pleasant com-  
panion and so profitable a one, that I have no objection  
to a continuation of <sup>an</sup> hour's recreation.

Williamsburg. Private Journal. May 26. 1849.

May 27<sup>th</sup>. I have only a few moments returned from church  
have the privilege of again attending the blessed  
Sanctuary of the Great Jehovah. Thanks be to God  
for the many mercies we have enjoyed the  
past week, and have been through his mercies  
and kindness, been permitted to see this blessed  
Sabbath. Lord make me remember to keep  
Holy this day, and hereafter lead a Godly



righteous and sober life. Mr. Scrimgeour's sermon was  
select ed from the 12<sup>th</sup> Chap. and 4<sup>th</sup> verse of  
1st Cor =. It was really an eloquent discourse, and  
beautifully delivered, had quite a small congregation;  
most of these who were absent being young persons, who  
generally go with the majority, as there is a large  
Campbellite meeting going on to day, which attracted a great  
many persons from this city. I have been again  
disappointed respecting the arrival of dear relations.  
Lord give me resignation to thy will whatever it may  
be. Thine mercy upon me, and cleanse me from all  
my sins. Be with through the day, and keep me  
under the shadow of thy wing. I has been sailing  
for the last two days but has now ceased, but still  
cloudy, and a gloomy prospect of having my  
expectation gratified: While there is life there is hope  
and I shall live on the anticipation, of seeing  
them, on the slope of many days. I have  
for the last week been

June 6. <sup>the</sup> 19. I am now alone, all my dear relations  
have left me, there truly there is pleasure in meeting  
but in parting there is pain. My Father spent  
only four days with me, it was a struggle and



that of parting with him. The Lord bless him and  
make him his disciple is my sincere prayer.

<sup>By</sup> The evening before he left, he presented me with  
a five dollar Gold piece; which he has been  
saving for me some time. My usual present was  
fifty \$ in Gold pieces of two \$ 1/2 in each it was  
a charitable and valuable present. I purchased a handsome  
new Wardrobe and Bonnet. The is truly a Father worthy  
of more dutiful daughters. Lord grant I may be  
most worthy of the kind affectionate protection  
for which thou hast given me. Make me  
faithful and diligent to make my high  
calling and election sure. I went to childrens  
party on last evening; spent a delightful and pleasant  
time I never enjoyed myself more than when  
64 children assembled. Innocence, Youth and  
happiness was depicted in every face. Think  
and know that this is thy best season  
O Youth. Remember thy Creator in the days  
of thy youth. Let thy blessing attend strongly  
thy day & Merciful Creator. Keep me under  
the shadow of thy wing & thy gracious recemer.  
If any worry or frown ere and say, that  
thou of us, no will.



1879 - Thursday June 7<sup>th</sup> William Long.

It is really uncommon weather for the season. I wish I had never known such a variable and unseasonable year. Unfortunately, it is favorable for that most fatal and certain destroyer of the human race, the Cholera, which is now making rapid inroads on our Country. It has nearly reached this place. Would to God we may escape. We are almost surrounded with it, and every day brings more alarming and discouraging intelligence. All the adjacent Counties are now laboring under its influence. I have recently received the distressing information of its ravages in Gloucester. At Concord the residence of my Uncle Col. Jones deceased, has now been attacked with its insidious form, and is now recovering. God has mercy upon my relations especially my Father and Sister & Brother and all whom are near and dear to us. But if it is thy will to afflict us with it let thy will be done O Lord; Give us guidance and comfortment therein. Let us live in preparation for Eternity, watch and pray



That we enter not into temptation. Lord keep  
us from temptation. Grant us that our whole trust  
and confidence in Thy mercy, our more  
serving thee in Holiness, and truth all the  
days of our life. Grant it through Jesus Christ  
our Saviour. I was much distressed to hear of  
the death of a benevolent and charitable  
woman Mrs Jones, the wife of a Baptist  
minister, she is gone to a happier clime,  
where all is beautiful and bright. But her  
dear husband feels his loss keenly, & what  
a loss. The Orphan and the poor have a person  
But she is a faithful servant of God and is  
perfectly resigned to His will. For he knoweth  
the Lord loveth whom he chargeth. The Lord  
be with him, and all who are afflicted.

June 9<sup>th</sup>. I am now much interested in perusing a  
work of Mrs Caroline Gilman; The Southern Mission.  
There are only thirty pages which have proved  
very interesting, well calculated to benefit the mind  
and prepare us for a higher seat in Heaven.  
To day Saturday always an important day with  
the free negroes and one especially, who have been making



preparation, the fairs next Wednesday Town on that day.  
to dispose of the produce which they accumulate during  
the week. God forbid I should murmure at his will  
But can make me resigned to do his will not otherwise  
Quite a gloomy day, raining a little this morning.  
but though ceased dropping the prospect is still  
gloomy, and every appearance of falling weather.  
<sup>by</sup>The Lord knows best; The farmers are sorry to see it  
and deem it injurious to their crops. But the  
merciful God knows best he is all wisdom and  
powerful. Lord forgive us our sins, and  
remember not our misdoings, or iniquities.  
Aunt Betty is still confined to her room, suffers  
much from debility, refuses to adopt every  
measure which may have been recommended.  
Do they ever so much ever benevolent, if so we  
relief is not afforded she must inevitably die.  
She cannot bear up against its malicious hand.  
<sup>as</sup>The Cholera is still raging like an angry monster  
in the cities of Richmond & Norfolk. in the former  
it is chiefly confined to poorer classes who have not  
the means of cleanliness, and obtaining the  
measures which have been adopted by the Common



Council, all cases have been fatal on the South side of  
The Tason; <sup>by</sup> Factories of different kinds of substances.  
No remedy can be discovered, all efforts are vain.  
with man, no human attempt can avail. It is in  
the hands of an injured but merciful Creator  
I pray God through Jesus to lighten our scourge, though  
we deserve the full measure of thy wrath, yet Lord we  
mercy & spare me, & all who are near and dear  
to me, Spare us for death and Judgments.  
Whatever means it be thy will to remove us hence.  
Let thy will, not mine be done. The whole creation  
seems to be changing, and remarkable appearances  
occur in the heaven, the clouds present an  
uncommon aspect. On last evening & the night  
for it was after nine o'clock we observed a rain  
bow, an arch extending across the Theatre, 1849.  
I suppose it can be accounted on the same principle  
of the day rainbow, as the moon borrows her light  
from the Sun, and has the power of  
reflection though in a much slighter degree.  
I am surprised every one very much, though  
it could be so easily solved. Let the oldest residents  
of the City never witness such a scene before



Sunday June 10<sup>th</sup> 1849.

We have been permitted once more  
to see a Sabbath morn. through the mercies of Providence,  
attend church, had a very few practical remarks by  
Mr. Garrison from the 5<sup>th</sup> Chap. 11<sup>th</sup> verse of  
Paul to the Thessalonians. Pray without ceasing.  
Lord teach us how to pray, and let us pray without ceasing.  
It seems to me that I enjoy the pleasures of this  
wretched world more than I give to the glorious  
service of the living God. I fear I am living without  
God in the world. I feel I do not appreciate the man-  
-ner of privileges, extended to me, as should be done.  
I am too careless too indifferent about the performance  
of them. Lord have mercy upon us. "O My God change  
this vile heart and grant the mind which was in  
Christ Jesus may be within me. Do I love God  
as I should is often an anxious enquiry with me.  
I know Satan thins with me, he is trying to make  
me his own, he desires to lift me as a spear. Lord  
shed forth Thy strong arm of defence and  
save from the outward of the wicked. Through  
Jesus, my Saviour.



Sunday, June the 11<sup>th</sup>.

O, Lord have mercy upon us and remember not our iniquities, But blot them out of Thy book of remembrance. Death verily is the Lord, death is lurking in every corner. The Cholera is now rapidly depopulating our land no human skill can obviate its malicious touch. It is now rapidly spreading desolation and misery where ever it goes. No attempts can baffle its fatal ravages, the death seeking monster comes off conqueror. Lord have mercy upon us and stay Thy mighty vengeance. Lord restrain Thy wrath and revenge us not according to our iniquities. But for Christ's sake have mercy. Having heard a few minutes since of its rapid increase in My dear native County, near Old Gloucester. It is only three miles from My Father's residence I can only trust in the Lord. If it is Thy will to afflict us give us regeneration to Thy most holy law. Prepare us all for death and Judgment. Sanctify the hearts of every one and let us all through adversity or Prosperity put our whole trust and confidence in Thy mercy. For with Thee nothing is impossible, and with man all



all things are impossible. I have just been  
perusing the life of Mr. Shuck the Baptist mission-  
ary to China, he was educated by my Father, Mr.  
S. J. Little of <sup>my</sup> Facadistbury, which excites greatly  
enhanced my interest in its perusal. Truly she  
was a child of God, she left <sup>my</sup> Father, Mother, Brethren  
and Sisters, for Christ sake and the Gospel.

No murmuring, no repining was ever her employment  
But a constant resignation to his divine law.

How cheerfully did she give up all for Jesus.  
She was so sensible of our insignificance and  
nothingness, she deemed herself unworthy of the  
honorable and glorious title of Missionary.  
Lord grant I too may count all loss for the sake  
of Jesus, let me glory in my <sup>own</sup> sacrifice, the cross  
of our Lord and Saviour.

..... Tuesday, June 12<sup>th</sup> 1849

I have just concluded two letters to Gloucester, one  
to my dear Father, the other to Cousin M. P.

What a privilege it is to enjoy that of writing to  
about Friends, how few appreciate it and owe  
to its true value, I thank for the means of such  
consolation to separated relations, it is the chief



pleasure I now participate, I would abandon  
any other earthly recreation than that  
I have heard nothing worth recording ~~of~~ of  
the fatality produced by the Cholera. Lord have  
mercy upon us, and send it from us.  
Edw's Mother has had a slight chill, and is quite  
sick. Indeed she has been an invalid for  
some weeks, I am afraid her days are numbered  
and we shall soon be deprived of her.  
What a loss, what a loss to her dear affectionate children  
and such a mother, as angels might adore. She  
has never been surpassed for benevolence,  
charity and indeed all the Christian graces  
have been produced prolific and abundantly  
during her sojourn on Earth.  
Lord have mercy, call her not home, send a little  
while, for Christ sake have mercy upon us all.

June 15<sup>th</sup> - Williamsburg, Friday. 1849.

What a glorious day, all thanks to the merciful Creator  
for permitting me to see another day, blessed with  
health and strength, and have so many privileges  
extended to me. Lord make me more dutiful  
and faithful to Thy most holy law.



Last night had quite a high fever, which rendered  
me very nervous, and restless. did not become  
composed until 1.2 clock. Thanks be to God  
for his goodness in such a mild affliction.  
While others are deprived of friends, and others  
sick on beds of sickness, and agonizing suffering,  
I have been left unscathed. O Father make me  
more grateful for thy mercies, give a due sense  
of thy power, and might. Something prevented  
me from writing on yesterday. I pray God to  
enable me to fulfil faithfully, the late resolution  
I have been through meditation, been led to adopt.  
That of self examination. On yesterday I was un-  
grateful for the numerous mercies extended me.  
Did not acknowledge any transgressions, no offer  
sincere and grateful thanks for the merciful Coar.  
O Lord make me more watchful and joyful.  
Let me pray without ceasing in never giving thanks.  
As the great God, who hath made me, and preserved me  
to see this minute. Make me a faithful follower of  
of my Lord and Saviour. Teach me to love well  
above, no other God, but Thou. O God have mercy  
upon me. Fear every God from thy Throne



and let me worship Thee. O God, do, with God

A calm and heavenly frame.

A light to shine upon the road

that leads me to the Lamb. I am united to

my dear, affectionate Brother. I am all impatience

Self-love, and always full of wrath, Love, pride and

jealousy all my transgressions. Let Thy holy spirit

spring up in my heart; Let its fruits, Love, joy, Peace

Long suffering, Gentleness, Goodness, Temperance,

Mekness and Forbearance. Be shown in all my

actions and stages of this life. Let me lead a

Sober, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of

Thy holy name. Guard it for Christ's sake.

Be with me through the day. Keep my tongue from

evil and my lips that they speak no guile.

Let me be kind and loving to all mankind,

and sure that I faithfully and zealously.

Williamsburg, Wednesday June 20<sup>th</sup> 1879.

What a charming, and glorious day. How ungrate

ful we are to the Author of our being. Many

are now spinning at the suffering, of their

loops for the want of rain. They do not see

either, the great, good, all wise Creator



Knows best. Lord have mercy upon us, make us  
dutiful and grateful servants, and make us  
contented and thankful. Ever more serving thee  
in holiness, walking before thee in humility,  
all the days of our pilgrimage upon Earth.  
Truly there have been many occurrences since  
my last statement. Persons who were then in health  
are now languishing on beds of sickness, and  
almost despair of recovery. But how thankful  
ought we to be, that we are not all dying and  
agonizing on beds of torturing pain, of  
that dreadful scourge, the Cholera; but thanks  
to a merciful Providence, no case has proven  
fatal here. What a merciful Creator, Lord  
for Jesus sake pardon our misdoings.  
I received intelligence from Gloucester on last  
evening, of the rapid devastation produced in  
dear old Gloucester. This dear to my memory  
are the scenes of my ~~studies~~ childhood.  
Thirteen deaths and five new cases have occurred  
on one plantation, the Physicians have given  
up in despair, they have been successful only  
in a few cases: There was one case immediately



relieved by the Thomsonian practice. I think  
I should much prefer that medicine. It appears  
to me, as if there was more immediate action  
from that medicine on the System than the  
regular medicine could afford. But what I have  
heard from Norfolk, the Sulphur and Carbon  
have never failed, but every application which  
has been made, has proved efficacious. I think  
the proportions are 6 grains of the former to two  
grains of the latter; continued every ten or  
fifteen minutes until the Patient has been  
relieved. It is indeed a wonderful discovery.  
Dr. Edwards of Ohio who is reputed to be the  
greatest Physician in the U. States, has positively  
declared there are no pneumonary symptoms.  
But what are usually termed pneumonary symptoms  
is the disease itself and should be treated  
in the quickest time his prescription I  
do not now recollect. We are all well on this  
Is. Aunt Betty is convalescent, and I hope  
will prevail, never. Mr. Waller has rode to the  
farm the first day of this week, I shall be  
honored, but met with a dire misfortune



after riding a short distance, his Mare became lame  
he got down to discover the cause, and found  
that she had stuck a nail up to its head in  
her foot, she is now perfectly lame I never  
saw an animal suffer more. The groans  
wittily whenever any application is made.  
They have bathed it in various hot baths, and been  
with Opodeldote, and Turpentine. It does not  
seem to improve, I hope it may not  
be materially injured. She would be a  
very serious loss, being such a valuable animal.  
Having been recently offered 1.00 \$ for her.  
O Lord let Thy blessing attend me & Thine  
this day, make grateful for the assurance of  
mercies, remove far from me every  
and a pinning. Let Thy will and not  
mine be done O Lord.

July 21<sup>st</sup> 1849. The blessed Sabbath morning.

Another six days work is done, a  
Another Sabbath has begun. Lord make us rem-  
ember to keep holy this blessed day. Thanks be to  
the merciful God, for permitting me to see the  
Glorious light of another Sabbath. I have not



attended public worship, for two Sabbaths, yet I  
am permitted through divine assistance, to read  
the Holy Bible, and other works of sacred import. Lord  
make me improve the numerous privileges which Thou  
art so merciful as to extend to me. Make me sensible  
of my duty towards Thee. Let me no longer  
grope in darkness, while it is noon day. Grant that  
every tongue may praise and glorify Thy name  
forever more. I have for the last ten days, been  
so much indisposed as to unfit me for any service  
whatever. I fear I am fast heading the road  
to destruction. Lord for Jesus sake arrest my steps.  
And grant for his sake I may never more stray  
from happiness and Thee. We are all gloomy  
now, Uncle Weller's periodical attacks has commenced  
This sufferings are insupportable, he is perfectly deaf  
though very quiet and peaceable. Yet I have  
a fear of him, it may be a weakness, but one  
which I can never conquer. I suffer so much  
from timidity, and never having been  
accustomed to any thing of the kind.  
I can not have confidence in his appa-  
rent, humbleness. For I am afraid of any



maniae. This third Ions suffers much from  
sympathy with him. It is really distressing  
to see them they have wept bitterly. But the  
merciful Lord, look whom he chasteneth.  
Sanctify these afflictions to the good of  
our souls, O most merciful Redeemer. It is really  
oppressive to day, although we have been  
so recently blessed with glorious and refreshing  
showers. Thirst is over with us and I am  
truly glad, when it is past. The poor Labourers  
suffer so much from extreme heat and  
fatigue. I was much disappointed at not  
hearing from my dear relations in Flower. <sup>in</sup>  
But trust in Providence, where ever I be.  
Lord help us pass through this day with  
rejoicing and thanksgiving unto the  
Father's sake, thus I may keep it holy unto thee.  
William Lucy. July 16<sup>th</sup> Tuesday morning 1849.  
Such a length of time has elapsed since my  
last record. I solemnly bind you to commence  
this day's actions. How numerous have been  
the changes since my last statement. But I cannot  
recall one of them, at this moment. I have



They have taken place, but the cause and  
effects I know not. Today is the 16<sup>th</sup> of July,  
and what glorious, delightful weather,  
neither too warm or cold, really it is charm-  
ing. Thanks be to God for his untounded  
mercies. Enable us 'O' Father to be more  
grateful to be sensible of thy merciful  
loving kindness and forbearance which  
thou exercise towards us, who are so ungrate-  
ful and rebellious a people. I have at last  
completed my summer wardrobe. And I  
am truly gratified, for the task of making  
dresses, is so troublesome, I always look on  
it with utter abhorrence. I have been  
indulging very much of late in the  
literary line, having perused two novels,  
which is not very usual with me. Thous-  
and one was written by a Minister of the gospel,  
and was truly an excellent work, which would  
instruct and benefit any one. It delineated  
very forcibly the greatness and exceeding riches  
of the grace of our Lord and Saviour  
Jesus Christ. Thoug' the wicked and sick



in this world's goods might prosper  
for a time; Let the all seeing eye  
hath send a crown of riches for  
surpassing their possessions, for those  
who love him; Let they may like the  
Bay tree flourish awhile and extend  
their authority all around their  
dwelling. Let God is the judge he  
putteth up one and setteth down another.  
I wish to commence to day. Sir Roland  
Oshton, a work by Rev. J. Keble, having  
been delighted with some of his writings  
he has become my favorite author.  
There is so much truth and sound  
reasonings in his publications.  
Mr Charles has left for the farm, I hope  
he may have a pleasant ride, he is at  
this time riding a trot, which has been  
very recently imitated in that valued act,  
a pleasant ride. Today is mail day, I am  
anticipating the arrival of the mail  
hoping it may bring some tidings  
from the absent. I was disappointed



through the last part. But I hope it did  
not proceed from any serious cause.  
I am inclined to attribute it to my  
precious illness, I suppose they were  
tried of writing, without being  
suspected to. Although I have always  
been practical. Yes my indisposition  
has prevented my usual strict attention  
on to the despatches of my dear benevolent  
friends. Please attend them. Keep me  
under the shadow of thy almighty  
wing, this day, O Father, of Mercy.

Monday Morning, July 23<sup>rd</sup>. Williamburg, 1849.

Since my last statement almost a week has elapsed.  
It appears impossible for me to note the daily  
occurrences of my varied life. Were it as  
regular as daily occupation as any of my  
numerous duties, I deemed it incumbent  
and upon me, to notice and record  
the employment and the manner  
of spending each day of brief existence.  
I fear I am losing my former method  
inclination for the continual use



of my dear and valued friend. My dear.  
I must deny myself, and as practice makes  
perfect, attend to this accomplishment  
more constantly. I have been a little  
indisposed for the last day or two. Having  
missed it on Thursday last, until  
quite a late hour, which always produces  
an unpleasant feeling in my stomach  
and frequently affects my head.  
I attended Church on Tuesday, but  
did not feel well in the morning.  
Thinking a little exercise would prove  
beneficial, I reached the church, and  
felt a little recruited from walking.  
The news is the Scovron had con-  
ceded, I regretted my presence exceedingly very  
anxious, but I should be compelled  
to leave. I was very nearly exhausted  
when I reached home, from acidity  
and fatigue, have made a very light  
breakfast this morning, laid down as  
quickly as possible, taking a little repose  
when I awoke, found myself with



a very high fever, which lasted until ~~last~~  
night, I feel much better to day, having rested  
very well. am much refreshed this morning  
Aunt has gone out visiting to day, the  
very first time since I returned from  
Gloucester. She is mending as usual, and  
reminds me so much of Aunt Field.  
Uncle Walter is very restless to day, the  
weather being excessively warm, which  
very much affects his brain. all the  
others are well. Thanks be to God, for  
his mercies. <sup>My</sup> We have determined  
to add some inducement for  
persons remaining here during  
the season some sociable & ~~spiritual~~  
Families have set apart every Tuesday  
for an assembly of persons together  
for the purpose of conversing  
and enjoying each others society.  
I think these little affairs are  
termed Leves. I have a season imitate  
feel very much complimented  
But fear my health will not admit



of constant attendance. I thank thee  
O! God for this privilege of writing.  
Keep me under the shadow of  
thy wing, this day, Let me be diligent,  
Instant in prayer and fervent in  
supplication. Williamsburg, Tuesday, July 24<sup>th</sup>

"Don't Not Tomorrow," for thou knowest  
not what a day may bring forth.  
If we would all remember, and apply  
this wise proverb of Solomon, how few  
would our more numerous afflictions  
and disappointments, would  
appear in comparison with the  
present number. It was with much  
sorrow, and regret that I received  
the mournful intelligence of the death  
of dear little Tab. Catter, who died on the 21<sup>st</sup>  
of July 1849. The Lord of his Mother's heart  
Tab. warning all ye who have disobeyed  
that first and often violated com-  
mand: "Thou shalt have none other  
God than me, For smote the penalty."  
Lix soon as thou knowest not another Thou



so abundantly will the great, all wise  
and Merciful Creator, thrust us from  
thence. God forbid I should have any  
other Idol, than the great Jehovah.

I was not at all surprised when I was  
informed of his death, for I have  
been expecting it ever since the first  
one of Summer, having some idea  
of his delicate constitution, and this  
too being of all others the most trying  
of a Child's constitution his second  
Summer. But the righteous Lord  
kneth whom he chargeth. And  
we know that now it is not for his  
mercy in chastising us, and carrying  
us to senseless, there is a God,  
He would mould our own depraved  
desires and appetites, until we were  
finally lost in our own destruction.  
God moves in a mysterious way his  
wonders to perform. Lord make us  
all more watchful, and prayerful.  
Sanctify this affliction to the good



of our souls. For we do not mourn  
as those without hope.

My own dear, Cousin

I was with feeling  
of much sorrow and regret, that I received  
the mournful intelligence of the death  
of dear little Tabb, I had been expecting  
to hear of the release of this dear little  
sufferer. Yet I still hoped, that the skill  
of the Physician might baffle this fatal  
enemy. We should not grieve or murmur  
but feel much comfort with you, by  
seeing his gain. He now rests in the bosom  
of his father, where sickness, sorrow  
pain or death are felt and feared  
no more. Would we could cross the way  
this abode of pain, misery for the one  
which he is now enjoying. All that  
spectator to death is usefully impudic.  
And if we go not ~~to~~ beyond the grave  
it is overwhelming. But thanks be to God  
who giveth us the victory through our Lord  
Jesus Christ.



Can My own, dear Cousin,

It was with feelings of sorrow and much regret, that I received the mournful intelligence of the death of dear little Tabb. It is true I had been expecting to hear of the release of this dear little sufferer: Yet I still hoped that the skill of the Physician might baffle this fatal enemy, and the Good Lord might lend him a little longer. But the Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away, who will say unto him what doest thou.

He had thought fit to take the little sufferer home and through it may be your loss, yet is his gain, and he now rests in the bosom of his Father. The spirit which animates him cannot die, cannot see corruption. I know all that pertains to death is awfully impressive, and to those who have not a hope beyond the grave, it is unbelieving. How awful is our state of feeling and full of trouble. The flowers



which to day delight and caress our eyes,  
Tomorrow are cast down and withered.

All on Earth must say to corruption  
Thou art my Mother, and to the worm  
Thou art my sister. Such is our destiny  
By nature. Thou hast been taught by the  
word of God that though the outward  
tabernacle be dissolved, thou hast a build-  
ing of God, a house not made with  
hands, eternal in the heavens, joyful  
prospects. That dear little angel in  
Heaven, is now a member of that  
choir, whose voices are ever heard  
in the praise of their all suffi-  
cient Redeemer. Live but in the pre-  
paration for this and death will  
lose its sting, the grave its terrors,  
and the world its thorns.

Well then, my beloved and sorely  
chastened Cousin, be not cast down  
The Lord loveth whom he chasteneth,  
All on Earth is changeable, there is no  
rest here. But God is unchangeable, his arms



of mercy are ever open to receive those  
who seek him, his promises are as eternal  
as his nature. The only wisdom is to  
seek God and prepare to meet him  
and then if ~~God~~ ~~some~~ ~~faithful~~ remember  
the privilege of again meeting with  
dear little Tabb, is sure extended to you,  
and I am sure will not let it pass  
unheeded. Remember when you meet  
again, you will meet to part no more.

My best love to my dear Cousin Ann.  
I know not what to say, except to prepare  
to meet him when and where he shall see  
me. A little Tabb, could have spoken  
his last words would have been; weep not  
for me dear parents. I see where glory  
and happiness awaits me. Prepare and  
meet me on that blissful shore.

We all sympathize and desire to be  
with you, and share your grief,  
as we have so often participated in  
your joys. All send their love  
to you all. ~~Love~~ My dear Cousin



Martha, I hope I have not displayed  
any want of feeling in the preceding  
lines, if I have such was not my intention  
It was my only wish to afford consolation  
and through a transient in the flesh yet  
present in mind. I must say

Adieu

The blessings of God, be  
upon you and all,

William Lurg Monday morning July 29<sup>th</sup> 1849.

There numerous have been the change,  
since my last note, some have through  
a merciful Providence been deprived  
of friends & there has been laid on  
beds of sickness. Some have been  
unwillingly and referring against  
the will of the Almighty. Although  
we have slightly afflicted in the  
sickness of one of the family,  
William has been excessively ill for  
the last week with a most violent  
dysentery, the most obstinate of  
all diseases, even when checked in



The Lord, but the present instant  
being very much averse to taking  
medicine, kept his situation a  
secret from his devoted Mother  
Until nature exhausted by her severe  
opponent, acknowledged its conquest  
in the most tacit but positive man-  
ner, Through the Mercies of Providence  
the measures which have been used  
have been blessed with a happy  
relief, and he is now (though  
yet very low) much better than  
he has been previously. I trust  
and pray to God, if it be his  
will to restore him to his dear afflic-  
ted parents, the Lord of Jesu many  
hearts, will certainly be chastised.  
Fear any Lord from our hearts,  
enable us to worship Thee in the Spirit  
and truth. Reign Thou O Mighty  
Creator, give us Godliness and continen-  
ment Therewith. Let us improve  
my time, remove mercies



far from me. Sanctify the present affliction to the good of us all. Keep me from all evil this day, in Thought, word or deed. I did not attend Church on Yesterday having been prevented by the indisposition which I have afore mentioned. I had heard that the sermon was very good and explanatory of the sinfulness of our present state and wicked state, when we should know the truth, that being the best. I was really an embarrassed one. God grant we may all be brought to the light of the truth.

Thursday Morning August 9<sup>th</sup> 1888

With thankable hearts we should all approach the Throne of our Coarcter. This day, here I am blessed with health and strength and with the light of the Gospel continually on my path. How rare I improve the numerous privilege I attend



through a long suffering, forbearing  
mercies, how have I employed the precious  
moments, allotted to my care? I fear  
alas! alas! I know I have left undone  
what I ought to have done. There is no  
health for me. I can only trust in  
the Merciful Saviour, who is ever making  
intercessions for us, hear us O Lord  
for Christ sake make the weak and  
faithful believe in Christ for us our  
Lord, O Lord, we beg for Jesus sake a  
ray light Divine shed abroad in our  
hearts. I feel O Lord that I have been  
and am a vile sinner, I know that  
nothing which I can do, can obtain  
thy reconciliation, but only the medi-  
ator, can we obtain mercy, in him I  
sorrow rely, for his sake, O Lord forgive  
my iniquities I mourn Pardon these  
all and take the mannae home.  
Tomorrow, the 3<sup>d</sup> of August has been  
fixed upon by The Presbytery as a  
day of fasting and prayer to be observed



Throughout the United States, God help  
us to appear unto thee thy fast and  
not us to me, Let us daily deny ourselves  
take up our cross and follow thee.  
Sept 29<sup>th</sup> 1879. Flonesta Lindbeck 1879 -  
August 29<sup>th</sup>. This beautiful morning witnessed  
the distressing scene which ever accompanies  
the separation of united hearts, especially so  
when two hearts have been firmly cemented  
and bound together, by the strings which  
properly united a fall this which has  
fallen to the lot of human kind, thus  
of husband and wife. Experience is a  
wise but truly a sad teacher. What has  
done they work, Now again with my arms  
will a separation ever seem, Let the interin-  
tion of the all wise power. Thank God for  
the mercies we have previously enjoyed, and  
I earnestly beg of him to keep him and  
me in perfect obedience to his holy law.  
service, communion and a firming  
from me Give us both very gratification, Let  
thy will and not our own be done.



Keep us both under the shadow of thy wing  
throughout this, Let all we do think or say  
be in perfect accordance with thy will  
Defend us both from sickness, pains  
diseases and dangers, through Jesus Christ  
our Saviour Let no accident occur to pre-  
jude his visit Let all be well, and the glory  
and praise be given unto thee through  
Jesus Christ our precious Redeemer.  
But if it be thy will, Let us be content  
and the glory be given to thee.

Through the help of God, I read three  
chap of the Prophecy of Jeremias  
43. 44<sup>th</sup> 45<sup>th</sup>, the first treated of the con-  
quest of Egypt, the the second the  
obstinacy of the Jews, and sign of  
their punishment, Thirdly of Baruch  
The Lord told him, not to lift up, for he had  
been sick, and he should be cast down.  
Pardon my sins O Lord Let me be thankful  
to find thee, guard through Jesus Christ.



Williamsburg Oct 15<sup>th</sup> 1849.

The Summer is past and we are all through  
a merciful Providence are brought to view  
the sweet but dreary fall, the trees are all being  
deprived of their much loved companions,  
they are well nigh childless, but they do not  
mourn as those without hope, no! Their  
cherish limbs, ~~at~~ like the afflicted Christian  
have the consolation of knowing that they  
shall be restored to them again. Merciful Lord  
grant that we all may so live and walk in  
thy path, that when our Fall shall have  
come, that we may not repine at our lot,  
But let thy will not ours be done.  
I have been visiting much to day, some  
of my friends having recently returned  
from their Summer travel, being granted  
the privilege of once more seeing I trust  
I quickly hailed myself of that pleasure.  
The town is comparatively busy, every  
thing seems to have infused the spirit  
of industry, I sincerely wish the old  
College could procure sufficient



employment; But I hope the Lord  
will bless his servants with an increase  
and the old afflicted Institution  
may flourish once more. I think  
what she has done, she may and will  
do again. That of being the mental  
birth and station to so many great  
Statesmen, she may see many more  
for the Presidential chair, and other  
distinguished offices, which none but  
her scholar can fill.

Williamsburg. Decem<sup>r</sup>. 3<sup>d</sup>. 1849.

Such a length of time since my last record,  
that the feelings which accompany the present  
one are similar to those experienced when  
giving welcome to some dear friend, whom  
fate has destined a long separation, I am  
thankful for this inestimable privilege, it  
well fills the place of one, whom we  
desire to confide our thoughts, wishes, designs &  
I think we can with more confidence in  
its secrecy communicate them to paper,  
where not a single eye but our own can read the



October 23<sup>d</sup>. Tuesday Williamsburg.

I have just concluded my morning exercises with the deep conviction, that I do not live up to my privileges. How melancholy the recollection of having misspent so many moments which might have been profitably employed in reading and treasuring up the sacred precepts of God's most Holy word. Those frequently, indeed too numerous for thoughts or imagination to divine, has that blessed Book, been read without remembering or once thinking of its holy origin. My thoughts like a Fool's eyes were wandering to the ends of the Earth. God forbid that I should see write and profane its sacred pages again with such wicked and evil meditation. Would to God it might be my constant study and delight. Let me read it with an eye single to thy glory. I only want to serve my God, and follow the example of our meek and lowly Saviour, keeping his commandment to love one another ever engraven on my heart. I pray to God through Jesus Christ, to make me a true, faithful and his zealous follower.



I have been apparently remiss in not acknowledging  
My Sister's note accompanied by her welcome  
new presents on Tuesday last. But having written  
the week previous to my dear Father, I received  
so many letters and welcome visits, and flattering  
messages that I have not this received some  
intelligence from you all. But I fear from  
your continued silence, that you are yet  
too much indisposed to resume your correspond-  
ence with one who so ardently wishes for a  
few lines penned by your own hand. I was truly  
distressed to hear of your indisposition.

I had imagined you had commenced your  
long contemplated visit to the Highlands,  
and enjoining your usual good health.  
was therefore much astonished to hear of your  
being at home. The Boatman returned about seven  
o'clock that night, healthily welcomed by all.  
As their speedy arrival surprised us, the wind  
having been blowing almost a gale, we had  
feared they would be detained for some days.  
It was really a providential occurrence that  
they did return, for Cousin William has not



the workings, disappointments and enjoyments  
of the heart. How many reflections does the  
recollections of this day, twelve months  
ago, produce when I remember the innumerable  
changes which have occurred. I can with diffi-  
culty, induce myself to believe, such changes  
are really so, that it is no dream but a sad  
reality. Alas! Alas! Child hood's hours have  
fled by, it is now too late to regret their  
flight. They are gone and with them fly,  
the happiest days allotted the human race.  
"I remember, I remember how my childhood  
fled by, in the month of its December.  
More especially does the arrival of this  
month revive the scenes so dear to memory.  
This month was always a time of festivity  
and mirth when a child. My father's birth  
day, being Christmas day, that day  
was always anticipated, and wished for, and  
its early departure always lamented with  
the child's most familiar & precious Christmas  
is as far off as ever. But I thank God that  
I am though somewhat advanced in



years that I am blessed with health  
and my dear relations extended to me  
with the prospect of seeing another  
Birth day. Good God preserve him for  
Christ sake have mercy and guide him  
in the heavenly way. Let us all be more  
watchful, and diligent to make our  
high calling and election sure.

Williamsburg, December 11<sup>th</sup> 1849.

How thankful and grateful should we  
all feel to the merciful Creator, for the  
fountifal blessings, we have received at  
his hands, from the beginning of our lives  
until this minute. Lord I do thank thee, but  
I beseech thee to make me humble before thee  
our great and good God. The weather has changed  
very much during the last 48 hours. Only we  
have been blessed with such beautiful and  
healthful atmosphere, for we have had spring  
weather, the principal part of the fall what  
a share of health we have all enjoyed. I have  
not heard of a severe attack in the City.  
It is true there have been some petty complaints



But when we consider the misery, gloom  
which have pervaded the other part of the world  
our voices should be raised in sounding the praises  
of him, who extends so many mercies, to such  
unprofitable and gainsaying subjects. We  
are still unworthy, we are yet rebellious.

Lord have mercy upon us & cause Thy light to  
shine in our hearts, Let us become dutiful  
and obedient to Thy most holy laws.

Be with me through this day. Keep me constant  
near Thy side, Let me live to Thy glory.

My dear Sister, no doubt my unusual silence  
has called forth complaints for my want of  
punctuality, in responding to your last epistle.

However tedious, in replying to correspondents,  
can be so seldom applied to me, I think such  
a rare occurrence ought to be forgiven so soon  
as committed; I have been so constantly engaged  
since the reception of your letter, and time flies  
so rapidly, that it requires double the space, for  
the completion of <sup>any</sup> task, which can generally  
be executed in a short time; when the days are  
of a very length: It appears as if the days were



years have both decreased since I could first rem-  
ember ~~them~~. I have some consolation in knowing  
that I am not singular in my conjecture.  
For I have frequently heard father make the same  
remark. I cannot realize the solemn fact that  
Christmas is only three weeks off, when  
December enters, it I feel as if New Year day  
had arrived; so quickly does it pass away.  
I have no objection to those three weeks pass-  
ing swiftly with their elapse. I shall you  
all whom I do so earnestly desire to behold  
I think it is time already for you to be  
showing us your bright face; when we see  
all that is the consolation which you offered  
me thus I should see you so soon again  
that soon has made itself very late to  
my own knowledge. I received a most pre-  
cious letter from my dear father, a few days  
ago, giving me a description of the dedica-  
tion of St. The Ladies must have gone there  
for the express purpose of enjoying ~~the~~  
~~exterior~~ one of the good things of this life.  
Mr. W. Waller gave me a slight sketch of



of the occasion, I felt much mortified that  
none of my numerous relations condescended  
to write me one line, not one inquired after me.  
He told me he saw you and ~~father~~ also said it was  
the most splendid dinner he had <sup>ever</sup> seen,  
I will give the odd fellows all that they desire.  
I saw him the other evening he told me he had  
received a long letter from father. ~~Today~~ <sup>Yesterday</sup> previous  
giving him some instruction in the cultivation  
of Potatoes &c. I have something to communicate  
which will quite astonish you. There was a  
controversy in the Episcopal Church a few  
nights ago, and that too from an Episcop-  
alian. I think Mr. Semison ought to be  
very well satisfied, as he has been successful  
in what so many have failed. That is if they  
wished to effect any thing of the kind.  
The occurrence was such a rare one, that it  
completely astounded and frightened us  
all. The sermon had concluded, and the  
choir were singing "Hosanna from a foundation  
of saints of the Lord." They were just concluding  
the fifth verse when the most unearthly



Theresa went forth, it sounded like some one in  
most agonised torture. I never was so much  
alarmed in all my life, it was with difficulty  
I could stand, while they concluded the series,  
she talked for some time W. Garrison  
waved his hands to the choir to stop and then  
dismissed us. It was deemed a very foolish  
joke in Mrs. Murphy, by some high church  
members, others termed it a species of madness,  
But she regards not the various opinions,  
say she will shout when she feels like it  
and if they object to it, she will go where  
she can shout to the Methodists, it created  
quite a sensation here, for some time,  
But it has ceased to be the principal subject  
of conversation. I wish I could remem-  
ber the various opinions given on the subject,  
they would be quite a source of amusement.  
She also visited Richmond for his health,  
returned a few days ago with the pleasant  
intelligence that the Doctor would be down  
at Christmas, which has ~~quite~~ give a new  
life to the household, I think she does as



benefitted by his.

My dear Grace father

This being an unexpected  
visitor, <sup>but</sup> will I flatter myself prove a welcome  
one. I have intended visiting you for some  
time past, but remembering how constantly  
you are engaged I was fearful of troubling  
and therefore interrupting you. I have now  
summoned up courage sufficient to  
put my intention into execution, with the  
hope that it will meet with a warm reception.  
Although I never hear from you, I frequen-  
tly hear of you and am truly pleased to hear  
that you are looking so well, and enjoying  
such good health which is certainly the greatest  
blessing extensible to man, for when deprived  
of it, we are doubtless a burden to ourselves and  
to our fellow creatures. I think as you  
have been so much pleased with health and  
strength, you might confer a favor on your  
Grace's family by visiting her and thus too  
at a time when all labor being suspended  
your attention will not be absolutely



acquired at home. You cannot conceive the pleasure  
we it would give us to have the pleasure  
of your company for a few days at least.  
We cannot promise all the comforts and  
luxuries which you enjoyed at Lundecrown.  
Yet we will give you a comfortable room  
and bed, which are certainly the important  
requisites, especially to elderly persons.  
And we will use every effort to make your  
time pass pleasantly. Aunt Betty and Miss  
Waller all join in love, and beg that you  
would comply with our most earnest request.  
But think how easy it could be accomplished  
if you would only think as William King  
is gradually reviving the old college in success,  
there are now twenty students, which  
have greatly revived the drooping heart,  
and faint hopes of the President and  
professors. The Seminars are both flourishing  
the superintendants are delighted with  
their brilliant prospects of success. The  
Female Seminary has now forty scholars,  
which are as many as he can well attend to.



I think this for the good. I see Cousin  
Louisa Wright very frequently & she always  
inquires very particularly for you and it gives  
a great desire to see you sends her her love to  
all the family, says if you cannot come  
you must let Cousin Sarah come, and she  
thinks it probable she may return with her  
to Gloucester, as she is very anxious to see you  
and will visit you, as you will not visit her.  
She has recently had a set of false teeth  
put in, which has improved her looks very  
much and she is now as beautiful as ever.  
Sally attends the Female Seminary, and has  
the reputation of being very studious,  
and is a very talented child. The last news  
she received from Mr. Wright, he had arrived  
at San Francisco, was doing well, hope to  
get to the mines a short time. You must  
give my love to Cousin Mary when you see  
her. Present my best love to Uncle William,  
when you write or see him. To Uncle Edward  
and family, give my best love. I have told you  
all the news, which the place would



effort. If it would not be too irksome a task  
I should feel highly honored to receive an  
answer written by my Grandfather's hand.  
I should keep it as a treasure. Be sure and  
think over my request deliberately, and  
if you cannot possibly come, be sure  
and let Louisa Sarah come over.

You must excuse all mistakes.

Believe me to be

Your most affectionate  
Granddaughter

Williamsburg, January 5<sup>th</sup>. 1845. M.

Private Journal continued.

I do and cannot express my gratitude to the good  
being for his mercies the year past. Lord help  
me to feel grateful and humble before Thee who  
art so good, so great a being. I a worm of the  
dust, should presume to come before Thee. I feel my  
sin; I know I am wicked, and a vile sinner.

O! God save my sinful soul which is now feasting  
for food. Lord give it that nourishment which  
none but Thee can give. Through the precious  
blood of Thy precious Son Jesus Christ Lord



Let me no longer be walking and pursuing the vanities  
of this wicked world. Lord increase my faith,  
increase my desires after holiness, I do want to serve  
Thee truthfully and sincerely. Thou knowest I can  
do nothing of myself. Oh! Lord pardon mine  
iniquity for it is great. Save my sinking soul.  
Make me what Thou wouldst have me be,  
a true humble, and faithful follower of  
my Lord and Saviour. I am tired of this wicked  
sinful world. Only let me serve Thee and  
save me in the hour of death and when  
at the judgment seat Lord remember me.  
Prepare me a chair to sit on, I want nothing  
here. Let my treasure be in heaven, when I  
sickness, sorrow, pain and death are felt and  
feared no more. There I shall bathe my weary  
soul in seas of heavenly rest, and not a sea  
of trouble roll across my peaceful heart.  
If it were not for the sweet consolations contained  
in blessed word of life, Thou dark and irksome  
would be this, sinful, sorrowful vale, but I thank  
Thee to God, who giveth us the victory through our  
Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. We are travelling



As a better world, Lord let me always feel heavenly,  
and no longer see the men of the world, I do not  
come to think any more of this darksome world.  
Lord I believe help thou mine unbelief. save me  
or I perish. January 14<sup>th</sup> Monday night. 1850.

Time flies so swiftly, I can scarcely convince myself  
that fourteen precious days of the New Year, have  
passed, the next thoughts which come upon my  
stalled senses, Thou have I impuned those days, extended  
to me by My Merciful, Long suffering and forbearing  
Creator. The very thoughts, fill me with dread, Alas!  
Alas! I fear, I know I have mispent them,  
they have forever fled and I am a disobedient  
sinful, Hell deserving sinner. Lord have mercy  
upon me, With how many sins did I crowd the  
opening Year, not one of them is forgotten  
before God, How many have been remembered, to me.  
I can do nothing of myself, but the Good Lord, That  
me, with all things well, with him, nothing is im-  
possible and all things are possible to him, I do  
believe. Lord I believe help thou mine unbelief.  
I feel and know I have wasted my precious  
time, But with the Lord's help, I hope to spend



my remaining days to his Glory and honor.

Lord help me to examine my conduct through  
the present day. Let me do it carefully and sincerely.

With what feelings I awoke this morning.

My heart was not filled with gratitude, and thank  
praise, grateful, and thanksgiving to him, to  
whom all the praise was due, but was waxed full  
of worldly anticipations. My petitions were hurried  
and formal, instead of humility and sincerity,  
and agonizing, wrestling supplications. I fear  
Lord help me, I do not feel the necessity of a  
precious Saviour's blood, and mediation.

I do not prize and study God's holy word as  
becometh those who profess, are really Christ's  
children. I know I should study every word,  
measure, its sacred precepts, make it my con-  
stant study and delight. Lord make me love  
my Bible more, and take a fresh delight  
in the perusal of its sacred pages. I will not  
peruse any book, which might induce a  
more longing desire to serve and worship  
My Merciful Creator. My enemies have been  
similar to other worldly men, I have done



nothing which I ought to have done.  
I have been impatient unbenevolent to those who  
are my protectors, I have yielded to suborns of  
passion given vent to my unwily members.  
Conducted contrary to God's requirements  
have not brought forth the fruits of the  
spirit. I have left undone what I ought to  
have done; done what I ought not to have done.  
There is no spiritual health within me.

January 15<sup>th</sup>. How thankful and grateful should  
every heart feel for the unnumberable mercies and  
privileges granted through a merciful Providence to  
such unassuming wretches as we have - and I especially  
have always been. But I fear they have been consumed  
and injured by me, as they would have been by  
the brute without regarding the source from whence  
they came; Thus the awful remembrance of another  
day's passing, and no progress in the Christian  
life, Lord help me, I am fast declining. Help Lord  
on I perish, for Satan now gains advantage,  
my strength fails, O Lord! for a grateful heart  
for a heart to yearn after the blessed Jesus to  
desire more eagerly a knowledge of his love.



I want to feel a Saviour, Lord, I want to abandon all  
my sins, I want a purging heart, a holy, grateful  
heart, which produces only good, holy fruits, Lord  
I want to love Thee more to live and walk close with  
Thee I do want a heavenly frame of mind, I want  
no longer to dwell in the tents of wickedness, no  
more, Oh, if sin could all be cast away, this  
minute, what a burden would be cast away,  
and away to my Jesus would I fly, I will go to  
him now, Lord help me to renounce all wickedness,  
to daily deny myself take up my cross and follow  
Thee, I have been disrespectful to my kind,  
parents, The Holy Bible commands me to honor  
my father and mother, I have been unkind  
to my sister and all my companions  
I have not abandoned or fail committing one  
of my besetting sins, Oh God, have mercy upon  
me, I fail to thank God for the mercies  
received at his hand, I have been so selfish about  
stunty, Lord let me number no more, let my  
life commence from this minute, let it be  
dedicated to thy service in a humble earnest  
and sober manner, Keep Oh Kings of Idols



under the shadow of Thy Almighty wings.  
Teach me to examine myself truly sincerely  
and not after the manner of Jerusalem  
with Thee. To whom all the praise and  
glory be given. January 16. Williamsburg. 1880.

I have a few minutes returned home from  
a nocturnal visit to a relative, after having relieved  
my weary frame of its burden clothes, I made  
a hasty repair, concerning a season of things and  
persons of which I should not have done and  
do feel condemned for such a course, I am still  
retrograding, I make no progress in the  
Christian's life. Backbiting, evil speaking &c.  
are still my besetting sins. If I could at all times  
feel a Christian's love, possess a Christian's spirit.  
But will strictly the Christian's part, follow Christ,  
my Summer would last all the Year. I feel I have  
done all, which I should not have done, left undone  
what I ought to have done, poor wretches suffering fast  
and love in the depth of us, I am thankful  
to my merciful Creator, that I am spared this  
one opportunity, of calling for mercy. Lord  
help me, to do it in an humble, earnest and



manner, I do not want to be a hypocrite, I want to  
love and serve my maker. I have been thoughtless,  
full of callousness to the innumerable mercies  
attended to me, by a merciful Providence, read his Word  
and, with eagerness, invoked him in a promise  
his name, and calling upon him, with my lips,  
and my heart was not engaged, & spiritually, alone evil  
and been sinking to my fellow being, taking  
care to gratify my own sinful propensities;  
without consulting the feelings and wishes of  
others, Lord have mercy upon me, let me cease  
to do evil, learn to do well, prepare to render a strict  
account of all my actions on Earth, in which Thy  
Thy help another and better world.

January 17<sup>th</sup>. " " " " " "

Through Divine mercy, I am permitted once more  
to use my feet, I pray God it be to some good, for I feel  
and know, without his help, all things are impossible,  
I have been unmindful of what it was my duty to  
do, I have been careless of the blessed command  
ment to love my neighbor as myself. I feel my sinners.  
My besetting sin, yet unconquered, and I am yet  
a prey to hasty tempers, worldly affairs, and



have no control over my unruly members. No sin is  
remedy perceptible, all dark within. Sin is reborn.  
Today on hearing of the birth of another child  
of my father's second marriage, murmuring in  
mediate burst forth my wicked heart agitated to  
all wicked emotions and guilty passions, to the  
Sinner Lord, who had extended to me a father, and  
so many dear friends, it is a trial, but we all have  
trials and tribulations here below, it is true & thus is  
one of minor importance, yet it weighs heavily.  
I wish I could subdue the wicked spirit, and  
as nothing of a worldly nature, ever induce  
a hasty temper, or rash, wicked speech. Lord  
have mercy upon me. Help me to examine myself  
soberly, and truthfully. I have been impatient  
and unkind to all, shown all the fruits of  
a wicked heart. Lord hear my prayer this night.  
Teach thou me for what to pray. A few moments  
since returned from an evening party, found  
an invitation to attend another on the morrow  
evening, think it probable I shall decline, not  
caring to attend such places, I hope the good  
Lord will guide me in the heavenly way.



Let me no longer from his ever merciful to stay  
The pleasure is now present among us, it seems  
to be confined especially to the Negroes, Lord  
sanctify every affliction to the good of our souls.  
Now I lay me down to sleep, I pray the Lord  
my soul to keep, If I should die before I wake  
I pray the Lord my soul to take.

January 17<sup>th</sup> 9, 1 o'clock at night.

" Another day has passed, and gone, the  
evening shades appear, Oh! may we all  
remember, well, the hour of death is near.  
Lord impreg it upon our thoughts, unceasing  
minutes, the improving or precious time  
Let us hasten our steps, and whatever our hands  
findeth to do, Lord we may do with all our  
might; I am a sinner I do not take note  
of time, not even from its laps, I know  
I have never spent one day in strict service  
to my Creator, I have been idle, dissipated  
of the many calls of mercy to return, I have  
been useless in every respect, ungrateful  
to my Maker callous and indifferent to  
sin privy the privileges, which his many



has offered me, disrespectful to my parents  
unkind to my companions, impatient to those  
whom I have to wait on me, doing as I would  
not wish to be done by. How shall I escape  
if I neglect so great salvation. Tell sure me.  
Take me into Thy fold, let me wander no more.  
Teach me how to pray, save my dying soul.

January, 18<sup>th</sup>. Saturday night. 1880.

Through the mercies of Divine Providence we  
are permitted to have passed through another  
week another six days work is almost done.  
Thou have these six days been employed  
another week of my precious time  
has passed away, and I awfully tremble  
when I look over the past, and consider  
my ways. I know I have chosen the evil  
Satan has been my guide, I have obeyed his un-  
wise and temptation strictly, living up to his  
sinful, suspicious influence, following his steps  
While my bleeding, precious long suffering Saviour  
stuck rejected. How long Oh, merciful and how  
long, how often have I pierced thy holy  
spirit, Lord take not thy spirit away, though



I have done thee such despite. Lord! enable me  
to look over and examine my past life.  
Let me earnestly repent of my misdoings.

When I think of the past week, remember my  
disobedience to the blessed commandments.

I know not how to pray, for forgive me, Father  
I have sinned but Oh! forgive: <sup>me</sup> please I thought

the past week, obeyed the first and great commandment.

I fear not God has not been in all my thoughts,

I have not acknowledged him in all my ways,

I have not been daily denouncing myself, rejoicing  
in persecution, and crosses. Oh! No, I have been

only desirous of gratifying the sinful desire  
of this corruptible body, indulging in every thing

which ends in destruction. My thoughts have been

of the world, taking thoughts, what I should  
never, disobeying the precious injunction of the

merciful sacrifice receiver. I have not been

striving humbly, to enter in at the strait gate,

I have not been praying without ceasing, work-

ing out my own salvation with fear and trembling,

looking to the Lord. I have been unkind and

ungrateful to my parents, to my dear friends



been impatient, contented only to gratify  
my own will, without regarding or consulting  
the comfort of others. I have been hard to  
those whom the Lord has given to be with me.  
The Lesser Bible has not been my constant study.  
I have read it only as a task, without heeding  
the sacred precepts contained therein.

How many of your friends, have passed unreg-  
istered; how my soul trembles at the thoughts  
of black ingratitude, continual disobedience  
and incessant backsliding. Lord let me return,  
Heal my backslidings, help Lord, for with thee  
nothing is impossible. Teach me to worship  
thee in the spirit and truth.

When I remember the narrow escape  
of Mr. Waller, this evening, from an al-  
arming faintness, I can only feel  
of them all thy mercies, O my God, my rising  
transported with the view I am lost in words  
Love and praise. The Gloucester Gent. left us to-  
day, after a short visit, but we were blessed  
with a beautiful day, The glorious Sun shone  
in all of its brightness, not a cloud to darken



the sky. If it be consistent with thy will, O h,  
I will continue it, I beseech thee. Miss Va-  
Wallen, arrived to day, we are almost overcome  
by strangers the town will overflow shortly.  
I hope they may all spend their time  
pleasantly.

23<sup>d</sup> - January. Williamsburg, 1850.

Another day of my earthly existence has passed,  
I fear unimproved I having been indisposed,  
have indulged in resting my somewhat weakened  
limbs, having been very much fatigued through  
two previous nights attending to my beloved  
Child, who was suffering with a severe indisposi-  
tion, resembling Pneumonia, having a  
tendency towards that disease, and being now  
very prevalent and proven very fatal in  
a variety of cases. But thank be to my Heavenly  
God, for the speedy restoration of my  
dearest, beloved husband through his behalf is  
now completed through a prostrated  
so unfavorable a few days ago, as to incur  
the most sanguine to despair of life.  
I cannot be sufficiently thankful



to the Good being, for his preservation  
and existence, until this minute. I pray  
thee all wise father, to sanctify the aff-  
liction to the good of his and our souls.  
I have been suffering with the most  
depressing pain in all my limbs,  
since his recovery, through persuasion  
I took twelve gr. of blue mass last night,  
and felt this morning, which has had  
the happy effect of dissipating all my  
numerous complaints. Thanks be to God, for  
his mercies. My time has been occupied of  
late in the perusal of the reformation  
translated by D' Aubigne, which I have  
found is a very thrilling entertaining and  
not having perused many or any of  
his works previously, I am not permit-  
ted though past acquaintance, to give  
any opinion, from what I can gather from  
others, I shall be very pleasantly employed.  
I have been fortunate of late received on  
Yesterday, a present of an interesting little  
Book Three Eras in the life of Woman.



The title being very attractive, will induce  
numerous perusal; however, time will  
not be lost, I have been informed it is a  
work of much information, and contains some  
striking similarities to occurrences in  
real life, beautifully portrayed, written  
by J. J. Astor. I fear and know too  
well, I have awfully trifled my time  
away this day. Been indulging in hasty  
tempers, angry, sinful words. I have  
left undone, & what I ought to have done.  
I must approach the Throne of all Grace.

Lord help me to repent and amend my life.  
William King, January, 24<sup>th</sup> 1850.

We have been blessed with another beautiful  
and reviving day. Thanks be to God, for a con-  
tinuance of his mercies; we are so unworthy,  
wicked, & vile, Lord have mercy and  
cleanse us from all sin. I had a severe chill  
last night after reviving, which lasted for some  
time; but through the assistance of heated  
bricks, we were comfortable, but rested very  
unpleasantly, being very restless, having a



rapid pulse, through divine assistance I was  
permitted to rise and arrange my toilet  
without any inconvenience, attended breakfast  
and enjoyed a frugal repast, which very  
much refreshed my wearied and almost  
exhausted nature. Thank God for his mer-  
ciful to me through the past day. My beloved  
husband still continues to improve, I feel  
confident of a speedy recovery with firmness.  
But it seems as if death is lurking in  
every corner now but more especially con-  
fines its ravages to the colorea portion.  
I never knew of such fatality ~~as~~ as an  
unaccountable a disease as is now pre-  
vailing amongst them, it resembles pleurisy,  
but the remedies usually efficacious in  
that disease, will prove of no relief, indeed  
some cannot be applied, not one of the patients  
can bear bleeding. There was one taken on Tuesday  
day, died last night, what awful and sudden  
mortality. Lord help us to receive them  
and sanctify these all to the good of our  
souls, prepare us all a series account to give



I fear Satan is gaining ground, I fear  
that truly he reigneth, it seems he is let loose,  
What and how numerous are his miles ~~and~~  
successes, he takes his domain, those whom  
we once hope, were freed from Satan's power,  
here again submitted his hurtful and  
dangerous chains to bind them, I fear  
the faithful are too truly failing and  
diminishing among the children of  
men Oh! God! help us to resist his temptations  
I thank God, it seems as if his power were  
loosened Lord help me for Jesus' sake, to overcome  
them entirely. It is true, I have been more  
faithful, this day, my heart has been more  
worldly objects, I fear, Lord forbid, I love  
the creature more than the Creator.  
I have yielded to hasty temper, irascible  
and altogether been vile, and disobedient,  
I hope with God's assistance, to overcome the  
world, and sit down at the right hand of  
my Father who art in Heaven. Lord, help me to watch <sup>I will</sup> pray  
And on thyself rely, a sure if I my trust betray,  
I shall for ever die,



January 31<sup>st</sup> 1850.

One twelfth of my 21<sup>st</sup> year has elapsed, without any progress in my spiritual life. I fear I have degenerated far, far from the right way, and can only say,

Lord I am unclean, unholy, and wicked still.

The numerous advantages and privileges granted me by my merciful Creator, are all lost, have been unimproved, and I am an disobedient, rebellious, hell-deserving wretch. But I am wretched, when I perish, to perish at the cross.

I can but perish if I go, for if I stay any I know, I shall forever die. While time is lent me there is hope, I do not deserve any thing but incessant chastisements and retribution; from the Good Being, I have never received any thing but love in return for my rebellion and wickedness. I lay hold to the promises declared in his most holy word, "He that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out, thank God, for the sweet consolation contained in those blessed words. I pray the Lord, would teach me how to come, and receive the water of life.



I want to spend the remainder of my days  
in his service, I feel assured I have not  
long to make my peace with him, I know  
I do not deserve this minute, Grant Oh! God  
my life may be devoted to thee. I have been  
slightly indisposed for the last eight or nine  
days. My dear Charles having been sick with  
a most threatening aspect, with Pneumonia  
or pleurisy, both of which are very alarming  
require my strictest attention and implic-  
ted the most disquieting anxiety, having  
been compelled to sit two nights with him  
to obey his father and seldom call, taken  
violent cold, which has affected my whole  
frame and has caused much suffering.  
For the last three days, been confined with  
a violent pain in the breast various  
remedies have been applied, without  
affording any permanent relief.  
I hope the Good Lord will forgive my  
murmuring, and sanctify the afflictions  
to the good of our souls, I am truly Thankful  
for my dear husband's prayers every



And am thankful, the merciful Lord  
chose for me a portion, I bless it with thanks  
giving. We were all much rallied by the  
arrival of Mattie Field, a dear relation.  
I hope she will spend some time with me.  
I pray God to make me holy and righteous.  
My  
February 1<sup>st</sup> 1850.

What a bright and glorious commencement has this  
fearful month made amongst us. To day has been a  
charming companion for all who were permitted  
to enjoy its enlivening influence, external and  
internal. Thanks be to the good Lord, that he has  
afforded me health and strength to regale  
my exhausted nature with its healing breath.  
Having been confined to the house for  
some days, I was allowed the privilege of being  
my confines for a short walk which exercise  
being very requisite to health and to the  
impatience and other passions which are  
so frequent allowed, the dominion over us.  
I am very much revived, both in feelings  
and spirit for I was melancholy seized on  
as I felt the charming influence of the



sweet day possessed. I trust with the help of  
Providence to continue convalescent and will  
in long be myself again. But if the ill  
will being, when a continuation of ill  
health, I pray for submission and strict  
resignation to the wise advice. The Lord gave,  
and the Lord taketh away. Blessed be the  
name of the Lord. I have been slightly  
indisposed, my complaints have been too  
numerous, the most flagrant ingratitude  
has been my constant accompaniment,  
I hope it may be the last messenger which  
shall ever escape my sinful lips, or occupy  
any wicked heart. Lord help me to renounce  
all sin and follow thee: W. Waller attend  
ed the Lodge to night has not returned  
as yet it is getting late. The Lord protect  
him, and keep him from all sin.  
February 2<sup>d</sup> 1850. William Long.

I thank God for the solace always extended me,  
when all other are fled, I have a Savior who  
will never leave nor forsake me. I pray God to make  
me love him more, and take fresh delight to day



As read my Bible over. I want to live only to his  
glory here, and in the world to come, dwell  
in his happy presence. There sickness, sorrow,  
pain or death are felt and feared no more.  
All is continual sunshine. There, no clouds  
ever darken that I see, when Jesus reigns, love  
forever reigns. I shall not be lonely then, if I  
can only get there. I know I do not deserve a  
share prepared for the holy people. I am not  
worthy to be with them on Earth, much less  
to join them in the celestial palace, but none  
were worthy until Jesus' blood, washed us  
and made us clean. I can apply to him now.  
He will save me, this is my sin he will cleanse,  
He will make them as wool in purity,  
All tears will be wiped from my eye, then  
none will ever again dangle and tremble  
on the distemped and nervous lid. There is  
there is comfort. Thank God, for his mercy,  
I pray the Lord will draw my heart and  
mind from all created things. I want  
to care for nothing else but my Saviour.  
Jesus my all in all. I love him. But



I want to love him more. If his presence  
were always thus near, my Sun never  
would set all the Year, no neglect, no frowns  
to sneer and sadden my present darkened  
pathway, all storms would be hushed, all  
peaceful and calm, if Jesus were always near.  
When in solitude I sometimes weep when  
I think of my lonely and melan choly  
situation, when others are participating in  
some festive sport, or listening to some  
amusing story, or engaged in some  
recreation; I am tempted to think of  
childhood. How ever remember my  
time of pure, unsullied with a tear  
My bright, my happy childhood, I would  
give the hopes of years for by gone hours.  
I had then, nothing but some soiled baby  
dress, or some injured Toy, to attract design  
or a tear, which was always exchanged for  
a bright, givous smile, which totally obli-  
vated all shadows, and Sunlight was again  
restored. The same Good Being who protected  
and made me happy then, still offers



the cup of bliss to poor wretched and heavy laden sinners as I am. Oh! Lord for Jesus!  
Take, let me sip, relieve this burdened mind.  
Speak the word, and thy servant can be clean  
I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house  
of my God, than to dwell in the tents of  
wickedness. If I can only get inside of the  
heavenly walls, I ask for no more. I want nothing  
this world can give; <sup>There is nothing</sup> true but Heaven, <sup>that</sup> Heaven is my desire.  
The girls have all left me for a while, Mr. Charles  
and Suzanne, I a poor worm of the dust am  
prevented from any such accusation, I do not  
want to murmur, God forbid, I ever should  
complain, 'tis it seem, as if all had forsaken  
and left, I am as a vessel man, out of mind  
I care not for the body, so the soul lives  
freely; how freely will I give up all for Jesus.  
If I can secure a seat in his presence, all  
may prove faithless; all may forget me.  
Jesus is still and will always be my friend  
Leave me all, not excepting him, who prom-  
ised in sickness, in sorrow, forsaking all



all other, will cleave unto me. And sooner  
would the Sun in all his Meridian splendour,  
by any command, than a forfeit of his  
word. I shall have been married twelve  
months, the 22<sup>d</sup> of this month. Not one  
from one hasty reply, nor anger in its  
mildness, and most unoffending garb,  
has he ever shown towards me, when self  
in all of its partial views has told me  
I deserved rebuke. All others have been tart,  
he has been the same, affectionate, patient  
indulgent, and devoted Husband. Love has  
ever been in the increase, and never  
faded with the quiet passage of time.  
I never fear a change, to one thing would  
devil ever be. Let others do what they may,  
My Charles will ever prove the Good husband.  
I always feel lonely without him, though  
others crowd around me. It's all is gloom  
if Charlie be not there. This is Saturday eve  
I don't grudge us all & would feel to the  
good being, for his kind protection through  
the past week, and yet, how few remember



The Lord's hand which has ever proffered the  
innumerable blessings, the long suffering  
and forbearance shown, and given unto us  
Alas! for ungrateful, rebellious wretches.  
How unworthy of the Good God, who hath  
made and preserved us until this minute  
through this perilous journey, which we  
know not the end thereof, how soon we may  
find it. Lord preserve me, make me watchful,  
make me zealous. Let me be constant in prayer,  
 fervent in supplication. Keep me in the  
right and narrow way. Let me from thy  
commandments stray no more.

Jan. February. <sup>3<sup>rd</sup></sup> Williamburg.

Through the mercy of Providence we are again  
brought the close of another day, which has been very  
cold and I fear many have trembled and sorrowed  
this day, for the lack of comfort and nourishment.  
But our heavenly father, which clothes the grass which  
to day is and tomorrow is cast into the oven, will  
also protect and defend his creatures, although unthank-  
ing and ungrateful we all have ever been.  
Let the hairs of our head are all numbered.



Would to the Good Being, we were all more diligent  
and more watchful to make our high calling  
and election sure; Mr. Waller is quite unwell,  
this night, being now declining his course,  
having great anxiety to ascertain the amount  
of his crop, confines himself very strictly to  
the measurement which necessarily exposes  
him more than is customary for him to do.  
Consequently the exposure has effected his  
Throat and head, which I very much fear will  
be very serious, I pray God, to have mercy  
upon us, Let his willance not ours be done.

Give us patience and submission to his most  
holy law. Be it what it may, the Lord knows best.  
I commenced a chapter to day, made but little  
progress time passes so swiftly, and I am ever  
negligent. I know I do not improve it, as it  
flies. Lord help me to take note, and let no more  
pass unimproved. Thanks God, I feel much better  
this night, having been much refreshed by a  
short walk this afternoon, which somewhat eases  
my aching head. I hope with Gods help, I may  
keep well, and live to his Glory and honor.



I must now prepare to retire as I feel a little  
drowsy, and I always like to read my bible  
with all my energies roused and capable  
of treasuring its sacred precepts. Now let me love  
my Bible more. Take fresh delight by day to read  
its pages over, and meditate by night.

February 5<sup>th</sup> Williamsburg, 1859.

The weather still continues cold, no moderation what  
ever the ground is all frozen. Fine prospect for filling  
Ice houses. I hope all may be successful in pro-  
-curing that luxury, for it is really a luxury in  
Linnæus, when the tongue is parched with the  
scorching fever. I could never refuse the least  
particle to the poor invalid. Mr. Charles has  
just returned from the Ten pin alley. I have  
never known him to remain so late before  
past eight o'clock. I really became so anxious  
for his return, I could not refrain from tears.  
My Sister was much disappointed at not  
being able to attend a party in town  
which she has been anticipating all day,  
But our fortunately, she had no escort.  
She had some teeth plugged to day, and is



now suffering with the tooth ache. I hope  
however it may not be of long continuance,  
for it is really a distressing pain, sensation.  
Cousin Sarah will spend the night with  
Cousin Louisa Wright, she was anxious to return  
early called her there. I hope she may  
spend her time pleasantly, and return in  
high spirits. Let us have mercy upon us, take  
from us our evil dispositions give us right  
spirits, and renew a right mind within us.

Miss Alice Tyler arrived today, I hope Mr. Sen-  
nison will enjoy her society, and look  
like himself again. I must cease my  
scribbling, it is time for all honest persons  
to be in bed.

Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>. 1850. Williamsburg.

How grateful we should all feel for the pleasant  
and encouraging day which Linda Providence has  
extended to us. Unhappily, however, have  
many of us shown symptoms of dis-  
content. Oh, if it were not for long suffering  
and forbearing Providence, what should



have been one reward. I do feel so unclean  
so conscience for my past life of folly and  
carelessness. I feel my dependence. I can do nothing  
of myself, if Jesus does not assist me from rebellion  
with what he pleases, has the Holy Spirit meet with  
I can only cry for pardon Lord have mercy upon  
me. I am a vile hypocrite and am too sin  
ful to take the hallowed name upon my lips.  
I feel there is hope we can only obtain mercy  
through the intercession of our heavenly Me-  
diator and perpetual intercessor. If Jesus be  
for me, I care not who may be against me.  
"What's hell is profid a man, if he gain  
the whole world, and lose his own soul  
I do not want to gain any thing the world  
can give. Lord have mercy upon me.  
Take from me, my vile heart, subdue all lusty  
tempers, Let no uncorrupt evil communication  
proceed out of my mouth. I have been  
mocking the Great God. This day I have  
been honoring him with my lips,  
while my heart was far from him.  
If the good Lord had not been patient



with my hell deserving soul would have  
now, been resting in quiet peace, where  
mercy, could never have reached me. But  
the good Lord has spared me to cry for  
mercy one more. I have the Bible for  
only constant companion. And I know  
I do not make it my study and delight.  
I often read it, my thoughts are on the  
near perishing world. I rise in the  
morning with hasty, thankless  
my first thoughts are on the world,  
instead of overflowing with gratitude  
to the good being who has preserved me.  
I am unkind to my fellow mortals,  
indulging self and caring not for the  
sufferings of others. Oh! my God have mercy  
upon me a miserable and vile sinner.  
I am impatient full of strife to all.  
Great God give me thy words and  
lovely mind and stamp thine image  
on my heart. I have to day completed  
my calendar, having been some day  
employed on it, make the fit of



which was not all pleasing, at first trial  
sounded, after a slight disappointment  
I like it very well. I walked to see Cous  
in, Louisa Wright, this evening, having  
had an ague today, and being very atten  
tive to me, when in company I endeavored  
to repay her kindness, without success.  
I fear, I found on my arrival chaf  
ing for a walk. I was agreeably surpris  
ed.

I fear her walk, will not prove beneficial,  
as the air is damp. I am apprehensive  
she will have a return. Sister has just returned  
from a visit to Mr. Morrison having been  
in search of me, but called in by the way.

There is to be a large party, in town, at Mr.  
Lack's, more of our folks are invited, it does  
not matter, We care for no body, and nobody  
cares for us. We are happy, when all do well.  
All is well, that was well, with us. Mattie  
Field has been suffering with a violent  
tooth ache, I hope she may find some  
relief, from the various applications  
which she made, surely there is virtue in  
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Williamburg Church 31<sup>st</sup>. 1850.

Through the mercies of Providence am I permitted  
once more to record quite an unimportant case in  
my life, at least one which occasioned more  
suffering, and I feel well assured, than  
my misgivings and repining, decrease  
an increase, rather than an alleviation.  
But the Good Lord, is long suffering  
and forbearing towards us, poor, sorry  
mortals, prone to sin and misdeeds.  
The all wise Being has thought fit (since my  
last statement,) to entrust me with a dear  
little Boy, another and truly responsible Office  
Lord enable me, to fill it profitably and  
commit the valuable talents to thee, the great  
Law giver, inspired and Lo, spend it may  
have gained other five talents; when thou  
shalt take that which thou hast lent me.  
I have been confined to my room even  
weeks, not Wednesday, four weeks including my  
confinement, the additional one, through the  
pains of a rising breast, ~~and~~ the sufferings  
occasioned by which, have always since my



earliest recollection, have been looked upon  
as a something of the most torturing nature.  
But thank God, mine were alleviated through  
a kind and prayer hearing Creator. I cannot  
be sufficiently thankful. Would to God I could  
feel as I should feel, humbled in dust and  
ashes before him, who art the Author of all  
mercies. I was very anxious to attend church  
to day, to hear the eulogium of our beloved  
Pastor. W. Scrimson, who will lead us on some  
day, the coming week, for a call in  
Brookline, the former minister there being  
too infirmed, to fill his mission faithfully.  
Oh how does my heart, when I think of parting  
with our zealous and God like Minister.  
He was truly a blessing, how successful  
his endeavors for the salvation of souls  
how many have been converted to God through  
his behalf, I fear there will be many Stumblers  
flocks when our prayerful and faithful  
director shall be taken from us. Lord give us  
praying hearts, and right spirits, let us shun  
the devil, and desire the company of the wise.



I hope with prudence I shall be able to leave  
my room in a few days, as I am now in anticipa-  
tion of a visit to Gloucester, the Physician deems  
a change of air of scene beneficial. However  
I have been very much benefitted already  
through the means of some bitter, I was say,  
things unpleasant to the taste, yet a perfect  
restorative to the Stomach, for I can speak from  
experience, which is surely the best teacher. I am  
truly distressed in mind this day, the idea of  
parting with my dear Sister bears heavily upon  
me, as she has not been with me some two or three  
months, separation will produce a severe pang.  
I know not how shall I give her up, did not the  
remembrance of hope visiting her shortly bear  
and support my drooping spirit in its deep  
distress. The Lord give me guidance, and comfort  
therewith. I shall feel lonely without her, my own  
dear Sister, who has been such a constant attendant  
at my sick bedside, been such a constant watcher,  
and calm nurse at my Baby's Cradle, always ar-  
riving for his lot, ever listening for his voice and the  
Cust looks on in the deep still hours of morn-



night. How shall I give thee up on the  
morning. Heaven alone best knows.

April 3<sup>rd</sup> 1850.

We know not what a day may bring forth.  
What changes have taken place in the possession  
of many? How many hearts which before beat high  
with the bright prospect - which the future offered,  
now are almost pulseless with the dark cloud  
which overcasts their future dawn, nothing now  
to induce again their former industrious habits.  
Disappointment has sunk their hearts, and  
I fear the bright star, which so recently illumined  
their dark sky, has set to rise no more.  
On Monday, the 1st of April, occurred one of  
the most melancholy accidents on the annals  
of history. Monday night 6 minutes past  
midnight, I was roused by a female voice  
proclaiming in the most piteous tones, the  
destruction which afterwards ensued, caused  
by that most powerful of all elements, fire,  
which always alarms me more than any  
other terrifying accident or occurrence.  
What was the consequence on rising from



my peaceful bed to witness the burning  
of the store, so recently prepared for its Spring  
reception. I believe, however, in the name  
of the firm, the latter having recently  
set out in life, what a blow, what a sad fate.  
The fire continued until two o'clock in the  
night, having destroyed in that time 6 hours,  
five on Main St, and one on Back St, many  
which previous to this occurrence, had a  
bright anticipation before them, now rejoice  
no more. I do sympathize with them.  
And sincerely hope, this may be an offering  
to a more brilliant sphere. God bless them.  
I have through the goodness of God, which  
envelopeth us daily, nearly recovered my former  
health and habits. I pray to God, to make me  
grateful for his numerous mercies, and walk  
humbly before him serving him.  
I completed today, a pair of Mantalooms for  
my dear husband, the first time I have had the  
pleasure of working for him. I really enjoy  
the opportunity, for I do love him and  
anticipate working for him. I had intended



completing a chap. for Johnny. But he had  
a slight attack of cholera which prevented my  
doing so. For I cannot participate in any  
employment when he is suffering, he has been  
relieved and himself and father, have both  
retired. The night having shortened considerably  
he is compelled to retire early, to rest his  
wearied limbs for the coming day.

I feel somewhat fatigued and will conclude  
for the present time. For a more convenient  
season. April 5th 1850. Williams Log.

Truly to day, has been one of gloom with many.  
Some having been recently deprived by the  
All wise Providence of a dear Boy. To day was com-  
mitted to his Mother Earth; And it has been  
raining incessantly. The never blessed is the corpse  
which the rain rains upon. I know he is now the most  
joyous of the Heavenly choir. What a consolation  
to the afflicted parents for they mourn not without  
hope, although young he gave evidence of a happy  
exchange. From this to be a better sphere; he having desired  
to allow his clothes should be given; then asked one of his Sisters  
who was standing near; if they did not wish they could



have things which he soon would have what a volume  
contained in so few words. childlike simplicity  
childlike wisdom, he was the son of William and  
Eliza Vest, called Lytleton Vest she was deemed a  
the most interesting of the in blessings, but he was  
always thought by those with whom he associated to  
be smart and too. Said to be a person near  
resident of this poor wretched world.

There is nothing true on Earth below,

There is nothing true but heaven.

O! if I had only a resting place there in my  
Loving presence, where pleasure banish pain. I should  
never pine more. I am ungrateful to thus desire  
anything contrary to my Merciful Master's will.  
He has ever been long suffering and merciful,  
whilest his mercies were received without a thankful  
and grateful heart. I have ever been ungrateful  
but I pray to God, to make me faithful, and zealous  
in his service. I do not want to be conform'd to the ways  
of this world, I want to live for heaven, where sorrow,  
sorrow, pain or death are felt and feared no more.  
O Lord, have mercy upon me, pardon mine iniquity  
for it is great, I am vile and rebellious, and no eyes



Nothing can come out of me. Lord thy help and  
comfort still afford. Lord, keep us safe this  
night, defend us with thy holy arm. Let no  
disturbance come nigh us or our dwelling.

I am fearful of another attack for I feel  
very sad this night. We have been very much  
frightened this, by the falling of the Stone pipe  
the wind being very high, has blown it down  
twice, we had become somewhat accustomed  
said now, I hope never to have another Stone to  
encounter with, for I have seen signs with  
this. I will not complain, but ought to be  
thankful that the good Being, allows me  
the means of getting one, to warm my room  
Many poor creatures have not a room to stay  
and protect them, from the winter blasts.  
Thanks God, for all his Mercies.

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April.

We have all been in much suspense, of sorrow-  
ing for Solings, during the past days, having been  
thouly expecting the death of a valuable servant. He has  
been excessively ill, for some day, previous to consulting  
a Physician, his inward passion proceeds from violence



cold, producing both Pleurisy, and Pneumonia,  
two very fatal diseases, separately, and doubtless  
when combined. I hope and pray to God to have mercy  
and not sacrifice, and sanctify the affliction to  
the good of his soul and not unto death. We are all  
enjoying our usual health, with that one exception  
Alice is really, passing the day, which March tomorrow  
from her today is very sunny and quite cold. I will  
not murmur. The good Lord knoweth best.

I was truly sorry I could not bid fare well to our  
worthy Pastor, when he called. I much fear I  
shall never see him again. I was slightly indisposed,  
and the baby, had an attack of Cholera; the two causes  
combined, would have prevented any enjoying  
any pleasure. The preacher his last sermon, on last  
evening. I regretted I could not hear it; but was  
unable to venture at night. We will be truly fortu-  
nate if we can get Mr. Caldwell, who has been called.  
I pray to God to give us hearts to be thankful for any  
one whom he may send us, and to take these ingrateful  
hearts from us. Mr. Charles has gone to the farm, and  
I have in anticipation his return, I completed two  
suits Saturday night, he was much pleased with



the fit, and compensated my labour, with an  
affluence of bliss. I hope he will not suffer with  
cold today, having returned without his  
overcoat. I have much work, I must conclude  
with beseeching the mercies of God to rest  
upon this family.

April 17. <sup>Th</sup> 1850.

What thankful creatures we should all be for the  
interposition of Divine Providence, in sending us  
so pleasant a day. Yesterday we were all filled with  
murmuring, against the Snow, rain and hail  
which were sent by our good master, He all apace good,  
and not evil, from his merciful and long suffering  
hands. We are all sinful, rebellious servants, and are now  
reaping the fruits of our labour, it is truly an alarming  
time. I never knew of such weather before, just the middle  
of April, the weather still cold. Lies very necessary.  
But thanks be to God, we are yet of face and health  
and strength, the use of our faculties, yet extended  
As we so undeserving of so many privileges.  
I have been permitted once more to read my Bible  
read this morning the 15: 16. 17 Chap. of King, which  
I happy to say, was very interesting to me.



The dear little Boy has been suffering for the last  
three days with the Ear ache, I hope our remedy  
has partially relieved him, as he is now sleeping  
quietly. Truly sickness prevails, this morning  
heard of the indisposition of Corbin. Meech,  
son of Dr. Meech. I fear they will have a serious  
time of it, as it appears to be passing through  
his interesting family, consisting of seven  
children. The good Lord, look whom he chooseth  
is truly consoling to afflicted parents; the only  
happiness in this world, attend a firm reliance  
on the promises contained in holy writ.

Lord have mercy upon us all, strengthen us in  
temptations hour; and increase our zealous faith.  
June 17<sup>th</sup>. 1858.

I have been permitted through the goodness  
of God which endureth yet daily, to hear his divine  
word expounded, and commented on for the  
last four days. I hope the good advice and warnings  
which have been so frequently given, may not  
add to condemnation. I sadly fear I have not im-  
proved the advantages, and lined up to my  
many privileges, what counsel has been



spica how urgent has been the entreatie of the  
diligent ministers of God, they have without  
doubt cleared their spirits. Thursday night, Mr. Carter  
preached from Isaiah 1<sup>st</sup> Chap. 3<sup>rd</sup> vers.  
his observations and entreatie to forsake our  
iniquities were truly appropriate. I hope thro  
nigh. the grace of God to improve the rest of life.  
I here commend myself a guest to God, all  
I can give. <sup>My</sup> These Lord take me. Friday evening  
his remarks were founded on Revelation 2<sup>nd</sup> <sup>chapt</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> vers.  
The heyyed to return and renew our covenant with  
God as he doth. Though we had left our first  
love &c. These instructions were truly interesting  
and I hope efficacious. Saturday evening  
we had the pleasure of hearing Mr. Pheen preach  
from the following words, he and we shall receive  
that your joy may be full. Sunday he preach<sup>d</sup>  
from Gen<sup>l</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> that you were wise, that you  
would consider this, your latter end, which was  
a very awful but useful discourse. I pray God  
I may be wise and consider my latter end.  
Sunday night Mr. Joyner preached from  
Luke, which came to seek and save that which



is lost. To day I had the privilege of hearing  
Mr. Carter again, merely an exhortation from  
St. Peter, To abstain from fleshly lusts. Good Lord  
how numerous have been my privileges for the  
last week, if some damned soul could have  
had one of them, how they would have rejoiced  
in passing from death unto life eternal.  
O Great and good God let them be sanctified  
to the good of my sin sick soul. Let me  
no longer be consumed by worldly desires  
and affections, but sure me for Jesus sake.  
Quicken me in thy, let me flee youthful lusts,  
which war against the soul. Grant for Jesus  
sake, I may cease to do evil and learn to do  
well and prepare to render a strict account  
of all my actions upon Earth. O Lord bless  
and keep all thy people, Defend us from  
evil, Let my days be spent in thy service.

Sunday June 23<sup>rd</sup> 1750.

The good master has permitted one more Sabbath to see, Thou grateful  
and thankful ought we all to be. I hope with God help, through  
the intercessions of our Saviour so spend this day profitably  
I would be free from all sin in thought, word and deed,



I want to lie up to my privileges, let go the world.  
And live for a better, which perisheth not, but is from  
everlasting to everlasting. I know I have strayed from  
my master's fold, I know I have done wrong that there  
is no good within me. I have professed the power  
of godliness without possessing the power thereof.  
I pray to God to create and make me a clean heart,  
for Christ sake, to renew a right spirit within me.

We have all been blessed with excellent, good and  
practical preaching for the past week, with the  
exception of a few days, Mr. Carter preached Thursday  
night from Isaiah, "And he went away sad, for he un-  
derstood that saying, Telling us we must give up  
all. Earth's vain perishable joys, and follow Christ.  
If we would <sup>be</sup> found on the right hand of God at the  
day of final account. This was a beautiful morning  
but it has been darkened with a cloud and the  
rain is now falling. I fear we shall not be able to attend  
church to day. The Lord's will and not mine be done. The good  
Lord enable me to spend this day safe from all unclean-  
ness. The means of Grace are numerous to this untoward  
and wicked generation. How great will be our con-  
demnation. Lord let us not be drawn away.



has been quite sick for the last three days, with  
something of the dysentery. The first prescription  
was one and a half grain of Calomel, every hour and  
a half, which had a very good effect; a little mint tea  
with some eight or ten drops of Paregoric. The third  
day, I deemed it wise to administer three grs  
of Prepared chalk, and one gr. of calomel, with  
the intermission of six hours. I gave him three  
doses, which has partially relieved him. I hope  
with a little care for him soon to be relieved,  
with occasional draughts of Mint tea seasoned  
with Paregoric. He is considerably advanced in  
his fifth month. The good Lord bless and defend  
us all from Sin this day, and for Jesus sake give  
me a happy deliverance from this earthly career,  
into a bright and endless Eternity. Williamsburg,  
July 15<sup>th</sup> 1830.

Rose this morning at a very late hour, six o'clock,  
in Summer, spent in in bed too much precious  
time. How filled <sup>we</sup> are with regrets when old age  
comes, when health and strength fail.  
I have made a resolution I hope with the grace  
of God to accomplish it, to rise every morning



at five o'clock. Let circumstances be what they may.  
I shall most earnestly endeavor to fill this important  
& habit so necessary to health, purity and prosperity.  
After breakfast perused my Bible the Prophet  
Lamentations. <sup>the</sup> Threatning of Ephraim the <sup>or</sup> Threatning  
to Jerusalem. <sup>the</sup> Threatning to Israel, comprise  
the subjects contained in this morning's  
lesson. After ~~the~~ reading, took Johnny  
that his nurse might enjoy her mor-  
ning "repat". Belle came in, and gave  
us a minute description of the late mar-  
riage of the B<sup>r</sup>. Th. M. Demison, who has  
been the "persening" Lover for three years.

But "Hope like the rainbow of Summer  
promised of Lethe at last. After a few moun-  
ents of amusing talk Belle left. This day being  
the day of vigils for the Church washing. I have  
the delightful task of mending, which is truly  
laborious. I have not a very literary taste, yet some-  
times from that source, have very little time for reading  
since, I have been very much interested for the previous  
fortnight in the perusal of Samson Parsonage,  
the M<sup>rs</sup> Leuel, I am very partial to her works.



I am now quite anxious for the clearing  
of the result of Thome influence, the title of the  
present book, which engages my attention  
this the thirteenth year of my life, as I  
shall be twenty one in November. With the help  
of God, I shall try and spend the remainder of my  
sojourn on earth to his glory. Good Master, deliver  
me from sin in all its various forms this blessed day  
July these United States have experienced a  
sad and irreparable loss in the death of our late  
President, only that his place is to be filled by  
Abolitionists, which I fear will result in a  
dissolution of this heretofore peaceful Union.

The Lord bless and protect us, Lord show pity upon us.  
I pray to God to have mercy, though we do not deserve  
thy mercy. For Jesus sake regard us with an  
eye of compassion.

July 16<sup>th</sup>. I think and hope I complied with  
my resolution some at 8 o'clock. Was assured sometime  
before, read my Bible, the subjects of this morning's  
lesson. The folly of trusting in Egypt. Blessings  
of Christ Kingdom. Judgment of Zion  
exercised. Then amused myself until breakfast



in the perusal of Thome influence. which I find  
very interesting. I fear a heavy scourge will  
soon be felt by our heretofore blessed nation  
I am with the opinion of many others  
apprehensive of a famine: For the wheat  
crop has proved a failure, and the drought  
has consumed the Corn. and I fear that  
it will be a fruitless attempt: The Lord will  
and not mine be done. God forbid that I should  
murmur at his wise and all merciful proceed-  
ings. I heard of a most fearful accident this day.  
There were nine negroes men drowned in Ware river  
on Sunday last. What a lamentable circumstance.

They will not remember to keep holy the  
Sabbath day. Lord for Christ's sake enable us to  
be more watchful and be more diligent, to secure  
our high calling in Christ Jesus. Our blessed Saviour

I know my dear father, you have and that too deserves  
consideration my negligence in not replying to  
your late communication. I however feel assured could  
my reasons be assigned. You would deem my inatten-  
tion very venial, although a neglect correspond-  
ent be worse than none. I do not think I can



justly to be termed, of that party. Therefore I think  
this one, and truly and acrimonious, might be overlooked.  
I have just heard from you, heard you were in  
York, on <sup>the</sup> Yesterday, but was truly mortified that  
you did not think ~~an~~ sufficient moment to  
inquire concerning me. I would have been  
very convenient to have written a few lines, just  
stating you all were well. I suppose I ~~have~~ received  
any just reward, and should not presume to com-  
plain. I am truly delighted to hear that you were  
well, for it has been so long since I was favored with  
intelligence from any of you. I very  
much feared sickness had occasioned your  
silence; to say the least of it. You all have long  
often, that Nancy was in existence. I expect she  
her name was mentioned. I can very readily  
account for Sister's silence, having something  
more important to think of. I do not see  
any reason for bestowing your whole thoughts  
upon the family, except when you are in need  
of a Physician. I suppose she can a tale unfold,  
which I have never heard. Therefore ~~extremely~~ ~~regret~~  
the present consequences. Give my love to her, I hear of



although I never hear from her, which is rather  
to be regretted. However, as her time is so entirely and  
so much more pleasantly employed than it  
could be in writing to me. I can wait for a better  
time. I earnestly hope better times are coming.  
As the wise men of the present day have come  
the sad and awful conclusion, that a severe  
severage, will befall this nation, this eventful  
year. A famine is of sure occurrence, and  
the wheat crop has failed, and a drought  
will consume the corn, and we are to be  
governed by an abolitionist. I think we are  
in a truly lamentable state. The Lord help  
us. I earnestly pray. I trust Thythy has almost  
recovered, if she will exercise the slightest prudence  
she would keep well, but she likes soft and hard  
leaves, with a dish of fried onions occasionally,  
with a few Cucumbers for Breakfast, the whole  
very light and scanty diet. For a dys-peptic. I was  
truly sorry to hear, of that serious and sad affair  
which occurred on Sunday last the drowning of  
nine men in Worcester, it is truly a merciful  
Providence, that such men should be so rare.



The careless and sinful manner in which the  
blessed Sabbath is observed. I am sorry to say  
John Morrison and Mr. Sheldon have dissolved  
partnership, I fear it will result in the sure  
eternal fall of the former, having nothing to occupy  
his time, and Satan being the root of all evil  
he will devote his time to gambling and dissipation  
which will soon terminate his life and consequently  
render his mother and Sister miserable for life or  
shorten their lives by many years for he being their  
only support. I know not what and how they will  
be able to get along. The Lord help them in their  
deep distress, I was up to see them on last evening  
Mr. Morrison told me every thing relating  
to the said affair, it was not from any misconduct  
of Mr. Morrison, but old Sheldon is tired of  
the small house. Miss Emily Morrison kept  
them while Mr. Morrison was talking.  
I do feel for them and would freely help them  
if I could. Mr. Lynam is married at last, and I am  
glad of it. Mr. Dennison was married on Thursday  
last at 8 o'clock at M. A. Miss Alice G. started  
for Bristol, New York, his place of residence, they say



They were the happiest couple ever seen. The elder not  
singing. Hope like the rainbow of Linnæus.  
Gives a promise of Lethe at last without  
being much comforted, for he knew he would be con-  
queror at last. Nulle Waller has less sense than  
I have ever seen him; and I am happy to say no trouble  
at all; I should not be much astonished if he  
never recovers his mind again. Tell Mother I  
heard sweetly from Mr. Garland's family through  
Mr. Seymour; having himself lately visited  
St. Louis in his various travels. but did not see them  
they having all left the Presbyterian and  
joined the Episcopal church except Mary and  
she has joined the Roman Catholics; they were  
all well, with my love to her. Give the children  
for me, Love to Sister and my dear brother John.  
I do want to see them so much. I hope he may  
be at home, when I get there; little Johnny is  
well, and the sweetest fellow I have ever seen. of  
course I think so. You must make allowance  
for partiality, laying aside all that he is given up  
to be a very handsome fellow; by every body that  
is and acknowledge a fact. Mr. Charles is well, and



Groceries

Sugar We moved to Springhill the 20<sup>th</sup>  
day of Feb 1851 We carried with us 80  
lbs worth of Brown Sugar the same  
amount in Coffee for three persons  
I wish to ascertain the quantity we  
consume during the year. The best  
two weeks only being used. For Cakes, Pickle  
&c &c. March 6 we purchased 25<sup>cts</sup> worth,  
and one qt of Mol. March 18 purchased 80<sup>cts</sup>  
worth left of Molasses.

Coffee commenced Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> 3 pounds.



Flour consumed by us during the year  
1851 We received a barrel the 21<sup>st</sup> of  
Feb. I found it Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> used 1 qt. March 3<sup>rd</sup>  
used 1 pt. March 4<sup>th</sup> used 1 cupful March  
6<sup>th</sup> used 2 qt.  
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Meat consumed by us the year 1851  
commenced February 21<sup>st</sup> killing one  
Dole We have now in possession  
6 Thorns, 4 Shoulders, 2 mid. 1 round, head  
1 skin in Bacon line.

Thorn 10 used one 26 Feb.

Shoulder 11 used one in sundries

Mid. 6.

rounds 2, Bacon 1

Thorn 3.

Colls 3, tails 2



Articles Beef, 2 pounds, 3 dried Beef  
used 1 pound Feb 26<sup>th</sup>

Party 11 Turkey, 10 Hens, 3 Ducks  
3 Guinea Hens have now, on hand,  
18 Eggs one laid later to day added one  
19, during laid during the last two weeks.  
5 Aug. 3. have now on hand 14  
March 6<sup>th</sup> 5 Hens laid to day, 7<sup>th</sup> 2 Hens laid  
March 8<sup>th</sup> 2 Hens laid, one gone to setting  
on 15<sup>th</sup> Eggs. There only 4 Eggs on hand, 9 Hens laid  
10, 2 Hens laid. March 12. 1 Hen laid.  
March 12. Black Hen set to day on Duck Eggs. 9.  
" " 13. Set another Hen to day which is "Caroline"  
on 15<sup>th</sup> Hen Eggs. none laid to day.  
" " 21. 2 Hens laid. White Hen set on 15<sup>th</sup> Duck Eggs  
~~16<sup>th</sup>~~ " 16<sup>th</sup> of April. Dominica Hen  
went to setting the 24<sup>th</sup> of April, on  
15<sup>th</sup> duck Eggs. 23. White Hen hatches 4 of May,



Articles of Bed clothing	2 pairs of sheets
1 pair of Blankets	2 pairs of Pillow cases
3 Counterpanes	1 white & calico ditto.
for eating.	8 Napkins
6 Towels	2 Table cloths.
Blankets 1 pair	Eating Utensils
Counterpanes 3.	6 Dishes & Toppers
Pillow cases 2 pair	4 clov plates
Sheets 2 pair	12 dishes, 1 Tureen
Towels 6	12 glasses, 8 Pitchers
Napkins 8.	19 cups & Saucers
Table cloths 2.	1 cream pot, 1 Tea caddy
	1 Bowl, 2 coffee plates
	6 Tea spoons & Table knives
	1 coffee pot, 1 Tea Kettle
	3 Tin Buckets
	2 Tin pans
	6 Shaps, 6 mugs in any



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March 17 =, Geese have not commenced laying yet.

March 19 1851, 1 Goose laid

March 18            1 Goose laid

March 20            1 Goose laid

March 21            1 Goose laid

March 29            1 setting on 1 Eggs. Old Lou got there  
and ate all the eggs unfortunately.

Turkeys have not commenced laying yet. commenced laying 26<sup>th</sup> of March. 1851

March 27. 1 Turkey laid. Black Turkey went to setting  
the 9<sup>th</sup> of April. Grey Turkey went to setting  
19<sup>th</sup> of April. Black Turkey started 8<sup>th</sup> May  
23<sup>rd</sup> of April. Grey Turkey went to setting 22  
27<sup>th</sup> of April on 30 hen eggs. 18 May

March 28 = Dishes do not lay as yet. very backward.

March 19. 2 laid. 1 Grey Turkey went to setting  
" " 18. 1 laid. 1 6<sup>th</sup> of 5<sup>th</sup> May on 30 hen  
" " 19. 1 laid. 1 Grey Goose set on 12 Duck  
" " 20. 1 laid. 1 eggs 6<sup>th</sup> of May.  
" " 21. 1 laid. 1 Grey Turkey went to setting  
19<sup>th</sup> of May on 30 hen eggs. She hatched  
9<sup>th</sup> of June!



Meat consumed by us during the year 1881.  
 Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> - commenced with 39<sup>th</sup> piece.

Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> used one, Feb 26, 9. 8. 2

Thursday 11, used 2<sup>nd</sup> piece. 9. 2

Wednesday 6. used one = 2

Saturday 8 used 2. 1 = 3. 3

Christm. used all. 3 = 3. 3

Thurs. 9. 1. 0

Saturday 2, used 1 March 20<sup>th</sup> used one. 2

March 7<sup>th</sup> we had more 81 pieces, in the Lonsdale house.

March 9<sup>th</sup> boiled one, shoulder.

" 10<sup>th</sup> = 1. Tailed one from.

Black Turkey hatches Thursday 22  
 of May. Grey Turkey hatches Tuesday  
 29<sup>th</sup> of May. Some nice hen hatches on  
 Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> of May.

hatches 2<sup>nd</sup> of May. 19<sup>th</sup> of May. Eaten  
 hatches & the same for the first time a chicken  
 of my own raising.



March Two Turkeys have won 2 in the  
pen to wit having ailed for 6.9. a pair,  
and eaten one on the 26 Feb,

May 8<sup>th</sup> What a beautiful day. I hope with the  
blessing of God we shall now have some  
fair and profitable weather the moon quarters  
today. I am a little better today thanks be  
to God almighty for all his blessings.

Mr. Waller will finish planting corn today  
I am truly glad of it, he has been so long about  
it. I feel now as I have always imagined  
a house joined to feel after laying the  
foundation of his anticipated house  
is laid. I hope and pray he may reap  
an abundant crop. He ought if industry  
incessantly it, reward. The Lord help him  
is my sincere prayer.



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"How melancholy! yet what a sweet and holy satisfaction, it is to visit the grave of our deceased friends.  
I have frequently sat at the window of my room, and gazed from thence on the grave of my dear Mother. A heap of dust is all that remains of thee my dear Sainted Mother! Thy memory clings to that pile & once moulded into symmetry. But ~~not~~ fortuitous, however accurate, could bring so many associations connected with my childhood sunny hours as the heap of dust now resting under those Ever Green. Lines often when watching that large old weeping Willow stoop down by age. Have I seen eminences of those beautiful touching lines of Couper. ....

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In exhibiting to the fact, how forcibly the vicinity  
of the Slumbering dust of some of our friends  
being present the scenes of the past,  
I would remark, how similar are the feelings  
produced by entering a dwelling, and go into  
a room, whose former occupants, now dead,  
and thus dear old spots vacated, connected and  
endowed to us by constant association of  
its former inmates. On looking around on  
the various objects, how every one reminds us of  
some remembered word or act therein committed.  
Until carried off in a casketed Chamber,  
we still hear that much love some and tones of  
thrilling conversation, which once so delighted  
and profited its listeners; thus as it were  
conversing with the dead, and receiving  
instruction from voices which have long  
since been hushed in silence by the sad  
hand of death.



April 2<sup>nd</sup>. What a beautiful day, no more apprehension  
rehearsal of rain this morning as it commences.

Mr Charles is so backward in his farming operations  
I dread or fear inclement weather as arresting his progress.  
The Loves will not mine lectone. I am getting on slowly  
in the Poultry line as I have now ten chickens, one  
then setting on Duck Eggs will hatch the 10<sup>th</sup>  
of this month, one Goose setting I shall get  
along after some sort of experience.

April 2<sup>nd</sup> I have just returned from  
my weekly visit to town I feel very much  
anxious, having attended the funeral  
and burial of a much loved acquaintance  
who died on the 24<sup>th</sup> of April in child  
bed after a long and agonizing  
sickness and suffering, most in course  
all of which she bore with much fortitude  
and Christian resignation she murmured  
not, nor repined her last end, and seeing  
the distress of her relatives and friends  
around her dying bed she exhorted  
them not to weep she had a bright hope  
and trusted in her Redeemer, she came



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very happy at the thought of soon  
being in the presence of her blessed  
Father, and begged them to sing,  
"Arise my soul stretch every nerve  
Blessed be the dead who die in  
the Lord. God saith the spirit for  
they do rest from their labours and  
their works do follow them.  
Oh! Lord let me live the life of the  
righteous and let my last end be like  
theirs.



from page 3<sup>a</sup>.

16 doz. I shall have the Rose bushes placed in the Garden, there is one under the window of her Chamber, of her former place of residence. which I intend having put under mine. there are some other shrubs, which I shall bring in mine, and endeavor to cultivate them here. I do love flowers but have idea of raising and attending to their inuring requirements. Perseverance conquers all things. I shall ever invite and win my visitors.

I have at last succeeded in getting some dirt and little from my Gard. which is a source of much pleasure. for an unclean Gard does really annoy me. it has the appearance of lazyness and idle occupants and very less pisable and odious epithets, which I shall every and avoid. The Ladies and protect me. I do not and fear I have not spent this day as I should have done.

March 21<sup>st</sup> What a beautiful day, the Sportsmen seem to be enjoying themselves. Some of their merry party have just passed through the Gard. I should them more dutiful to themselves. Their Wives and children see



they procuring a comfortable support  
through honest means, for which their  
Maker created them. We are all enjoying  
tolerable health and are at peace with one  
another. Planted some Corn Yesterday for  
roasting. Can I fear I have been too premature  
and will soon be cut down by the blight  
and biting Frost. Had a large Ball  
at Rose well on the 19<sup>th</sup> I should like to  
hear something about it as I am anxious  
to know of the proceedings &c. &c.

Vanity of vanity! all! all! vanity! and  
exaltation of spirit. Time lost can never be  
regained, truly an irreparable loss to all  
its owners if we could only realize its  
great importance, how precious we should  
be with spending, and careful to improve  
each second as it passes, but weak and  
erring mortals, blind, and dull of hearing  
rushing headlong down an endless  
precipice of woe and eternal despair  
O! Lord save and defend us from  
eternal damnation I pray.



Self examination.

Thou, have I spent this day,  
Thou, have I served my Creator? Have all my actions been  
governed, with holy designs, that which would most  
advance his glory, and my souls welfare? Have I been  
a dutiful and patient & obedient Wife? Have I been  
an affectionate, watchful, and kind Mother?  
Have I been a Godly, self denying and profitable  
mistress? Have I been loving my neighbours as myself,  
Have I studied my blessed Bible as I should  
have done, Have I lived up to my privileges,  
and Christian profession? What have been  
the subjects of conversation? of thought,  
Have I attended to my closet, secret prayers?  
Have I controlled my many passions,  
Self love, Pride, Malice, Revenge, Impatience,  
Anger, Envy, Vanity, Extravagance, Idleness?  
Have I obeyed the Holy com<sup>mandments</sup>?  
Have I so lived that I do really, after surveying  
my whole life, I dread the grave as little as  
my bed?



Quantity of coal received of C. C. P. Wal  
 Sept 20<sup>th</sup> 2 Loads of 25 bushels each, M. New  
 Sept 22<sup>nd</sup> 2 Loads of 29 bushels each,  
 Griffin 2 = Wherry 1 Load, 5 Loads  
 Sept 24, Griffin 3 = = 1 2 = 10 Loads

	at each	
10 <sup>cts</sup> each	0.	
of Cotton 6 1/4 lbs each	0	25
of white amine	0	50
Map Broom costing	8	25
Contribution for foreign missions		10.
Total expense for the needs in January		
Cash paid	7	36 1/4
		<hr/> \$ 4.36 1/4

Loose of Brown Holland.	0.25
Loose of green Cam. Suits	0.40
Loose of Blue Cam. Suits	0.10
Loose of Powell Oct 24 <sup>th</sup> = 1844	<hr/> 12.22 1/2
Loose of Kid Gloves	0.50
Loose of India Cotton Hose	0.18 3/4
Loose of Morocco Hose	0.39 1/2
Loose of Thread Gloves	0.25



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I have controlled my many passions,  
Self-love, Pride, Malice, Revenge, Impatience,  
Anger, Envy, Vanity, Extravagance, Idleness,  
I have obeyed the Holy commandments,  
I have so died that I do really, after surveying  
my whole life, I died the year as with as  
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An Account for the year 1850.

January 2 <sup>d</sup> -	To Books purchased of W. Benedict		
	To the Memoir of St. Milner	\$10	00
	To The Advice to a young convert	00	20
	Christian Almanack	00	6 1/4
January 5 <sup>th</sup> -	8 Yds of Lincey woolen	\$1	00
	5 1/2 yds of flannel 2 <sup>d</sup> each	1	00
	3 yds of bleached cotton 10 <sup>cts</sup> each	0.	30
	" 4 Spools of cotton 6 1/4 <sup>cts</sup> each	0	28
	1 yd of white muslin	0	50
	1 Hair Broom costing	0	25
1 <sup>st</sup> Sabbath,	Contribution for foreign missions		10.
	Total expense for the week in January		
	Cash paid	07	36 1/4
		\$	4.36 1/4

To 1 Doz of Brown Holland.	0.25
To 2 Doz of green Cambric	0.40
To 1 Doz of Blue Cambric	0.10
Cash Bought of Powell Oct 24 <sup>th</sup> - 1844	12.22 1/2
To 1 pair of Kid Gloves	0.50
1 pair of India Cotton Hose	0.18 3/4
1 pair of Worsted Hose	0.39 1/2
1 pair of Thread Gloves	0.25



Articles Sold during the year 1857

April 18	7 doz eggs at 10 <sup>cts</sup>	\$	70
"	" 4 quarters Shroat at 50 <sup>cts</sup>	"	2 00
"	" 8 pounds sausage at 11		68
"	4 " " " 12 <sup>cts</sup>		50
May	<del>3 pounds butter c 20¢</del>		<del>60</del>
	3 pounds butter c 20¢		60
June	4 quarters Shroat c 60¢		2.00
"	1 Veal c 40¢		4.00
			<u>10.48</u>
"	2 turkeys c 4¢		2.00
"	1 1/2 Barrels meal c		4.87 1/2
			<u>17.35 1/2</u>
"	To Raising one cow for E. J. A.		10 c

Sep. 10. Fare, Water, Revue, Impatience  
 Hunger, Pain, Poverty, Extraneous, Pain  
 These I obeyed the Holy commandments  
 These I do die that I do really, after  
 any whole life, I died the grain as a  
 very best.



The amount of money spent by me during the 1849	
Water from August 7 <sup>th</sup> Williamburg.	\$ 00
2 1/2 yds of Swiss Muslin at 3 9/12 <sup>cts</sup> each.	00 93 3/4
4 yds of French Lace at 6 1/4 <sup>cts</sup> each	00 25
1 pair of Kid Slippers.	08 87 1/2
3 yds of Linen Lintre, 28 <sup>cts</sup> each	08 84
2 bunches of Bobbin, 5 <sup>cts</sup> each	00 10
2 Caps 4 <sup>cts</sup> each	00 8
1 Collar at 2	10 20
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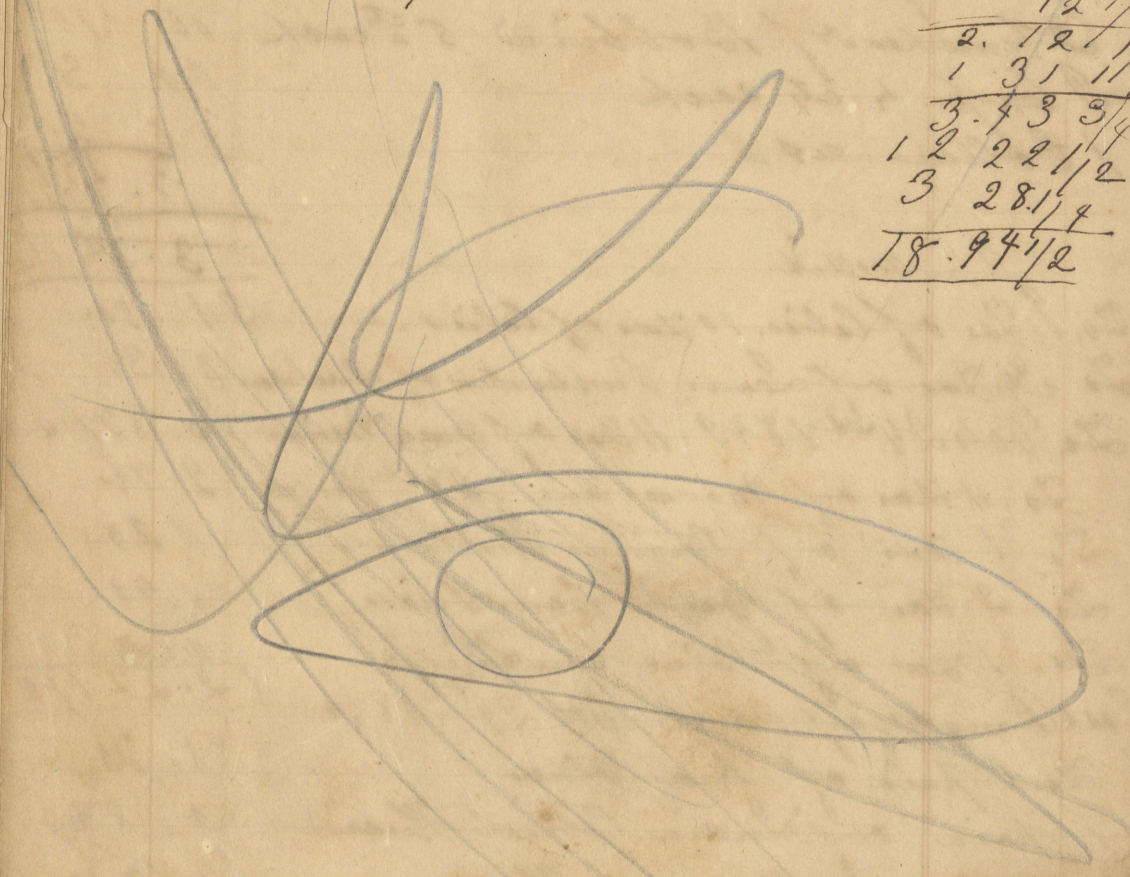
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To 9 Yds of Calico. 10 Yds of Calico.	\$1. 50.
To 3 1/2 Yds of Laces. Purchase of Sheldon	0. 35
To Oct 24 <sup>th</sup> = 1849. 11 Yds of Green Merino.	6. 87 1/2
To 11 Yds of Mousseline 25 <sup>cts</sup> per yd	2. 75
To 1 Yds of Brown Holland.	0. 25
To 2 Yds of green Cambric	0. 40
To 1 Yds of Blue Cambric	0. 10
Cash Bought of Powell Oct 24 <sup>th</sup> = 1849	<u>12. 22 1/2</u>
To 1 pair of Kid Shoes	0. 50
1 pair of India Cotton Shoes	0. 18 3/4
1 pair of Morocco Shoes	0. 39 1/2
1 pair of French Shoes	0. 25



9 Lds of Ribbon at 25<sup>cts</sup> each,  
 1 Col silk Casat. ut  
 2 yds of Green Ribbon at 12 1/2 cts each,  
 1 Ld of Belt Ribbon  
 2 boxes of Hooks & Eyes,  
 1 basket at 12 1/2 cts

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Questions for self examination?

How have I spent this day?

What prima to be the tenor of thoughts on waking this morning? Were they spiritual? Carnal? Taking thoughts which I should hear? How were my moments spent, after rising?

Have I done all for the glory of the Creator?

Have I taken up my cross?

How have I treated my Parents, guardians?

How have I kept my tongue from evil?

What has been the tendency of all my actions, thoughts this day? Do I desire to lead a more Godly life? Am I heartily sorry for these my misdoings? I pray to God to make me earnestly repent of these my iniquities. And help me to as my

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