Isaac Tichenor Goodnow diary

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The first of three volumes of a diary kept by Isaac Tichenor Goodnow prior to 1851. The first several pages recount his friendship with Almena M. Pelton, a fellow astronomy student at Wesleyan Seminary in Wilbraham, Massachusetts, whom he regarded as a sister. Goodnow gives a brief biography from his birth in Whitingham, Vermont on January 17, 1814 through the first diary entry on January 26, 1834. Several poems are included at the end of the diary.

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18th ~~Attended~~ School as usual. Am almost sick with a cold. Wrote to Lotham.

19th A snow storm this morning; things look dreary without — closed up with rain. very bad going — cold P.M. still low with my cold.

20th A day of fasting — previous to Quarterly meeting. Evening went to a revival prayer meeting. It was especially visited with the presence of God.

21st Very muddy travelling. Sent my letters to J. Mains & — by mail. Called at bro Otis'. Evening Attended prayer meeting at the meeting house, Also heard a sermon in the PM by Elder Merrill.

22d Sabbath; at 7 o clock had a love feast. heard 2 sermons the Lords supper was administered — 3 baptized, 4 taken into full connection. 5 o clock — with bro Denison and Mary held a band meeting. Evening a prayer meeting; all attended with the blessing of God. A stormy day. (Snow).

25th Good Sleighing — Evening went to prayer meeting at bro Strongs. It was a heavenly season; the time was well improved — the sisters spoke and prayed — ans-

ng them was one that had lately experienced religion.

27th A hazy, thawy day with some rain. Evening, attended a lecture on Anatomy & Physiolog. It was very interesting and was delivered in an easy plain stile, highly to be commended.

28th A warm day—very muddy. P.M. wrote a few lines containing the most remarkable changes in my life from 1825 to 1834 &c &c. Evening, attended class meeting.

29. Sabbath, went to meeting. A.M. Preaching by bro Raymond. P.M. By Bro Patten. Evening. Preaching by bro Hardy at the hall; at the close a prayer meeting.

30th A cool windy day. Studied as usual. Evening; attended the Lyceum. Wrote some

April 4th A damp day (cloudy). Reed Bro Chapman into our room as a Thurn; so there are now four of us together, which compose a very pleasant circle.

5th Sabbath; attended meeting all day. Evening a good prayer meeting at the boarding house hall.

6th Town meeting day— no school. Felt very unwell in the afternoon and evening, caused by a painful headache. Went to bed at 6 O. Clock— felt very weak— enjoyed a humble and resigned frame of mind— God is all in all. Thought much on the past. Surely the goodness of God has been manifested towards me, during my whole life. But I have made him a poor return for his kindness. My only hope for salvation is in Christ. In Him I ever desire to trust. O Lord help me to live more to thy Glory.

7th Arose at 6 O. Clock. I have had a poor nights rest, but feel rather more comfortable this morning. Kept my bed part of the day. headache continued— have no appetite. Evening received a visit from Bro Ransom. He gave me some hot pepper tea — had my head bathed in drops made of Myrrh, pepper and alcohol (2 myrh to 1 pepper 1 gall Alcohol). I then went to bed and sweat profusely, after which I felt much relieved.

8th Feel rather better. Continued drinking pepper tea & hot drops. Sister Emerline made a call. Set up most of the day. Considerable comfortable.

9th Fast day. I feel the loss of strength but am better. A.M. heard a sermon by bro Hardy from Jonah III chap. 5 v. P.M. Attended a temperance Lecture delivered by Our Principal David Patton to a large and respectable audience at the Congregationalist Meeting house. After him we were addressed by bro Stocking one of our teachers. The whole was interesting, but I was much fatigued with the labors of the day. (Fine day)

10th In a comfortable state, thought not in a situation to study much. P.M. I went to my recitation. At night I felt very much fatigued. (Warm and pleasant day)

11th Attended prayers at the Academy. Took a walk east of the village. It is very pleasant and all nature seems to rejoice in the approaching blossoms of flowers and the putting forth of the green grass leaves &c. Red a letter from friend Shattuck. Commenced an answer. Evening went to class meeting — was blessed.

12th Sabbath. Attended church preaching by bro Rogers Luke X11-32 Matt III. 1-3 verses. Evening went to prayer meeting at the meeting house. A good season.

14th Sent a letter to friend Truman containing $10 for a note which he sent me.

16th A cool day. Rec'd a letter from B R Merrell requesting me to enter into his employment in a store, as he had understood I wished to engage in business.

18th Wrote to Mr Merrell. A cool windy day. Evening went to class meeting. felt rather low in my enjoyment, but I desire to cast all of my burdens upons the Lord, for his yoke is easy and his burden is light. O that I may be more faithful to God.

19th Lord's day. I have been to meeting all day; after meeting I attended a band meeting: this evening a prayer meeting. It was a powerful time; the people shouted aloud the praises of God. I had a comfortable time, but I want more of the religion of Christ in the soul; more humility, faith and love. O for more of deadness to the world.

25th A Snow storm, which turned to rain towards night. Evening went to class meeting

26th Sabbath I have been to meeting all day; and have been blessed in a good degree. Also read Wesley's plain account of Christian perfection, and his Sermon on the trinity. I derived much instruction and satisfaction from both. They were plain in stile and convincing in argument. This evening I attended prayer meeting: the assembly was large and much feeling was manifested. God was present to own his children: may his name ever be praised.

28th The night past has been raining; and it has ~~been~~ continued raining most of the day. We have been very much discommoded by reason of our chimney being taken away; our room is cold for the want of fire, and literally lined with dust from the effects of tearing down the chimney. Feel rather lonesome. By being deprived of privileges we can better estimate their worth.

30th Passed through with the duties of the day as usual. Rec'd a letter from C—, whose friendship I still enjoy and highly prize. No greater blessing can we enjoy, than that of a friend in whom we can confide with perfect confidence. Such a one I have.

May 2d. Spent the day in writing a composition upon Catholic influence, and designs in the United States, to be spoken at a public Exhibition of the Young men's Lyceum at the close of this term. Evening attended class meeting — a comfortable season.

3d Sabbath. A very pleasant day. In company with bro Denison, I walked to South Parish to meeting. At the close of the exercise in the forenoon, the congregation went to a stream of water, and 7 were baptized by bro Ransom. P.M. the Lord's Supper was administered. After meeting, returned to Wilbraham. Evening, heard a Lecture from Father Heardy upon the subject of Baptism, — edified.

4th Cool and windy. Evening attended the Lyceum. Rainy night.

5th A pleasant day. P.M. Took a walk to the west of my boarding place and spent some time in calling upon the name of the Lord: He graced the lonely Bower with his presence and I felt very happy in his love. Evening — I have had a good season in attending class — feel the need of being more faithful to God. Amen!

10th Sabbath; to day has been a precious time to my Soul. I have heard three Sermons, and this evening a lecture by Father Hardy upon the mode of babtism— rec'd much information upon the subject. Attended band meeting.

13th P.M. Worked for bro Leach, gardening Evening, Attended prayer meeting.

16th Cool weather, with some rain. Evening, went to class meeting a profitable time. Rec'd a letter from Bro Lotham.

17th Sabbath,— With bros Denison and Macey, walk- to the North Village, where I heard two good Sermons from them. At noon held a class meeting— Returned to W— after meeting. Evening, went to meeting. Father Hardy discourred upon the proper Subjects of babtism, and the administrator. very interesting. A profitable day to my souls— much revived. Bless the Lord.

19th A warm sultry day; Studied as usual. Wrote in Sister E— e's Album. Evening, attended church meeting: three joined in full connection; one on trial.

21st A.M. Rainy; pleasant at night. Evening attended an exhibition of the young men's debating club. It consisted of 8 declamations upon Christianity, Superstition, Education, The power of the Gospel, 2 upon Slavery, one on ~~---~~ Reason, and closed with a tragedy.

24th Sabbath; To day our new meeting house, in this place, was dedicated to service of God. Dedicatory sermon by Dr Fisk. It was very interesting the congregation was very large. P.M. Preaching by bro Ransom. At the close the Sacrament was administered. Major Denison from Co was present during the day. He came after his children. I rode with them to Chicopee Factory, and staid over night at John Denison's.

25th Joseph D, and myself walked to Greenfield: found bro Marcy here, who had arrived before us, from Wilbraham. Went home with him and remained over night. Blistered my feet very badly by travelling.

26th Went to Colerain village. Ate dinner at bro Coolidge's. P.M. With bro Marcy called at Maj D. (all well) made a short and pleasant visit. Took supper there. Called on Mr Mc Culloch and staid over night. Met with a welcome reception and had a good visit

27th Walked to Whitingham; took dinner with H. Goodnow. Went to mother's; found the family well. With bro Sawyer went to meeting at 4. P. Clock. Preaching by bro Spaulding.

28th Remained at home most of the day.

29th In company with H. G. called at his sister's and took dinner at his mothers. P.M. I returned to Mr. Whitneys.

30th Bid my friends good bye and started on my return to W— Henry G. came and brought me in a waggon, far, as, uncle Samuels. Thence I walked. called at Stephen Shepperson's; took dinner and staid 2½ hours. Proceeded to Widow Shattucks: no one at home. Went to reading. In about 4 hours Truman arrived, and quick after his mother, and her daughter from Michigan (Mrs Donelson) who is visiting her friends in this fount. Had a long talk with friend Truman, after retiring to bed, upon things that had transpired since we last met.

31st Sabbath; attended meeting at the village: heard 2 sermons, by bro Marcy (my chum). Ate supper at Bro Coolidges with Bro Shattuck and Wood. Had a prayer meeting at 5. O. clock. Evening; returned to Bro Shattucks.

June 1st Visited my friends in the village; had a very pleasant time. Evening, visited E— N. The time was spent in a profitable manner. I found her all that heart could wish. Perfect confidence and esteem seemed to prevail reciprocally; and pure affection and the love of Christ warmed the heart and truly made happy their possessors.

The interview was closed by prayer, in which we commended ourselves to God while seperated, praying that we might be entirely sanctified to his service and live wholly to his Glory. Amen! The Lord was present with his spirit to bless, and we found it good to call upon him. May the Lord in his infinite mercy make us useful, guide us in the path of duty, and dedicate us fully to himself, and save us with an everlasting Salvation. Staid over night at C's.

2d Arose at 4 O.clock and walked to Greenfield. Here I found Ichabod Marey, who came with me the rest of the way to Wilbraham. We arrived a few minutes before 9. The whole distance I have travelled, is 50 miles; the farthest I ever walked in one day. My feet are sorely blistered and my body much fatigued but I feel confidence in the Lord.

3d Arose a little past 6; feel the worse for wear feet very sore. Wrote most of the time in the A.M. School commenced to day, did not attend. A pleasant day, reviving breeze.

5th Worked some for bro Leach: Considerable rainy this P.M. My Studies this term are Algebra and Geometry, which require 6 months each, (also Chemistry) and am reviewing Astronomy.

6th A Beautiful day, worked 8 hours and studied the rest of the time as usual. Eve a class meeting

7th Sabbath, heard three sermons from Prov IX-1st Matt VI-12, 1 Peter 1st Chap 3-4 verses, by bro Raymond Patten and Richards. After meeting with my three chums, L Denison, L Mareys, A Chapman held a band meeting. We find this a profitable means of grace. This evening, conversed considerable upon Sanctification. O that I may entirely be given up to the service of God.

8th This day has been a day of close application both in Study and Labor. My health is good and my enjoyment considerable, The Morning was cool— the P.M. warm with a good breeze. 11th Rec'd a letter from Emeline.

12th Friday. Spent considerable part of the day in preparing for the exhibition of the Young men's Philosophical Society, this evening. It commenced about 7 O'clock and continued 2¼ hours. The performances consisted of 7 Orignal declamations, and a dialogue. (Farce) The original pieces were A welch Piece, The monuments of Art and mind compared, The dangers of our Country from the designs of Roman Catholics, (Spoken by myself) Popery, The Missionary Cause, The prospect of the Infidel and the hope of the Christian. The parts were well spoken and the exhibition such, as to do honor to the Society. Rainy night.

13th P.M. Frequent showers. At 6 O. clock attended a lecture on Phrenology. It was quite interesting. It included a history of the rise, and progress of this Science to the present time. Many of the objections to it were answered, and at the close the lecturer examined the head of one of the audience, which I believe gave satisfaction. Evening went to class meeting. I did not enjoy it so well as common— felt weary and dull— I desire to be more alive in religion and have it constantly my theme.

14th Sabbath; A fine day. Preaching by Bro Patten and Richards. Bro Marcy & Denison went out to the four corners to hold a meeting. 5 O. clock 30 mts, a prayer meeting at the meeting house. Wrote to my sister Emeline. After prayer meeting had a band meeting with my chums felt much of the presence of God. I desire to be given up to his service.

16th A good day for Study. Saw bro Diefendorf our old teacher, now Principal of Dudley Academy. Sent my letter to Emeline. Sent a newspaper to bro Shattuck.

17th Declamation day. P.M. heard an interesting lecture on Phrenology. Fine day.

19th Rain in the P.M. visited at bro Ransom's.
a theological class formed.

20th Commenced a letter to my brother.
P.M. heard a good lecture on Phrenology.
Evening, went to class meeting. I need more religion &
"O to grace how great a debtor,
Daily I'm constrained to be;
Let thy goodness like a fetter
Bind my wandering heart to thee."

21st Sabbath; heard two sermons, by C.K. True and Dr Booth. Evening; the latter gentleman delivered an interesting lecture upon the use of Alcohol & tobacco, as intemperance. The audience was large— the discourse practical. Attended band-meeting. Wrote to Lotham.

24th Attended to declamation. heard a lecture on Phrenology. &c &c. Eve— went to prayer meeting.

27th Wrote to Mary Ann & Lyman. Also to Em. Rec'd a paper from Mary. Walked up to the Pond. went to class meeting in the evening.

28th Sabbath; heard two sermons by bro Ransom. A Prayer meeting at 5 O clock. The Lord was present.

July 1st. Worked 6 hours. P.M. heard a lecture on Phrenology. Attended a good prayer meeting in the evening. Also was much delighted in viewing the heavenly bodies, and learning their names.

4th To day is our national Anniversary. In the morning, our astronomy class and a few others, accompanied by bro Mitchell went on to an eminence east of this place and by means of a telescope had a fine view of surrounding objects. Half past 10 O. clock, returned and heard an oration by Mr Green. 2, O. clock A temperance lecture by Bro Robb of Springfield — interesting. Evening went to class meeting. Wrote to Bro Shattuck. Rec'd a letter from Bro Stetson of Norway Maine.

5th Sabbath; went to church as usual — have a class in the sabbath-school — a very pleasant employment. Attended prayer meeting at 5 O Clock — afterward with my chums held a band meeting. I feel the necessity of living more watchful and prayerful. "Prone to wander Lord I feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my heart O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above." Amen!

7th A warm sultry day. The recitations were dull— a general complaint of dulness. Rec'd a letter from mother. Wrote an answer. Evening— studied the Stars.

8th A.M. went to Chicopee with bro Denison, and returned at 12 O'clock. He has gone home to work at Laying. Sent several letters by him. P.M. heard a lecture on Phrenology— had my head examined in my room. The explanations were generally correct. Eve— commenced a composition on the natural attributes of the deity— to be read in the Theological class.

10th Some rain. P.M. Finished my composition, and attended the Theological Class. Evening went to prayer meeting. A comfortable season— felt the need of more religion.

11th A pleasant day. Evening attended the town class— spoke to part of the members— a season of some refreshment

12th Sabbath; attended to the duties of the day as usual; Namely, preaching, Sabbath school class, Prayer meeting, and band meeting. I have enjoyed access to the throne of grace— feel that I am making some advancement in the divine life. O for an entire growing up to God.

14th A very warm day. P.M. attended a theological Class. Got Subscriptions for a library of question books for the benefit of the students & others. Wrote to I. Wood.

15th Cloudy, with some rain. 6 O'clock attended the closing Lecture on Phrenology. He dwelt particularly on Amativeness—very interesting.

18th Walked to the pond & bathed. Labored some. Commenced a letter to Wm. Reed one from sister Emeline, who is in the enjoyment of Religious and temporal blessings. Attended class meeting in the evening. The Lord was present to bless—felt a sweet peace in believing—Worthy is the Lamb, who died for sinners, of their undivided service and homage. Great peace have they who love our Lord Jesus Christ.

19th Sabbath; attended upon the means of grace as usual. heard 2 Sermons by bro Smith from Canada. I am somewhat troubled with a bad cold which produces a dulness of feeling & perception.

24th A pleasant day. Attended to recitation as usual. Evening finished my letter to Wm. Studied the stars. Deeply feel its sublimity.

26th Sabbath. heard two Sermons one by bro Smith from Canada (Rom 5–1st) The other by bro Ransom. Both well Selected and I trust profitable. After meeting in the P M attended to a bible class. Very interesting. 5. O Clock, had a good prayer meeting. Read some during the day in Watson's institutes and Dick's Christian Philosophers. The latter work I have lately purchased, and the purity of its contents, and the sublime illustrations of the Omnipotence and the other perfections of the Deity, makes it truly worthy of the name it bears. It ought to have a place in every Christian's library.

30th A Pleasant day. Am in the enjoyment of health in body and mind. Rec'd a communication from friend E— who is in the enjoyment of the religion of Christ, and is possessed of that principle within which constitutes true friendship, and fits a person for usefulness and happiness in the world.

Aug 2d Sabbath, heard two interesting discourses by bro Raymond. Also a Lecture on the Subject of Peace by Mr Stebbins of Cambridge College. The horrors of war were plainly pictured. Held a band meeting with my two Chums.

5th P M heard a lecture on Anatomy by bro Mitchell. Evening. My brother Lotham arrived very unexpectedly from Maine. Conversed much upon the subjects relating to friends in that part.

6th Attended to my recitations and visited with my brother. Rec'd a letter from bro Denison — is well. Wrote to him an answer. Also wrote to bro Shattuck.

7th Went with my brother to Springfield where he took the stage to visit his friends & relations in Whitingham, Brattleboro and Colerain. Thence he returns to Norway by way of Nashua and Boston. I returned to W— at 12 O clock. Attended two recitations in the P M, and — a prayer meeting in the evening.

8th A fine pleasant day. A M. had a recitation in Astronomy which is one of my most interesting Studies. P M. engaged some in reading; also in my usual pursuits. Evening went to Class meeting. a comfortable season.

9th Sabbath. Preaching by bro Ransom (two good sermons); attended to a bible class & Sabbath school as usual. After meeting; wrote a few objections to a Universalist work written by Mrs. Kinney and handed me by a friend formerly of that denomination.

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15th P.M. walked to the pond and bathed. Recd a letter from Sister Emeline, who is at Nashua N.H. – is expecting me there at vacation. Evening, attended class meeting at the meeting house: but few were present, yet the blessing of the Lord was present. Found it good to wait upon him. I feel somewhat wearied with the business of the week, in preparing for the examination which takes place next Tuesday.

16th Sabbath, Preaching by Bro Patten & Raymond Psalms X 15 – 1st & Habbakkuk III – 2 v. Both interesting and I trust profitable. 5. P.M. class & good prayer meeting. Read some in Dicks Philosophy; a very sublime work.

16th The examination of school commenced to day. Rev Laban Clark presided as Chairman. Mr Holdrick from Middletown College was the active leader in examination. Evening, a public debate, – did not attend. Some rainy in the P.M. Wrote to Sister E – n and bro L – also wrote in Miss E. P's album.

19th This morning bro Marcy left for Colorain – Sent letters by him to my friends. A.M. my classes in Astronomy & Algebra were examined; P.M. class in Chemistry; the class in Geometry was omitted for

want of time. The number of spectators present was large and attentive. The proceedings of the school were highly interesting; scarcely an exception in any of the classes. After the examination in the P.M. the Chairman of the committee made an interesting report of the condition of the school, and expressed his entire satisfaction of its management, and the proficiency of the students in general. After he had finished we were addressed by Mr H— for about 20 minutes: his subject was, ~~the~~ Physical, Intellectual and Moral education. Evening, had an exhibition, consisting of a latin & Greek oration, The stone cut out of the mountains without hands, Maunt Vernon, discussion on Poetry, Drama, Country justice, achievements of the mind and Valedictory address the last by L C. Crowell. The pieces generally were good and interesting.

20th This morning bro Chapman left, and the students for the most part in general many of them never to return; the thought of parting thus, produces that feeling, which plainly shows the brotherly love existing among the students. Many dejected countenances betrayed the emotions of the soul too plainly to be misconstrued. But the duties of life calls for a seperation and all must comply.

But the hope of meeting above encourages the heart, and inspires us with renewed strength to pursue our way rejoicing. Wrote, read &c also went to bro Otis' and engaged a room for next term. Sent a paper to L Webber, also to Sister Emeline. Studied the stars some in the evening.

21st & 22d Worked for Bro Leach. Attended prayer meeting friday evening—a good season. Visited bro Haines saturday evening. Very lonely times as but few of the students remain.

23d Sabbath; preaching by bro Smith. The sermons were plain, his manners unassuming, and the whole of his discourses practical. 5 O.clock P.M. had a prayer meeting, but few were present, but the Lord was in the midst—many bore the cross and the occasion was profitable. O Lord help me to serve thee more faithfully.

24th Worked for bro Leach. Evening—bro Morey arrived from Coleraine in health and good spirits.

27th A warm day. Finished working for bro Leach. Recd a letter from Lotham and Lyman Webber also a paper from Friend Truman. All well. Made preparations for leaving on the morrow for Antrim. Am in good health and spirits. Recd an invitation from Lotham to go and assist him in a store this fall.

28 - Left Wilbraham on foot for Antrim N.H. Travelled to Boylston 49 miles - had an opportunity to ride 22 miles. A rainy evening.

29 - Pursued my way to Lowel 31 miles. Here I saw my sister Lucinda she works in a factory. At half past six o clock, on the arrival of the steam cars from Boston, on the rail road, I took the stage for Nashua. It was very much Crowded - 12 on the out side. Arrived at 9 O. clock. Staid at Cousin Goodnow's.

30th Sabbath. A.M. heard a sermon by Bro Cass. P.M. by Mr Savage; both good sermons. Evening attended a prayer meeting; an interesting time - the means of grace well improved.

31st Visited and did some business in the village. (Sister Emeline is here).

Sept 1st. Hired a horse and Chaise and in Co with Emeline I passed through Amherst, Mount Vernon, Francestown and a part of Reading to Antrim 35 miles, where we visited sister Mary now the wife of Lyman Webber. We found them in good health and comfortably situated.

2d A rainy day. Wrote to Isham, P.M. with bro Webber rode to Dearing Post Office. Saw a Co of cavalry drilling for Muster; returned at 4. O. clock. Read some. It cleared off at night and the evening was pleasant and beautiful. The stars shone forth in splendor.

Sept 3d. Left Antrim and returned to Nashua. Put I's letter in the Office here — looked for a school to teach next winter. Did not engage. prepared to leave on the morrow. Wrote some.

4th Left N— about 7. O clock, passed through Hollis, Brookline, Mason, New Ipswich, Rynge, to Fitzwilliam 42 miles.

5th Arose at half past four and proceeded through Richmond, Winchester and Northfield to Bernardston 26 miles. Found bro Shattuck here. attended meeting in the P.M. preaching by bro Kimball. One was baptized.

6th Sabbath. A.M. walked to Leyden — left bro Thurmon unwell. P.M. heard a sermon by bro Culver. Took supper at Aaron Buddington's. Evening went to the wid Brown's to prayer meeting bore my cross and was blessed. Staid with bro Whitman Miner.

7th Walked to the village; called at bro Coolidge's and Thompson's. Left C— for Whitingham. Called on E— whom I found well and alone nearly, I & E—e had gone to W— n and her Father & mother to Springfield. Nancy is married and gone. staid but a few moments and proceeded to Whitingham. Found mother absent on a visit to Brattleboro. Much dissapointed at finding her from home.

8th Visited Henry & Walter. Left Whitingham for Wilbraham. Went to Colrain. Took supper at bro Coolidges. Bro Shattuck arrived from Bernardston. His health is rather feeble, and has been for a few days in consequence of this, his wedding, which was to take place to morrow, is postponed till Thursday the 10th Concluded not to stay on account of the camp meeting at Wilbraham this week. Evening, visited E.— was in the enjoyment of health and a good degree of religion; is firmly decided to do duty. The time was spent ~~agreeably~~ pleasantly and I trust profitably. The affections formerly experianced, are still retained and cherished with a lively sympathy. Time and absence, seemingly, only serves to strengthen them. What an unspeakable gift is that of a devoted and affectionate Friend in whom we have entire confidence, and for whom we have a pure, virtuous attachment, continually increasing by its being reciprocated; where friendships sacred cord binds together the heart and makes them one in interest, feeling and principle. For such a gift will I praise the Lord, and strive to have it redound to the glory of his name.

9th Ate breakfast with my friends; after taking an affectionate leave and promising to write. I started for Wilbraham — had bro Shattuck's company 4 miles. Called on bro Hume's — staid an hour and a half — ate dinner with him; arrived at South Hadley same night, 36 miles, staid over night.

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THE RECALL.

By Mrs. Hemans.

"Alas! the kind, the playful, and the gay,
They who have glad'ned their domestic board,
And cheer'd the winter hearth—do *they* return?"

Come home! there is a sorrowing breath
In music since ye went;
And the early flower—scents wander by,
With mournful memories blent—
The sounds of every household voice
Are grown more sad and deep,
And the sweet word—*Brother*—wakes a wish
To turn aside and weep.

Oh ye beloved—come home!—the hour
Of many a greeting tone,
The time of hearth-light and of song
Returns—and ye are gone!
And heavily it falls
On the forsaken room,
Burdening the heart with tenderness,
That deepens midst the gloom.

Where finds it you the wandering one?
With all your boyhood's glee,
Untamed, beneath the desert's palm,
Or on the lone mid-sea?
Mid stormy hills of battles old,
Or where dark rivers foam?
Oh, life is dim where ye are not—
Back ye beloved!—Come home!

Bring the glad tones to music back—
Still, still your home is fair;
The spirit of your sunny lip,
Alone is wanting there.

8th Visited Henry & Walter. Left Whitingham for Wilbraham. Went to Colerain. Took supper at bro Coolidges. Bro Shattuck arrived from Bernardston. His health is rather feeble, and has been for a few days in consequence of this, his wedding, which was to take place to morrow, is postponed till Thursday the 10th. Concluded not to attend the camp meeting at Wilbraham, visited E.— was in the enjoyment of a good degree of religion; is firmly settled in Piety. The time was spent agreeably & profitably. The affections still retained and cherished with Time and absence, seemingly, only strengthen them. What an unspeakable devoted and affectionate Friend entire confidence, and for whom we attachment, continually implorated; Where friendship is sacred and makes them ever the heart and For such a gift, will and principle. it redound to the glory of his name.

"The internal improvement Bill has passed the Senate on third reading, providing for the completion of what is termed the *main line* alone, embracing with it the Philadelphia Rail Road. What reception it will meet with in the House is quite uncertain—but I am inclined to think that the House will either non-concur in the alterations by the Senate, or postpone the whole matter indefinitely. The friends of internal improvement will generally be in favor of non-curring, while the anti-canal men would prefer an indefinite postponement. If the former prevail there will be no doubt of the re-instating of the branches. If the latter prevail it is feared there will not be time to get a new bill through if there should be a majority in favor of it.

"The '*strong man of the North*' has been here for several days, but don't seem to associate with the friends of internal improvement. On Friday evening last he and Gen. Krepps, '*the strong man of the West*,' were in secret conclave for some time and next morning the General came out with a flaming speech against the extension of

9th Ate breakfast with my friend; after taking an affectionate leave and promising to write. I started for Wilbraham— had bro Shattuck's company 4 miles. Called on bro Hume's— staid an hour and a half— ate dinner with him; arrived at South Hadley same night, 36 miles, staid over night.

10th Proceeded to W— 14 miles, thence to the camp ground. Heard part of a sermon by bro Kellog "I find no fault in Him." very interesting. A sermon in the P.M. and evening. A praying circle was formed and many found the Saviour to remove the burden of sin. Felt my spiritual strength renewed.

11th 4 sermons during the day and evening. One by elder Scott. "There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth &c." Staid on the ground during the night. Many set up and held prayer meetings during the night. I retired at one O-clock.

12th This morning the tents were struck and the people retired to their homes. A goodly number have been converted and many backsliders reclaimed from their wanderings. Entered a room at Elder Otis' with 3 Shums, Wm Bardwell Ulysses Chapman and I Niles. Evening went to class meeting— a good season. Much wearied in body.

Sabbath 13th Prayer meeting at 9 O. clock— brethern much engaged. Evening; a prayer meeting several came forward for prayers— and the prospect for a good work is encouraging.

14th Joined the classes engaged in the study of Rhetoric, Intellectual Philosophy and Grammer. I am also reviewing my old studies in my room.

Eve – attended an interesting prayer meeting; Several forward for prayers. Hoping for better times. – intend to live more to the Lord.

16th Eve – heard a good sermon by bro Raymon Several came forward for prayers.

18th Eve – a prayer meeting – fully attended, the prospect of a revival encouraging.

20th Sabbath; rainy in the morning. Went to prayer meeting at 9 O.Clock. Heard a sermon by bro Ranson, also by bro Raymon. Afterwards attended an interesting Bible class. Eve – sermon by bro Merrick. Several anxious desirous to obtain religion.

21st Eve – went to prayer meeting.

22d Eve – preaching by L Adam of the N.W. conference.

24th Eve – attended a lecture on Astronomy. Illustrations by a magic lantern, of the heavenly bodies, also in natural history. Very interesting

25.. Eve – prayer meeting, an interesting season. Studied the heavens. On pleasant evenings I generally devote some part of the time in learning the names and situations of the starry hosts – derive great satisfaction from this sublime science.

26.. Rose early, as I frequently do, and viewed the brilliant specks, that, like so many diamonds, bespangle the skies, and show forth the handy work of the Creator.

Walked to Chicopee, called at Mr Denisons, took dinner and went to Cabotville 1½ miles below. About 5 years ago I passed this spot and found only 2 or 3 old buildings; there are now 2 large factories, 2 machine shops, a sword factory, & large blocks of 3 story buildings, a 2 story school house in the upper story is a hall for meetings &c. All these are built of brick. Besides there are about 30 other smaller buildings of brick & wood neatly built and forming a very pleasant little village. Among the last are 4 stores. and preperations are being made to erect 2 meeting houses. Babtist and Congregationalist. I visited the factories and shops with bro Fay who keeps a boarding house. Staid with him over night. Conversed freely upon the evil effects of tobacco— denounced it as a curse to our land. Met with bro Kately an old acquaintance from Leyden, who boards here and works in the factory.

27th Sabbath. walked to Chicopee and heard 2 sermons by bro Smith 1st Peter 2d chap 1–2 v Luke VIII. 18 v They were searching and practical. After meeting returned to W— in 2½ hours. Eve— heard a sermon by bro Merrick: "Turn Why will ye die." At the close a prayer meeting— got somewhat revived.

30th Attended to declamation. Got up a load of wood. Rec'd a letter from bro I Searcy. is prospering in his calling