Isaac Tichenor Goodnow diary

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The last of three volumes of a diary kept by Isaac Tichenor Goodnow prior to 1851. The diary was written while Goodnow taught at Wesleyan Academy in Wilbraham, Massachusetts, a position he held until 1847. The back of the diary includes entries written from July 27, 1836 to February 16, 1838. These entries are preceeded by two pages in which the edge of the page appears to have been intentially glued together. Written between these pages is "Miss Ellen D. Denison, Colrain Mass, A Token from a Friend Diary, vol 1st, 1836."

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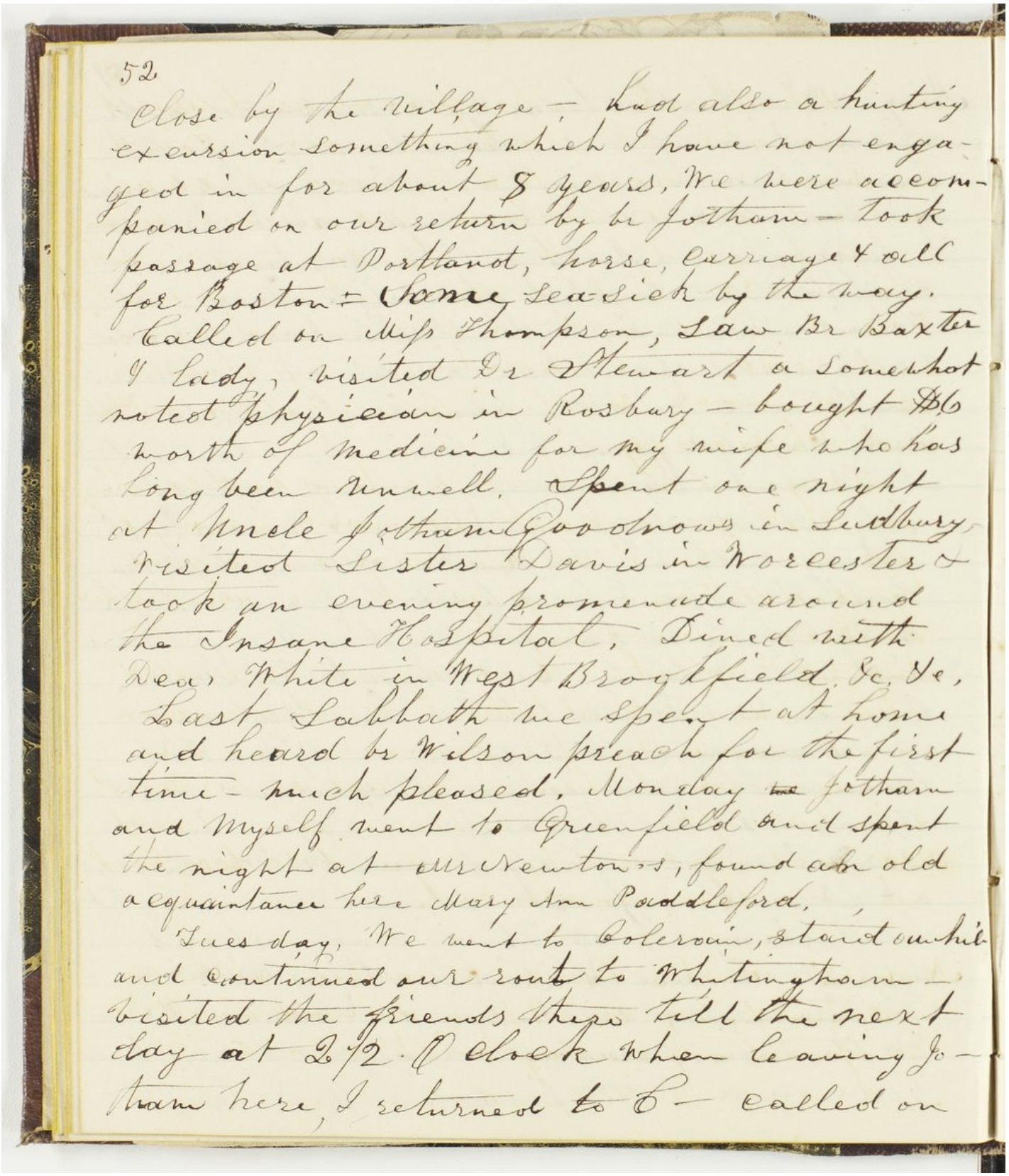
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close by the village — had also a hunting excursion something which I have not engaged in for about 8 years, We were accompanied on our return by br Fotham — took passage at Portland, horse, carriage & all for Boston — some sea sick by the way. Called on Miss Thompson, saw Br Baxter & Lady, visited Dr Stewart a somewhat noted physician in Roxbury — bought $6 worth of medicine for my wife who has long been unwell. Spent one night at Uncle Fotham Goodnows in Sudbury, visited Sister Davis in Worcester & took an evening promenade around the Insane Hospital, Dined with Deac White in West Brookfield, &c, &c, Last Sabbath we spent at home and heard br Wilson preach for the first time — much pleased, Monday br Fotham and Myself went to Greenfield and spent the night at Mr Newtons, found an old acquaintance here Mary Ann Pocddleford,

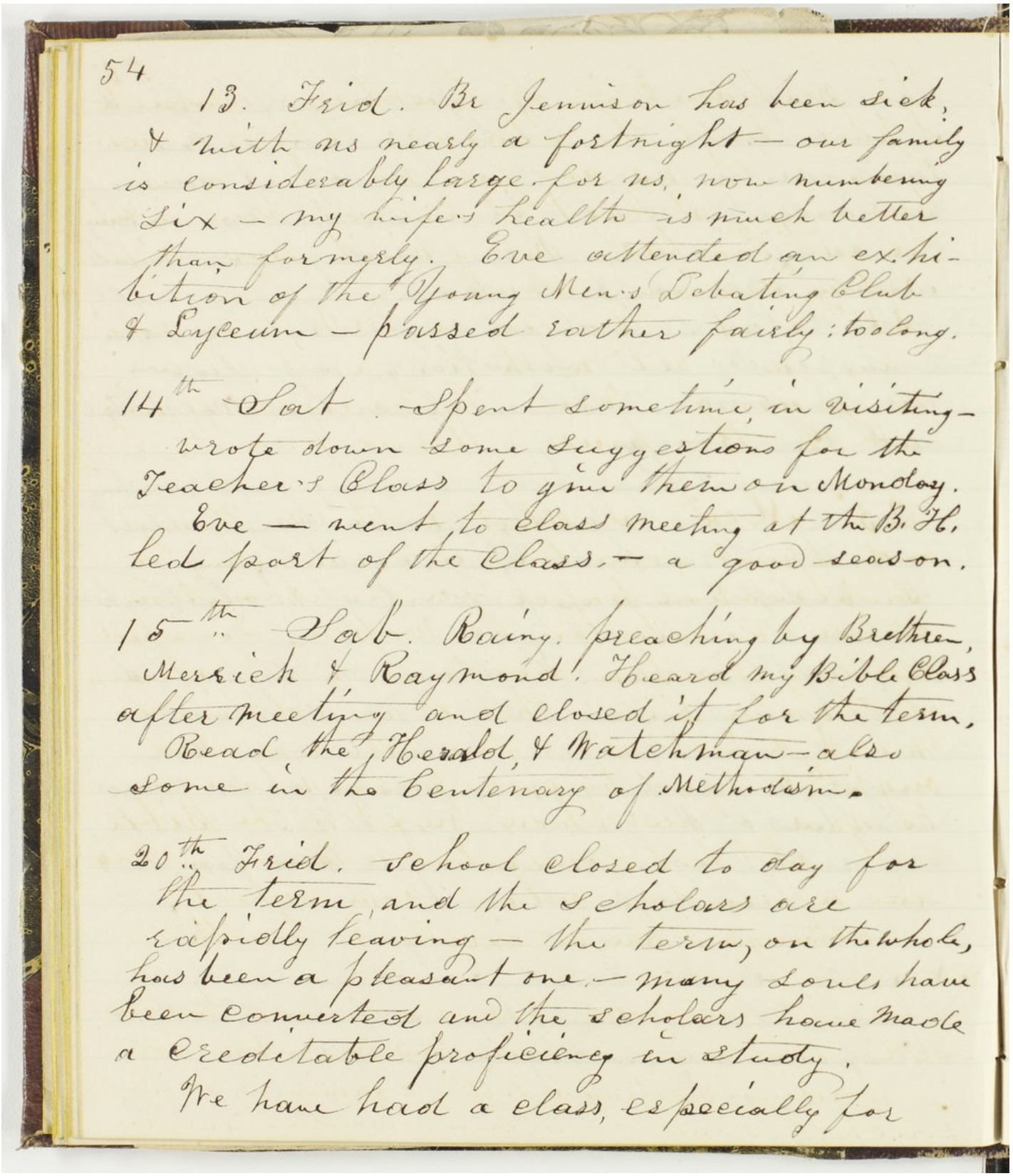
Tuesday, We went to Colerain, stood on hill and continued our route to Whitingham — visited the friends there till the next day at 2 1/2 O clock when leaving Fotham here, I returned to C — called on

Br Shattuck & Thompson and spent the night at Father Denison's. Found Br Ransom here. On Thursday I came on foot to Wilbraham 50 miles — riding 7 miles by good luck — the day was remarkably warm but I stood it very well. Found the School on my return organized ready for operations. My classes are Grammar, Rhetoric, Geo. Botany, N. Phil. and Physiology.

To day I have been writing and reading for the most part. pleasant prospect for the term; Br Raymond has gone to Middletown in pursuit of a new Teacher Br Weed having left.

Aug 29th Sat. Cut my stalks, pulled my beans, wrote a letter to Br. Richardson, read some &c. Br Jennison has been engaged for the term in place of Br Weed who has left. The weather is fine; last eve visited at Br Otis's — went to Love feast also. — a large number out.

Nov 12. Sister Emeline has been with us some time; Br Allyn arrived this P.M. to spend a few days with us.



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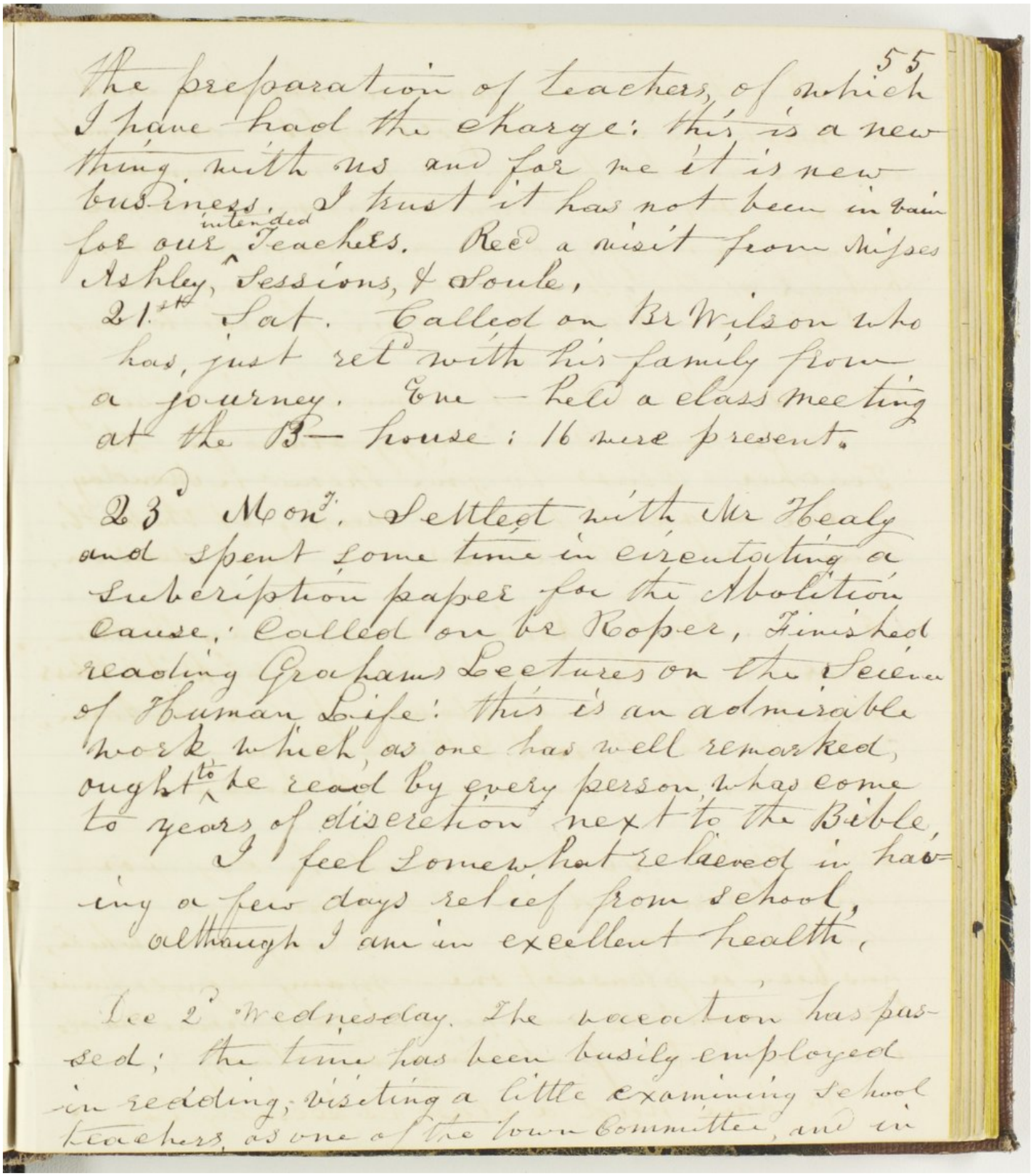
13. Frid. Br Jennison has been sick, & with us nearly a fortnight — our family is considerably large for us, now numbering Six — my wife's health is much better than formerly. Eve attended an exhibition of the Young Men's Debating Club & Lyceum — passed rather fairly: too long.

14th Sat. Spent sometime in visiting — wrote down some suggestions for the Teacher's Class to give them on Monday. Eve — went to class meeting at the B. H. led part of the Class. — a good season.

15th " Sab. Rainy. preaching by Brethren, Merrick & Raymond. Heard my Bible Class after meeting and closed it for the term. Read the Herald & Watchman — also some in the Centenary of Methodism.

20th " Frid. School closed to day for the term, and the Scholars are rapidly leaving — the term, on the whole, has been a pleasant one. — many Souls have been converted and the scholars home made a creditable proficiency in study.

We have had a class, especially for



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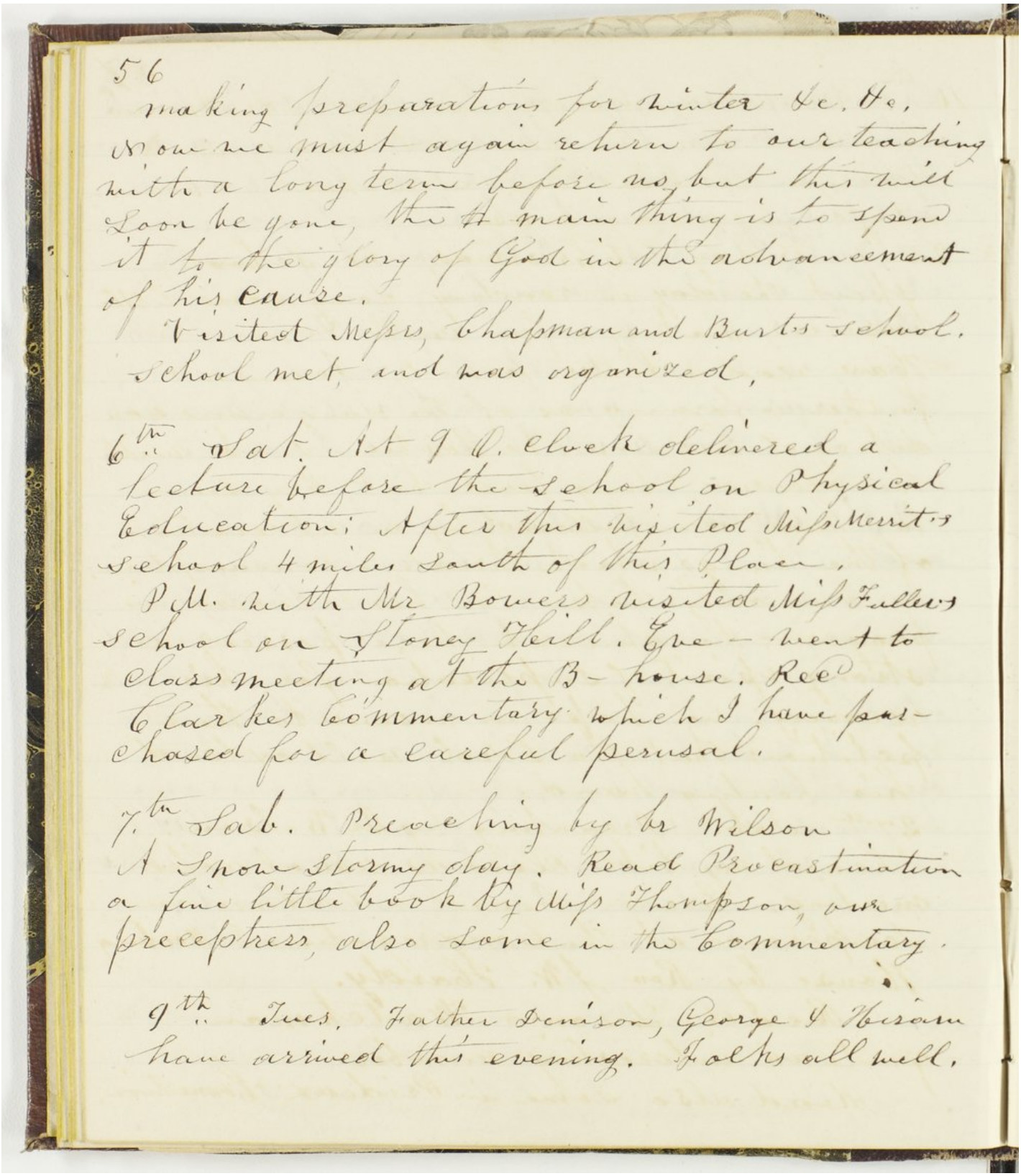
the preparation of teachers, of which I have had the charge: this is a new thing with us and for me it is new business. I trust it has not been in vain intended for our Teachers. Rec'd a visit from Misses Ashley, Sessions, & Soule,

21st Sat. Called on Br Wilson who has just ret'd with his family from a journey. Eve — held a class meeting at the B— house: 16 were present.

23d Mon. Settled with Mr Healy and spent some time in circulating a subscription paper for the Abolition cause. Called on Br Roper. Finished reading Grahams Lectures on the Science of Human Life: this is an admirable work which, as one has well remarked, ought to be read by every person who has come to years of discretion next to the Bible.

I feel somewhat relieved in having a few days relief from school, although I am in excellent health.

Dec 2d Wednesday. The vacation has passed; the time has been busily employed in reading, visiting a little examining School teachers, as one of the town Committee, and in



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making preparations for winter &c. &c.
& now we must again return to our teaching
with a long term before us but this will
soon be gone, the # main thing is to spend
it to the glory of God in the advancement
of his cause.

Visited Messrs, Chapman and Burts school.
School met, and was organized,

6th Sat. At 9 O. clock delivered a
lecture before the school on Physical
Education; After this visited Miss Merrit's
school 4 miles South of this Place,

P.M. with Mr Bowers visited Miss Fullers
school on Stoney Hill. Eve — went to
class meeting at the B— house. Read
Clarkes Commentary which I have pur-
chased for a careful perusal.

7th Sab. Preaching by br Wilson
A Snow Stormy day. Read Procastination
a fine little book by Miss Thompson, our
preceptress, also some in the Commentary.

9th Tues. Father Denison, George & Hiram
have arrived this evening. Folks all well.

10th. Wednesday, George has left for Amenia, Father & Emeline have rec'd home, and Hiram remains here at school, — boards at the boarding house.

25th. Friday. Christmas, — no school; spent the day in reading, doing some little business, making a few calls &c.

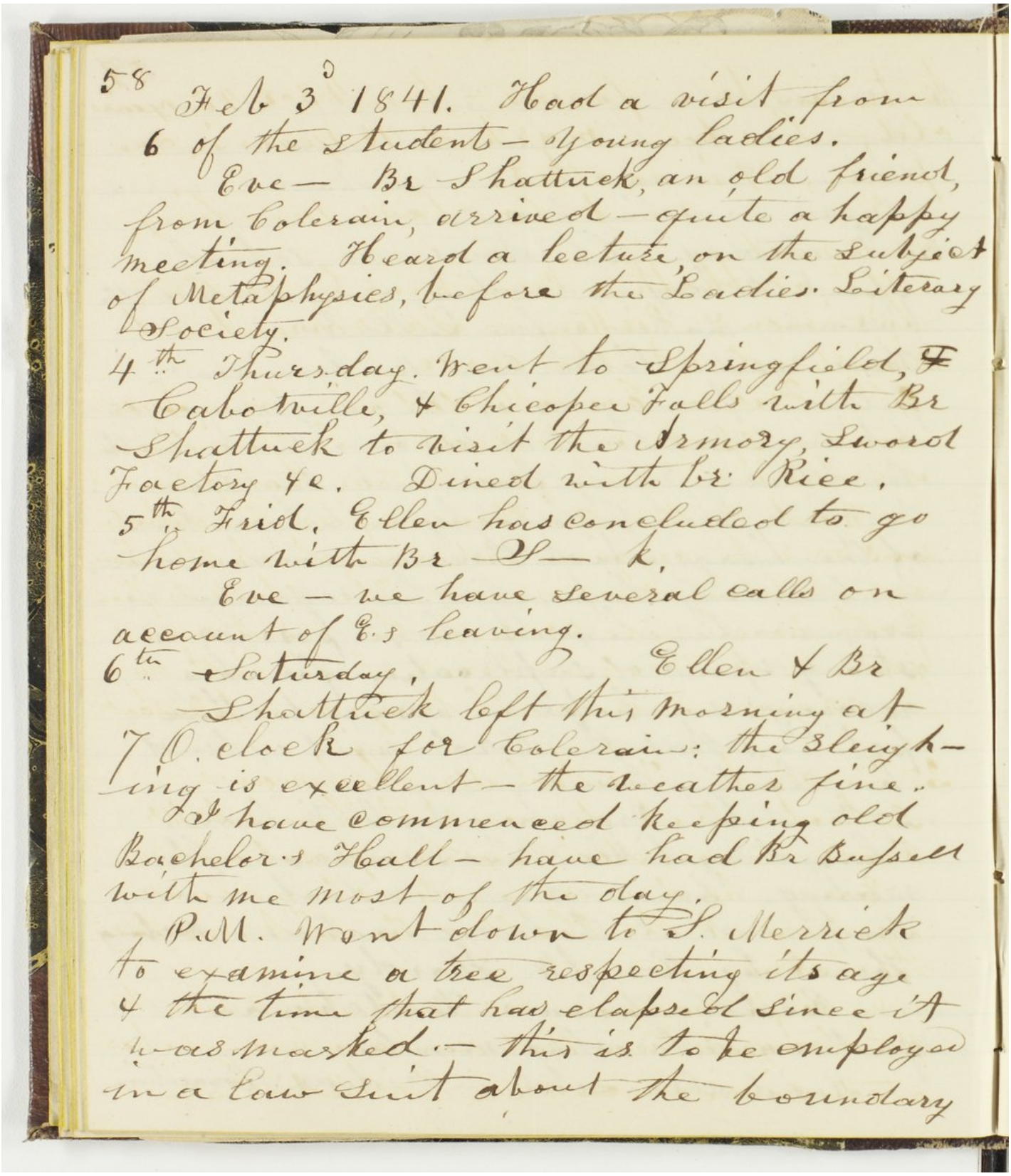
Have read a letter from Br Jennison's father informing us of the dangerous condition of his son: he has been sick with the pleurisy, & lung fever, but they seem to have been followed by an ulceration of the lungs, which threatens consumption;

Our only hope for his recovery is prayer — the church here possess a strong spirit of supplication for his recovery: we hope in answer to their petitions that the Lord will extend his healing hand.

27th. Sab. Preaching by Br Wilson. heard my bible class as usual after meeting. Eve — heard a lecture on Temperance at the Congregational Meeting House by Rev J W. Hardy.

Read Zion's Watchman quite an interesting number.

Read also some in Prideaux's Connection,



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Feb 3d 1841. Had a visit from 6 of the Students — young ladies.

Eve — Br Shattuck, an old friend, from Colerain, arrived — quite a happy meeting. Heard a lecture, on the subject of Metaphysics, before the Ladies' Literary Society.

4th Thursday. Went to Springfield, Cabotville, & Chicopee Falls with Br Shattuck to visit the Armory, Sword Factory &c. Dined with Br Rice.

5th Friday. Ellen has concluded to go home with Br S— k.

Eve — we have several calls on account of E.'s leaving.

6th Saturday. Ellen & Br Shattuck left this morning at 7 O. clock for Colerain: the sleighing is excellent — the weather fine.

I have commenced keeping old Bachelor's Hall — have had Br Bufset with me most of the day.

P.M. Went down to S. Merrick to examine a tree respecting its age & the time that has elapsed since it was marked. — This is to be employed in a Law Suit about the boundary

between two farms.— Tree 430 45 years old,— has been marked 16 years in one place, 19 in another,

Eve — went to class meeting as usual

17th Sabbath. Preaching by Brethren Wilson & Patten — Sacrament administered at the close,

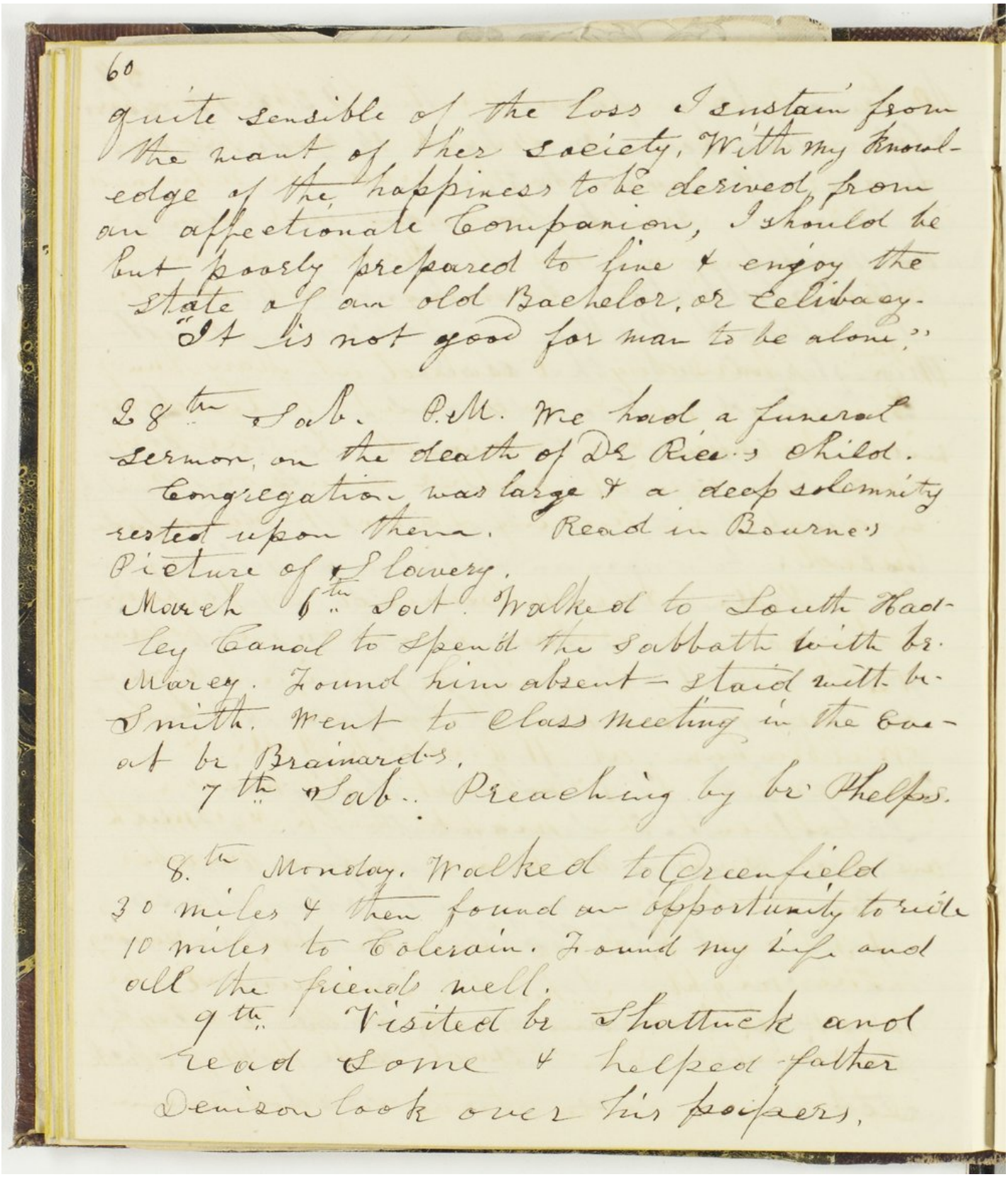
18th Frid — Eve attended our town Lyceum — Spoke on the question Is the influence of Males in Society greater than that of females?

Went to the, B— House after the debate was over to enjoy an interview which they have been holding this evening. The students from both houses were present; the visit was given by Mr Healy in honor of his birth day— is 50 years old.— all things were pleasant.

19th Sat. Visited Mr Chapman's School — took dinner with him at Mr Peas'. Corrected my Compositions,

Eve— had a very interesting Class Meeting at the Hall.— the last one for the term,

My Wife has now been absent 3 weeks— the longest time that we have been Seperated since we were married— I am

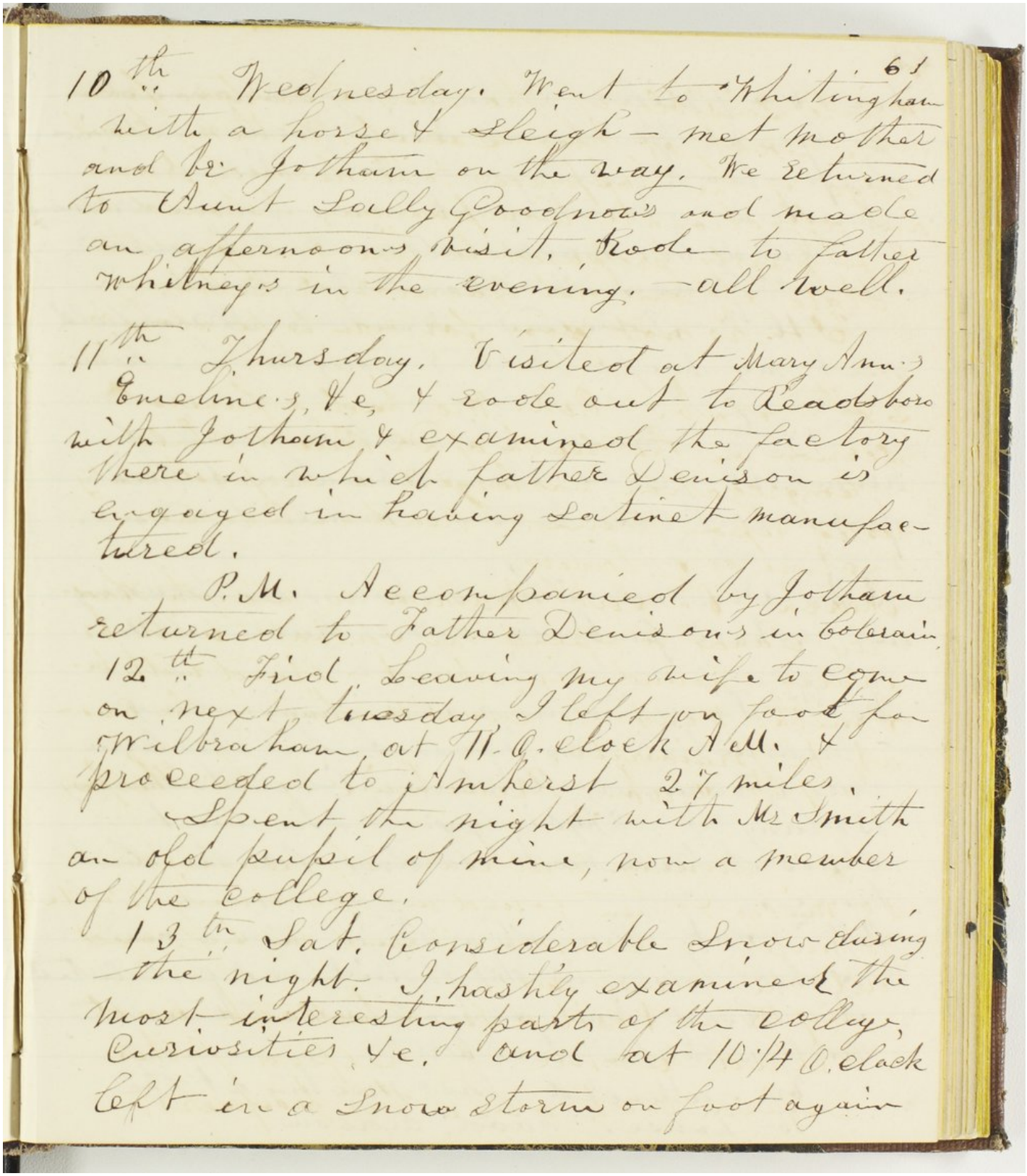


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quite sensible of the loss I sustain from the want of her society. With my knowledge of the happiness to be derived from an affectionate Companion, I should be but poorly prepared to live & enjoy the State of an old Bachelor, or Celibacy.
"It is not good for man to be alone."

28th Sab. P.M. We had a funeral sermon on the death of Dr Rice's child. Congregation was large & a deep solemnity rested upon them. Read in Bourne's Picture of Slavery.
March 6th Sab. Walked to South Hadley Canal to Spend the Sabbath with br. Morey. Found him absent — Staid with br. Smith. Went to Class meeting in the East at br Brainard's.
7th Sab. Preaching by br Phelps.

8th Monday. Walked to Greenfield 30 miles & then found an opportunity to ride 10 miles to Colerain. Found my wife and all the friends well.
9th Visited br Shattuck and read some & helped father Denison look over his papers.



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10th " Wednesday. Went to Whitingham with a horse & sleigh — met mother and Br Jotham on the way. We returned to Aunt Sally Goodnows and made an afternoons visit. Rode to Father Whitneys in the evening. — all well.

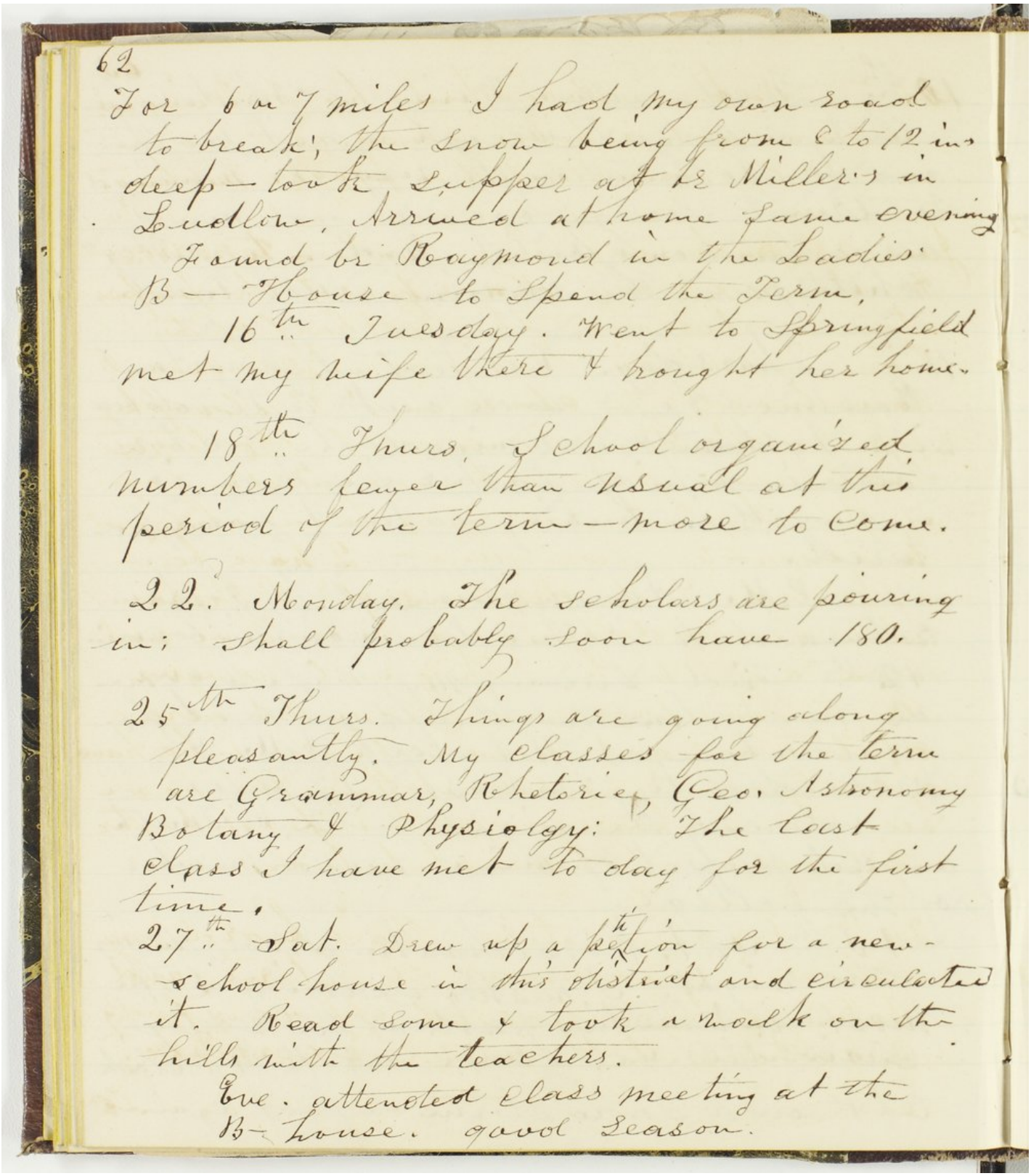
11th " Thursday. Visited at Mary Ann's Emeline's, &c, & rode out to Readsboro with Jotham & examined the factory there in which Father Denison is engaged in having Satinet manufactured.

P.M. Accompanied by Jotham returned to Father Denisons in Colerain.

12th " Frid. Leaving my wife to come on next tuesday I left on foot for Wilbraham, at 11 A. clock A.M. & proceeded to Amherst 27 miles.

Spent the night with Mr Smith an old pupil of mine, now a member of the college.

13th " Sat. Considerable Snow during the night. I hastily examined the most interesting parts of the colleg, Curiosities &c. and at 10 1/4 O. clock left in a Snow storm on foot again



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For 6 or 7 miles I had my own road to break; the snow being from 6 to 12 ins deep — took Supper at Dr Miller's in Ludlow. Arrived at home same evening. Found br Raymond in the Ladies' B— House to Spend the Term.

16th " Tuesday. Went to Springfield met my wife there & brought her home.

18th " Thurs. School organized numbers lower than usual at this period of the term — more to come.

22. Monday. The scholars are pouring in; shall probably soon have 180.

25th Thurs. Things are going along pleasantly. My classes for the term are Grammar, Rhetoric, Geo. Astronomy Botany & Physiology. The last class I have met to day for the first time.

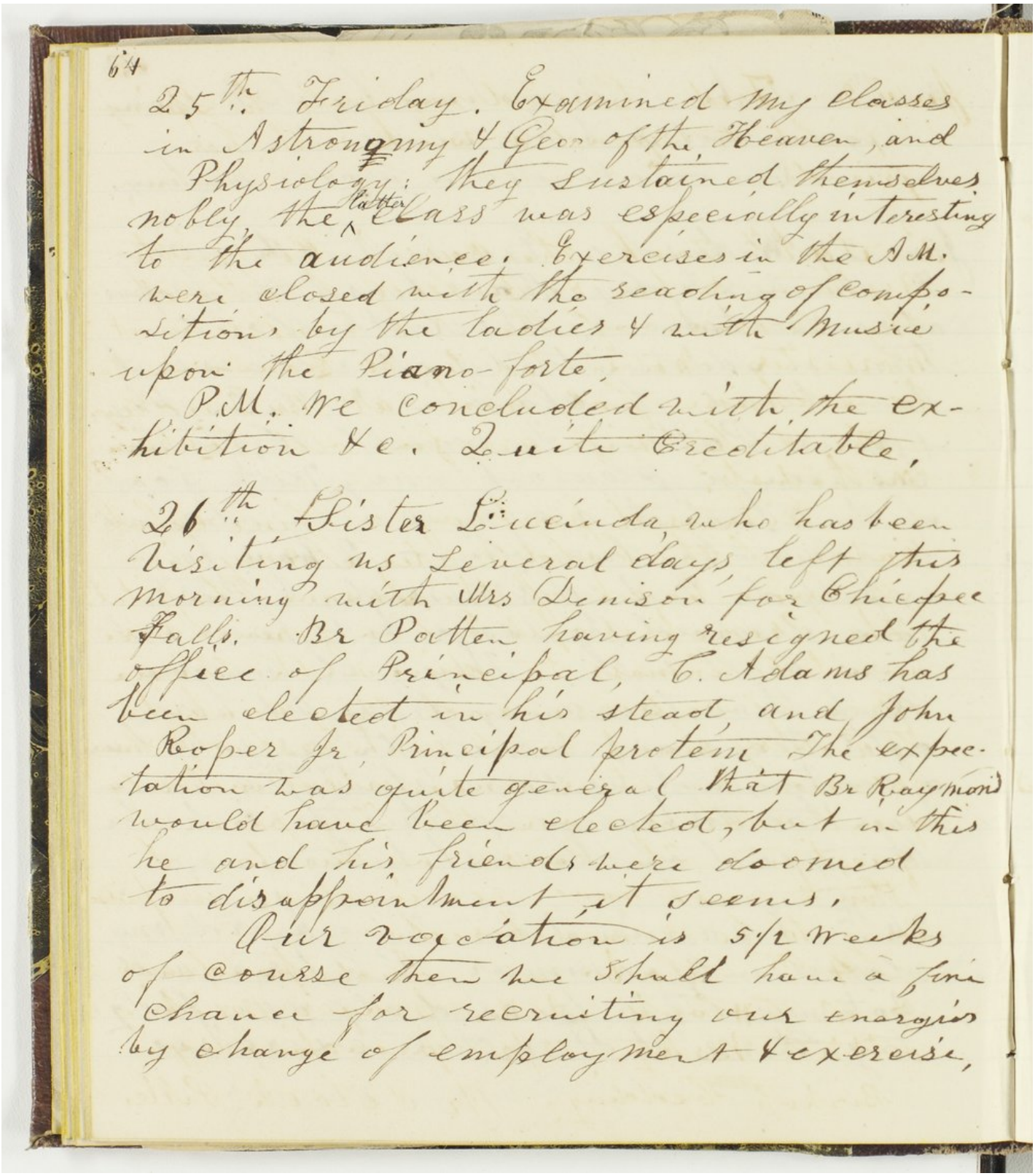
27th " Sat. Drew up a petition for a new school house in this district and circulated it. Read some & took a walk on the hills with the teachers.

Eve. attended class meeting at the B— house. good season.

28th Sab. Preaching by br Wilson.
Organized a bible class.
One — attended a prayer meeting.

June 23. Wednesday. Examination tomorrow & the next day. Have heard the preparatory recitations. The last half of the term in addition to my other classes I have heard the class in Philosophy for Br Potter. To myself the term has been a pleasant one, With some of the Students we have been obliged to administer discipline — 2 have been expelled & 2 dismissed. Others have deserved the same but have not been dealt with. They will however keep themselves away from us hereafter. We want none with us who have a contaminating, corrupting influence. We have been too forbearing on this point for the good of the institution.

24th Examination. Have heard my classes in Grammar, Rhetoric, and Botany; they passed off very finely, together with the other exercises.



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25th. Friday. Examined my classes in Astronomy & Geo of the Heaven, and Physiology; they sustained themselves nobly, the latter class was especially interesting to the audience. Exercises in the A.M. were closed with the reading of compositions by the ladies & with Music upon the Piano-forte.

P.M. We concluded with the exhibition &c. Quite Creditable.

26th. Sister Lucinda, who has been visiting us several days, left this morning with Mrs Denison for Chicopee Falls. Br Potter having resigned the office of Principal, C. Adams has been elected in his stead, and John Roper Jr, Principal protem. The expectation was quite general that Br Raymond would have been elected, but in this he and his friends were doomed to disappointment, it seems.

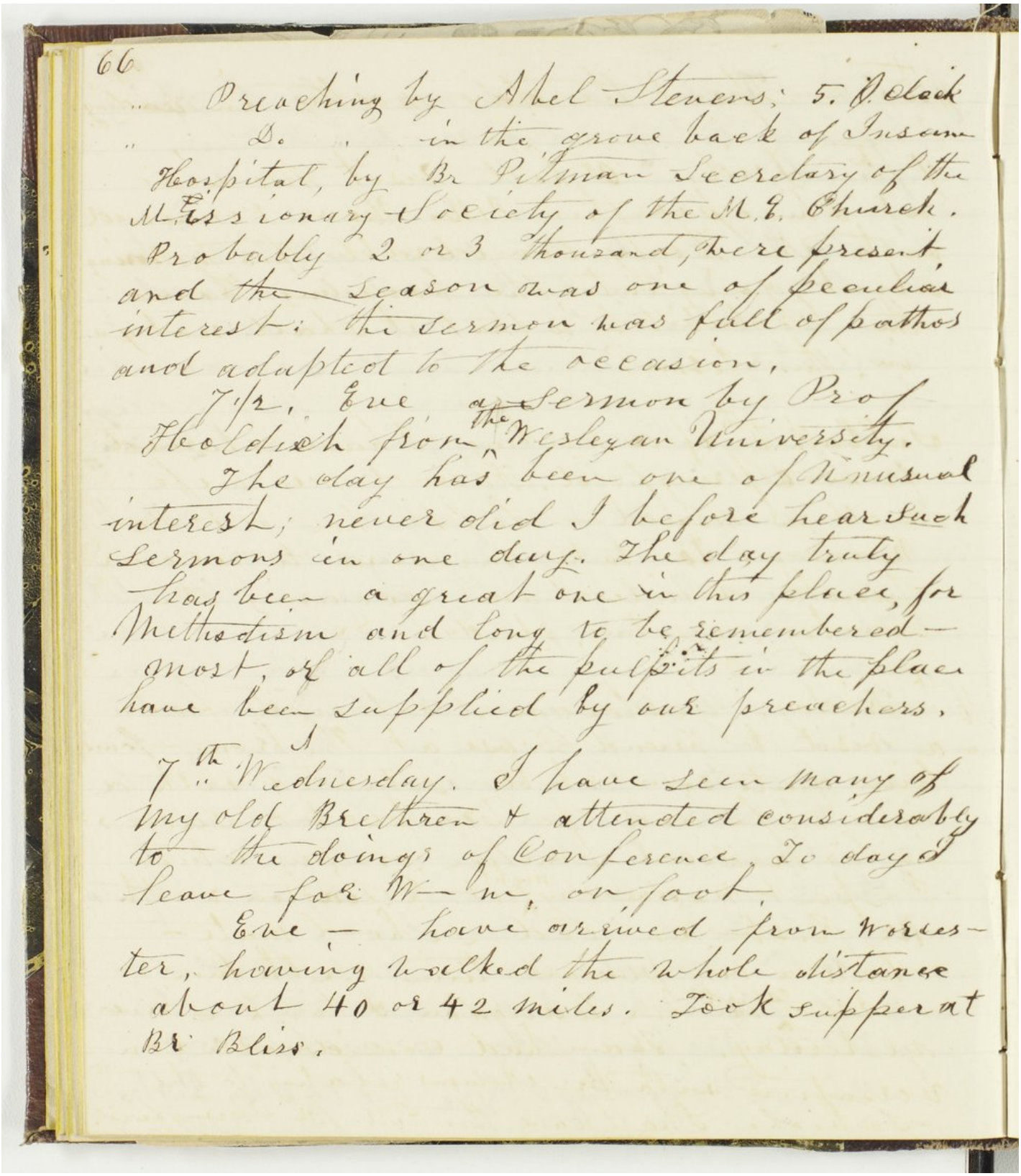
Our vocation is 5/2 weeks of course then we shall have a fine chance for recruiting our energies by change of employment & exercise.

July 2d Frid. Carried my wife to Springfield to spend a week with her friends.

3d Sat. Took the Cars in Co with Brethren Roper & Bissell to attend the Session of the N E. Conference at Worcester. Was invited by Br Ransom to be a Chum for him at Br Dudleys. He & his wife are fine old fashioned Methodists.

Witnessed part of a fine celebration of the Cold Water Army in the grove back of the Insane Hospital. The Preachers of N.E. Conference were invited enmass to dine with them free of expense, and they contributed very much to the interest of the occasion by their animated and eloquent addresses on the Temperence question. The Cause on this day I think must have received an impulse long to be remembered.

4th Sab. — Independence 5 A. C. & Clock A.M. prayer Meeting at the Vestry; 10 1/2. preaching by Bishop Hedding; 1/2 9 clock P.M.



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" Preaching by Abel Stevens, 5. P. Oclock
" Do " in the grove back of Insane Hospital, by Br Pitman Secretary of the Missionary Society of the M. E. Church. Probably 2 or 3 thousand, were present and the season was one of peculiar interest: the sermon was full of pathos and adapted to the occasion.

7/2. Eve a sermon by Pro Fleetwood from the Wesleyan University.

The day has been one of unusual interest; never did I before hear such sermons in one day. The day truly has been a great one in this place, for Methodism and long to be remembered— most, of all of the pulpits in the place have been supplied by our preachers.

7th Wednesday. I have seen many of my old Brethren & attended considerably to the doings of Conference, To day I leave for W— n, on foot.

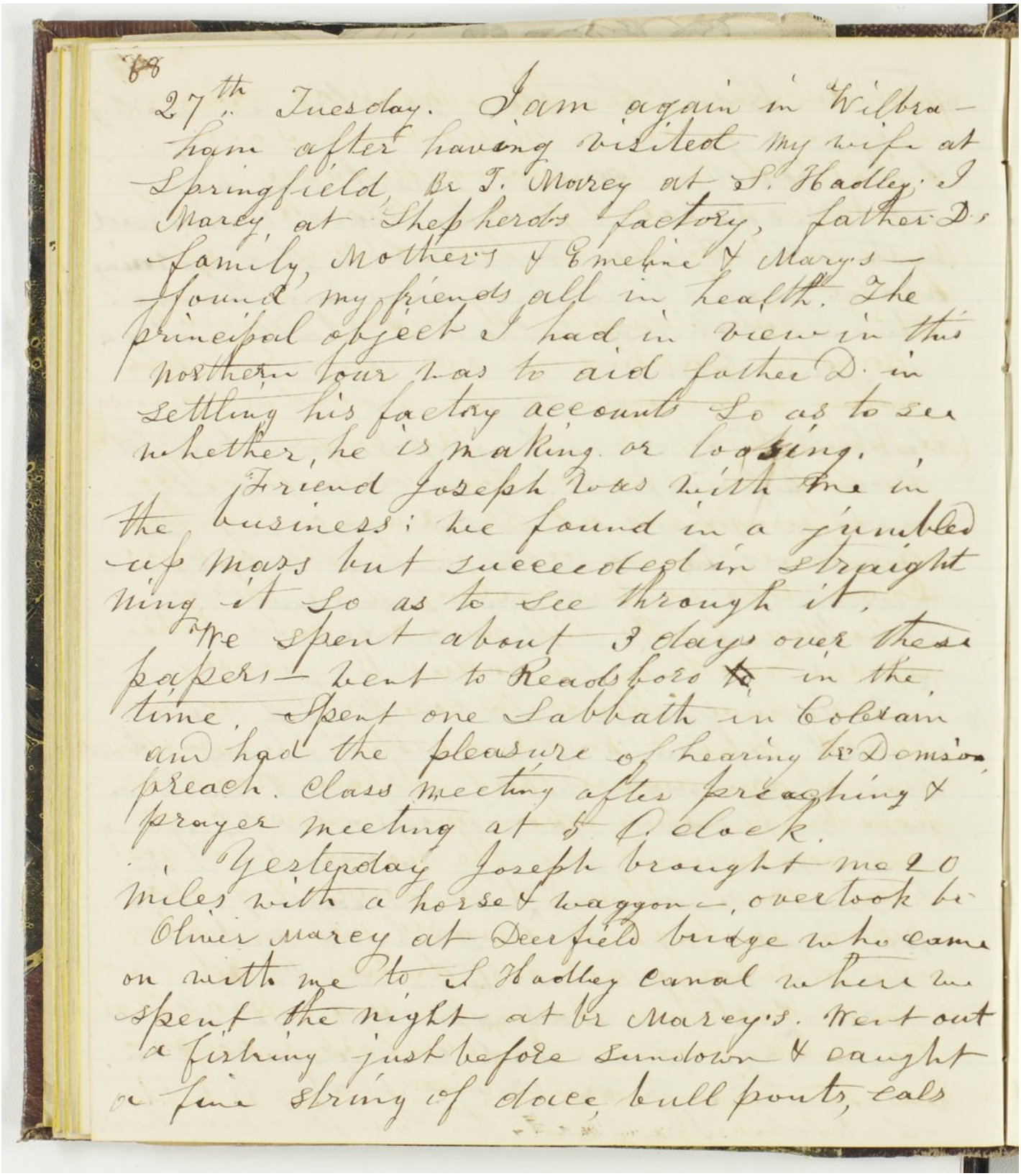
Eve — have arrived from Worcester, having walked the whole distance about 40 or 42 miles. Took supper at Br Bliss.

8th — Spent the day mostly in reading.

9th Frid, Shall visit my wife at Chicopee this P.M. Have conversed with Mr Healy considerably this morning about going into the boarding House: the probability is that I shall not go in, this term.

Sabbath 11th After meeting I have returned from Springfield. Found my wife well as usual — left her at Br Reasons: to take measures to recover health while I am scouring the country, visiting, studying &c.

16th Friday. Yesterday I returned from a visit to friend Dowse at Hebron — found him quite comfortably situated with a new wife and the prospect of success in his medical practice; on my return I spent Wednesday night at Ellington with Br Rust — an old School mate — had a very pleasant time with him. Also called on Mr Langdon & took dinner yesterday. Have had considerable conversation with Br. Adams relating to the School. Shall leave this P.M. for Springfield.



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27th Tuesday. I am again in Wilbraham after having visited my wife at Springfield, Dr T. Morey at S. Hadley, I Marcy at Shepherds factory, father D's family, Mothers & Emeline & Mary's found my friends all in health. The principal object I had in view in this northern tour was to aid father D. in settling his factory accounts So as to see whether he is making or loosing.

Friend Joseph was with me in the business: he found in a jumbled up mass but succeeded in straightning it So as to see through it.

We spent about 3 days over these papers — went to Readsboro Vt. in the time. Spent one Sabbath in Colerain and had the pleasure of hearing Dr Dom preach. Class meeting after preaching & prayer meeting at 5 O'clock.

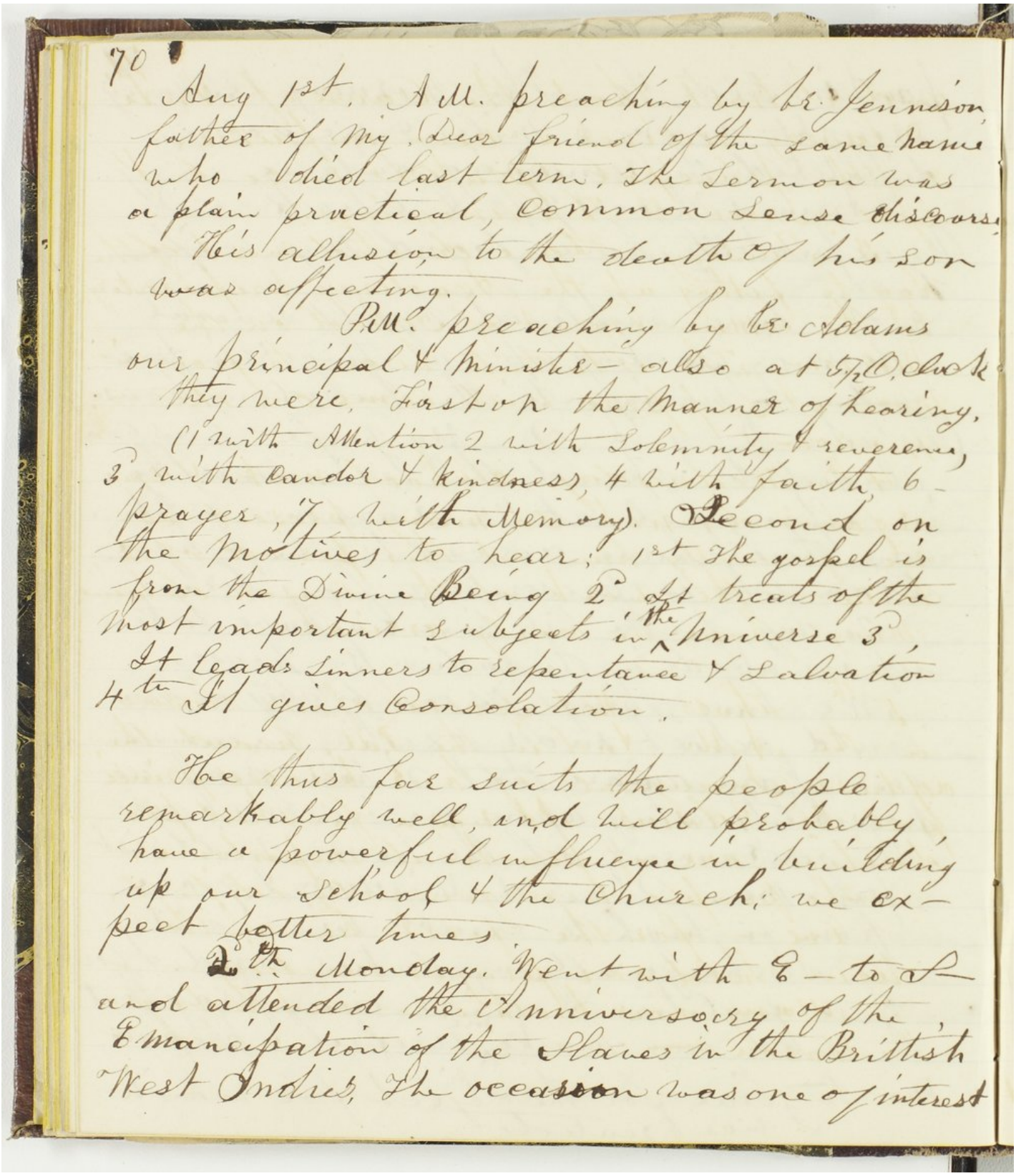
Yesterday Joseph brought me 20 miles with a horse & waggon, overtook Dr Elmer Marcy at Deerfield bridge who came on with me to S Hadley canal where we spent the night at Dr Marcy's. Went out a fishing just before Sundown & caught a fine string of dace, bull pouts, eals

pumkin Seeds, &c. This morning, Br J. Marcy brought us on 6 miles & we soon dispatched the remaining distance. Arrived here at 9 1/2 O Clock. I unexpectedly have found my wife here.

31st. have employed myself several days in packing up our things & in ~~doing to~~ moving in to the boarding house. (The ladies B— g h—e) My wife has concluded to spend the term mostly in Springfield at Br Ransom's as she can there have access to the physician who is prescribing for her.

To day, for the first time we have taken up our abode in the Ladies' B— house.

We have things as comfortably as we could expect under existing circumstances. I am aware that I have great responsibility resting upon me inasmuch as the government of the house will rest upon me. I need wisdom & grace from on high to enable me rightly to discharge all my duties and for these qualities I will ever pray that the Lord may make me useful & prepare me to live for the object for which I was created.



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Aug 1st. A.M. preaching by Br. Jennison, father of my Dear friend of the same name who died last term. The Sermon was a plain practical, common Sense discourse. His allusion to the death of his son was affecting.

P.M. preaching by Br Adams our Principal & Minister – also at 7 P.O. clock they were. Text on the Manner of hearing, (1 with Attention 2 with Solemnity & reverence, 3 with candor & kindness, 4 with faith, 6 prayer, 7 with Memory). Second on the Motives to hear; 1st The gospel is from the Divine Being 2d It treats of the most important subjects in the Universe 3 It Leads Sinners to repentance & Salvation 4th It gives Consolation.

He thus far suits the people remarkably well, and will probably have a powerful influence in building up our School & the Church; we expect better times

2d Monday. Went with E – to L – and attended the Anniversary of the Emancipation of the Slaves in the British West Indies. The occasion was one of interest

and I trust that the Cause of Anti-Slavery received a new impulse.

The principal Speakers were C. L Grosvenour, & H Cummings.

3. Tuesday. Have devoted most of the day to fitting up the Academy preparatory to the commencement of School on the Morrow. The Students begin to pour in, more I suppose will come on the Morrow.

4th " Wednesday. School met & was organized; not so many present as we generally have at this period of the term — the work of the season detains many from an early arrival.

5th " Thurs. Met several of our classes in the A.M. And in the P.M. heard the address (Inaugeral) of our beloved principal, Br Adams. It was a finished production, one of practical importance.

The people here generally edified.

Eve — for the first time in the term held our prayer meeting —.

Many new brethren — interesting Season —

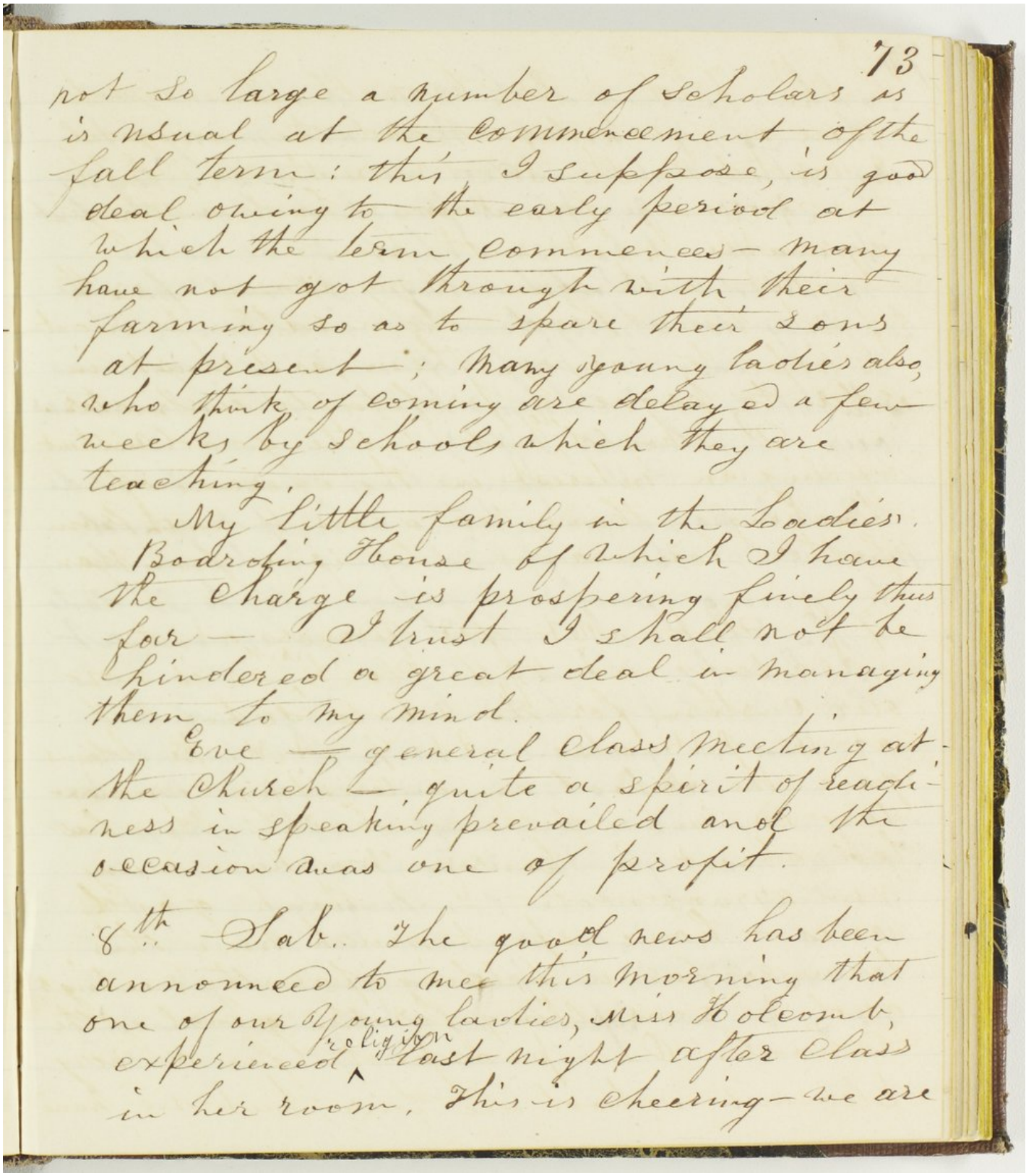
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6th Frid. Br Cromell, (Lorenzo) who came on yesterday, heard the inaugural, & visited South W— m, with me, left this morning for Maine: had a very agreeable visit with him.

Met with some of my classes for the first time: find them rather pleasant— hope to enjoy them, as I must in order to prove a profitable instructor.

I should do but little good without feeling an interest in the exercise of teaching. Have ree'd a visit ~~with~~ from father Jennison — he is a fine man.

7th Sat. Met for prayers at the Academy at 5¾ O Clock A.M. as is now our custom for the whole School & at 5 P.M. also. At 9 A.M. Br Adams gave the School an interesting commentary on rules of the School: this lasted about 2 hours. We have many new arrangements & I think good ones. — have spent much time this term, so far, in holding faculty meetings and in consulting for the good of the School. Our prospects for a very pleasant school are fair; but we have



not so large a number of scholars as is usual at the commencement of the fall term: this, I suppose, is good deal owing to the early period at which the term commences — many have not got through with their farming so as to spare their sons at present; Many young ladies also, who think of coming are delayed a few weeks by schools which they are teaching.

My little family in the Ladies' Boarding House of which I have the charge is prospering finely thus far — I trust I shall not be hindered a great deal in managing them to my mind.

Eve — general class meeting at the Church — quite a spirit of readiness in speaking prevailed and the occasion was one of profit.

8th Sab. The good news has been announced to me this morning that one of our young ladies, Miss Holcomb, experienced religion last night after class in her room. This is cheering — we are

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looking forward to more instances of the same kind: there are many who are almost persuaded to be Christians.

A M. Br Adams preached from the text "Young men likewise exhort to be sober minded" 1st Advantage It will have a tendency to strengthen the intellect; 2d to increase our Spirituality; 3d gives us stability of character; 4th Increases our influence. &c &c.

P.M. preached from the words "Evil Communications corrupt good manners." He applied it particularly to young people, especially to Students in the choice of their companions at School.

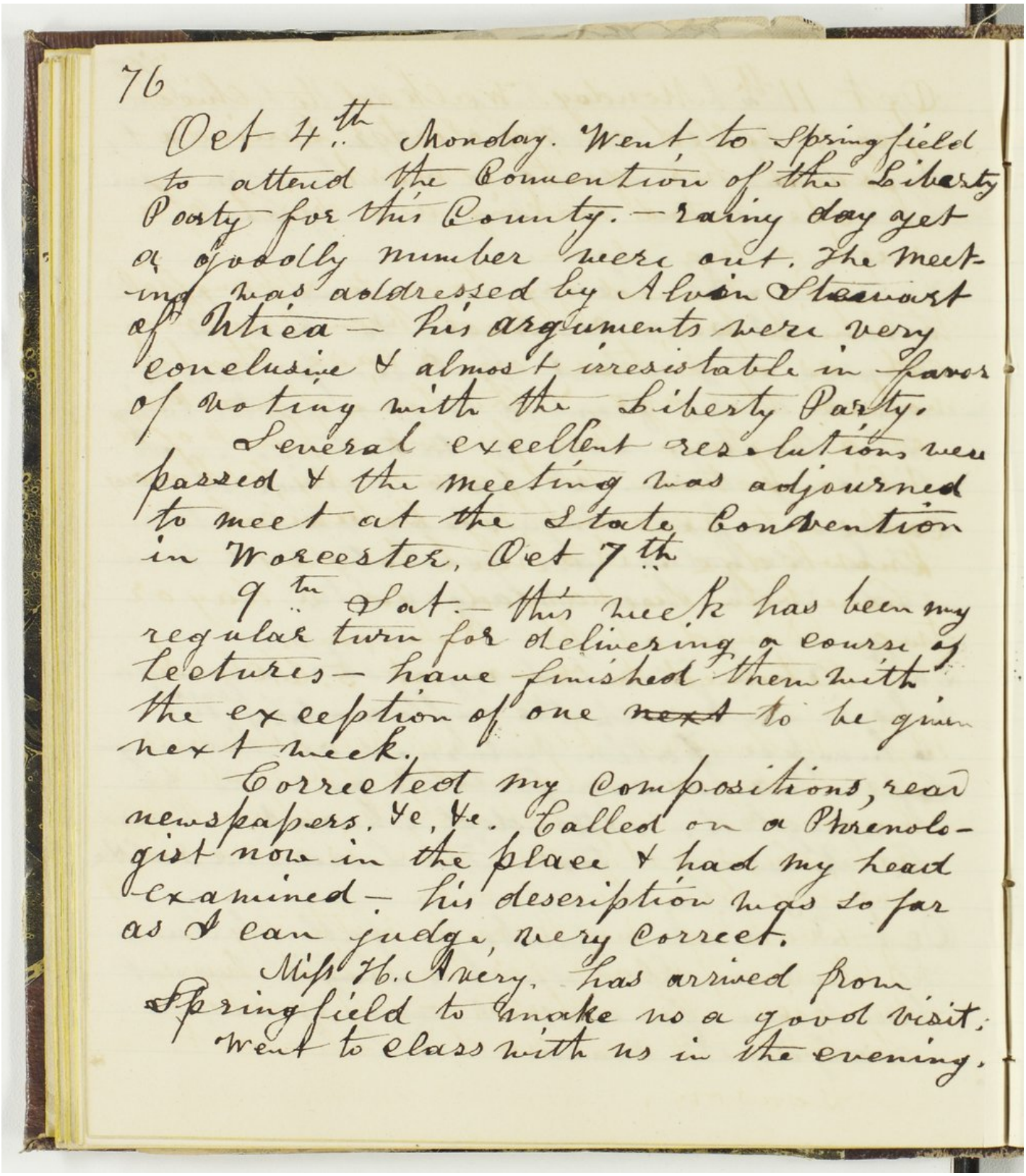
28th Sat. Have been engaged this week in giving a course of Lectures on Physical Education. We make a practice of giving one every night after prayers at the academy. Spent part of the time in writing a Lecture for Monday on hot bread. Br Bell arrived this P.M. from Rehobeth to spend a few days with us. Pre— Spent ment to Class meeting.

29th Sab. Preaching A.M. by br Adams
P.M. By br Stockwell: 5 1/2 O'clock by
bi Adams - "except a man be born again
he cannot see the Kingdom of God,

Sept. At the commencement of the
term it was resolved to have a
course of 5 short lectures pr week,
each to be from 10 to 15 minutes long.
The teachers were to take turns in de-
livering them. I have delivered one
course upon Physiology & Dietetics.
The scholars are generally well plea-
sed with these arrangements.

26th Sab. Visited my sister Lucinda
who is sick with the inflamatory fever at
Chicopee Falls. Returned at evening
left her as comfortable as could be
expected. Attended church - heard
br Kinney - text - "The Lord is a Sun" &c

Oct 3. Sab - Quite a fall of snow
the last night - Such a snow has not
been known for a great many years, so
early in the season.



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Oct 4th Monday. Went to Springfield to attend the Convention of the Liberty Party for this County. — raing day yet a goodly number were out. The meeting was addressed by Alvin Stewart of Utica — his arguments were very conclusive & almost irresistable in favor of voting with the Liberty Party.

Several excellent resolutions were passed & the meeting was adjourned to meet at the State Convention in Worcester, Oct 7th

9th Sat. — this week has been my regular turn for delivering a course of lectures — have finished them with the exception of one ~~next~~ to be given next week.

Corrected my compositions, read newspapers, &c, &c. Called on a Phrenologist now in the place & had my head examined — his description suits so far as I can judge, very correct.

Miss H. Avery, has arrived from Springfield to make us a good visit.

Went to class with us in the evening.

Oct 11th Monday. Walked to Chicopee & called on my Sister Lucinda — found her quite smart.

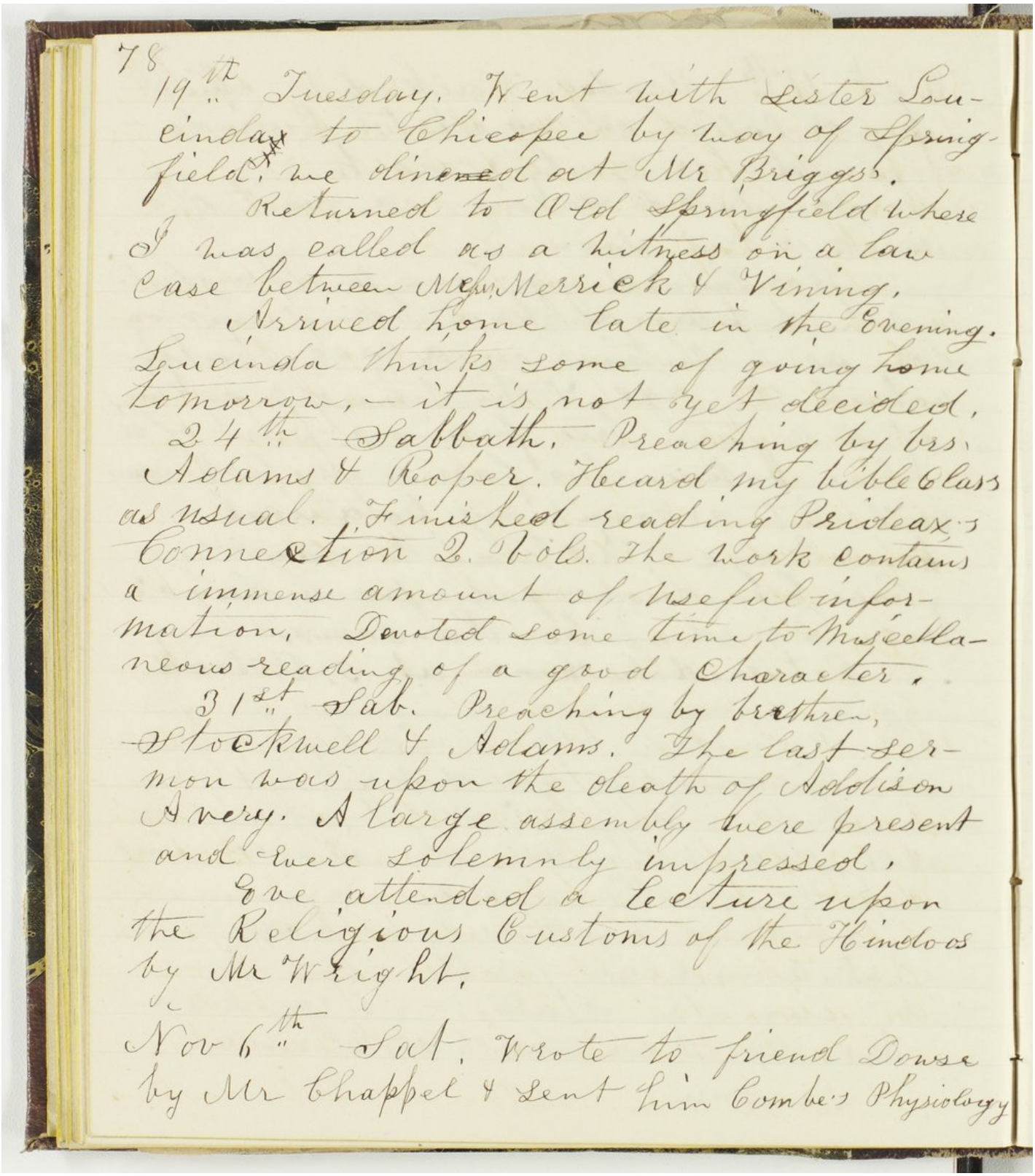
She intends making us a visit of a week or two, soon.

Continued my tour to Springfield to which place I had been summoned as a witness on a case that involved the age & the time of marking, of a certain tree forming a part of a line between two farms. My testimony calls into account my Botanical knowledge. No trial to day — have been discharged for a day or two. Dined at Br. Ransom's.

Returned to W.—m at 5. O. clock

13th Wednesday. Ellen has been to Chicopee to day & returned with Sister Lucinda — she intends to spend a few days with us; she is recovering rapidly from her fever.

Evening went out with my Astronomy Class for the first time to view the Stars, — they shone brightly, & we had a pleasant season.



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14th " Tuesday. Went with Lister Lucinda to Chicopee by way of Springfield: we dined at Mr Briggs's.

Returned to Old Springfield where I was called as a witness in a law case between Mrs Merrick & Vining.

Arrived home late in the Evening. Lucinda thinks some of going home tomorrow, — it is not yet decided.

24th " Sabbath. Preaching by brs. Adams & Roper. Heard my bible class as usual. Finished reading Prideaux's Connection 2. vols. The work contains a immense amount of useful information. Devoted some time to Miscellaneous reading of a good character.

31st " Sab. Preaching by brethren, Stockwell & Adams. The last sermon was upon the death of Addison Avery. A large assembly were present and were solemnly impressed.

Ove attended a lecture upon the Religious Customs of the Hindoos by Mr Wright.

Nov 6th " Sat. Wrote to friend Dowse by Mr Chappel & sent him Combe's Physiology

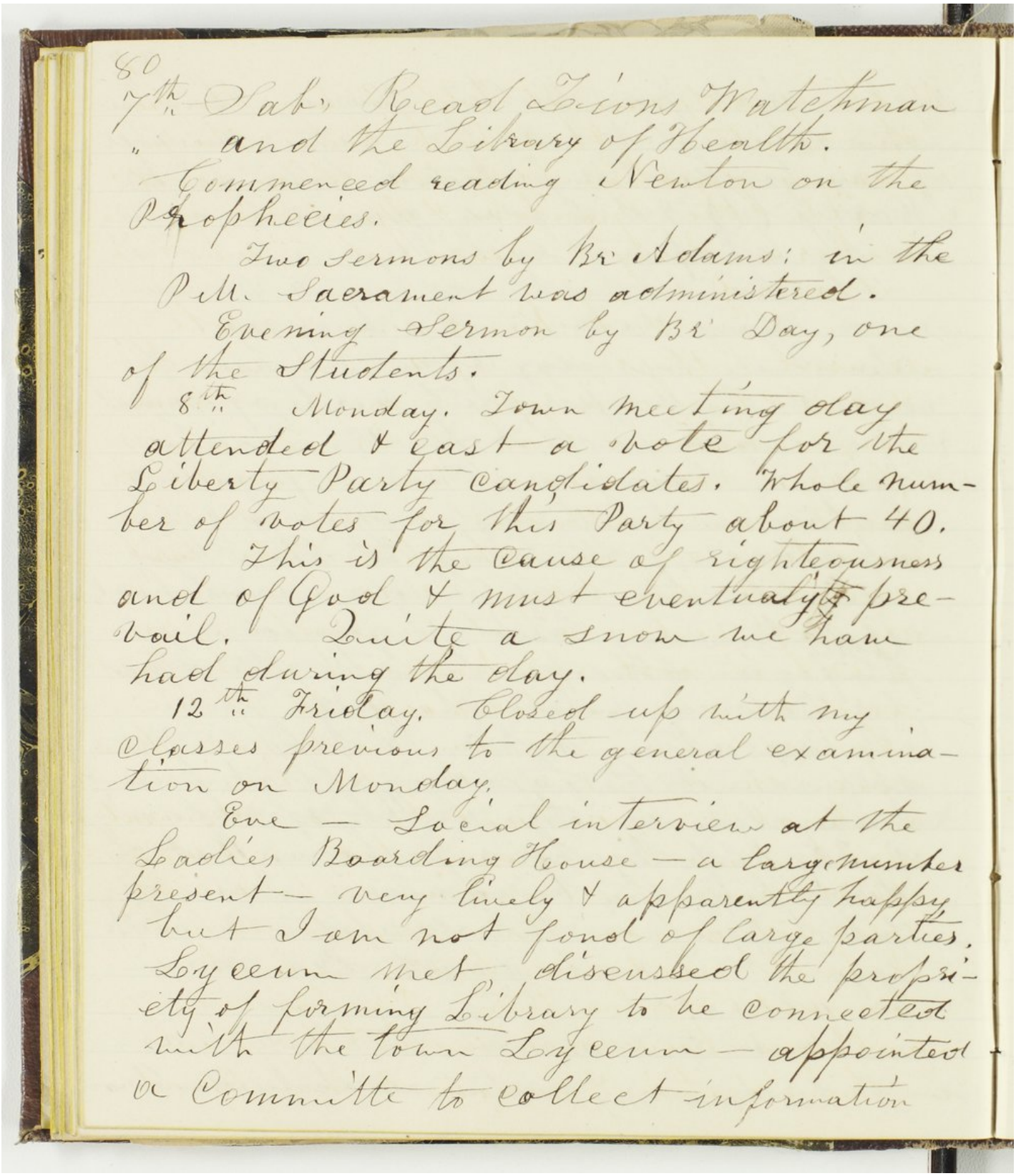
Rec'd a visit from Brethren Braman & Lamberton; accomodated Br B — with a number of my books. Completed a letter to Br Marcy (S.) & did some general business in the shape of calls, &c.

The past week has been a pleasant one on many accounts & a busy one.

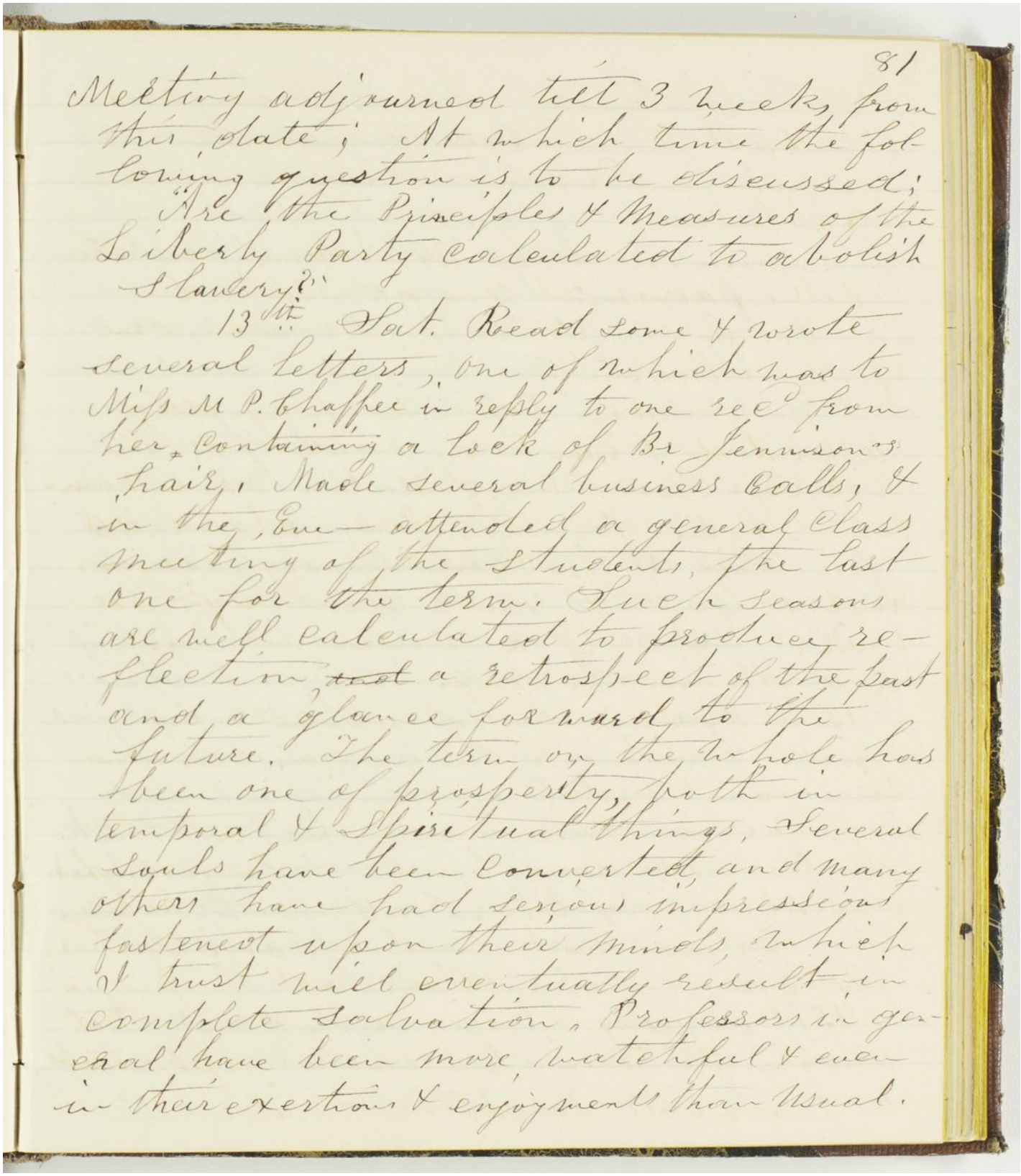
In the Physiology Class we have discussed the comparative merits of Animal & Vegetable food. In the Teachers Class I have given them a familiar lecture on teaching Geography & the importance of attending to the Physical education of Children in School.

On Tuesday last I carried my wife to Chicopee to take the Stage for Coleraine, where she will remain till Vacation, when Br Allyn & myself intend to follow: So at present I am alone in the midst of a family of 30, Old Bachelor fashion. But I donot like this being alone I am a full believer in the Scripture, which says "it is not good for man be alone."

Went to class in the Eve — as it has been my custom on Saturday Eve-



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7th " Sab. Read Lyons Watchman
" and the Library of Health.
Commenced reading Newton on the
Prophecies.
Two sermons by Br Adams: in the
P.M. Sacrament was administered.
Evening Sermon by Br Day, one
of the Students.
8th " Monday. Town meeting day
attended & cast a vote for the
Liberty Party Candidates. Whole num-
ber of votes for this Party about 40.
This is the cause of righteousness
and of God & must eventually pre-
vail. Quite a snow we have
had during the day.
12th " Friday. Closed up with my
classes previous to the general examina-
tion on Monday.
Eve — Social interview at the
Ladies Boarding House — a large number
present — very lively & apparently happy
but I am not fond of large parties.
Lyceum met discussed the propri-
ety of forming Library to be connected
with the town Lyceum — appointed
a Committe to collect information



Meeting adjourned till 3 weeks from this date; At which time the following question is to be discussed;
"Are the Principles & Measures of the Liberty Party calculated to abolish Slavery?"

13th Sat. Read some & wrote several letters, one of which was to Miss M P. Chaffee in reply to one rec'd from her, containing a lock of Br Jennison's hair, Made several business calls, & in the Eve attended a general Class meeting of the Students, the last one for the term. Such seasons are well calculated to produce reflection, ~~not~~ a retrospect of the past and a glance forward to the future. The term on the whole has been one of prosperity, both in temporal & Spiritual things. Several souls have been converted, and many others have had serious impressions fastened upon their minds, which I trust will eventually result in complete salvation. Professors in general have been more watchful & even in their exertions & enjoyment than usual.