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MAY MEETING, 1894.

THE stated meeting was held on Thursday, the 10th instant, at three o'clock, P. M.; the President, Dr. GEORGE E. ELLIS, in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read and approved; and the Librarian read the list of donors to the Library during the last month.

Rev. Dr. Edward J. Young, Rev. Dr. Alexander McKenzie, and Mr. Charles C. Smith were re-appointed a Committee for publishing the Proceedings.

The Hon. John Lowell was appointed to write the memoir of the late Edward Bangs, for publication in the Proceedings.

Mr. Henry W. Taft, of Pittsfield, was elected a Resident Member; and Capt. Alfred T. Mahan, of the United States Navy, a Corresponding Member.

Communications from the third section having been called for, Mr. CHARLES C. SMITH said that two years ago he had the satisfaction of presenting, in behalf of one of our most learned and valued Corresponding Members, Charles J. Hoadly, LL.D., of Hartford, Conn., a copy of a diary kept during a part of the siege of Boston by the chaplain of one of the Connecticut regiments. He desired now to present, in behalf of the same gentleman, a copy of a diary kept by a lieutenant of another Connecticut regiment, stationed at Roxbury at the same time. Lieutenant Jabez Fitch, Jr., the writer, was a native of Norwich, Conn., and served in the expedition against Crown Point in 1756, in Colonel Whiting's regiment, and again in the following year, in Colonel Lyman's regiment. In July, 1775, he was appointed first lieutenant in the Eighth Company of the Eighth Connecticut Regiment, and continued in service until December. In the following January he again enlisted in the army, and was again commissioned a first lieutenant. He was captured at the battle of Long Island, August 27, 1776, and was not exchanged until December, 1777. In January, 1779, in common with other exchanged prisoners of war, he solicited a reappoint-

ment in the army, without loss of rank. Beyond that point his career has not been traced. At the siege of Boston he had with him a son Cordilla, or 'Dilla, as he seems to have been familiarly called. The diary will be found to present a very graphic picture of camp life in the besieging army around Boston.

A Journal, from August 5th to December 13th, 1775.

Kept by Lieutenant Jabez Fitch, Jr., of Norwich, of the 8th Company, Capt. Joseph Jewett's, in the Eighth Connecticut Regiment, Col. Jedidiah Huntington's, at the siege of Boston.

[Copied from the original in the Pension Office at Washington, October, 1885.]

Saturday Aug^t 5th, 1775. Came from [home] a little after sunrise. Joined the company at Tyler's in Preston, from whence we march'd. About 8 o'clock made a little halt at Deacⁿ Belcher's, where we were handsomely treated and after resting a little we march'd, and at the same time Mr. Edwards and my boys went back. We arriv'd at Dickson's in Voluntown about 2, where there was a great gathering of people on account of Col. Douglas' company meeting there.¹ Among others I see Col. Douglas, Maj. Gordon, Esq^r Steward, Doct^r Elisha Perkins and Doct^r Mather, with several other Lyme gentlemen returning from the camps. The capt. with some others of us ate a dinner of beef-steaks, and a little before night we march'd. Arrived at Green's in Coventry a little after daylight down, weary enough, and about 10 o'clock Cordilla and I went to bed and rested very well.

Sunday the 6th. Eat breakfast of chocolate at Green's and then march'd in the rear down to Angel's where we waited for our teams which arrived a little before noon. The weather cloudy and dull. Rains a little, &c. This I writ in Angel's chamber.

Afternoon, we march'd forward by a meeting-house and many other buildings, myself being in the rear, till a little before sunset we arrived at Andrew Williams', a little short of Providence, where the capt. see cause to put up. After the men were dismissed till 5 o'clock next morning, (not very agreeable to martial discipline,) I went with Serg^t Clark, my son and some others, into town, as far as Col. Dexter's where we drank a pint of brandy, see Col. Douglas and Mr. Dixon and then came back to our quarters just after our teams arrived, and after unloading the carts and attending to some of the Providence people dance, I went to bed with my son and slept very well.

¹ John Douglas was lieutenant-colonel and captain of the second company in Colonel Huntington's regiment. See Conn. Col. Records, vol. xv. p. 95.—
Ems.

The 7th. After breakfast we march'd into town where we made a small halt, got shav'd and did some other errands and march'd forward to Attleborough, where we now are at Dagget's, the tavern, (they say he's a Tory,) but, however, we have got a dinner a cooking and intend to eat it.

I was afterwards disappointed, there not being enough for the whole, and a little before our march Lt. Gove and Serg. Denison of Col. Parsons' reg^t overtook us, and after drinking some punch we march'd on, and at about sunset arriv'd at Man's in Wrentham, where we met with much difficulty to procure a supper, after which I went to bed with my son and slept very well.

August the 8th, 1775. In the morning we ate breakfast at Man's, after which we march'd forward to Head's in Walpole, where we drank some punch and march'd forward to Cheney's in Walpole, where our men are now cooking a dinner. N. B. Last night and this morning we hear much talk of a famous alarm at New London by several ships coming into or near the harbour, but the particulars we have not yet learned. I yesterday wrote a letter to my wife and sent it by Morgan, the teamster. This day Lem^l Petingal, Elijah Pride and John Clark overtook us, on their way to the camp.

After dinner we march'd forward to Gay's, where we made a little stop and Capt. Wheat overtook us from Norwich; then we march'd on as far as Ames' in Dedham, where we lodged in a very good bed and paid well for it.

The 9th. In the morning I walked down to the burying place below the meeting house. I also see about 300 riflemen pass by Ames', — we also went by them at Whiting's and march'd into Roxbury before them.¹ We arrived at the sign of the Sun about 11 o'clock, where the company staid till next day. In the afternoon Dan^l Andrus, Nat. Brewster and several of our old neighbours came to see us. Lt. Gove and I with some others went down on to the Neck beyond the main guard and see the regulars work and centres, and also the ruins of the buildings destroy'd in the late operations. After I came back I went with Cordilla over to Col. Parsons' incampment,² where we found Lt. Gove and came back with him to our quarters.

This night was the first of Cordilla and I lodging like soldiers, we having hitherto on our march lodg'd in good beds, tho' it cost us dear, but now we are come where money will not readily command all the

¹ The entry in Ames's interleaved Almanac, under this date, is, "Rife Men 300 pass. 3 Comp. Connecticut Men." See Dedham Historical Register, vol. iii. p. 130. — Eds.

² The regiment under command of Col. Samuel H. Parsons was ordered to march to Boston just before the battle of Bunker Hill. See Conn. Col. Records, vol. xv. pp. 85, 87. — Eds.

conveniences of life, yet through the clemency of a Divine Providence every one in health may be in some measure comfortable.

The 10th. Sometime before noon we march'd on to the ground assigned us for incampment. Capt. Ripley's company was the only one incamped before us. The rest of this day taken up in pitching our tents, &c. The night following was very stormy: it thundered, lightened and rained all night, and was very tedious for the first of the campaign.

The 11th. In the morning Lt. Jon^a Brewster and Jo. Williams came to our tent. I was with 'em over to Parsons' reg^t, where we lit of Capt. Wheat and went up to the meeting house and see the guard relieved, then went with them, Serg^t Haskel and Corp^l Brewster down to Dorchester, and after obtaining liberty of Col. Fellows went over on to the Neck and down on to the Lower Point near Castle Wm. While on Dorchester Neck we had a very fine prospect of the town of Boston and also of the ships in the harbor, which make an appearance like a dry cedar swamp. When we came off from the Neck the tide had rais'd so much that we were obliged to strip and wade 50 or 60 rods, in fair view of the regulars' works. Came home about 1 o'clock very weary and hungry, but for my comfort our people were dining on codfish and carrots, of which they had plenty, altho' the butter was not the best.

The 12th. In the morning I went down to see the guards relieved and then went out on the left hand of the Neck down on to the marsh where I had a fine prospect of the Common in Boston, where the regulars are incamped. About one o'clock Asa Chapman came here for some things I bro't him from his grandfather. Cordilla and I went with him up to Brookline Fort and on our way lit of one Lt. Sprague of the Rhode Islanders with whom we crossed the ferry and went up to Prospect Hill. Went into Capt. Talbot's tent while there was a shower of rain. Cordilla and I then came back to Cambridge: went into one of the colleges up to the 3d loft, and after viewing that a little came down street a little where we see the greatest curiosity of the whole day, (viz.) an old gent. with a very grey beard 14 inches long handsomely comb'd down under his chin. Then we lit of Wm. Huntington of Norwich in Maj. Durkee's company. Went to said company camp, see Lt. Huntington and several others of my acquaintance, and then Sam. Spicer came and piloted us down to the ferry where [we] were obliged to strip and wade across the marsh, and after crossing the ferry came home to our camp where we arrived about daylight in. The old Tory dog had got away the door I stole to lodge on, &c.

Sunday the 13th Aug. 1775. Heard Mr. Ellis from Psalm 44th, 26th.¹ This morning I went [to] the barber and got shaved, after

¹ Rev. John Ellis, chaplain of the Eighth Connecticut Regiment. He was born in Cambridge, Mass., March 2, 1726-7; graduated at Harvard College in

which I was in at Waterman's where I see Capt. Hez. Perkins, Mr. John McL. Breed and several others from Norwich. About sunset Capt. Jewett and I went up to the meeting house where the working party was parading in order for intrenching on the Neck, we having the night before begun to open an intrenchment in that place. We stayed at the meeting house till almost dark, when the party march'd off and we then came home to our tent.

The 14th. At prayer time in the morning the regulars in Boston and also the ships in the harbor began a mighty firing which lasted most of the forenoon. At relieving the main guard I went with a number of officers down to the guard house and from there to the new intrenchment, after viewing of which we went down a little to the northeast and set under an apple tree, where we spent a considerable part of the forenoon in viewing with a spy-glass the regulars' works in Boston and also the ships in the harbor, who fired many guns while we look'd on them. About noon we came up to Waterman's, where we drank some brandy for our stomach sake and our often infirmity. A little after we got home I had the pleasure to see my neighbour Dan^l Brewster who lately came from Norwich and brings me the agreeable news of my family's being in health when he left home. The remainder of this day I spent chiefly with Mr. Brewster. I went with him to Capt. Peters', where we borrowed a spy-glass and then went down to the new intrenchment and also over to the same place we went in the forenoon. Came back about sunset, where we found James Rockwell and Alpheus Jones who drove two teams down here for Brewster. We was then soon inform'd of one of our men being confin'd for firing his gun, which cost me the trouble of going over to Capt. Perrit's incampment, he being the officer who confin'd him. Then I went to Col. Douglas and to Col. Brewer's quarter guard: yet, after all, poor Bidwell lay confin'd till morning, and Brewster, Jones, Rockwell, Cordilla and I lodg'd in Keyes' cornhouse, where we slept very well.

The 15th. In the morning Mr. Ellis ate breakfast with us, after which I walk'd up on the hill alone and then down on the parade by the meeting house and after relieving the guard I came home in company with Lt. Bissell of Capt. Humphrey's company. I then did some writing, and among the rest I wrote a 3d letter to my wife. About 2 o'clock the regulars began to fire some cannon on our new intrenchment by which they wounded one man in the head, soon after which there was several 24 pounders fired from our fort on the hill above the meeting house. The regulars also have several bomb shells among our

1750; was ordained at Norwich (Franklin), Conn., in 1753; was dismissed in 1782; settled in Rehoboth, Mass., in 1785, where he remained eleven years; returned to Franklin, and died there Oct. 19, 1805. See Sprague's *Annals of the American Pulpit*, vol. i. p. 604, note. — Eds.

people on the Neck, and a little before sunset the dogs hove a ball right over our incampment, which made as bad a noise as a flock of wild geese. I find that the exchanging these few shot has done more to exhilarate the spirits of our people than 200 gallons of New England rum. Every ball, as soon as it fell, was surrounded with a great number of men, to see who would get it first, and the shells themselves had scarcely time to break before they would surround them to pick up the pieces of them as so many curiosities. This day Capt. Bill and Mr. Thos. Coit came into camp from Norwich.

The 16th. After breakfast I took a walk up to Brookline cedar swamp, where I found me a very pretty cedar staff. I came back through an orchard back of Gen^l Ward's quarters, where the inhabitants were gathering pears, and while I was talking with the people the regulars fired two shot on our new intrenchment, on which I hurried a little toward home, but the fire not continuing I made a little stop at an intrenchment just above a grist mill. I then went up toward the Grand Parade, where I lit of Rant. Rose and went with him to see the Indians shoot arrows at coppers.

Roxbury Camp, Wednesday Aug^t 16th, 1775. After writing to my wife and brother, toward night I went over to Col. Parsons' reg^t with Dan^l Brewster, then came back with him and walk'd with him on his way home as far as the Sun tavern. Coming back I took a walk alone into a field on the lower side of the way.

The 17th. The fore part of the day I took a walk up on the hill, while the regulars were firing on our works. They wounded one of our old guard with one of their shells while they were marching on to the parade to dismiss. I went to a house to hire some washing done and then came home. In the afternoon I went up on to Jamaica Plain to buy some nails and timber: bought $\frac{1}{2}$ hundred nails for a $\frac{1}{2}$ pistareen of Mr. Stedefant, a carpenter in Roxbury. I was at a town meeting. I also employ'd a young woman to hem a silk handkerchief. Coming home to camp I went round by Jamaica Pond, &c. At night, for want of proper accommodations in my own markee I lodg'd in Maj. Clark's. It proved a very rainy night. I lost my pocket book out of my coat pocket as it lay on me in the night, but, however, next day some time I had the good luck to find it without loss or damage, except wetting my money, papers, &c.

The 18th. In the morning early I went up to Governor Bernard's house with Corp. Spears, Peleg Edwards, Elisha Pride and Cordilla, to get some timber for repairing our tent, and it was with some difficulty that I obtained it. After I got back I went up to the meeting house, see the guards relieved and drank some new cyder. Then I went down on to the west part of the Neck, where there were a number of men a swimming in a creek. I then came home and we laid a floor

in our tent, after which I went up to the south meeting house in order to purchase me a slawbunck,¹ and did not return to camp till almost night.

The 19th. After breakfast I began to dig a well in the orchard north of our encampment, in which service I spent most of the day. A little after noon I went up to Gen. Spencer's camp to borrow a windlas, but could not obtain one, whereupon I came down to Col. Parsons' reg^t and obtained one for the service of digging our well. At night I went with some of our people up to Stidefant's joiners shop for a slawbunck, but was disappointed, so we all drank a $\frac{1}{2}$ pint of brandy and came back, and I slept on the floor again. I also dreamed that I heard that arbitrators in the cause between Nathan Fitch and Hannah Leonard had ordered him to pay her 60 pound, which I thought was more than it was worth.

Sunday Aug^t 20th, 1775. In the morning I heard Capt. Ripley had lost a second man out of his company, and also another not like to live out the day. After breakfast I went up to Col. Huntington's quarters to see Mr. Tracy and Mr. Fanning. Found 'em extreme poor. I then went on to the parade and see the guards paraded, took a view of the motions of the regulars, and after some time observed a flag of truce advancing from their lines; whereupon I went down to the main guard, where I lit of one Capt. Ames Walbridge of Stafford, formerly a Norwich man. I went with him and the capt. of the guard out as far as George tavern where we staid some time, then Capt. Walbridge and I went into the old burying yard where there is a great number of tombs much gone to ruin. I then came home to our camp and heard Mr. Bliss of Windsor Goshen from Romans 13th almost the whole chapter, which was very agreeable to [blank]th article of my creed. In the afternoon I heard Mr. Ellis from Isaiah [blank] 10th, and after meeting I went up to the old meeting house, where I wrote several of the foregoing pages and am now writing on the breast of the front gallery, which is a very convenient place for writing. It [is] a very large house with a high steeple. It stands on an eminence in fair view of the regulars' lines and has had many balls thrown at it. The bell is taken down, the windows all taken out and boarded up except the pulpit window, the pews all torn down and great destruction made the inside of the house.

There has been no firing on our troops in this camp this day, which is the only day we have escaped for some time. The regulars yesterday, through the carelessness of our guards, drove nine cows off from the Neck into Boston, which gave some of the hungry sons of whores a supper of milk as I suppose.

¹ This is a corruption of the Dutch word "slaapbank," a bed, couch, or bunk. — EDS.

Jasper Griffin of our company was this day carry'd to the hospital, who is the first man we have sent there.

The 21st. In the forenoon we work'd in the well again, but in the afternoon lay by for want of a rope to draw the gravel up with; whereupon I went with Capt. Ripley, Lt. Turrel, &c., to the funeral of Stephen Woodward of Capt. Ripley's company, being the 3d man of that company who has died in camp.

Aug^t 22d, 1775. In the morning I went with Bidwell down to the dam and got some hoops to sling a tub for digging the well, and about 10 o'clock began to hoist with a windlas. We followed digging the remainder of the day. About sunset Capt. Freeman came into the camp from Norwich.

The 23d. Before sunrise I went in a swimming in the Mill creek, came home and went to overseeing the well diggers. Had some company with me this day, among others Capt. Freeman and Dan^l Andrus. Toward night I fell in company with some high fellows (viz.) Capt. Clift, Doc^t Fosdic, Lt. Adams, &c., who broke some staves, some shins, &c. I also this day see my old friend Doc^t Adams. I also this day wrote a letter to my wife, which I sent by Capt. Freeman.

The 24th. I oversee the well diggers again, finished digging the well, &c.

The 25th. Sometime in the afternoon old uncle C^t and Jo. Rose came into the camp. I went with them and Lt. Brewster up on the hill and then down on the Neck, then we came to Waterman's, drank some grog with Uncle C^t and left him there and we came into the camp. This morning was the first of our occupying our alarm post, which prov'd very disagreeable to the sluggish disposition of the soldiers.

The 26th. After going to the alarm post as usual and attending prayer, Uncle C^t eat breakfast with us, then Capt. Jewett, uncle and I went over to Col. Parsons' regt. where we made many visits, and then came down to the tide mill where we went to swimming; we then came home and took another tour up to Waterman's and then down to the main guard, came part way back and then went down toward Dorchester and then home, eat some dinner and Uncle C^t set out for Cambridge. I went with him as far as Capt. Peters' compa. I then went up to Waterman's, see the rank of officers, learned by the new establishment I am removed from Capt. Jewett's compa. to Capt. Lyon. I then went with Capt. Coit and some other officers to hear them scold at Mr. Blany, the commissary. We then came back to Waterman's where I found Bro. Perkins and his son Erastus, with some other Norwich men. They came with me into our camp, and after prayer I went with them to see the works, and while we were viewing them the regulars fired a shot on our new intrenchment. After it grew dusk we came again up to Waterman's where I set some time in company with Capt. Clift, Ely, Coit, Peters, and several other gentlemen of the

higher sort. A little before beating the tattoo Uncle C^t and Mr. Rose came in, soon after which Uncle C^t came home with me and lodg'd in Gove's tent. Sam. Ellis also came to camp this night.

Sunday the 27th. Sam. Ellis went with us to the alarm post, and after our return Uncle C^t, Lt. Gove and I went to swimming again at the tide mill. After our return I had a hearty scold at the baker's, and then wrote a letter home in high spirits. We then attended the funeral of Mr. Tracy, and a very solemn transaction it was. After the funeral was over Capt. Jewett, Capt. Ellsworth and I went up to the hospital where we see our sick and also many others, some of whom we found had suffered intolerably, on which account I was again under a fatal necessity to exert myself again in the scolding way, and little Waters trembled. As we came home we call'd in and see Ens. Leffingwell, Serg^t Perkins and some others who were sick at Brookline, we then came on to the hill above Parsons' camp, where we made a considerable stop to see the firing of the regulars from Bunker Hill on our new intrenchment, which firing has continued most of the whole day. After we came home Uncle C^t came to see us again. Mr. Ellis was also with us till quite late this night. A very severe storm of thunder, lightning and rain happened this night, rather exceeding all I ever have known before. Cordilla was this day taken of the camp distemper and had a very tedious night.

The 28th. I went on the advanced party to the alarm post, &c. After prayer Uncle C^t and Mr. Rose set off for Norwich. I took a walk with them a little way, &c. This day I spent principally in writing and endeavouring to comfort my poor boy. Old Deacon Belcher of Preston came to camp to day. Toward night I made application to old Col. Williams' sons for liberty to go into one room of the Col's¹ house to lodge the night following, as I expected his disease was such that he must (otherwise) be out most of the night. With some difficulty I prevailed on the young men for liberty to go in for the night: accordingly I made the best preparation [I] could for utensils, &c., and a little before daylight in I took post with poor 'Dilla in the west front room. It is a large handsome room, genteelly paper'd and a handsome house clock standing in the N. W. corner, which with a pair of hand irons standing on the hearth is the only household furniture in the room. The most comfort I had the night following was in tending on my poor sick son, who rested but very little through the whole night.

The 29th. I was out very early expecting to go on the fatigue party, which must parade at 6 o'clock, but it soon began to rain very hard, by which means I am as yet prevented performing that duty and so have opportunity to attend my boy. Parson Ellis made us a long visit while

¹ Col. Joseph Williams. His house was near Hog Bridge, so called. See Drake's Town of Roxbury, p. 384. — Eds.

it rain'd hard. I set some time in the other room with him and some other gentlemen, and after Mr. Ellis went away Col. Walker with two other officers came in and sat a while. I look on it as a very peculiar favour that we have so good a harbour in so bad a storm, but yet I fear being drove out every hour.

Roxbury, Aug^t 29th, 1775, Col. Williams'. In the afternoon young Dudley told me that I must remove Cordilla into another room, in order to make room for Col. Walker and some other officers who were coming into the room where he was, whereupon I, with the help of Serg^t Clark, carried our things into the east south room. 'Dilla remains very poor. I procured a portion of castor oil of Doc. Waldo, which I have given him. I also called in Doc. Adams this day to see him, who gave some directions concerning him, although he had no medicines to apply. Jos.^b Williams came into the camp toward night. This morning William Billings also came into the camp, who tells me that Capt. Gates was supposed to be near his end. After making the necessary preparations for the night I turn'd in, had some little assistance from one of Capt. Ellsworth's men who was looking after one Serg^t Russell of that company. He gave Dilla some barley water to drink. Doct^r How (who lodges in this house) gave him some drops, which somewhat eas'd his pain, but after all the poor boy had a tedious night and I myself something unwell, being threatned with the same disorder.

The 30th. In the morning it rained very hard. I was out in the camp quite early, the people mostly in bed. No turning out to the alarm post this morning. I then came back, staid with Dilla some time. Corp^t Spears came in and helped a little. I employ'd Serg^t Clark to go and try to buy me a fowl to make some broth, but he could not procure any, but sent off old Craft on the same errand, who has not yet returned. This forenoon is very rainy. A sergeant of Capt. Ellsworth's company came into the house and lay down on the young Dudley's bed without leave and contrary to the owner's mind; whereupon some warm words ensued and finally a clinch which tore the sergeant's shirt, and it was with some difficulty that I parted them. It is a very rainy, uncomfortable day in the camp, but I have a good dry house to keep in as yet with my poor sick boy, who engrosses my chief concern and attention at this time.

About noon old Mr. Craft returned with a very good fowl, which he boil'd with a little rice, but the poor boy could not eat any of the fowl nor not more than three or four spoonfulls of the broth. Just at night Doct. Waldo came in and gave Capt. Pease and Cordilla each of them a vomit. Dilla's worked very well, and after he had done vomiting he slept near an hour, which I suppose to be the longest nap he has slept since last Saturday night. He had a restless night, but not more so than several of the last nights. Having Capt. Pease and his attendants

in the same room, although on some accounts we had rather have been without so much company, yet I slept more this night than I had done for several nights past, as they assisted some in looking after the boy.

The 31st. In the morning it was lowery and rained again : no turning out to the alarm post again. Sometime in the morning Doct. How directed me to the white decoction for Cordilla, made of hull'd barley, cinnamon and burnt hartshorn, but by the time we had got it prepared Doct. Waldo came in and ordered a portion of the salts as a purge to be taken first : whereupon we gave it to him, and about 11 o'clock Doct. Turner came into the camp and after viewing the other sick made us a visit, gave Dilla a little elixer vitae. The people crowded in on us to see the doctor, and the weather being wet and muddy the men were as dirty as horses. About noon Col. Williams came in and did some business with a Hartford gentleman, who told us of a late skirmish of our army with the men-of-war's men at N. York, in which it seems by report that our people had the better. About noon Dilla is in great pain, his phisic begins to work, which I hope will give him ease in due time. However in his greatest pain he will not own that he wishes himself at home.

This day I signed the articles prescribed by the Continental Congress for regulating the American army.

The Gunpowder Plot subscription was also handed about this day, to raise £50 lawful money for that pious use ; most or all of the officers in our regiment signed it.

About 2 o'clock Dilla proposed eating some of the breast of the fowl I bo't for him yesterday ; accordingly some of it was provided and he eat it like himself. Lt. Chamberlin tells me he has been to the hospital where our sick are. Serg^t Harris (he says) is not like to live, but Peleg Edwards and our other men are better. I then wrote a letter to my wife, on a table in the room where I attend on my boy. I have some thoughts of writing one to bro. Elisha, but I hardly know what to write. Toward night I received a newspaper for Col. Williams and went into the other room to deliver it, when the Col. set me to read part of the paper. I read several of Hutchinson's letters, and just at night I went into the camp, found Sam. Ellis had obtain'd a certificate of the surgeon in order to procure a furlough for his son Peter. I borrowed a slawbunk of Lt. Chamberlin for my son to lay on, and this afternoon I wrote a letter to Bro. Elisha. In the evening I also wrote another to my wife, and Cordilla resting comfortably I turned in on the floor about 10 o'clock, slept till 1 in the morning and found Dilla was in a sound sleep and had not been up since I went to bed ; then I went to fixing him some drink, and just as I had got it ready I heard a mighty firing of cannon for some time : some of the people of Col. Walker's room went up on the hill to enquire into the affair and return while I am writing ; they learn by the centry that the firing was on the Neck, but on what account is uncertain to us as yet.

Sept. 1st. In the morning Cordilla appears to be considerably better, has rested better than he has done since Sunday last, his countenance shews that he is better. After attending on him a little I went into the camp and enquired into the affair of the firing last night, by which I find we have lost two men (*viz.*) one Adijah Dewa in the Bay forces. I understand by Serg^t Clark that he lived last winter with one Preston in Pachague, — he belonged to Westfield: the other is one Oliver Carpenter in our reg^t and Capt. Ellsworth's company, — he belongs to Stafford. The occasion of the fire beginning I understand was two of the regulars deserting from their guard and coming to our main guard. I was order'd with the fatigue party this morning, went on to the parade for that purpose, but we were sent back on account of the rain, whereupon I came in to the camp, see poor Oliver Carpenter's corpse, which was sadly mangled to pieces and a 12 lb. shot taken out of his body, — an instance I never yet heard of, that a cannon ball should lodge in a man's body. I then went to Col. Williams' and wrote a letter to my cousin Silas, carried it to Sam. Ellis and went a little way with him and Peter his son, who this day obtain'd a furlough to go home. In the afternoon I went again with the fatigue party, and as I was going to the parade I see Doct. Elisha Perkins and Capt. Dan^l Bishop. We went to work on the east part of the Neck in the intrenchment where the regulars gave us two shot, one of which I suppose I might have catch'd in my hand if I had only held it out, but I did not want to. I came home at night and find my boy remains better. There has been this day a great deal of firing over on Cambridge side, but the particulars we have not yet learnt, only it is reported that the enemy have killed two of our men and we four of them. The night following Cordilla rested somewhat comfortable, or at least much better than he had for some nights before except the last.

Sept. 2d, 1775. Having been broke of my rest of late I lay in bed some later than usual. When I got up and went into the camp I found one of our men (Case Cook) was confin'd by the adjutant for not turning out to the alarm post: the reason he did not was because he had none to cook a breakfast for him, and he warn'd for the main guard, and supposed he could not cook seasonably for himself if in case he attended the alarm post as usual. After a while a court of inquisition was held at Capt. Ripley's tent on Cook and a number of other prisoners, where I appear'd and by speaking a word in Cook's behalf I gave some offence, nor do I care how much since the necessity of the case required it.

This morning my neighbour Randal came into the camp, bro't me a letter from my wife, with the agreeable news of my family's being in health, &c. He also bro't some other things to me from home and likewise a letter from Silas, a letter from Darius to Cordilla. I spent the bigger part of the forenoon with Randal, went up on the hill and

see the firing from the regulars' works to ours and also from ours to theirs, we then came down into the camp. We were threatned being turned out of Col. Williams' house this day, but however I somehow obtained slightly liberty to stay in a little longer, but Lieut. Pease moved out this day. Toward night I went up to Jamaica Plain after a clean shirt, came home about sunset; soon after I got home I was call'd on to go to the piquet in the room of Lt. Hall, I having been before warned for the main guard tomorrow, but however I was very willing to make the exchange; accordingly I went on to the parade and was assigned for the lines on the right of our works. When we came down we found Col. Huntington was field officer of the piquet and he sent me with Capt. Granger of Col. Learned's and Ens. Osborn of Gen' Wooster's reg^t and 56 men to man Lamb's Dam and keep out proper centries, where we staid and heard 5 or 6 nine o'clock guns fired on board of different ships as we supposed, and also the beating of the tattoo in Boston, &c. We also staid till we heard many of the clocks in Boston strike 10, and some time after that we were relieved by another party of the same proportion, we then march'd back to our lines where we were first assigned and spent the remainder of the night, although it was somewhat tedious.

The 3d. When I came home in the morning I found my boy no poorer than I left him last night. Will^m Bidwell had staid with him, whom I instructed my boy to call his mother. I yesterday bo't a loin of mutton for him, Bidwell bak'd it in a pot and made a very [good] dish. I eat part of a breakfast of it. I then took a short nap in which I dream'd our reg^t was ordered immediately to Ticonderoga and I was greatly concerned how to send home my boy, as I knew him not able to perform so long a march in his present low state of health, but I was soon eas'd of this trouble by young Pulman's awaking and calling me to our tent to eat some chocolate, &c.

Roxbury Camp, Sund. Sept. 3d, 1775. A very rainy day. I wrote my yesterday's adventures and also a letter to my wife; heard a sermon in Col. Walker's room from Psalm 137th, 5th, 6th, and from Lamentations 1st, 9th, by Mr. Barnum of Taunton.¹ Bidwell bro't Dilla a dish of broth with some sheep's head and pluck very well cook'd. Toward night I wrote a letter to bro. Elisha, giving him an account of my last night's rg^t, &c. At night we lodg'd again in Col. Williams' house, too much crowded with a parcel of men as dirty as hogs: one nasty dog spit a pint of tobacco juice, &c., on to the floor and the foot of my bed, which however made me scold a little in the morning.

¹ Rev. Caleb Barnum. He was born at Danbury, Conn., June 30, 1737, graduated at Princeton College, New Jersey, in 1757, and received the honorary degree of A.M. from Harvard College in 1768. He was first settled at Wrentham, and afterward at Taunton, Mass. In 1776 he entered the army as a chaplain, and died at Pittsfield, August 23, in that year. See Emery's Ministry of Taunton, vol. ii. pp. 1-29. — Eds.

The 4th. A year ago this day was our famous alarm in Connecticut, in which I rid up as far as Plainfield, &c. The weather yet remains wet and uncomfortable. A number of our officers concluded to have a division of the tory land in the neighborhood, or at least have the wood cut off for the use of the army. A little before noon the cloud blew off and the sun shin'd out pleasant and fair. In the afternoon I went with Lieut. Chamberlin down into Dorchester to see one Capt. Chamberlin of Col. Bailey's reg^t. I had a great deal of discourse with the lieu^t on the road, &c. After I came back the camp was fill'd with news concerning a detachment of our army's going to Quebec. The night following Cordilla rested better than he had done any night since he was sick.

The 5th. I turn'd out half after two o'clock, read the 138th Psalm, &c. I then wrote a letter to my wife, and at the usual time turn'd out to the alarm post. After I came back and attended prayer I went up to Brookline to get some honey and some mint julep of Doct. Turner for Cordilla. As I was going up there I met Jasper Edwards, who was going home to Norwich, I sent my letter by him. I then went to the doctor's and rec^d the medicines for my boy, eat breakfast with him and Ens. Leffingwell. I then came home through Col. Parsons' reg^t. Lieut. Hide came home with me, &c. In the afternoon I received a letter from sister Rudd and another from her son Jonⁿ. I had also some conversation with Col. Huntington at my tent. I also expected some more, by the by discourse I have heard, but however I did not finally hear it, and so was disappointed. This passage would need explanation to a stranger, but I know what it means and write for refreshing my own memory in some future time, &c.

The 6th. I turn'd out at 3 o'clock, began to write to my wife but was oblig'd to desist in order to attend the alarm post. When we were there I occasionally mentioned among the officers Mr. Beckwith's observation, (viz.) that before he left home he made a covenant with his eyes concerning women, when Col. Huntington replied that there was no need of that here, for he and Mr. Trumbull were yesterday oblig'd to use a spy glass to get a sight at one. I spent this day chiefly in procuring boards and pitching a tent for lodging, and after all my trouble I find I must be crowded with a number of the boys. Serg^t Huntington help'd me do the work, &c. Toward night Jo. Randal came back from Cambridge into the camp, I went with him up to the settler's where we drank some brandy, &c., together; we then went down to the house where Cordilla keeps, and I then went with him, Randal and Nat. Brewster over to Col. Parsons' reg^t where we staid sometime and Randal and I came back together. It was a very pleasant moonshine night. Randal slept with us at Col. Williams' house.

The 7th. I arose half after three, Randal got up at the same time,

and I wrote to my wife again. Just as I was going out to attend the alarm post Lt. Brewster came in and so we drank a bitter together and went to the alarm post. When I came back I found Randal was gone off. I then eat some bread and milk and went to work with Serg^t Huntington at making a slawbunk for Cordilla and I to lodge on, in which employ we spent most of the forenoon. Capt. Jewett complain'd for want of an allowance of women, on which an old market woman gave him a sufficient allowance. A little after noon Lt. Andrew Fitch came to our camp, I set some time with him in Capt. Ripley's markee. Just at night I took a walk with Serg^t Clark up to Jamaica Plains, where I have had some washing done. Clark and I had considerable discourse together on the road. I came back into the camp and after supper went to Col. Williams' to lodge again, and also wrote the above lines.

The 8th. I arose a little after 3 o'clock, attended the alarm post as usual. I then went to Capt. Ripley's barber and got shaved, and at 8 o'clock went on to the main guard. While we were on the grand parade it was observ'd by several officers that this is the anniversary of Johnson's fight and many other successful adventures of the American arms.¹ We march'd down to the main guard house where we reliev'd the old guard. I went with Lt. Parker of Col. Brewer's reg^t to the redoubt, spent some time with him and return'd to the guard house, spent some time with Capt. Wade and the other officers of the guard, and then I took charge of the redoubts myself where I was posted until 3 o'clock in the afternoon, when I was reliev'd by another subaltern and return'd to the guard house, drank some brandy, and Cordilla bro't me some dinner. After dinner I attended Maj. Trumbull and some other Connecticut gentlemen round on the lines, and soon after our return the enemy fired several shot and shells on our works. Toward night Maj. Brewer, Capt. Coit and some other gentlemen visited us, had a high campⁿ, &c. They left us as it grew dusk. The night following was remarkably light and pleasant. About two o'clock I went to the redoubt on the right of the road, where I staid till it grew quite light and was then relieved with my party. Col. Shepard and Capt. Robinson, who belong'd to the piquet, lodg'd in this redoubt until gun firing when they march'd off with the piquet. While I commanded the redoubt in the day time I attended four flags of truce, had considerable discourse with the regular officers, who told me of their dogs eating roast beef, chickens, &c. I also see one Mr. Parker, who desired me to acquaint Mrs. Green that he had certain intelligence that Capt. Callahan with whom her son David sail'd for Great Britain had arriv'd there in 29 days and landed his passengers all well. He also acquainted me of the

¹ The principal reference is to Sir William Johnson's victory over Baron Dieskau, at Lake George, Sept. 8, 1755. — Eds.

welfare of Dan^l Hubbard and family with their connections. I could do no less than ask some questions of this kind. I also made a great deal of enquiry after such regular officers as I had known in the army, was answer'd to every question in the most free, affable and polite manner, and indeed we held a discourse of near half an hour while some gentlemen were doing business, which appear'd agreeable enough on both sides. I propos'd to them to erect a coffee house for the convenience of such occasional conferences, upon which we held a considerable banter with good humor on both sides, and we finally parted with great appearance of friendship.

Sept. 9th, 1775. Sun about half an hour high I went again to the redoubt, where I continu'd until the guard was reliev'd, in which time we had two shot pass'd over our heads with a very quick motion, squeal'd very loud as they went by us. As Mr. Adams and I were bro't to by Capt. Peters who insisted on going with us to a suttler's where the gin sling pass'd very briskly untill it found a passage through the said capt's body into the chimney, with a very good grace and great confidence. About 11 o'clock I came home to my markee where I eat two pints of good bread and milk, and then spent about an hour very agreeably in reading seven letters which I received since the guard was reliev'd. These letters were most of them bro't by Mr. John Smith who came into the camp yesterday, I also see him this morning down at the guard house. In the afternoon I visited Corporal Spears who has somehow broke into the guard house while I was on duty. I then went with Cordilla to Col. Williams' house, found it very dirty, and more too. We spent some time in sweeping and cleaning up the room we have lodg'd in for some time. I then did some other little chores and went to writing the foregoing pages, and at night eat hasty pudding for supper. I then went to lodge at Col. Williams' with Cordilla again.

Sund. the 10th. In the morning I attended the alarm post as usual, only by means of the reg^t marching off earlier than usual I had the pleasure of walking down by myself; after we came back and attended prayers I eat some boil'd eggs with Capt. Jewett and Cordilla, then I eat some clams with Ens. Leffingwell, and before meeting I wrote a letter to my wife. I then heard Mr. Barnum from Isaiah 8th, 9th to the 15th. Between meetings I was some time in company with Spooner of Norwich, the printer, and some others. I then went to meeting again and heard Parson Ellis from Psalm 147th, 11th, and after meeting I took a walk with Lt. Brewster down on to the Neck, to view the works, &c. At night we were mightily surprised by two of our foolish fellows carelessly firing a gun in the camp. They are now both under guard with Corp^l Spears, and what will be the consequence I know not. In the evening I went again to Col. Williams' house to lodge, where I am now finishing writing for to night.

The 11th. I turn'd out very early, attended the alarm post as usual, &c., then went with John Smith to Lieut. Brewster's markee, where we eat breakfast together. I then went to Col. Williams' house where I wrote a letter to my father, one to Capt. Hubbard and one to my wife. I then went into the camp and up to Waterman's where I see J^r. Post, sent my letter to Capt. Hubbard by him. I then came home and wrote a letter to Cynthia and gave my letters to Mr. Smith and toward night he went away. After prayer the doings of the late regimental court martial was read and partly put in execution. I went down to Col. Douglas' quarters with Lt. Brewster; after I came home to my tent Maj. Clark came to my tent and undertook to reprove me for what I thought and still think to be my indispensable duty. Cordilla and I this night lodg'd in our new tent, being the first of our lodging in camp since Cordilla's sickness. We have lodg'd in the Col's house a fortnight, and being a very cold night we lay somewhat cold.

This day I understand our people have taken six regulars down toward Dorchester. They were carried to our general officers and then over to Cambridge.

The 12th. In the morning I attended the alarm post, &c., as usual, and after breakfast I went down to Col. Williams' house again and finish'd writing a letter to bro. Rudd, which I began yesterday, after which I wrote my yesterday's adventures, &c. Lt. Chamberlin is now here sick. In the afternoon I was warn'd on the piquet, and play'd a game at ball with the officers of the reg^t. At night I went on to the piquet on the left hand of the Neck, plac'd 8 centries down by the marsh and kept the remainder of our party up by the old house on the Neck. Soon after I had plac'd my first centries I was taken with a very sick turn which lasted me good part of the night. It was a cold uncomfortable night and I was glad when morning came, for I had no other lodg- ing than two rough bar posts, and best house we had was covered only with rails and poles.

The 13th. When the reg^t came to the alarm post I called in the centries and came home and dismiss'd my piquet, after which I turned in and slept a little. Some time in the morning I eat some clams for breakfast. I then went down to Col. Williams' to Lt. Chamberlin, but he was gone out, whereupon I sat and discours'd with the Col. some time upon several subjects, (viz.) the first settlement of this town, the place where old Mr. Eliot, call'd by Neal the Apostle of the Indians, lived and died, where he was buried, &c. Mr. Walter was buried in the same tomb. He also told me so much of his war adventures that I was tired of hearing them. When I came into the camp I found most of the officers at Capt. Ripley's tent, I join'd them and sign'd a petition to the Continental Congress for raising the wages of the captains and subalterns of the army. In the afternoon I took a walk up to

Jamaica Plains with Lieut. Chamberlin and Cordilla. Mr. Chamberlin turn'd up to Brookline Hospital, and Dilla and I came home alone. I have been much unwell most of this day, but hope a night's sleep will cure me, &c.

Roxbury Camp, Sept. 14th, 1775. In the morning went to the alarm post, &c., as usual. The fore part of the day I attended Doct. Turner as he went through the company among the sick in order to make out a weekly return, after which I went with the doct. to Col. Huntington's quarters, where we drank some punch, I then went with him up to the hospital at Hallowell's house, where I see our Asa Gates and James Fitzgerald who were sick there. I then went up toward the Punch Bowl with him to an old house where Lt. Campbell was sick. I came home about noon, and after dinner Lieut. Gove and I went over to Col. Parsons' reg^t, see Serg^t Maj. Cleveland, Serg^t Denison and Adjutant Day, spent some time with them and then some more in hearing Mr. Johnson pray, &c., then see a game at football and came home.

Sept. 15th. In the morning I was much unwell, but visited the alarm post, &c., as usual, but Ens. Leffingwell had lost his garters, &c. I wrote a letter to my wife and took a walk up on the hill; when I came back I was call'd on to go with Capt. Ripley and Lt. Gove to inspect some meat delivered to the regiment by the commissary, where-upon we found 30 bbl. of pork and 5 bbl. of beef that was unfit for use, and accordingly return'd. This morning we have a mighty report that the enemy are in hourly expectation of a reinforcement of 15,000 men, and that Gen^l Washington has sent orders for the other three companies of our regiment immediately to join us. Capt. Jewett came home from the main guard and told us that he had took a regular deserter the night past, &c. In the afternoon I went with Lt. Gove and Ens. Leffingwell up to the hospital at Hallowell's house, and from there with Leffingwell and Doct. Waldo 2 miles back in Roxbury to one Chamberlin's where Serg^t Huntington is sick. We had much agreeable discourse on the way and eat a great many apples and some watermellons at Deac. Murdock's as we came back. A little before daylight in we got back as far as the hospital, where we heard Serg^t Lyman sing a little and then went home into the camp late and weary.

The 16th. After the alarm post, &c., I eat a very good breakfast of warm bread and good camp butter with a good dish of coffee. I then set out with Capt. Jewett and went to both hospitals, (viz.) Hallowell's and Bernard's houses, to visit the sick. After we had seen them I parted with the captain at Hallowell's and went alone up to Chamberlin's to see Serg^t Huntington, found him much better than yesterday. I assisted in removing of him to another Chamberlin's house, not far distant from the first. I there eat a very homelike dinner, sat with the

people awhile and then set out for the camp. By the way I took a fancy to go across the lots, by which means I came on to an old burying yard, much run over to bushes: it is situate on the east side of the upper road, some way southward of the Peacock tavern. In this yard I found a very large tomb or vault with the mouth open, I conclude for the interment of Maj^r Mayo's son, who, I understand, died in the neighbourhood yesterday. I also had the curiosity to look into this solemn repository of the dead. I found it a large arch made of brick, perhaps on the inside about 10 feet square and in the center about as high from the bottom. I counted in it 16 coffins of different sizes, some of which appear'd very old and almost broke to pieces. After gratifying my curiosity as aforesaid I sat down in the upper part of the burying yard, where I wrote this with the two foregoing pages. I then came down to the Hallowell hospital, where I waited some time to see Doct. Turner, and at last he came home, and when he had given me some bitters for my boy I came down to the camp very weary, &c. This day toward night the enemy fired several shot on our guard, &c.

Sund. the 17th. In the morning I was much unwell, but favour'd by the rains preventing turning the regiment out to the alarm post. I heard Mr. Ellis from Matt. 6th, 6th, and about noon I went up to Waterman's, see Erastus Perkins, heard considerable discourse concerning Col. Dyer's insolence, which, if it be true, is a most shocking affair, and to be hoped will be made publick. In the afternoon I heard Mr. Ellis again on the same subject. After meeting a funeral of one of Capt. Ellsworth's men was attended up at Brookline, but being unwell myself I did not attend, but went up on the hill and then I went down into Roxbury street, where I found (according to Col. Williams' directions) the place of old Mr. Eliot's habitation. It is the same Mr. Eliot who was call'd by the ancient historians of this country the Apostle of the Indians. He was the first settled minister in Roxbury. I then went down into the burying yard but could not find the particular tomb wherein the old man was deposited. I spent near an hour in this yard in viewing the ancient inscriptions, &c. and then went round on the left of the line, where we have a new fort, and came over a small dant or dyke and up to Waterman's, where I set sometime in company with Col. Douglas, Maj. Thompson and Capt. Gale. The discourse was principally concerning Bushnell's machine, &c. I came into camp about sunset, and in the evening was some time in Lt. Chamberlin's tent, heard Ensⁿ Vaughn tell several stories, &c. Then went to bed and rested very well.

The 18th. I arose early in the morning and very well, attend the alarm post, &c., as usual, heard a famous report of an action of importance at St. John's which only wants confirmation to please people. After breakfast I wrote a letter to my wife. I also see Mr. Edgerton

and several other gentlemen from Norwich, heard that Mr. Isaac Tracy and Ben. Huntington, Esq. were chose representatives for Norwich. Some time before noon Cordilla went with Wm. Bidwell up into Roxbury about 4 miles, where Serg^t Huntington is sick, &c., not to return till tomorrow. Toward night Simon Gates came to me with a writing from Doct. Turner concerning his son Asa Gates of our company, who has been sick for some time. I went with him to Col. Huntington, Gen^l Spencer and Gen^l Ward, where we finally obtained a discharge for his son, after which we went down to the main guard. The enemy had fired a shot this day through the officers' room and slightly wounded two of the officers. After I had shewn Mr. Gates all the curiosities I was capable of, I return'd to camp and in the evening spent some time at Lieut. Chamberlin's tent, heard Ensⁿ Vaughn tell many stories, some of which were very extraordinary, &c.

Sept. the 19th, 1775. In the morning I attended the alarm post, &c., as usual, after which I took a very retired walk up on the south part of the hill. As I returned I came back by the new fort where Ens. Leffingwell commanded the working party. I staid there some time, see the regulars fire several shot, &c. After I came home I went up to Gen^l Ward's with Lt. Chamberlin of design to see some deserters, but when we came there we found we were too late, the prisoners being discharg'd and gone off, whereupon we came down to Col. Parsons' reg^t and made Lt. Bingham a visit. We had also some of the company of Maj. Prentice, Capt. Coit, Capt. Chapman, &c. When I came home I had a hearty dinner of pork and cabbage, and I then wrote a letter to my wife. While I was about it I was warn'd on the piquet for this night. Accordingly at the usual time I paraded and again took the piquet on the left of the neck, had no house but the clouds, which were somewhat leaky, by which means the night prov'd tedious and we wish'd for the day as heartily as St. Paul and his company did when they were shipwrecked.

The 20th. I dismissed my piquet in the morning as usual and went home and slept a nap. After breakfast I went with Ens. Leffingwell up to Waterman's where I see Azariah Lathrop, Russel Hubbard and some other Connecticut gentlemen. While we were there there fell a very heavy shower of rain. As I came home I met Charles Avery and Sam. Capron who gave me a letter from old uncle C^t. I also wrote the old man an answer this day. The night following was rather colder than we have had before.

The 21st. In the morning had a very cold turning out to the alarm post. After my return I wrote my wife a cold letter, and after breakfast I went with Lt. Chamberlin and Ens. Vaughn up to Hallowell's hospital, and from there I went to see Serg^t Huntington and Cordilla, who were up at old father Chamberlin's; found them pretty well; went

with Huntington up to one Daviss' where we eat a hearty meal of peaches and return'd to Chamberlin's where we eat a hearty dinner of pork and cabbage. After dinner Cordilla and I came home to the camp by way of the old burying place that I was at last Saturday. We there see another tomb open just by and much like the other that I see last Saturday. We look'd into it and observ'd twelve coffins, small and great; among them was one some broken, the lid of which I rais'd up with my staff and see the head of a corpse which was reduced to nothing but only the bones, the skin and flesh together with the burying clothes being entirely consum'd. We met Serg^t Harris at Jamaica Plain, drank some brandy with him and came into camp a little before night. I found that Quarter-master Fanning was return'd from Norwich. He afterwards gave me a letter from Mr. Joshua Lathrop, consequent on my writing to Capt. Hubbard the intelligence I gain'd concerning his connections in Boston on the 8th inst. I spent some time this evening with Sam. Capron at our tent: he gave us some account of the Stonington affair, &c.

The 22d. After visiting the alarm post, &c., as usual, I wrote to bro. Elisha and my wife, in order to send by Mr. Capron or Mr. Avery. I then took a walk up to the new fort with Lt. Bingham and Ens. Vaughn. Chamberlin was there on the works, &c. This being the day of the king's coronation, there was a round fired from the cannon of the ships in Boston harbor and also on the common. About 1 o'clock in consequence of a previous appointment I went to the Col's and din'd with him and a number of other gentlemen. In the afternoon it was very rainy and wet. Toward night my cousin Silas came into camp, brought me a letter from my wife and also an account of my friends' welfare at home. I went with Silas up to the meeting house, &c., then we came back and hunted till dark for his horse, but could not find him.

The 23d. Silas and I arose very early and instead of going to the alarm post I went with Silas to look for his horse. After some time we returned, not finding him, but after breakfast concluded to go back into the country and make inquiry, but before we left the camp we see a man coming in with the horse. I then went to Smith's tavern with Silas and the man that took up his horse, drank some brandy with them, and Silas and I went up to the meeting house and see the regulars fire, and while we stood looking on them the dogs have one shot right over our heads, it lodg'd near the fort on the hill. After gazing there a while we came back into the camp, fix'd ourselves and set off for Cambridge. We had a very pretty walk there, being troubled with no other company on the road. After spending a little time in town we went up on to Prospect Hill, view'd the works there and on Bunker Hill, &c., after which I went to Mr. Murray's quarters

but could not find him. We then came down into town again, found Jo. Williams, &c. He went and shew'd us Gen' Washington's quarters, &c. I there lit of a number of the Kirtlands, went to Peleg Hide's store where I set some time, and then Silas and I came back to Roxbury. This day there was upward of an hundred shot fired from the lines and battery of the regulars, without doing of us any material damage. There has not been so many shot fired in one day since we came into camp.

Sund. the 24th. In the morning I attended the alarm post, &c., as usual. Silas went with us. After we came back Silas and I went to take a breakfast with Capt. Peters and a number of other gentlemen, who were pretty high fellows. We then went with Lt. Brewster down to our lines on the Neck, view'd the works, &c. After we came back I went with Silas after his horse and he set off for Cambridge again. At about one o'clock I din'd with my old friend Burril and his wife. In the afternoon I heard Mr. Ellis from Hebrews 1st, 14th. After meeting I did some writing in my tent, and while I am thus employ'd Capt. Humphrys warn'd me for the main guard tomorrow. In the evening Silas came back from Cambridge, and lodg'd the night following in Lt. Gove's tent.

The 25th. I attended the alarm post, &c., as usual. Silas went with me, and at the usual time I went with Silas on to the parade in order for the main guard. I receiv'd charge of the 2d relief and went on to the redoubts, where I stay'd till the middle of the afternoon. I wrote a letter to my wife. Our people fired three shot on the regulars while I was there. When I was reliev'd I came to the guard house and join'd the officer of the guard. Capt. Hammond commanded the guard, Col. Wyllys was field officer of the day. In the evening Col. Leonard the field officer of the piquet with Capt. Stockbridge, who was lately wounded by a cannon ball in the guard-house, and also a number of other officers of the piquet came in with us, and the night was spent in a rakish rather than agreeable manner to me, however I went several rounds, the grand rounds among the rest, and on the whole had as comfortable a guard as we could well expect.

The 26th. Our guard was relieved in the usual time and manner by Capt. Ellsworth, &c. I then came up to Waterman's and took a breakfast with Col. Wyllys. About 10 o'clock came home to our tent, and went with Silas to Mr. Parker's after his horse. I also went with him on his way home up to Jamaica Plain, came back with Lt. Brewster. In the afternoon went with Lt. Pease over to Spencer's reg^t, spent some time at Capt. Robinson's tent in company with Capt. Chamberlin from Connecticut, &c. Pease and I then went up beyond the Punch Bowl tavern, to find him some white stockin'd woman, &c. As we came back I was in to see Lt. Humphrys and Lt. Mills, and

just at night Pease and I went down toward Dorchester to see Capt. Walbridge of Col. Brewer's reg^t, came back in company with Maj. Danielson, &c.

The 27th September, 1775. In the morning I attended the alarm post, &c., as usual, was then down at Lt. Brewster's tent to drink Ens. Perkins' cherry rum, came back and eat breakfast with Maj. Clark at our tent, after which I wrote my journal up to the present time. After dinner went with Capt. Jewett over to Col. Parsons', convers'd some with the Col. on account of the new adopted plan of filling up vacancies, &c. I then went up to Spencer's reg^t, see Mr. Whiting on the same account, and as I came home was catch'd in a hard shower of rain.

The 28th. In the morning I attended the alarm post, &c., as usual, then spent the greatest part of the forenoon in drawing a remonstrance to Gen^l Washington, and at noon din'd at the Col's tent with the Royal Lodge, and in the afternoon I went with the capt. over to Gen^l Spencer's reg^t, set sometime with Lt. Champion, then went down to Parsons' reg^t, was in at Maj. Prentice's tent, see Lt. Andrew Fitch, &c., there. I then heard Mr. Johnson pray and came home.

The 29th. After attending the alarm post, &c., I went over to Col. Parsons', had some discourse with him, then took a walk up on to the hill with Serg^t Major Cleveland, where we set and talk'd some time, I then came home and fell in company with Doct. Waldo. He din'd with me, and after dinner Capt. Jewett, the doctor and I went up to Brookline to see Ens. Leffingwell who is sick there. We then went a mile further in order to get some peaches, but found very poor picking indeed, so we came back about as light as we went. Call'd at Parsons' reg^t, see one of the continental commissions, which have of late made so much noise in the army, came home and at prayer see Capt. Rowley of our reg^t. In the evening Lt. Gove and I went to see Capt. Peters, set by his fire some time and then came home. It prov'd a very cold frosty night.

Sept. 30th, 1775. It was a very cold morning. I escap'd going to the alarm post on account of going on the fatigue party. At 7 o'clock received the tools and went into the new fort: soon after we got to work our people fired a shot from our front on the right of the lines, upon which the regulars return'd about 30 heavy cannon, which on account of the clearness of the air sounded much the best of any guns I have heard since I came into the camp: but I dont learn they have done any execution. Capt. Rowley and his officers came to me and spent some time with me while I was on the works this forenoon. At noon Lt. Gove and I were admitted into the regimental mess for the purpose of dining together. In the afternoon I attended the work at the front again. A ship came into the harbour, on which occasion there was many guns fir'd in Boston and on board the ship. Capt. Lyon's company came into town this day.

Sund. Oct. 1st. In the morning I attended at the alarm post, &c., as usual, then Beckwith and I took a walk up on the new fort, where we look'd out some time. After we came back I took a walk alone over beyond Gen^t Heath's house, and when I return'd I went [with] Lt. Chamberlin over to Spencer's reg^t. Heard Mr. Boardman¹ from Coloss. 1st, 19th, was in at Capt. Robinson's tent a little while and then came home. In the afternoon I heard Mr. Ellis from Hosea 5th, 4th, lik'd him but indifferently, &c. After meeting a number of us deliver'd our commissions to Capt. Humphrys in order for the Col. to carry them to Cambridge tomorrow, that so we may receive continental ones. In the evening I heard a report that Doct. Church, surgeon general, was detected in holding a correspondence with the enemy by letters, if true a very devilish thing indeed, and it is hop'd that time will discover the truth of the charge.

A few days past, it is said, that there was a large vessel taken at Cape Ann bound from Quebec to Boston loaded with provisions, and in it I understand is a packet from Governor Carlton to Gen^t Gage, with intelligence somewhat favourable to the Americans. I hope it is true.

The 2d. In the morning I attended the alarm post as usual, and after breakfast went with Lt. Gove and Ens. Vaughn up to Gen^t Spencer's and Col. Parsons' reg^{ts}, then we went down below the meeting house and see Col. Learned's reg^t as they were mustering before Mr. Mifflin, the muster master general. This day was the first of Lt. Gove and I dining with the officers' mess. After dinner I wrote a letter to my wife and went with Lt. Gove up to the sign of the Punch Bowl in order to send it home by Ens. Leffingwell. We staid there some time waiting to see Leffingwell and finally he came and receiv'd our letters and set off for Norwich as we set out for the camp. We came down to Col. Danielson's reg^t who were paraded in order to be muster'd, but the muster [master] general did not come seasonably, and so the reg^t were dismiss'd without. We then came home by way of Col. Walker's reg^t, see Lt. Robertson and some others play at nine holes, &c. In the evening Capt. Jewett went to Dedham in order to overtake Ens. Leffingwell to get some papers, &c., that were very necessary for the company. He return'd next morning, not finding him.

The 3d. In the morning it rain'd, by which means we were prevented attending the alarm post as usual. This forenoon I went with Lieut Gove up to Jamaica Plain to see Elijah Johnson who is sick. Coming back met Doct. Cogswell who told us considerable news concerning the famous Doct. Church, now confin'd at Cambridge for treachery, &c. Came back and din'd with the mess, Doct. Church was

¹ Rev. Benjamin Boardman, of Middle Haddam, Conn., chaplain of the Second Connecticut Regiment. His diary at the siege of Boston was printed in 2 Proceedings, vol. vii. pp. 400-413. — Eps.

all the toast. After dinner play'd a little at ball, &c. Toward night Capt. Belcher and Simon Brewster came into camp, by whom I hear of the death of old uncle Wm. Brewster, who died last week. The night following I lodg'd very cold and was much unwell.

Octob. 4th, 1775. Was a very chilly cold morning. It falling to my lot to provide a dinner for the mess I spent some time in providing the necessary materials, and about 10 o'clock went with Capt. Belcher, Lts. Gove and Chamberlin over to see Col. Parsons' reg^t muster. Coming back was in Eldredge's with Capt. Ripley, Lt. Hubbard and a great number of officers of Spencer's and Parsons' reg^{ts}. When we came home our people were at dinner. Col. Keyes dined with us, &c. After dinner we soon paraded in order to muster, and soon went through the ceremonies to good acceptance. Toward night it began to rain. Amos Andrus came into the camp, tells me of my family's being well when he left home. This day Lt. Turrel came into camp.

The 5th. Was a wet lowery day. Capt. Jewett and I went to the guard house, see Jonⁿ Harrington, who Serg^t Clark and Corp^l Burnham bro't home last night, he having deserted Col. Hitchcock's reg^t in the Rhode Island service and afterward inlisted under Lt. Gove. Clark and Burnham went after him last Saturday and found him at Smithfield in the Colony of Rhode Island. The capt. and I after making the old fellow a short visit went to Gen^l Spencer's for advice concerning him, upon which Clark and Burnham were sent to Cambridge with him. This day I wrote a letter to my wife and one to my father. In the evening we had a mighty rumpus about a certain corporal who it seems was somewhat groggy. A sergeant, &c., exerted himself much on the occasion, although not very much to his honour.

Roxbury camp, Oct. 6th, 1775. In the morning I attended the alarm post, &c., as usual, after which I wrote a letter to bro. Elisha in great haste in order to send with my other letters by Simon Brewster. I also went over to Col. Parsons' reg^t with Mr. Post. While we sit there we hear some cannon, on which we immediately went up on the hill where we spent about half an hour looking on the dogs to see them fire, in which time they gave us about an hundred shot. I understand they shot off a man's arm, belonging to Col. Brewer's reg^t and kill'd two cows. So much for 100 shot. After this I came back to our camp with Mr. Post and then went with him up to Waterman's, spent some time with him there and also see old Andrew Miner, with whom I served in my first campaign in 1756, under Col. Whiting, &c.¹ After attending my friend Post I came into camp about noon, when Cordilla gave me several letters. I read one from Cynthia to me and another

¹ William Whiting was appointed, in March, 1756, lieutenant-colonel of the Second Connecticut Regiment, to proceed on the expedition against Crown Point. See Conn. Col. Records, vol. x. p. 471. — Eds.

from Darius to Dilla, and being in haste to attend the officers at dinner put the rest of 'em into my pocket while after dinner, and drinking two glasses of wine when I went into my lodging tent, where I read a glorious letter from my wife, which was very entertaining. I immediately sat down and wrote her a long letter in return, after which I took a walk alone up on the hill and read my letter from bro. Elisha; it was principally concerning my neighbour Rogers' conduct. The reading of this letter edg'd my ill nature as much as the other had smooth'd it, however I return'd to camp and wrote a spirited answer to the last letter in order that it may be convey'd by Serg' Haskell to my brother, I being told he was to leave the camp tomorrow morning. When I had done this the sun was down and I went immediately on the piquet, took command of that party assign'd for the marsh, placed the centries and repair'd to a barn near the meeting house where we made our headquarters for the night. I spent part of the night in company with Ens. Babcock who commanded the meeting house guard. The night was pleasant, the moon shin'd while almost day, and I had on the whole a comfortable piquet. The night before this old Spears deserted.

The 7th. It is this day a year since the selectmen finish'd laying out the Haskell highway. I spent most of the forenoon in writing in my journal and other necessary writing. I was also in Lt. Chamberlin's tent a little while in company with Lt. Holdrich and Capt. Robertson. Holdrich sung a song or two, &c. About one I din'd at Maj. Clark's house, a very elegant house it is, and we had for our company beside the common mess Col. Danielson, Mr. Ellis, all the field officers of our regt, Maj' Trumbull, Mr. Keyes, Mr. Whiting, Eb. Huntington and several others. A very noble entertainment we had and agreeable conversation with the rest. After dinner we return'd to our camp, and there I found my old neighbour Jo. Randal, lately from Norwich. I had half an hour's discourse with him concerning my family and friends at home, which was more agreeable to me than the other, although among those suppos'd great ones. After this I took a walk with him over on to the hill above Parsons' regt, took a little view of the town of Boston, &c., after which I return'd home alone. At dinner Col. Danielson gave us a more full account of Doct. Church's past conduct than I have ever had before, by which it appears that no man on the continent could be more perfectly acquainted with the doings of all the congresses, both continental and provincial, as well as all other conventions wherein the common cause of liberty was concern'd than he, so that it seems he was perfectly furnish'd for a compleat traitor; that he has been much improv'd in the cause of liberty in the place of his nativity ever since the controversy began, and as he was undeniably a true patriot, he was admitted to go into Boston to attend the men

who were wounded and made prisoners at Bunker Hill on the 17th of June; that when he return'd he gave an account that he was treated roughly by Gage and confin'd for a considerable time. I have learn'd before that he has lately been a journey through the country as far as Philadelphia for the purpose aforesaid.

Sund. Octob. 8th, 1775. A wet lowery morning. In the forenoon I wrote a letter to bro. Rudd &c. In the afternoon I heard Mr. Ellis from Romans 13th, 7th. I liked the fore part of his discourse vastly well, much better than I had ever done any of his performances before, but as he drew toward a close he meddled a little with matters of religion and also gave some broad hints in the military way, in both of which according to his wonted practice he made very blundering work, — that is in my humble opinion so. In the evening Capt. Jewett and I went over to Col. Parsons' reg^t, made Capt. Sill, &c., a visit. Col. Parsons came in there and had much to say about the alarm post, &c.

The 9th. I arose at 4 o'clock, the moon shone very bright and pleasant, we attended the alarm post, &c., as usual, immediately after which I wrote my yesterday's adventures and observations, and after breakfast went up to the meeting house to see one of the rifle-men receive his punishment, which was whipping 39 lashes and drum'd out of the reg^t with great ceremony, &c. After I came back I wrote to my father, and at noon din'd in the mess as usual, after which I went down to Col. Douglas' to carry some letters to send home by Seth Smith. When I came there I lit of Maj. Whiting and Mr. John Perrit from Norwich. Perrit reminded me of my letter I sent to Capt. Hubbard, which letter he said he had seen. Toward night I went with Lt. Gove down to the main guard, to make Capt. Peters and Lt. Eb. Brewster a visit, set with them some time, &c. In the evening I set some time with Lt. Chamberlin and his brother from Connecticut, they had this day been to Cambridge, but I dont learn much news by them. Last night I heard of the death of Col. Conant of Mansfield and Mr. Hillhouse of New Haven.

The 10th. I attended the alarm post, &c., as usual, after which I went by Capt. Jewett's order up to Jamaica Plain to apply to Doct. Turner for his assistance in procuring discharges for Silas Leonard, Levi Luther and Tim^y Brainard. I obtain'd his certificate, eat a very good breakfast with the doctor and some other gentlemen and ladies, had considerable discourse with the doctor about Norwich affairs, &c. I there also see Doct. Cogswell, who shew'd us the substance of Doct. Church's letters, which have been the occasion of so much noise both in camp and country. I also heard of the wonderful success of the renown'd British fleet and troops in the late glorious attack and cannonade at Rhode Island in which, although they expended no more than about one hundred and sixty shot, yet it is said they have kill'd or

mortally wounded two whole geese. I have as yet not heard what damage his majesty's fleet have receiv'd from the geese in this warm and important engagement, or whether they have not come off entirely without loss, but the latter seems unlikely, although it is not impossible, since the natural and acquired abilities of both the commander and people are so incomparably great. After breakfast I came back to Col. Huntington's, got his approbation on the doctor's certificate, and then repaired to Gen^l Ward, by whom I obtain'd full discharges for the three men. I then return'd to my own incampment and at noon din'd with the officers as usual. Immediately after dinner I assisted with Lt. Bissell and Lt. Gove in apprising the effects of the late Asa Chapman, deceas'd, of Col. Huntington's company; after which service was accomplish'd I also assisted in a settlement of an affair between Lt. Hall and Doct. Waldo, concerning the ride of an horse to Connecticut, &c. In the evening Capt. Pease and I took a walk up to the Hallowell hospital. I wanted to see Doct. Turner to shew him a letter that I just now received from Dan^l Hall, some passages of which I did not understand, nor was the doctor able to explain it. We came home early in the evening. I found the boys alone, eat some supper and went to writing, and the boys went off to bed; but after some time a boy came and call'd me to go to Lt. Brewster's markee, where I found most of the officers of the reg^t, sat down and drank several plump toasts with them for about the space of an hour, then came home and turned in with Cordilla in my bed room.

The 11th. In the morning attended the alarm post, &c., as usual, and after breakfast I went with a number of men and an horse cart into Boston and brought out a load of brick to build us a chimney. At 11 o'clock the officers of the reg^t waited on Capt. Ellsworth, received a generous drink of punch, and at about one our mess din'd together. Col. Douglas, &c., was with us. After dinner we played a little at ball. I then wrote an answer to my friend Hall's letter, which employ'd me while night, and in the evening I sat some time in the regimental tent in company with most of the officers of the reg^t. Lt. Turrel gave us a moderate drink of wine, being ready to depart on the morrow, having previously obtain'd a discharge. We came home and turn'd in between 8 and 9 o'clock, soon after which we had a smart thunder-shower, which wet us considerably in our tents.

The 12th. It rain'd some in the morning, which detain'd us some time from going to the alarm post, but after a while Maj. Clark and I went down and the reg^t soon follow'd. When we arriv'd we found Col. Huntington there; he confirm'd the news we heard yesterday concerning the sickness of our army at Montreal, and also of the report of the Hanoverian and British troops expected from Europe. Time only will discover to us the consequences of these things. After breakfast I

went up to Jamaica Plain to see Doct. Turner, in order to obtain a furlough for John Louden, but the doctor being in haste could do nothing about it at present. I had also an invitation this day to dine at Waterman's on turtle, but to avoid excess of company, &c., together with extravagance of expence I did not go, but spent most of the day in writing, began on a new subject, &c. In the evening was in at Lt. Chamberlin's tent some time and turn'd in early. Between 12 and 1 this night the Pilgrims' Progress by moonlight went through the camp, wanted Ens. Bingham should rise and look on the upper side of the moon to see what the weather would be, had also many other astronomical observations too tedious to be here inserted, but finally this mighty phenomenon to our great sorrow disappear'd and according to his own threatenng did not return till after our return from the alarm post, &c.

The 13th. Attended the alarm post, &c., as usual, after which I went up to the Hallowell house, obtain'd Doct. Turner's certificate concerning Louden, then apply'd to Col. Huntington for his approbation, and when I had procur'd that I went to Gen' Ward and procured a furlough for the said John Louden for 15 days. This day our mess din'd at Col. Douglas', had a very good entertainment, &c. This day also we began to build our chimney. Toward night I was in at Lt. Andrus' tent, when Mr. Ellis and Mr. Ives came in there, had some conversation with them, &c. At night I went on to piquet. Maj. Mitchell was the field officer, &c. Capt. Robinson of Stafford was with us. We spent the night chiefly at the main guard house, but I wore the pavements in Roxbury street some by walking, &c., but however, on the whole, we had a very comfortable piquet and in the morning following Capt. Robinson came home with me. He and I sat some time together. He also told me last night of the death of the old widow Abiah Andrus. She was his own aunt. I also heard yesterday of the deaths of John Bishop's wife and Elijah Bishop's wife. I also see Amasa Standish, who tells me that he understood two of my children were sick last week of the camp distemper, which news gives me great uneasiness, &c.

Roxbury Camp Octobr 14th, 1775. About noon I receiv'd a very obliging letter from my friend Hall. Dined in the mess as usual, waited a long while for the bak'd beef and mutton. Toward night Doct. Turner was here, we had considerable musical discourse, &c. Nat. Bishop was also here lately arriv'd from Norwich, but I learn nothing from any of them how it is with my family.

Sund. the 15th. Attended the alarm post, &c., as usual, after which Cordilla and I fix'd ourselves and set off for Cambridge, went by Brookline fort, and from there on the west side of Cambridge river up to the bridge, then went into town, made a little stop at Jabez Post's quarters, and then to Maj' Durkee's, and after a short conference with him went

up on to Prospect Hill, expecting to hear Mr. Murray,¹ but was unhappily disappointed by hearing another of the old reading Trojans from 2d Corin. 10th, 4th, 5th. After the forenoon exercise was over I had a long conversation with a Boston capt. concerning Doct. Church, &c. Cordilla and I then went over to Plow'd Hill, took a view of that, and from there to Winter Hill, view'd the works and incampment there and then back to Prospect Hill, call'd at Gen' Green's to enquire after Mr. Murray, and by means of his directions I soon found him, had considerable discourse with him and one Stephens from Cape Ann, we also din'd with them and Gen' Green, had a choice good dinner with genteel accommodations, after which Mr. Murray, Mr. Stephens and I took a very agreeable walk together and we parted in Col. Sergeant's reg^t. Dilla and I then went down into Cambridge town, and after shewing him Gen' Putnam's, Gen' Washington's and the commissary gen'^l's quarters, with a number of other curiosities, we came over the bridge and home; but by the way we met Serg^t Huntington and had his company. In the evening spent some time with the officers at the major's quarters, we had a very good drink of punch, &c.

The 16th. In the morning we attended the alarm post as usual, and after that and breakfast Elisha Colt, Cordilla and I went down to Dorchester, intending to get a permit of Col. Fellows to go over on to Dorchester Neck and get some hearthstones for our tent, but the Col. refused giving us a permit, and so of consequence we got no hearthstones but came back as light as we went. We dined in the mess this day as usual, after which we played ball most of the afternoon, and when we had done with that we went to Keyes' and took a game at another play more agreeable, if possible, than the other; it was in fact no other than a game at brandy sling, and we all got the game too and yet none of us beat nor got beat, but all came off good fellows, &c. Randal was there, sung us several songs, &c. The evening following Capt. Jewett and I wrote, each of us, a letter to our wives: it was very late when we had done.

The 17th. In the morning attended the alarm post as usual. After I came back I wrote another letter to my wife and did some other writing (viz.) this and the foregoing page. After dinner play'd a game at ball as usual, and then to writing again, &c. About sunset took a walk with Doct. Turner up to Jamaica Plain, visited Capt. Hubbard, &c. He is sick there. I then came back to the Hallowell hospital with the doctor, found considerable company there and among others was some young ladies. Several songs were sung, and a german flute was also occupied a little. I sat with them, drank a glass of wine and came

¹ Rev. John Murray, the founder of Universalism in America. He was at this time chaplain of the Rhode Island brigade, and was afterward minister of the Universalist Society in Gloucester, Mass. — EDS.

away a little after 8 o'clock. I came home alone, the 9 o'clock gun fired as I was coming home. I went into Lt. Chamberlin's tent, sat some time in his company, when we heard a very heavy report of a cannon, and after some time we heard several other cannon, the loudest that I have heard since I came into camp. We also heard a number of small arms in the night.

October 18th, 1775. After attending the alarm post, &c., as usual, Asael Cook came into camp, bro't me two letters, one from my wife and the other from cousin Silas; they give me the agreeable account of my family being in health, which is the more acceptable at this time as I have lately heard that two of them were sick of the camp distemper, which by the letters receiv'd I understand was a mistake and arose from the two youngest children lately being exercised with unusual swellings on their necks, but I learn the poor little things are better. Mr. Cook also bro't me a shirt and pair of breeches. After reading my letters with peculiar attention I took a walk with Col. Douglas and Mr. Hillyer down to the meeting house, on purpose to find the certainty of the last night's adventure in the extraordinary firing, &c., and after the best inquiry, &c., we learn that one of our floating batteries came down Cambridge river and fired many cannon into Boston, by the last of which the gun split, kill'd one man outright and wounded six or seven others, some of whom are said to be mortally wounded, but we have not yet the certainty of the particulars. Dined in the mess this day as usual, after which had a little exercise in the military way. A number of us had then a famous controversy on account of a ticket of Ens. Perkins', but it was finally amicably settled like many other affairs at Keyes' in the continental way. In the evening Capt. Jewett, Lt. Gove and I went up to the Hallowell hospital to see Doct. Turner, we spent the evening very agreeably, had what Capt. Jewett call'd a raising, &c., came home about 10 o'clock, were challeng'd by the sentries, &c.

The 19th. Now in the morning it is lowery, by which we are prevented attending the alarm post. I have done some writing and am now engag'd about breakfast, have salt pork and onions fry'd and also some boil'd eggs. After breakfast I wrote a letter to my wife and one to Prosper Rudd. After dinner I spent some time in company with Asael Cook, Randal and Abra. Adams, who were at our tent. Cook was going home, I wrote by him, &c. At night I went on to the piquet. Col. Wylls was the field officer who commanded. The night was very cold and wet, the most tedious tour of duty I have done in camp this season; we were also alarm'd the latter part of the night by the enemy firing on the redoubts, by which means I had another tour at the advanc'd posts, &c. I also this night catch'd two big falls, by reason of the excessive darkness of the night.

The 20th. In the morning our piquet were dismiss'd as usual, and I came up to Waterman's with Col. Wyllys and Ens. Nevens, where we drank some brandy sling and parted. I came home and provided a dinner for the mess this day. It is a damp lowery day, but we exercised considerably under the direction of Col. Douglas.

The 21st was a very rainy day. The discourse of the day is chiefly taken up on the affair of engaging to continue in the service till the 1st of Jan^y. The officers engag'd, &c. At night Capt. Jewett and Lt. Gove went on piquet. Elisha and I wrote considerably.

Sunday the 22d. Attended the alarm post, &c., as usual, and after breakfast we call'd out the company and made a tryal to see who would stay in the service till the 1st of Jan^y next, but not a man would engage. After this Capt. Jewett and I went up to Jamaica Plain to hear Mr. Gordon.¹ He is an old country man, was a minister some time in London, has now been settled about five years in Roxbury and has been chaplain to the continental and provincial congress, lately come home from Philadelphia. Sermon was partly done when we got to meeting, so that we heard but part. At noon the capt. and I went up to one Louder's where our Elijah Johnson is sick. They treated us there with a good dinner, &c. We came back in the afternoon, heard Mr. Gordon again from Psalm 13th, 3d, 4th, 5th and 6th. I liked his discourse the best of any preaching that I have heard since I came into camp. As we came home we call'd at Cap. Williams' to see Asa Kene, and also at the Spencer hospital to see Wallis and Mullendine. When we came home Mr. Beckwith shewed us some orders respecting a future campaign, which seems to be matter of great exercise to my mind, but however I intend to sleep on it for advice, &c. This night Capt. Ripley came into camp, having lately been home to Connecticut on furlough.

The 23d. Attended the alarm post, &c., as usual. After breakfast I went with Serg^t Clark up to Jamaica Plain to see Doct. Turner, took a walk with him among the sick, &c. I then came back, was much engag'd in writing, and about one went to Col. Douglas' to dine with the mess. After our return I learnt that Serg^t Huntington and Corp^t Billings were going home on furlough, on which I hurried myself in finishing two letters I had then begun, one to bro. Rudd and the other to my wife. I finished them both and went to work on another which then engag'd my attention much, and just as I had done it in comes Lt. Eb. Brewster, Lt. Gallop, Sam. Ellis and some others, who set some time with me, and then I went with them up to Waterman's and from there down to Gen^l Spencer's, see Gov. Griswold, &c., then return'd to Waterman's, eat some neat's tongue and chicken pie, see his excellency

¹ Rev. William Gordon, minister of the Third Church in Roxbury (Jamaica Plain). He was afterward the author of a "History of the Rise, Progress, and Establishment of the Independence of the United States." — Eds.

and the honorable committee of Congress, after which I came home and began to write a letter to my wife, was interrupted by some noisy centries, so that I was prevented from finishing my work this night and therefore adjourn'd it.

The 24th. In the morning attended the alarm post as usual, and when I came back I hurried myself in order to finish my letter to my wife, expecting Ellis would immediately call for it, but he not coming along I went with Lt. Gove up to the Hallowell hospital, see Doct. Turner, spent some time with him, &c. I then return'd home, din'd in the mess as usual, &c., after which I finish'd a piece of writing that I intended for the Col., &c. About sunset Sam. Ellis came into our camp, I went with him to Col. Huntington's quarters in order to procure a discharge for his son, and after the Col.'s approbation I went with Ellis to Gen^l Spencer's and also to Gen^l Ward's where we procur'd a final discharge for Peter Ellis of our company. Gen^l Ward also told me of the ministerialists destroying a town at Casco Bay, &c. I came home some time in the evening, visited my friend Newel, had considerable conversation with him on certain affairs known only to us ourselves, &c. There was also a great noise among the soldiers this evening; some call'd it mutinous, seditious, &c.

The 25th. In the morning I attended the alarm post, &c., as usual. It was very cold, &c. Sam. Ellis was with us a little while in the morning. This forenoon there was what may be call'd in the Continental language a devilish noise among some of the officers about the last night's affair. There was also a consultation among some of the officers on the affair, and also respecting who would and who would not continue in the service, &c. Serg^t Clark and clerk Beckwith were highly accus'd in the last night's affair, examin'd and caution'd at our tent. I also wrote considerable of the foregoing affairs this forenoon. We din'd together as usual. Parson Ellis was also with us. In the afternoon I wrote a letter to Gen^l Putnam, after which I took a walk up to Jamaica Plain, where I lit of Ens. Leffingwell as he was coming into camp, having been home for some time on furlough. I return'd into camp with Leffingwell and in the evening was in company at Capt. Pease's where we drank flip plentifully.

Roxbury Camp, Octob. 26th, 1775. In the morning I neglected the alarm post as I was going on duty. Mr. Ellis took breakfast with us, and while we were eating we had a little dispute concerning ecclesiastical establishments, which I spoke somewhat slightly about, on which the parson signified that if I was of such sentiments he wish'd I was in Rome or some other country, on which I told him I chose to be here and let those bigots who so much resembled the church of Rome go there, so as to enjoy their own opinions and have them establish'd by human, or rather inhumane, laws. The old fellow then pertinently replies, You have now given me tit for tat.

At the usual time I mounted the main guard with Capt. Liscomb of Walker's reg^t. He came from Taunton, &c. I had also with me Lts. Shaw, Howland, Cobern, Goodrich and Ed. Brewster. The weather was comfortable and we had much company, among others I visited the lines with Col. Douglas and Jonas Brewster. In the afternoon we had great plenty of ladies who came to view the lines, &c., by which means our capt. was absent when the field officer of the day, Col. Putnam, visited the guard. The night was spent pretty jolly, &c., the grand round somewhat on tricks.

The 27th. In the morning we had a very jolly time of it till our guard was reliev'd at the usual time, and nothing extraordinary has happen'd during our guard, unless it be the news of four thousand troops landing at Virginia. This was told us in the morning by Col. Bailey when he came to the alarm post. Just as I came home from my guard Lt. Chamberlin set off for Connecticut on furlough. About one din'd in the mess as usual, after which I was requested to settle an affair or rather a question between Capt. Ellsworth and clerk Newel, the consequence of which was one quart of wine in favour of the former. After I, with the assistance of one Ens. Paine from Bolton drinking of the wine, &c., I came home and wrote an honest letter to old uncle C^t. While I was thus employ'd Mundator Tracy and Jonas Brewster came to our markee, sat with us some time, and in the evening I have now undertaken to write again, but our good neighbour Capt. Pease is come in to see us, so I must desist for the present.

The 28th. In the morning I attended the alarm post, &c., as usual, see Mr. Gale from Norwich when on the parade, &c. After breakfast I went up to Jamaica Plain, see our sick, I also met Doct. Turner as I was returning home, conversed with him a little on our camp affairs, &c. It now rains considerably, the wind at N. E. and looks likely for a tedious storm. Just at night I went to Col. Huntington in order to procure a furlough for Jacob Williams, but could not obtain it. A tedious stormy night follow'd.

Sund. the 29th. Attended the alarm post in the morning as usual, after which the capt. and I between us made a very good toast and the boys a good dish of chocolate, and so we had a very good breakfast. This forenoon I wrote a letter to bro. Elisha, and while I was about it Capt. Elisha Lathrop made me a visit. I spent some time with him, &c. In the afternoon I heard Mr. Ellis from Coloss. 4th, 2d. After meeting I lit of Deac. Huntington from Norwich. He gave me a letter from Prosper Rudd and also some for Cordilla, read them with much satisfaction, &c. In the evening I began to write a letter to my wife, but was oblig'd to leave it and go up to the Hallowell hospital with Capt. Jewett and Lt. Gove. We made Doct. Turner a visit. We also see Capt. Chester and young Eb. Huntington there, heard some

very good singing, &c. When we came home we found that Capt. Jewett and I were warn'd for a court martial tomorrow. I also heard this night at Doct. Turner's of the death of old Sheriff Christophers at N. London and of Lt. Wadsworth of Spencer's reg^t who is to be buried under arms tomorrow.

The 30th. I attended the alarm post, &c., in the morning as usual, after which I was invited down to Lt. Brewster's markee to drink brandy sling, and after breakfast Capt. Jewett and I fix'd off for the general court martial at Smith's tavern, and after a very long and spirited debate concerning Eb. Huntington's being admitted as a member, which finally terminated in the affirmative, we went upon business and entered on the tryal of one [*blank*] for stealing Capt. Liscomb's pocket book. We got but part through the cause and adjourn'd till tomorrow morning 9 o'clock. Capt. Jewett, Mr. Hillyer and I then came home and dined at the mess, after which a number of us went up to Jamaica Plain to attend Lt. Wadsworth's funeral. He died at the widow Newel's. A little after we came to the house Capt. Scott of that reg^t invited us into the house. We first went into the large south room, where the corpse lay; there was also the deceas'd's mother, who is a widow, and her son, a young man, who both came into town yesterday after the Lt. was dead. After looking at the corpse Capt. Scott led us up into a large handsome chamber where was two large pictures of men almost as big as their full size, who they were I could not learn but understood they were some of the Boston Tories. Beside these we observ'd the effigies of old Caleb and Joshua, when they return'd to the Israelitish camp with each of them a back load of the grapes of Eschol. After viewing those curiosities awhile and the people came to attend the funeral, we went down. Mr. Boardman made a very loud prayer, after which the coffin being plac'd on a bier in the yard and cover'd with a very curious black velvet burying cloth lin'd with black silk, having six tassels as large as large thistles hanging by cords about half a yard long, and two drawn swords dress'd in mourning laid crossing each other on the top of the coffin, — the procession then began in the following manner (*viz.*) 1st an advanc'd guard of about 20 men commanded by a subaltern, who march'd with revers'd arms, then follow'd the sergeants of the reg^t, who serv'd as bearers and march'd in the front of the corpse, then follow'd immediately after three carriages in which rode the mourners with some other ladies, next to them follow'd the officers of Spencer's reg^t in two ranks, then the other officers of the army in like manner, then the standard of the reg^t carried by Ens. Huntley and display'd with a broad black ribband fix'd at the top of the staff, then follow'd the drums and fifes of the reg^t dress'd in mourning, and the reg^t followed with revers'd arms, Capt. Wells and Capt. Wills bringing up the rear of the whole procession, — the musick

playing a funeral march constantly during the whole march which was a mile and a half, and during the last half mile Brookline bell toll'd constantly and until the funeral was quite over. The whole was conducted in the most decent and orderly manner, and made in my opinion the most beautiful and solemn appearance that I have ever seen upon a like occasion.

I return'd home a little after sunset and receiv'd a letter from my friend Hall, which I read with great pleasure and satisfaction. I then spent most of the evening in writing some of the foregoing pages, and now our people are all gone to bed and I think it prudent to follow their example, &c. But after I quitted the markee, and as I was going to my lodging I espy'd Ens. Vaughn Water, or some other man at his tent, much engag'd at cutting up something as I suppose of the wooden species, but however I ask'd no questions for conscience sake, considering the earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof.

The 31st. I attended the alarm post, &c., as usual, after which I was for a short space in company at Capt. Ellsworth's markee upon a special occasion, upon the miut order, in the continental way, &c. After breakfast Capt. Jewett and I hurried off for the general court martial, in order to be surely at the place by 9 o'clock, the time appointed for that purpose. We came there in good season, and at half after 9 the court was open'd. Two prisoners were try'd on suspicion of theft, — they belong'd to Col. Walker's reg't and were confin'd by Capt. Liscomb; — and also two others for being absent from their company without liberty, — the two latter were confin'd by Col. Putnam; — but they were all acquitted and doings of the court martial also approv'd by the general. This court consisted of the following officers (*viz.*) Col. Bailey, president, Capt. Chester, judge advocate, members, Capts. Wells, Campbell, Peters and Jewett, Lts. Danford, Grey, Pope, Stidson, Fitch, Ely, Huntington and Whipple. At about 1 o'clock, having accomplish'd the business for which we were appointed, we adjourn'd until Friday next, supposing that the general would dissolve the court before that time. We then came home and din'd in the mess as usual. I had this forenoon two remarkable fits of sickness, which although they continu'd but a short time yet they were very severe and uncomfortable, but I was soon as well as ever. The afternoon we spent chiefly in playing ball, and at night I unexpectedly went on piquet. It fell to my lot to fall under the command of Capt. Rowley, who commanded the piquet on the left. The fore part of the night I spent at the main guard house in company with Capt. Spicer who commanded the main guard. Capt. Trowbridge, Lt. Mills, Ens. Huntley, Ens. Leffingwell, &c., were with us. The latter part of the night I spent at the redoubt, and a cold tedious time I had, but daylight reach'd us in the morning or I don't know what we should have done.

November 1st, 1775. In the morning I left the piquet and made

Capt. Peters a short visit, &c. After breakfast Capt. Jewett and I went up to the Hallowell hospital, spent some time there with Doct. Turner, &c. I also lit of John Andrus at Parker's, spent some time with him and came back to camp in company with Serg^t Carpenter, &c. A little after 12 din'd in the mess as usual, after which play'd a game at ball, exercis'd the firelock a little, &c., after which I began to write a letter to my wife, and in the evening I made Col. Leonard a little visit. This night we had a plaguy rumpus about Serg^t Harris' boy and old Swift of Col. Huntington's company.

The 2d. In the morning I attended the alarm post, &c., as usual, after which I assisted in releasing old Swift from his confinement at the quarter guard on account of Harris' boy, &c. I then shav'd, fix'd myself a little and set off for Cambridge. I went most of the way alone. The generals also overtook me while on the road. I made a short visit at Gen^l Putnam's and then went to his reg^t, fell in company with Capt. Jed. Waterman, Lt. Huntington, Lt. Andrew Fitch, &c. Spent considerable time, din'd with them and heard the reading of an handbill from Salem which gave an account of a rupture at home, &c. I then went up into Cambridge town, took a walk in the burying yard agreeable to my wonted practice, for the purpose of viewing curiosities. The first which engaged my attention was a large tombstone of a very elegant make but no kind of inscription on it, although it was supported by five large curious stone pillars. There was indeed on the top of the tombstone the figure of the sun and under it that of a wine glass curiously engrav'd on the stone, which gave me to understand that the person there interred was accustom'd to drink wine by daylight, &c.¹ I then made Jo. Williams a visit and also Jabez Post, after which I call'd in at the old woman's where they sell apple pies, I there eat an apple pie, and drank some flip, after which I came off and soon fell in company with a man who lately belong'd to Boston, as he tells me. I had much discourse with him on the road, concerning the people of Boston, &c. I made a little stop at the Punch Bowl, where there was fiddling and dancing in great plenty. After sitting and resting myself a little I came home a little before daylight in. When I came home the boys told me many stories concerning affairs transacted while I was gone, 1st, that the quarter guard was augmented and commanded by a subaltern. 2dly, that Reuben Reed was confin'd on account of a very devilish affair indeed, it is for threatening to rescue a prisoner confin'd at our quarter guard and also speaking contemptuously of the most sacred Serg^t Lyman. After I came home I spent some time in writing the foregoing observations, and went to bed at the usual time.

November 3d, 1775. In the morning it was very stormy, wind at N. E., rain'd hard, &c. Capt. Jewett came off from piquet, and after

¹ The reference is to the Vassall tomb. See N. E. Hist. and Gen. Register, vol. xvii. p. 114, note. — Eds.

breakfast I went to Lt. Brewster's markee where I spent some time, convers'd with him much on the Reuben Reed affair. Then I went to Capt. Pease's markee, spent some time with him and Serg^t Lyman, who sung several tunes, &c. I then came home, the boys got some dinner, and I am now at writing, &c.

Nov. 4th, 1775. In the morning I arose early in order to attend the alarm post but was prevented on account of the weather, which was something lowery and cold. After breakfast I apply'd myself to making the necessary preparation for dinner, it falling to my lot to provide for the mess this day. About noon Capt. Cleft, Lt. Mills and a number of our officers came into our markee, we drank sling a little and then join'd the mess for dinner, after whjch Capt. Jewett, Ens. Leffingwell and I made a settlement of our company affairs, &c. Toward night Leffingwell and I went up to the Hallowell hospital, see Doct. Turner, &c. In the evening I was down at Lt. Brewster's markee to enquire after the fate of poor Reuben Reed, found favourable intelligence, &c.

Roxbury camp, Nov. 5th, 1775, Sund. In the morning I attended the alarm post, &c., as usual, and after breakfast went to Gen' Ward's and procured a discharge for Jonas Mullendine, and after I came back Capt. Jewett and I went up to the Hallowell hospital, acquainted Mullendine of his discharge, &c. Then the capt and I went to meeting expecting to hear Mr. Gordon, but was disappointed and oblig'd to hear Mr. Johnson of Lyme from Jeremiah 3d, 4th. After the forenoon exercise was over we went up to Mr. Lowder's to see about an horse which the capt. had previously engag'd to ride to Connecticut. We then came directly home to camp, but a little before we got home were alarm'd by a remarkable firing of cannon in Boston, and also on board the ships, &c. This we suppose to be on account of the Gunpowder Treason affair. I found in camp Jonⁿ Rudd and a number of other West Farms people who came down to camp with teams. After spending some time with them at our markee I went with Jonⁿ, Cordilla and a number of Col. Huntington's men down to the lines, shew'd Jonⁿ the works, &c. When we came back it rain'd considerably.

The 6th. In the morning I attended the alarm post, &c., as usual, after which I wrote a letter to my wife, assisted Capt. Jewett in making out some accounts for him to carry home to Connecticut, he intending to set out to morrow. About 1 o'clock I din'd in the mess as usual, after which I undertook to write a long letter to old Mr. Isaac Tracy, which employ'd most of the time I could get until bed time. In the evening Capt. Robinson was in at our markee some time, &c. After our people were gone off to bed I finish'd my letter to Mr. Tracy and then wrote another to my wife while the camps were very still, &c.

The 7th. In the morning it rain'd very steadily, which prevented the capt. from pursuing his journey according to appointment, and also

prevented the reg^t from attending the alarm post. At 9 o'clock I went on to the meeting house quarter guard, relieved another Lt. in usual form, &c. Soon after placing our first sentries as I was walking by the door Maj. Clark came to me and gave me some account of the new arrangement of officers in our reg^t, &c., soon after which I came up into the pulpit and wrote some of the foregoing pages. About 12 o'clock the tide is the highest I have ever seen it in this place. At 3 o'clock Cordilla bro't my dinner, and I eat it on the breast of the pulpit for a table. Toward night it grew windy and cold. A tedious night follow'd, the latter part of which I spent chiefly in walking out, visiting the sentries, &c. Very early in the morning I had a conference with Col. Huntington on my affairs, &c., as he was going to the alarm post, but I learn that the race is not to the swift nor battle to the strong, they are much on the predestinarian plan and their fancies petty deities.

After being reliev'd as usual on the 8th inst. I set some time in Capt. Humphrys' markee in company with Doct. Turner, &c. About noon Mr. Dan' Brewster came into camp, bro't me a very agreeable letter from my wife. We then din'd in the mess as usual, and after dinner concluded for the future to drop the custom on account of the badness of the weather, &c. I went this afternoon with Lt. Gove and Mr. Brewster up to Waterman's, where we see one Mr. Lewis and some ladies who had just come out of Boston with some of their effects which were lodg'd at the main guard house. After spending some time in company here we went down to Capt. Peters', but he not being at home we went over to Parsons' reg^t and then came home a little after sunset. I also see Alpheus Jones and some other of our old neighbours this evening. This morning Capt. Jewett set off for Connecticut.

Nov. 9th, 1775. In the morning I attended the alarm post, &c., as usual, after which I was in company at Capt. Ellsworth's markee a little while in order to drink mint, &c. After breakfast I wrote a letter to my wife, then went with Mr. Brewster down on the lines, and as we were coming back we were alarm'd by a brisk cannonade over at Cambridge, which lasted for some time, together with the firing of small arms. We soon perceiv'd that the regulars were landing men on Lechmere's Point. We stood on the hill, view'd them awhile and came into our camp, soon after which the drums were ordered to beat to arms and the reg^t turn'd out, their arms and ammunition examin'd, &c. This afternoon and evening I took a great deal of pains to procure a discharge for Corp^l Sterling and a furlough for Jacob Williams, the latter of which I obtain'd this night and the other in the morning. I also this night wrote a letter to Capt. Hubbard at Norwich. It was a very tedious stormy night.

The 10th. In the morning I went to Gen' Ward's to accomplish Sterling's discharge. As I was coming back Mr. Brewster met me

and we went again to Capt Peters'. We then came home, eat some breakfast, and I wrote a letter to bro. Elisha. After I had done that Mr. Brewster went off, &c., soon after which Lt. Kirtland and old Mr. Caleb Fobes came to see me, set with us sometime, &c. At night I was unexpectedly warn'd on piquet, went down to the main guard house, where I found Capt. Gale, Capt. Ingersol and a great number of other officers. The second division on the left fell to my lot, and a very muddy berth I had. Col. Putnam was field officer of the day, went the grand rounds, &c.

Various are the accounts we have of the Thursday's action at Lechmere's Point, but it is generally believ'd that we had one man kill'd, one mortally wounded, and one (who was drunk) taken prisoner. Some say that they have also taken several head of cattle, but I don't learn the certainty of this as yet. It is also said that we learn by a deserter from the enemy that they had 19 men kill'd and a great number wounded. It is also said that we had a number more men slightly wounded.

Nov. 11th, 1775. In the morning the piquet was dismiss'd as usual, upon which I came home and found Capt. Ezra Brewster in camp, by whom I receiv'd a letter from bro. Elisha and one from Silas. After breakfast I took my gun and went up to Jamaica Plain in order to get some money chang'd, but was disappointed in that, but yet I fired off my gun and then came home, spent the rest of the forenoon in getting change, &c. About 2 o'clock I din'd with Gove, Leffingwell and Jonⁿ Rudd on a very fine piece of roast beef. Toward night we had the hearing of a foolish controversy between Serg^t Harris and Corp^l Hill.

The 12th. In the morning I attended the alarm post, &c., as usual. The weather very cold and blustering, by which means Mr. Ellis was excus'd the labour of his harrangue and we the trouble of hearing of it, agreeable to Maj. Clark's observation (*viz.*) that it is an ill wind that blows nowhere. Some time this forenoon Stephen Fitch came to see me. I spent most of the day with him and some others. He told us more stories than four men could soon believe. The fore part of this day I wrote a letter to bro. Rudd, sent it by his son Jonaⁿ, who went from the camp a little before noon. Toward night I went to Col. Huntington's with intention to make application for a furlough for Serg^t Clark, but the Col. being gone to Dedham I did not see him. In the evening I went to my friend Burrel's in order to procure his help and assistance in marketing my fat oxen. He went with me to Mr. Parker the butcher, where we spent some time and we return'd, he to his house and I to my tent. Went to bed early and rested very well, although the night was very cold.

The 13th. In the morning I attended the alarm post, &c., as usual; see Deac. Clement from Norwich as I was coming back from the alarm

post. I this morning wrote a letter to my wife and also one to Silas, in order to send them by Capt. Ezra Brewster. After breakfast I went down to Col. Huntington's to accomplish the affair for which I went yesterday; the Col. not yet being come home I set a while with Maj. Clark, had considerable discourse concerning the coming campaign, &c. After a while the Col. came home, but did nothing of my business on account of his hurrying away for Cambridge to settle the regimental affairs, &c. I then came back and examined the company's arms and ammunition agreeable to general orders. Toward night I went to the Col's on the affair of Clark's furlough. I obtain'd it, came home and wrote a letter to Capt. Jewett in which I inclos'd an inlistment. I also wrote again to my [wife] and to bro. Elisha, and about 8 o'clock fix'd off Serg^t Clark for home, after which I went to Lt. Pease's markee, where I found a number of officers drinking flip, and however disagreeable it might be to me yet I join'd the company and according to my wonted practice did my duty as well as the best of them. I also there heard something of the new arrangement of the officers of our reg^t, and at about 9 o'clock I came home, found Dilla asleep and Elisha at writing, &c. I then did some writing, am now going to eat supper, and intend soon to follow Dilla.

The 14th. Attended the alarm post, &c., as usual, and after breakfast the officers of the new appointment had a meeting at Col. Huntington's markee where we receiv'd each of us an inlistment in order for raising a new army. After this conference was over I took a walk up to the meeting house, &c. Coming home I had considerable discourse with Maj. Clark concerning certain affairs. This was a very pleasant warm day, by which means, together with a little grog, several of our men were over on to the hill and inlisted in Wyllys' reg^t; at night they made application to me for money, &c.

The 15th Nov. 1775. In the morning it was very stormy, by which means we were prevented turning out to the alarm post. I wrote Capt. Jewett a letter giving him an account of the new arrangement, &c. Capt. Ripley made me a very agreeable visit, but I spent most the day in writing, concerning friendship and some other things but little thought of among soldiers. I last night heard the agreeable news of the taking of St. John's. This evening I sat some time in company with Oliver Coit and Jo. Tyler. It snow'd considerably and was a very cold night, but yet I rested comfortably.

The 16th. I rose early with expectation to attend the alarm post, but somehow we were excused. I had no wood to cook breakfast with, which made me very mad, nor did I eat until about 3 o'clock in the afternoon, when we had an excellent good dinner of baked beef and a good turkey, it being our Connecticut Thanksgiving. Capt. Ely, Mr. Hillyer and Mr. Tyler eat with us, &c. The fore part of this day I was

up at Waterman's and heard Capt. Gale read the [articles] of capitulation at St. John's, &c. I was also at Waterman's again in the evening, wrote some of the foregoing minutes, set some time in company with Waterman and Ens. Leffingwell, had much discourse concerning Elijah Lathrop, his son Niles, &c.

The 17th. The weather was very severe cold, the wind very high, &c. I attended the alarm post, &c., as usual. I this morning wrote a letter to my wife which I sent by Corp^l Hill. The weather was this day so very tedious that I wrote but very little. I spent great part of the day in reading Cibber's Tragical History of Richard 3d, a very interesting piece indeed. In the evening I was in company a little while at Capt. Pease's markee. A tedious cold night follow'd.

Roxbury Camp, Nov. 18th, 1775. In the morning I attended the alarm post, &c., as usual, the weather extreme cold for the season. After I came back I inlisted Peleg Edwards, and while I was at breakfast was warn'd on main guard in the room of Capt. Hubbard, the guard being march'd down on the Neck and the sentries reliev'd before I overtook them. Capt. Scot of Wyllys' reg^t commanded the guard. We also had with us Lt. Williston of the same reg^t, Lieut. Robinson, Ens. Smith, Ens. Howland, &c. One Mr. Welch, a Bostonian, was with us some part of the day; he came here to enquire after his wife who he expected out of Boston. In the evening the officers of the reg^t came in, among whom were Maj. Tupper, Capts. Gale, Walbridge and Martin, Lts. Pease, Bissell, Huntington, &c. We had a very noisy night and but very little sleep. Col. Alden, field officer of the day, catch'd us very much at unawares, &c.

Sund. the 19th. A little after sunrise I went down to the redoubts, where I walk'd the lines for about an hour and an half, being a very pleasant morning, only somewhat cold. I then came back to the guard house and was soon reliev'd by Capt. Bridgham, &c. I then came home and borrow'd a 7 doll. bill of Capt. Ripley, in order to fix off Edwards, Rolen and Griffen, who were going home on furlough, having inlisted for another campaign. After fixing the aforesaid persons, not feeling very well I lay down and slept a short nap. Soon after I got up Stephⁿ Fitch came to see me again, I spent some time with him, &c. The evening following I was some time in Capt. Ripley's markee in company with a number of officers of our reg^t. We sat together while some time in the evening, when I came off and left 'em to go to bed, as I had slept none the night before, being on the main guard.

Mond. the 20th. In the morning although the weather appear'd very pleasant excepting the cold, yet no alarm post was attended. After breakfast I set some time in Capt. Ripley's tent. Lt. Andrew Fitch came in. We had some conversation with him on the new

arrangement, &c., till about 11 o'clock when I came out and accidentally lit of Lt. Bancroft, who inform'd me that Capt. Ellsworth had obtain'd a pass from Gen' Ward to go on to Dorchester Neck. He also gave me an invitation to go with them, accordingly I went. We pass the sentries at Dorchester lines, and when we came on to the Neck we turn'd to the left, cross'd a small marsh, and then rise a little knoll where we found a remarkable quarry of slate stone, many tons of them already dug and fit for use. We spent some time in viewing them. Capt. Ellsworth and I took each of us some of the very thin ones to bring home with us. We then went up to a house where a stonecutter had dwelt, where we found a great number more of very curious stone, some of them partly wrought, &c. We then turn'd to the left and went over on to the hill next to Boston, where we had a most beautiful prospect of the town. We set there and view'd all the curiosities we could for the space of half an hour; we had also the help of a spyglass. We here discover'd no less than four different ranges of breastworks from our lines to North Boston, the latter of which appear'd to be much the most impracticable and is so situate as to cut off about one quarter of the town, leaving it on the south. Beside those formidable works toward the Neck, we observ'd strong fortifications on all the hills and eminences in town, and also a great number of cannon planted on the wharves and near the water almost the whole length of the town. Beside all these artificial works on the land there was so great a number of ships in the harbour' that it was impossible for us to number them from the place of our situation. After we had sufficiently gratified our curiosity here, we turn'd and went down onto the hill next the castle, where we set down and took an observation of the fortifications there together with one large ship a little below, and several smaller ones by Castle Island, we also discover'd several boats under sail in the harbour, and likewise two barges which met each other a little above the castle while we were sitting on the hill. We then came back on the south side of the Neck, and observing a smoke in an old house we suppos'd part of the guard that is usually kept on the Neck was retir'd there and had made a fire to warm themselves or cook by, but when we came to the house I look'd in at a window, and to my surprize I found three small children, the oldest perhaps about 7 or 8 years old. Upon this discovery we went into the house, ask'd the little girl where her father and mother were, the child reply'd that she had no mother and that her father was gone to Roxbury. We ask'd them if they were not afraid to live there, she reply'd that they were, but that they could not get any other room to live in. They look'd so miserably poor, ragged and naked, that they demanded our pity, and we made a small collection of what few coppers we had and gave them,— so we came off by way of the south shore. We arriv'd

at our own camp a little before sunset, soon after which I went to Col. Huntington in order to obtain liberty for Mr. Beckwith to go into the country to recover his health, &c. After sitting some time in the Col's chamber I went into Capt. Humphrey's apartment where were a number of our officers, none of them more noisy and disagreeable than the adjutant. After spending some time in company there we came home, and I was a little while at Lt. Chamberlin's tent in company with Lts. Ransom and Huntley, had considerable of a dispute concerning the rights and authority of grand rounds, &c. After we retir'd I was invited strongly by Lt. Gove to buy me a cloak, &c.

Tuesd. the 21st. A pleasant day. I spent most of the forenoon in writing my adventures of yesterday, &c. This evening Sam' Ellis, his son Sam. and Dan' Ellis came into camp with teams, &c. — they were some time in our tent. There fell a snow this night sufficient to cover the ground.

The 22d. In the morning I took a walk with our Ens. Kinsman to Gen' Spencer's on some business, but the Gen' being gone from home I did none. Sam' Ellis was here, I bo't four pair of yarn stockings of him for which I paid him sixteen shillings in money. About sunset he set out for home, I went with him out beyond Jamaica Plain, had much vulgar discourse with that plain honest friend. I then parted with him and came back to the Hallowell hospital alone, where I call'd in and found Capt. Chester, Eb. Huntington and Mr. Keyes; we there drank some wine, heard some very good singing, &c., and about 8 o'clock we set off for the camp. I call'd in and did some business with Col. Huntington on the way. I also call'd at the house where Mr. Ellis lives, to enquire about a pair of shoes for our bebbe.

The 23d. This is Thanksgiving Day in this province. After breakfasting on chocolate and bread and cheese I went on the duty of fatigue. Our reg^t were assign'd with Col. Wyllys' to cut apple trees and make a brush fence from our front on the right of the lines down toward Dorchester, and we were stinted to extend it this day as far as the next intrenchment, which we accomplish'd by about 2 o'clock. We were directed in the work by one Lt. Cole of Wyllys' reg^t, and after we had done work he came home with me calling in at the main guard, &c. After we came into camp we had a very good dinner on a piece of roast pork and a turkey, which we had prepar'd for that purpose. Capt. Bissell, Lt. Cole, Mr. Hillyer, Lt. Gove and I din'd together, and in the evening all of us, except Lt. Cole, went up to Jamaica Plain to make Capt. Rowley a visit, we also found Lt. Gillett there, he sung us several songs, made us a shoe, &c. A little after 8 o'clock we came home, had orders to turn out on the shortest notice, as an alarm was expected this night on account of our people beginning to intrench on Cobble Hill.

The 24th. About half after nine we were inform'd by a messenger sent for that purpose from Dedham, that Col. Huntington's wife had made way with herself at that place,¹ soon after this Capt. Bissell and Lt. Gove came into our markee, Serg^t Rose soon join'd us, he has lately been home to Connecticut, tells me that Silas is now on the road and I may soon expect him in camp with my fat oxen; he also tells us much other news from Connecticut. Col. Douglas also came in and spent some time with us this forenoon. In the afternoon I went down to Gen^l Spencer's in order to procure liberty for Ens. Kinsman to go home to Norwich in the recruiting service. I waited some time for the general's return from Gen^l Ward's, and finally I set out and met him on the road, came back and conversed with him some time on the subject, and on the whole he concluded that he had no right to act in that matter, but that the Col. was the only proper person for that purpose. I then came home and a little after sunset Silas and Jacob Williams came into the camp with my oxen and also a number of letters from Norwich, upon which I took the oxen and his horse over to Mr. Jonⁿ Parker's where we got them kept, we then return'd back and spent the evening very agreeably. I also wrote my wife a letter, which I sent the next morning, with two others that I had already prepared, by our Ens. Kinsman.

The 25th Nov. 1775. Early in the morning Silas and I went to my friend Burrel for his advice and assistance in a market for my oxen, after which I drove them up to my chap Parker, but could not quite agree with him. We then came home and after breakfast Silas went off for Cambridge and I apply'd myself most of the forenoon to making a market for my oxen, and I am in hopes I have now got on the track of one. About 3 o'clock the officers of the reg^t were assembled in order to devise some method to influence the men to continue in the service until the first of Jan. We also expected Gen^l Spencer to make us a visit toward night, but he did not come. About sunset Capt. Jewett came into camp, having been gone home some time on furlough. I also this night appear'd on the parade for piquet in the room of Lt. Gove, he being gone to Cambridge. In the evening we had considerable company, and about bedtime it began to rain. Was a stormy night.

Roxbury camp, Sunday, Nov^r the 26th, 1775. In the morning the ground was all cover'd with ice. The fore part of the day I went up to Jamaica Plain to see Asa Kinne, then to the Hallowell house to see Doct. Turner, procur'd his assistance for a discharge for Kinne and Abel Bennet, had considerable discourse with the doctor, &c., on various

¹ Mrs. Faith Huntington, wife of Col. Jedidiah Huntington, was a daughter of Gov. Jonathan Trumbull. She was of a very sensitive character, and had become disordered in mind by dwelling on the horrors of a civil war. She died at Dedham, Nov. 24, 1775. See 5 Mass. Hist. Coll. vol. ix. p. 505, note. — Eds.

subjects. After I came back I began to write a queer letter to my wife, and then had a considerable company discourse with the capt. on company affairs, &c. In the evening I was sometime at Capt. Ellsworth's markee in company with Capt. Pease, Capt. Bissell, &c.

Mond. the 27th. In the morning I went to Gen^l Spencer's and from there to Gen^l Ward's to procure a discharge for Asa Kene and Abel Bennet, which I readily obtain'd. I then came back and after breakfast went up on to Jamaica Plain, fix'd off Kene, &c. I then came home and toward night went with Lt. Gove to all the stores of English goods that we could find any where near, although we neither of us bought nothing. About sunset Lt. Gove and I set off again and went up to Jamaica Plain. I had indeed some expectation of seeing Mr. Murray at the Hallowell hospital, but was disappointed, but spent some time with the doctor, went with him to see Lt. Farnam, &c. While we were at the hospital Capt. Jewett came in, having been up to Mr. Lowder's, and about 9 o'clock the capt., Lt. Gove and I came home. It prov'd a tedious cold night and I rested but very poor.

Tuesd. the 28th. After breakfast Lt. Hillyer invited Capt. Jewett and I to go with him to the funeral of Col. Huntington's wife, upon which I went to Maj. Ruggles to enquire when he expected to receive my oxen, and he inclin'd to have them bro't in tomorrow, whereupon I made the necessary preparation to leave the camp in order to attend the funeral, and about 12 o'clock I am ready, having obtain'd Col. Douglas' liberty, &c., for that purpose. I then wrot some of the foregoing lines while I was in waiting.

About 12 o'clock Capt. Jewett, Lt. Chamberlin, Mr. Hillyer and I set off for Dedham. Had considerable discourse by the way, which was bro't on by one's advancing the following proposition (*viz.*) that it is beneath the dignity of human nature to shed tears or mourn for the dead. The dispute was carried a great length and was finally quitted and one follow'd in its room on the doctrines of predestination and free-will, which lasted us quite up to Dedham. We came to Emes' half after 2 o'clock, drank a mug of flip and went into the burying yard, where we found Doct. Emes' tomb open'd for the reception of Mrs. Huntington's corpse. We several of us went down into the tomb, open'd the old doctor's coffin and see his corpse. The under jaw was all fallen in, the other part of the bones of the head retain'd their proper shape, the teeth were whole in the upper jaw, but the whole head and rest of the body, as far as we could see, was cover'd with a black film or skin, which I suppose to be the winding sheet in which the corpse was buried, being blended with the moisture of the body. I also observ'd one of the arms to have fallen off from the body and the bones laying by the side of the coffin. While I was thus in a sort conversing with the dead and viewing those melancholy curiosities, I

could not help reflecting that nothing of the philosophy and astronomy which once adorned the mind of that person and made him appear great among his cotemporaries was now to be seen in this state of humiliation and contempt; yet a pertinent passage in Watts' lyrical poems came to my mind, (viz.)

Methinks a moldring pyramid
Says all that the old sages said,
For me these shatter'd tombs contain
More morals, &c.

After sufficiently gratifying our curiosity here, we went to Mr. Henshaw's, the house where the tragical scene had pass'd and from whence the funeral was to be attended. When we came there we were led into a very genteel apartment with a very curious carpet spread on the floor, where we sat some time in profound silence, until we understood that Mr. Havens¹ (the parson of the parish) began a prayer in the other room, upon which we mov'd into the entry, and after prayer was over and some of the people remov'd out I went into the other room where the corpse was, where I see Col. Williams of Lebanon, and after viewing the corpse I came out of the house, soon after which the procession began in the following manner, (viz.) after the immediate mourners, those who had liv'd with Col. Huntington, and then the several officers of the regiment who were present, next to them the women who were assembled upon the occasion, the men bringing up the rear. When we came to the tomb the corpse was deposited at the feet of Doct. Emes, and the procession walk'd back in the same order as before, and at the meeting house we parted, — our company came down to Emes', where we had a dinner provided for us, and we eat heartily upon roast turkey, &c. A little after daylight in we set off for home and call'd in at Childs', the sign of the Peacock, where we drank some flip, and Mr. West the suttlar was also there, who was just before robb'd of his saddle bags with upward of £300 continental currency in them and also many other valuable articles. After resting ourselves here a while we set off for home and arriv'd in camp about 9 o'clock, weary enough. The night was somewhat stormy and tedious, wet me considerably in my bed, &c.

Wednesday, the 29th. In the morning after breakfast I did some writing. Serg^t Clark came to our markee, he having last night come into camp from Connecticut. About 10 o'clock, Cordilla and I went over to Mr. Parker's, took my oxen and drove them up to Maj. Ruggles, in order to be kill'd, but found I could not have 'em kill'd to day, upon which I came back to Waterman's, paid Cowley the tailor for making Hill's clothes, &c. I also set some time in company with Waterman

¹ Rev. Jason Haven, minister of the First Church in Dedham. — Eds.

and Ens. Leffingwell. I then came home and was much surpris'd at the news of James Nicholson's death, who died this day very suddenly in the Ward hospital. At night was warn'd to go into the woods to-morrow in order to relieve Capt. Pease, who is overseeing a number of cutters of wood. I also this day bo't me a curious red cedar staff of one Roberts of Capt. Ellsworth's company.

Thursday Nov. 30th, 1775. In the morning Capt. Jewett and I eat breakfast with Maj. Clark at the Col's markee, after which Cordilla and I went to look up the old oxen, but could not find them until we went into the slaughter house, where we found them both dead. We then came back, and after a little fixing I went to Mr. Parker's and took Silas' mare and then rid out into Dedham to relieve Capt. Pease, who was there with a party at cutting wood. I arriv'd at Mr. How's where the party was quarter'd at about 1 o'clock and Pease soon set off for the camp. The men having finish'd their day's work, I took a walk down to Milton this afternoon. I was also in at the slitting mill and paper mills at the upper bridge. I also call'd in at one Mr. Roach's who kept a grog shop near the bridge, had considerable discourse with him, &c. I then went down to the other mills, where there is a very considerable village. I examined all the shops in the place, in order to procure certain articles that I wanted to purchase, found none except a pair of mill'd gloves. I then came back to Mr. Roaches where I stopp'd, drank some flip, set and talk'd with him, &c., until about daylight down, when I set off and travell'd to Mr. How's, my landlord, found our men very brisk, &c. I set the remainder of the evening in company with old Mr. How, heard him tell many stories, &c., and about 10 o'clock went to bed in a good feather bed and a warm chamber. Nineteen years ago this night I lodg'd on the floor at Houses in Andover, being then on my return from the army, my first campaign.

Friday the 1st of Dec'. In the morning I went into the woods with the men in order to set them to work, after which I return'd to Mr. How's and eat breakfast, and while we were eating Lt. Robinson of Col. Walker's reg^t came in. He had the care of that reg^t's men who were cutting wood. After breakfast he and I went into the woods again to see the men compleat the work for which they were design'd. The work being near finish'd I soon return'd in company with Mr. How, and after eating dinner we set off for the camp, came by way of Milton upper mills and Dorchester, arriv'd at Roxbury camp about 3 o'clock, where we found there was a devil of the rout about some of our Connecticut men going off this morning. Some new orders made their appearance, &c., and on the whole all things were in confusion. The evening following Mr. Beckwith was at our markee doing some writing for the capt. Mr. Barney was also here from Norwich. Nineteen years ago this night I arriv'd at my father's house from my first campaign,

and I think I should not be displeas'd to be there now, unless there were better doings here now.

Saturday the 2d was a cloudy morning. I went after breakfast with Serg^t Clark up to Maj. Ruggles' to make a settlement concerning my oxen, but could not effect it on account of his being busy in other affairs. I then went in at Waterman's, sat sometime with Ens. Leffingwell, &c. I also see Col. Pitkin here. About noon I went again to Maj. Ruggles', made a settlement and receiv'd the money for my oxen £13.3.0. About 2 o'clock Silas came here from Cambridge, inform'd me that he was going directly home. I went with him to Mr. Parker's after his horse. We found Mr. Barney there at work. I then went with Silas up to Jamaica Plain, parted with him at the Hallowell house, and I went in there, soon after which Col. Parsons came in, I came with him down to the camp and by the way we met Capt. Hubbard and his lady from Norwich, as they were set out on their return home, having convey'd their sister Townsend into the town of Boston. I went with Col. Parsons up to Waterman's, where I found Doct. Turner, who inform'd me that Mr. Murray was to preach at his house this evening, after which I came directly into camp and inform'd Capt. Jewett. He and I went immediately up to the hospital and while we were waiting for Mr. Murray Amos Andrus came there with a team from Norwich. I discours'd with him some time concerning my family and neighbours, and as it began to grow dark Mr. Murray came in and there was soon a great number of people collected, and after drinking coffee in a very genteel mood Mr. Murray preach'd a very vivacious sermon from Luke 15th, 2d, which did great honour to the divine benignity in the liberal bestowment of so great a genius, and also to the cause of religion.

Roxbury camp, Dec^r 3d, 1775, Sund. Some time in the morning I went with Lt. Chamberlin up to the Hallowell hospital with some expectation to see Mr. Murray, but when we came there he was just gone, upon which I went with Mr. Chamberlin up to the Bernard hospital, where we see Doct. Turner perform the office of surgery (or rather of butchery) on one Jones of Capt. Ripley's company, who had a great mortification sore on his side. After we had seen the aforesaid operation with great pity to the patient we came home, got into camp about 2 o'clock, soon after which I made the foregoing memorandums, &c. About 4 o'clock we din'd on a very good roast turkey. Capt. Bissell was also with us. The evening following Capt. Jewett, Lt. Gove, and I went up to Waterman's to see Ens. Leffingwell. I had there considerable conversation with Maj. Park, &c.

Mond. the 4th was a cold blustering day. After breakfast I went with Serg^t Clark up to Waterman's, set there some time in company with Maj. Park, Capt. Gale, Col. Alden, &c., and after a while Ens. Leffingwell and I came down into camp. He staid with us most of the

day. I wrote a letter to Uncle C^t and also part of one to my wife, and in the evening finish'd it.

Tuesd. the 5th. In the morning I gave Amos Andrus some letters to carry home to Norwich. I wrote considerable of the Painter this day, and in the afternoon Capt. Jewett mov'd his effects out of the tent into Col. Williams' house, he being unwell. I also this afternoon did considerable work at fixing up the tent after the capt. had remov'd his slawbunk, &c. At night I went on to the piquet, &c. I also this day bo't a cheese of Jo. Tyler w' 12½ at 6^d the pound. It is now four months since I have seen any of my family except Cordilla. I hope in less than four weeks more to see them, but God knows whether my hope will not be in vain. In the evening Serg^t Carpenter set with me some in my markee some time.

Wednesd. the 6th. I turn'd out early for the alarm post, but was so long in rallying the men that I had not time to get into the front before the other reg^{ts} came out; but however we return'd to the camp in good season, and after breakfast I went on main guard as usual. Col. Keyes commanded the guard. Capts. Bradford, Hamlin and Wells. I knew none of the subalterns only Stidson and Curtice. We spent the day very agreeably. One Mr. Edey and his wife made us a visit, who had by some means just before met together, having (as they said) not seen each other for eighteen months. They sat some time with us, drank, &c. In the night season I had two tours down at the redoubts, at one of which I visited my sentries down at the trees, and out of curiosity I went eight rods further and bro't off a cart gate on my back. Col. Danielson sat with us some time in the latter part of the night. We had considerable cheerful discourse.

Thursd. the 7th. I was down at the redoubts about an hour in the morning, after which I came back to the guard house, settled our reckoning, and at the usual time were reliev'd in common form. After I came home and eat breakfast I went down to Col. Williams' and made Capt. Jewett a visit. I also there lit of Moses Cleveland who came home and eat dinner with me, after which I did some writing, &c. At night was very sleepy and therefore went to bed early.

Frid. the 8th. After breakfast I went to Col. Williams', see Capt. Jewett, &c. From there Capt. Bissell and I went to the Col's to receive directions when to go home. Col. Huntington came back with us to Col. Williams', where he and Capt. Jewett concluded to send me home with the company, &c. After this I made application to the Col. for a discharge for Serg^t Clark, obtain'd his certificate, then I went to Gen^l Ward's and with great difficulty obtain'd my request. I then came back into the camp where Capt. Chapman and Capt. Peters were apprising guns in our reg^t. They went through with two companies and left off on account of christening a barrack in Col. Parsons' reg^t,

which so much engag'd their attention and employ'd so much of their time that it was found necessary to delay the prosecution of any more apprising of guns in our reg^t for this day. Thus experience teaches me that smaller business must ever give way for greater. Toward night I went with a number of officers to the Col's quarters and receiv'd my ration money of the quarter-master, which was £4.18. In the evening I was a little while in Capt. Ellsworth's tent, had some discourse with Lt. Bancroft concerning army affairs. I came home early in the evening and was some time in at Gove's tent. Jo. Tyler changed some money for us. About nine o'clock I went to bed. It prov'd a very stormy night and the rain drove into my tent to that degree that it ran under my back and I was obliged to get dry clothes to lay under me to keep dry. This is the effect of living in tents in the month of December.

Saturd. the 9th. In the morning it was cold and uncomfortable, the ground cover'd with snow and ice, but as we were inform'd that his excellency Gen' Washington was to come and look on us to day, we thought fit to shave, shift our clothes, &c. Some time in the morning the capt's of the reg^t undertook, either with orders from the higher powers or without, to make an assortment of the guns in the reg^t which proved a tedious job. About noon Ens. Leffingwell came to our tent, set and convers'd with me some time. Toward night our company were call'd out, their arms examin'd and such as were suitable detain'd in the service, after which the reg^t were under arms at Col. Douglas' desire, when he made a short speech to them and gave them a drink, a thing very acceptable to soldiers. In the evening I went with Capt. Jewett, Capt. Ripley and Mr. Hillyer to meet the Connecticut committee of payment, who lately came into camp, they receiv'd a considerable sum of continental currency for the payment of the troops, &c. After I return'd I did considerable writing of various kinds.

Sund. the 10th was spent in great confusion, on account of the troops being going off, paid, &c. I settled with the capt., with some of the men, &c., and in the evening was on business while very late, and the night prov'd very stormy.

Mond. the 11th. Arose early, was very much hurried with the company business and my own, expecting to march soon. Went to Col. Huntington, obtain'd a furlough, and then bo't an old mare of Mr. Parker. About 11 o'clock set off from camp, call'd in to see Mr. Beckwith at the Loring house, — he appear'd very dangerously sick. We call'd in at Richards', the tavern, where I waited some time for Lt. Chamberlin, and at length travell'd with him to Ames' in Dedham, where we din'd together, &c., and a little before sunset Dilla and I set off and came up to Robins in Walpole, where we arriv'd some time in the evening and put out our horse, drank a mug of flip with Mr. Barney and Mr. Abel, and then went to bed, rested well, &c.

Tuesd. the 12th. We set out early in the morning, travell'd to Man's in Wrentham for breakfast, set off from there sun an hour high and the weather very cold. We met young Dan' Ellis and Steph. Brewster near Mack's in Attlebury, they were going down to the camp with teams. We came as far as Dagget's where we oated and drank some brandy, then set off and arriv'd at Providence at 2 o'clock, din'd, and baited our horse at Col. Dexter's, bo't some clothes at Hills' and also at Halsey & Corliss' store, and came out of town about sunset, met with great difficulty to get entertainment, but at length some time in the evening put up at one Lovelists' a little beyond Shelden's the tavern. We soon went to bed and rested well.

Wednesd. the 13th. We set off before daylight, call'd in at Fisk's and drank a dram, then push'd forward to Angel's for breakfast, where we arriv'd about sunrise and met my neighbour Haskel, — he gave me a letter from my wife, by which I learn'd that my father was poorer than common. We were here oblig'd to wait for breakfast while full 10 o'clock. I then eat with Capt. Ely, Doct. Ely, Mr. Peck and several others from Lyme, after which Cordilla and I set out alone and travell'd most of the way without company as far as Green's, where we drank some brandy and came forward to Dixon's in Voluntown. Soon after we came in there Ens. Leffingwell and Mr. Abel came in and we din'd together, had a good roast turkey, &c. We came off from there a little before sunset, and as soon as it grew dusk we fell in company with young Coit who piloted us as far as his father's and gave us directions to Deac. Belcher's, but some how thro' his neglect or error in intelligence we miss'd our way and met with great difficulty and trouble to find Deacon Belcher's, but at length, about 8 o'clock arriv'd there and was treated generously by the old gentⁿ. After resting of us a little we set off again, call'd no more until we came to Mr. Edwards' in our own parish, where we made a very short stop and came as far as father's, where Cordilla fired his gun and we went in. They pretended to be glad to see us, &c. After a short sitting there we came home, found the people all asleep and the house guarded by a dog, the doors also being fastened; but before we could make the necessary preparation for taking the garrison by assault we were generously admitted by the defenders, with the usual ceremonies, &c.

And the rest of the acts of Jabez I hope to see written in some future narrative, more agreeable, &c.

The PRESIDENT said that he had received a letter from the senior Vice-President, Mr. Charles Francis Adams, who is now in Italy, calling attention to the fact that at this meeting Rev. Dr. Lucius R. Paige, whose name stands third on our present

roll, would complete fifty years of membership in the Society, and he hoped that some notice of it would be taken.

Rev. Dr. PAIGE, who was in excellent health, remarked that the meeting at which he was elected was held May 30, 1844, so that he had not quite rounded out a half-century.

Dr. SAMUEL A. GREEN then spoke as follows:—

At the present time the Historical Society has the remarkable distinction of bearing on its roll of living members the names of three gentlemen whose connection with the Society began at least half a century ago. Mr. Winthrop was chosen a member on October 31, 1839, more than fifty-four years since; and now for twenty-one years he has headed the list of membership, where the names are given in the order of election. Dr. Ellis follows Mr. Winthrop as a close second, having been chosen on October 28, 1841, two years later; and at the meeting to-day Dr. Paige completes his connection of half a century with the Society. At the time of his election the meetings were held, as a rule, on the last Thursday of the month, and he was chosen on May 30, 1844; but according to the monthly meetings he has rounded a period of fifty years. It seems eminently fit that now there should be some record of this remarkable conjunction of long and contemporary memberships; and to that end I wish to say—and I feel sure that the other members will agree with me—that we all feel not only great gratification in the fact, but also a deep pride in the association with these venerable gentlemen, who for so many years have adorned the meetings by their punctual attendance.

There have been but three other members who have given so long a service to the Society,—but not all covering a common period of fifty years,—and they were John Davis, Josiah Quincy, and James Savage. Mr. Davis's membership lasted from December 23, 1791, to January 14, 1847, a term of fifty-five years; Mr. Quincy's from July 26, 1796, to July 1, 1864, sixty-eight years; and Mr. Savage's from January 28, 1813, to March 8, 1873, sixty years. Such cases of continued membership are necessarily rare, but in all those just mentioned it is worthy of note that they comprise some of the most active and valuable workers in the Society during a period of more than a century of its existence. From these instances

is it not fair to assume that labors in the historical field are conducive to health and long life ?

In common with President Quincy, Dr. Paige alone has the distinction of having reached the advanced age of ninety-two years ; and of the other associates six have lived to be nonagenarians : David Sewall, at the time of his death, on October 22, 1825 ; John Adams, on July 4, 1826 ; John Welles, on September 25, 1855 ; and Thomas Aspinwall, on August 11, 1876, who all reached the age of ninety years ; Jacob Bigelow, on January 10, 1879, and Theron Metcalf, on November 14, 1875, each aged ninety-one years.

Among the ten original members of the Society, at its formation on January 24, 1791, William Baylies, of Dighton, was the eldest in years ; and so he may be considered as the senior associate until his resignation, which took place on April 27, 1815. As such he was followed by William Tudor, who remained the senior member until his death on July 8, 1819 ; and he in turn by James Winthrop, who died on September 26, 1821. On that date Thomas Wallcut attained the distinction of being the eldest in years, which he held until the death of James Freeman, one of the original ten, on November 14, 1835, when he became the senior member, according to the present use of the phrase. At Mr. Wallcut's death, on June 5, 1840, John Davis, who was chosen a member of the Society during the first year of its existence, became the senior associate, and he held this relation until January 14, 1847, when he died. He was followed by Josiah Quincy, whose death took place on July 1, 1864 ; and he in turn by James Savage, who remained the senior member until March 8, 1873, the date of his death. Since that time, now a period of a little more than twenty-one years, Mr. Winthrop's name has stood at the head of the list ; and it is within the bounds of moderation to say that, during his long membership, no person has ever done either so much or so good service in the interest of the Society, as the distinguished scholar and statesman who for thirty years presided at our meetings with so much dignity and grace.

Of the ten original members at the formation of the Society, on January 24, 1791, James Freeman was the youngest, having been born on April 22, 1759 ; and he remained such until December 23, 1791, when John Davis (born on January 25,

1761) was chosen. Of the eight senior members already mentioned, four at the time of their election were also the youngest, namely: John Davis, Josiah Quincy, James Savage, and Robert C. Winthrop.

The following is a list of the junior members of the Society, with the dates of their birth as well as of their election:—

<i>Names.</i>	<i>Dates of Birth.</i>	<i>Dates of Election.</i>
James Freeman	April 22, 1759 .	January 24, 1791.
John Davis	January 25, 1761	December 23, 1791.
Daniel Davis	May 8, 1762 . .	May 29, 1792.
William Dandridge Peck .	May 8, 1763 . .	October 8, 1792.
Alden Bradford	November 19, 1765	January 2, 1793.
John Thornton Kirkland .	August 17, 1770 .	January 26, 1796.
Josiah Quincy	February 4, 1772 .	July 26, 1796.
William Sullivan	November 30, 1774	April 29, 1800.
John Langdon Sullivan .	April 9, 1777 . .	April 28, 1801.
Obadiah Rich	November 25, 1777	March 5, 1805.
William Smith Shaw . . .	August 12, 1778 .	November 7, 1805.
Joseph Stevens Buckmin- ster	May 26, 1784 . .	April 25, 1811.
James Savage	July 13, 1784 . .	January 28, 1813.
Francis Calley Gray . . .	September 19, 1790	January 29, 1818.
Edward Everett	April 11, 1794 . .	April 27, 1820.
James Bowdoin	July 23, 1794 . .	August 27, 1821.
Francis William Pitt Green- wood	February 5, 1797 .	April 28, 1825.
Joseph Willard	March 14, 1798 .	January 29, 1829.
Charles Wentworth Upham	May 4, 1802 . .	January 26, 1832.
Robert Charles Winthrop .	May 12, 1809 . .	October 31, 1839.
George Edward Ellis . . .	August 8, 1814 .	October 28, 1841.
Peleg Whitman Chandler .	April 12, 1816 . .	January 25, 1844.
Francis Parkman	September 16, 1823	February 26, 1852.
Henry Austin Whitney . .	October 6, 1826 .	March 11, 1858.
Samuel Hall Quint	March 22, 1828 .	July 8, 1858.
Samuel Abbott Green . . .	March 16, 1830 .	January 12, 1860.
William Henry Whitmore .	September 6, 1836 .	February 12, 1863.
William Sumner Appleton .	January 11, 1840 .	May 13, 1869.
Henry Cabot Lodge	May 12, 1850 . .	December 14, 1876.
Arthur Lord	September 2, 1850 .	February 9, 1882.
Arthur Blake Ellis	July 24, 1854 . .	March 9, 1882.
Edward Channing	June 15, 1856 . .	December 11, 1884.
Abbott Lawrence Lowell . .	December 13, 1856	December 11, 1890.

Since the organization of the Society, one hundred and three years ago, there have been eight different senior members as to place on the rolls, and during the same period thirty-three different junior members as to age. Of the latter class John Langdon Sullivan was the youngest, being 24 years and 19 days old at the time of his election; and Abbott Lawrence Lowell the oldest, being 33 years 11 months and 28 days. Peleg W. Chandler held the position during the longest period, having been such for 8 years 1 month and 1 day; and Arthur Lord during the shortest period, namely, 28 days.

No other member rising to make a formal communication, the remaining time of the meeting was occupied by conversational remarks, in which Mr. ROBERT C. WINTHROP, JR., the Hon. E. R. HOAR, Rev. Dr. ALEXANDER MCKENZIE, Mr. CHARLES C. SMITH, and the PRESIDENT took part.

A new volume of the Proceedings, covering the meetings from October, 1892, to March, 1894, both inclusive, was ready for distribution at this meeting.