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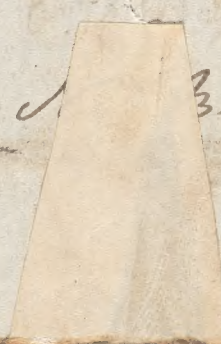
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Easy if y^h a
mind to.

give your heart to the saviour, it is
easy, you can do it now if you will,
Mr Ball visited her the day before she died,
the extremely week, she exhibited strong faith
she said, she wanted to die that she might go
and be with God, when told that the enjoy-
ment of heaven was different from what
she enjoyed on earth, she said she knew it
was, and she expected to enjoy it with
God, she spoke of her sabbath school lessons,
which she had learnt last summer, she atten-
ded the school all the spring, it is sur-
prising, from the small advantages she had,
how bright were her hopes, and views. She
appeared like a bright rose, in a better breath
I shall endeavour to collect what I
can, I think they might be quite as inter-
esting, as little Sarah's Ep -

Mr Ball remains sick, & it is very doubtful
whether he ever will be well again, the rest
of our family are in tolerable health,
I hope you will find time to write me a
few lines, they would be a treat, (as any
thing that comes from you is) to us
Mrs Fitch joins in respects & love to you and
yours the little one Elijah Fitch

If Emily is not gone to Salem tell her we
should like to have a line from her

here untill after the meeting, it is ap-
pointed. the 2^d Monday in March,

The church have not expresed their minds
by having a meeting, & do not conclude to
untill after the Parish Meeting, no one pre-
tends to dislike Mr Hall, but when the time
comes, we shall know more about it,

The providence of God seems enveloped
in clouds, and it is but seldom. there
seems to be an opening, to shed a ray of
light to shed our way, but we have
a few, that still appear to be lifting up their
voices in supplication, though faith is almost
fainting, the Lord seems to have remov'd
one obstacle in the death of Mr Shayer but
it was a solemn event, ^{of the people,} altho it does not
seem to affect the ^{of the people,} minds, with that solemn-
-ity that it ought,

But I can tell you a more curious tale. Some acc^t
you recollect a Mr Pierce, that died of a ^{of Bear Hill}
mortification, near White hall Pond, last year, ^{& of her ad-}
his son, that he lived with, has lately buried ^{vantages.}
a daughter, 9 years old. who died in the faith,
she exhibited as bright an evidence, of a change
of heart, for a month or more before she died,
as we find in many of riped years, Mr Wood
who visited her said he was astonished to
hear her converse, it seem'd so much above her
years, she was very faithfull to warn her friends,
and intreat them to give their hearts to the
Saviour, she said to her mother, I want you to

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Dear & dear sir

I have again intruded myself upon you with a little business & I am afraid I shall trouble ^{you} to much, but whatever trouble it is I am willing to pay you for it. I send two dollars in this letter fifty cents is to pay for another volume of the visitor, for Eliza Rockwood tell our Dean to put in the back numbers, as she has not had any, the other $1\frac{1}{2}$ dollar is to pay Osa Havens bill for the youths compensation, he tells me he does not know as he paid the last year, he wishes to continue the paper another year, if you can attend to it, you will much oblige me —

We have heard by the way of Mrs Bowker, that Mrs P is much better, so as to be about again we rejoice with you, & hope we shall see you, and her, at H this spring with the little son —

And now I will give you a little sketch of the times at H. we are plodding along in the old way, coldness in the church, & sinners pursuing the vanities of the world with out alarm, Mr Hall Preaches well on the sabbath, but he cannot find time to visit much, or attend even meetings, a Parish warrant is drawn, and an article inserted to see if the Parish will settle him as their minister. but what will be the result I cannot tell, you must not come