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Selections from the Diaries of
William Appleton

1786 - 1862



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NOTE

OUR ancestor *William Appleton* was a successful and well-known merchant of Boston. It seems to me worth while to try to picture him to his descendants by means of the diaries which he kept for many years.

I have tried to bring out the most salient and interesting parts of his life by selections from these diaries, but I find it impossible to present him to others as I myself have come to know him through them.

This book tells of his visits to his mother, of his visiting his sick children and friends who are sick, and of his suffering with them, and of his kindness to the relatives of his parents and to those of his wife; but his diaries tell of such loving deeds over and over again.

The book tells of his dinner parties, and of his many friends who came to the house; but his diaries tell of his friends coming and going all the time, and much stress is laid on the love he has for his friends.

The book tells of his devotion to the Church services, to those of his own particular church, and to its ministers, thus showing his deep appreciation of the Spiritual Life that they stood for; of his feelings of sinfulness and the searchings of his own heart; but his diaries tell of these acts and these thoughts over and over again.

SUSAN M. LORING

A Granddaughter

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SELECTIONS FROM THE DIARIES

EARLY LIFE: 1786-1832

1832

JANUARY. I regret much having given up the plan of keeping a memorandum of the passing events daily. It is possible some of my family may be interested in knowing the following facts. I was born in the North Parish of Brookfield in the year 1786, November 16th. My Father, the Rev^d Joseph Appleton, died in July, 1795,¹ leaving my Mother (formerly Mary Hook), a most energetic and excellent Woman, celebrated for wit and beauty, the latter lasted to old age, with Two sons and Three daughters and a property worth about four Thousand five hundred dollars, besides my mother's property, worth about the same. My mother sold the effects left by my father and removed to Hawke, Kingston, her native place, near Exeter, N. H., where she had an estate inherited from² her father, worth about Three Thousand dollars. In the year 1798 she Married Maj. Daniel Gould of Lyndborough, N. H., to which place We (the children) removed with her. My brother Phineas soon went into a Store, and I was sent to School at New Ipswich and Afterwards to Frankestown; in 1800 to Tyngsboro; the following year to Temple; I resided with Artemas Wheeler till

¹ Aged 44, of typhus fever, called "Spotted fever," which he caught while ministering to his people in their great need during an epidemic in the town, caused by the importation of infected rags used for manufacturing purposes. He was a graduate of Brown University.

² Or given by.

for future Business. Commenced the building of the ships "Telegraph," "Courier," and afterwards "Minerva." Before they were finished I was attacked by the dispepsey, so called. With these difficulties I contended till the Autumn; when in November I embarked for Charleston, where I passed the Winter. I returned in a much worse State than I left. The Summer was passed in travelling, a most miserable existence; very great irritability, but God knows, not without great suffering. In the Autumn I embarked with My Wife & Dr. James for the Mediterranean. A particular account of the voyage & journey may be found in another Manuscript. We passed the Winter in Sicily, then went to Rome, Paris, London and embarked in the Autumn of 1817 for Charleston, where we passed the Winter. In April following we returned to Boston, much improved in health. During my absence I expended about ten thousand dollars, which sum I made in shipments from Sicily to the United States & England, and in goods from England to Charleston. In the year 1818 and summer of 1819 we lived at Lodgings; in the autumn of 1819 I purchased the House¹ in which I have since lived from Mr. Nathan Appleton at \$14,000 & \$1000 for Glasses, Carpets, etc. This year I went into business with Messrs. Paige & Chase, which continued six years. I made by that concern about thirty thousand dollars and carried on considerable business on my individual account, my health feeble, yet able to attend to Business.

After dissolving with Paige & Chase, I went consider-

¹ 54 Beacon Street, now owned by Mrs. George von L. Meyer.



54 Beacon Street

ably into the Manufacturing business, and by the advance on Stocks, purchases and Sales I made considerable money. But I have nearly paid my family expenses by participating in Commissions with Southern Houses; my purchases with Prince, Ward, King & Co., etc., etc. My property has increased every year since I have been in Business except the year 1829.

January 1st, 1829, I thought myself worth \$200,000; 1830, More effects than in 1829 but property depreciated, \$180,000; 1831, \$280,000; 1832, \$330,000.

My success in business is uncommon, no man in Boston of the Age, I am forty-five, has made as much, and only one, David Sears, possesses as much probably. My reputation, I fancy, stands much higher than it deserves as a man of talents, but I do not wish or intend to undeceive the Publick.

WINTER IN SICILY: 1816-1817

1816

SEPTEMBER 30th, *Monday*. A pleasant morning; rose early and went to my Store to make preparation for sailing in the Ship "Roxanna" for the Mediterranean. At two o'clock, Mrs. Appleton & myself went on board with Dr. James & Mr. Porter, to be our fellow passengers. Mother, Mr. & Mrs. William Sullivan, Mr. & Mrs. Nathan Appleton, Sarah & Harriet Cutler accompanied us to the ship to see us embark. Mr. Rice & Mr. Tilden went with us to the Narrows. My feelings on separating from our friends can much easier be imagined than described. My spirits are good, and much strengthened by seeing my wife show so much fortitude on the occasion; she has hardly shed a tear. We are now at Anchor in the narrows, seven miles from Boston.

OCTOBER 1st, *Tuesday*. Light east wind; we remain at Anchor. The Captain is getting everything in order for the voyage. I do not feel in as good spirits as yesterday; although I think I shall return to my native Country, yet I am aware that is not the impression of my friends generally; I am weak and only able to take very little food. I think of giving up my present diet of beef and trying milk; I am in hopes that I shall be able to eat more then. I have done of late with, say 4 oz. of beef and a small biscuit in the whole day. My present weight

is 103 lbs. *Wednesday, 2nd*. At twelve o'clock the ship got under way; we have a pleasant day as to the weather,—but the reverse is my feeling when I recollect that the wind is wafting us fast from our dear friends. I have eaten more than usual this day, consisting of milk and figs, and drank two glasses of wine, the first I have tried for a long time. *Thursday, 10th*. Commenced eating rice and Herring; I have done with wine and milk. *Friday, 18th*. The wind from the east, pleasant weather; ate rice & mutton. I am considerably troubled with my feet swelling; it commenced about ten days since to a considerable degree; I had something of it before we left Boston. *Saturday, 19th*. Took a little milk with rice in the morning and Pork and rice for dinner with some gin. My feet much swollen, very much, otherwise pretty well. I am getting out of conceit of Gin. *Monday, 21st*. Our dear boy's birthday. Lat. $37^{\circ}: 14'$; Long. $37^{\circ}: 05'$. Ate two onions, and no inconvenience came from them. *Wednesday, 23rd*. I eat Pork & rice pretty well. The Captain says we have very uncommon weather; the wind continues East; we have not made 100 miles on our passage in twelve days. *Friday, 25th*. I was induced to try some baked beans; Dr. James said a patient of his was able to eat them when very weak; I do not find any ill effects from them. *Sunday, 27th*. We are much pleased to find ourselves getting on. I fancy I have picked a little too much food from the Cook. *Wednesday, 30th*. Wind North. Spoke a brig from Baltimore.

NOVEMBER 2nd, *Saturday*. I feel sick and irritable; ate very little mutton & rice and drinking nothing.

Sunday, 3rd. Spoke the ship "Lancaster" from Madeira, Long. 15° , Lat. $36^{\circ}:52'$. My feet and legs so much swelled that I cannot get on any stocking or pantaloons without ripping them open; I do not know how to account for it, I cannot walk, nor hardly stand. *Monday, 4th.* A gale of wind from the S. West. *Tuesday, 5th.* We laid our ship to the wind all the last night. We are not willing to run, the weather being thick, as we think we are nigh Cape St. Vincent. *Wednesday, 6th.* We lay in to the wind; bad weather, very unpleasant. We were spoken by a Patriot Privateer. We find ourselves nearly two hundred miles from the land. *Thursday.* Wind North West; going 8 miles. Ate very little and feel pretty well. *Friday, 8th.* Delightful day, we passed Cape Spartel at midnight. *Saturday, 9th.* At sunrise, we were abreast of Gibraltar. The appearance of the rock more than equalled my expectations, Algeciras—a pretty looking Town, in sight at the same time. After passing the Straits the sail was delightful; the mountains very high, they have a barren appearance; one, higher than the rest, hove in sight when we were thirty miles from Gibraltar and continued in sight till we had sailed one hundred & seventy miles; the top covered with snow. We sailed in sight of the Coast of Spain all this day, occasionally seeing the Coast of Africa. I have never felt a similar feeling that I now have; the immense Mountains with their hoary tops connected with the idea of entering the seas famed for a variety of circumstances in Ancient history, and the idea of having the Old World on each side, seemed to demand a reverence not usual. *Sunday, 10th.* The land at a distance of about

forty miles has a very grand appearance; the sky very clear and beautiful. *Monday, 11th*. Rather cold. Sky very clear; the tops of the Mountains in Europe and Africa are to be seen at the same time; they have a sublime appearance. I have been more interested in reading the writings of Saint Paul within the two days past than ever before. I can divest myself of the idea of their having been written a *very, very* long time; the situation makes them appear new to me. 400 Miles from Gibraltar. I never saw the atmosphere as clear; the Mountains tower almost to the Heavens; the coasts of Europe and Africa are in sight; their appearance connected with my feelings from this situation carries me back a thousand years. *Wednesday, 13th*. We are out of sight of the land, and nothing interesting; ate mutton and arrow-root. *Friday, 15th*. The sea short and unpleasant. At evening saw the Island of Sardinia; I feel quite smart. *Saturday, 16th*. North Wind & cold. Sardinia in sight. This day commences my thirty-first year; to look back on the last year I find it checkered with much pain and pleasure. I do not know anything to accuse myself of, except giving way to my irritable feelings, and then by treating my friends with impoliteness and servants with rudeness, but I hope and trust that as I gain my health, I shall then have command of my feelings. Two hundred miles from Palermo. *Sunday, 17th*. The day delightful. At six o'clock made the Island of Sicily; we passed the high barren Mountains with much rapidity; the appearance of the Hills was noble, at sunset. We had an anxious evening. At 11 o'clock we came to Anchor in the Harbour of Palermo; Our Captain

Blake was quite out of sorts. *Monday, 18th*. Went on shore to the Health Officer, and all hands at 3 o'clock p.m. *Tuesday, 19th*. Went again to the Health Officer. Ate some figs, bread & butter and do not feel well. Cold Morning; Ther. 58°, snow on the Mountains. *20th*. Palermo, in Quarantine. I ate a bunch of Grapes at 12 o'clock by the advice of Dr. James; after dinner I drank two glasses of Grape Wine, which in a few minutes brought on a severe pain. By an application of flannels, hot bricks, etc., the pain was partially removed in a few hours, and I went to sleep under the effect of laudanum. *Thursday, 21st*. I am more comfortable than yesterday, but confined to my bed mostly. *Friday, 22nd*. I am very weak; the swelling in my legs has almost entirely left me; I am confined to the Cabin. *23rd*. Quarantine. A very warm wind, south east, they say it is something of the Sirocco. I am much oppressed by the heat. Dr. James recommends a course of Calomel. I began taking 1½ grains with Opium. *Monday, 25th*. Very tired of the ship. *Tuesday, 26th*. I took a shower-bath for the first time for several days, no ill-effects from it; I am very irritable and weak. During our passage I have been in the habit of taking a shower-bath every morning at four o'clock and then going to bed. *Saturday, 30th*. I took 35 drops of laudanum last night and slept well.

DECEMBER 3rd, *Tuesday*. I am not as well as yesterday, I am so weak as to be hardly able to keep out of bed. *Wednesday, 4th*. Took some laudanum in the morning to regulate my stomach, I have taken the oil of cin-

namon for several days. We are happy in being told that we are to leave the Ship tomorrow. Mr. & Mrs. Chabot called to see us. *Thursday, 5th*. At $\frac{1}{2}$ past ten, after an examination by the Physicians and considerable demur we obtained Pratique. Mr. Chabot took us to Page's Hotel. *6th*. Mr. Ingham called; offered his House, Carriage, etc., to us. Dr. Patranagio called to see me; he seems an intelligent man, and I think understands my complaints. He says the mutton of Sicily is not good, wishes me to eat beef and game and more light food such as Arrow root, and drink a little coffee and try wine. *Saturday, 7th*. A very wet day. I went in Mr. Ingham's carriage with Mr. Porter to look for a house. I feel better for the excursion. *Wednesday, 11th*. Dr. Patranagio called to see me. I am not allowed to go out of my room; he says my complaints are debility, and nothing else. *Friday, 13th*. Rode with Dr. James and Mrs. Appleton to the Palace Favorita, which is built in the Chinese style, rather finical in its appearance; it is the, or one of the country residences of the King. The ride is very pleasant to it, and in the same neighbourhood are several very fine Palaces. *Saturday, 14th*. We went to La Bagaria, I was delighted beyond expression; the beauty of the place and my sensations would be equally impossible for me to describe. One Palace, built by a romantic Prince, which was surrounded by the statues of monsters, was the most striking; the elegance of the apartments and the rich manner of their being furnished would lead one to suppose that Art attempted to vie with Nature, which in beauty of prospect, richness of soil and high state

of cultivation exceeds anything I have ever seen or could have imagined. The view of the surrounding country and the Bay of Palermo appears to the greatest advantage from the observatory of the palace. *Sunday, 15th*. We rode towards Parco, through interesting country; the soil in a high state of useful cultivation, but not highly ornamented as the grounds contiguous to La Bagaria; the scenery is as romantic as any Lady could wish. *Tuesday, 17th*. Mrs. Appleton, Mr. Porter, Doctor James & myself went to Monreale, which is situated about five miles from Palermo on the side of the Mountain. You ascend by a Z road made by the Government. The view from this place is very extensive and like all others that leave the valley of Palermo, very beautiful. There is an extensive Convent in the place kept in excellent order; the number of Priests attached to it is two hundred. In the Convent is a most valuable painting by a native of the village, done about one hundred years since; the subject is King William discovering the hidden treasure of his father, which was deposited to build the Church in that Town. The Picture belongs to the Church which has been much celebrated for its extent and for the four walls being constructed of mosaic of no common kind. The Church has been nearly destroyed within a few years by fire. We found the Priests disposed to be attentive to us. *18th*. Went to the silk manufactory and were much pleased; this establishment belongs to the Sicilian Government; About five hundred poor persons are employed in this institution (as it was originally intended as a hospital) under the direction of Nuns; this

establishment is connected with the Manufactory. *Thursday, 19th*. Dined at Mr. Ingham's, a handsome dinner; Mr. Porter, James, Mr. & Miss Prior and an Austrian Ambassador was our party. A person unacquainted with this sort of *cattle* might have mistaken him for a gentleman, yet often he shows the cloven foot. Miss Prior seems a good little woman, dejected, not handsome, about twenty-eight and cut out for a spinster. Mr. Prior I like pretty well; he seems kind but very narrow-minded, a small man in every respect. *Friday, 20th*. Mr. Hardman, Dr. James, Mrs. Appleton and myself went to see some of the principal churches which for size and elegance surpassed any I have ever seen. The expense of building them must have been immense. The Mother Church, or Cathedral, was built about eleven hundred years since. In this Church are deposited the bodies of several Kings in Coffins of Porphyry. Roger the first was laid there in 1137; they have a very rich appearance. I was much fatigued with walking through the Churches. Mrs. A. went with the gentlemen to the Prætor's Hall and the Palace on the Marina. *Sunday, 22nd*. Pleasant, but cold. Rode with my wife & Dr. James to the Prince Regent's Palace and went through the gardens. The view of the City, the Ocean and the valley is beautiful and more extensive than from any other point I have yet been. We met the Prince who very politely took off his hat to us, a compliment to us as strangers. *Wednesday, 25th*. Rode to the King's Palace & Mr. Ingham's place; dined at Mr. Chabot's. We had a pleasant party and a good dinner, but Mrs. Appleton &

myself were thinking too much of our friends in Boston to enjoy our Christmas dinner from them. *Thursday, 26th*. A stupid fellow by the name of Smith of Philadelphia and myself rode to the top of the Mountain, about four miles above Parco, from which you may have a most perfect view of the whole valley from Monreale to Monte Pellegrino, the City & the Ocean, while Parco seems under your feet. *Friday, 27th*. We passed the evening at Mr. Chabot's, where we had some fine musick by a Spanish gentleman, Mrs. A. delighted. *Saturday, 28th*. Mr. & Mrs. Chabot accompanied us to the King's Palace to see the Representation of the Shepherds going to find our Saviour. The appearance of the Country, flocks, Peasantry, Cottages, all together was well done and had a very fine effect. The work was executed at Naples, at the expense of Ten Thousand dollars, paid by the Prince Regent. It was about 100 feet long and some of the Mountains 15 to 20 feet high. It was constructed mostly of Cork. Although the effect was pretty, I could not think there was anything that carried solemnity, but it rather struck you as a puppet show. The figures were well done and some of the faces very expressive; the Costumes of the People very neatly done. *Monday, 30th*. I rode in the morning to the Ship, on a Jack. *Tuesday, 31st*. Mrs. A. & self dined at Mr. Hardman's, a good sort of man. This day ends a year in which I have suffered much from ill-health and anxiety. My health has been uniformly bad, my spirits much depressed, I have not been useful to myself or my friends, but troublesome to both. I often discover pity in those about me, but I fear I have made no friends.

1817

JANUARY 1st, *Wednesday. Palermo.* This year commences with a most delightful morning, the Air very clear. I do not begin the year in very good spirits, I fear I am doomed to be a poor creature. Could I be freed from irritability, I should be relieved of much pain and mortification; I suffer more in this way than from any other cause. I am daily promising myself that I will improve, but my success has been so little that I am almost discouraged, yet I will not give up the hope of being useful to my friends and having the command of my feelings. I rode this morning as usual, and passed the evening at Mr. Chabot's, where all the English society of the City were assembled, some thirty or forty. *Thursday, 2nd.* I rode to the Ship "Roxanna" and a few miles into the Country. We dined at Mr. Oates', where we met a pleasant party of fourteen persons, all English. We passed the evening there, played whist, returned home at eleven o'clock. I have not felt well; kept up by stimulating & society;—went to bed quite ill, some fever and pain in my back. *Friday, 3rd.* I do not feel as if I could walk. I fear I am getting down. Mr. Le Mesury called to take me to drive with him in his gig. After driving about one mile, I was attacked with a severe pain in my right kidney; by the time I got home the pain was so severe that I doubted whether I could survive any considerable time. Dr. Webber was called; he administered Opium, hot brandy, an injection of Oil, Honey, salt &

water, I had hot bricks put to my feet and back and a change of hot flannels continually till twelve o'clock when I fell into a doze; while the spasms were the most severe my pulse was quite stopped. I never before felt pain like what I experienced this day; Dr. Webber said in my presence that without relief, I could not live twenty minutes. *Saturday, 4th*. I found myself better than I expected, and felt quite easy till two o'clock when I was attacked as the day before. When the pain first commenced, I could not believe that I should be able to bear the pain I was threatened with; similar remedies were applied as those of yesterday, and in about twelve hours I got relief; the attack was by no means as severe as the first. *Sunday, 5th*. I remained in bed this day, most of my friends called to see me. I was too weak to sit up. *Monday, 6th*. Mr. Chabot took me to ride on the Marina; I was not out more than half an hour; the day most delightful, the sky clear beyond comparison with any I ever saw in America; the thermometer stands from 58° to 62° Generally. *Wednesday, 8th*. The tops of the Mountains are quite white with snow; it is a very wet, uncomfortable day. *Thursday, 9th*. Anniversary of our wedding day. My spirits pretty good. Mr. & Mrs. Chabot & Mr. & Mrs. Oates passed the evening with us and a few Gentlemen joined us in a game at whist. Mrs. Oates was delivered of a fine son after she returned home. *Saturday, 11th*. I passed a bad night. My pulse from 75 to 100 in the minute. I am alarmed lest I have diabetes coming on, my Physicians say they fear it. *Sunday, 12th*. This is a great day through Italy, the birthday of Ferdinand. I feel pretty

well, but not able to go out. There was much show at Court this day; we thought our friend Porter not a little disappointed in not having an opportunity to show his lace Coat, but unfortunately he had no invitation. He expected to have been taken by the hand by the Nobility immediately on his arrival and refused English society, on the belief that he should find the Sicilians more pleasing, but he must associate with the English or have no society here. They have a bad opinion of Mercantile men and no wish for their acquaintance unless they can make something by them. *Wednesday, 15th*. The Ship "Sally Ann" arrived which gave us much pleasure. We have letters from many of our dear friends, all well & give us pleasing intelligence. I never experienced more anxiety than from the time of her arrival till I got my letters, but was fully paid in receiving them. Mr. George Hinckley & Lt. Guisinger came as passengers in the "Sally Ann." I find myself very weak and nervous; My good Wife has a sorry time with me; I hope for a change soon. *Thursday, 16th*. We have a violent gale of wind from the West with rain; we are all confined within the walls of the house. I have amused myself in reading the letters and Papers rec^d by the "Sally Ann." Mr. & Mrs. Chabot passed the evening with us at a game of whist. *Saturday, 18th*. Mrs. Appleton went to the Opera with Mrs. Chabot. *Monday, 20th*. Writing letters to go by the "Roxanna." Sirocco wind; the air is very clear and pleasant yet one feels languid with this wind, it affects the spirits and feelings of everyone. *Wednesday, 22nd*. I find myself very weak, hardly able to sit up; fatigue is very

bad for me, it throws me on my back at once. Mrs. Appleton accompanied Mr. & Mrs. Chabot, Mr. Porter and Dr. James to the Mountain; on its top is the tomb of St. Rosalia, which they went to see. We all dined together and played whist in the Evening. The "Roxanna" sailed. *Sunday*, 26th. Rode to Mr. Ingham's place at Rocco. We found it very pleasant and are almost determined to go there to reside. We then went to the garden of the Prince of Aci, the Prætor of Palermo; he was very polite in shewing us his grounds and his Pheasantry which contained some hundred Pheasants; they looked beautifully. He invited us to sup at his box at the Opera, being a Masquerade evening. I have not felt as well for some time, as this day. *Monday*, 27th. Made up our minds to remove to Rocco and are engaged in making preparations for so doing. *Wednesday*, 29th. Took up our bed and Marched to Rocco, four miles from Palermo, Capt. Blake accompanied us. I have great faith in a change of air. I am fully persuaded that I am to get well at Rocco. *Friday*, 31st. Dr. James sailed for Naples in the "Sally Ann."

FEBRUARY 1st, *Saturday*. Engaged in putting our house in order. *Thursday*, 6th. Went with Mr. Ingham to the Prætor to purchase some wheat and Oil. The Prince we found quite a man of business and much of the cunning of the Sicilian in his countenance, yet he is a fine looking man. *Friday*, 7th. Went to the City as usual with Mrs. Appleton. Went to see the Prince of Aci who paid the Americans many compliments; he is much of a democrat. I recd

a letter from Gen^l Harper enclosing letters of introduction; I was much pleased by his attention. *Tuesday*, 11th. The French Frigate sailed for Naples. *Friday*, 14th. I have not seen so stormy a night as the last since we have been at Rocco, the north side of the house is covered with snow. Dined by ourselves for the first time. *Saturday*, 15th. Wrote letters by the "Fanny." *Sunday*, 16th. Mr. & Mrs. Chabot dined with us, we are much pleased with them, they are well-bred people and very attentive to us. *Monday*, 17th. Thunder and Hail, very violent. Mrs. Appleton accompanied Mr. & Mrs. Chabot to a Ball; we dined at Mr. Chabot's and slept at Page's. *Wednesday*, 19th. Dined at Mr. Wood's, where we met Mr. & Mrs. Chabot and some half dozen Bachelors, a pleasant party. Mr. Wood is an excellent Scotchman. *Friday*, 21st. Charming morning; Rode on horseback a little way and went to the City and made calls with Mrs. A. *Wednesday*, 26th. Went to the City, "Sally Ann" arrived from Naples; I went on board, weighed 97 lbs.

MARCH 2nd, *Sunday*. Went with a large party on board the "Sally Ann," where we had a splendid Collation given by Capt. Blake to the Prætor; Mr. & Mrs. Oates, Mr. Wood & Porter dined with us. *Wednesday*, 5th. I feel very weak in consequence of eating too many figs. *Friday*, 7th. Dined by ourselves, quite cosy & pleasant. *Monday*, 10th. Went to the City; wrote Eben¹ by the "Neptune" for Liverpool. *Tuesday*, 11th. I called with Mr. Wood on the Baron Acita and went to the Glass factory with them. *Fri-*

¹ Appleton.

day, 14th. We went to the Convent of Capuchins, where the bodies of Monks are preserved; some have been there it is said one thousand years. *Saturday, 15th.* Wet, gloomy morning. Rode to the City, but did not remain long; returned to my wife who was quite alone. *16th.* We recd letters from London from Mrs. Amory, we were much pleased; I never saw my good wife more delighted. *Wednesday, 19th.* I was invited to dine with the Prince of Aci, the Prætor, but did not go, as the weather is not pleasant. *Thursday, 20th.* Baron Acita came to see us. We have not had so bad weather this winter before as at Present. *Friday, 21st.* Mrs. Appleton & myself went to the City, as usual rode on the Marina. *Wednesday, 26th.* Raining with Thunder in the morning. I went to Mr. Chabot's to say that we would not accompany them to see the Bishop laid out in State, as Mrs. A. had a cold. I took a ride to the Church and finding the show worth looking at, I returned and took Mrs. Appleton to see the dead Bishop. On our arrival at the Church we met some difficulty in getting admittance. An Officer came out and ordered the soldiers to let us pass, seeing we were strangers. On getting into the Church I was struck very sensibly with the peculiar appearance of the objects before me. Over the door of the Church (S. Francisco di Paolo) was hung a black cloth, lettered with gold giving the birth, age, etc., of the deceased Bishop. The interior of the Church was completely covered within the Pillars with black velvet curtains trimmed with gold. In front was a Mausoleum, or Temple in the Grecian style; this was erected about half the height of the

wall of the Church and splendidly ornamented with black lace and gold trimmings. In the centre of this Temple was placed the body of the Bishop dressed in rich robes, with a white wig on his head; holding in his hand a Mitre (an insignia of office)—behind the curtain stood some persons occasionally waving banners of white silk over the head of the corpse, the persons not being visible; it had the appearance of some celestial movement as was intended it should. The body was placed in an easy chair, or throne, in a position that one would take who was inclined to Sleep or doze. The Mausoleum was covered by a canopy running to a point at the top, to a height nearly as great as that of the Church, made of velvet; this canopy was surrounded by eight rows of lights so placed, so arranged, as the blaze only was visible, and had the appearance of so many stars surrounding the canopy; there were one hundred and fifty of these stars. The sides and front of the Church were illuminated in the same manner; there were more than a thousand lamps lighted. On the sides of the Church were erected stages to come forward equal with the curtains or hangings, for the musicians; on both sides were the musicians placed, at least two hundred in number, and mass saying at the different altars behind the curtains, for the benefit of his soul. The music was solemn and exquisitely fine; I think it far exceeded anything of the kind I ever heard before. Next to the Mausoleum was seated the person who would succeed the late Bishop, and the Priests next to him, in order according to their age. They were dressed in white broadcloth cloaks, elegantly

trimmed with lace. Their equipages were as elegant as any I have seen in Palermo; they drove four black horses, each with coachman and footman dressed in livery of white with buff lace. The Church was much crowded, mostly with Priests, dressed agreeable to their different orders, some in black, some in white and some in grey. (So this world goes, as Meg Merrilies says.) The scene caused very solemn feeling without disgust; all was perfectly decorous and nothing could be more splendid. The Bishop's name was Iroda. He died very rich, they say by pilfering the charities put in his hands for Charity. Why can man desire pomp and show over his Clay when his character bears such stains? *Thursday, 27th*. Chevalier Auter, Mr. & Mrs. Chabot accompanied us to the Observatory on the King's Palace to see the Astronomical apparatus of Professor Piazzini who is considered the first in his line in Europe. (He has discovered two planets.) We were well paid for a tedious walk; the apparatus is very extensive and elegant. One of the Telescopes was made by Ramsden the present Professor, the only one of the kind ever finished; it is considered invaluable. It is situated on the top of the dome of the King's Palace (apparently), but actually on a marble platform twelve feet square laid on a base of its size, built of large stone in the most compact manner from the ground: its height is upwards of two hundred feet. There were very many things of the kind to interest any person who knew their value better than myself. His library is very interesting. His appearance was very peculiar and interesting. After having ascended more than two hundred

feet we were led by the Baron to a Parlour where sat the Old Philosopher over a brazier of coals with all the comforts we have nearer the earth; on a waiter at the side of the room sat on a table a set of China ware, a tea set, on the right of which was a liqueur case; by the fire a plain sofa and six or eight chairs distributed about the room; in a recess, his bed with white curtains before it; adjoining this parlour was his library and on the other side of a small entry back of the parlour is his kitchen, where they were cooking his dinner. I should say he was about sixty-five years old, six feet high, dark blue eyes, light complexion, very spare in his habit; he wore a black robe, his appearance, situation and character were striking beyond description; I was almost inclined to think him one of the inhabitants of the regions he had been so long exploring, or at least he had caught their Manners. He informed us that he had lived in that situation Twenty years; he spoke English very well, having been a resident in London several years. But, thus far, was but a small part of our feast; on being mounted to this immense height we had an opportunity of seeing the whole extent of grounds within the mountains, and of looking down on the City of Palermo and the gardens of the neighbourhood. The garden attached to the Palace is very handsome, and the Prince Aci's appeared to great advantage. It seemed as if I had been seeing this place and its environs as one views a Panorama made of blocks, looking at each piece separately, but they were now all brought so as to be seen by a single view. I have often thought since I have been in Palermo that I could never

see anything to delight me more than at that moment; but I can truly say, that I have never been so much pleased by any view as I have been this morning. Mr. & Mrs. Chabot & the Baron dined with us.

APRIL 2nd, *Wednesday*. Mr. Chabot & myself went and engaged our passage in the Packet for Naples, to sail the 15th Inst. *Thursday*, 3rd. We went to the City early to attend the ceremony usual on this day, the Commencement of Easter. We went to the King's Palace Chapel. Mrs. A. & Mr. & Mrs. Chabot went to the Hall, where they saw the Prince Regent wash the feet of twelve beggars in imitation of our Saviour washing the feet of His disciples. The beggars supped the evening before with the Prince, as did our Saviour with His disciples the night before His crucifixion. The Churches were dressed in mourning, the altars illuminated, the people in the streets all in Black. At twelve o'clock the carriages were withdrawn from the streets and not a horse was allowed in the streets till Saturday (?) at 12 o'clock. We dined at Mr. Chabot's & slept at Page's. 5th. We were much amused at the fair on the Marina; the Show consisted of a very great variety of toys of a common kind. *Sunday*, 6th. We ate a lunch at Mr. Chabot's and accompanied them to the Palace of the Prince of Belmonte, about two miles North East from Palermo, on the side of Monte Pellegrino, a beautiful place; the Palace is more genteel and comfortable than any I have before seen; the grounds laid out with much good taste; it was built in six years. The establishment cost

three hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars. 8th. Suffered considerably with my face; applied hot herbs: it is much swollen. 9th. My face confines me to the house; we applied hot baths of vinegar to it. *Friday*, 11th. Passed a most miserable night with my troublesome face, and sent for dentist and physician. The dentist broke the boil and I felt much easier by it. 13th. Left Rocco and took up our abode at Page's, preparatory to leaving Sicily. It is not without regret that I leave the retirement where I have gained more in ten weeks than at any other time since I have been sick. 15th. Went to Rocco to take a final leave. The Brig "Brothers" sailed for Boston; on it we sent home some of our baggage. *Wednesday*, 16th. Went with Mr. & Mrs. Chabot to the Palace of the Prince Belmonte, which is more extensive than any I have seen in Palermo, and some of the apartments and furniture more elegant. It is built so as to form three sides of a square, and on the fourth is the garden. This palace contains sixty-four rooms on a floor; three stories high. The lower part is used for Carriage horses, Stables, etc. The stables elegant; there are sixty stalls separated by Marble Pillars which in America we should think would adorn our Churches or other Publick buildings. The Prince's establishment in the way of horses is very great; he keeps more than fifty. I think this Palace on the three sides must show a front of six hundred feet. One of the Parlours struck me as being beautiful, and adjoining it is a sleeping-room which pleased me more than anything of the kind we saw, but I must try and remember its appearance, as I cannot describe it. The furniture was

superb, the Walls were covered with sky blue satin, the Chair Cushions of the same, the chairs of Ebony; the Curtains like the satin on the walls; the room 40 by 36 feet, Arched, & elegant figures overhead. There were four Elegant Glasses, one on each side and ends of the room, the Plate about 10 feet in length, the whole ornamented with a variety of ornaments, his Arms & Crest on many pieces of furniture. The bedroom had all the conveniences one could imagine, and I am told it is not occupied as he and his lady have separate establishments, but neither lives in this Palace. His income is \$200,000 per Annum, but it is worthy of remark that this man has been reduced to nothing within a few years. His estate in Spain confiscated by Jos. Bonaparte, in Naples by Murat, in Sicily by the King, and he twice condemned to death, and once reprieved by the influence of his friends' money when on the spot of Execution. He has his estates again now. So the world goes. *Thursday, 17th*. Walked with my wife on the Marina, took a little cold, drank too much coffee, and found myself very sick at night; an attack of the cholera morbus. *Friday, 18th*. Laid in bed most of the day. Dr. Patranagio came to see me twice. *Sunday, 20th*. Still waiting for a fair wind to sail for Naples. We went into the garden of Prince Valamosa, one of the prettiest I have seen; in many respects superior to any. It is neat beyond description and the walks very handsome. We went to the Church S. Francisco di Paolo, this being that Saint's day. Church is dressed for illumination. We get a little tired waiting for the packet. *Tuesday, 22nd*. We are told the packet is to sail

this evening, but no dependence can be placed on what you hear in this place. I shall leave Palermo not without some regret, but very little; I think the inhabitants very mean & selfish and old in all sorts of iniquity, and I can hardly believe a man honest that has lived long with them. You see in everyone a disposition to take advantage of you from the highest to the lowest. Their trade seems small, and their Ideas contracted, but for beauty, the country cannot be exceeded. Of extravagance we see much, of wretchedness the streets are crowded, and to show their infamy, their Prisons are running over. When a criminal is tried he has not the privilege of a juror, or of hearing his trial; he is taken up, put in prison and in due time he is either waited on with a release or by the hangman; they say this depends on how much money he has, but they never execute anyone till his money is expended. In their Courts of Law, all seems to depend on who will fee the judges most, yet they pretend to say that it is dishonourable to take bribes from *both* parties; it seems there is much litigation in this place, very many lawyers fully employed but badly paid; everybody works cheap for Sicilians, but they expect much more from strangers. A Physician pays a visit for two lires, or a first rate one four, yet they expect 10 or 12 from a foreigner. In a coffee shop they will charge a Sicilian three grains, or $\frac{1}{4}$ cent for a cup of coffee, but a foreigner they manage to get about ten from, by giving a larger cup, and offering him bread whether he eats or not, all the same. But there is this satisfaction — that they treat you with politeness, while they cheat your

teeth out of your head if possible. You are sure to have your Pockets overhauled if you go to a public place. Servants all dishonest is the general opinion.



From a Miniature

DIARY JOTTINGS: 1818-1836

1818

JANUARY, *Charleston*. I should not deserve the name of Christian did I not feel grateful to Heaven for my present blessings and past favours. Twelve months since, I had little right to expect to see this day, and so much health as I now enjoy I hardly dreamed of. When I reflect on the past year and recollect that I have passed over four thousand miles of land and as much by water without accident, that I have been raised from the weakest situation to which the human frame is capable of being reduced and recover from, I ask myself, Why is this? How can I be useful to myself or my fellow creatures that it should please Heaven thus to spare me? I am not able to say why it is so, nor do I find that grateful heart within my bosom that I should expect to find in one situated like myself. I cannot say that I think my improvement in mind is to be compared with that of the body. I do flatter myself that I am less irritable than I was a year since, and I hope less envious, but I have not had any trials of my disposition of late. When I for a moment think what has passed within a year my sensations are indescribable. I feel as if I had been hurled through the ethereal regions from clime to clime. I can hardly realize that I have been in Sicily, Italy, Switzerland, France and England, and, now, in my native Country in the same year; but when I look at the year past I have no doubt in concluding that it has been the most interest-

ing of my life thus far, and there is not much probability there will be any as much so. My business concerns have equalled my expectations, I am quite as well as to property now as a year since; my future prospects are much better, I have a prospect of health that I had not a year since. I have a hope of returning soon to my dear friends, I am sure I have many who are much interested for me. My good Wife is happy and deservedly so; she is all that any reasonable man could wish, ever finding friends and so fortunate as to have no enemies. I have been better satisfied with her the last year in troubles and anxieties than in prosperity; she has strong powers of mind not brought into action on common occasions; take her all in all, her husband and friends have cause to be proud of her.

1822

MARCH 24th. I attended church at St. Paul's this morning and heard an interesting sermon from Dr. Jarvis on self examination. My feelings were that from time to time I would follow his advice of reflecting on the past transactions and endeavour to correct my faults by acknowledging them to myself. 25th. Much occupied in attending to get forward the Columbian Bank. Passed the evening with a Whist Party at Mr. Amory's. Was struck by the power the Catholick Priests have over their People. Our servant Peter came to me on my return at night and said he had something to communicate to me; that his Priest told him that until he made known to me certain

thefts made by another servant he would not give him absolution; I must acknowledge I felt very small that I had not, nor no one on earth, such power to controul me as this servant has; I am quite disposed to turn Catholick. 26th. The effect of my last night's dissipation I feel considerably and will endeavour to avoid keeping so late hours. The day is very beautiful. I have been engaged in business but nothing in particular transpired to give pain or pleasure. 27th. I find myself continually too much inclined to sport a little with the feelings of others, not so much from bad feeling as a desire to show playfulness; much inclined to severity, and sometimes without a strict regard to facts. My mind is very much bent on making money, more than securing temporal friends or lasting peace. 29th. I dined this day with Mr. Nathan Appleton, a party of twenty-two. I seldom have a pleasanter time, but almost always find I have something to regret when I pass the day in a large party.

APRIL 2nd. Passed the evening in helping Mrs. N. Appleton get her Notes prepared for her Party. 3rd. Attended Ward Meeting. "Triton" arrived; forty-nine days from Liverpool. 4th. I feel that I am quite eaten up with business; while in Church, my mind with all the exertion I endeavoured to make, was flying from City to City, from Ship to Ship and from Speculation to Speculation. 6th. Attended the caucus for Mayor and Aldermen at the Exchange. Principal speakers, John Lowell, Col. Perkins and Mr. Webster. 7th. Our Sarah Elizabeth was christened

with a Child of Mr. Shimmin's; the ceremony was very solemn. May we be enabled to fulfil the promises then made! 8th. This day we met for the purpose of choosing City Officers; Mr. Otis & Quincy Candidates for Mayor; no choice. 10th. Purchased the right of use of water at the Mill dam for ten power, so called. This purchase I made in consequence of Mr. Ebenezer Francis saying to me that if I would go and make the purchase he could use it in such a way as to make it profitable and that I might or not be known to be interested in the mode he used it, and that he would give me the half of the profits. I purchased ten; Mr. Gray to have four. He & I each are not to prevent the other from purchasing more of the Corporation, but are not to allow them to sell any more without our consent for two years. 11th. Mrs. N. Appleton had a large tea party and very splendid it was; some two hundred to 250 persons; all went off well. 13th. "Champion" arrived. 15th. This day I have been very much engaged in different kinds of business, and attending to the Bank Building, which is a hobby with me. Sold Mr. Perkins my interest in the "Rasselas" & bought his in the "Champion." 16th. Called on Dr. Jarvis and told him that until our Church could pay their expenses without borrowing money I would give nothing to missionaries. 20th. I was appointed committee of finance for the Columbian Bank. My intention is to give much time to the business, and in all transactions for the institution, to pursue such a course as will bear the strictest examination. 23rd. Dined this day at Col. Apthorp's, a large & pleasant Party. I find much difficulty in prevent-

ing a quarrel between Mr. P. and myself; his observations are un-courteous and unjust. I am at a loss as to what course to pursue.

MAY 1st. This day the City Charter took effect; some little parade in making the Mayor, etc. "Mercury" arrived from Liverpool. 4th. I feel much indisposed from dissipation, not fatigue; I must do better or get done up. 8th. Much engaged in business; the "Jasper" arr^d from Liverpool. 12th. Passed the evening at Mr. Amory's, Gen^{mn} & Mrs. Sullivan were with us. 15th. Engaged in preparing to go to New York. 16th. Left for New York: arrived New London at 8 O'Clock. 17th. Left New London at 6 O'Clock — unpleasant from east wind, confined below. 18th. Arrived New York at 7 O'C. Attended to my business; left for Philadelphia at 3 o'clock. Upset in the Stage at 10 at night without injury. Arrived at Trenton at two o'clock: left for Philadelphia at 6. 19th. Took passage in Steamboat at six O'Clock. Arrived at 10. Attended Bishop White's Church. 20th. At 2 O'Clock left in steamboat for New York, slept at Spotsworth, the worst place I was ever in. 21st. Arrived at 12 in New York, attended to my business; dined with Mr. Lenox, went to Mr. Prince's, returned at 11 O'Clock. 22nd. Left in Steamboat at 6 O'C. — arrived New Haven 2 O'Clock. 23rd. Left New London at 4 O'Clock, arrived Boston at 9 O'C. 24th. Full of Business: found all well. 25th. Mr. Walker, J. G. Appleton and N. Appleton dined with us. 27th. Much excitement in the business world by the failure of Capt. Bush, Silas Bullard

and some others. 28th. Much distress for money, I am quite sick of the Mercantile business, and particularly of purchasing Notes. 29th. General Election. 30th. I find myself quite fidgety. F. Welch acknowledges himself a Bankrupt. I expect it will prove a bad Business. 31st. At Mrs. Amory's, a party of Children, very pleasant; then at Mrs. Peter Parker's, where we met a small but pleasant party.

JUNE 3rd. Artillery Election, a very great assemblage of people on the Common. 5th. Our mercantile community are so much harassed as to make me feel as if I wished myself anything but a Merchant. 7th. I am so much excited by my business concerns that I have very little pleasure. 8th. Dined at Mr. Amory's with Mr. Gold, Mr. Wm. Sullivan, Mr. Tilden, Mr. N. Appleton, very pleasant party. Mr. Loring is preparing to go to Canada. The distress among our Merchants continues; money is very difficult to be obtained; first rate notes at four months can be sold at double interest. 10th. People seem to be getting more quiet; the failures appear to have ceased. My Wife is much troubled for a nurse; she has now in the House a most infamous Huzzy. 11th. Sent to Tewksbury for a Nurse. Much engaged in Business. Mr. Ludlow failed. 15th. Meeting of Committee of Bangor Bank. Madam Amory very low, will not last many days. 18th. Elizabeth Coffin Amory¹ departed for unknown regions this morning. Her life has been long, 82 Years. In Youth she was

¹ Mrs. Thomas Amory, mother of Mrs. Appleton's step-father, Mr. Jonathan Amory.

beautiful; in middle age, useful; at the close of life, beloved and much respected. She was a lady of unusual politeness of manners, graceful and neat in her dress and Household establishment to a proverb. She leaves three sons, three daughters, and about fifty Grand and Great-Grandchildren. Mr. Bachi, an Italian, dined with us; he is a native of Palermo and absconded from his native place on account of being concerned in a plot against the government. 20th. Attended the funeral of Madam Amory. If death is under any circumstance pleasant, it must be when an aged Christian resigns her Soul to her Maker. The distress among the mercantile community has almost sickened me of business. 22nd. Left to visit my good Mother; slept at Chelmsford. My reflections not pleasant, I feel much anxiety in going to my Mother's. 23rd. Arr^d Mount Vernon, my Mother much pleased to see me; her health better than when I last saw her. 24th. Most delightful rain. Rode to Groton, left my horse & Chaise, & took the Stage to Concord, where I found Mrs. Amory¹ and others. Returned with them to Acton, where we slept. 25th. We left Acton at $\frac{1}{2}$ past seven o'clock and went to Lancaster to dine. We found the ride from Groton to Lancaster very delightful — Mrs. Amory rode in the Chaise with me. We found a comfortable Hotel and arr^d at Worcester at evening, where we slept very well accommodated. 26th. I left my friends and made my way to Boston. I find it pleasant to get home again and find all well. 30th. We had a sermon on the rise of our Church,² this being the anniversary of the dedication

¹ Mrs. Appleton's mother.

² St. Paul's, afterwards the pro-Cathedral.

of the Church two years since, when 25 families only belonged to the Church; last year there were 80, and now 128.

JULY 2nd. Rode with Mr. & Mrs. Sam^l & Louisa Appleton to Mr. Francis', where we were much pleased with their farming establishment. 8th. Mrs. Amory's family removed to the Cottage at Watertown. 9th. Mrs. Appleton rode with me to see her Mother at her new residence. 11th. The "Rasselas" arriv^d. Col. Caldwell a passenger; he, Mr. Jon^a Amory & N. Amory dined with us. 16th. Went with Miss Cutler,¹ Miss Dexter and Miss Sullivan to George's Island,² a very pleasant sail we had. 17th. Rode to Watertown with Mrs. Appleton; Mrs. Amory we find very pleasantly situated. 20th. Went to the Island to see Miss Cutler, passed the Sunday there; it was very pleasant although very hot in the city.

1831

DECEMBER 31st. This year has been one of unprecedented prosperity in this Country, and particularly so to enterprising Merchants and Manufacturers. Well managed Manufacturing establishments of Wool & Cotton, where two-thirds of their Capital is invested in Real Estate and Machinery, have earned twenty per Cent on the whole Capital. The rate of Interest has been low, generally at five per Cent at the Banks; at this moment they

¹ Mrs. Appleton's sister.

² Now occupied by Fort Warren.

get six per Cent owing to a demand from N. York. Not less than eight millions of Southern paper is held in Boston.

I am not very well satisfied with myself; my prejudices are very strong. I feel as if others who are in a degree dependent on me should be governed by my feelings more than I ought. I have considerable to contend with, but I ought to soar above trifles. As to my dealings with others I am quite satisfied with myself; I have no temptation to make a hard bargain, except the pride of having done better than others. I do not feel anxious to make money for the sake of having it, and should as soon spend my whole income as not if I could do it with a belief that it would do more good than harm.

[It was here in the Diary that the sketch made by Mr. Appleton of his early life was written.]

1832

I AM much gratified by the very numerous calls from my friends during my indisposition, which has been rather protracted; for three months I have not been able to attend much to business or to go to Church. I am now about making arrangements to go to Charleston in the Ship "Dover." I expect to be materially benefited by the Voyage & journey home. My complaint is from having the influenza which produced a Cough and after several colds I find I cannot go into the cold air without suffering. I believe my Lungs free from disease and as strong as any part

of me; but should my expectations not be realized I have made all the arrangements as to property that I think are necessary.

In March I sailed for Charleston and returned in June. The object for which I went, accomplished, my health being nearly as good as usual. The summer was mostly passed at Nahant, a place I think very conducive to my health, but circumstances, not entirely within my controul, led me to sell the Cottage¹ I have occupied with much pleasure and benefit. We experienced considerable excitement in apprehension from Cholera, but Boston has suffered very little from it. On my return from the South, under the idea that property generally was rather likely to decline, I sold off my Man^u & Rail Road Stocks to a comfortable amount, which proved a good calculation.

1833

JANUARY 1st. At this time everything is very dull. We are apprehending a destruction of the Protecting system to quiet South Carolina Nullification. I have full confidence in our Lowell Stocks, yet I am not willing to increase my interest materially in them, as I am not anxious to gain Property, but very unwilling to lessen what I possess. I have lately been appointed President of the United States Bank in this City, which will take up some of my time and prevent my doing so much business as I otherwise might. My intention is to keep my affairs within

¹ Still standing, on Swallow's Cave Road.

compass, not to owe much money. I do not believe they will alter the Tariff this year, and if they do, it will not injure the Cotton establishments at Lowell. The Prints it will destroy and the woolens. Nullification will come to nothing, yet they may possibly make a little fight in South Carolina, but I much doubt it, as the Pres^t's Proclamation will get there in time, I fancy, to give them a chance to retreat with honour. They are a fine set of fellows and will not disgrace themselves.

FEBRUARY 10th. Our Mrs. Nathan Appleton¹ died. She was a woman of uncommon talents, with more accomplishments than most ladies possess, much celebrated for her beauty; possessed the kindest feelings, willing to make every sacrifice to promote the comfort of others; with qualifications that ought to have made her the happiest among the happy, yet her standard appeared, unfortunately, too high; she could not do as much for her friends as she wished; she did not make the most of the luxuries that surrounded her, but rather felt or appeared as if something was wanting which made her less happy and useful. But she died in full (as I believe well founded) hope that she had an interest in Him who died to save repented sinners. Her age was forty-six in November last.

APRIL. Eben Appleton, my much esteemed Cousin, died. He was one of the most popular men I ever knew; he was deserving of the goodwill of his friends and

¹ Mother of Mrs. Henry W. Longfellow and Mr. Tom Appleton.

acquaintances; his talents were far above a common order; he was rather playful than otherwise, better calculated for a literary life than that of a Merchant. His age was forty-eight.

JULY 27th. We have an addition to our family of a fine boy; we call him Charles Hook.¹

1834

JANUARY. The last has been a year of general prosperity to our Merchants, Manufacturers and the Country generally. In the latter part of the year our affairs have been deranged by an unnecessary war between the Government and the United States Banks. It will end without very much harm. The Country is Rich and, notwithstanding we have done too much business, we can bear the checks which will grow out of the reduction of the debt due the U. S. Banks. I think the Bank will be compelled to close its concerns; I think, like most great moneyed Institutions, the Managers feel their power more than they should, or they think they have more power than they have. The business of this Branch is conducted on independent, fair principles, and I trust our direction would submit to no other. Property has not fallen in consequence of the scarcity of money, nor have there been any failures.

¹ The 10th and last child. Names of children in order of birth; William Sullivan; James Amory; Mary Ann; Sarah Elizabeth; Francis Henry; Joseph Warren, changed to William; Edward, died young; Harriett Cutler; Hetty Sullivan; Charles Hook.

Yet there must be many; among the good business there has been bad, and many persons are extended, who have but small property. As to my property, I have not made up my Books; my impression is that on a fair valuation I have fifty thousand dollars more than a year since. I owe more money than I intended to at the beginning of the year, and from present appearances I may do considerable business the year to come. I think money will be made on Cotton. I should extend myself more in shipments but I am afraid of getting too much connected with Foreign Houses. My health has been very good. I ride every morning from $\frac{1}{2}$ past 6 to $\frac{1}{2}$ past 7 o'clock. I drink no wine; I find an important benefit from giving it up.

MARCH. I have just returned from Philadelphia, where I went by the request of the Directors of the U. S. Bank to get additional means for the Office in this place. My business was to state to the Managers of the Bank that I would not hold the situation I had unless we had controul of the business in this city, and a Capital not to be withdrawn; in short, that I would not be the tool of any set of men. I found them, Messrs. Biddle & Jaudon, quite prepared to meet my views; I doubt not they were fully apprised of my intentions, as I had communicated them to Mr. Frothingham but to no other person. I got the funds required and a promise that I might do anything I pleased in the relation to the Office in Boston. *Sunday, 16th*. I am going tomorrow with W^m to see my good Mother who I apprehend will not live long. *Sunday, 23rd*.

We had a very pleasant journey to Mount Vernon. I found my dear Mother much better than I feared and I trust she may yet live years; her example to her Children, for us, as a Christian should be invaluable.

JUNE 8th. I fell from my Horse and broke my collar bone which confined me to the house some days, and I was weeks without my usual exercise. By the advice of Dr. Warren I changed my diet to vegetables, which I found beneficial.

JULY 25th. Returned yesterday from a pleasant excursion to the White Mountains with Dr., Mrs., & Miss Warren, Mrs. Grant, Miss Scollay and my son Amory.

1835

JANUARY. The year just closed has been an eventful one to the Mercantile community, much fluctuation took place in consequence of the difficulty between the Government and the Banks of the United States.

Our Country is prosperous beyond all calculation, yet the traders have many of them lost money the past year. The China Voyages have been very bad; Coffee has been a very losing article; Hides & Sugar from South America have cost more than they would sell for in Europe. The Calcutta business has been bad. Indigo sold for a loss of fifty to a hundred dollars a case. Cotton is worth four cents more per lb. than a year since; I think the price now too

high, being from fifteen to seventeen cents. There may be much speculation in the article through the year, but I think it a dangerous article to purchase at present prices. Manufacturing business has been good, the profits on good establishments equal to about double interest.

My business has been extensive and the results good compared with my neighbours: my property I fancy is worth twenty-five to thirty thousand dollars more than a year since. My family and incidental expenses amount to about fifteen thousand dollars. I want no man's money, but it gives me an unpleasant sensation to have others more successful than myself. These are feelings I am ashamed of and I endeavour to correct them. It is mean and unaccountable that our desire for property or power is so great, when we reflect on the entire uselessness of it for the little time which we can remain with it.

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JANUARY 1st. The year past has been one of unparalleled prosperity. Almost every description of property has advanced in price, and the produce of our Country has been high in foreign markets, which has enabled us to pay for the large amount of specie imported the preceding year. At present, money is worth from eight to ten per cent for business paper. My belief is that the coming year will be less prosperous than usual. I do not anticipate any great disaster, yet I feel that many kinds of goods are high and that we shall have some failures growing out of the

extensive speculations of the last year; I allude to eastern lands and fancy Stocks. Our commerce is extended very much and the importations from China & other places beyond the Cape are likely to be greater than the usual consumption, yet I do not expect very heavy losses. My business has been more extensive than I intended at the commencement of the year, and more profitable than in any former year; I suppose my property worth a Hundred thousand dollars more than at the commencement. We have been in our family particularly Blessed with health, and if we have not been happy it has been our own fault. We have had some anxiety on account of Amory's health in the early part of the year, but for the last few months he has been quite well and in his habits everything we could wish. Our dear William we were quite afraid was losing his health which led to his taking a voyage to Europe with Mr. Nathan Appleton's family. His sufferings by the Neurosis endeared him to us, and his good conduct has made him a great favourite with all his acquaintances. We shall expect to hear of the arrival of the "Francis Depau," in which he sailed, soon. At the commencement of the past year I made to myself promises of improvement. My transactions with my fellow beings I am satisfied with, but by no means so with myself to my Maker. My mind is much, quite too much, engrossed in business, not so much for the love of money as an unaccountable desire for business success. I fear it will be my ruin. I try to devote some time every day to the all important subject, my future existence, but when I get into the vortex of business I find

my mind so much engrossed that I can hardly free it when I return to my family or even on the Sabbath. If I had more communication with Religious people I think it would be better for me. My views of Religion are different from those of all my acquaintances on some points.

I believe it was intended by our Maker that we should be progressive beings, use and enjoy all He gave us, and our happiness would increase daily; that what promotes the happiness of mankind promotes our individual good. I believe the great stumbling block is selfishness, that instead of endeavouring to promote the happiness of our fellow creatures we are absorbed in the immediate gratification of our own passions; I pray Almighty God that the ensuing year I may live more in accordance with my early education than heretofore.

DECEMBER. The first half of the present year passed without any unusual solicitude. The health of the different members of our family was good. Our accounts from William and those who were with him led us to believe his strength was returning; we indulged fond hopes that he would return to us in the Autumn in good health. In August I received a letter from my good friend Mr. Nathan Appleton stating that W^m had not gained strength as he expected and recommended his passing another winter in Europe. These accounts did not alarm us much, but in a very few days we received the sad tidings that they were induced to consult a Physician in Florence who gave a very alarming statement of his case. My first impression

was to go to him, but after consulting with my friends I concluded to have Amory go immediately to meet his brother, with the hope he would be able to return to us, and Mr. Ed Austin kindly offered to accompany him; they left in the next Packet after we got the alarming letters; they had been gone but a short time till we received letters which compelled us to make up our minds we should see him no more. He died at Schaffhausen in Switzerland on the 24th August, less than twenty days after we heard of his severe indisposition. Amory returned to us in good health in the early part of November. I could not give an idea of the extreme suffering I endured during the space from hearing of his distressing health till we heard of the closing scene; it was such as I think I could not have long endured. When the sad tidings came of his death, the shock was great, but the suffering less than I anticipated; it was a relief from suspense, perhaps the most trying suffering. My health was suffering and for some weeks I was confined to the house. Mrs. Appleton felt our loss much, very much. Our friends' sympathy was great and did much to alleviate our sorrow. I now feel that God has taken him to Himself. I think of him with the greatest pleasure; the thousand incidents in his short life appear to me in the most delightful aspect; his imperfections have disappeared. I can truly say with Mr. Nathan Appleton who was with him, "He had less earthly dross than any being I ever knew; He won the hearts of all that knew him, and those who saw him during his last days spoke of him in the most exalted terms." Mary Appleton, in a letter

to Mrs. Sam^l Appleton, says: "I cannot help thinking of him a perfect Angel, such a lovely disposition, such a Heavenly expression, so much consulting the feelings of other People, so much patience without irritations; everybody says—'What an angelic face.'" Mr. Jewett, writing from London of the characters of the party to a friend, says: "Of Mr. William I now pause; I cannot well express my love and regard for that young gentleman; a love and regard which I fear will be soon saddened & I put him [his character] in the most elevated place." The recollections of his pious resignation at the last hour are more valuable to me than anything in this world. He is gone; we have much left to be grateful to kind Heaven for, many promising Children and other blessings, more than falls to the lot of almost any family within my knowledge.

I have been a long time endeavouring to make up my mind that it is my duty to join the Holy Communion. I have had several conversations on the subject with Mr. Stone, Dr. Warren, Mr. S. Hubbard, and corresponded with my good friend Mr. Potter; they all incline me to think it is my duty to make a public profession of Religion, but I have doubts. I feel that I am very sinful, full of the love of this world, that it absorbs my thoughts far beyond what I am fully sensible it should. I feel the value of religion and desire my children should be religious more than everything else.

In the way of business I have been as successful as in almost any year of my life. My property is worth sixty to seventy thousand dollars more than at the commence-

ment of the year, after deducting twenty to thirty thousand dollars losses on Flaxseed and Sugar. Money has been in demand through the year and for the last few months unprecedentedly so, worth two per cent per month for six months; notes of the first class. Real estate, fancy Stocks, and all kinds of property that the value is not regulated by foreign markets are extremely high. Labour is far beyond the price of any former period; journeymen Mechanics get from two to three dollars a day and the girls in the Factories at Lowell get two dollars and a half a week besides their board.

The trade of the last year has been generally considered good; but this is estimating the stocks on hand at high prices. The importations of Tea have been a losing business and sugars the latter part of the year very bad; the loss on sugars from Cuba to St. Petersburg have been enormous, in some instances twenty-five dollars a Box. Manufacturing has been generally good, the Cotton very good, and produced fully double interest on the Capital employed. Very few failures; persons over trading have retained their credit and preferred holding their goods for high prices and paying extravagant rates for the use of money; but a reckoning day must come, and as I think, before the ensuing year closes.

During the last session of the last Congress an intention was shown on the part of the anti-tariff party to reduce the duties on imports. Under the belief that the present Congress would modify the tariff, or at least attempt it, I sold in the course of the last summer a large part of

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my Manufacturing stocks, with an intention to purchase when the prices should get down, but from present appearances nothing of importance will be done.

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FEBRUARY. There has been quite a change in the money market the last month, and prices of stocks have improved. James S. Amory has lately engaged himself to Miss Greene, an excellent arrangement for both; she is said to be a fine Girl and he is a good fellow; she has money and he will not spend it improperly; but he never did nor will he ever make any money. He has now some twenty thousand dollars rec^d from his late firm in Philad, but he did very little to make it, and my advice to him is to have nothing to do with business in the future. Jonathan has just commenced with twenty-five thousand dollars, furnished him by Mr. Austin, with a Mr. Leeds who is well spoken of, but I have not confidence in his success; he has no business talent, and if Leeds is what they say of him he will not long remain with him; my fear is they will be led into an extensive business and fail; Dr. Austin's money lost, and we have Jonathan & his family to take care of.

MARCH. *Easter Sunday*. For the first time I joined in partaking of the Holy Communion. It was a great effort for me to make up my mind whether it was my duty so to do, having my mind, as it is, so much engrossed in the pursuit of the things of this world. 29th. Went to New York, where I found a bad state of things; money extremely scarce; Bills in London twelve and a

half per Cent, while gold or silver might be shipped at a profit of two per cent. The U. S. Bank and some other Banks are sending out Bonds payable in London to relieve the American Merchants in London. I fear it will not answer the purpose. I pressed Mr. Biddle to send some specie with the Bonds, but the truth is they dare not part with it. There was a day the present week which looked as if the Merchants would stop payment in a body, but they got over the Panic, and will now fail a few a day until a large number have gone. The trouble has not commenced in Boston or Phil^d, but must extend to both Cities; we shall have the most trying spring and summer known by the present generation of traders. Merchandise of all kinds, Stocks & Land must come down in such a degree as to cause every man much extended to fail, and a man worth one Hundred thousand dollars and owes three will be fortunate if he pays his debts.

APRIL 9th, *Sunday*. We Rec^d such bad accounts from New York as induced me to go there to look after Messrs. Paige & Co.'s business, and to ascertain if the Banks would probably continue to pay specie. I found a worse state of things than when I left some ten days since; an entire want of confidence, paper could not be negotiated in Wall Street in the usual way; persons who were in the habit of taking notes preferred letting their money remain in the Banks to taking paper, not knowing what would be the currency when the Notes became due. The United States Banks agreed to issue Post Notes, pay-

able at a future day, say in five months. It takes notes payable in New York in four months, charging one per cent exchange, and appears likely to restore confidence, so far as to bring out the money lying in the Banks on deposit. My belief is that things will be easier and we have seen the worst of the storm if the London Houses do not fail. 15th. Returned to Boston; find things comparatively easy and quiet, but we must have trouble; the gale commenced at the south and has been passing to the north, and we cannot escape it. 29th. Within the space of the week there have been a large number of heavy failures in this place — Whitwell Bond & Co., Livermore & Kendall, Grant & Seaver, Stone, Seaver & Bush are among the most prominent. It is said they will pay their debts, but my belief is that they will not on an average pay fifty cents on the dollar. I fancy there will be more failures before July. Cotton will not go below last prices in New Orleans, say 7 to 14 Cents lb., I think; but my opinion is not worth writing; I have no confidence in it. No one can tell what will come out of the present state of things.

MAY 5th. Attended a meeting of large Stockholders of the Lawrence Mills, called as I think very injudiciously, to take measures to provide for the payment of their Acceptances for Cotton. I must confess to myself what I would not speak to anyone, there must be a general suspension, unless relief comes from some quarters I cannot anticipate. Men's property is getting down so fast nobody will long be able to pay their debts; U. S. Bank

\$97; N. Y. State Bank \$71 from \$120; others in the same rate. Worcester railroad \$73, Providence \$88; Merrimac Manufacturing stock \$950, and three months ago same \$1350. This state of things cannot continue. 9th. I have been most of the day engaged in looking into the Affairs of Mr. T. I find he has by his Statement more than twelve Hundred Thousand dollars of property. Owes about three hundred & seventy-five. I am doubtful after looking into the business if he can get out and pay his debts as they come due. He offered me fifty thousand dollars to carry him through, but I cannot connect my name with his; I shall do all I can for him, but my impression is not favourable to his getting on without assigning his property. 11th. We have accounts from New York of the suspension of specie payments and our Banks have this evening come to the conclusion to suspend likewise. This is a measure most afflicting to me, mortifying in the extreme, but it is absolutely necessary for the protection of ourselves; no Merchant who is doing business beyond his capital could have met his payments; in fact, many of our Banks could not have met their bills. 13th. The last evening a meeting of Gen^{mn}, a committee Appointed by the Banks, met at my House and agreed upon a report made this day. The report was drawn by Mr. Hubbard on my plan; in fact the report I consider mine in Mr. Hubbard's language. I think it will prevent the over issues by the Banks for a time. 18th. Left with Mrs. Appleton, Miss Amory, James S. Amory, Mary Ann, Sarah and Harriet¹ on an excursion.

¹ His three daughters.

sion for New York & Phila. We passed two days in New York. In Phil^a there appears to be a feeling that the Government of the U. S. must use the present Banks to get things in a proper state, but they are mistaken; the present party will never submit to such humiliation. We returned to Boston, being absent about ten days; had a pleasant journey; found all well. After much anxiety and various discussions Mr. T. put all his property into my hands for the benefit of his creditors. Mr. G. W. Lyman is nominally associated with me. My determination is to use my best possible exertions for the benefit of all interested; in nowise to commit myself in a pecuniary point or to purchase any part of the property I have had placed in my hands. We are all anxious to know the fate of the London Banking Houses; most persons suppose they will all fail and the Bank of England stop specie payment. My belief is that the Banks will not get into difficulty and that we much overrate the losses that will be sustained by the London Houses in the American trade. My belief is that we have seen the worst of it for the present.

JUNE 13th. Rec^d letters from Mr. N. Appleton to the 13th May from London; he appears encouraged as to the American Houses being sustained. I cannot think they will get on after hearing from this side of the suspension of specie payments. My expectation is that they will think that Brother Jonathan intends cheating them out of all their debts and they will cut them all adrift. Possibly the Bank of England may feel compelled to keep them along.

But it is more likely we hear of many failures in Liverpool and other places in England when we get news a few days later from England. Went to visit my mother the first of the week. I found her very well, full of spirits and her mind bright; she reads much, two or three hours in an evening; able to ride and drive the horse attached to her chaise; she takes fully four pounds of Opium in a year; the quantity she increases regularly; she has taken it for more than twenty years without apparent bad effects; she began with a small quantity for diarrhea; she has been a feeble woman for more than fifty years; now eighty-one, and has as much health as she has had during my recollections. 20th. Amory left this day with Mr. Oxnard for New York. I am very happy in viewing the character of this son; He fills the place of dear William with me to an extent beyond what I could have imagined; I think him as pure a minded lad as I ever knew, and he has more real piety than any young man of his age that has ever come to my knowledge.

SEPTEMBER. With Franklin Dexter I took a journey to Pittsfield, Albany & New York. When we met Mr. Nathan Appleton & family, returning from their tour to Europe, I made up my mind not to make them unhappy by showing my feelings. It was painful to meet them who had accompanied my dear William on his last journey. My friends returned in excellent health and spirits and I trust will be contented with their much to be envied home.

OCTOBER. I rec^d a most interesting letter from my friend Cabot, giving an account of his visit to the grave of our dear William. His account of the place, the information he picked up at Schaffhausen, etc., much interested me.

NOVEMBER 1st. Went to New York to accompany our eldest daughter to pass a few months under the care of Mrs. & Miss Inglis. It was not a favourite plan of mine, yet I think on the whole she will be benefited by going from home; she has the best of feelings with fair understanding. 27th. James S. Amory was married to Miss Mary Greene; she appears a fine woman, and their chances of happiness appear good.

DECEMBER 27th. Went to visit my Mother, now almost eighty-two years old. I found her enjoying as much health as I almost ever knew her with; her senses as bright as in youth almost; she reads much and converses with fluency and judgment; she hears quickly and is much interested in the future welfare of her Children. 31st. This day ends the year. I feel that I have more to be grateful for than almost any person. My family have health and what is all important to our happiness so far as we know,—good habits. Amory is a great treasure to me, he is my companion and I feel that he makes me better, he reads and says his prayers with me night and morning, and I feel as if there was nothing he would wish to conceal from me.

Our daughters are all we could reasonably wish and the younger Children all we can expect. The last year has been one of change and disaster to the commercial world, such as has not been known during the present generation, but things are getting in a more limited & better state; our debts in Europe are in the way of being paid and ere long I trust business will get in its usual channels. For myself I have been very fortunate, I do not know that I have lost anything by bad debts directly. I have on hand a large Amount of Merchandise and some considerable adventures abroad. My present belief is that the voyages now under way will be profitable, in fact, business will be good, that Stocks will advance, but I do not intend to extend myself, and never again on the end of the year to owe \$500,000; more than three of which is in Notes.

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JANUARY. I commenced the present year with more than usual solicitude owing to the extent of my engagements and the unsettled state of the currency. My belief is that we shall soon pay our debts abroad and we shall be in a situation to return to specie payments, or ought to be in such a state, but there is an unwillingness on the part of many of our men of business to meet the crisis, and some of our Banks are managed by persons largely indebted to them. I hardly doubt they are able to meet all their engagements, yet they must have much paper that cannot be collected, and we must have some failures among

the speculators who have got their funds from the Banks, where they are directors.

FEBRUARY 9th. Went with Mr. Paige to New York to endeavour to assist him in getting some money on the Grand Island Bonds. Sunday I dined with Mr. Jonathan Amory; Mary Ann passed Sunday with them, she looks very well; am quite delighted with her. 16th. Arrived in Boston the afternoon; found my dear pet Charles quite ill, but not very sick as I think. 22nd. Charles quite ill and I fear may not recover; he has a lung fever & pleurisy. Dr. Jackson attends on him & Mason Warren is all attention to him. 25th. Master Charles much better and I trust has turned a favourable corner; the poor little fellow has suffered much pain.

MARCH 1st. There has been much excitement among the small traders owing to the curtailment of the Banks; there appears to me now there will be no difficulty in the Banks resuming payment in May. We shall have a large amount of Specie from England in that month which will put all right again and before Sept. we shall be wondering why we were so much depressed; things will get back to former state and all will be well till we get in debt again in Europe. 8th. J. Ingersoll Bowditch called on me this morning and said his father, Dr. Nathl Bowditch, would like to have me call and see him, which I was most happy to do. He is quite sensible that he is about to close his earthly existence. He said that he was

anxious to see me; that he felt a strong interest in me as he had for many years, as he had openly expressed his confidence in me, and my ability & usefulness. He said: "At one time when speaking to you my feelings, you let slip from your lips that I flattered you; I tell you as a dying man I never said to you a word that I did not feel, and I now tell you that you have done as much for the City of Boston as any man in it; your word passes as a warrant, and no person has, nor deserves, more the respect of the Community." He advised me to continue in business while I had the health & capacity so to do; not risking so much in any one object as to affect my happiness should it prove unsuccessful. I told him I considered the opportunity I had of his society was such as I ought to be grateful for, that it was impossible for any person to be as much with him as I had been for the last twelve years without improving. *Sunday evening, 11th*. I have not for some weeks been in a happy state of mind. I have felt my passions were not subdued, my feelings toward my fellow beings far from what I knew they should be and I doubted whether I ought to go to the communion table. I did not know what to do; my anxiety was very great. As is our custom, Amory was reading one of Jay's lessons for the evening, the text was the request of the Jailor to St. Paul, "What shall I do to be saved?" The Answer, "Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ," came over me with an effect that I could not describe if I were to attempt it. I dreamed of it through the following night, it has hardly been out of my mind since. It has dispersed the cloud that surrounded my mind for

the time. God grant that it may so continue! I do not think myself superstitious, nor do I mean to convey the idea of any special Providence attending the circumstance, but to show how much a passage in the Holy Writ may affect us at one time & pass unnoticed hundreds of Others. My belief is that a Christian often perplexes himself with unnecessary doubts and fears from trying to understand mysteries which were not intended for us to know; that we should endeavour to enjoy religion in its simplicity. 14th. Went to New York in company with the Earl of Gosford, late Governor of Canada, a very Gentlemanly, good natured Irishman. 17th. Returned from New York & found my family all well, but my good friend Dr. Nathl Bowditch gone, he died on the 16th. I most sincerely regret his death, he was one of the most valuable men in society. His loss to me is very great, his counsel was valuable and no one could be intimate with him but that improvement would follow. He was more strict in his communication than any man I ever knew. He would never, if applied to for a loan, put off the applicant by saying it was not convenient unless that was really the case; if he did not like the security he would say so. If he did not like a man, from feeling he could not fully depend on him, the person must be much blinded if he did not discover his feelings. He died at the age of sixty-five. The early part of his life was passed, after an apprenticeship in a Store, in Voyages to India, most of the time as a Master of a Vessel, and then became the President of an Insurance office in Salem. He removed to Boston and was made President of a Marine Insurance office, in

which I was a director, & Actuary of the Massachusetts Hospital Life Ins. Company; the latter situation he held till his death. During his residence in this City I was very intimate with him; he placed great confidence in me, and consulted me on all important investments. I trust the precepts & example of this good and great man will never be forgotten by me.

APRIL 8th, *Sunday*. It is about a year since I first went to the Communion; I feel satisfied that I did right in so doing; I have through life thus far always had a great respect for religion & for many years felt the sinfulness of my nature. I went this day with my dear Amory & was confirmed by Bishop Griswold; this I did in part as an example to my children, at the same time feeling the additional pledge was my duty. 9th. Mrs. Appleton left with me for New York, where we passed a few days; our daughter Mary Ann returned with us to Boston, having been at Mrs. Inglis' school for about six months; her health is good and she is much improved, we think, by exercise & being in the open air.

JUNE 20th. Removed to Brookline, having put the House I purchased from Mr. Whitmarsh in order, being the place formerly occupied by Mr. S. Higginson.

JULY 1st. Amory left us in the Ship "Ebⁿ Preble" for New York, she having just arrived from Canton, G. W. Minot Supercargo. 4th. Mr. N. Appleton, family & Mr.

& Mrs. Sam'l Appleton dined with us. A most delightful season.

AUGUST. Dr. Warren and family have returned from Europe. We arranged for him to take the House we now live in, and I am to build on the south part of the lot.

DECEMBER 31st. More than half a century have I lived: almost without parallel in the smiles of Fortune, in wealth, Wife, children, etc., etc. So much for me has been granted by kind Heaven, what have I done for my fellow beings? Very little beyond my own connections; my Wife, children, Mother & Sisters have not been neglected, but beyond my immediate circle very little has been done to promote the cause of religion, and strange to say that with a full conviction of the error, I continue to be engrossed in the cares of this World, a desire to increase a fortune now large, more than six hundred Thousand dollars and one Hundred times more than I expected at twenty years old ever to possess. My present intentions are to lessen my business, try to bring my mind to dwell on things of more importance, to associate more with religious persons. Not that I suppose I can make myself what I would be, but I shall be more in the way of Heaven's richest blessings. When I look about me and see the wonderful kindness of the Supreme Being to me in giving us such amiable children, endowed with a full share of health, reason, together with this world's goods far above what fall to the lot of most men, I pause! Among



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the blessings I feel most is the promise of virtue and usefulness in our eldest son. He is all a kind parent could wish; his disposition more valuable than many fortunes; his principles so fixed that I trust he is safe from the ordinary temptations of this world; He has lately become engaged to Miss Mary Lyman¹ with the full approbation of all their friends.

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THE year has passed without any remarkable incidents in my immediate Walks up to the present time. We are now going to our new House at Brookline, the latter part of July. It is in an unfinished state, or rather the place is. Mary Ann took a journey to the Springs in Virginia with Dr. Robbins, Dr. and Mrs. Hayward and Miss Spring. She was absent about six weeks and returned with improved health.

SEPTEMBER 2nd. My excellent friend Hon^{ble} Wm. Sullivan² departed this life. He was a man of fair talents, well educated, excellent heart, a true friend, disappointed as a publick man; died regretted by all, particularly by those who knew him best; to me he was an ardent friend. In 1816, not expecting to return from Europe, I left him and Mr. Jonathan Amory³ my executors, or Trustees, but I have lived to settle both their estates. 10th. Letters by the Steam Packet from Baring Brothers and Co. indicated the failure of the United States Banks

¹ Daughter of Mr. George W. Lyman.

² His wife's uncle.

³ His wife's stepfather.

to meet their engagements in London. At the request of Mr. Thom. W. Ward I went on to New York; I found Mr. Sam'l Ward & Mr. Tho^s Ward¹ of the opinion that Mr. Jaudon, the Agent of the Banks, would not be sustained; Mr. J. G. King, Sturgis, & myself thought he would. I went to Philadelphia, found the Gentlemen of the Banks quite disposed to put Ward off, and he in fact was on the point of returning to New York when I arrived without any explanation of their situation, but on taking strong ground brought them out, but only in part. On the 15th I returned to New York, where I remained, all in a State of great anxiety for the arrival of the "British Queen" Steamer: money quite scarce: United States Banks Post Notes at ten months sell at $1\frac{1}{2}$ per cent per month discount, and no doubt they are sold by the Banks for their own purposes. On the 20th the steamer arrived; by her letters it appeared that Mr. Jaudon had been sustained by the assistance of six to seven hundred thousand pounds from various houses, and the impression appeared to be that he would get through, the Banks having made large remittance in specie payment and stocks. On the 21st I returned; found all well, our family at Brookline, except Master Frank, who has just commenced his residence at Cambridge, having entered College in the sophomore Class. I had much anxiety as to his getting into College, but I trust he will get on well; he has no bad habits, is inclined to be industrious, more so I think than any of my boys; not particularly fond of Study, but as much so as most lads of his age.

¹ N. Y. representatives of Baring Brothers.

OCTOBER 18th. Returned yesterday from New York, where I went ten days since at the request of several of our Banks, at the receipt of the report that the Banks of the United States had stopped payment. On my arrival at New York, I found all the Banks in Phil^d. had suspended specie payment on the 9th & the Baltimore Banks on the 10th. It was very doubtful in my mind whether New York would not be obliged to follow, but all the gentlemen of my acquaintance in Wall Street said they would get on, but Pine Street Gen^{mn} & Jobbers generally thought otherwise. I went to Phil^d, saw many of the persons interested in the U. S. Banks; they were much depressed. I fancy the affairs will not be closed without failure among the managers. Mr. Elihu Chauncy I found very communicative; he thinks Mr. Biddle a vain man, one who would not have for his advisers persons who expressed opinions not in accordance with his; that he had been the cause of all the difficulties in the Banks, that he, Biddle, Jaudon, Coperthwait, & Brown & Humphreys were interested in the Liverpool House in having a share of the profits of the firm of Humphreys & Biddle. Mr. Chauncy thought that if the Phil^d banks or the U. S. Banks & Girard Banks had not managed very badly, they would have made the N. York Banks suspend first. Their plan was that the Girard Banks should draw bills on Morrison & Cryder, sell them in New York & Baltimore, then draw the specie to go by the Steamer & compel the Banks in New York to suspend, but they were clumsy and failed, having sold

but some twenty thousand pounds in Baltimore & thirty to forty elsewhere. He said if New York & Boston continue to pay specie Phil^d. must call in & resume as soon as possible; that he, in the Bank of Pennsylvania, was opposed to extending till it was ascertained what would be finally done in New York. I returned to New York the 14th, where I found much doubt existed as to their being able to supply exchange for the steamer to sail on the 19th. I considered it very doubtful if the Banks would be able to sustain themselves, but the Banks finally made arrangements to draw on London for about 250^m £, which changed the appearance of things. Yet there were some bad features in the future prospects, much was said of the Wall Street Click. Sam^l Ward is a sound man but very bad manners, very unpopular. Tho^s. W. Ward knows less but has all his unpopularity, yet thinks he is a very great man. I have prevented his making several very great blunders within a month. On my return to Boston I find much excitement on the question whether the Banks shall suspend or not. There was a meeting of a large number of Merchants, it being an adjournment from another meeting, the last night, and on a motion to adjourn or take up the proposition to recommend the Banks to suspend, there was about an equal number. The statements that I made of the determination on the part of the Banks in New York & of their strength produced much effect, yet I think it quite doubtful how the affair turns; I think three-fourths of the traders and Bank directors wish a suspension, but they are afraid to avow it. I think on the whole we shall hold out as long

as they do in New York. 25th. We have rather alarming accounts from New York on the subject of the specie payments. There was a meeting called of Merchants who have appointed a committee to call on the Banks and request them to increase their discounts, to receive & pay Bills of the distant Banks, virtually to suspend specie payments. It is doubtful whether the better part of the Merchants will join in this project; if so the Banks must or a part of them will be compelled to comply. I do not see any prominent men among those of the committees. Jonⁿ Amory appears to be active; poor fellow, I fear he will do no good for himself or any one else in this World. 28th. The meeting of Merchants in New York ended without any bad effects; on the contrary they made no impression on the Banks or the publick other than induce the latter to support the Banks; I now feel more confidence in the Banks holding out to pay specie than I have at any former moment since the actions of the Banks in Philadelphia; no failures of consequence have taken place in this place or in New York, nor will there be among persons able to pay their debts. The trade of the last year has been good generally, and till prices fall the trades have the appearance of having made money. I fear before a year passes many who now feel strong will find they have no property.

NOVEMBER 1st. The accounts from New York show a continued pressure on the money market. Stocks are very low & money worth three per cent per month for paper of sixty to ninety days. Our accounts from

London to the 28th Sept. have it doubtful whether Mr. Jaudon will be protested or not; the general opinion is that he will fail; my feeling is that he will be carried on from week to week till his engagements are much reduced & then it will be for the interest of those who have aided him to carry him through with his payments. 4th. We have accounts by the "Great Western" steamer to the 20th Ultimo. It appears Mr. Jaudon has made a loan of £800^m for one & two years on Bonds, with Stocks as collateral, which costs over ten per cent per annum; there appears little doubt of the engagements of the Banks being complied with in Europe. My feeling is that we shall have a dull business the ensuing winter: prices must fall of most articles, those of common stocks will advance; flour is now worth in New York \$5.50 to \$6.00. I think well of it as a speculation; before the end of next June it will be worth \$8.00. I may purchase some but intend to limit my business. I never felt more inclined to extend myself; I feel that a good business may be done with capital or even on credit. 12th. Amory left us for New York with the intention of making some purchases of flour; I think very well of the article; the crop appears short in most places and the price low in this Country; less than \$6.00 the bbl. of 196 lbs.

DECEMBER 31st. The summer we passed at Brookline;¹ we found it very pleasant, we shall probably continue to pass our summers there. The children promise by their conduct to be useful members of society; our

¹ The house is now occupied by Mr. Sherman Whipple.

eldest son continues a great comfort to me; he appears truly religious, his disposition remarkably good, as are his manners. Frank has been industrious in his studies and appears to be doing well at Cambridge; our two eldest daughters are all we could wish. The character of the other children is to be formed; if they follow the example of the older, we shall have great reason for gratitude. The year has been an eventful one to the commercial world; the most important circumstance was the suspension of the Banks in Philadelphia and all to the south & west; I feel as if I was useful in preventing the Banks in New York and New England from following their example. I trust all will come right, but we shall not get right till some new system of restraint is adopted to prevent the extension of the issuing of a paper currency. What this should be, or when it will come, I will not predict.

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JANUARY. This year commences with dull prospects for business. Our country has been blessed with an abundant crop of the principal articles of consumption as well as those of export; yet the state of the currency prevents the goods passing through their usual channels; besides, the west & the south are much in debt to the east, and the whole nation, to Europe; we have been extravagant in our importations of luxuries, and in our desire to promote large private and public works, but no doubt all will come round in due time.

FEBRUARY. I find myself much troubled with the old enemy dyspepsia. The last month was very severe weather which prevented my getting my usual exercise.

MARCH 15th. For the last fifteen days I have been dieting on a small quantity of meat & crackers, after going through a course of physick; I have taken before eating at each meal a preparation of Creosote.

APRIL 1st. My indisposition continues to an extent that it disquiets and alarms me. 15th. The last two weeks I passed in journeying. Went to New York with Mary Ann. "Trenton" arriv^d: stored her cargo; sold her.

JUNE 18th. This is the day my dear Amory is to be married to Miss Mary E. Lyman; may God bless them! I think well of his choice, he deserves much. It is a sad day to me, the idea of parting with him makes me sad, almost sick; he has been my companion for three years; we have communicated freely on all subjects; night & morning has he read to us from Jay. We have daily united together in prayer; I trust, *I believe*, with benefit to both; his health is not firm; I fear he inherits the constitution of his father; if so, a long life is hardly desirable; yet, with all my infirmities, there are few persons who have so much cause of gratitude to Heaven as myself: a wife with an affectionate heart, with strong attachments to her family, blessed with excellent health; children with

good dispositions, easily controuled; many kind friends and an ample fortune for myself & family, with the means of aiding others of my own blood who require my assistance.

JULY 20th. Find my health not improving; had a full conversation with Dr. Warren; he thinks I have done all that can be effected by diet and proposes a journey, a change of scene; my feelings are for a trip to Europe, & requested him to speak to Mrs. Appleton on the subject. I am eating a dispepsey cracker & a cup of tea for my breakfast, a small piece of meat & a cracker for dinner, and the same at evening as the morning, yet such is the state of my digestion that from flatulence I am most of the time in positive pain; persons not accustomed to the like difficulties would think they had an attack of colick. 29th. My difficulties continue and I am preparing for a voyage to England to return this Autumn.

AUGUST. Left for New York on the 17th, with rather a heavy heart yet quite sure I was doing right. I could not get my health without a change and giving up my daily occupations. My wife much excited at my leaving, she thought I might avoid it; but she will soon get over it and I fully hope & believe her good, and that of my family, will be promoted by so doing. On the morning of the 18th I met my excellent friend Mr. N. Appleton, who had come from Newport to see me off, he has ever been true to me, on board the "Great Western," in

which we took passage, my third son, Joseph Warren,¹ & my servant, Ira Glidden, was my immediate party. We sailed at 3 p.m. from the Wharf; left the Pilot about six on evening of the 18th. I dined lightly, took some Magnesia; slept well; passed the 19th in reading the life of Franklin by Mr. Sparks. 21st. Early in the morning reported to have spoken the ship "Nantasket" 36 days from Liverpool. 22nd. We get on well, occupied pleasantly reading, eating, playing whist, etc. I can hardly describe how delighted I feel at being able to join with others in their conversations & amusements; I have not felt so well for months. *Sunday*, 23rd. Calm, near the banks of Newfoundland, foggy. Capt. Haskins read the service & Mr. Grant a sermon, very orderly & much deference shown by most of the passengers. *Monday*, 24th. West wind, all sails set; studding sails, lower & upper, set: our voyage appears to prosper & my health improve, thanks to kind Heaven. 25th. South West wind, going on rapidly; I find Mr. Grant a valuable acquaintance. Warren gets on very well, he appears quite a favourite. Run, 260 miles per log. 26th. Wind North East — heavy sea — dead lights in cabin windows. 27th. Wind southerly, most of our sails set, delightful morning; finding myself alone, most of the passengers in their staterooms, my thoughts return to them I left at home; a pang passed my breast, but on contrasting my present feelings free from pain, my mind clear, in charity with & good will to all the world, I felt selfish enough to give up the society of all I love and the possession of

¹ He changed his name later to William.

what I have been long, carefully and successfully getting together, & pass the remainder of my days on board Ship, rather than return to endure the feelings I have had to contend with much of the time for the last four months. 28th. Passing rapidly through the water; they say 12 miles the hour. *Saturday*, 29th. A most delightful morning, sea smooth, wind light, going on rapidly with a clear sky — went 263 miles the last 24 hours; we are now 300 miles from Ireland. *Sunday*, 30th. Cold, N. West wind — find my great coat & thick gloves desirable. *Monday*, 31st. Very unpleasant cold N. E. wind, with rain, a heavy sea; the only pleasant thing is the prospect of being in our port this evening. We arrived at our anchorage, Kings Roads, at 10 o'clock; passed up by an interesting bold shore.

SEPTEMBER 1st, *Tuesday*. We were called at 5 this morning to prepare for going on shore. We arrived at Bristol about seven; very little trouble in passing our baggage. Passed the morning in riding about Clifton & Bristol—many very fine Houses & other buildings. We went to see the Steam Iron Ship building; it is said she will measure three thousand tons. I like her model; she may & probably will answer the purpose intended, but I should not like the stock. Mr. Haliburton, Warren & myself passed the afternoon in riding about the City of Bath and its environs. Bath is one of the finest Towns in England, the prospect from the high grounds is most splendid. We dined at six, Mr. Bigelow of the Army (of Watertown) with us. 2nd. Left Bath; passed over a most excellent road

& through a fine country, the entire distance from Bath to London. The grounds are in a good state of cultivation, the chalk lands not very productive, the dwellings are many of them magnificent. On the whole I think the ride as interesting as any I have seen; I had no idea of the difference between an English and American Rail Road before this day, there is as much as between the elegant Mansions we have been passing & our Humble Mansions.

3rd. We find ourselves very comfortable at the Brunswick Hotel, Hanover Square; our rooms on 1st story above the basement, fronting on the Square. Rec^d a kind Note from Mr. Wiggin, asking me to come & take a bed at his house, which I shall probably accept after a few days. Went to the City, called at Baring's; well rec^d by Mr. Bates & Mildmay. Went to see my old friend W^m W^{ms} Brown; delighted to meet me again. I go tomorrow to breakfast with him & some of his children. Called on Forbes & Co. I think them intelligent men. 4th. Went to Mr. Wiggin's, took up our quarters with him; he, full of old affairs, pleased to have some persons to hear him talk. We went to the City, called at Baring's, got £100, called at some shops; returned home to 28 Parker Crescent in the rain, dined pleasantly at six, chatted till 11 o'clock, & retired. *London, Saturday, 5th*. We went to the City, stopping at Vauxhall Market, then at the tailor's; returned to lunch at One & went again at three to purchase carpets, table linen, etc. Sat up late with Mr. Wiggin, getting a history of his early life, to the trouble of poor relations, etc. *Sunday, 6th*. We went with Mr. & Mrs. Wiggin to

Church, a very good looking chapel; pleasant sermon of Orthodox character, church not full, very few Males in proportion; on our return we stopped to lunch at Mr. Tim^y Wiggin's on Roast beef, Lamb's Head, pudding, then Pears & Apples. Mr. Peabody, Mr. Mildmay, Mr. Coutts, and Col. Mauray called. We went with Mr. & Mrs. Bates to the Zoological Garden; took a drive of some three hours through the west part of London, Hyde Park, etc. It is beyond anything within the range of my ideas, the extent of this city. *Saturday, 12th*. Left London at 11 O'Clock, arrived at Leamington at 5. *Sunday, 13th*. Dr. Jephson called; on seeing me he asked if I was usually so thin, and said my liver wanted looking to, but concluded that unless I was going to remain some weeks it would not be well for me or him to proceed further. He bade me good morning, taking no fee; after consulting Mr. Montgomery I wrote him a note, & he called again & I concluded to make this my principal residence during my stay in England. In the afternoon we rode to Guy's Cliff & Warwick Castle. *Monday, 14th*. Left at 9 o'clock for Liverpool, the first ten miles in Phaeton to Covington 10s., boy 2s., then took Rail Road to Liverpool. Found at the Adelphi a bundle of letters from home, all of the most pleasing character. *Liverpool, 15th*. Went into the Coffee room & was much pleased to see A. Lawrence — son of Mr. Amos Lawrence; he had just come in from Ireland with his friend. Arr^d at Leamington at seven; found Warren on the steps looking for father. 16th. Dr. Jephson called; after asking variety of questions as to my head, if

I had turns of dizziness, loss of memory, pain in my sides, which being answered in the negative, he felt of my side, back, & front, gave me the direction for some Physick, which I went to get and drank at the Apothecary's; he called again at 7 o'clock and directed me to get a further medicine, a tonic. We changed our rooms for those more cheerful, particularly our sitting room; we pay £12, 12*s.*, 6*d.* per week, exclusive of wine. 17th. Took a carriage, Warren & Ira, & went to Warwick Castle, a fine pile of ancient architecture, in the best preservation of anything of the kind I ever saw. We went through the House & castle, the family being absent on a tour to the Continent. We then went to Kenilworth; the Ruins are grand & beautiful. There is no pleasure in looking at fallen greatness; this was once a scene of the greatest splendour of the time; the entertainment by the Earl Leicester of Queen Elizabeth. On our return we found Mr. Wiggin who had kindly come from London to join us. 19th. After seeing Dr. Jephson, who spoke very encouragingly, we took an open carriage & went to Stratford on the Avon, where we visited the House where Shakespeare was born, a very small dwelling about fifteen feet front, two stories high, built of wood & mortar; the walls of the chamber where he first saw light were covered with the names of persons who had visited the place. The mortal remains of Shakespeare were deposited in the church in this place; the House had remained in possession of the family until 1806. We returned to Leamington and Mr. Amos A. Lawrence, Amos' son, joined us. 22nd. Lawrence & Weston left us for Birmingham

& sent back by Post boy a letter saying they had engaged tickets for us at the Musical festival on Thursday. *Wednesday, 23rd*. Went in the usual course to the Pump Room, took two tumblers of warm water. *24th*. We left for Birmingham to attend the Musical festival. We went with our guinea tickets to the Hall, and a very good one, but we found no seats for us. There were some Hundreds of musicians. Brahms was the first to sing in the *Messiah*; the Organ was very powerful and when all in full chorus it was, even to my dull ears for music, overpowering. We arrived at London at seven. *Friday, 25th*. Fully occupied in picking up my little affairs for those I most love, and in preparation (Heaven willing) to soon join them. Mr. Augustus Thorndike came from Paris to see me; we talked some five or six hours, I think I did him good. *Saturday, 26th*. Warren went to Blenheim with Mr. Lawrence & Mason. I talked till near twelve o'clock with Mr. Bates; he tells me to leave off business, that I am not aware of the effect it has on my health. I fancy he knows less of me than I do of myself. *27th, Leamington*. Arrived here at a little before 4 o'clock. Mr. Wiggin has been all attention to us. He has many good points; of his peculiarities it becomes not me to speak, when receiving his hospitality. *Thursday, 30th*. Dr. Jephson made his last visit, I think well of him; he told me my complaints were within controul, yet without much care in diet, exercise, etc., there was great danger of a general decay of the whole body. If I ate and drank like persons in health I should very soon be in my grave. He hoped to hear of and from me on my return. We left for Birmingham, where we slept.

OCTOBER 3rd, *Liverpool*. Mr. and Mrs. Bates arrived from London. I think very well of him & she is a good hearted woman, has not much mind. *Sunday*, 4th. News of the Attack of the British fleet on Beyrout. Mr. Bates thinks there will be no war. At midday Mr. and Mrs. Bates took a carriage & accompanied me to the Steamer, where we took leave. At three o'clock we commenced our voyage, the weather very fine, which continued for most of the week. On Saturday, at night the wind blew very hard, they called it a severe gale; during the gale we made good work, from six to eight miles the Hour. We arrived at Halifax on Thursday, and arrived on Saturday Morning in Boston, thirty-two hours from Halifax, & twelve & a half days from Liverpool. Our passage pleasant and an uncommon pleasant set of passengers. Among them Judge Porter of Louisiana, Professor Moore of New York, Rev. Mr. Strong from Canada, Col. Houston, Col. Gascoin, Capt. Shirley and Lady, Maj. Ervin, U. S. A., Mr. Trapman, & Mr. Davis of Charleston. There was no dispute or trouble during the voyage; our vessel & Captain, first rate: the servants not accustomed to their business but with good intentions. The "Great Western" much the most comfortable Vessel particularly for the summer. 17th. I find myself at home again after an absence of sixty days. My family and friends I find well, nothing unpleasant has occurred since I left. We had to pass the evening with us, some fifty of our passengers and our friends of this place invited to meet them. My time taken up in seeing my friends and accom-

panying Mr. Stewart, Capt. & Mrs. Shirley to the Navy Yard & Bunker Hill. 18th. I went to church I trust with a grateful heart for the many blessings that surround me. 19th. Went to Mrs. Eustis' to show the House¹ to Capt. Shirley. 23rd. Delightful day; went with Mrs. A. to see my Mother and family. 25th. In the course of the night Thunder & snow which quite covered the ground, & in the country fifty miles, sufficient for sleighing. 30th. We got accounts from New York of the arrival of the "Delhi" from Canton, the prospect is in favour of our making a very good voyage, I fancy two hundred thousand dollars net.

NOVEMBER 17th. Capt. Shirley sent me a letter by Capt. Le Merchant; he was but one day with us, a pleasant gen'tman, aide to the Gov. Gen^l of Canada. 18th. Went to our place at Brookline to look after Sheridan who had commenced putting out some trees. I find I have some cold; doubt if I get through the winter in this climate. 20th. Ship "Charlotte" arrived; twenty-eight days from Liverpool.

DECEMBER 2nd. Left for New York at the request of the Banks in this City to devise measures to aid the Banks in Philadelphia to resume specie payment. 7th. Left New York in "Narragansett," arrived in Boston in fourteen Hours. 9th. Engaged in making up the amount required to loan the Phil^d Banks. My belief is that the resumption will be an efficient one; that the finances of

¹ Shirley-Eustis House.

the Country will improve; the U. S. Bank will become more in favour; but the real state and management of the bank has been and is bad, very bad, awfully so. *Thursday, 31st, 10 o'clock p.m.* Returned from Assembly at Papanti's; left Mrs. A., Amory & wife, & my two eldest daughters to dance out the old & in the New Year, as the saying is. How we trifle with time, health and all that is valuable! My belief is that my indisposition is much increased by too much weight on my mind; when quite free from circumstances to embarrass and vex me, I am quite well.

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JANUARY 1st. Mrs. Appleton is laid up from the late hours of the last night or this morning; the younger part of the family are out in various directions— Frank, Mary Ann & Sarah at Mrs. T. H. Perkins jr.'s; the smaller children at Mrs. Lowell's. I must endeavour to correct my faults and improve my habits; my usefulness and probably my life depends on my so doing; it is quite clear to my mind that I have had too much business; I am very anxious about the affairs of others under my controul. I do not neglect going to Church, saying my prayers with my children, & in private, but there is a coldness not to be mistaken. I read less than I might, think less on religious subjects. I will lessen my business and see if I cannot, with God's help, pass this year more in accordance with His will. 2nd. Went to ride with Mary Ann; excellent sleighing. I have much reason to be pleased with my two

eldest daughters, they have excellent health, good dispositions and quite pleasing in their manners. Sarah quite the belle I am told by my friends. Mr. Quincy speaks very well of Frank; his rank appeared to be 19 in a class of sixty to seventy; deportment good; stands well with his associates. 6th. Meeting Lowell rail road Prop., Appleton Company & Lowell Company; all well managed corporations. 7th. Went to Lowell to examine the Middlesex Company's establishment with Mr. G. W. Lyman & J. A. Lowell. The buildings are good, the Machinery equal to any in this Country. 8th. A large party at Mr. Cleveland's, Jamaica Plain. 9th. We have accounts from England to the 14th ultimo, from Canton 6th August & Calcutta to 6th October; the English appear to meet with very little opposition in their first attacks on the Chinese Towns; in my opinion they will soon bring the Chinese to terms. Were I governed by my opinion I should sell our tea, but Mr. Lawrence, Oxnard & Amory think better of holding than I do and I am willing to comply with their feelings in part but intend to make some sales the first opportunity. 14th. Meeting Bunker Hill Monument Association: I paid over the donation of Mr. Truro of ten thousand dollars. A committee was appointed to prepare an inscription for a tablet to be placed on the Monument, describing the object for which it was built. I was chosen, but declined, not feeling as if I should find myself at home with J. Q. Adams, Webster, Everett, Storrow, etc.; my modesty does not often trouble me. Went to Cambridge and brought in Frank, his vacation commenced this day. 15th. Suffered

much the last night by pain in my face and went this morning and had two teeth extracted, almost the last of my back teeth. An empty house is said to be preferable to bad tenants. 18th. Mrs. Appleton & the young ladies attended the Ball at Papanti's. 22nd. Mrs. Appleton & the young ladies were at Mrs. Ticknor's, Frank their beau; the parties the present season are more numerous than usual; I do not join them. 27th. Mr. Benj. Gilbert, native of Brookfield, a friend of my father & mother, Amory & Mary also, dined with us. 30th. Wrote Goodhue & Co. to sell one thousand of the chests Canton Young Hyson Tea at seventy cents; they stating they can get that price from Phil^d: speculation.

FEBRUARY 1st. We have accounts from China 5th Oct.: there appears to be a prospect of an adjustment of the difficulties between England & China. The tea holders are much alarmed; what will be the effect in this country it is quite difficult to say. I fancy when the next news comes it will be less alarming and business will begin again, but prices will not again get up to those lately obtained. 2nd. Mrs. Appleton had small party. I went the last night with the young ladies to the Assembly, quite pleasant—although a snowstorm. 3rd. Fine sleighing. Frank & the young ladies have gone on a party to Mrs. Guild's with Mrs. Ticknor &c. 5th. Dined at Mr. Oxnard's, a large & pleasant party; Mrs. A. & the young ladies were at Mrs. Minot's. 6th. We have accounts of the suspension of the U. S. Banks of Pennsylvania. I fancy they must go into

liquidation — bad — bad — bad. 7th. Party at Mrs. Amory's (family Party). 9th. Party, Mrs. Nathan Appleton's, very pleasant. 11th. Party at Mrs. John C. Gray's & Mrs. Rogers'. 12th. Party, Mrs. George Gardner's. 15th. Mrs. Appleton & young ladies at Assembly. 24th. Left for New York. I find it very pleasant to have Ira with me. 26th. Attended sale of tea which sold for about fifteen cents less than the price in December.

MARCH 7th. At Church with all the children. Mr. Stone preached. 30th. Called on Sir George Arthur, Gov. Canada. 31st. Visited Navy Yard, Bunker Hill, & Mt. Wachusett with Sir George Arthur, a pleasant, gentlemanly man.

APRIL 3rd. Frank was at dinner with his friends Rodman & Nichols. 5th. This morning we are informed of the death of Gen^l Harrison, President of the U. States: an event which may produce much derangement in the Government, but my belief is that it will rather tend to conciliate the feelings of the opposing men to the present Colonel. 6th. The engagement between our second daughter and Mr. A. A. Lawrence was made known; I have not been very desirous that she should accept him at present, feeling that she was very young, had seen little of the world, with much to attract in her person & manners. I wished her to take time & deliberate, but she thinks she knows her mind, and I trust all will be right. He is a young man of good common sense, with business habits,

a very safe man to entrust a daughter with; if she loves him & respects him there can be no reasonable objection on the part of her parents. 7th. Mr. & Mrs. Abbott Lawrence & the various members of the family called. 8th. Annual Fast. Went to prayer at St. Paul's Chapel; attended service at Federal Street, Mr. Gannett preached an occasional sermon, alluding to the death of the President of the United States; attended service at St. Paul's in the evening with Mr. N. Amory & Mrs. A. 12th. Left for New York and met a violent snowstorm, so remained in Stonington during the night. 13th. Arrived in N. York at 4 P. M.; find they have had a greater fall of snow than at any one time this season. 14th. Sold about half the tea we have belonging to Ship "Delhi" owners, at very good prices; fully equal to those of Nov. last. 15th. Engaged in business; called at Mr. Oakey's & several other places. Evening left for Boston, found at the Boat Mrs. T. Cary, Sir John Caldwell, Lady Arthur & family, pleasant persons. 20th. Grand procession and Eulogy by Mr. Choate on the death of the President of the U. States, Gen^l Harrison. 26th. Went to Medford to see the "Mary Ellen" launched. Mrs. J. A. A.¹ & our Harriet & Hetty made the party. 29th. Left for New York, quite pleasant; when we arrived at Stonington Wind changed to N. East, violent gale; our boat (the "Mohican") with many goods on deck broached to, laid on her side for some time; much alarm and danger; I remained in my berth feeling I could do no good on deck, and if we were to be lost I might as well go down in the boat as

¹ Her name was Mary Ellen.

to be drowned outside; I thought the danger less than it was; I endeavoured to recollect if there was anything I had left in an unfinished state, but as to my Worldly affairs, I had nothing that required my particular attention. We arrived at New York at eight o'clock.

MAY 4th. Frank had a part at exhibition; got through very well, a very good lad. 11th. Left with Mary Ann & Sarah for N. Y.; the young Ladies went to visit Mrs. Meredith at Staten Island. 18th. Engaged in getting the "Mary Ellen" ready for sea; I wrote orders for Mr. Heard & cleared ship. 20th. Ship sailed with a light fair wind. 26th. Sale, Gov. Winthrop's furniture & wine.

JULY 9th. Mary Ann, Sarah, & Frank left with me for a trip to Niagara & Canada. Slept at Springfield, a very good House. 10th. Went to the Cabot Mills & the Armory. Took the cars for Chester Mills, then a stage for Pittsfield. 11th, *Sunday*. Took a Carriage, went to the Shakers' after service, & went to Albany. 12th. Went to Schenectady. 13th. At Saratoga. 14th. To Utica. 15th. Went to Trenton Falls, much pleased; returned to Utica to sleep. 16th. Left at 5 a.m. At Syracuse took Canal Boat for Oswego, then Steamer for Lewiston; the passage was rough and not pleasant. 17th. Arrived at Lewiston & Niagara—at Cataract House, well accommodated. 18th, *Sunday*. We passed most of our time on Goat Island. 19th. Went to the Canada side of the river and passed the day viewing the Falls from various points. 20th. Left for Toronto, a good looking Place,

some 20^m Inhabitants. 21st. Went to view the Troops, a Highland Regiment. 23rd. Arrived at Montreal (Roscoe's Hotel). Captain and Mrs. Shirley took us to the Circus, Hussar Barracks, and had the Band entertain us, &c.; dined with them very pleasantly. 24th. At Church & dined with Mess 85th Regiment. 25th. Rode with Shirleys to the Country and Racecourse to see his Horses, and left for Quebec. 26th. Went with Col. Gascoin and Col. Clive to Montmorency and to the Fortifications, Plains of Abraham, &c. 27th. Dined at a Pick Nick at Col. Gascoin's Rooms with some dozen Officers; much pleased by their attentions; left at evening for Montreal. 28th. Mr. & Mrs. Shirley & Majr Dickinson dined with us. 29th. Col. Gray quite civil to us, wished us to remain to see his Regiment, &c. Arrived at Burlington at 7 A.M., at Ticonderoga at 11 O'clock, more company than room. 30th. Went to Lake George, delightful day. 31st, *Sunday*. We passed the day very pleasantly.

AUGUST 1st. Arrived at Saratoga, slept at Troy. 2nd. Dined at Mr. Warren's and took passage for New York. 3rd. "Akbar" with Mrs. Coolidge arrived from Canton. 4th. Arrived in Boston and found all well. 26th. Mr. R. D. Shepherd dined with us & passed the night.

OCTOBER 1st. Col. Bentinck of the Coldstream Guards dined with us; a gentlemanly person. 2nd. Took Col. Bentinck to Boston, he sailed in the Steamer for

¹ Mr. Joseph Coolidge was in business there with Mr. Heard.

Liverpool. 24th. At Trinity Church, took Lord Morpeth. Bishop of Tennessee preached. 29th. Amory 23 years old.

NOVEMBER 1st. Engaged in preparing to get the "Charlotte" ready for a voyage to India. 24th. Ball at Faneuil Hall for the Prince.¹ 25th, *Thanksgiving*. Party of some fifty at my House. J. A. Appleton's first child born. 29th. Quite an excitement in the Money Market. 30th. Rode with Mr. Abbott Lawrence; he is quite alarmed for great Houses in London.

DECEMBER 4th. My old friend Dr. Potter² arrived and will pass a few days at our House. 12th. Dr. Potter Preached at St. Paul's, Trinity & Grace Church, I like him better than ever; he is first rate; he has character and more tact than any man of his profession I ever knew. *Christmas*. Mrs. Amory, daughters, & Thomas, Mr. & Mrs. N. Amory, Mr. Lawrence and all our children dined with us. They appeared happy, not so with me as I see by the *New York American* that — — were indicted for getting goods by false pretences. This will be a most distressing business; they must lose their reputation at best, and the interesting family suffer unjustly for their father's indiscretion; he does not intend doing wrong but he comes so near it in thought and action that it is difficult to find an excuse for him.

¹ Prince de Joinville. Quincy and Faneuil Halls were connected for the occasion.

² Afterwards Bishop of Pennsylvania.

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JANUARY 20th. Mrs. Appleton had a party for the Lawrences; very pleasant. 26th. Most delightful weather. Went before a Committee of the Legislature in relation to Cambridge Bridge.

FEBRUARY 7th. Attended Meeting of Sugar Refinery stockholders and resigned my treasurership; we have got on pleasantly with the business, but they are a poor set and will be in difficulty within one year; I have no confidence in them. 9th. Strong N. W. Wind. "Barnstable" sailed for the coast of California. 11th. Meeting Proprietors West Boston Bridge. 19th. Remained in the House, not quite well, very nervous; if they do not get through with —'s¹ trial soon, they will kill me!

MARCH 2nd. Harriet had a party of Ladies and Lads the last night, of about sixty. I do not like them. 25th, *Good Friday*. Attended prayers at the Chapel in the morning, sermon by Dr. Vinton in the Church; attended Price lecture at Trinity and at our Chapel in the evening; very full. 27th, *Easter Sunday*. Our dear Mary Ann went for the first time to the Communion; I felt it much. Of the many, very many blessings I have, that of our children appearing to have religious feelings, I feel most. I have felt more as I think a Christian should feel this day, than for

¹ A friend who got into financial difficulties.

many; I will most earnestly pray that I may give myself up to my Maker. I believe, Help, Lord, my unbelief. 28th. Had a long conversation with Mr. Vinton, quite unsettled in my mind. I then went to Mr. N. Appleton's Store and met Mr. J. K. Mills who said to Mr. Appleton, "I went to hear Dr. Vinton and saw W^m there, was told he went three times each day to Church." I said it was the season of our Church for many services, rather apologizing, &c. Awoke in the night with a feeling as if I had discovered in a dream my difficulty; it was that I was not willing to give myself up to my Maker, that I was disposed to give the World more than the half of my heart, that I was not willing that a portion of my friends should know that I went to meet religious men, that I made excuses for going to a place of worship other than on Sunday, that, in fact, I was ashamed to acknowledge myself the follower of Him who died for my sins; such were my sensations, I could not again get to sleep. I awoke my wife, told her of some of my feelings; when I left my room I felt as if I wished an opportunity of showing myself to the whole World and to declare that henceforth I would make religion my first & great object of life. 29th. Went at 8 o'clock to Prayers where I had a conversation with Mr. Vinton, told him my feelings; he encouraged me by saying it was the work of God. 30th. I find myself quite happy and satisfied with the resolutions to be a whole Christian. At lecture in the evening, much pleased and enjoyed the service much. 31st. Quite engaged in the morning after prayers at the Chapel attending to the preparation for the Marriage of our dear Sarah

to Mr. Lawrence. I found my feelings various & conflicting; the giving up of an affectionate, kind, lovely daughter causes sensations not easily described. I have much confidence in him, and great in her judgment & kindness of heart. I think if she has health she will be a useful woman. The ceremony was performed by Mr. Vinton in a very acceptable manner, in the presence of many of our relations & friends; after which our House was filled with our acquaintances; they left generally at $\frac{1}{2}$ past ten when the wedding party of about sixty supped informally. Thus ended the day, and I surrendered my dear second daughter to another's care with ardent prayer to Almighty God to grant her His protection and the blessings of His grace.

APRIL 15th. Amory's son was christened George Lyman. They (the father & mother) dined with us. 16th. Frank & myself called on Dr. Warren in relation to Frank's going to China. 19th. Arrived at New York, engaged in arranging tea sale. 21st. Arrived at home, found all busy with various business getting Frank's arrangements made, &c.; David Sears, jr., is going with Frank to China. 22nd. Went in Morning with Mrs. A. & most of the family to prayers at Chapel. Engaged in Business as usual, a meeting at Mr. Reynolds' at evening. 23rd. Quite occupied, too much so for my own good. 28th. Much engaged in getting the "Delhi" ready for sea. At 5 o'clock she left the wharf with our dear Frank as passenger in company with David Sears, jr., and the son of Mr. George Howe. I felt much in parting with my dear boy; there is much in him to love & ad-

mire, proud & independent, careful of his Reputation, excellent feelings, opinionated, not inclined to be much controuled, yet would not act in opposition to his father. His intercourse with men will improve him; I feel as if he had within him the talents to be very useful and acceptable in the World. 30th. Went to Cambridge with Mr. Vinton; called on Mr. Greenleaf, much talk as to Theological Seminary: I said, "Now is the time to begin; if you Gentl will put things as they should be, I will purchase the House opposite the Craigie place, if it is to be had for ten thousand dollars. Wind West—fine time the "Delhi" probably has.

MAY 1st. Communion Sunday. I have never before felt so much interest in Missions; I feel much inclined to give the balance of my income to religious objects, not confined to Missionaries, but to the education of ministers & workers for Christ. I feel that it is a true test of a man's religion, his desire to impart it to others. *Monday Morning, 2nd*. My mind dwelt most of the night on the subject of which I was contemplating last evening. I think my true course is to spend my income as above stated. Amory fully agrees with me in the course I propose. 27th. Arrived at home from New York. Mary Ann with Amory and wife & Master George gone to see my Mother. 29th. An interesting day to us: Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence, Mary Ann & forty-five others have been confirmed by Bishop Griswold. I have seldom felt more grateful to kind Providence than this day in seeing my children go to the Altar & making a publick profession of religion.

JUNE 6th. Went with Warren & William Burnham to Mount Vernon; found my good mother very weak, I think she will not live many days! She was in a delightful state of mind, quite ready to go. It was the pleasantest visit to her I ever made. What cannot Heaven do! 8th. Put up an Organ, a present to our Chapel from my Wife. 13th. Went to visit my mother, she will not continue long. 18th. Went to Mount Vernon and found my mother quite as well as when I left her some days since, but quite nervous. 22nd. Went with a Nurse for my Mother; found her much as when last at Mount Vernon. 25th. Rec^d a letter dated this morning stating my mother was changing rapidly. I left at two O'clock for Mount Vernon, arrived at six, found my mother quite low; she apparently knew me but was unable to speak: her spirit took its flight about ten o'clock without any struggle. 26th. Melancholy day! She, who gave me existence, who watched over my infancy, the adviser of my youth & of maturer years, is gone to the World of spirits. She was the daughter of Jacob Hook¹ of Kingston, N. H., a man of excellent Character, & large property for the place. He had no son, but three daughters; the Eldest married Mr. Sanborn, who lived & died at Kingston, aged eighty-three; the second, my mother, was said to be a young woman of much beauty & accomplishments for the time; she became acquainted with my

¹ Jacob Hook, b. 1724, d. 1802. "He visited his widowed daughter, coming on horseback, followed by his faithful slave Pompey. He was a fine figure with queue and short clothes and ruffles."

father while he was preaching at Kingston, where he was invited to settle, but declined. They were married & went to reside at Brookfield, where he was settled as Minister of the North Parish, where he remained through the remainder of his life. (He died at forty-four.) My Mother, a woman of feeble health in that portion of her life while having Children, showed much energy in the management of the estate of my father, and the care of her Children. The property was sold at Brookfield & we removed to Kingston, & from there to a farm given my Mother by her father at Hawke,¹ where we remained until 1798, about three years, when my mother married Major Daniel Gould of Lyndborough, N. H., where she went with the family to reside. Mr. Gould died after about five years & my Mother went to live at Hillsborough with my sister Mrs. Starrett, where she remained until 1812 when she removed to Mount Vernon, where she passed the remainder of her days. She was a woman of a remarkably strong mind, quick of apprehension, inclined to be playful & witty, &, but for the sense of duty, would have often been satirical. From the time my father died she was very particular in giving her children religious instruction, praying with them in her Chamber. She was early a communicant of the Church, but often spoke of her unworthiness, & appeared at times much depressed as to the true state of her heart with her God; these feelings continued until nearly the close of her life, when she had full confidence in our Redeemer's atonement. She died in a most happy state of

¹ Near Kingston, New Hampshire.

mind, aged eighty-six the last February. 27th. Funeral service performed by the Minister of Mount Vernon at the late residence of my Mother. I left after the service with the Corpse, remained at Nashua for the night; the following day we had a funeral service in St. Paul's Church¹ by Mr. Watson, the minister of Mount Vernon; Dr. Warren & our family were present and the body was deposited in my tomb under the Church.

JULY 1st. We have Pres^t Tyler's Veto of little Tariff—bad business. 22nd. Amory & family left us to pass a few days at Waltham; he is a great comfort to me. If he has health he will be a useful man in society. A fine boy he has. 23rd. Went with Warren, Mary Ann, Harriet, Hetty, Charles and Miss E. Warren to witness the putting on the top stone of Bunker Hill Monument. Dr. Warren and Miss Emily dined with us.

AUGUST 3rd. Played billiards with Col. Perkins as usual. 5th. Passed an hour with Mr. Healy who is about taking my pourtrait.² 12th. Bad state of affairs at Washington, I think as well of Tyler as of the Whigs. 22nd. Went with Mr. Lawrence & Mr. Sturgis to see the Mayor in relation to receiving Lord Ashburton. 25th. Lord Ashburton arrived from Springfield. Went to the railroad depot with Mr. Lawrence and took him to the Tremont House. 26th. Went to the Navy yard & Mr. Cushing's with Lord Ashburton & several other gentlemen; he is a very pleas-

¹ Boston.

² Owned by Mrs. L. M. Sargent, Pride's Crossing.

ant man. 27th. Went to Faneuil Hall with the Mayor to receive Lord Ashburton & dined with him at Mr. Lawrence's. 30th. Miss Mary Ann Stevens, my niece, has come to Boston to get furniture. I gave her \$1000.00. We hear from Washington that the Tariff is likely to pass (quite pleasing).

SEPTEMBER 3rd. "Horatio" is in from Canton — 108 days. 12th. Mrs. A. sitting to Mr. Healy for Portrait. 20th. Went to see Healy's portrait of Mrs. Appleton; have not given an opinion, and heard none but Mrs. A.'s. It is a failure altogether in my opinion. 22nd. Left for Philadelphia with a large party. 24th. Went to Pottsville with Messrs. N. Appleton, P. T. Jackson, Sturgis, Mills, Sargent, Thayer, Capt. Cooper & J. Codman — Visited Coal mines, etc., much interested; fine Rail Road. 30th. Mr. Webster rec^d his friends at Faneuil Hall. He made a good speech, crowded Hall; I liked what he said.

OCTOBER 3rd. Left for New York with Dr. Vinton, W^m F. Otis, George Dexter & Rev. Mr. Watson to invite Dr. Eastburn to become Bishop. 4th. Went by appointment to see the Rev^d Gentⁿ who, in a business like manner, accepted the call of the Diocese & Church. 16th. The last a most miserable night to me. I was so much troubled with pain in my face that I hardly got any sleep, faint in the Morning and sent for Drs. Warren & Flagg; applied poultices, but no relief from the pain. 19th. Dr. Warren came to see me and recommended sending for Dr. Flagg; he came and opened my Gum in a different place

from the former opening. 22nd. Passed a good night. I can truly say I have reason to be grateful to God for this illness: it has withdrawn me from the business world, and given a different current to my thoughts, the result delightful. During the last summer at Brookline I had become less thoughtful as to my duty to my Maker & my fellow beings. On return to the City falling into the routine I left, I found myself cold, wanting in sympathy, charity; in a word, very unhappy, doubting if I had or ever have had any real religion in me; but my confinement has led to a new train of thought. I now feel happy & delighted, strong in the faith that Christ died for us; the thought of having it in my power to do what may lead others to believe in the Cross of Christ makes me happy even in pain of body. God Almighty strengthen me in well doing! 25th. Mrs. Augustus Thorndike & Miss T. passed the evening with us & Sir John Caldwell.

NOVEMBER 14th. Had a conversation with Mr. A.¹ Lawrence as to his son's going into the house of A. & A. Lawrence. I fear there is trouble in the business. 17th. Mr. Lawrence and our dear daughter Sarah left us. 25th. Prayer Meeting at our House.

DECEMBER 1st. Sunday School teachers at our House. 8th. St. Paul's Sewing Circle fair at our House. 9th. Letters have come from Frank, they gave us much pleasure. 12th. Mr. Brimmer Elected Mayor. 13th. Passed

¹ Amos.

the afternoon with Amory; I am troubled with his cough continuing. 17th. Mrs. Appleton had a German named Rackemann to exhibit our Piano to some half hundred persons. 29th. Consecration of Assistant Bishop Eastburn; there was a very large assemblage of Bishops, Clergy, and laity. Bishop De Lancey¹ preached an excellent sermon. We had fourteen besides our family at dinner; all went off well.

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JANUARY 2nd. The year commences with but moderate prospects for business men, the overtrading of the last few years is severely felt by all classes. Ships are producing but moderate profits; most Voyages are ended with loss; Merchandise of almost every description is below what we have known it during my recollection. While our Manufacturers are producing a large Amount of goods at unprecedentedly low prices, they are making no profits, yet I think the time is not far distant when there will be a favourable change. Money is plenty, our debt (that is to be paid abroad) is cancelled, and Heaven never sent a more abundant Harvest. I do not look for sudden changes, but they will come during the year. I am not a little anxious for the return of health of my dear Son Amory. 26th. Our dear Amory left us in the "Ariosto" for Cuba, with Tho^s C. Amory, Jr., and several other passengers. His health has not been good for two or three months, having a slight cough; we do not apprehend anything serious, yet I feel

¹ Of Western New York.

it very important that he should change the climate. 27th. Went to Beverly to see Mrs. Appleton, the Wife of our Uncle, Mr. Tho^s Appleton, the sister of the late Nathan Dane; she was One hundred & One years Old Oct. last. She has her faculties generally, but is quite deaf; she is quite erect & moves with ease.

FEBRUARY 7th. At Mrs. Greene's to see a woman Magnetized. 13th. Meeting Mass^{ts} Mills Company; I was chosen President, contrary to my wishes, but I was led to believe it would be beneficial to my Interest & others'. 15th. While sitting with my daughter Mrs. L. & Mary Ann at Mr. Lawrence's,¹ who was present, Sarah said, "Bishop Griswold is crossing to this side of the Square." She had hardly finished the sentence till she said, "He has fallen." I went immediately to him on the sidewalk opposite Bishop Eastburn's; the lad who lives with Mr. Lawrence was endeavouring to raise him; I assisted, when up he walked with our aid a few steps; when he began to ascend the steps, on the third step his strength failed him and he for a moment rested his weight on us till others came, and we carried him into Bishop Eastburn's study and laid him on the floor. Drs. Jackson & Mason Warren were with us immediately, but within ten minutes from the time he fell he was dead and without a struggle. I then went with Dr. Vinton to inform Mrs. Griswold; then made arrangements to get the body removed to his House; which being done, attended a very interesting discourse & prayers at our

¹ In Pemberton Square.

Chapel with Dr. Vinton. 17th. Engaged in getting subscriptions for Foreign Missions. I feel as much interest as I almost ever did in making money; may my zeal last! 20th. We hear from Amory at Havana; much improved; he left us twenty-four days since, which is a short time. 21st. Engaged in looking after Mrs. G.'s affairs, wife of our late Bishop. Miss Julia Ward dined with us.

APRIL 7th. At S. A. Appleton's, by request of Mr. Webster. Had from him a Statement of what was thought would be the policy of the English Government & of the Southern States, to do away with the protection on our domestic industry. 12th. Our dear Frank came in upon us at 7 A.M. from Canton. 23rd. I am much troubled by a letter from Mr. T. C. Amory in relation to the illness of Amory, but no particulars; I fear he has been bleeding at the lungs; a purer man seldom lived or died. 24th. I rec^d a letter from T. C. A. stating that our dear Amory was quite ill from bleeding at the lungs. 26th. Rec^d letter from Amory, he thinks he shall be able to leave 1st May for Charleston. I shall go on with his Wife to meet him. 29th. Went to South Boston to call on Dr. and Mrs. Howe, late Julia Ward. Meeting in relation to a new church: more zeal than discretion.

MAY 6th. Cold East wind, old fashioned Spring. 10th. Sent Bishop Eastburn a letter stating I would give the Missionary Society of this City ten thousand dollars to build a place of Worship when they have procured a

location. My reason for doing this is that I believe the poor are more susceptible of religious impressions than those in the higher walks of life, therefore it is a good charity. Why I give so large a sum is that without it I doubt if the object would be accomplished, and I feel it may be a bond of Union among our Clergy, who most truly need it. 12th. Our daughter, Mrs. Lawrence, delivered of a female child at 11 o'clock P.M., an event always exciting, but more so with the first Child. 18th. Preparing for to leave for Charleston. 23rd. Left New York with Frank for Phil^a in boat. 24th. Passed the Morning in Baltimore; at four embarked for Norfolk. 25th. We left for Welden. 26th. Left Welden 5 A.M., Arrived at Wilmington at 2 P.M., took Boat for Charleston. 27th. At nine o'clock arrived at Mrs. Courtney's. Amory was much overcome at meeting us; he looked better than I feared I should find him. Many friends called on us; all very kind. 29th. I find Amory very ill; I doubted if we should get him home; I determined to endeavour to return by water.

JUNE 7th. Embarked in "Oceanus" with Amory, Frank, T. C. Amory, and Ira. We got over the Bar at 2 P.M. 15th. Landed at Falmouth after a very pleasant, comfortable passage; Went to Woods Hole and to Naushon Island. 16th. Left in steamer with our landlord—Mr. Webster, a kind Man, from New Bedford, where Amory & Myself remained over night. Frank & Tho^s left for Boston in a drenching rain. 17th. Arrived in Boston at 1/2 past ten, took Amory to his House; not as strong as when we left

Charleston. Went with Mary Ann, Frank and others to Bunker Hill, being one of the Committee of Arrangements. I had a seat very near Mr. Webster; I was not as much pleased with his effort as at the laying of the Corner Stone of the Monument. 21st. Mrs. Appleton, Amory, his Wife & child took up their abode at Brookline. 22nd. Amory rode twice this day. 23rd. Our dear Amory grows weaker. Arranged to have him let down from the piazza to the Carriage; he is quite ill. 25th. Mr. Vinton came out to see us; he prayed with Amory who has been delirious for most of the day. 26th. Amory is not able to leave his bed, dear fellow, he will not be long with us. 27th. Amory quite feeble, mind wandering. This is the Anniversary of the death of my dear Mother, who died one year since; what will another year bring about? it is well we know not. 28th. Amory had a quiet night and through the day was quite like himself; he spoke of the kindness he rec^d from those whom he met in Cuba; he wished them to know his feelings by sending them something. 29th. At five o'clock I went into dear Amory's room and found him failing; at six o'clock I called Dr. Warren, who told me he would not continue long; at $\frac{1}{2}$ past seven the Spirit departed without a struggle. He spoke to his Wife & parents, calling them by their names shortly before he died, and had apparently a consciousness to the last. Dr. Vinton came out, passed some hours with us; we had prayers in the room where his dear remains laid. My loss is no less than a most amiable son, my companion for some years, my friend, my adviser. At my strong solicitude he went in Jan-

uary to Cuba, & thought himself much improved until 1st April, when after an excursion to the Country & Matanzas he was attacked with bleeding from the lungs. May 15th he left Havana in the Brig "Haynes" for Charleston and arr^d on the 22nd. On the 27th Frank & myself met him there. We were most fortunate in having tried a voyage and change of climate that we got him home to those he most loved. God gave him, and a great blessing he has been. God has taken him; I feel I can truly say, "Thy will be done"; I pray I may continue to feel so.

JULY 1st. This day we took the remains of our dear Amory to St. Paul's Church, where we found a large Congregation of our friends & acquaintances. The services were performed by Dr. Vinton and the body placed in our family tomb. We returned to Brookline, Mary (his wife) with us. It was a solemn, trying day, but I think we all showed as much fortitude as could be expected; no one could doubt our feelings; all loved him most dearly. 3rd. I find I took cold yesterday & seldom suffered more pain than the last night, principally in the side, much pain in my Shoulder and Collar Bone which was broken many years since. The trouble turns out to be the influenza or Grip. I suffer much in my Muscles and Shoulder—no fever. 10th. Mr. Wolcott called while we were at Breakfast with a Newspaper stating the disaster of the Steamer "Columbia." Went to Boston. Mrs. Lawrence had her first daughter Christened, named for my Wife—Mary Ann Appleton. I feel little Interest in business.

AUGUST 4th. Went to the City; had a very pleasant conversation with Mrs. William R. Gray; when I communicate with such a person I feel as if I was not worthy of the name of Christian. 14th. Most delightful season, the Country never looked better, the grass as green as in June. 28th. Frank left us for Cambridge to attend the Law School.

SEPTEMBER 8th. Mary & Mr. Lyman dined with us on their way from Nahant to Watertown. 12th. Mr. & Mrs. Longfellow dined with us. 28th. Went to Mt. Auburn to select a lot with Mary & Mr. Lyman. 30th. Removed to the City; every change brings dear Amory to my mind.

NOVEMBER 25th. I am thinking I should give some money to Religious or benevolent purposes; if possible to strictly, unite the two. I am not likely to spend my income this year. I have the Widows' Society under my consideration.

DECEMBER 2nd. Wrote a letter to the Trustees of the Genl Hospital enclosing ten thousand dollars for the use (or the income of it) of patients in the McLean Asylum whose friends cannot pay their expenses until recovered. I hope I shall continue to feel disposed to part with my income; considering my property worth one million of dollars.

[*Copy of Letter follows*]

Boston, Nov. 30, 1843

To the Trustees Mass^{ts} Gen. Hospital:

GENT^{MN}: Dr. Bell in his Annual Reports has alluded to the premature withdrawal of patients from the Asylum before he considered them entirely recovered, although their friends might so regard them. During my visits as a member of a committee of your board I have known very interesting cases where but with the dawn of the best of God's blessings, subjects would have been taken from the Asylum when it was at least probable that they would have relapsed into that state in which life becomes a burden. The proposed removals as stated by their friends were with great regret, and for no other reason than that they had not the means of longer defraying the expense. To meet such extreme cases money has been given by friends of the institution. Feeling confident that much benefit would result from a moderate annual expenditure for the relief of such cases, and being desirous that there should be such a fund, the income of which should be thus expended under the advice of the Physician of the McLean Asylum & discretion of the Trustees, I enclose a check for ten thousand dollars for the commencement of a fund, with the belief that its utility will lead to its increase, & thus meet the wants of extreme cases when patients have been under treatment & there is strong reason to believe a permanent cure may be effected, & the friends are not able to defray the expense. I remain, yours very truly,

WM. APPLETON

19th. A long conversation (at his appointment) with Mr. Webster, of the political affairs of this State; he thinks there must be a different course pursued with the Abolitionists, or the Whigs would be in minority; that the Independent party, so called, would be the ruling party of this State ere long. 25th. We are now brought nearly to the close of another year, which has been an eventful & trying one to our family. Our dear Amory one year since was with us! Most truly can I say I think of him with as much pleasure as I do of my living Children. I love to think of his amiable manner, his kind checks when I spoke suddenly; of his truly religious feelings; of our walks, in business, at Church, our uniting in Publick & private prayer. His death changed most of my business plans; it was a sad event to part with such a son. Mr. Oxnard has also been called suddenly from us. He was a very warm friend of our dear Amory's, long connected with me in business. We had the great satisfaction of going to the Communion table this day with two of our sons & two daughters; our eldest son Frank for the first time. The place our dear Amory filled is vacant in my heart; I loved him much; there was much in him to love and adore; I look on his dear boy with much pleasure; he and his mother are my pleasure and care. 29th. We have had sloop in the streets for the last week. 31st. Many, very many have been my blessings. I feel that it is my duty to distribute my income, which is large, giving religious objects the first thought, & uniting with others in promoting the Arts and Sciences. I wish to show to myself & the World

that a man may be zealous in business, successful in his undertakings without the desire of increasing an ample fortune; able to strive to make money, to distribute the same for the good of his fellow beings beyond his own blood! I much fear I shall not hold out, but I pray it may be so. I feel much pleasure in what I have done. My besetting sin is the desire of success, not so much for the love of money, as for successful occupation. In other words, it is Pride. My business has been prosperous, I think myself worth a million of dollars, independent of the profit arising from our business of William Appleton & Co. We have three ships now on voyages to Canton.

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JANUARY 7th. Dr. Vinton gave us two excellent sermons; in the morning "What is your life?" He alluded to Mr. Tuckerman and our dear Amory, spoke of his early Piety, etc. 8th. Engaged in arranging our accounts & making up Amory's Estate which proves to be about One Hundred & sixteen thousand dollars, his own earnings. Called at Mr. Lyman's; had a long pleasant talk in relation to Mary & Master George L. Appleton. 10th. Fine sleighing, our young people rode in the Open Sleigh. 11th. Our family dined together, all present. Frank's vacation; very pleasant to see them all together with so much means of happiness. 22nd. Our dear Mary Ann is suffering much from a fall three days since down the chamber stairs; she is unable to retain anything on her stomach, a teaspoonful

of brandy and water distresses her. We feel some anxiety about her. 26th. Mary Ann took two Tea spoons of Jelly made without anything except Calves feet, salt and brandy.

FEBRUARY 11th. For nearly two weeks I have been confined to the House with a cold. Mary Ann has been in her bed most of the same time with a dyspeptic turn brought on by a fall. I do not regret the confinement; I feel every time I am called from the business World as if I were better for it. Frank is a great comfort to me, Warren all I could wish, and Mary Ann, pleasant, good, for this world or eternity. I am much gratified by the attentions of my friends who come to visit me as if they valued me. Col. Perkins has been often.

MARCH 5th. Mr. Lyman passed an hour with me, took home the papers relating to our dear Amory's estate. He appears to be well satisfied with all that has been done; I fully believe that is the fact; they are a very silent family but kind and well intentioned. I have been most anxious to have all turn out well, and few transactions of my life have given me more satisfaction than to be able to see my dear son's wife and child independent from his exertions; he left them One hundred & fifteen thousand dollars of his own earnings. 11th. Rode to Medford with Dr. Vinton to see the new ship "Hamlet" on her way down the River. 19th. Letters from Canton to 24th Nov., by "Lucas." 20th. Meeting at George M. Dexter's office in relation to a Missionary Chapel; the Bishop, Dr. Vinton,

etc. 29th. "Hamlet" sailed for New Orleans. 30th. Meeting to organize the City Mission. I find such sensitiveness among those who take part in this charity, that I almost doubt if it will be useful, but He who directs all for good will work all to His Glory; we have humbly to do what we believe to be our part consistently.

APRIL 1st. Our dear Frank left us in the steamer "Caledonia" for Liverpool with Dr. Mason Warren. I am quite disposed to have him do so as he requires a knowledge of the World more than books; I have great confidence in his principles. 6th. Accounts from Canton to 1st Jan. by "Helena." 8th. Ship "Oxnard" cleared; her first voyage for New Orleans.

MAY 30th. Temperance celebration; some forty thousand persons collected from this and other states to celebrate the Temperance reform.

JUNE 12th. Meeting Mass. Episcopal Convention. 14th. They got through, but a poor display of Christian practice. 30th. Dr. Boone, Missionary to China, preached at St. Paul's. I feel much confidence of the success of that mission.

JULY 19th. Mr. Greene and our eldest daughter became engaged to join in Holy Matrimony; I think well of him, but I feel very little pleasure in the engagements of my daughters; I fear too much for them, yet I know it is all for good. 20th. Went to Boston as usual, and received many

congratulations on the engagement of Mary Ann. 30th. Engaged in preparing the "Loo Choo's" papers & "Tasso's."

AUGUST 1st. "Loo Choo" sailed for Canton; "Tasso" for the Pacific. 5th. Went into town early to attend to the "Tasso," she having returned from coming in contact with another Vessel; found the damage slight.

SEPTEMBER 10th. Met Mr. Upjohn in relation to building the Chapel. 11th. Francis Henry's twenty-first birthday. Mason Warren, Wife & Miss Warren dined with us. 18th. Great preparations for the Political convention which takes place tomorrow. 19th. Went early to the City, passed the day and night. The show was handsome with much spirit, yet I think we shall have Polk for President; I fear so. 24th. Met the Selectmen of Roxbury in relation to changing the Road to Mr. Lowell's. 30th. Engaged in making arrangements to go to Phil^d as a delegate to the Gen^l Convention.

OCTOBER 1st. Left Boston with Mary Ann, Mr. Greene & Miss Warren. We had regular sittings during the mornings until three o'clock, for the first & second weeks, after which we met in the evenings during the sitting of the Convention. Mrs. Appleton & William Burnham joined us, Dr. Vinton likewise made one of our party. We were very pleasantly situated and passed our time pleasantly. We returned to Boston on the 23rd; found all well. 25th. Mr. Upjohn came to conclude contract for

Chapel. Much to our annoyance the contractors have become Millerites; left their business, given up all work.

NOVEMBER 4th. We are quite engaged in making arrangements for Mary Ann's Wedding. 5th. The birthday of our third daughter, and much more interesting as the Marriage day of our eldest daughter, which was solemnized at St. Paul's Church by Dr. Vinton at $\frac{1}{2}$ past four o'clock, with the church well filled with spectators, among them many of our friends. We returned to our House, dined; a family party with some in addition numbering thirty-six. I feel that I am parting with a daughter of great piety and good sense, and quite important as an example to her younger sisters. She has always been obedient to my wishes, kind to all about her, and truly devoted to the cause of Religion, I shall feel her absence at our morning and evening exercises; she has taken Amory's place with me in some respects. May God bless & support her under all trials. 7th. Warren left us for Schenectady; he has made himself very dear to me by his good conduct and very kind disposition. We are yet much excited as to the result of the Election. 8th. All our hopes for electing Mr. Clay have vanished by the returns from New York. I went this morning with my son Frank & Dr. Vinton to Mount Auburn where we committed to the tomb, being taken from St. Paul's, the remains of her who gave me birth, my dear Son Amory, and that of our infant child Edward. It was like again parting with them. I felt it much, very much.

DECEMBER 12th. There was a northeast storm with snow last night. A ship from Calcutta was totally lost off our light House on Point Allerton. 26th. Not quite well, I fancy from taking Champagne yesterday. 31st. Warren, our second son, has become engaged to marry Miss Warren, one of the best women within my knowledge; the only regret is his forming an engagement so soon.

1845

JANUARY 1st. The year commences with a bright day, very mild. Went in the afternoon with Col. Perkins to Mr. Alger's foundry; we saw there cast a cannon said to weigh twenty-five Tons. 9th. Anniversary of our Wedding day, thirty years since. 18th. More ice than I ever saw on our sidewalks; the trees look beautifully. 20th. Dr. Putnam of Roxbury & Mr. N. Bowditch dined with us. We went with Dr. Potter to hear Mr. Webster before the Rail Road Committee of the Legislature.

MARCH 4th. The conversation is of the Annexation of Texas. My feeling is within ten years we shall think it a blessing instead of a curse. 6th. Dined with Mrs. Amory, my Wife's birthday; her mother is bright but not long for this world. 24th. Laying the Corner Stone of St. Stephen's Chapel by Bishop Eastburn. Large assemblage of persons, very interesting. Meeting Proprietors St. Paul's Church; very Harmonious.

APRIL 4th. We have accounts by "Natches" from Canton, 78 days passage. 11th. Family at dinner including Miss Warren. 19th. Meeting in relation to the Sufferers in Pittsburg.

MAY 5th. Left for Schenectady. 6th. Found a welcome reception; Warren pleasantly situated. 28th. Election Day, so called; there is a general turnout of Militia.

JULY 4th. Our Servants and children went to Boston to see the fireworks. 5th. This morning we were informed by note from Mr. Lawrence that Sarah has a second daughter; we are all quite happy. A word as to my health. When the warm weather came I found myself troubled with flatulence which increased till I found I must make a change. Dr. Warren said he believed if I would confine myself to Bread, meat & Water I should correct the difficulty. I commenced that night, took $\frac{1}{2}$ tumbler of water (without ice), a piece of coarse bread made of the whole of wheat for my supper. In the morning I took cold water, beef steak & coarse bread for breakfast; at dinner the same & have continued that system of diet, only changing occasionally for mutton at dinner, to this time, and I feel as well as I did six months since. 9th. Funeral procession in honour of General Jackson.

AUGUST 4th. Sat to Mr. Cheney¹ in the morning. 18th. Went to Lowell with Mr. Pakenham, Her Majesty's Minister to this Country, Mr. McIvers, Col. Perkins and Mr. R. C. Winthrop; a very pleasant day & time we had. 19th. We are considerably disturbed by the apprehension of War with Mexico. Played Billiards with Col. Perkins. Still troubled with dispepsy. 26th. Went with Mr. Otis to see Mr. Forbes' Ship "Massachusetts" having a steam propeller to aid in making her passage; I doubt the success of the enterprise.

SEPTEMBER 16th. Rec^d a letter saying my niece, Mrs. Stowell, was quite ill. 17th. Started 6 o'clock for Fitzwilliam; arrived at 3 P.M.; found My Niece quite low, I think it possible she may recover. 18th. Returned to Boston to dine.

OCTOBER 9th. Our son J. Warren married to Emily Warren; we are fully satisfied with his choice; she is a fine woman with excellent principles and good disposition. I think his opportunities for happiness are as good as almost any young Man; his education has been neglected, but he appears to be disposed to correct the defect. His principles we believe to be good; his appearance and manners quite in his favour; they will have the good wishes and Prayers of many. 13th. Went to Waltham with Mrs. Appleton and found Mrs. Greene had been delivered of a Son at

¹ Owned by W. A. Lawrence, hanging at 122 Commonwealth Avenue.

5 o'clock P.M.; we have much to be grateful for. 16th. Warren & wife left in Ship "Burgundy" for Havre in good spirits. I felt much in parting with them, yet I am satisfied it is right they should go. 19th. Put in the Box at church five Hundred dollars for Domestic Missions. May God bless the means and give a better heart to the contributors. 26th. I fear I part with money more because I feel it a duty than from a higher motive! I pray sincerely for better and more elevated motives. 31st. Col. Everest of Her Majesty's Artillery at dinner; he is rough, but an intelligent man.

NOVEMBER 14th. We had a party at dinner, Judge Woodbury, Mr. Webster, Mr. Everett, Mr. Winthrop, Mr. N. Appleton, Mr. A. Lawrence, Judge Shaw, Mr. Sturgis, F. C. Gray and Mr. Sears; very pleasant. 16th. This day brings to an end my fifty-eighth year, I cannot realize that I am this old. I do not feel that I am an old man, yet I have much to admonish me, in the use of Glasses, loss of memory, and even in my limbs when rapidly going up Stairs. I have had very imperfect health yet I have generally been able to direct and attend to business. I feel the responsibility I have on me in taking a stand as a Christian; that I am looked on by some of my friends, doubting whether I shall adhere to my professions. I find nothing like intrusion, but something like doubting in their minds as to the reality of the change. Rec^d presents from my Grandsons: a locket with his Hair from the one, & from Mr. George "The Sermon on the Mount" beauti-

fully got up. Fine day. 27th, *Thanksgiving Day*. Most Violent rain. Went to Trinity Church, where we solemnly dedicated our Grandson, J. S. Copley, to Almighty God. My daughter, Mrs. Lawrence, and myself stood as sponsors.

DECEMBER 2nd. Attended the funeral of Mrs. Ackerman, who has suffered much the last year. She was in our family during the births of most of our Children; an *Excellent Woman*. 3rd. Cold, unpleasant day; went to see Mrs. Ackerman's mother, out most of the morning. Getting over my cold. 4th. President's Message is published this morning; I do not feel that we are to get into a War in relation to Oregon. I believe they will change the Tariff materially, but not eventually to injure the Interests of the Cotton manufacturers. 10th. Attended the opening of the House of Refuge. I have had & have now doubts as to the success of the establishment, but finding for years there were persons who fully believed in the utility of the place, more than two years ago I began a subscription; it was not found to meet the patronage of the publick, but eventually they got fifteen thousand dollars. I then extended my subscription to five thousand dollars. The present building has been erected by my movement, but I cannot say I have acted from any high motives, but should it please God to bless the Institution and use me as an instrument, the honour be to Him, and to Him alone. I felt humbled at seeing so much interest shown by others this morning and finding myself so little affected. Oh, may my

life that remains be such as to deserve the commendation which I undeservedly have shown me. 12th. Meetings, Nashua, Jackson & Salmon Falls Companies; large Profits and good dividends. 19th. The Oregon Question looks bad on both sides, but will be settled without War. 31st. This brings to a close another year. One son married with our entire approbation, another engaged to a lovely woman.¹

1846

THIS commences a new year, the events of which are wisely out of our sight. In the business world there is much agitation as to War with England; I do not much fear it.

JANUARY 6th. Engaged in getting up 50^m for Mr. Webster. Miss Harriet had a party of young people to the extent of sixty or eighty; it was said to go off well—a poor business; I do not like it. 28th. Annual Meeting Masst^s Gen^l Hospital Corporation.²

FEBRUARY 3rd. We hear of the loss of our Ship “Hamlet”; I find myself very much discomposed by the loss of property; I have less controul over my feelings than I should have supposed until tried. 10th. Meeting at the Bishop’s in relation to a Theological Seminary; I had a long talk with Mr. Mason in relation to it. 14th. Frank, Harriet, with some twenty friends went to Mr. Greene’s,

¹ Miss Georgiana Silsbee.

² He was President of the Board of Trustees.

Waltham, in the evening; fine sleighing. 17th. Master Charles had a sleighing party.

MARCH 12th. Sale of Phillips Estate in this Street. Lots on Beacon St., 180 feet depth, sold for four dollars the square foot. 30th. Fine bright day. Went to Salem to attend the Wedding of our now eldest Son, Frank; we are quite satisfied with the connection; we think his choice a judicious one; a Woman of good temper, kind in her feelings, and a fair share of understanding; their prospects are as good as almost any. May He who directs all give them Grace to follow that course that will give Peace in Time, & Happiness in Eternity. 31st. Passed the night at Mr. N. Silsbee, Jr.'s.

APRIL 12th, *Easter Sunday*. On my knees did I supplicate my God this morning that I might through His grace be enabled to give my mind to His service this day. 20th. We have much pleasure in the arrival of Warren & his wife in the "Caledonia" from Liverpool. 21st. Went to Brookline with Col. Tod, ambassador to St. Petersburg.

MAY 1st. Mrs. Appleton gave a party for Frank, Warren and their Wives; about sixty persons; called pleasant; a Band of musick, but there was very little pleasure to me, or, as I could learn, to any one else—all tired. 3rd. "Cambria" Ashore on Cape Cod. 12th. Engaged in making Preparation for our contemplated journey to the South. 13th. Left for New York, *via* Norwich. 15th. Arrivd

at Philadelphia to dine. 16th. Arrived at Washington at seven o'clock; found ourselves well located. 18th. Went with Mrs. Webster & our Ladies to the Capitol, House and Senate; rode to Navy Yard, called on Gen^l Henderson. 19th. At the President's in the evening; Poor concern. 20th. Party at Madam Calderon's, formerly Miss Inglis; quite fashionable. 21st. Went to the Races, dined at Mr. Webster's; small party. 22nd. Party at Mrs. Grinnell's, quite pleasant, many of our acquaintances there. 23rd. Went down the River in Steamer "Masstts"; dined with Mr. Pakenham. 25th. Left Washington at 6 A.M. for Phila. 26th. We have had warm summer weather, strawberries in abundance for ten days past; dined at Bishop Potter's. 30th. Arrived in Boston, found all well. 31st. Took Capt. Eliot and Lady to Church. Our son Frank confirmed with 10 others.

JUNE 3rd. Went to Cambridge to see Mr. Greenleaf in relation to Seminary. 9th. All dined at Brookline; rather in confusion, but all will come right. 12th. The Convention closed its session with my proposition for a Divinity School; it was well received; but whether it will be carried into effect is doubtful in my mind. I think much good would be derived by the Institution, but God will devise all for good.

JULY 1st. Engaged most of the morning on business of Charles River Bridge. 28th. Much doubt & excitement as to the passing of the Tariff bill of Mr. McKay.

30th. We have accounts of the passage of the tariff; I think it will do less mischief than is expected; Carpets & Muslin-de-Laines will be partially given up and some fine, plain and printed cottons will be less made in this Country.

SEPTEMBER 26th. Went to meet Mr. Upjohn at the Purchase Street Chapel. I find very little interest others take in this affair; I fear I have less zeal than when I commenced it, yet, if I am not made better by it, others may be.

OCTOBER 5th. St. Stephen's Chapel Consecrated. The services were very appropriate; House quite full. It was an interesting day to me, the finishing of a work which had been a long time in progress. I feel that I have made an additional pledge to live more nearly to the religion I profess. 15th. Our Ship "Cygnet" sailed for Batavia. 23rd. Breakfasted with Mr. F. C. Gray and a party of gentlemen.

NOVEMBER 7th. Attended the funeral of my friend, D. L. Pickman, at Salem; a man of strong mind and high honour; a Merchant of the first class—much esteemed. 16th. I am this day sixty years old; little have I done in preparation for Eternity; at times I think myself stationary in religious character. I trust I feel more dependence on my Maker. I verily believe I ought to prevent my children going as much in the World as they do, but sometimes I think it

may be because I have lost a desire to do that, I feel they should not, and again that by indulgence I may retain their confidence. Mrs. Appleton quite ill with a bilious turn. 17th. Mrs. Appleton in her chamber until 8 P.M., when she dressed herself to receive her Company which consisted of some two Hundred. The number invited was nearly eight hundred; many refused on account of the season for parties not having commenced. It was said to be very pleasant; all went off well. They began to assemble at $\frac{1}{2}$ past nine & retired at $\frac{1}{2}$ past One O'clock. 18th. Mrs. Appleton in her room, but better; all tired out from late Hours.

DECEMBER 8th. Attended the lecture of Mr. Agassiz with Bishop Potter, who has come to pass some weeks with us.¹ 10th. Warren Club at my house, about thirty-five persons present; very pleasant. 22nd. Went to Plymouth, dined with a party of about ninety Gent^{mn} from this city; Mr. Webster presided; an interesting day. It carries us back to the landing of the Colony from which the best results of the settlement of the New World are exhibited. 25th. Warren and wife are blessed with a fine daughter; now located,² as are all our children, quite near us. 30th. Mrs. Sears gave a large Ball. Clarkson Potter passed the night with us. 31st. Went to Lowell with Mr. J. A. Lowell & Mr. Sam^l Cabot on business of uniting Masst^s & Prescott Companies. The past year our business has been successful; retaining my capital entire, I have Built or finished a Chapel, which, with the endowment I shall add will amount

¹ To deliver a course of lectures.

² At 76 Beacon Street.

to more than twenty-six thousand dollars. Placed twenty-five thousand dollars as a fund, if accepted, to commence a Theological Seminary. Made some provisions for my sisters, and distributed freely with others of my income, which has been more than One Hundred Thousand dollars.

1847

JANUARY 1st. We had at dinner all our Children and as many of our Grand Children as were old enough to sit at table. I presented my children, who are of age, with five thousand dollars of stock, requesting them to use the income for charitable purposes, telling them that I should give to the Brothers and sisters, including Geo. L. Appleton, when they arrived at the age of twenty-one years, a like sum, should I live so long, and if otherwise I should provide that it be furnished them. Small party at our House at evening. 14th. Bishop Potter gave his last lecture for the season. With much regret do we part with him. I do not know the other gentleman we should willingly admit as one of our family; he is all we could desire as a companion and his example is such as we should strive to follow. 30th. Mrs. Appleton and children went to see the exhibition of the children dancers.

FEBRUARY 4th. Pleasant party at Col. Perkins'; private theatricals by the family. 13th. Mrs. A. & Mrs. Burnham with the children went to see the dancing children from Italy. 15th. Meeting at Mr. Mills' in relation to

the Irish & Scotch famine. 18th. Meeting at Faneuil Hall, very fully attended, for the relief of the sufferers in Ireland. 20th. Steamer arriv^d from Liverpool; anxiously looked for. We find less news than we expected: there will be much distress before July among the lower classes, and what is to be a permanent remedy is difficult to imagine.

MARCH 2nd. Fine sleighing, all in motion. 7th. Communion at Church; remained at home on account of cold in the afternoon. Dr. Warren recommended Bath, mustard poultices, &c. I remained in the House without much change until Friday night when I was attacked with a pain while in bed, very severe in my left side; we soon determined to call the servants and send for Dr. Mason Warren. It turned out to be a regular attack of pleurisy, but by blisters, etc., very little fever continued after the pain subsided. The following Wednesday Mrs. Appleton's good Mother had another attack of apoplexy, and died Wednesday evening, 24th, without a struggle. She was entombed on Saturday, 27th. I rode to the House to take a last look on her whom I much loved and respected, but I was not sufficiently well to attend the services at Trinity. Mrs. Amory, the only daughter of the late Gov. Sullivan, died at the Age of seventy-four. A Lady of much energy, of character, commanding in her appearance, of a strong mind, and I believe from early life governed by truly Christian principles. My intercourse with her from the death of Mr. Amory, for nearly twenty years, was very intimate; we always had a good understanding; she expected frankness and received the

truth, whether pleasant or otherwise, with courtesy. She often spoke with gratitude of my services to her & her family, and much overrated my kindness of heart. She left with her Will a most affectionate letter for me, written some years since, to be delivered with one from Mr. Wm. Sullivan,¹ both of which I shall continue to value much, as evidence of their good opinion.

APRIL 10th. Accounts of Capture of Vera Cruz and death of Capt. Vinton. 21st. Was very much provoked with Robert, my servant, and spoke very roughly to him. I took occasion to say to him that I made a mistake in thus speaking, and I felt better satisfied with myself for so doing.

MAY 16th. Captain Forbes returned from the Mission of Mercy to Ireland; he was absent seven weeks.

JUNE 2nd. Our family removed to Brookline; apple trees in full bloom. 10th. Passed the morning at the Convention of our Diocese; much pleased with Mr. Edson's report on Church extension; the business conducted with more regularity than usual. 12th. Harriet had some of her friends at tea & in the evening, consisting of the Misses Lyman, Prescott, Peabody, Gray, etc. 17th. Steamer arrived. Brought the word of the total loss of the "Mary Ellen." 23rd. Party of Ladies, Gen^{mn} & Children at Mr. Greene's, Waltham, to meet Tom Thumb. Very pleasant, delightful afternoon. 28th. Frank came to Brookline; I can-

¹ Her brother.

not understand his apparent absence of mind, I trust there is nothing essentially wrong. This is a day of meditation with me, the Anniversary of the death of my dear Amory, never to be forgotten, yet I think of him with more pleasure than I would or could wish to express. 29th. The "Horsburgh" sailed for Canton, I doubt if she will make any money. 30th. Pres^t Polk arriv^d in Boston; cold Northeast wind with rain.

JULY 10th. Meeting of directors of Salmon Falls Company as to building a new mill; I feel we shall regret so doing within one year. 13th. Mrs. Appleton and myself left Brookline for Saratoga (*via* Boston). At Newton, Madam Greene and Mrs. Charles Amory joined us. We arrived at Springfield in a Thunder squall. Col. Perkins and Party arrived in the evening. 14th. We left at ½ past eight; we found in the cars Dr. and Mrs. Jackson in addition to our party of yesterday, consisting of Mr. Jos. Tilden, Mrs. Torrey, her son & wife. We found it pleasant but quite cool crossing the mountains; dined at Troy & arrived at Saratoga at six o'clock. We found excellent rooms reserved for us, the House well filled with company. I find several acquaintances, among them Comm. Morris, Dr. Duncan, Mr. H. Cabot, Mr. Wm. Boott. 16th. The time passes pleasantly, but with much sameness: drink Water, eat Breakfast, lounge, talk, dine, hear the Band play, take tea, go to the drawing room to see the young people dance & end the day. Thus the days passed until Friday, 23rd, when we left; dined at Albany and slept at Springfield; the fol-

lowing morning took the Cars; separated from our travelling companions at Newton, got home at two O'clock. Frank dined with us. 27th. Charles' birthday.

AUGUST 2nd. Went with Miss Hetty & Miss Eliot to Lynn, then to Nahant. Frank & family removed there for a season, I trust he may be benefited; his absence of mind is sorely distressing and to me alarming. 8th. I am thinking of providing funds to build a Church at Shanghai.

SEPTEMBER 3rd. Went to Brookfield, a pleasant visit to the place of my nativity; much pleased with my reception by Mr. Snell; dined with him, saw Mr. Gilbert. 9th. Went to Lynn & Salem, dined with Mr. Silsbee; found Georgiana and Master Frank well. 13th. Much affected by the death of my friend P. T. Jackson, one of the most influential men in our community.

NOVEMBER. 1st. Throat quite inflamed, breast sore; in the House. Read in the life of Mr. Simeon; it is refreshing to find good & eminent men doubting & almost desponding at the wickedness of their hearts. 11th. F. H. Appleton, Jr., Christened with seven other children; the God Parents His Father, Mother and myself. A pleasant party at Frank's in the evening. 16th. I have often thought to myself, Why am I left and others strong & young called to their account? At times I have been led to the feeling it was that I might protect my now departed Mother, my sisters, and to be useful to others with whom I was con-

nected; I trust my life has been extended that I might become more fitted for His Service on earth & prepared for another existence. 20th. Mr. G. sent for me to come and see him; he informed me that his brother was embarrassed. I think it is a very bad business, that Mr. G. will lose half of his property. I fear if I were to lose my property I should not behave like a man or a Christian. 23rd. I feel much for Mr. G.; much engaged in his affairs and I trust I shall get him out with 150^m & House. Went to see Laura Bridgman. 30th. Mr. & Mrs. Webster, Mr. & Mrs. Tucker, Mr. & Mrs. Coolidge, Mr. & Mrs. F. C. Lowell, Mr. & Mrs. Greene, Mrs. Rotch, Mrs. A. A. Lawrence, Mr. N. Appleton, Mr. C. G. Loring, Mr. F. C. Gray, Mr. Paige and Dr. Scoresby dined with us; pleasant Party.

DECEMBER 1st. Went with Dr. Scoresby to hear Mr. Sturgis lecture on the Indians of North America. 25th, *Christmas*. My friend, Hon^{ble} Sam^l Hubbard, died the last night; he was among my early acquaintances in Boston; he was one of our Groomsmen.

1848

JANUARY 1st. Most of our family came to dine & some young persons at Evening. In commencing a new year we look back on the past. I have had less business, less perplexities, consequently less trials of my temper; my charities have not been large. My income much less than for some years, yet I could well spare more but

the objects that come in my way have not been such as to produce the strongest Interest. I have sent the means to build a Church in China,¹ five thousand dollars. I distributed five Hundred Copies of the memoir or life of Mr. Simeon, an eminent Divine of Cambridge, England. It is my intention to close my commercial affairs as our ships arrive. It might be for my good to have the employment and I might be useful to others; on the other hand, I may be in the way of others and should I be called suddenly it would leave my family many perplexities. 12th. Missionary sermon at St. Paul's Church—not well attended. It is very strange there should be so little interest in Missions. 17th. Went to see Dr. Warren & Dr. Bell as to Frank. They with Mason determined that no time should be lost in sending him to the Hospital; accordingly I made arrangements for so doing; in the Afternoon I went to his House with Dr. Mason Warren who told him the decision of his Medical Advisers; he said he did not agree with them, but when I made a strong appeal to his kind feelings, he said he would go if I wished it. He went very quietly, after bidding his wife goodbye with a kiss. I have had few or no more trying scenes in the course of my life. Oh, that I could with truth say, Lord, Thy Will be done! Dr. Warren thinks by attention to his diet he will recover. 19th. Went to see dear Frank and found him comfortable and contented, which is a great gratification to us all.

¹ On a picture of this Chapel now owned by Mrs. Frederic Cunningham is written: "First Epis. Missionary Chapel erected in China by the American Board of Missions at the expense of the Hon. W^m Appleton. Shanghai, July, 1852."

20th. Find myself now confined to the house with a cold taken going with my dear Frank to Somerville, much distressed in mind at the separation from my now eldest son.

24th. Georgiana had a long letter from Frank; he said he expected his Father to see him, all that he knew that was good he got from him.

FEBRUARY 11th. Dr. Warren and some Gentⁿ at my House in relation to the musick in St. Paul's;¹ poor concern for me to be in; no good from it. 15th. Went to the Hospital and found Frank quiet and contented. God be Praised. 22nd. We have a Rumor of Peace with Mexico, I fancy it is well founded. 28th. Mr. The^o Lyman gave a Ball at Tremont House, Harriet & Master Charles of the party.

MARCH 19th. We have accounts of Revolution in France; what will be the result no one can tell; my feeling is, it will be like that of 1830. 27th. The steamer arrived with the accounts of a Republican Government in France.

APRIL 8th. Went to visit our dear Frank, I see no improvement; Dr. Bell says he cannot find the cause of the Malady. 15th. Went with Mrs. Appleton to see our dear Frank. He was pleased to see us; it is heartrending

¹ The story in the family is that Mr. Appleton cared so little for music that he had been known to put cotton wool in his ears when he escorted his wife to a concert.

to feel that he is separated from us. 20th. Went to Somerville this morning, much encouraged as to Frank; Dr. Bell agreed to go a journey with him.

MAY 29th. Mrs. A. A. L.'s Child Christened Amory Appleton; Parents & myself Sponsors.

JUNE 8th. We hear of the Nomination of Gen^l Taylor by Telegraph; we are disappointed by finding we do not get Mr. Lawrence¹ nominated for Vice-Prest. 24th. Georgiana and her little boy left us for Salem. We think highly of her & the Child. 27th. Went to North Brookfield to attend the celebration of the fiftieth Anniversary of Dr. Snell's Ministry; a truly Pious, useful man. I was very much gratified; a very large assemblage, a good discourse & fine musick. Mrs. Cary, formerly Lydia Hall, the only remaining Communicant with my Father, Present.

JULY 7th. Our Son W^m's Wife was confined yesterday with Son and Daughter. 12th. Steamer arriv^d with sad accounts from Paris. 29th. Went to Waltham; I find Mr. Greene very much troubled with weakness in his limbs, a very great change for the worse within two weeks; he thinks it the effect of drinking water drawn through lead pipes; it is possible he is right; his Physicians encourage the belief; it would be cruel to remove the delusion, but my fear & belief is that it is a disease of the nerves and that he will be a Cripple the rest of life. 31st. Mrs. Greene

¹ Hon. Abbott Lawrence.

had her infant daughter Christened—named Elizabeth Clark.

SEPTEMBER 28th. After Attending to my usual business I left for home, intending to visit my son at Somerville. In passing rapidly through in my buggy or Carryall, over a mound of earth where the street had been opened, the bolt that connected the front wheels of the Carriage with the after gave way; I was thrown over the dashboard into the street, and received a blow on my back which for a time appeared to have sent the breath from my body; I soon so far recovered as to get into a Carriage and was carried to our residence in Brookline, where I suffered much; but with kind and skilful attention most of the time twice a day from Dr. Warren for four weeks I so far recovered as to ride to Boston and was soon able to attend to my usual occupation.

OCTOBER 14th. Hon. Jeremiah Mason died, much Respected for his superior talents. I felt his death much; we have been intimate, considering the difference of age and standing; he often spoke of me in terms complimentary, and showed confidence. 25th. The Water from Cochituate Lake formally entered the City; the ceremony was brilliant; the day was fine and all very successful. 28th. Hon. Harrison Gray Otis died this morning; a man of extraordinary talents; his manner superior to almost any of the present age; I have known him well for thirty-five years. He was more useful in bringing me into society than any



Portrait of the Hon. James A. Thompson

other Gentⁿ; this was from attentions I paid his Mother & Sisters when his Father died at Washington. His funeral was quite private. 31st. Whig Torchlight Procession, very Brilliant from five thousand torches. I doubt if these exhibitions have much effect.

NOVEMBER 7th. We are all very much interested in the result of the Election of the Pres^t of the U. States which takes place this day. Taylor will probably be elected. 20th. Mr Healy passed most of the day with me, painting my Portrait.¹

DECEMBER 8th. Went to Waltham; I am troubled for Mrs. Greene's health. 31st. Among the pleasantest affairs of my life has been taking charge of Mr. F. C. Gray's business, and saving him from bankruptcy.

1849

JANUARY 8th. Went with Mrs. F. H. & Mrs. Amory Appleton to see them race on the Neck. 16th. Meeting Provident Institution, the first time in which I presided.

FEBRUARY 1st. Warren Club met at our House; very pleasant, some fifty Gentⁿ. No wine. 20th. I had to dine William Gray, Samuel Hooper, Henry P. Sturgis,

¹ For Mr. F. C. Gray; later it was given to Susan M. Loring; it is now owned by Rev. William Appleton Lawrence.

J. Ingersoll Bowditch, William Amory, Henry B. Rogers, J. Lothrop Motley, Thomas C. Amory, Ignatius Sargent, Calvin Haven, Charles Lyman, Thomas Dwight, Samuel Austin, Edward Austin and Sullivan Warren—a pleasant dinner. 28th. Went to Worcester; at Meeting of Trustees Lunatick Hospital.

MARCH 1st. Visited the Asylum with Messrs. Phillips, Lincoln and Salisbury; found it generally in good order, but too many Patients, and some changes should be made. 30th. Went to Dr. Cross for the twentieth time to have electricity applied to my arm.

APRIL 16th. Went to Cambridge with Charles to arrange for a Tutor for him. 17th. Went to Somerville; Dr. Bell speaks encouragingly of Frank; I see very little hope. 19th. Went to Cambridge to arrange with Mr. Hooper to take charge of Charles.

MAY 1st. Took Mr. Peele of London to Brookline. 4th. Went to ride with Mrs. Appleton and to see the monument we have for Mount Auburn. 9th. Mr. Benj. Wiggin died this Morning. I have long known him; a very correct man in his intercourse with others; apparently with no fixed religious views; he lived with little happiness and died almost unthought of. 11th. Mr. Wiggin interred. Went to the House, opened the Will; a strong commentary on the saving of money for relatives, in seeing the dissatisfaction expressed by Most persons. 15th.

Went to Brookline with the Rives'. At Miss Sears' wedding at evening. 25th. Mr. Franklin Dexter dined with me. Meeting Committee on the tablet for Bunker Hill Monument at Dr. Warren's—Messrs. Everett, Dexter, Webster and myself compose the committee. 28th. Went to Brookline with Mr. Abbott Lawrence; he will go to London if nothing particular occurs to prevent. 29th. Went to Groton¹ with Hetty and found Sarah and all quite well.

JUNE 12th. Mr. Gray & Mr. Dexter came to Brookline to arrange as to placing the Dog.² 15th. Placed Mr. Gray's dog in our Grounds; he presented it to me; but it is my intention that it shall be placed over his grave. 20th. Went to Cambridge to attend the inauguration of Prest Sparks.

JULY 12th. Sarah & Children were with us at dinner. Judge Eustis & Lady called. 16th. Hetty quite ill, high pulse, 120.

AUGUST 3rd. National Fast—on account of the Cholera. 7th. Went to Newport with Charles in pursuit of lodgings. 14th. Left Brookline at 7 A.M. with Hetty, Mrs. Appleton, Harriet, Charles, Nurse, Abby & two men servants, for Newport. Carried Hetty in the Cars & boat on a Mattress.

¹ Home of the Lawrence ancestors.

² This marble dog is now by the gravestone of Mr. F. C. Gray in Mt. Auburn.

SEPTEMBER 8th. Returned from Newport where we remained almost four Weeks. Hetty very much improved, we trust, is in a fair way to get her health. 17th. Went to Plymouth with a large party to dine; there were nearly One Hundred present. Mr. Webster, Mr. Everett, Mr. Winthrop & several others made speeches much to the delight of the audience. Dr. Mercer of New Orleans went with me, Commodore Morris was my guest. A pleasant day; we returned to Brookline at 11 o'clock. 21st. Mr. & Mrs. Abbott Lawrence called to make us a P. P. C. Visit. 26th. Mr. Lawrence sailed in the Steamer for England.

OCTOBER 8th. The Storm of yesterday caused the loss of more than One Hundred lives, by a Brig from Ireland going on shore near Scituate. 12th. We this day proved Mr. Benj. Wiggin's Will. Strange, when we see the folly in others in laying up money they know not for whom, we do not take knowledge.

NOVEMBER 13th. Party at Mrs. Nathan Appleton's; quite large and elegant and Fashionable. 15th. Dined at Mr. Francis Lowell's, party of Ladies & Gentlemen; very stylish & pleasant. 17th. We gave a dinner party to Mr. & Mrs. Winthrop, consisting of the bride and bridegroom, Mr. & Mrs. Webster, Mr. & Mrs. N. Appleton, Mr. & Mrs. Paige, Mr. & Mrs. James S. Amory, Mr. & Mrs. Sears, Miss Appleton, Mr. Grinnell, Mr. Gray &

Mr. Prescott; twenty, including Mrs. Appleton & myself—as many as our table will accommodate. Sat down to dinner at $\frac{1}{2}$ past five o'clock: all passed off very satisfactorily. 26th. Went with a large party to Cochituate Lake; a most lovely day; a fine day it would be in April; Hon^{ble} Mr. Twistleton, introduced by Messrs. Baring Brothers & Co., went with us. 28th. Attended Court with Mr. Twistleton; Mr. Choate spoke, also Benjamin R. Curtis. 30th. I went to the Court and heard Mr. Loring in the case of the Iron Company; I fear my friend Gray will lose the case.

DECEMBER 1st. Very great excitement on account of the arrest of Dr. Webster.¹ 6th. Consecration of Church at Waltham; a large pleasant party at dinner at Mr. Greene's; Bish. Potter was with us. 20th. Warren Club at my House. Dr. Gould & Mr. Agassiz lectured. 31st. This ends another year. In the way of business I have less than in any year since I returned from Europe, more than thirty years since. I have not suffered for the want of occupation, yet I am quite satisfied I should make a Mistake to have less. My income has been fully equal to the Interest at six per cent on my Capital. I disburse freely, yet my property increases. There has been no distress with the men of business; Commerce has been generally profitable. Rail Roads that have been commenced within the last three years are bad generally. I think there is owned in Massachusetts more than Sixty Millions of dollars cost in Rail

¹ He was convicted of the murder of Dr. George Parkman at the Harvard Medical School, and he was hanged.

Road Stocks; at this time not worth more than forty-eight Millions for the sixty; or twenty per cent discount. My belief is that all the roads entering into Boston except the Old Colony will give a fair income; but those far from the City such as the Mass^{ts} & Vermont, Rutland and Vermont Central will be bad property. I think the business of the coming year will be good except Manufacturing. To increase my fortune I can hardly desire, yet I am as much displeas'd by a bad speculation as when I had very limited means.

1850

JANUARY 3rd. Attended the funeral of Mr. B. Gilbert, an early friend of my parents, an excellent man, much beloved and esteemed by his Acquaintances. 10th. Dr. Robbins died. A man of kindest feeling and a general favourite.

FEBRUARY 1st. Walked to State Street and to Mr. Wm. Sohier's; shew him an anonymous publication from a New York Penny paper which annoys me & Mrs. A.; as to any, there is not the slightest approach to truth in the attack. 6th. There was a party at Mr. James S. Amory's, quite pleasant, called the Ladies Whist Party. 8th. Mrs. Appleton had a party consisting of about One Hundred; said to be very pleasant — musick & a Dance. I have been engaged in attending to Mr. Nathan Appleton's will. 14th. Meeting Trustees of the Society for Disseminating Christian Knowledge. 18th. Went with A. A.

Lawrence to see the land he and his brother propose purchasing of Mr. Francis;¹ a poor business I think; so I told him; he will find it so. 19th. Went to Worcester to meet the Trustees of Lunatic Hospital; a Meeting Hadley Falls Co. in afternoon; Dr. Hayward's in the Evening.

MARCH 6th. Went to Newport to engage lodgings for the summer. 11th. Mrs. Appleton had Sewing Circle. 20th. Attended Dr. Webster's trial. They will not convict him I think; so it looks now. 21st. Small party at Miss Amory's, Temple Place. 23rd. Snow storm; have seldom seen the trees more beautiful. 30th. The trial of Dr. Webster brought to a close; after hearing the Charge of the Judge, I went to prepare Mrs. Prescott for the news of the sad event.

APRIL 2nd. Went to Cambridge to see Mr. Everett & Mr. Cushing as to raising some money for Mrs. Webster & daughters. 15th. Left Boston for the South. Slept at Springfield; arriv^d at N. York 16th; at Philadelphia, 18th; stayed until 1st May. Much attention from our friends.

MAY 2nd. At Washington; remained eight days; dined at several of our friends'; pleasant evening parties. Arrived home the 13th; pleased to find ourselves at our home & grateful that no accident had befallen us during absence. 21st. At Mr. Wm. J. Hubbard's to meet two Sand-

¹ Mr. A. A. Lawrence built there, having a place of about eight acres. His house and part of this land are now occupied by Mrs. Frederic Cunningham.

wich Island Chiefs — fine fellows. 30th. Went with Mrs. Appleton and Children to see “The Ravenels.”

JUNE 6th. Went to Waltham with Mrs. Greene who has been confined by severe illness nearly three months; now very weak. 7th. I find myself much better since I gave up Coffee and Wine. 14th. Went to Charlestown to see the preparations for the 17th. 17th. Interesting Discourse from Mr. Everett on the 75th Anniversary Battle Bunker Hill. 22nd. Young ladies went to Mrs. Brooks' to tea at Medford. 25th. Mrs. Lawrence's Child Christened William. 27th. Mrs. Lawrence with her four children passed the day with us; her youngest 4 Weeks. 28th. Mrs. F. H. Appleton left us with her son, a fine boy; they have been some days with us.

JULY 10th. Left for Newport; 12th. Find time hangs rather heavy.

SEPTEMBER 4th. Bathed, was weighed; found I had gained two pounds since last weighed; present weight is One hundred and two pounds, I think it is the greatest for twenty years. 16th. Took Sir John & Lady Campbell to Brookline; pleasant people. 27th. Went to Hear Jenny Lind and was much pleased; for the Tickets I paid \$11.12½. 28th. Engaged in getting subscription for Mrs. Dr. Webster; got four thousand dollars in a small part of the day. 30th. Left with Dr. Vinton for Cincinnati for the Triennial Convention; slept at Albany.

OCTOBER 1st. Arriv^d Buffalo, & embarked in Steamer for Sandusky City; severe storm on the Lake. 3rd. Arriv^d at Cincinnati, passed most of the day at the Convention; nothing very interesting. 4th. Went to Convention. 5th. Attended the Cattle Show, Horticultural Exhibition, and Mechanick's Institution. 7th. Went with Mr. Longworth to the Garden of Endor, a large Vineyard. 10th. Left with Judge Boardman for Louisville; arriv^d late at night, stopping at several Cities in Indiana. 11th. Left Louisville in Stage for Frankfort; very fine Country we passed through; then took the Rail Road for Lexington. 12th. Slept at Mr. Clay's the last night, went to the City, made some calls, returned, some Gentⁿ at dinner. Very much pleased; Country Beautiful. 13th. At church; at evening took a Carriage & rode some twenty-five miles through a beautiful Country on our way to Cincinnati. 14th. Took Stage at seven o'clock, pleased with our ride to Cincinnati. 15th. Dined with Mr. Longworth, quite a party; Large House, plain dinner, a large party, mostly Bishops & Clergy. 16th. At Convention; at a very large party at Capt. — & at Judge Pendleton's. Left at evening; slept at Xenia. 17th. Arrived with many of our friends at Sandusky. 18th. Left for and arrived at Detroit, a very fine City & will increase. 19th. Left for Buffalo in Steamer. 21st. Went to Niagara & then to Batavia; fine day, pleasant party. 22nd. Took steamer on Seneca Lake and Rail Road at Jefferson, on the Erie R.R., arriv^d at New York at 9 o'clock; a most Interesting day, the scenery sublime &

beautiful. 23rd. Made several calls; left at 4 P.M. for my dear Home. 24th. Arrived at 4 A.M.; found all as well as usual. Went to see our dear Mary Ann; found her somewhat emaciated since I left, but not materially changed. 25th. Much to my surprise I was pressed to have my name used as a Candidate for Congress: Was nominated & shall stand as a Candidate. I have strong doubts as to the Wisdom of the decision; I am not suited for the situation. 26th. Many congratulations & complimentary remarks made to me. I do not feel satisfied with the idea of going to Washington; pleased to find my friends speak so kindly of my nomination, I doubt if it is for good. Shall I not be drawn more into the World and further from Him to Whom we should owe sole confidence and trust? I doubt myself.

NOVEMBER 1st. Went with Mrs. Appleton to Salem; pleasant dinner with Georgiana and Dear Frank. 4th. Dined at Revere House with the Turkish Envoy and some sixty Gentⁿ. 11th. Elected to the Congress of the U. S.; I have many doubts as to the propriety of accepting the trust, I fear I shall disappoint my friends. 13th. A party at dinner consisting of twenty—Sir H. L. Bulwer, Mr. Webster, Charles P. Curtis, Mr. M. Williams of London, Mr. Prue of Liverpool, Mr. Winthrop, Judge Warren, Benj. R. Curtis, Sidney Bartlett, Samuel A. Eliot, Joseph Grinnell, Mr. Everett, Mr. Silsbee, Mr. Ticknor, William Appleton, Jr., Francis C. Gray, J. S. Copley Greene, Mrs. A., Harriet & myself. Very successful, as we are told.

14th. Dined with Mr. F. C. Gray; at Mrs. Paige's splendid Ball. 15th. Went to Mr. Sparks' & Mr. Cushing's with Sir H. Bulwer, dined at Charles Amory's. 19th. Dined with Mr. Sam^l Eliot, party of some twelve or fourteen. 26th. Splendid Meeting at Faneuil Hall in support of the Constitution & Union. 27th. Party of twenty at dinner,—Chas Amory, James Lawrence, Chas Perkins, E^d Perkins, N. Thayer, F. B. Brooks, A. Otis, John Lowell, Jr., S. Eliot, T. H. Perkins, Jr., T. G. Appleton, Mr. Dwight, Chas Lyman, P. Grant, Mason Warren, Dr. Hooper, W^m A., Jr., Mrs. A. & Harriet. Dinner well served by three blacks and our two servants; it consisted first of cold Oysters, then sherry wine offered; brown & white soup, followed by Oyster Pâtés, Hock wine offered; boiled & baked Fish, Pass the wine; next, boiled Turkey, roast Mutton, Veal with Peas & Ham; Sweet Bread & Croquettes; then Wine & Roman Punch. After Course, two pair Canvas-Back Ducks, two pair Grouse, Wood Cocks & Quails, with Salad;—Blanc Mange, Jelly, Baked & Frozen Pudding, etc., etc., with Ice Cream, Grapes, Pears, Apples, Oranges, & Ornamental Sweets from the Confectioner; a Bouquet for Centre costing twenty-five Dollars. This is our third Party this month. So much for the Fashion of the day; fruit & Flowers placed on table before dinner & remain during the whole time.

DECEMBER 1st. The last evening at the Meeting of the Communicants, I felt more interest than usual; my mind was tranquil and I had a strong desire that I

might have grace to go to the Table of our Lord free from earthly thoughts; I prayed for such assistance. Thank God, the day has passed most pleasantly; I attended all the services of the Church with more than usual satisfaction; particularly the Communion. I have never had to my mind the system of Salvation through the Blood of Christ more fully to my conception; the darkness that at times hovers about, disappeared. Oh, that I may have grace given me that I may be enabled to put worldly cares and pleasures behind me, looking forward only to the inestimable prize; not only looking forward, but enjoying the present! What is to be compared with the Peace that God giveth! I attribute much of my anxiety the last few years to my business which has been profitable beyond the natural income, which, being hazardous, led me to feel a desire to lay it aside for a change. May I have less hazard & no misgivings of duty. 9th. Went to visit Col. Perkins, who gave me a Gold snuff Box, I fancy he thinks his days are few. 12th. Harriet had a dinner party of twenty-four of her young friends; very pleasant. Rather troubled as to W^m's health. 18th. Went to Salem, dined with Mr. Silsbee; I think they are very desirous of keeping the Property of Mrs. A. under their controul. I shall do all I can legally to meet their wishes. *Xmas*. The morning beautiful; Mrs. Appleton troubled with ague in her face. Went to church; at the Communion, not satisfied with myself; this was from getting my mind fixed on a letter I had rec^d and answered in the morning, & not finding my Son at church. I feared he was getting wrong feelings on Religious Subjects, and in

my fears for him I was lost to all good impressions. We had with us at dinner most of our family. Mr. Jefferson Coolidge, who has lately become engaged to Hetty, was of our party. I think well of him, but did not approve of the engagement on account of their age; both being less than twenty years old. 31st. Went with Mrs. Appleton & Hetty to an Assembly; did not enter into the feelings of the party, played Whist most of the evening, returned late not well Satisfied. The past year has been one of general prosperity in this Country and Europe. In New England they have been much crippled by bad & over investments in Rail Road stocks. Manufacturing Stocks have paid less dividends than for many years. The difficulty is over production.

1851

JANUARY 2nd. Harriet left us for a visit to Mr. Dexter's at Beverly. 27th. The "Cygnet" arrived, one hundred and five days from Canton. 28th. Left for Washington, Willard's Hotel, with W^m, Harriet and Abby, as Harriet's attendant. 31st. At the Pres^t's in Evening, and at Mr. Webster's where we met Many.

FEBRUARY 1st. At Sir H. Bulwer's to dine & at Spanish Minister Calderon's in Evening. 2nd. At Church, a good but trying sermon to us Worldlings. On Friday following W^m & Harriet left me for Boston; on Wednesday I followed them. Arrived in Boston, Saturday, 15th. 17th. Went to Waltham and found my dear Dia-

mond¹ better than when I left. 22nd. Engaged in relation to Mr. S. Appleton's will; what Vanity to get money, it only brings Vexation. 27th. Some of our family were at a Fancy Ball at Mrs. Parker's.

MARCH 18th. Most violent storm of the Winter, one & a half foot of snow fell. 19th. Communication with the south almost stopped; no cars from Lowell. 21st. Went to Waltham, found Mrs. Greene suffering from a pain in her side, had applied leeches. Went to see dear Frank — no comfort. 24th. Wet morning; went to Cambridge to inquire for President Sparks' Health.

APRIL 7th. A Ball at Mr. John E. Thayer's. 22nd. Mr. & Mrs. Dexter called to see us, in consequence of the engagement which is quite satisfactory with all. 24th. Mr. Sumner elected to the U. S. Senate. 27th. Went with Dr. J. Mason Warren to Waltham; I do not get from him much to lead me to hope that Mrs. Greene will again have much health.

MAY 15th. Went to Beverly to see the Dexters; we found ourselves well received. 19th. Mr. Greene wrote that our dear Mary Ann was much more ill; went to Waltham and found her weak but in a beautiful State of Mind.

¹ His pet name for Mrs. Greene.

JUNE 27th. Went to Nashua. Meetings Jackson & Nashua Comp^{nies}. Went with Mrs. A. to hear Jenny Lind.

JULY 1st. Went to Cambridge to arrange with Mr. Longfellow¹ to take charge of Charles going to Europe; I do not feel pleasantly at the idea of parting with him, I trust it is all right. 26th. My nephew W^m A. Burnham died the last evening at Providence; much regretted; quiet, but warm in his affections & correct in all his habits. I went to Providence and found his mother & sisters as well as I expected. 28th. Went with Mrs. Appleton, Mrs. Lawrence, Charles & Mr. Whitney to Providence to attend the funeral of W^m. A. Burnham; brought the corpse & placed it under St. Paul's.

AUGUST 16th. Went with Mr. Longfellow, Charles & Hetty to see the "Europa," fine vessel. 20th. Our dear Charles left us in good spirits with Mr. Longfellow for Europe. It is with mingled feelings that we part with our dear and youngest Child; we think it well so to do; he is as free from faults as almost anyone I ever knew. God bless and protect him!

SEPTEMBER 5th. Cuban insurrection is done up. 10th. Went to Springfield to attend Convention to nominate State Officers. 11th. Harriet left us with Mr. &

¹ Rev. Sam^l Longfellow.

Mrs. Franklin Dexter & Gordon for New York. 17th. The Rail Road Jubilee commenced. Pres^t Fillmore arrived in the City. 18th. Grand Dinner for the Pres^t at the Revere House — I remained short time — & excursion for the Strangers in Harbour. 19th. Grand Show of Mechanics, & procession, the largest I ever saw in Boston. 20th. Dinner party for twenty-one went off very well, Mr. Webster very dull.

OCTOBER 2nd. Mr. Sterling, a young Englishman introduced by Mr. Fisher, dined with us. 9th. Bishop Potter arrived & Breakfasted with us, dined and left at three o'clock. Our third daughter was married at St. Paul's Church; a very large number of our friends were present; the Church was quite full. The connection is very agreeable to us and Mr. Dexter's family; they appear to have a fair share of happiness. At 9 o'clock Mrs. Appleton received the company; the House was crowded until nearly eleven o'clock; very pleasant apparently; supper was prepared for the guests, & musick. The Bridegroom & Bride left for our House in Brookline at ½ past eleven o'clock; delightful day & Evening! 11th. Rode to see Mrs. Lawrence & the bride at Brookline, with Hetty. 22nd. Passed the Morning at Meeting of several persons connected with Rail Roads to N. York. 23rd. Left with Mr. N. Appleton, Sears, Wm. Amory, J. Tilden, J. S. Amory, Mr. Whitney, Mr. I. Sargent, & H. Cabot for Vermont, slept at Northfield. Entertained by Governor Paine; very good dinner, etc. 24th. Went to Rouse's Point, dined &

returned to Burlington; supper given our party by Mr. Peck. 25th. Returned to Boston *via* Rutland and Keene; very satisfactory journey. 26th. Judge Warren brought to see us Mr. Davis, member of Congress, I think him vain & flighty. 31st. A beautiful day; Went down the Harbour; visited the Islands & forts at the request of City Government—some Thirty in Party.

NOVEMBER 6th. Attended Wedding of Mr. Wm Prescott & Miss Peabody; large Party, very pleasant. 18th. Engaged in getting ready to go to Washington; sent off Horses, etc. 24th. Left for Washington with Mrs. A., Hetty, Mr. J. S. Amory & Abby; arr^d N. Y. at 5 P.M.; found Irving House most pleasant. 26th. Left New York for Phila, saw two Sleighs making their way with a moderate quantity of Snow. 29th. At Washington we found our rooms in good order & comfortable.

DECEMBER 1st. Made my first appearance in the Hall as a Representative from Suffolk. I feel doubtful of the Result. 2nd. Engaged at the House; made some calls & rec^d some visits. Mr. J. S. Amory left us; a good fellow he is. 3rd. Gov. Davis, Mr. Stanley & Duncan at dinner. House adjourned until Saturday. 4th. Made calls with Ladies, & on the President & several Gentlemen. 9th. Attended House, very little to interest except the Announcement of Committees, I am on that of Ways & Means; the most important—a compliment to my constituents & self. 13th. Cold blustering day; made calls.

Mr. Fletcher Webster, J. O. Sargent & Mr. Davis were at dinner. 15th. First meeting of Committee of Ways & Means; in House until three o'clock. 18th. Dined with Corcoran; Party of 18. 21st. At Church Morn^g & Eve^g; at Evening summoned to Mr. Webster's on a/c Revolution in France. 22nd. Sleighing pretty good. 28th. Rain, Hail & Ice — Bad as Boston. 30th. Mr. Greenough & Mr. Sumner at dinner. 31st. At House from ten (in Committee to 12), then on Kossuth until $\frac{1}{2}$ past nine. Poor business for the ending of the year, which has been one full of blessings not without very great anxiety. Our dear daughter Mrs. Greene's life we have despaired of at times; but what a consolation, when she thought her days and hours numbered but few, to hear her say she was ready; Christ was all in all to her; she would freely give up all this world to be with Him. Her Children, her Husband, Parents, etc. she loved dearly, but God's will was her will. Our third daughter married to F. G. Dexter; he is an amiable, high minded man, I think he will make a kind husband; of his business qualifications I do not think very highly. Mr. Coolidge has been a very constant admirer of Hetty; I think well of him. Poor dear Frank, we must give up almost a hope for his recovery; his wife and boy I love much; William & family have gone on much as the preceding year; his twins have improved. Dear Sarah is as loving & lovable as ever; all agree She is a worthy pattern for her sex. Hetty is with us in our new position, which is almost untried. We find ourselves pleasantly situated in our domestic affairs. My friends have by their kind

influence put me in a high position not only as a Member of Congress but have given such Character of me as to give me a stand I fear I cannot sustain. I cannot conclude without a word of my dear late Amory's Wife and Child; he is a fine boy, his Mother most devoted and I believe truly conscientious.

1852

JANUARY 1st. Commences with a fine bright sky, mild atmosphere, a temperature of the most congenial. The City appears in motion; every person out making calls of congratulations. I went with Mrs. Appleton & Hetty to the President's; they did not go in; I did, and was carried by the crowd from room to room & right glad to get into the Street. We had some fifty persons calling on us. Mrs. Appleton, I trust, will continue to like this place; she is freed from the responsibility of Housekeeping which is always irksome to her; unwilling to relinquish what she thought a duty, she has been often perplexed in doing what she was not from habit well qualified for; with the kindest feelings, often mortified by feeling she lost her self command when in contact with those in her employment. 2nd. Mr. & Mrs. Tyler & John G. Appleton at dinner. Mrs. Tyler, the Matron of the McLean Asylum, a very superior woman. 5th. Kossuth at Senate. The House appointed committee to invite him to the House; I was not willing to vote for it, nor did I do so, although by myself from our section of the Country; I am right. 6th. At Committee at 10 O'C., House until 3 O'C. At Assembly with Mrs. A.

& Hetty. 7th. At dinner given Kossuth; about two hundred & fifty present. 10th. Made calls with Mrs. A. and dined with Mr. Webster, party of fourteen. 19th. Very cold. Dancing party at Miss Taylor's; Hetty & I went for a short time. We really suffer from cold at House & Committee. No mails from North or South. 21st. Party at dinner of eighteen; very pleasant. Mr. Webster with us. 22nd. Cold weather continues; mails through, bringing a large number of letters. 23rd. Pleasant Dance at French Minister's. Davis¹ made his first speech. 24th. Mr. Corcoran's at evening, & large Party of Gent^{mn} at Supper. Mr. & Mrs. McCurdy at dinner. 26th. At the Secretary of War's in evening. 28th. At Calderons' at evening, very pleasant. 30th. Went to the President's with Mr. Silsbee, Mr. & Mrs. Whiting, Mr. & Mrs. Thaxter. 31st. Party of twelve to dine; Mr. Silsbee & his son, Mr. & Miss Fillmore, Mr. & Mrs. Seaton, Mr. Ingersoll & J. Davis.

FEBRUARY 4th. At Com^{dore} Morris' for supper & at Calderons' with Mrs. A. & Hetty. 5th. On returning from House & Committee found Telegraph with the pleasing intelligence that Mrs. A. A. Lawrence has another Daughter. 7th. Dinner, twenty-two; very pleasant; I think some good will be produced by bringing together persons from distant Parts. 10th. Dined with the Russian Minister—Party thirty-four. 11th. We had ten to dine; Mr. & Mrs. Bartlett, Judge McLean, Webster, etc. 14th. Some twenty at dinner, after attendance at Committee from

¹ Afterwards President of the Confederate States.

10 to 4 P.M. 16th. Committee & House. Mrs. Coolidge, daughter & Jefferson arr^d. 18th. Dined with Mr. Webster, Ladies with us. 19th. Party of Ladies and Gent^{mn}: Mr. & Mrs. Curtis, Peabody, Coolidge, etc. 21st. Splendid Banquet in Memory of the birthday of Washington, about 150 at table; I was an active Manager. 22nd. Worshipped at Capitol & at Mr. Pyne's. 23rd. At House and Committee. Ball at Mr. Corcoran's, said to be eleven Hundred there; very splendid. 24th. Dinner for twenty, went off well. 28th. Dined at Mr. Corcoran's, Party of twenty-four; very elegant: Russian Minister. Ladies, Mrs. Badger, Mrs. Stewart, Mrs. Appleton, Mrs. Peabody, Mrs. Coolidge.

MARCH 5th. Dined with Gen. Crittenden, & was at the President's. 6th. Mr. Davis made reply to Mr. Rantoul (not much do I think he gained). 13th. A large party of twenty-four at dinner—the English, French, Spanish & Russian Ministers and the Ladies of such as have Wives; some of the Secretaries & their Ladies, etc.; went off very well. 19th. We had some twenty to dine. Brooks made a good speech on Deficiency Bill. 26th. Dined at Mr. King's, President of Senate; Mrs. Appleton, Hetty & several other Ladies; rather more splendid than usual in Washington. 27th. At House; Passed the Deficiency Bill. 31st. Very unpleasant day; I am less pleased than with any day since in this City; had an indiscreet and indelicate speech from O. Fowler.

APRIL 1st. Dined at President's with Mrs. Appleton, Hetty & about thirty more; very pleasant, more so than we expected. 3rd. Had a very pleasant party of twenty. Mr. & Mrs. Agassiz were of the party, General Scott, Mr. Granger, etc. 5th. Committee & House. Compromise Measure discussed until near six O'clock. 9th. At Mr. Butler's Church, House, and Caucus at evening; not looking well for the Whigs, but the true course is to cut all Abolitionists. 15th. Dined at Commodore Morris'; Pleasant Party, sixteen. 16th. Mr. & Mrs. Dexter came to make us a Visit. Mr. Greene, Mrs. C. Amory, Mrs. Shaw & Miss Timmins arr^d. 20th. Whig Caucus; poor business. The Boston party at tea with Mrs. Appleton. 21st. Party of some hundred & fifty at our house. 23rd. Party at Mr. Corcoran's for our Boston friends—about two Hundred. 24th. Dinner of twenty-two for Boston friends; very pleasant, as we were told. 27th. Pleasant Party at the French Minister's, Dance, 29th. Dined at the Prest's, a Party of twenty; very pleasant.

MAY 8th. Left for Boston, found Mrs. Greene much improved. We remained in Boston & its vicinity until 24th when we left for Washington. 27th. Much pleased with my reception by friends in the House & Committee. Called on Lord Wharncliffe, Lady and Daughter. 28th. Called on the Prest in relation to Mr. Lee's appointment. Wrote him; he said no appointment should be made

without my being informed. 29th. Dinner party for Lord Wharncliffe, etc.; dined at 5, left at 11 O'C.

JUNE 5th. A Telegraph that "Cygnet" sailed at 12 O'C.; rec^d at 27 minutes after 12 at Office; from Boston 27^m. 8th. At Committee & House; much sameness from day to day. 12th. Much talking & doing in the President making. 16th. Mr. Hooper at dinner with his daughters; Convention at Baltimore commenced. 20th. Mr. Choate came up from Baltimore, had much conversation with him. Went to see the Prest^t who told me that he said to Mr. Webster that he could have the appointment to Court St. James; from delicacy he did not offer it while the Nomination was pending; said I might say so to Mr. Choate. 21st. We have this morning the nomination of Gen^l Scott for Prest^t; not agreeable to me. 24th. The weather very cool & delightful to most; I am rather tired of Washington. 29th. Mr. Clay died at about Eleven O'C. this morning; House adjourned on the announcement.

JULY 1st. Funeral Solemnities for Mr. Clay quite imposing. "Vanity of Vanities"! 5th. No House, Independence Day. Called on Mr. Webster & Mrs. W.; find them unsettled in their views. 6th. House had an afternoon session until 8 O'C. 12th. At House; made a speech on granting the means to fence Custom Houses, got on as well as I expected; no orator. 13th. Left with Mrs. Appleton & Abby for Boston. 15th. Dinner for family at Club House — 12 of us — p^d \$77.00. 17th. Arrived in

Washington. 24th. Dinner for sixteen; very well got up, quite satisfactory. 28th. At House: River & Harbour bill discussed. 29th. Samuel Lawrence, Mr. Morehead & Mr. Breckenridge at dinner. Did not return from House until near 8 o'clock, & went to Committee at 9 O'C. 30th. House finished the River & Harbour bill.

AUGUST 2nd. Mr. Kennedy came to live with me. 3rd. The last three days quite cool, winter garments pleasant. 8th. At Mr. Butler's Church; most of the day taken up in arranging to send home the remains of Mr. Rantoul. 9th. At House. Very handsome address on the announcement of the death of Mr. Rantoul by Mr. Mann & Sumner. 18th. Not quite well—stomach out of order. 19th. Mrs. Kennedy came to stop with us. 20th. At House late; rather warm & tiresome; want of order in the House. Charles has returned improved. 27th. At House & Committee. I had a dinner party for Mr. Ingersoll, Prince, Mr. Webster, Crittenden, Conrad, Hall, Gen. Scott, Dr. Pyne, Mr. McClellan, Faulkner, Mr. Perly of Nova Scotia, Mr. Markoe & Kennedy. 29th, *Sunday*. At Committee from nine to six on conference with Committee of Senate; quite ill the last night from Indigestion. 30th. At House & Committee until nine o'clock when we adjourned till 9, Tuesday. 31st. At nine went to the House, adjourned at twelve.

SEPTEMBER 1st. Quite unwell last night but with much exertion arrived in New York. 3rd. Arrived in Boston & went to Brookline, found all well. 9th. Mrs.

Greene taken to our House in Brookline. 17th. Dined with Mr. Thayer, a very large & elegant party. 20th. Drs. Warren, Jackson, & Adams met at my house to see Mrs. Greene. 21st. Went to the City; engaged in arranging for a dinner for Mr. Tho^s Baring, M. P. 22nd. Nominated for another term in Congress. I accept, feeling I may decline a year hence, but shall go if all goes well. Pleasant dinner at Revere House, about one hundred and fifty present. 26th. Attended the funeral of James S. Amory's child, the third they have parted with within eighteen days.

OCTOBER 2nd. Removed to Boston. 4th. Our Daughter, Mrs. Dexter, presented us with a son; she suffered much. 5th. Mrs. Dexter better than we feared she might be. 11th. Attended prayers at Chapel at 9 A.M.; very doubtful in my mind if it would not be better for persons to Pray at home. 20th. Sale City Wharf for \$411^m, full value, as I think. I was willing to pay \$400,000. 22nd. We hear Mr. Webster is very ill. 23rd. The accounts from Mr. Webster show that his Hours on earth will be few. 24th. We were awakened by the firing of Minute guns, announcing the death of Daniel Webster—The great man of his time. 25th. Meetings of all classes to show their sympathy on account of the death of Mr. Webster. 27th. Went to Faneuil Hall to attend meeting on account of the death of Mr. Webster. 28th. At U. S. Court Room; Addresses from Mr. Choate & Loring. 29th. Went to Marshfield, funeral of Mr. Webster; beautiful day; very numerous collection of people.

NOVEMBER 3rd. Engaged in making preparation for the morrow. 4th. Our youngest daughter married to Tho^s. Jefferson Coolidge. We are quite satisfied with the connection; about One Hundred persons present. Fine day. 8th. I find the morning lectures quite interesting. I generally go at 8½ O'C. 9th. Yesterday I was again elected to Congress by a very complimentary vote. 10th. Engaged in getting subscription for Mrs. Webster. Went to see Mrs. Greene. 12th. Dined at Dr. Mason Warren's; very pleasant & luxurious dinner. 13th. Our daughter Mrs. Dexter's son was Christened Gordon; I stood Sponsor; very pretty party of her friends were present. 17th. Dinner at Mr. Jos. Coolidge's; party for Hetty, very pleasant. 18th. Went to Providence to see my sisters, Starrett, Burnham and Stevens, after seeing Mary Appleton with dear George in the Cars for New York & Savannah. 30th. Very large Assemblage in respect to the Memory of Mr. Webster. Called on many friends to take leave.

DECEMBER 3rd. Arrived at Washington. Mrs. A. & Charles our party. 4th. At dinner Rec^d Telegraphic dispatch informing us of the death of our dear Mary Anne, our eldest daughter; unexpected at last, yet long looked for. 5th. Left with Charles for Boston after going to church; we slept at Philadelphia. Left for home from New York on the boat. 7th. Found family all quiet, well, but sad. Attended the remains of our first dear daughter to the Tomb. She suffered much for more than four years, first from a cold

which produced a tumor. In June last it was intimated that the sea air might restore her. I had the Ship "Cygnet" of 500 Tons fitted. She, with her husband and Children went in her to the Western Islands, Gibraltar & the Mediterranean, stopping at Malaga & Madeira on their return. Absent more than three months; she returned not improved in health. She was taken to our House in Boston, thence to our house in Brookline for some weeks, & then was with Mrs. Lawrence for some weeks; finally removed to the House I bought of Judge Curtis in Nov., where she died. It was sad to part with her, but we could not wish her to live & suffer when death would cause her to be happy. 8th. Left Boston for Washington; found Mrs. Appleton quiet & resigned. 10th. At House; pleasantly rec^d by many. Went to see Col. Perkins who visits this place on business in his 88th year. 14th. At Committee; attended the addresses in Senate, on the death of Mr. Webster. 15th. House rec^d Speeches from several members in honour of Mr. Webster. 17th. Committee in the morning & the House; had the Committee at our House at evening; pleasant party—plain supper. 25th, *Christmas*. The day wet and gloomy, very dull to us, yet we should not be sad; true, we have lately followed to the tomb our dear daughter, our first. So strong was her faith that she appeared to feel that she was only to be led across the Stream, and be welcomed by those who had gone before. This was no sudden conversion; she had been a most constant and devoted Christian for many years. She leaves a most devoted Husband, and two lovely children, many relatives & friends who will long dwell on the

purity of her life. We have the consolation of knowing all was done to restore her that was deemed expedient. God did not so order.

1853

JANUARY 1st. We are informed of the death of our good friend Mr. Amos Lawrence. The past year has been one of much interest and great variety: two Grand Children Born, one daughter Married and our dear Mary Anne we followed to her tomb. Charles returned to us from Europe with more health than we expected, yet we are not without anxiety on his account. Dear Frank remains the same; Dr. Bell says he shall not give up hope until he knows the cause of his malady. Mrs. Appleton, Amory's wife, with her son, is passing the winter in Savannah on account of his delicacy of health; I trust the dear fellow may be spared us, he is all in all to the Mother. 2nd. At Communion with my dear Wife. 6th. Mr. Coolidge and Hetty arrived. Charles quite laid up. 8th. The Jackson statue inaugurated. Mr. Gray & Mr. Hall from London at dinner. 11th. A more perfect day cannot be imagined. 24th. Dear Hetty & Mr. Coolidge left us; their visit has been very delightful. 27th. Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence & their two daughters came to make us a visit. 29th. Mr. & Mrs. Abbott Lawrence arrived.

FEBRUARY 1st. Rode & talked much with Mr. L. 3rd. Mr. & Mrs. Abbott Lawrence with us in the evening. 4th. Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence in the evening. 6th. Mr.

& Mrs. Abbott Lawrence at Evening. 8th. Dined with Mr. Corcoran; party for Pres^t Fillmore & family; Cabinet Ministers and their Ladies; very splendid & pleasant. 11th. Dined at Mr. Stockton's, pleasant party of twenty-two. 18th. Party of Gentⁿ to dine. 19th. Went to Committee at nine; in House until seven. Snowing all day. 24th. Went to introduce Gen^l Pierce to Pres^t Fillmore; was asked to go with them to see the "Ericson" Steamer, but declined. 26th. Went to hear Mr. Thackeray. 28th. At Committee from 9 to 11, House from 11 to 7 P.M.; hard work.

MARCH 1st. We had a session from 11 O'clock until ten at night. 3rd. Went to the House at ten, continued in session until the next day at 12 O'C.,—much engaged on Committees, etc. 4th. At 12 O'C., House adjourned, went to the Senate Chamber, attended the inauguration of Pres^t Pierce; returned home very much fatigued. Snow storm. 5th. Made calls, preparing for our return to those we most love. 6th. Many persons called to take leave of us. 7th. Left Washington at 7 A.M., slept at the Girard House, Phila. 8th. Arrived at St. Nicholas House, New York, splendid establishment. 11th. Very glad to be with our family & friends. 20th. At St. Paul's; much gratified by Harriet's renewing her baptismal vows. 27th. Communion Sunday & Easter; our dear Harriet went with us for the first time to Communion. I daily thank God that our children have so many Virtues. 28th. Harriet's dear infant is very ill. 31st. Our dear Harriet's infant died the last evening at 11 o'clock; a lovely child.

APRIL 1st. In the afternoon we entombed the infant of Mrs. Dexter; Services at St. Paul's by Dr. Stone; our daughter shew much strength of mind, and I trust & doubt not is supported by the Religion she professes. 2nd. Beautiful day. Find Harriet as we could wish, seeking occupation. 27th. Our dear Harriet with her Husband left us for Europe. 29th. William & wife, with their daughter, left for Europe *via* New York.

MAY 3rd. Caucus preparatory to Convention.¹ 7th. At Convention. 9th. Convention meets at Music Hall; nothing interesting. 11th. Met Committee of Convention at nine, & at Convention at 3 P.M. 16th. Occupied at Store. California mail rec^d with accounts from our Correspondents; at Convention at 3 P.M. 22nd. Meeting Dwight Co., not pleased with the result.

JUNE 2nd. At Convention as usual, Morning & Afternoon; rather tedious. 3rd. Convention & Committee take up my whole time after nine A.M.; I do not believe much good or otherwise will be done. 5th. At St. Stephen's Chapel, found it well filled at Communion; some fifty people well dressed, but plainly; felt much pleasure in seeing so many persons receiving religious instruction that might have been precluded but for this establishment. 8th. Our dear Charles left us for Europe; Mr. Greene in the same steamer. Copley and Elizabeth dined with us

¹ Constitutional Convention.

11th. Called on Gov^r Jones of Tennessee. 15th. Removed to Brookline. Dined at Mr. N. Appleton's; attended Convention. 16th. At Convention, a very good speech from Mr. Choate. 19th. Attended Church¹ for the first time in Brookline. Dr. Stone preached to a fair congregation; I mean the Church was pretty well filled; they will find difficulty in supporting him; a strong man, but not popular with the youth or calculated to build a Congregation. I have been for several weeks rather dyspeptic, changed my diet but do not get right, it affects my nervous system by producing anxiety & carefulness; it is disease; I have never been more apparently free from cause of anxiety than at present. I am admonished to put my house in order, and should it please Him Who gave me existence to call me, I feel that I should meet the summons with as little regret as at any future time. 26th. Not yet well; my feelings are strong that I have done my work; if my faith was greater I should be quite willing to leave. I have never felt so strongly as within a few days the desire & pleasing anticipation of meeting my dears: W^m, Amory & Mary Anne.

JULY 13th. At an early hour was apprised by a note from Mr. N. Appleton of the decease of my early & constant friend and Cousin, the Hon^{ble} Sam^l Appleton. He possessed a strong intellect, a kind & benevolent disposition; strikingly the artificer of his own fortune, & he laid open the way for his brothers & others to fortune. We have been very intimate for many years; there was much

¹ St. Paul's, by Upjohn.

mutual confidence; I have not known the man more studiously intent on doing right. Naturally, with strong feelings, & at a time in his life irritable & overbearing, which he overcame to such a degree that those who knew him late in life would be led to suppose he was void of those passions we would wish to correct. In early life he was of very great benefit to me in credit, loaning me his stocks, etc.; he was more than a brother to me, I feel his departure much. 14th. In the City at Convention as usual, & attending to preparing for Mr. Appleton's funeral. 15th. Funeral of our friend was from the Stone Chapel; full church; from there we went & deposited the body at Mount Auburn; very affecting to think we shall see him no more. 16th. Went to the late residence of Mr. S. Appleton. Will read; an appearance of satisfaction. Mr. N. Appleton, Bowditch & myself are Ex^{rs}. 19th. At Store & Convention. We left for Saratoga, where we remained until 2nd Aug^t when we left for Lake George; on the 5th arrived home; all well.

AUGUST 9th. Meeting of the Hadley Falls Company; a bad Concern. 18th. Mrs. Appleton returned with me from Lynn to Brookline where we find ourselves alone; three of our Children are in Europe, one in Boston, one in Lynn. 25th. William, wife & child came to us at Brookline; we were rejoiced to have them with us after an absence of some four months.

SEPTEMBER 7th. At about five o'clock P.M. dear Hetty was mother of a daughter which we were soon

apprised of, & which gave us great pleasure. 17th. Engaged with Mr. Wiggin's estate. 21st. Arranging for the building of a new ship, I did not expect such an event.¹ 26th. Much engaged with Mr. Wiggin, I trust I shall find an end to this business. 28th. Attended Convention at Fitchburg to nominate a candidate for Governor.

OCTOBER 5th. Attended Convention at Trinity Church, New York; it was very solemn & impressive. 6th. Left for Washington at evening. 7th. Called on Mrs. Gadsby & President. 8th. Arranged my household business. 10th. Returned to New York, at St. Nicholas. 11th. Attended Convention, dined at Bishop Wainwright's. 15th. Returned to Boston.

NOVEMBER 4th. Went to Mount Vernon. 11th. Whig Caucus; I was Vice-Prest. 12th. Our dear Children came to us late this evening; Harriet much improved in health & spirits. 13th. At church, very pleasant to have Mr. & Mrs. Dexter with us. 14th. Engaged at the office and at election; much pleased by the success of the Whigs. 15th. Meeting Directors Providence R. R. Much rejoicing on a/c of yesterday's election. 29th. This day I left to go to Washington. For the second time I have been elected

¹ Vessels owned in whole or in part by Mr. Appleton: *Triumphant, Telegraph, Courier, Minerva, Roxanna, Sally Ann, The Brothers, Triton, Champion, Rasselas, Harriet, Mercury, Jasper, Eben Preble, Delhi, Charlotte, Mary Ellen, Loo Choo, Probus, Barnstable, Coronado, Horatio, Cygnet, Edith-Rose, Nabob, Orion, Milton, Admittance, Oxnard, Hamlet, Tasso, Joshua Bates, Horsburgh, Courser, Living Age, Egeria, Magenta.*

to the Congress of the United States; I am at all times, when I reflect, surprised to find myself in the position the public give me. I feel much the want of an early education and the neglect to improve the opportunities I have had.

DECEMBER 5th. Opening of Congress; elected Speaker & other Officers without much opposition. 6th. We had the President's Message; well rec^d; non-committal. He made us a visit last evening; very kind & gentlemanly. 10th. Went to the President's with Mr. Edmunds, Curtis & Mr. Dickinson; at the office of the Secretary of the Interior in relation to the Court House for the U. S. in Boston. 12th. At House, committees announced; I am pleased at being on the Committee of Ways & Means, yet it gives much labour. 25th, *Christmas*. Mr. — with us; he much troubled on account of his son's misconduct at West Point. 26th. The day kept as a festival; offices all closed. 27th. At House the death of Mr. Campbell of Tennessee was announced. A smart discourse by our Chaplain on the duty of rulers was given on occasion of the funeral which took place on the 28th at the House. In the evening we passed an hour at the President's with Mrs. Pierce and Mrs. Means. (Splendid Misery!) 29th. At Committee room; no quorum; passed most of the day seeing what could be done for Mr. —. 30th. Went again to the President's; he sent for the Secretary of War, who came in & had a long talk with the President; he left, I was called in. The President said he did not like to interfere but would recom-

mend the young man not to resign but be tried by Court Martial; so I decided & wrote to Gen^l D. and Mr. — & sent a telegraphic dispatch. 31st. Some sleighs are out this morning.

1854

JANUARY 1st, *Sunday*. In looking from the windows of our Chamber I see the trees most gracefully covered with snow attached to the limbs in the most delicate manner; the quantity fallen is some four inches, which is quite large for this region. I went to the Communion table with more than usual satisfaction; I feel within a few days more warmth of heart, perhaps produced by the season we commemorate of the unspeakable goodness of God. 2nd. House not in session. Made many calls & Mrs. Appleton had some fifty to one hundred visitors; being the custom the first of the year for the gent^{mn} to call on ladies. 5th. Miss Seaton at dinner, a very interesting woman. Mr. Walley made his appearance, I presented his credentials. 7th. I went with Mr. Walley to call on the President, Secretary of the Treas, Attorney Gen^l & made many calls with Mrs. Appleton. 9th. No session of either House, anniversary Battle of New Orleans. 12th. At House and looking after Mr. —'s concerns; bad business. 14th. No House; dinner for sixteen. 17th. At the meeting of Colonization Society I determined to pay twenty-four hundred dollars for half expense of sending eighty negroes to Africa. 20th. Dined at the Secy of the Treasury's, with a large Party of ladies and Gent^{mn}. 21st. Party of sixteen at dinner, very pleasant. 25th. House

adjourned to attend Mr. Bodisco's¹ funeral; large Assemblage of persons Present. 28th. Dined at Mr. Everett's, large and pleasant party Ladies and Gentlemen.

FEBRUARY 3rd. Went with Mrs. Appleton to the President's. 9th. At House, the Deficiency Bill rejected. 16th. Dined at Mr. Sartiges', French Minister. 20th. Most severe snow storm I have ever seen in Washington. 21st. With much difficulty can we get from one part of the City to another; more than one foot of snow fallen. 22nd. House did not sit, Washⁿ's B. Day; dined with Commodore Shubrick. 28th. Mr. & Mrs. Dexter arrived; we were right glad to see them.

MARCH 2nd. Dinner at President's, about thirty; Mr. & Mrs. Dexter of the party. 14th. Rev^d. Mr. Dexter called with a Petition signed by three thousand fifty Clergymen of New England, remonstrating against Nebraska Bill & repeal of the Missouri Compromise, which I have offered in the House. 16th. The days pass with very little change. I go to the House & to Prayers daily at Mr. Pyne's church. 21st. We had the Nebraska Bill in the House; I think it will not become a Law. 27th. At House; there was a sharp debate between Messrs. Cutting & Breckenridge. 28th. Dined at Mr. Riggs' with pleasant party of Ladies & gentlemen, among them were Mr. & Mrs. Cutting. 29th. At House much said of a duel between Mr. Cutting & Mr. Breckenridge. Dined with Comm. Shubrick,

¹ Alexander de Bodisco, Minister from Russia.

Mr. & Mrs. Cutting were expected. Mrs. Lawrence & Amory arr^d. 30th. All uncertain as to the duel; friends said to be in consultation. 31st. At House Mr. Preston announced the settlement of the difficulty between Mr. B. & Mr. C.

APRIL 4th. In Committee of the whole; Bill, Nebraskan, the subject discussed; not well pleased, our Committee has very narrow vein. 11th. At House, Nebraska is the great object; I doubt the result, yet I think it will not pass. 12th. Dined at Mr. Corcoran's, Party of Gentⁿ, Committee District of Columbia. 13th. Mr. Lawrence arrived; he & Sarah dined at the President's.

MAY 4th. At two o'clock was Telegraphed of Frank's illness; left with Mrs. Appleton at 5; slept at Phil^a. 6th. Went from the cars directly to Somerville to see our dear Son. We found him very weak and unable to converse much, but pleased to see us. On the following days he revived, and had much apparent pleasure in the visits of his Mother, Sisters & Wife; generally his mind was clear but at times wandering, perhaps not more than others from weakness; he continued in this state, some days more comfortable than at others, until Sunday, 28th, when in the morning I went to him (having slept at Dr. Bell's generally since my return from Washington), asked him how he was; he replied that he had not had as comfortable a night as usual; asked me to sit by him, inquired for his Mother, asked if I was going to Washington again; he said, "Stay by us, you have always taken care of us. Take care of

mother, my sisters & Wife." He said, "It is Sunday, you will go to Church & Pray for us." Returned to Boston, went to Church & was soon called out, being informed that my son was much changed. Went immediately with Mrs. Appleton & Mrs. F. H. Appleton to Somerville. We found Frank unable to speak, not suffering; in which state he continued until about three O'C., when he expired without a Struggle. W^m was with us during the last hours of his brother. We have great cause of gratitude that he was able to converse with us and that his mind was so restored that we could enjoy his society. On Wednesday his funeral took place at St. Paul's Church & we committed his body to the tomb at Mount Auburn beside his Grandmother, his brother & others. We remained & attended Church with our family on the 4th June; and the following day left for Washington.

JUNE 12th. Rather disturbed at the course taken as to the Tariff. 13th. Quite cool; have on my entire winter clothing. 16th. Attending to report on the Tariff, with Edmunds & Robbins. 17th. Went to see the Secy of Treasury, I think we shall find a grand opposition to Houston's Tariff. 18th. Went to the Chamber of House Rep^s; heard one of the most eloquent discourses I ever heard from Dr. Lippcombe of Montgomery, Alabama. 26th. At House; took up the bill appropriating ten millions for Mexican Treaty. 27th. Discussing Treaty; I do not like political opposition when it would prevent doing what is essential for the Public good. 28th. The ten million dollars granted;

I accidentally was out of the House, but should have voted for it; our delegation voted against it. 30th. Most of the day was taken up as to when we shall adjourn.

JULY 1st. House & Senate agreed to adjourn 4th of August. Went with President, Mrs. Pierce & Mrs. Appleton, at the invitation of Lieut. Maury, to the observatory in the evening. 7th. On the Civil & Diplomatic Bill. 8th. At House as usual; very little doing. Hot weather is the talk. 12th. Left for Boston with Mrs. Appleton. 18th. Arrived back in Washington. 25th. Some gentⁿ to dine, — Repr^s from South Carolina & Mass. 26th. At House; rather tired, almost ill. 28th. At House; made an explanation of T. Sumner's copyright; very well received, carried the object.

AUGUST 1st. Suffered much with ague in my face, but was at House. 2nd. From 9 A.M. until 10 P.M. at House; much exhausted when I got home. 3rd. Passed day & night at the House; went to Mr. Corcoran's for dinner. 4th. At six O'clock House adjourned until nine O'clock; at 11 O'C. agreed to extend the session to allow time for enrolling bills, etc.; dined at Willard's. 5th. Left Washington and arrived at St. Nicholas, New York. 7th. Arrived in Brookline; right glad to be at home. 10th. Looking into Eastern R.R. Concerns. 11th. Engaged at store with letters from China. 14th. Gen^l Taylor of Ohio was at dinner. 16th. State Convention; attended in the morning. 18th. Went to Beverly to consult with Mr. Franklin Dexter as to my will; visited Georgiana & Mr. & Mrs. Silsbee; dined

with Mrs. Lawrence in Lynn; went to Nahant & found many People.

SEPTEMBER 3rd. At Dr. Stone's Church; Mr. J. S. C. Greene read the service very much to our Satisfaction; I was truly delighted & said to my Wife, "If departed Spirits look down on us, if any pleasure could be added to our dear departed Mary Anne, it would be in seeing that her Copley was doing a work that would benefit others." 12th. Dinner with large party at Revere House, dinner to Mr. Morgan, going to London.

OCTOBER 26th. Nominated for Congress, which I decline, thinking I had better retire.

NOVEMBER 2nd. Nominated to the next Congress; much pleased by the kindness of my friends, but my belief is that I shall be most fortunate if not Elected. 13th. Election—voting for Gov., State Officers, Members of Congress, etc.; the Know Nothings unexpectedly carried all before them. After fully declining to be a Candidate, at the solicitation of my friends, I accepted the nomination expecting to have been chosen, but I am beaten by Mr. Burlingame who opposed me two years since, receiving about fifteen hundred votes (Free Soilers); he now rec^d six thousand. I am satisfied that I was right in standing, and do not regret not being Elected. 24th. We dined with our brother & sisters¹ in Temple Place. 25th. Occupied in

¹ Thomas C., Rebecca and Isabella Amory.

getting ready for Washington. 28th. Sale Eastern Railroad Bonds from one to ten years, averaging about 83 per Ct, yielding more than 10 per Ct. Georgiana left for Cincinnati. 29th. Left for Washington.

DECEMBER 4th. Called on Pres^t & Lady. Much pleased by the general expressions of Whigs & Dem^{ts} at my not being returned to the next Congress. I am quite sure it is best as it is; I could not have stood better than at Present. 5th. At the House; discussion as to the meeting of our Ministers at Ostend—useless business, merely to annoy the Administration. 6th. At the President's, at his request; he feels badly. 12th. Committee & House. Useless discussion on the Missouri Compromise & Nebraska. 13th. At House; continued the discussion at evening. *Xmas*. A more beautiful morning I have seldom seen; the Sun in all its brightness and Glory. We had a party of our most intimate acquaintances at dinner; Mr. Badger's family of North Carolina, Mr. Crocker, one of my Colleagues, and several others. 28th. Mrs. Appleton, Misses Amory, & myself dined at the President's—large party Ladies & Gentⁿ.

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JANUARY 1st. Bright & beautiful morning; we attended prayers at Dr. Pyne's; then Mrs. Appleton received her friends; about an Hundred called, mostly members of Congress but many Citizens, who were offered Punch, Wine & Cake. The year past has been one of much change and

disaster. The loss of life by accident on sea & land is unprecedented, while Europe is scourged by a most frightful war. Our commercial communities have suffered from extending their business; and the reduction in the price of stocks is unprecedented, at least nothing to compare with it since 1837. Rail Road Stocks & Bonds have fallen twenty to twenty-five per cent & Manufacturing stocks very largely. I have pleasure in expending freely for my own wants, for those of her who is entitled to the same privilege, and for my children. I part with money in various ways of charity but much like to do it in my own way and not to be dictated to or even asked, but in a general way, to give with others. I expect and advise my partners to pursue a course in business, expecting purchases to be very limited and consumption apparently so. Money will be dear & much complaint. Cotton will be low, breadstuffs high; the poorer classes must suffer. 3rd. Dined with Col. Preston, pleasant party. Some anxiety for Mrs. Lawrence; Susan, a dear Child to me, is ill. 6th. Went with Committee of Ways & Means to Navy Yard; dined with Mr. Hülsemann, Austrian Minister. Had letter from W^m, Charles not quite well; I am rather anxious, but have not said so to Mrs. Appleton. 23rd. At House; French Spoliation bill up; dined with Secy Navy, Mr. Dobbin. 25th. Discussion French Indemnity bill continues. 26th. Meeting Committee as to Court Houses. Mrs. Lawrence arr^d. 27th. Passed French Indemnity bill; vote 110 to 76. 31st. At House; late, on Territorial bills.

FEBRUARY 1st. Party at Mr. Corcoran's; went with Mrs. L. 2nd. At President's with Mrs. Lawrence, very pleasant. 3rd. Dinner party of some eighteen, all went off well. 6th. Texas Bill up, late at House. Tariff Meeting. 7th. Took up question of going into the tariff, 104 for, 97 against—not a working majority. 10th. Pleasant but cold party at dinner of nineteen. 12th. Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence left us for Boston; we have enjoyed their visit much. 15th. Engaged with Bill for the Collins' Steamers. 17th. We have the President's veto of the French Spoliation bill. 24th. The House occupied on the Tariff finally passed Houston's bill.

MARCH 3rd. At Committee & House from nine A.M. until dinner. 4th. Returned last evening to House and remained until 12 o'clock this day, thus closing my Congressional labours, having passed four sessions of Congress from 1851 to the present time in this City. Made many pleasant acquaintances & I trust some friends and no enemies; not an unkind word has passed between myself and any person connected with the Government during the time. We have enjoyed society much, and are grateful for many attentions; much, very much better has passed the time than I expected. 5th. Called at the President's & at several other places. 7th. Left Washington. 11th, *New York*. At Trinity Church in the Morning—Bill Pool's funeral procession passed at 3 P.M.; Ridiculous for a Prize Fighter! 24th. Received a kind letter from more

than an Hundred of my constituents asking me to name a day to meet them at dinner. 31st. The Correspondence offering me a dinner is published, very gratifying to me.

APRIL 7th. Went to Chelsea to Appraise Marine Hospital. 11th. Mrs. Appleton had a collection of some seventy Children & a dance, at evening. 12th. Dined with Charles G. Loring, party in compliment to me, very pleasant persons. 20th. Dined with Mr. Joseph Coolidge, pleasant party of fourteen. 25th. Spring is fairly showing its verdure. 29th. Some snow.

MAY 5th. Made some calls, among them on President Fillmore. 23rd. Met the Superintendent of the Insane Hospital at the Gen'l Hospital & at Somerville; Dr. Bell does not look right, I fear he is too much interested in Spiritual Rappings. 28th. Passed the day pleasantly attending to Mr. & Mrs. Becket, daughter of Lord Lyndhurst. 29th. Dined with Mr. Chas. Amory, party of twenty-four, very Elegant, equal to any I have seen. 30th. Charles arrived at Brookline at midnight.

JUNE 20th. Went to the City, preparatory to a journey with Mrs. Appleton. 21st. Left at 3½ P.M. for Saratoga; Mr. & Mrs. Higginson, Mr. Inches, fellow travellers. 25th. We find a pleasant party from Salem, consisting of Mrs. F. & George Peabody, Mr. Endicott & son, Mrs. Rogers & several acquaintances from New York & Charleston.
June 26th to

JULY 3rd. Mrs. Appleton & myself are taking the waters freely & with pleasant effect. On the evening of 3rd, while standing on the piazza at the U. S. Hotel, I was struck by a rocket, accidentally sent, much bruised in my thigh, & Lower part of my body; applied ice and was able to leave my bed on the 2nd day. 4th. Noisy time; mostly in bed but had many kind callers. 5th. Getting about with difficulty, quite lame. 6th. Left for Boston, slept at Bellows Falls. 16th. Some inconvenience from my late accident; Dr. Warren says it will soon pass off. 19th. Party of young Ladies & Gentⁿ in the evening, Charles' acquaintances; rather gay, but pleasant.

AUGUST 18th. Left Nahant after a sojourn of ten days. I find my friend Abbott Lawrence departed this morning at eleven o'clock. 20th. Went with William & Charles to Boston; attended a meeting at Faneuil Hall, to take measures to show our respect to Mr. Lawrence; well attended & much interest shown. Mr. Everett & Mr. Winthrop made very appropriate remarks; the Preamble & Resolutions by Mr. Nathan Appleton excellent. 21st. Called on Mrs. Lawrence; she spoke of the love her husband had for me. She bears her affliction with much firmness. 22nd. Attended the funeral of my late and valued friend Lawrence, I was one of the Pall Bearers; the Church crowded & a large number went to Mount Auburn where there was a third Service; first, at the House, second, at the Church, third, at the grave. Mr. Lawrence was a wise,

a good, a shrewd, and the most fortunate of men. God gave him an understanding mind, in nothing so great as we see in others, but a combination of desirable qualifications; the appearance, the manner, the voice, the smile were all attractive. He was a good judge of character, seldom mistaken. He employed & confided in none of doubtful capacity; he spoke & acted at the right time; he was open-handed & hearted, but all that he parted with was at the right moment. He encouraged others by his example & he had the full credit for his liberality; others gone before him & some living, have distributed as much as Mr. Lawrence during life, but none gone & probably none who follow in this generation will have so much publick sympathy as Mr. Lawrence; he has done much for the community; he leaves a very strong mark. A small man compared to Webster, but he has done much more for the good of his fellow-man, in my opinion. He was strictly just and liberal; none knew him better than I did, few loved him more; we were confidentially intimate for many years. On my return from Mount Auburn, found Charles quite ill; we fear he will have a rheumatic fever or dysentery. Sent for Dr. Warren, who looked that he feared he would be quite ill. 23rd. Charles had a very painful night; I was with him until Morning. I went to the City, brought out Dr. Sam^l A. Green, to remain with him; Dr. Warren directs active remedies. 24th. They give him laudanum, Physick, Blisters, leeches and poultices. 27th. Charles continues to give us hopes he will throw off his disease.

SEPTEMBER 13th. Mr. Charles Sumner & Secretary Cramer, Russian Embassy, & Lady came to see us. 25th. Charles went to Groton to visit Mr. Green.

OCTOBER 2nd. Engaged in getting the city House in order. 8th. Called with Mrs. Appleton on the Bride, Mrs. John E. Thayer. 10th. Removed to Boston; I feel as if there was more trouble than satisfaction in two establishments. 11th. Quite occupied in getting our House in order. 19th. Went with William to Mount Vernon and found all well; I rejoice I have the power to add so much to the comfort of those I love. 22nd. Went to see the famous Rachel, the French Tragedienne. 23rd. Went to the Agricultural Exhibition, very good show, — Mary & George with us. 25th. Military show on the Common. City is full of people attending the Agricultural Exhibition. The Club met at my house, Mr. Granger & Judge Eustis of the party, & Mr. Thayer. 27th. This week one of much excitement, but considered successful. 29th. Went to sit for my Pourtrait at the request of the worshippers of St. Stephen's Chapel. 31st. Went with my Wife and William to Salem to visit Mr. & Mrs. Saltonstall.¹

NOVEMBER 6th. State Election; the City full of activity. 7th. The result of the election turns in favour of the Know Nothings. 16th. I cannot realize that I am almost three score & ten: my health good, my business

¹ Georgiana, formerly Mrs. F. H. Appleton, now Mrs. Henry Saltonstall.

faculties not diminished as far as I can observe, and from what my friends say I fancy they think so: my memory is not what it was. I know it to be my duty to put my House in order; my days are numbered and few. I have my temporal affairs in such state that I think they will be understood. 21st. Our daughter Mrs. Lawrence delivered of a daughter. 25th. Went to see Mrs. Lawrence; found her quite comfortable with a fine child.

DECEMBER 1st. Mr. Haskell at dinner; I think him a sensible man. 6th. Attended a sale of Land at Lawrence; a magnificent place for a Manufacturing City. Commenced with much zeal & by men of capital & intelligence, but on a large scale; time may bring it up, but at present it looks as if years would pass before any income will be received from the Stocks in the Essex Company. I doubt if the Machine Shop, costing seven hundred & fifty thousand dollars, is worth anything. 14th. Charles had a party of twenty of his young friends at a six O'clock dinner; all went off pleasantly, Mrs. Appleton & myself at the table. 22nd. Charles informed his Mother and myself of his engagement to Miss Mason; I understand she is a pleasant, amiable woman. I am glad to have him get engaged, as I think it safer for him so to do. *Xmas*. We had our children & most of our grandchildren at dinner & some in addition in the evening. The day we celebrate as the one of the most of all interesting to the race of man; it beyond question is so; the religion of Jesus Christ has done more for the temporal wants of man than all

other religions, and to us who believe, we would make no comparison between the temporal & the eternal benefits. Would to God my faith was brighter; I find at times I am unhappy by striving to know what was not intended to be communicated; Nicodemus like, I say, "How can these things be?" The last year we have had Blessings not only far beyond our deserts, but greater than usual; so much so that I have thought of a remark of my Good Mother: "When we have much given us, We should be on our guard lest we become proud and require chastisement." 29th. Dined at Judge Warren's, a pleasant party; salt fish dinner.

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JANUARY 1st. The last year closed my sojourn in Washington. I am satisfied it was better I should not longer continue in Congress. I feel that I was of some value among the many in Congress but my usefulness was much overrated there, and among my constituents. Our sons who were absent a year since, have returned well; we had much anxiety for them while they were with their sick friend in Damascus. I truly feel that it is not important that I should increase my property which at a moderate valuation is worth fifteen hundred thousand dollars, but I am not likely so to do; as expenses of my own House, my children's & Mrs. Appleton's & my relatives, with such charities as I have pleasure in bestowing will take the ordinary income of that sum. It is my intention to withdraw wholly or nearly so from commerce the coming year. 3rd. It is good sleigh-

ing; rode to Brookline with W^m; pleased to see Mrs. Lawrence's children enjoy the Country life. 6th. Our streets filled with snow, not a Carriage out at ten o'clock. 20th. Went to Brookline to the Christening of our dear Sarah's sixth child named Hetty Sullivan. 23rd. Mr. Toombs came to stay with us; he is to deliver a lecture on Slavery. 24th. Went to Mr. Toombs' lecture, well received. 25th. Visited Legislature, Gov^r &c. with Mr. Toombs; dined with Mr. Everett at Mr. Hooper's with Mr. Toombs, pleasant dining party.

FEBRUARY 1st. At a large party at Mrs. Greene's; very handsome. 5th. There was a meeting of the Lawrence Machine Co., rather a bad concern. 10th. Mr. Greene preached at St. Paul's Church, a good sermon & well delivered; his mother & Miss Greene went with me. 12th. Meeting in relation to Rail Road fares; getting out my pamphlet. 16th. We have accounts of the engagement of our dear Mary, wife of our late son Amory; I am sorry; I fear she is making a sad mistake. 21st. Went to Nashua with James & William Amory: I don't like the looks of things at the Jackson Co. 24th. Went to Waltham to attend the ordination of my Son-in-law Mr. Greene, as a Priest. I was much interested & affected by the services; he is a very good Man; he was a good Husband to our daughter.

MARCH 14th. W^m returned from Cuba. 25th. Our son Charles Hook married to Miss Isabella Mason at Trinity Church, which was crowded with Spectators;

she rec^d her friends at Mr. David Sears', a very large number of persons. The connection is pleasing to us; we think her a good woman; they passed the night at our House, & left Wednesday morning for New York. 26th. After seeing our children to the Cars, I went to my place of business.

APRIL 1st. We hear of the arrival of Charles at Savannah. 14th. Engaged in selling the Gore Place at Waltham for Miss Greene; went to see the place with Mr. Walker. 19th. Wrote a letter to Bishop Eastburn in relation to his declining to administer the rite of Confirmation at the Church of the Advent. When he came to this diocese there was general desire to receive him kindly & aid him in his duties; he soon shew an unwillingness or incompetency to meet others with liberality of Spirit; he became severed from many who could be most useful to him & the Church. He has had his own way with much opposition; there is great doubt in my mind if the present difficulty will not lead to much trouble. 28th. Meeting of Standing Committee for some action in relation to the Bishop & the Church of the Advent. I do not fully agree with the Clergy, or a majority of them. The Bishop is not wise, but I think we should make the best of him.

MAY 4th. We find our friend Dr. Warren died this morning at three o'clock. We have been very intimate for forty years; he, our family Physician, & for most of the time I have had exclusive charge of his property,

& no part of my business transactions am I better satisfied with. He leaves his family more than four Hundred thousand dollars, and not a bad piece of Property amongst it. He was as attentive to my family as I was to his interest; neither ever made a charge for services. He was a man of strong mind, strong prejudices, true to his friends, but had not many. A true follower of Christ; at times more & less zeal; many, many good points of Character. 6th. Most of the morning at the Residence of Dr. Warren arranging for the morrow. 7th. Funeral services of Dr. Warren at St. Paul's Church; very large attendance, all with much order & solemnity. 8th. Engaged in arranging Dr. Warren's papers; some time at the House & had much talk with Dr. Jackson; I hope they will not have his Bones made into a skeleton and put in the Medical College as he requested. 14th. We, Mrs. A. & myself, left for a journey. 16th. Arrived at Washington, pleasantly received by Mr. & Miss Corcoran. 17th. Called at President's; went with a party to Mount Vernon; dined at a house some ten Miles further down the river; very fine, pleasant day. 19th. Went to the House of Reps, very pleasantly Rec^d, some half hundred old members came to take me by the hand. Went to the Senate, heard Mr. Sumner speak, very unfortunate in his remarks, very severe on members of the Senate generally, & particularly on some. 20th. Dined at the President's, a small party made for us; at Mrs. Hill's in the evening. 22nd. Left Washington much gratified by our visit, particularly by the kindness of Mr. C.

JUNE 9th. At the Probate Court; I do not like the idea of being Ex^r on Dr. Warren's Estate, I fear trouble, but I think it due to his wish. 20th. Went with Mrs. Appleton and Charles & his wife to Boston; examined Mr. Templeman Coolidge's house & the One in Walnut Street, price the same; Charles & wife prefer the latter. 21st. Bought Mr. Hooper's House with all the furniture of his in it, for thirty thousand dollars to be paid without Int. on 1st Jan. next. 27th. Club dinner at Mr. Motley's at Dedham.

JULY 4th. Went to Waltham; violent shower of rain & hail, as I returned; came very nigh being run against by the train on the Worcester Rail Road at the crossing at Newton Centre; the rain & wind prevented the man being out with the flag & my hearing the whistle; I was quite near the engine when it passed. My time has not come; there is more for me to do on earth; God give me strength & grace to finish my days for the benefit of my fellow Men. 5th. Went to the City and called to see Dr. Paulding, who was kind to my Sons in Damascus. I gave One Hundred dollars to his infant child born on the passage in the Steamer lately arrived. 6th. Detained from Church by a slight accident; in returning from Boston yesterday the Horse took fright & the seat of the wagon fell on my ankle. 25th. Got bit by a dog at the Stable of the late Dr. Warren. I was bit after turning from the dog, which was tied with a long Rope; his bite was through my coat, Pants, & drawers. Within the last month I have three

times been admonished that life was uncertain & while in health, liable to be suddenly called. 26th. Mrs. A. & myself alone; I brought home the Life or Memoirs of Captain Vickers, late in the English service; he was killed at the Crimea. I am much interested in it & hardly laid it down until I read it through; he died at about thirty-five, gay & dissipated until the last few years of his life when he became one of the most ardent of Christians; his faith such as one admires not without astonishment. I feel I am a better man for reading his Life. 31st. Left for a visit to our Children at Lynn, dined at Mr. Lawrence's; found the children quite ill from Scarlet fever & its effects; took up our lodgings at Mr. Dexter's.

AUGUST 1st. Mrs. Lawrence's eldest daughter quite ill, the other children complaining. 3rd. Little Susan quite ill, Mamie in a critical state. 4th. Drs. Jeffries & Lyman visited Mary Ann Lawrence in consultation; they deem her case doubtful but not desperate. 10th. Mrs. L.'s family continue to improve. Took a walk with Rev^d Charles Mason. I feel & have felt the last week a Peace of mind valuable above price. My feelings of Peace are produced by a trust in the Lord Jesus Christ, that He came to save sinners, that in believing in Him we receive the Spirit which dispels evil thoughts & fills us with a desire to do His will. 13th. Went with Mr. N. Appleton and dined at Mr. C. G. Loring's, small party; called at Mr. Coolidge's; did not go in on a/c of scarlet fever at Mrs. L's. 16th. Went to Boston to meet with some gentle-

men in relation to whom we should support for President; returned to Lynn. 23rd. Returned to Brookline. Harriet & Mr. Dexter were very much disposed to make our time pass pleasantly. 30th. Charles & Isabella returned from Lynn to pass the month Sept. with us. Mr. Mason & his two sons dined with us. 31st. That I should have been protected even to give Religion a thought — after the neglect the most of my life — shows the continued operation of the blessed Spirit. When I go back to Childhood, separated soon after the death of my Father at less than nine years of Age; separated from the best of mothers, being sent to school & then placed in a store under the guidance of those who professed no religion, in a place where there was more vice & less refinement than any I have known in later life; removing to Boston at twenty years of age with the strongest desire for the accumulation of Wealth, flattered for my sagacity, successful in my enterprises, almost unparalleled in my success in laying the foundation of the fortune I possess. That I have not been destroyed by the desire to get money for the sake of possession, that I did not become an intemperate man from the temptation while living in Temple, that with the sinfulness of my natural ungoverned passions, that I have not disgraced myself in the eyes of the world as I have in my own estimation & in the eye of God, is Wonderful to my view. But what am I? Full of the passions; a day does not pass but I have to regret the loss of temper, an envious thought, or the want of an humble spirit.

SEPTEMBER 3rd. State Convention met at Tremont Temple. Whig meeting; Mr. Winthrop & others made good Speeches. 5th. Mary & George dined with us; he is very bright & pleasant, but very little strength of Constitution. 17th. A grand & beautiful assemblage on account of the exhibition of the Statue of Franklin; fine day; services very acceptable. 22nd. Went to the City and saw Mrs. Coolidge, appeared as well as for some time; she was confined at evening, giving us our fifteenth Grand Child, a daughter. 29th. Left Boston with my Wife, Mr. J. S. & Mrs. Amory, Mrs. Greene & Miss Isabella Amory for Phil^d. My time was pleasantly occupied in the Convention and religious exercises and Social parties until October 21st when the Convention closed the business. We found many old friends & made many acquaintances, & heard many excellent sermons; one from Bishop Otey, subject The Penitent Thief, pleased me so much that I have had five thousand printed, trusting others may be benefited by them.

OCTOBER 24th. I find myself much taken up with my friends on the subject of again allowing my name to be used as a candidate for Congress. Late at night was called up by the sound of music; small party of Gentⁿ came in to our House & took wine. Mr. Winthrop & Mr. Stevenson, it was said, made very pleasant & complimentary remarks at Faneuil Hall in relation to me for the position for which I am Nominated. 25th. Several persons called

on me for an explanation as to what would be my course in case I should be elected to Congress in relation to the Naturalization Laws. I endeavoured to answer fairly, but as both sides appeared satisfied I fear they do not understand me & will give the idea that I have two stories; I try to be conscientious in my answers. 28th. "Courser" arrivd at New York, 156 days from China; much to my relief. 29th. Much interested in talking of the coming election. I do not wish to be beaten, yet I shall in one week be better satisfied if not elected. 31st. Our community seem all engaged in politicks; perhaps the only office in which there is much doubt is whether Mr. Burlingame or myself will be elected for Congress; my opinion is that I shall have many more votes than he will, but most of my friends doubt.

NOVEMBER 1st. They say Mr. Burlingame will be elected; I do not think so, yet I almost hope he will. Mr. Stanley, former member of Congress, came to make us a visit. 3rd. Went with Mr. Stanley to Cambridge, Mount Auburn, Hospitals, Jail & over most of our City. 4th. This was the day of the election of President, U. S. Officers, Gov^r, etc. of Masstts & Members of Congress from this State. The excitement much greater than usual, the result very doubtful through the Country. I was asked a long time since if I would be a candidate for election to Congress; I declined, but was asked not to say so while they were making other arrangements. While in Phil^d attending Episcopal Convention, I was nominated; & several friends, among them my long tried friend Nathan

Appleton, desiring & advising me to stand, I wrote in accordance. The election was very close, Mr. Burlingame having some Seventy more votes than for myself, twelve thousand cast. It was first announced that I was elected from the News Papers' Extra, & I was waited on with a very large number of persons; Band of music, etc. When it was ascertained that I was not elected, I can truly say I was never more satisfied that I had escaped a most unpleasant duty. Had I been elected, in again going to Washington, it would have been a twice told tale; those with whom we most associated had left, and after the very strong expressions of my power of usefulness much would have been expected of me; in addition I am satisfied it is not the place for religious growth for me. I have been much flattered by the kind remarks of my friends as to my character in general & of usefulness at Washington in Speeches by Messrs. Winthrop, Stevenson & others, in Publick, & in the *Courier*, *Daily Advertiser*, & without an unkind word from my opponents. 5th. Some excitement, but it is generally understood Mr. Buchanan is to be the next President of the U. S. 7th. Mr. Stanley who has been a week with us left this morning. I think him a most excellent man; good, very good intentions. Dined with Humane Society at Dr. Lothrop's. 8th. Went in the afternoon to the Opera with Mrs. Appleton. 15th. This day closes my sixty-ninth year—the age of man. My life has been varied, as much so as almost any; my education much neglected, and with never a strong disposition to improve it by reading or by other sources to gain general information, I have been suc-

cessful. When appointed President of the U. S. Branch Bank, succeeding Mr. Gray & Mr. Greene, I doubted and feared my power to sustain the position in that place; I gave satisfaction, and the position was useful in raising my standard of character; feeling I was so situated that much was expected of me, I was more particular in my manner of business and associations with others. The death of my eldest son had much influence on my future. My desire for increasing my property was diminished, and with the association with religious persons, and more than any with my dear departed Son Amory, I took a more fixed view of Religion; what had been form, I believe God blessed with reality. Few, very few who have lived for nearly fifty years engrossed in the business of the World in unchecked prosperity have been thus Blessed. I have had and now at times have doubts as to the reality of my change of heart, yet I do at this moment believe in the Atoning blood of Jesus Christ. Six years since I was elected to represent the City of Boston in the House of Representatives of the United States. I entered into the duties with doubt & diffidence. I was sustained & re-elected a second term which I served with success & pleasure to myself; I was astonished when the time was ended that I had so many friends and so high a standing. The present month I have, at the solicitations of friends & the community, been a Candidate but not elected. Many of my best and long tried friends voted for another, not because they had lost respect or confidence in me, but because they differed from me in political expediences. No man can know what are the feelings of others

toward him, but I do not know, I have no reason to believe the person lives who wishes me harm; or in common parlance that I have an enemy, & I can truly say I do not know the person toward whom I have an unkind feeling. I do not mean I feel alike to all.

DECEMBER 1st. Went to see my friend F. C. Gray who we do not expect to live long; I asked him if he had any wish as to the location of the Marble he placed in the grove near my House at Brookline; he said none other than it remain where it was as long as any son or grandchild should, on seeing it, be reminded of the friendship that existed between himself & me; after that he had no wish as to its destination. 11th. Hetty's child christened; Mrs. Coolidge, for whom it was named, stood as sponsor with the Parents; most of our children were present. 15th. I called on Mr. Peabody; had a dinner for him at the Revere House; very well arranged. I presided, Mr. Everett & others made speeches. 18th. Dinner at Mr. Thayer's, large party made for Mr. Peabody of London. 23rd. I dined at Mr. Sears' with Mr. Peabody & some dozen gentlemen; I have been invited to meet Mr. Peabody of London at a succession of dinner parties, six or eight. I find I can so controul my appetite that I am not inconvenienced by this dining. I can eat plain food to the extent of my desire; no wish for Puddings, pastry, fruit, or Ice. I once thought if I could eat as much bread or Rice as to satisfy my hunger I should be very happy. 24th. Mrs. Appleton very busy in making preparations for tomorrow.

31st. We dined at Mr. Coolidge's, no company except the dear babies.

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JANUARY 1st. The past year has been one of unusual excitement in the Political World, or more properly, in the United States. The feeling that the Southern portion of the Country were intending to extend slavery into the Territories caused the excitement at the North, and there appeared to be a feeling that could not be checked, but since the Presidential Election we are getting quiet. Many have thought there would be a dissolution of the Union; I have no fears on that subject. I was, as I now think, most fortunate in not being again elected to Congress. The past year has been one of general prosperity in our Country in this region; there has been a depression in the price of Rail Road & Manufacturing stocks, but the income generally equal to an interest of six per cent. It has been my intention to retire from commercial pursuits, but for various causes I continue; I think I may be useful to my wife & children & while it pleases God that I should remain on earth & I have health, I feel it a duty & a pleasure to be active in looking after my business & protecting others' affairs. 2nd. Attended the funeral of my long tried friend, F. C. Gray; a most excellent heart he had, intelligent beyond almost any, very industrious in gaining information and most happy in communicating it to others. I was in a position to be useful to him; he always expressed his gratitude; not satisfied with express-

ing his obligations, he gave plate, ornaments, etc. to the family costing more than fifteen Hundred dollars as I believe. 4th. At Church Dr. Vinton gave us an account of those who had left the past year; Mr. Sears & myself are the only persons who were interested in erecting the Church thirty-six years since, now Worshipping in St. Paul's. 9th. Anniversary of our Marriage, forty-two years since. 17th. Called on Chief Justice Shaw, quite ill. 19th. Snow prevents Carriages from passing, I remain in the House. 20th. No communication by Rail Road; milkmen with difficulty get to the City. 21st. We hear of many disasters on the Coast; Rail Roads partially opened. 23rd. This is said to be the coldest day almost ever known in this region. Th^r from 5 to $\frac{0}{15}$.

FEBRUARY 4th. Meeting Lawrence Machine Shop Prop^{rs}; bad business; stock worth nothing. Party at B. D. Greene's. Mr. Quincy's 85th birthday. 6th. Mrs. C. H. Appleton delivered of a son: all appears to be doing well; a great pleasure to us all. 21st. Preparing for a trip to Washington. 24th. Arrived at Washington, went to Mrs. Fish's party; called at the President's, he asked to have our trunks sent to his Palace, which we declined. 25th. At breakfast at Mr. Corcoran's who invited us to stay with him; dined at the President's. 26th. At House & Senate, pleasantly rec^d. Messrs. Toombs & Broadhead asked us to remove to their Houses during our stay; dined at Gov. Aiken's. 27th. Dined at Mr. Corcoran's, a large & pleasant party; went to the President's, immense crowd.

MARCH 2nd. Left for Phil^d, but detained through the night in Boat at Havre de Grace. 3rd. Arrived at New York. 4th. Left in Boat for Boston. 24th. We have accounts from China of the destruction of a portion of Canton. 27th. Invited by Chamber of Commerce to go to Washington in relation to our affairs growing out of the War in China. 28th. Making arrangements to go to Washington.

APRIL 1st. Arr^d in Washington with Mr. Hooper. 2nd. Called on the Secy State, told him our Mission was in relation to the state of our commerce in China; pleasantly rec^d. Called on Lord Napier, Baron Stoeckl, Count Sartiges and President. Had further interview with General Cass. 3rd. Went with Gen^l Cass to the President's, found them disposed to comply with our wishes. Called on M^r Toucey. 5th. Arrived home at 5 A.M., attended Trinity Church in the morning, our youngest son Confirmed. 18th. Rode to office, found the Air unpleasant; returned and amused myself by looking over my journals; much surprised to find how much I have changed in my views on various subjects within the past twenty years. God in His wise Providence has taken from us some of those we most loved: those with us show no disposition to use their talents to support themselves—(I do not complain, I rather prefer they should not go into business, not thinking they would be successful). There is no part of my journal I read with so much pleasure as that which relates to our dear children departed, particularly Amory, much I loved him.

MAY 1st. Not much appearance of Spring; grays greet green. 11th. Our daughter, Mrs. Dexter, delivered of a Son this morning, we are much relieved from anxiety. 12th. Went to Mr. Lawrence's, a children's Play; passed the night; quite cold, ice was seen. 13th. Mr. Appleton & Son of Beverly at dinner. 16th. We are anxious for our dear Harriet, she has some fever & pain. 17th. Harriet quite ill, more so than yesterday; all of us very anxious. 23rd. The early report from Harriet was that she had a good night, but when Dr. Storer came he said she was not as well as the day before; at two o'clock she showed symptoms of nervous affection by talking without being conscious. I went with her mother to see her; she fell into a sleep which continued the afternoon; at ten o'clock I left and thought she might have a quiet night. 24th. On going to my dressing-room I found a note from Mr. Dexter saying our dear daughter had expired at $\frac{1}{2}$ past eleven o'clock the last night; it is a great shock to us; she was bright, good & lovely. This is the sixth of our children who have gone before us; five after arriving at the age of maturity, four leaving offspring. We are not like those without hope; there was no spot of immorality attached to any of them; all died as we believe in full faith of redemption through Jesus Christ. This last affliction takes one much endeared to a large circle, with many personal attractions; she had a brilliant mind, very decided opinions, frank in expressing them; a very constant warm-hearted friend, a most devoted Wife to an adoring Hus-

band. Their seven years of married life was a most happy period: her constitution not strong, yet with less positive illness than most, she appeared to be almost constructed of nerves. The death of her first child at a few months grieved her much. She had a great pleasure in becoming the mother of another child; she lived two weeks after its birth. He has now the appearance of health & we trust will be a consolation to us all. 26th. This day we followed to the Church & tomb the remains of our dear Harriet. Often have we been called to the sad service, but never more fully were the sluices of grief opened; we loved her much but God has taken her; we try to say, "Thy will be done." It is hard to separate from those we much love, but Nature & the religion we profess tell us we shall meet again. Gordon is much depressed. 28th. Rode to Brookline with Mrs. Lawrence and her children; it always gives me a great pleasure to be with her.

JUNE 2nd. Mr. Dexter with us at dinner, I never saw a more sincere mourner. 4th. We removed to Brookline. 5th. Mr. & Mrs. Coolidge with the dear children came to stay with us. 16th. The dear Infant our Harriet left was Christened at their late residence: Mr. Dexter, Grand Mother & myself Sponsors. 17th. Grand celebration placing the Statue of Gen'l Warren on Bunker Hill. 25th. Mr. Dexter took his infant son to Beverly. 27th. Mr. Dexter came with me to Brookline.

JULY 1st. Mary Ann Lawrence came to pass some time with us. 2nd. Took Mary Ann to school on my way to Boston. 7th. Went to Beverly with Hetty; baby looking well. 18th. Mr. & Mrs. Coolidge & the dear children left us for Plymouth, I love them much.

AUGUST 3rd. I took Mrs. Appleton to Plymouth, passed a pleasant evening with our dear Hetty & her little ones. 6th. Went to Lynn, dined & went to Nahant, took lodgings with Charles & family. 9th. Attended Meeting at Nahant and heard two excellent sermons from Professor Park. 10th. Went to Boston in the Boat, & went to Beverly to see my friend F. Dexter not doubting for the last time. 14th. Mr. Dexter died this morning. 17th. Attended the funeral of my friend, Hon^{ble} F. Dexter. I have known him for forty-five years; strong mind, sincere friend; not as happy a man as he would have been if less fastidious; no settled religious principles. 19th. Went with Mrs. Appleton to Beverly to see our dear Harriet's Child, fine Boy. 24th. Went with Mrs. Appleton to Plymouth. 25th. Rode in the woods with Jefferson, walked, talked & passed the day.

SEPTEMBER 8th. Much excitement in the community in relation to the Monetary Affairs, I do not fear anything very bad. 9th. We hear of several failures in New York & Philadelphia. Gov. Allen, V. Allen & Son of Providence failed for a large Amount, Senator U. S. 11th. Much

distress for money, worth 15 to 18 per ct. 16th. The Stringency in the money market rather increases, with some apprehension for the steamer from California. 18th. Sad accounts of the Steamer "Central America" with some five hundred passengers and one & a half millions of Specie said to be lost, & the failure of Messrs. Mills & Co., and some smaller concerns. 19th. Went yesterday afternoon, had a long talk with Mr. Francis who has a very large amount of Money in the bank which he is unwilling to use fearing he shall get bad Notes; I think I did much to convince him he might use the money with safety. The failure of C. H. Mills & Co. produces much feeling in the community; it is among our oldest business establishments; the firm consists of five persons, all men of good reputation. The members of the House inherited and received by marriage more than five hundred thousand dollars, not one hundred of it is secured by being placed in trust. All were regularly educated to business except Mr. Eliot, who has been but a few years in the House. Three were educated at the College at Cambridge; the two Mr. Mills were from the Country, very much of business men. They have had a commission business for more than twenty years that must have given an income of more than fifty thousand dollars annually, on the average, I think. They have lost their money in entering into many kinds of business & extending themselves, by which at times they have paid extravagantly for the use of money, but their great loss is in the reduction of Manufacturing establishments. It is said they will pay their debts in full, that their sus-

pension is only temporary. My belief is without more knowledge than my neighbours, that if their effects are disposed of soon, they will pay but a portion of their liabilities, I fear less than the half. 21st. I found on going to the City much excitement on account of failures in Phil^d, and it was said Lawrence, Stone & Co. were not able to get on; two per Cent per month was paid on twenty-five thousand dollars, first rate note. I returned home much troubled for my friends and not without apprehension lest I should suffer with others, yet my business could hardly be more compact; income will be much lessened. 22nd. I find I am getting old; formerly my own or others' business affairs did not affect my sleep, not so the last night. 23rd. Passed most of the day in relation to the affairs of Lawrence, Stone & Co. 24th. I am in much doubt what is the position of Lawrence, Stone & Co. and how they stand with the Corporations with which they are connected. I have seldom felt so much anxiety & doubt how to act. 25th. I have been all day engaged in endeavouring to get the Bankers to Loan the Bay State, Middlesex, & Pemberton Corporations five hundred Thousand dollars, in which I have succeeded, but I now doubt if it will effect the object entirely. We hear of the failures of the Bank of Pennsylvania & the Girard Bank in Phil^d. 26th. The affairs of business appear gloomy; much is said as to whether the Banks in New York & Boston will suspend specie payments, I think they will not, it is not necessary. 28th. Much excitement in the Money market & whether Banks will suspend. 29th. We are told that the Banks in New

York are strong. 30th. We have various accounts from New York, I Telegraphed for information; remained in the City, dined at Mr. N. Appleton's.

OCTOBER 1st. They say all is strong in New York, it now depends on the Banks; if they do not take the risk of discounting freely they will cause the Merchants to fail, & then stop. Lawrence, Stone & Co. are protested this day, the effect will not be as bad as generally thought; I fear they will not have property to pay their debts. 2nd. Meeting Merchants was supposed to have been called to ask the Banks to suspend specie payments; it took a different course, and they denied any such intentions. I feel less confidence in their strength than I did; if the Banks do not let out money freely there will be a general breaking up of Merchants & Manufacturing Cos. Had a meeting at Mr. J. A. Lowell's, he is much alarmed on account of his liability for the Pemberton Mills; he owns two hundred thousand or $\frac{1}{4}$ of the Stock; 100^m pd, Notes for 100^m; my belief is that he will not lose as much as his Stock 200^m; that he will have 300^m Property left. 3rd. The hardest day for Merchants & traders I have ever seen, money, or the use of it at two to three per cent per month, undoubted paper; several failures; much anxiety for the Steamer from California. I have doubts if the New York and Boston Banks do not have to suspend specie payments — I think they will hold out, but it is uncertain. 4th. Went to Boston, attended St. Paul's Church, Communion; regret much to find myself so much agitated as

to the business of the past week that I could not keep my mind from it during the devotions of the day; poor miserable beings, we are. 5th. A better feeling exists in our community; the arrival of the Steamer with gold from California will give aid and confidence. Fine weather for many days past. 6th. Things do not appear as bright as yesterday; much distress among those who want to borrow money. 7th. Removed to Boston. Very busy with other people's affairs. We hear of many failures in New York & Philadelphia. 9th. No relief in the money market; I do not think things can continue in this way many days. 10th. This has been the most trying day to me, The Lyman Mills & Holyoke on the point of failure; Mr. Lyman dined with us. 12th. There appears but little change in the state of things; none for the better, some failures. 13th. Accounts from New York Bad, the Banks failing; heavy suspensions here; Skinner & Howe, etc. 14th. This morning we have the failures of all the Banks in New York. Boston, but not without some opposition, follows. Those who twenty years hence read of this general failure of the Banks in the U.S. will not, nor can I, account for it. A more abundant Harvest God never blessed us with; more Gold than at any time since the Government was established; only a moderate debt to Europe from individuals; Exchange on London par to one per Cent, & yet all is at a Stand. Wrote Mr. Bates in relation to Michigan Rail Road. Copy in my letter Book. 15th. Spent much of the day in relation to the Banks extending their loans; money is as difficult to be obtained as before the Stoppage of Specie Payments. 16th.

Attended meeting Presidents of the Banks; a good feeling prevailed, but they find a new state of things, and are unwilling to act; I think things will become better. Wrote Mr. Bates, sent him Mr. N. Appleton's printed views of the present state of affairs. 17th. This day ends a week of much excitement and chagrin at the failure of the Banks in New York & most of the United States. Many are relieved from the pressure for money, but all feel disgraced, and that it might have been avoided. 19th. Most of the morning engaged with Mr. C. G. Loring in relation to the Hampden Company affairs; I feel much interest in him; I think I can do a great benefit to him & his friends without loss or much exertion on my part. 20th. Much occupied in business of others & my own. 21st. Meeting was held of some friends of Mr. C. G. Loring, who agree to indemnify me against loss in the Hampden Company. I do not think they fully approve of my undertaking it, but believe I am governed by kind feelings rather than discretion. Went with Mr. Dexter & Mr. Hooper to see the Ship we have bought, at South Boston. 22nd. Engaged in the arrangements for the Hampden Company. The Globe Bank offered me twenty thousand dollars; the Merchants', fifty, which I accepted, with Mr. Coolidge's & my name. 23rd. Things do not improve in N. York as in Boston. 24th. I am requested by several persons interested in our Banks, to go to New York to ascertain what is the intention of the Managers of their Banks as to discounting & resuming specie payments. 26th. Left with William for, and arrived in, N. York at 11½ O.C. P.M. 27th. Called on Mr. New-

bold, Stevens, Tileston, and various other gentlemen interested in the Banks; they feel that it was a mistake in pressing the payments so far as to induce persons to compel the Banks to suspend, but the worst is past and things will get into their natural course. Money will be easy ere long. 28th. Arrived & slept at Springfield. 29th. Went with Mr. Loring, Minot, Jackson & Coolidge to the Hampden Mills. 31st. Things do not get right, I fear more failures. Mrs. Appleton has a bad cold.

NOVEMBER 4th. Our Ship "Edith Rose" sailed for China; I think well of the voyage; the goods she takes will arrive to a good market & tea will be much lower than early in the season. 5th. At my suggestion, several persons interested in the Lawrence Machine Co. met and agreed to loan the Company, which if carried into effect prevents there being a failure to meet their indebtedness. I consider this the most important thing I have done for months; it much affects the interest of Mr. G. W. Lyman and others on their paper. Mrs. A. better. 6th. Our accounts from Europe are more encouraging. 8th. Mr. Ward & Capt. Swift at my House in relation to the Michigan Rail Road. 10th. Michigan Rail Road Bonds are taken; I have none, I do not like the management. Rev. E. M. P. Wells with us at tea; a good man, with many eccentricities. 13th. We have Telegraphic accounts from England, India & China which appear favourable. 14th. Our letters confirm the pleasant intelligence by Telegraph of yesterday, except the prospects of trade from China. We hear

our Ship "Nabob" is safe, but shall probably lose by the voyage. 16th. Seventy-one years old; think myself as useful to my family & friends as at any period of my life. 18th. I have been occupied with other persons' affairs; I am most happy when fully engaged in doing what others avoid, in accomplishing what others cannot or will not attempt. 25th. We have accounts of the Banks of England being allowed to extend their circulation. I fancy it will be followed by a Suspension of Specie payments. 30th. Much engaged in my business—removed to 8½ Tremont Street.

DECEMBER 3rd. Accounts from England show as much over trading as on this side of the water; there will be much dullness in business for the year to come, but we shall soon forget the present troubles. 4th. Our information in detail shows that there is a better feeling in England, yet they are not out of the woods. 8th. Almost a Spring day, rode with Mrs. Appleton. Quite at leisure by comparison. 10th. No news, things are getting quiet. 11th. Passed an hour with Col. Fremont, a pleasant man. 16th. Sir Charles Fox & son with W^m & Jefferson at dinner. Sir Charles is very pleasant, I should like to know more of him. 25th, *Xmas*. At Church; sad to think our dear Harriet who communed with us the last year is no more. Why say sad! We loved her much; we shall soon meet again as we trust & believe in a World where there is no death nor sorrow; Blessed Hope. Philosophers without the blessed hope that we should meet again, reconciled themselves in the

death of those they most loved by saying that all must die and whether a few years sooner or later it was not important, that Life had its disappointments as well as its pleasures; if they thus reasoned, we with Christian assurances should not ask, Why is it so? 26th. Mr. Dexter left us for his apartments in Winter Street; we would have preferred his making our House his home. 30th. Our streets were covered with ice in the morning; Boys have fine coasting. Mr. Dexter & Master Frank at dinner. 31st. The year is drawing to a close, and in a commercial point one of the most trying of any during my knowledge, not excepting 1837. I have shared with others in the calamity, but slightly compared with many others.

1858

JANUARY 1st. The monetary crisis of the past few months produced more distress than that in 1837, yet I do not believe its evils will be so long felt by the community. I will not attempt to speak of the cause of the crisis, there are many, but extravagance in our expenses is among the many, and possibly the foundation of most. A large expenditure leads to a desire to extend business, and over production, caused by an artificial demand when checked, has filled the Warehouses and shops of the world with merchandise, for which the owners expected to obtain the means of paying for it from sales. Manufacturing and producing will be checked & the demand will ere long take the surplus at less prices than was anticipated,

but the loss will not be like that in 1837, when the investments were made in City lots only known in the imagination. Many of our acquaintances and some of our neighbours who thought themselves rich find they have no property, and the general depression in Rail Road stocks & bonds & Manufacturing Cos. causes much inconvenience & some real distress to persons with means limited to their usual expenditure. No considerable number have been free from the calamity, and for myself, not from any particular foresight, partly from not being over invested, I have suffered less than my neighbours in my investments; they being generally made in Companies in operation before those of Lawrence & Holyoke; the losses from investments in those two places are frightful, more than ten Millions of Dollars; they were enterprises of Hon^{ble} Abbott Lawrence & J. K. Mills. The loss to the estate of the former I doubt not will be a Million of Dollars; the latter, all he possessed. I have about six hundred thousand dollars par value in Manufacturing Stocks at this time; they would not sell for four hundred thousand dollars. I bought yesterday, stocks in the Dwight Company for four hundred dollars, I have in the same concern that which I paid one thousand dollars for; I have full confidence in the rapid advance in these stocks; they have been years in declining, but will advance rapidly; I expect the stocks I now purchase at four hundred dollars will sell for six in one year & eight in two years. We have large dependencies in China and doubtful of the result, but I feel that there will be a good business in the China produce before the affairs of

that region are settled, & goods will fall so as to give a good profit from Calcutta within one year. I do not think my property would sell at this time for more than it would four or five years since; my real estate is more valuable; the House in which I write & have occupied nearly forty years, I refused forty-five thousand for, to Mr. F. Sears, for which, I paid fourteen thousand dollars. I am surprised that I take so active an interest in business; I cannot think it is all for gain, as I feel as much interest & zeal when occupied for others as when for myself; this is to be accounted for, in the pleasure of doing what others cannot do, & to get applause for so doing; not a high motive, but better than a sordid one. It has been my intention to retire from Commercial pursuits, but causes not quite within my controul lead me to continue for the present. I have great interest in my sons-in-law Mr. Dexter & Mr. Coolidge & wish to aid them by my advice, and I do not forget the advice of my friend Bowditch: "Continue business while you have health, it will be well for yourself, your family & the community." 2nd. Our dear Hetty confined; a healthy daughter, they say. 8th. Bought this day ten Thousand dollars of stock in Lyman Mills at Springfield, 42½ per Cent of the cost; Active capital of more than 22 per cent. I think the stock will double the present market price & will pay eight per cent div. the next five years on the par value. 10th. At Dr. Vinton's Church in the morning to hear Mr. Mason, brother of Charles H. A.'s Wife. 11th. At Standing Committee & the Life Office most of the morning. 13th. Meeting Stockholders Boston & Providence Rail



WILLIAM AMORY SAMUEL HOOPER F. B. CROWNSHIELD. CHARLES AMORY.
FRANCIS BACON GEO. B. UPTON R. B. FORBES WILLIAM APPLETON DAVID SEARS J. MASON WARREN SAMUEL K. LOTHROP.

Road. I did not attend; I said I would not serve as a director, but I thought I would not go there and decline. I do not think I agree with the other directors as to the particular interest of the road; I think we should look more to the general interest of railroads, & avoid competition; We shall have a grand quarrel, but I may do good in arranging matters. 15th. Club at my house; present, Judge Shaw, William Sturgis, Nathan Appleton, Thomas Motley, Charles P. Curtis, N. Hale, and C. H. Warren. 21st. Beautiful day. Mrs. Burnham went to see them skate on Jamaica Pond. 30th. Called to see Francis C. Lowell just returned from France; very excellent man. 31st. Mr. Greene preached before the Society for the Children's Home¹ in Charles Street;—he shew that he can write well & his delivery & manner very acceptable, a most earnest and devoted man; I think he will be less rigid in his theological views if he lives ten years.

FEBRUARY 10th. Went with the Trustees Humane Society to have a photograph taken.

MARCH 5th. Dined with Trustees of the Humane Society at Dr. Warren's; splendid dinner. 19th. Sale of our tea in New York. Mr. Dexter says it was equal to expectation. 30th. Mrs. Coolidge's third daughter christened Sarah Lawrence. Father, Mother, & Mrs. Lawrence were sponsors.

¹ Church Home Society.

APRIL 19th. Went to Mount Vernon with John A. Burnham, found my sister quite ill. On our return at Milford the Horse took fright & ran with the buggy which I was in something like the half of a mile, much to my peril. 24th. Mrs. Burnham left us after passing the winter. We have and I doubt not she enjoyed her visit.

MAY 15th. Mrs. C. H. Appleton was delivered of a Son at five o'clock this afternoon. 26th. Mr. N. Appleton & myself went to Amherst; pleased with the building & arrangements in relation to the funds we gave from Mr. S. Appleton's Estate. 28th. Went with Mrs. Appleton to Brookline & the Laying of the corner Stone for Chapel at Newton; dined at Mr. Greene's.

JUNE 8th. W^m & Jefferson left for a fishing excursion. 9th. Removed to Brookline; Mrs. Coolidge & children are here for the summer. 15th. Engaged in business of Hampden Company; rec^d a very complimentary note from C. G. Loring, & others in relation to their Affairs. 16th. Went with Judge Warren to New York and stopped at the Brevoort House. 17th. Meeting in relation to the different Rail Road & Steamer Proprietors between Boston & New York; arranged for ferries, etc. 23rd. With Mr. N. Appleton I visited New Ipswich & Temple, where I passed five years of my life, not having been there since. I left at the age of twenty, more than fifty years since; most of those I knew when residing there have passed to an-

other existence. David Stiles & Nathan Wheeler who were in the Store with me are living; I saw them, old men. We slept at Mr. Bent's, pleasantly recd.

JULY 2nd. I went with W^m to Brookfield; Visited the spot where my father & brothers are laid: the Monument appeared very well and in good taste; slept at West Brookfield after calling on Dr. Snell,¹ Successor to my father. 5th. At his request, called on Dr. Vinton; he told me he was invited to remove to Philadelphia. I said to him so far as my knowledge went there was a uniform feeling of regret at his leaving; others might say more & feel less than myself; the connection with my family was such as not to be severed without pain: during his Ministry he had attended the Weddings of six of our Children, followed four to their tombs, christened seventeen of our Grand Children: should he conclude to leave he would always have my warmest friendship. I had hoped he would have remained while I lived. Attended the Celebration of the day; dined at Revere House, very pleasant, all the services; Mr. Choate & Mr. Everett very happy in their remarks. 14th. W^m and twins at dinner, Mrs. Lawrence and children; in all, ten Grand Children to see us before leaving for Saratoga. 15th. Mrs. Appleton, Mrs. Burnham & our servant George left for Saratoga Springs; slept at Bellows Falls; good house, delightfully situated. 16th. Left Bellows

¹ He sent \$5000 to Dr. Snell and a number of valuable books to lay the foundation of a Parish Library which should be held and maintained "for the use of the ministers of the said church forever."

Falls at Mid Day; very clear & pleasant atmosphere; very interesting Country we passed. At 5½ P.M., arrived at U. S. Hotel, found our rooms prepared; the place improved, very handsome. 17th. We find several old acquaintances, among them Mr. Conrad of New Orleans, Dr. Duncan of Natchez, Mr. J. A. Stevens, New York; the Hotel not crowded. 19th. Mrs. Appleton passed most of the morning with Mrs. Banks, an old friend, formerly Miss Lenox. We met Mrs. Stoeckl, wife of the Russian Minister, & Mr. Chubb of Washington; much talk of Washington friends. 22nd. Made & rec^d several calls; Russian Minister, Lady & Captain in Russian Service among the number. 24th. Find ourselves at home; all well, pleasant trip, no accident, with much to gratify us. 27th. Mrs. Appleton had our children & most of our grand children with us; Charles Hook's & W^m's Emily's birthday.

AUGUST 6th. Went with Mrs. Appleton to Nahant; dined at Mrs. Greene's to meet Lord & Lady Napier, pleasant Party of fourteen. 10th. Engaged in arranging to dispatch the ship "Orion" for Calcutta *via* San Francisco. 13th. Charles' infant quite ill. Rode to see them load the Cars with gravel. 17th. All talk of the Telegraph Cable. 21st. Charles' infant very low. 23rd. Attended funeral of J. C. Appleton, infant son of C. H. & Isabella M. Appleton.

SEPTEMBER 6th. Mr. Shepherd & Mrs. Brooks at tea. 9th. Went to see Mr. Dexter & the dear boy. 11th.

Went to the City; returned with Mrs. Coolidge & my pet Nora. 21st. Mr. Ebenezer Francis died, I have known him for fifty years; a much better man than he has been thought in our community. 23rd. Mr. Francis' funeral, much said of his property. I have never so much felt the vanity of riches.

OCTOBER 12th. Called on Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Davis. 17th. Dedication of the Appleton Chapel at Cambridge; services very good. 28th. Mr. & Mrs. & Miss Silsbee came to pass the day & night with us to attend the wedding of Mr. Hammond & Miss Warren; very large Elegant wedding.

NOVEMBER 2nd. Election of Gov^r & Members of Congress, etc. The Principles of the Party better than the men, Republican. 10th. Went with William to Newton to see Master Frank, well situated we found him. 11th. Went to Somerville; pleased with Dr. Tyler. I have never disposed of money that gives more satisfaction to myself than the buildings I put up there; I shall die with less regret, feeling that if any of mine required an Asylum, there was one befitting their Wants. 13th. Frank with us. Mr. Dexter took his boy to Mrs. Lawrence's.¹ 25th. Mr. Augustus Thorndike died at Tremont House.

DECEMBER 2nd. Dined with party given by Senator Wilson to talk on Tariff; pleasant dinner, and

¹ He stayed there until May, 1864.

I think a useful meeting. Sat to Mr. Ames. 21st. We had at dinner Mr. Morgan of London & Mr. Samuel Dana. 24th. Meeting Proprietors Vermont & Canada Rail Road as to accepting the Charter; I voted against it, proposing they should first be satisfied that they could obtain the means. 31st. The year about closing commenced with unusual embarrassments among all classes of our community; much of the then anxiety has passed but the effect will not be forgotten for a long time. The shipping interest is much depressed,—more ships than there is employment for. The business of William Appleton & Co. has been very small and without profit, probably with a trifling loss. The late advance on Stocks, more particularly Manufacturing, causes my property to appear One hundred Thousand dollars more than at the commencement of the year. During the past year I have had much pleasure in the power to prevent the Hampden Mills from failing, which would have been disastrous to my friend C. G. Loring & others; I was paid for what services I rendered, but what was more gratifying, the feeling expressed of gratitude. Mr. Loring asked me to sit for my Pourtrait,¹ saying he wished his children to remember that I saved him from failing.

1859

JANUARY 1st. Most persons are engaged in getting dividends or paying visits. 11th. The coldest day for years. Ther. $\frac{0}{14}$. 28th. Our next door neighbour & long

¹ Now owned by Mrs. T. J. Coolidge.

esteemed friend Hon^{ble} W^m H. Prescott died, he will be much lamented; his character as a Historian stands among the Highest of his time; a man of kind feelings, died much beloved.

FEBRUARY 7th. Mr. & Mrs. Ward with four children & servant came to our House on their way to Europe, he for China, Minister Plenipotentiary. I think he makes a mistake in giving up his business in Georgia. 11th. Mrs. Lawrence & boys at dinner. 17th. Meeting in Relation to Webster statue.

MARCH 3rd. Meeting Proprietors St. Paul's Church; authorized by a vote 43 to 2 to invite Dr. Nicholson to become our Rector. 25th. Engaged in arranging for the sale of Mrs. W^m A. Jr.'s place at Brookline. She gave me written directions to accept an offer of twenty thousand, two hundred fifty dollars. I said to the Broker the place would be sold for that price but not until I knew who was to be the purchaser; he said he was not at liberty to say, but would go to his principal. Shortly he and Mr. Bacon called; Mr. B. said the offer was made supposing all that Dr. Warren occupied belonged to the place and he should withdraw his offer. I finally, rather than break off the sale, said he might occupy the piece in the garden, while I resided in my House in Brookline, he allowing me a piece near my stable, during the same time, to be used for a garden, to which he assented; neither to gain a permanent title. I think the sale a fair price, but regret my son's leaving us,

but think it is best it should be so. 27th. Dr. Stone gave us a most splendid sermon on Repentance.

APRIL 5th. Went to hear Henry Ward Beecher on Burns; *I only pleased*. 21st. Mrs. Burnham left us; she is a fine woman and much improved. 27th. Left with Mrs. Appleton & George (servant) for New York & Philadelphia.

MAY 3rd. Left for New York, pleasant passage, met Mrs. N. Appleton at Brevoort House — pleasantly lodged. 5th. Went to Wall Street, some shops, to see some Pictures, bought a carriage, etc. 6th. Left for home, hard day's ride, much dust. 13th. Dr. & Mrs. Nicholson came to stop with us; some thirty or forty persons to meet them in the evening. 15th. Two sermons from Dr. N.; very well received, but long, — 45 & 50 mins. 17th. Our friends left us; I think well of them. I fancy he will become Rector of St. Paul's, I hope he will; there will be opposition, but he is a Man of talents & discretion & will soon overcome it, I trust and doubt not if he shortens his Sermons. 29th. Charles' wife presented him with a daughter this morning. 31st. Mr. Dexter left us for Europe & China. I have much affection & respect for him.

JUNE 22nd. Dined with Mr. Coolidge;¹ Boat Race. 26th. At Dr. Stone's church, Bishop Boone preached in afternoon, he came & slept at our House; I gave five hun-

¹ 93 Beacon Street. The sea wall and river were directly behind the house.

dred dollars to China Mission. 30th. Mrs. Coolidge confined, Child died in the delivery.

JULY 1st. Went with Mrs. Appleton to Boston; put the infant of our dear daughter in Tomb under St. Paul's Church. The ways of God are mysterious to us, but all right. 2nd. Attended meeting of Committee of One Hundred in relation to the Webster Memorial; Mr. Everett was not present, his wife in a dying state. We effected our object, more feeling than judgment in the contention. 11th. Meeting of committee, Mr. Everett & others, as to placing statue of Mr. Webster. 14th. We hear of the death of Mr. Choate at Halifax. A man of extraordinary powers as an orator; none stood higher as an Advocate. 22nd. Meeting at Faneuil Hall, occasioned by death of Mr. Choate.

AUGUST 4th. Went with Mrs. Appleton to Newport, where we passed six days very pleasantly with W^m Jr.'s family. We found them pleasantly situated and disposed to make our time pass pleasantly. We met many of our friends and acquaintances, among them, Gov. and Mrs. Fish and family, Gov. Aiken, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley, and Gen^l Taylor. William and I dined with a pleasant party at Dr. Mercer's of New Orleans. 15th. Some of Mrs. Lawrence's family left for the White Mountains; she remained owing to the indisposition of our dear Dexter boy. 28th. Uncommon appearance of the sky in the evening. The appearance was what is called Northern light but very bright extending over the whole Hemisphere.

SEPTEMBER 9th. Put the Webster statue on the Pedestal; much pleased with its appearance. 15th. Engaged in arranging for the Webster statue. 16th. We are much in doubt as to the Weather for tomorrow. 17th. All doubts as to weather removed, we have a Violent rain Storm. Mr. Everett delivered the address intended to be spoken in the State House, read at the Music Hall with great applause. We had at dinner Mr. Everett, Dr. Lothrop, Ex Prest^r Pierce, Gov. Fish, Mr. Bartlett, John H. Heard, Professor Felton, Mayor Lincoln, J. H. Shaw, Mr. Ignatius Sargent, Peter Harvey, A. A. Lawrence, W^m Amory, W^m A. Jr., & T. J. Coolidge. 26th. George L. Appleton came out and passed the night with us, a well-meaning Lad, and if he lives I think he will be respectable, but not very useful. 27th. Mr. Everett repeated his Oration on the Webster Statue. 30th. Mr. Coolidge and family left us, having passed the summer with us much to my gratification. I love them all much.

NOVEMBER 16th. Old age comes very kindly on me; I am as able to attend to business or pleasure as when half as Old, now seventy-three. I have a large property and kind wishes of my neighbours, I do not know the person whom I should not take by the hand with pleasure.

DECEMBER 2nd. Meeting at Tremont House in relation to a general meeting in Faneuil Hall; some Action should be taken. 3rd. Passed most of the following

day in making arrangements for the Meeting on the 8th. 7th. Busy arranging for the Meeting. Mr. Beguin of N. C. passed the evening with us; he thinks separation will come. 8th. The Meeting at Faneuil Hall was all we could have wished; I spent much time & some money effecting it; I am well satisfied I was right in the effort. Dined at Mr. Paige's with Ex Gov. Lincoln, Everett, Cushing, N. Appleton, Rev. Dr. Blagden etc., pleasant party & a good dinner; Some Rum. 10th. Saw Rev. Chandler H. Robbins in relation to Rev. —; he thinks people have got tired of aiding him, and he has no power to arrange for himself,—sad case, well-meaning man. I sent him a Note saying it was my intention to place stocks to the value of ten thousand dollars in trust for the benefit of himself & Wife, the income to be paid them during their life on my pleasure. 15th. Historical Society, a very delightful meeting, speeches by Mr. Everett & others on the Character of Washington Irving. 18th. At St. Paul's; Mr. John Cotton Smith preached; I feel much interest in him & family. 21st. Susan Lawrence with us, very bright girl. 25th. This day commences with a bright sun and Clear cold atmosphere. When we think of the all Glorious event which we this day celebrate, we are lost in wonder that we can hold our Peace, why are we not shouting with Joy that Christ was born to bring life & immortality to light? His teaching & example give "Peace on Earth & good will to men," bring order out of Chaos. Mrs. Appleton much distressed that she could not be with us at Church. I am not a little troubled by her present illness, I fear it will

give her much pain. 26th. The day is kept as a holiday. We had our children & most of our grandchildren at dinner, & some few in addition in the evening. Mrs. Appleton went to the dinner-table, but suffered much inconvenience. 27th. Mrs. A. not as well this morning. Passed all the fore part of the day at Hospital Life In^s Co. examining accounts. Shall have a nurse tomorrow; our daughters & sons attentive to their Mother; Dr. Jackson visited her, I fancy he thinks her severely ill. 31st. The new year would begin with bright prospects but for the present alarming indisposition of my dear Wife. Drs. Jackson & Warren lead me to think her disease is on the heart and that it is not probable that she will again have her health but that of a delicate invalid; that she may and probably will get up so as to move about, think she is getting well and then be brought down, thus vibrating but not rising above the disease. It is sad, very sad. I have almost from the commencement of our marriage life contemplated from my Age & broken Constitution that when we separated I should be first called — (it may be so) — and from the time I was making my first Will in 1816 She was first considered; I then gave her the half of the property I might have, and in all the changes since I have ever thought of her comfort and independence when I was gone and provided accordingly. This is the first serious illness she has had during our married life of forty-five years within a few days. We, during that period, have had many, many blessings. We have lived happily (I think) as the World goes, but I would not be understood to say we always thought alike

and that difference of opinion was always expressed in as mild and considerate terms as it should have been. There was never a want of love, confidence, or respect. She always leaned on me, I always loved her dearly and never doubted her affection for a moment; were I to say there was never a Word passed that was not in harmony, my children, should this come to their eyes, would not give me that credit for sincerity that I wish from them. I am writing under a cloud, a depression of spirits; we may yet live happily together in health.

1860

JANUARY 1st. Our business, Wm. Appleton & Co., for three years past, after deducting interest, has been so near an even one that I offered to let Mr. Hooper & Dexter take the Profit or loss; but they declined; since, they have offered to take it, but I said nay; yet I do not think there can be ten thousand Profit in all. My income the past year must have been one Hundred Thousand dollars, the half at least I expend & give. 2nd. Much provoked at the course taken in relation to putting down the fare in the B. & P. R.R. 18th. Mrs. Appleton to my surprise by direction of Jackson & Warren rode around the Common. 19th. Mrs. A. did as yesterday. Mrs. Charles Amory gave a fancy Ball; Splendid. 28th. Vestry meeting in relation to selling St. Paul's Church, I do not like the idea but stated to the gentlemen I should not be in the way of their wishes but should give no time or take part in the enterprise.

FEBRUARY 11th. Mrs. Appleton down to dine. 15th. Engaged with Mr. Bartlett in relation to the land in the rear of his,¹ mine & Mr. Ropes' Houses.

MARCH 3rd. I rode with Mrs. Appleton to Longwood, the first time she has been there for nearly three months; I examined a site for a house. 5th. X rather troubles me; most unaccountable man. If one could work their way to Heaven by good works, I should have been well on the way for my efforts for that family, but generally, they have said all & more than I expected of gratitude. 6th. Mrs. Appleton's birthday; drove around the City; Miss Sally Lawrence at dinner. 20th. Engaged in arranging Isl & Augt Thorndike's business with Mr. Dana & Loring. 26th. Mrs. A. had a bad night. Called on Dr. Warren who went to see Mrs. Appleton, found her alarmingly ill; Dr. Jackson was with him in consultation several times in the day; Dr. Oliver slept at our house. 28th. Mrs. Appleton had comfortable night; at her request I remained in the chamber with her, she wished me to tell her what the Physicians said of her illness. I gave her in answer nearly Dr. Jackson's words, which were in substance that she was on the right road and in a few weeks might be as well as ten days since, then able to drive & walk very little. 30th. How shall I describe the scene of the last evening which brought to a close the closest of earthly connections and happiness of this life between me and the loved one whom

¹ 93 Beacon Street.

I have cherished and have on all important occasions been supported by, for more than forty-five years. We have had more than the usual blessings that fall to our race; in the eyes of the World all we could desire. We have had many afflictions, ten children born to us; six have gone before, two sons & two daughters leaving children, severe trials to us, but we were consoled in their religious characters; all, members of our Church. In the severe trials she shew much more strength of character than I found in myself; on trifling occurrences she would show a want of these qualities. Kind at heart, sincerely loved by those who could best judge of her, my impressions are that she was, without putting herself forward in society, uniformly pleasing to her contemporaries & respected by the younger portion of the community. She was a Communicant in the Episcopal Church before we were married and as I think a consistent Christian. 31st. I passed a sad night; my nerves so much disturbed I could not get my sleep as usual, but better than the night before. Many friends called to offer their consolation & services. Children all attention to me.

APRIL 1st, *Sunday*. I sent for our children, we all met together, Read the Good Book, and united in Prayer. 2nd. This day the remains of my dear Wife were taken to St. Paul's Church; the funeral services read by Dr. Nicholson in a subdued and most acceptable manner to a large congregation; from there we went to Mount Auburn & deposited the body by the side of my Mother, four of our children & two Grand children. 4th. Kind Children & friends

came to sympathize with me. 7th. Rec^d many very kind letters, among them from Bishop Potter & Dr. Vinton. 8th, *Easter Sunday*. Attended Church; sad not to have my dear Wife to go with me, but God rules the World and all in Mercy. Would I could say Amen, in Truth. 10th. I have only been out to see Hetty's Children; been looking over Mrs. Appleton's papers & journal, sad, but many marks of kindness & wisdom, always frank & honest. 12th. Mrs. Coolidge & Mamie at dinner. 14th. Mr. Coolidge & family have joined me; I trust it will prove a pleasant arrangement; he says & wrote me he was disposed to come, yet it must be a great sacrifice to him to give up their Establishment; I shall do all I can to make it pleasant. 15th. At Church; Confirmation by Bishop: sixteen females, one male. 16th. Hetty much engaged in removing their furniture. 17th. Busy in arranging for Hetty's Household. 19th. Charles went to reside at 93 Beacon St. 23rd. Randolph Coolidge & Miss Gardner called in the evening, I doubt if they are ever married.

MAY 15th. Went to Brookline preparing to sell House. 18th. Went to Concord with Dr. Shattuck; found Frank quite well & pleasantly situated. 24th. The House that we resided in for twenty years in Brookline I sold this day for twenty-three thousand dollars; about the cost of the buildings; great changes have taken place in our family since I built the House. We had much pleasure in the residence; I sold it with many regrets, but neither of my Children wished to retain it. 25th. Went to

Brookline to meet Mr. Henry Upham who purchased my House; he appears satisfied with the purchase but I think he made a mistake in so doing. The three dear children went with me. 30th. Our dear W^m with his family left for Europe; I regret his absence, his attentions to me have been uniformly administered, I love him much.

JUNE 1st. I called on Mr. & Mrs. Henry of Tennessee, took them to ride; he made a speech at the Union Meeting. 2nd. Mr. & Mrs. Henry & son were at dinner; good People, I am much pleased with them. 8th. Removing the furniture from Brookline; sad at the giving up of the place, but all right. 13th. Meeting directors Salmon Falls Company.

JULY 13th. Accompanied by Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence I went to their House at Longwood. 16th. I have had a delightful visit, Sarah is one of the best of Wives, Mothers, friends & housekeepers; all order & not fuss.

AUGUST 17th. Returned from Boston to Newport with Sarah's daughter Susie, a nice little girl. 18th. Very quiet, rode to the village with Hetty; very pleasant to be with the Children.

SEPTEMBER 5th. Wrote Mr. Grinnell in relation to the approaching election, saying: "Are the greatest portion of our State, Abolitionists? I think not. This can be tested & should be by the approaching election of Gov-

error. It will not be an easy thing to accomplish but I feel in my bones it can be done & should be; this in my opinion depends on Gov. Clifford. We can bring about a union for him, and no other person; see him & write me his decision at Boston, or come up, which will be better. If you do not get this in time to write, Telegraph me, 54 Beacon Street, yea, or nay. I go to Boston tomorrow (Thursday); shall be there Friday & possibly Saturday. I am requested to go up in relation to raising funds for the campaign; I do not intend going into the fight to be beaten. They say with twenty thousand dollars to print and distribute documents, etc., etc., they can carry the State. I think it very important, and as at present advised, if Mr. C. will consent to be a candidate I will say to the gentlemen when we meet, I will furnish one fifth of the amount required, whether it be twenty or thirty thousand dollars. On the decision of Mr. C. depends my action. This note strictly private, except with Gov. Clifford." 7th. Rec^d letter from Mr. Grinnell; not settled as to Gov. C.'s action. 14th. Engaged in looking after my business affairs and Politicks, dined at Mr. Bartlett's. At Mr. Everett's & Mr. Winthrop's in the evening. 15th. Meeting in relation to funds for Campaign. It is hopeless the idea of electing Bell & Everett party in Masstts, yet I rather give money with others than say "No." 19th. I left Newport at 7 O'C. with servants and baggage. Mr. & Mrs. Coolidge in Afternoon: all arrived safe. 22nd. Mr. Lyndsay, M.P., from London, Mr. Hooper & Mr. Sturgis dined with us. 24th. Meeting Board of Trade. Mr. Lyndsay made statements in regard to Commerce. 26th. Mr. Stevenson

& Bacon wished me to allow my name to be used as Candidate for Congress, which I declined. 27th. Committee for nominating me called on me: I told them I could not accept the nomination at this time, but would consult with my friends.

OCTOBER 2nd. Engaged in arranging for Charles' & family's voyage. 3rd. Charles, wife & children left us for a voyage to Europe; I am sad at their leaving me but they have my consent. 6th. Passed most of the morning in getting a dispute between the Chicopee Company & the Banks arranged. Mr. Lodge & Ignatius Sargent much interested; they agree to refer it; I think the Banks will not recover. 10th. Went to New Haven to attend Board of Missions. 13th. Meeting of the directors of B. & P., Worcester and Fall River & Old Colony Rail Roads at my office. 15th. The Standing Committee at my House agreed to a 2nd Parish in Cambridge, contrary to my Judgment. 16th. Mr. Coolidge returned from deer Killing; I am glad to see him home. 17th. Prince of Wales arrived; went to Longwood to meet him. 18th. Splendid Ball for the Prince. I went as one of the Committee to take him & introduce him at the Ball. 20th. Appearance of storm. Prince left and embarked at Portland; all was most fortunate during his Visit. Some Gentⁿ were at my house to examine Mr. Thorndike's wine. 24th. We are much interested in the Approaching Election. Mr. Hillard of Alabama spoke at F. Hall. 25th. At the particular request I dined with Mr. Everett to meet Mr. Hillard.

NOVEMBER 5th. Very exciting day. At evening was Complimented by a Torch Light Procession, very well arranged; I made a short speech. The feeling of my friends is that I shall be elected to Congress. The other side is equally confident. I do not think I shall be elected nor do I in my heart wish it. 6th. At three o'clock I went to Vote, found the report of chances in favour of Mr. Burlingame. Mr. Coolidge reported at four o'clock that as advices were from Cambridge Mr. B. must be elected. Went with Hetty to Longwood, told them what we supposed was the result of the Election; I said I was pleased; the dear daughters, Mrs. Lawrence & Coolidge, said, "If you, Father, are satisfied, we are delighted, we never wished you to go again to Washington." On our return we found the report was that I was elected; and before nine o'clock our street was crowded with those who favoured my Election, with musick, Torch Light procession, etc., etc. Mr. J. T. Stevenson addressed me from the Crowd; I made some remarks & was followed by Mr. Hillard & several other gentlemen; the Crowd continued until near eleven o'clock; at Twelve Gentⁿ came & serenaded us, Mr. Coolidge gave them some Wine. 7th. Much excitement in the City; the whole Lincoln Ticket in the State elected, but in my district; and some talk of questioning the correctness of that; rather tired, — Mr. Coolidge done up. 8th. Much pleased to have my Grand Children with us at dinner, Copley & Eliza Greene, who returned yesterday from Europe. Many letters congratulating me on my Election, I wish I was out of

the affair; I will make the best of it. 12th. Some excitement by the news from the South. 16th. Seventy-four years Old. My health as good as most persons of my age; I walk up stairs as quick as when much younger, my weight is about the same as for twenty-five years, not varying more than one or two pounds from one hundred; my memory in most things is not to be depended on. My opinion on business subjects is considered as good as formerly. I believe I am much more valued in the community than I justly deserve; my reputation as a man of business is high, but this is from success; I have been fortunate through life. I have had many severe trials, but the death of my dear wife changes all my plans for this existence, she is continually in my mind; I loved her much more than I could have supposed and all my recollections of her are most pleasing. My children are all attention and my interest in Mr. & Mrs. Coolidge and our dear little ones, is very great. My home is made all that can be to meet my comfort. Dined at W^m's with Jefferson, Hetty, Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence, Mary Ann, Sally and Mrs. Burnham & Dr. Vinton, who has come to pass a few days with us. 17th. Went to Nantasket and to Minot's Ledge light House with Dr. Vinton, Mr. Coolidge & W^m; very interesting day. 20th. Dinner Party of twenty to those most active in my Election to Congress, consisting of Messrs. Bacon, Paige, Stevenson, Beebe, Richardson, Hallett, Pierce, Bush, Bigelow, A. A. Lawrence, James Lawrence, making a party of younger men; quite pleasant; remained at table until ten O'Clock. 22nd. Much Excitement as to our Banks suspending spe-

cie payment. 25th. Received a letter from Gov. Aiken, full of Secession. Things look bad in S. Carolina. 27th. A dinner party of twenty; all political parties; it went off well. Dinner: Oysters in Shell, Soup, Fish, Boiled Capon & Ham, Oyster Pâtés, fried Chicken, Croquettes, Sweet Bread; Punch Frozen, Game, Pudding, Jelly, Blanc Mange & Fruit. 29th, *Thanksgiving Day*. No family meeting. These anniversaries make one sad—the dear One having gone. 30th. Much talk as to money; excitement continues without cause that I can see.

DECEMBER 6th. Meeting at Mr. Winthrop's with Mr. N. Appleton, Gov. Clifford, Mr. Grinnell, & Mr. Silsbee, in relation to the State of the Country; very despondent in their feelings. 8th. Talk of going to Washington, requested by Mr. Winthrop, Gov. Wells & Mr. Everett. 10th. Meeting of gent^{mn} in relation to state of Country. Present: Mr. Everett, Winthrop, Benjamin R. Curtis, Sidney Bartlett, Beebe, Haven, Ticknor, Tobey, Paige, Amos A. Lawrence. 12th. Left for Washington with W^m, Mr. W^m Amory & our servant George. 13th, *New York*. Went to the business part of the City, saw many persons; financial affairs in a better state, but of political subjects there is great anxiety, much more than in Boston. In afternoon, went to Philadelphia. Mr. Read passed the evening with us, very much excited in mind; he said he would go to Washington. Called on Mr. Ingersoll and found him much troubled; all alarmed. 15th. In afternoon, went to Washington, at Willard's, pleasant rooms & well situated.

16th. Rec^d many calls, all talking of Secession; there is great doubt & gloom. Went to church, made some calls on Senators, Lord Lyons, Stapleton, etc. 17th. Went to the Senate, pleased by the kind reception from my Old friends & Acquaintances; dined at Mr. Corcoran's with Lord Lyons, Senators Mason, Hunter, Slidell, Benjamin & others. Mr. Read arrived from Philadelphia. 18th. Called on President with Mr. Read, not much conversation. Long talks with Mr. Ewing & Vinton, Foster, Toucey, Crittenden & others. 19th. The President sent his Secretary to ask me to dine; I went; only the Pres^t, Secretary, Miss Lane and myself. He was cheerful, talked freely of the State of affairs; I fancy he has more hope than most; he is quite determined that if there is aggression in South Carolina, it shall come from them. He talked of the state of the Forts at Charleston, the only force that could be sent was at Norfolk or Old Point Comfort, the School for Exercise & the Men of War. He feels what is said as to not reinforcing the Forts at Charleston; and I could not but think he understood what was to be & might be done to relieve the garrison should there be an attack or one threatened; he said nothing that would authorize me more than to surmise, probably without good reason, yet I felt more comfortable than from talking with anyone else. 20th. Passed the day as usual going to the Capitol, hearing various opinions, changing my mind as to the future, etc., etc. No parties of any kind, all anxiety & gloom yet not without hope, but no present light. 21st. Went to the Senate. Mr. Toombs took me to the Committee room; we talked

pleasantly and I could not but feel that if there was as much disposition on the part of the Republicans as there might be, as much as on the part of the South, things might be arranged; yet I do not know what would satisfy them; their troubles are not all with the North; the Abolitionists have done much to produce them. Left at evening with Mr. Read, passed pleasant evening with Mr. Kennedy; he is, like others, very anxious. 24th. Arrived in New York, saw many business people, they are much troubled as to Political situation of the Country; dined with Mr. John C. Green. 25th, *Xmas*. My dear children agreed with me that we should not enjoy our usual family meeting on this Anniversary of my dear wife's & their Mother's alarming illness. I took the cars, had a pleasant trip home in eight & a half Hours from New York. When we reflect, and view the present state of this Country, but as yesterday enjoying greater privileges than any nation of ancient or modern times, apparently about to abandon the Institutions that have made us, since I was born, from a poor feeble people of three or four Millions to one of Thirty, ranking among the important Nations of the earth, to throw ourselves into chaos without any real cause, we must feel that our Sins are such that we must have immediate Chastisement; we say continually, God rules the World, and all in mercy; I see nothing but His power to overrule the Wills of selfish wicked men that can save us from what would appear the greatest calamity that could come to our Country. God preserve us. 26th. I enjoyed much the meeting of my children and their dear little ones;

I feel that my affections are greater than formerly, possibly from having fewer to love. Those who have departed are almost always in my mind. I shall in the course of nature soon follow. 29th. My cough troublesome, applied a mustard poultice; bad night.

1861

JANUARY 1st. Our political atmosphere is dark, more so than at any time within my recollection; Madness rules the hour. Our glorious Union is in very great danger. I returned the last week from Washington; I could not hear any plan offered likely to unite the various parties; Republicans and Secessionists, uncompromising; the President not in favour; I believe he intends to do what will promote the continuance of the Union. My impression is that most of the Cotton States will follow South Carolina, the Border Slave States will attempt to reconcile the difficulties, but will not easily succeed; a long time will pass, much anxiety & distress, but eventually a new Confederation will be formed or the Constitution Amended; this will not be effected under President Lincoln's Administration, or my life. To our family the past has been an eventful year: it has pleased God to call the Wife of my youth the Mother of my Children from this Earth, an event not anticipated by me—otherwise, that I should go first. The immediate shock having passed, left as I was alone, my children all seeking my happiness deemed it expedient that Mr. & Mrs. Coolidge with their dear children, should

remove to my house, which has proved a happy arrangement for me, and I trust for them; they so appear to think it. I have been again elected to Congress; not in concurrence with my judgment, but I was flattered into assenting that my name should be used, and much pleased by the many, many congratulations on the result. If I live & have sufficient health, I shall undertake the responsibilities which I feel much, as I am old, and my faculties much impaired. The prospect for the coming year for our Manufacturers is bad; if merchandising is bad, Rail Road Stocks must suffer, rents will fall; all kinds of property as a general rule will produce less; and should it lead to reducing our expenses generally, good will follow. Since my return from Washington I have been mostly confined to the house with a severe cough; being withdrawn from the world I am led to reflect on myself & position. That I should have as much reputation for talents as I have at home and abroad quite bewilders me. Very much flattered at Washington, I feel the responsibilities. By age & other circumstances I am admonished my days are numbered & few. 4th. A General Fast has been recommended by Pres^t of U. S. 7th. Most uncomfortable night I have had, coughed by the Hour during the last night.

MARCH. I am now at the close of March, having been confined in my House most of the time since writing in this book. I have had very little to annoy me, almost without pain, as much appetite as necessary for me without more exercise, generally sleep well, sometimes an-

noyed by coughing, every possible attention from my children, & great pleasure in the prattle of the dear grandchildren belonging to our immediate family, & from those coming to visit us. I find I cannot take the air freely without bringing on the cough, and I have nearly decided to go to South Carolina, to leave the next week, either in the Steamer from this City or N. York. My belief is that a change will have a good effect on my health, but I still think it not important whether I die in my seventy-fifth year or later. I regret leaving my long tried friend Mr. N. Appleton; my belief is I shall find him when I return but that is quite doubtful. My friends and Acquaintances have been very attentive; that I may recollect who came to see me I have kept a record in part, as follows: Mr. Sidney Bartlett, Judge Warren, Mr. Sears, Mr. Whitwell, Mr. N. Appleton, Mr. Winthrop, Mr. Brooks, Mr. Everett, Dr. Jackson, Mr. Edw. Jackson, Mr. W^m Sohier, Col. Aspinwall, Dr. Blagden, Jonⁿ Mason, Dr. Lawrence, Dr. Nicholson, Mr. Timmins, Bishop Eastburn, Rev. Dr. Mercer, James S. Amory, Rev. Dr. Mason, Mr. T. C. Amory, Mr. Israel Whitney, W^m Amory, Mr. George W. Lyman, Mr. S. Hooper, Mr. Thos. Motley, Mr. Beebe, Mr. Sam^l T. Dana, Mr. F. Bacon, Mr. Sam^l Frothingham, Mr. James Lawrence, Mr. Andrew T. Hall, Mr. R. B. Forbes, Mr. Ticknor, Mr. Sam^l Ward, Mr. W^m Gray, Mr. Sullivan Warren, Mr. Jos. S. Gardner, Mr. W^m H. Gardiner, Mr. S. V. Ward, C. G. Loring, Mr. C. Amory, Mr. W^m B. Reynolds, Col. Emery, Dr. Lyman, Mr. J. Hall, Mr. J. Cushing, Mr. W^m Sturgis, Mr. H. Shaw, Mr. E. A.

Bourne, Mr. Edgar, Mr. F. C. Lowell, Mr. Jos. Coolidge, Pres't Sparks, Mr. Ives, Mr. Silsbee, Mr. Walley, Mr. Wigglesworth, Mr. Hallett, Mr. Sargent, Mr. Geo. B. Dexter, Gov.¹ Wells, Gen^l Pierce, Mr. Blake, Mr. A. A. Lawrence, Mr. Rice, Mr. Ritchie, Mrs. Sears, Mrs. Wormley, Mrs. N. Amory, Miss Amory, Miss Dexter, Mrs. Brimmer, Mrs. Howland Shaw, Madame Greene, Miss Greene, Miss Bartlett, Miss R. Amory, Mrs. Hooper, Miss Hooper, Miss Gardner, Mrs. Gardner, Mrs. J. S. Amory, Mrs. Cushing, Mrs. Bartlett, Mrs. Brooks, Mrs. d'Hauteville, Mrs. Warren, Mrs. S. Appleton, Miss Goodwin, Mrs. Franklin Dexter, Mrs. Mason. 31st, *Easter Sunday*. Went to St. Paul's for the first time since the first Sunday in December; I was much pleased with the sermon and musick, felt the solemnity of the Communion. William & family as usual at Tea & in the evening.

APRIL 4th. Left, with Mrs. Coolidge and my servant George, for a trip to the South *via* N. York. Slept at Springfield; arrived at the Brevoort House at five O'clock Friday, Mr. Amory came late at night. 6th. We expected to have departed on the steamer "Nashville" this day, but we are delayed without knowing the cause. 7th. Hetty & her friend passed some time with me. 9th. At four O'clock we went on board the Steamer "Nashville" for Charleston. Was told the vessels that had departed a few days since were bound to Charleston to reinforce Fort Sumter; we doubted the fact. Our passage was rough, something of a

¹ Of New Hampshire.

gale. Mr. Amory, my good friend, in his berth; my servant ill the whole passage; I was among those the most active at dinner & tea. We arrived off Charleston Bar on Thursday evening; the Steamers "Atlantic," "Harriet Lane" and two armed Vessels near where we were moving slowly during the night, waiting the rise of the tide that we might cross the Bar. About four o'clock Friday morning we were apprised by the sound of Cannon, that an Attack was made on Fort Sumter; after some time the fire was returned with vigor, firing at Fort Moultrie & again at the Batteries on Morris Island & other Works. The interest & excitement was great; every flash we could see; then the smoke; then followed the report; the bomb shells we saw ascend & would anxiously watch whether they fell in Fort Sumter, from which place no shells were sent, having no mortars. The firing was continued during Friday without any long cessation from either party; at one time we thought most of the men in the Fort must be destroyed by fire, but again they shew they were alive by commencing again their works. The firing stopped in the afternoon of Saturday; we were compelled to remain outside the Bar until Sunday morning. On arriving in the City, finding no one killed, produced emotions of gratitude in my breast that I have seldom or never before felt. I went to Church; pleased with the discourses & services. Mr. W^m B. Pringle took me to Church; made some calls, saw a great collection of Ladies and Gentⁿ on Bay Street. At the Hotel saw many acquaintances, was pleasantly rec^d; my health much improved. Telegraphed to our friends in Boston. Charleston

much improved since I was there in 1843. 15th. Rode to the farms with fine Kitchen gardens with Mrs. Rose; Dr. Rutledge & Lt. Rutledge came in; much kind attention from old friends. 17th. Went to Fort Sumter under permission from Gen^l Beauregard, with the Mayor, a party not to exceed twelve; a most awful wreck; one cannot realize that no one should have been killed. 19th. We left by rail for Adams Run where we found carriages to take us to Mr. Aiken's; Mr. W^m Elliott & Mr. Aiken's nephew with us, kindly received; took a walk over the Plantation, an Island of five thousand acres; they cultivate rice, about twenty-two Hundred Barrels; seven to eight hundred negroes, large portion young; great care taken of them; only five white persons on the Island. 20th. Rode with Mrs. Aiken; Mr. Amory and Mr. Aiken walked most of the day; I was not quite well, got some cold in crossing to the Island. Sunday we rode to Edesto where there are a collection of Houses, Churches, etc., etc. 22nd. We left our kind friends; went to Mr. W^m Elliott's, Adams Run; passed the day; pleasant place; some company at dinner; very kind family, early acquaintances of Mrs. Appleton & myself. 23rd. Took Cars for Savannah; met Mr. John E. Ward going home from China. At the depot George Appleton greeted us; found his mother at the hotel. 24th. We went & passed the day with my daughter & Grandson; found them pleasantly situated. Having made an engagement to go to Mr. Arnold's Plantation and other arrangements, we concluded to give them all up and make our way home *via* Macon, Atlanta, Nashville, Louisville, Frankfort, Cin-

cinnati, Columbus, Pittsburg, to Phil^d. We passed Sunday at Gov. Bell's, Nashville. I was most kindly entertained & cared for; I needed such refreshments as I rec^d. Passed a day at Cincinnati.

MAY 5th, *Sunday*. Arrived at Philadelphia; quite bright; dined at Mr. C. Francis Fisher's. 6th. I find myself with a severe sore throat and cold. Mr. Amory having left me, I am quite down, confined to the house. 8th. Not any better; got telegraph W^m & Sarah coming. 9th. Mrs. Lawrence, Maria & William Jr. arrived, very glad indeed to see them. 14th. Got home, right glad to see my dear children and others I much love. Mr. N. Appleton better than I expected to find him. 15th. Much talk of my resignation of my seat in Congress; agreed to refer the question to Drs. Jackson & Warren. 16th. They think I had better not go to Congress. 18th. Report of Drs. J. & W. that I may go to Congress under restrictions; I rather like it. 21st. Almost confined to the House with pain in my face; much swollen. 22nd. Suffered severely all the last night & most of the day; began poulticing my face hourly for some twelve hours when relief was obtained by suppuration. 23rd. Left for New York & slept at Brevoort House. 25th. Arrived in Washington; Mr. Corcoran met me at the Cars; pleasantly situated with him. 26th. At Dr. Hall's Church; remained at the Communion; called on Mr. Seward; pleasantly Rec^d. 27th. Called at Navy Department, saw Secy etc., called on Gen^l Totten. 28th. Made calls at the State & Treasury Departments, rode to the Asylum for

Insane. 29th. Went to call on French Minister at Georgetown, on the Russian & English Ministers, rode with Mr. Renwick & Mr. C. to see the Camp & Mr. Corcoran's farm. 30th. Concluded to return to Boston. Made several P. P. C.'s & left at 6 P.M.

JULY 1st. Left by seashore line for Washington with Judge Thomas. 4th. At House; chose Speaker & Clerk; I had dinner party of our Representatives, 10 present. 5th. Business at the House not of much interest, other than Pres^t's Message. 7th. Very hot; most done up. 8th. At the House; appearances are that the session will not be long. 13th. At Committee; called on Mr. Seward & Lord Lyons. My relative,¹ whom I much loved, the second daughter of Mr. N. Appleton, was this day interred; she endeared herself to me by her kind attention to my dear W^m while on his deathbed at Schaffhausen in 1836. She was a lovely woman, a great favourite; came to her death by her clothes taking fire while sealing a letter or making some seals. 14th. Went this morning to Mr. Stevens, Chairman of the Committee of Ways & Means, to get his consent to telegraph to Boston & New York that there was no cause for alarm as to their goods in Bonded Ware House; while at the telegraph office, rec^d Telegram announcing the death of my long loved friend Mr. N. Appleton. I had said I would return on his decease, but I was told and believed my duty was in this place. A bill for raising revenue was before the Committee of Ways & Means; no other Merchant is on the

¹ Mrs. Henry W. Longfellow.

Committee; I remained & got for our shipping Merchants much advantage as to when the duties should take effect, & on the Ware house goods; I feared if I left, it might be changed in the House or Senate. I will not speak of the virtues of my dear departed friend, his character will be fully related by others; great purity of heart he possessed. 17th. Very busy with tariff Bill, then went to the Treasurer in relation to his project on wines & spirits; he said they had but imperfect information; was quite satisfied with the view of Committee who sent me. 18th. The bill for increasing Revenue passed the House. Went to see the Massachusetts Troops. 19th. Much excitement as to our troops in Virginia. 20th. House not in session; at Committee. Dinner at Mr. Crittenden's, with Sumner & the Committee of Ways & Means; Wilson was invited; good dinner, pleasant party. 21st. On leaving my bed I found myself in pain which was continuous through the day, but not severe. The Physician called three or four times; ate nothing, have had nausea & occasional pains for most of the time since I arrived in this city. 22nd. Slept the last night, but find myself quite weak this morning. We have sad accounts of our Army, total defeat as appears by report. I pass the day on the sophy. 26th. Dr. B. told me to go home as soon as I could. 30th. Quite feeble. Went to the Committee room and found all present; stated to them that I felt my health was failing and asked if in their opinion there was anything I could do for my constituents that would justify my remaining in Washington. Mr. Stevens complimented me for my usefulness & said the work was done as to the

tariff, a Committee of Conference would do all; that he believed our bill would be sustained. They all took me by the hand and said they hoped I would return again in December, etc., etc.; I was most kindly rec^d & treated by the Committee, in fact by all. At 5½ O'C. left for Baltimore.

AUGUST 1st. Arrived at Newport, found all well, glad to be with those I most love. 7th. Dr. Dunn came to see me evidently thinking I required nothing but rest; there is none with me; in afternoon much pain. 8th. Retired at ten o'clock with a Jug of hot water on my stomach. I got a nap of an hour or two; got up, took medicine & went to bed where I remained until 11 O'clock; I sent for Dr. Dunn; told him I needed active treatment; he consented to my taking some magnesia. 10th. Rode morning and evening, felt better, ate plöver, no bread nor Vegetable; I think more exercise will benefit me. 15th. Returned to Boston; slept at my House. I eat less than would be thought possible and live. 18th. Rode to Brookline in the morning with Mrs. S. Appleton, & to Dorchester in the afternoon—much troubled with bird I ate for dinner. 22nd. Good night, ate oatmeal gruel & a small chop for dinner, nothing else for the day. 25th, *Sunday*. Rode with Mrs. S. Appleton. Miss Goodwin read to me from St. Paul's Epistles & Jeremy Taylor. 26th. Rather busy with Mr. Finney in making up accounts. 30th. Went with Miss Goodwin to Newport. Ladies rode to the Fort, etc. 31st. Left Newport. Sarah met me at my house to take me to Longwood. I declined; she is a good soul.

SEPTEMBER 2nd. Went to prove the will of my late excellent friend Hon^{ble} N. Appleton; bad night. 4th. Rode to Mr. Geo. W. Lyman's & Mrs. Pratt's; pleasant visits. Mr. Dexter arrived, very glad I was to see him. Many changes since he left us for China; he returned *via* San Francisco. 7th. Meeting of the Massachusetts Delegation at State House in relation to inspection of shoes, poor affair. 17th. I think I gain strength daily. Mr. Coolidge & Master Frank returned from Newport; fine Boy. 20th. I find the old enemy is not subdued; suffered from my dinner. 21st. Went to the Office, Market & Life Office. At evening Mr. Johnson and Bugbee came in to look at plans for the house.

OCTOBER 14th. Saw Mr. Sears' Church¹ attempted to sell the pews; I fancy he will not succeed in getting his Prayer book into general use. 22nd. Went to see Gov. Washburn on Mr. Hooper's election. I think he will be elected. 25th. Cold; Ice on the Common, first frost this Autumn. There is much distress in our community by the news of the Battle near to Arlington & the death of many of our young men. 28th. Hetty & family left us. Charles & his family came to our house to reside. 30th. Made return of inventory of Mr. N. Appleton's estate, worth about eighteen Hundred Thousand dollars.

¹ In Longwood; over the Sears' family tomb.

NOVEMBER 3rd, *Sunday*. The last night we had a terrific storm, from the N.E.; much damage to ships & many lives said to be lost; 13 on Egg Rock. 5th. Election of Gov^r & other officers & a successor to me in Congress. Mr. Hooper was elected by a large majority. 6th. Went to New Bedford; could not be more kindly received than I was by Mr. Grinnell. 9th. Intended to return but rain prevented; I am sure they were pleased by the delay. 11th. Left my kind friends; Mrs. G. insisted on accompanying me to the Cars in the rain. 12th. Went to meet Jackson Directors. I do not think our factory business well managed, I will sell the half of my stock. Many calls; see too many Persons; talked until ten O'clock; went to bed very much exhausted. 16th. Anniversary of my birthday, had my children, Mr. Dexter & Miss Hatty Appleton¹ to dine; pleasant dinner, all cheerful and well. I am very doubtful as to my health, I have some cough, my appetite and digestion good, and my strength increases. I often say it is unimportant to my family & myself whether I depart in this or another year. I doubt not, as the day is, so will be my strength; yet the thought of immediate separation from those I most love gives a shock. 18th. Went to Longwood to make a visit to my sister;² George with me; find excellent rooms and all kindness. 19th. Wheeler³ came & took me to Boston; returned to dine. For a month past

¹ Mrs. Greely S. Curtis.

² Mrs. Burnham, who lived on Mountfort Street. The house is still standing.

³ His coachman.

I have eaten no meat but broiled Pork, I prefer it to anything in the way of food. 20th. Ate pork for breakfast & dinner. 23rd. Masons have about done their part to the new House, the carpenters commenced the roof. 25th. Troubled with hoarseness & some cough. 27th. I called on Dr. Jackson who told me that he had a consultation with Dr. Warren as to my going to a milder climate; said Madeira he thought best of; I did not understand they were quite settled as to the expediency; I told him I should rather have the comforts of home to those of a better climate to live in & much prefer to die with those I most love; he said I should be advised by so many to go that I was likely to change my mind, but I think he agrees with me, to stay at home.

DECEMBER 1st. Bright morning; walked to Mr. Lawrence's & returning by Mr. Binney's Cottage, walking on the grass covered with snow, fell & scratched my face & bruised me considerably. 2nd. I feel the fall of yesterday in my side. 4th. Our friends are very kind in coming to see us; W^m & wife walked to Longwood. 7th. The day promises well for the men covering in the new house.¹ 10th. Mr. Faulkner called on his way from Fort Warren, at my House; very sorry not to see him. 13th. Letter from Mr. Faulkner & accounts (repetition) of news of capture of Mason & Slidell. 16th. We hear of the reception of the news of the Capture of the "Trent," with Mason & Slidell on board. 17th. Much excitement in relation to our affairs with England, and to my surprise a talk of Suspending

¹ Prescott Street, Longwood.

specie payments; unnecessary, unwise & wicked under the circumstances. 18th. I went before the Committee of Boston Banks; they requested my view as to suspension, they had it freely. 19th. Nothing important by "Juror" from England but more excited. I sold salt peter for sixteen cents this day that I bought for eight within sixty days. I find my nervous system in a bad state, I lay awake at night, cannot keep awake in the day; no anxiety. 20th. Our news as to war with England no change; we shall avoid it, I think. 21st. Had a bad night; very little quiet sleep. I give up tea, snuff and all my comforts, but my religion, which I trust will sustain me while I am to sojourn on this earth. 24th. Went to the city and bought some Turkeys to give to those who had not them. *Xmas*, 1861. The Christian World celebrates this day as the Anniversary of the birth of our Blessed Saviour. When we turn to the distracted state of our Country; a million of men in arms, Brother against Brother, Father against Son, we pause. Does God permit the wicked, unruly passions of men to thus rule that some great good may come? The ways of God are past finding out; we must humbly do our duty, and endeavour not to offend those we call the weaker brethren; I allude to the Republican Abolitionists; I cannot doubt there are among them honest men, but more vile politicians. 27th. The accounts from Washington are alarming as to War with England. 28th. After dinner my dear William brought me the pleasing tidings that the "Trent" affair was arranged & the cause of War with England removed, which delights me more than I can express.

29th, *Sunday*. Very mild, took a long walk for me; rode an hour with my sister. 31st. The accounts we have from the different sections of the Country show we do not want War with England.

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JANUARY 1st. The year has been one of the greatest possible interest to almost all classes of our community. The War has called for the energies of the Country which in men & money have been brought forward without stint, nor has there been shown an unwillingness in supporting the Administration by many of us who do not belong to their political party, or feel much confidence in their wisdom. The Expenses of our Gov^t in my opinion taken from the 1st May, 1861, to May, 1862, will be more than five hundred million of dollars. The great amount of the expenditure is for the pay & support of the army & navy, and the large sums thus expended remain in the Country. There appears no distress among our Manufacturers, some of whom having contracts to supply clothing etc. for the Government are said to be making large fortunes, but when they close their contracts, the advance on raw material, and extension of their works may lessen their profits; our mechanicks find employment at near the last year's prices, so I find in the payment of bills for my house building; what the present new year is to bring forth remains to be developed. If not interfered with by foreign governments, we shall overrun the most valuable parts of the Country occupied by the Confederates and they may have

to make the best terms they can. I regret to say that the passions of our community are so much excited that they would, I fear, if in their power, put arms in the hands of the slaves to destroy the whites; I hear it said by those who on most things would be considered of fair understanding. The Clergy & educated men not of the very highest order compose this order & a set of noisy, strong-minded girls & boys, with a few mothers to direct and give much advice to those who have means, as to how to use it. I have been particularly noticed through the newspapers for my giving aid to the rebels by sending Wine etc. to the prisoners at Fort Warren. Mr. Faulkner, who was for four years in Congress with me, & Mr. Eustis, son of my old friend Judge Eustis, were those to whom I gave comfort, which I was willing to defend on the basis of Christianity; common civility to those not condemned, and expediency. Those who wrote that I had better send my money to aid the poor invalid soldiers had not paid a dollar for the aid of the War, while I paid thousands. The settlement of the "Trent" Mason & Slidell affair relieves me much. We are going rapidly into paper currency. Prices of all kinds of stocks will advance materially; I cannot avoid taking an interest in the prices and speculations; I am endeavouring to show the younger part of the Merchants that an old man of seventy-five has energy left; at the same time I am thinking what I shall do with the profits on the Salt Peter & Pepper I have bought & sold. I shall give part to the public & the balance to my distant relatives. 3rd. We have a strong N.W. wind and cold. Mason, Slidell &

Co. must have had a bad time in the gun boat. Had a very kind letter from Eustis; Mason and Slidell I did not notice, I do not think them honest. 7th. I am provoked at the course the Banks & Government are taking in relation to specie. We are likely to have a bad currency, very likely, worse than bad. 8th. I have suffered, and have taken no food except tea or gruel for 48 hours. 9th. Went to Boston, quite feeble and irritable; sooner my house is in order the better; my faith is strong that I shall meet death as I now feel, without a dread. 10th. Went to the City; wrote my cousin Mrs. M^cM. that I would aid her. Had a long talk with Dr. Jackson who says I have no disease to carry me off like Mr. N. Appleton, but I am not strong. If I cannot take food I cannot gain strength, but he evidently thinks I shall be out again in summer. 11th. Mrs. Dodge & Kitty¹ returned from Phil^d, glad to see them back. All attention to me. 12th. Mr. Dexter writes me from Washington that some important movements are expected; they do not appear in full confidence. 15th. Rainstorm; not well, nor improving. Had a letter from David Stiles, my earliest acquaintance in Temple, in Mr. Wheeler's² store with me, now poor but worthy; sent him money which he uses judiciously. 16th. Rain ceases & all is turned to ice, seldom better Sleighing; went to the City, at work with Mr. Hall on my Trust. 18th. Sent for Mr. Bartlett to come & see me,

¹ Mrs. Burnham's daughter and granddaughter (now Mrs. A. Lawrence Hopkins).

² Artemus Wheeler "kept tavern and sold West India goods." Mr. Appleton lived with him. The house is standing and is owned by Miss Bessie S. Hayward. The store has gone; it stood on a part of what is now the village green.

rode with him to his house. 20th. Storm continues, went to City, but did not get out at our house. Quite feeble; miserable afternoon, — snow, hail & rain. 21st. No change in the weather, snow, rain, hail, alternately. 22nd. Went to the City, not long at the Office. Sold the sugar & most of Salt Peter. 23rd. Mr. Bartlett handed me Trust papers, I gave them to Mr. Hall.

THE END

of the Seven Volumes of Diaries

HONORABLE WILLIAM APPLETON died in Longwood at the home of his sister, Mrs. Burnham, February 15, 1862.

Three days later "the funeral services were held at St. Paul's (Episcopal) Church at twelve o'clock, noon. A large number of the relatives and friends of the deceased, with many members of the City Government, were present. The remains . . . were carried from his late residence in Beacon Street to the church where they were received by the wardens and vestrymen. . . . The solemn burial service of the Episcopal Church was conducted by Rev. Dr. A. H. Vinton, Bishop Potter of Pennsylvania, Rev. Dr. Stone of Brookline and the Rector of St. Paul's.

"After the ceremonies the body was accompanied to Mount Auburn by a very large company in carriages. The closing service of the Episcopal Church was read at the grave."

