Note: I will, as much as possible, try to preserve the appearance of Gallison's Journals. This first excerpt is from Volume H. Gallison used page numbers in all but one of the volumes, and was a frequent user of marginal notes.

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Sunday ev[enin]g 24 Nov[ember] 1816

On the morning after making my last entry in my journal, I set out at two o'clock in the Eastern Stage for Wiscassett. I found my travelling companions to be James S. Austin Esq[uire] who was on his way to join the Commissioners for settling the boundary line between the U[nited] S[tates] & N[ew] Brunswick having the appointment for Agent for the U[nited] S[tates] government - and Mr Jos[eph] H. Pierce - Clerk of the Municipal Court - whom about a year since I ordered to leave my office in consequence of some insulting language - I found him, on this journey a very agreeable companion. He accompanied me as far as Wiscassett, & staid at the townhouse, while I was there - Indeed, it was by his politeness that I was introduced to that house, which was Mrs Lee's, the widow of the late

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Silas Lee Esq[uire] district Att[orne]y of Maine. - Col[onel] Austin stopped at Portland - He was very pleasant as a travelling companion. -

My first business at Portland was to call on M^r Mellen. Through the attention of

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[120 miles divided by 19 hours = 6 1/3 miles per hour] Mr Wells, whom I fortunately found at the tavern, where I alighted, I was conducted to Mr Mellen's house - He was not at home - Fatigued as I was with my ride, having travelled from Boston to Portland a distance of 120 miles, in nineteen hours, I sat down to look over my papers. I called again for Mr M[ellen] at ten, but he had not returned. He called on me between ten and eleven, & with him at twelve I went to see Mr Kinsman, whom we called out of bed - Mr Mellen tho[ugh]t it unnecessary for me to go to Wiscassett, but I soon found that matters had not been so

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definitely arranged as to have me at liberty to return - So I went in the stage on the next morning, & arrived at Wiscassett about five in the afternoon - Mellen & Kinsman came that evening, & lodged also at Mrs Lee's. - The district Court sat on the following day - and all my business was happily arranged - On Thursday morning I set out on my return - passed that evening in Portland, & on Friday morning started for Boston, where I arrived on Saturday morning at 12 o'clock - not a little pleased to have finished my journey in so short a time & with so much success - // -

Nothing of much importance has occurred

	from that time to this. I have been for the
	most part engaged in business - I have
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Edgeworth's tales -	however, read Miss Edgeworth's fashionable tales, which
	afforded me great delight - Sir W[illiam] Temple's Sketch
Sir W[illiam] Temple	of the U[nited] Provinces ¹ - & his Memoirs from [16]72 to [16]79 ² -
Temple	- These are both interesting works, & contain much
	valuable information - I have also read on Sun-
Sherlock	day's Sherlock's sermons, which I find to be
	admirable specimens of pulpit eloquence -
	they contain the noblest sentiments of religion
	& piety expressed in a style equally neat
	& fervid - They are, as all sermons ought
	to be, practical - and directed to the
	heart, as well as the understanding.
Take possession	- Dr Bigelow having removed to other lodg-
of room	ings I have lately taken possession of his
	room - where I am comfortably established -
	- I have long wished a place where I could
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	study comfortably, & see my friends occa-
	sionally. The room is so near to the office
	that I can at any moment be called - if
	I should chuse to pass an afternoon in study
	at home -
Sermons.	There ettended grouphin to device
	I have attended worship to-day at
	M ^r Channing's as usual. He delivered

in the morning an admirable sermon upon "parental duty" in continuation of one delivered on the last sabbath morning - text "*Train up a child in the ways he should go*" - The sermon of last sunday was upon the religious education of children - that of to-day upon other parental duties - comprised under the head of - making provision for their support and subsistence -

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of self-command in the government of children of example - of reflection upon the means of promoting their happiness - and of perseverance -

Under the first division M^r C[hanning], in the most impresive manner, recommended the training of every child to some useful calling, which might enable him to subsist by his own exertions - and exposed the folly of toiling to heap up riches for children, by which they were more often ruined than benefitted. -

This afternoon M^r Tho[ma]s Savage of Salem preached for M^r Channing. He is a young man, who has but recently entered on the sacred office.

Sunday - 22 Dec[ember] 1816

Coombe's trial

The most important event in my history since the last entry in my journal, is the trial & acquittal of George Coombes, indicted for murder,

	for whom I acted as junior counsel with
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	M ^r Hubbard - The trial took place on Tuesday
	Dec[ember] 3 ^{[r]d} before C[hief] J[ustice] Parker - & Judges Jackson
	& Putnam It occupied the whole day. The
	Jury retired about 10 o'clock in the ev[enin]g &
	returned between 11 & 12 o'clock with a ver-
	dict of "not guilty" - // - I was fortunate
	enough to be rewarded for the labor &
	anxiety I had suffered in this business
	by having from many who were present, &
	among others from the C[hief] J[ustice], favorable remarks
	on my conduct in the cause. I addressed
	the Jury after the evidence for the prosecution
	was finished and before that for the prisoner
	was introduced. I had thought this the
	most proper course for junior counsel
	I had prepared ^ premeditated my speech perhaps a little
	too much - but I have the satisfaction to
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	know that it was favorably judged of by most
	of those, who heard it - & I think my reputa-
	tion has been increased by this effort.
	A printer in town employed J. J. Austin
	Esq[uire] to prepare a report of the trial. He
	set it in type while the trial was going on,
	and published a thing as my speech, which
	would disgrace the greatest dunces. I had no

opportunity to correct it - The whole report of the trial is imperfect & incorrect.

I prepared myself a short sketch for the *Daily Advertiser*, which presents the principal points - It will be found in the *Weekly Messenger* - Vol[ume] 6. - N° 9 -

For the issue of this business I felt a gratitude to Heaven - for before the verdict my anxiety was extreme. I could then recollect ma-

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ny things, which had they been done might have saved the prisoner - My apprehensions were the greater, because the charge was such that if the Jury believed what was positively sworn by two witnesses, they were bound to convict of murder. - The verdict relieved me from this painful state - and I have since trembled to think how much of my happiness I staked upon this trial - The prisoner had less at hazard than I had. -

I have since found that he went to sea two days after - The ingratitude of this man is almost incredible. From the time, that he left the Court House I have not seen him, nor his M^r Hubbard - I did not speak with him after the verdict, in consequence of the lateness of the hour - From M^r Bell he also received many kindnesses, for which he has returned no

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Thanksgiving day -	On Thanksgiving day - (Thursday 28 Nov[ember]) I dined
	in consequence of an invitation I had received some
	time before with at Mr Prescott's. A considerable
	number of M ^r & M ^{rs} P[rescott]'s friends were present -
	and the afternoon was passed in the most
	pleasant & social manner
	I passed the evening at M ^r S. Salisbury sen[ior]'s
	very pleasantly indeed -
J. Wilson's return	About a fortnight since I was called on by
	Mr L. Jarvis, who informed me for the first time
	of my friend J. Wilson's return, & that I
	should find him at his house that evening. I
	went & found there M ^r & M ^{rs} Wilson. Wilson
	had been home about three weeks, & was still
	sick & feeble from the diseases of the climate, con-
	tracted during his summer's cruise in the Gulph
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	of Mexico He had come from M[arble]h[ea]d for the pur-
	pose of consulting D ^r Danforth. I passed an
1	hour with him & M ^{rs} W[ilson] & their friends very
	happily
	I do not remember any other occurrence of
	much importance - The session of the Supreme
	Court has kept me very much occupied - &

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	a sermon replete with thought, & such as could
22 Dec[ember]	the words "God is the searcher of hearts" - It was
Sunday	M ^r Channing's morning sermon was from
	and powerfully exhorted as to endeavor its attainment.
	as affected. It fixed a high standard of filial duty,
	this was not all - It enlightened & instructed as well
	have I felt my own more powerfully touched - But
	the feelings of the audience was very visible. Never
	eloquent & affecting discourse. Its effect upon
	thy father & thy mother &c" - It was an
	duties of parents - The text was "Honor
	livered, & which I have before noticed on the
	responding with two which he had lately de-
	on the duties of children to their parents, cor-
	er - In the afternoon he delivered one
15 Dec[ember]	sermon was on the duty & advantages of pray-
Sunday	On the last sabbath, M ^r Channing's morning
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	who had lately come from Springfield was also
	cett, a pleasant young man Mr Henry Stearns
	of the party, & an English gentleman, named Fans-
	Miss Ann Prescott - M ^r & M ^{rs} Cushing were also
19 Dec[ember]	was then with Miss S. Gardner - Miss E. Clap - &
Thursday	with a small & very pleasant party. Aunt Scott
	On Thursday last I dined at Uncle Sewall's

not fail to awaken in every one, who heard it, a sense of his own imperfection, & of the importance of keeping the heart with all diligence - M^r C[hanning] after some general remarks on the character of Deity as a searcher of hearts & on the meaning of this phrase - that it implied something more than mere notice - that it implied a scrutiny from which nothing could be hidden - proceeded to inculcate deduce from the truth the following results -

- 1. It was an argument for humility If we feel abashed in the presence of one, who knows of our having committed a single fault, how much more shall ^ we be humbled in his sight, to whom all our most secret offences are known.
- 2. It is the strongest possible argument for sincerity. Though we may deceive men, God

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cannot be deceived. In no situation can we escape his knowledge - And the day will arrive when our secret sins will be published to the world - when the hypocrite will be unmasked - and whose state will be then more miserable? -

- 3. It is an argument for watchfulness.
- 4. It is an argument for encouragement& perseverance, to those who are subjected to

unjust calumny & reproach - whose best actions are misinterpreted - and whose silent goodness passes unobserved by this world. - At the great day, we have reason to believe that many will be among the most distinguished, who never before were known -

5. This truth is a reason for the silent worship of the heart & affections, often the most acceptable to God, at times & in situations, when it would be unreasonable openly to address him.

The afternoon sermon was from Psalms 42 - XII

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"Why art thou cast down, O my soul?" The subject was "dejection" a state of mind
very strongly depicted in the language of this
psalm. - The nature & causes of dejection were
first explained - and the preacher then proceeded to suggest the many reasons against
dejection which were supplied to the Christian
from the doctrine of his religion. - "Why art
thou cast down, follower of Jesus?" In answer to this inquiry, repeated at the introduction of each distinct topic, Mr C[hanning] with
his usual ability, endeavoured to impress upon
his hearers the consolation & support to be
derived from the religion they profess. - Confidence & trust in the providence of a merci-

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ful parent & benefactor, the experience of past kindness, our limited views of causes & effects, and our hopes of immortality, were the chief sources of comfort insisted on. -

Sunday ev[enin]g 22 Dec[ember]

This evening I called at Aunt Scott's, & found her in good health & spirits - I called also at Uncle Gray's - My next visit was to M^r Prescott's. It is the first time I have made what may be called an evening visit there. M^{rs} P[rescott] a short time since gave me an invitation to call familiarly - But my natural reserve & reluctance together with the appropriation already made of my Sunday evenings, prevented my availing myself of her kindness - Last evening M^r Prescott, as he left the office, in his usual friendly manner, invited me to pass a part of my Sunday ev[enin]gs with him, when I could conve-

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niently. I could not resist a[n] invitation so acceptable in itself, & so cordially given. My visit there held me till near nine o'clock.

I found M^{rs} P[rescott] & her daughter with Miss Caroline Preble - We were joined afterwards by a M^r Calcot. M^r Prescott was probably in his study. He did not make his appearance until I had been there half an hour.

M^r Lee afterwards came in. - The conversation was cheerful & pleasant such as I was unwilling to leave - even to go

to where my heart always goes before me.
- At ¼ before nine however I reached
Uncle Sewall's, & was rec[eive]d as usual into
their fire-side circle - We talked most-
ly of M ^r Channing's sermons -
I have read to-day one only of Sher-
lock's sermons. But shall read another
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before going to bed.