

**Sunday. 6 Apr[il] - 1817.**

Nothing of much importance has occurred the last week. The literary club, lately instituted, has continued to meet at Hale's every ~~Wednesday~~ <sup>Thursday</sup> evening, & has been a source of much gratification - At the last meeting I read an essay upon the neglect of our reason as applied to life & conduct in Education. It was favorably received. - On returning I nearly finished another, which I intend as a sequel, containing an account of a practical example of the improvement I wished to introduce. It is founded on the scheme, lately carried into operation by Miss Dana at the M[arble]h[ea]d academy. -

The Court, to my great joy, adjourned on Wednesday last. - I have been successful in three law cases which I have argued at this term - being all in which I was alone -

Thursday was fast day. - I did not attend meet-

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ing in the morning, but staid at home, preparing my essay for the club. - In the afternoon I heard M<sup>r</sup> Channing on the text "*Righteousness exalteth a nation*" - The object of the sermon was to shew, that a religious & moral state of society advances national prosperity, & the preacher enforced the general truth by shewing its application to the several constituents of natural felicity. -

Marriage of  
M<sup>r</sup> Russell  
& Miss Smith

On Wednesday ev[enin]g there was a party at Uncle Gray's,  
- I met there several very pleasant young ladies,  
& passed a pleasant evening. This visit prevented my  
making the wedding visit of M<sup>r</sup> Guild, who was married  
on Monday to Miss Elliot.

On Wednesday took place a very celebrated  
& a very ridiculous wedding - that of Miss Lydia Smith  
with Jona[than] Russell Esq[ui]re]. The ceremony was perform-  
ed at the Chapel, & having been announced in the  
news-papers, the House was crowded to over-flowing.  
It was aptly called, a "Lady-mob" -

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The bridal pomp was splendidly ludicrous. The horses I  
have been assured, were guided with white-satin reins.

- I have attended worship this morning at  
M<sup>r</sup> Channing's, & heard a most eloquent ser-  
mon on the Resurrection, this being Easter-sunday.  
The text was "*The Lord is risen.*" M<sup>r</sup> C[hanning] describ-  
ed in the most impressive manner the feelings of the  
disciples immediately preceding this great event. He  
placed before us Jesus sleeping in the tomb, & to the eye  
of sense forever deprived of animation & reason - the disci-  
ples assembled at an early hour to embalm his re-  
mains, & then as they supposed to return to their homes,  
their hopes forever disappointed. But the angel de-  
scended - he rolled away the stone - and Jesus rose -  
& with him, all mankind shall one day rise - M<sup>r</sup>

	<p>C[hanning] then enlarged upon the interesting feelings &amp; reflexions, which this event was calculated to inspire - He closed</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>96</b></p> <p>with an animated &amp; glowing description of the hopes, which are founded on the resurrection of the Savior - and of the joys of that state, when we shall exclaim - "O grave, where is now thy victory - O death, where is now thy sting."</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sunday - P.M. - 6 Apr[il] - 1817</b></p> <p>In the afternoon M<sup>r</sup>Gilman preached - his sermon was a pretty good one on a subject which I have now (Apr[il] 13) forgotten:-</p> <p>I took tea at Aunt Scott's, which seemed to give her much pleasure - I then called &amp; passed an hour at Uncle Sewall's, where I met M<sup>r</sup> Brown, whose deposition was to be taken the following day, &amp; was detained some time with him &amp; Uncle Sewall in discussing the testimony. - Returned, &amp; spent the rest of the evening in reading Cranch [?].</p> <p style="text-align: center;">He</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>97</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Boston - Sunday - 13 Apr[il] 1817</b></p> <p>During the past week I have spent my leisure time in preparing for a <i>review of Wheaton's reports</i>, of which I have not yet written a word. - Nothing very important has occurred - M<sup>r</sup> Theop[hilus] Parsons</p>

M<sup>r</sup> Th[eophilus] Parsons sails for Russia

sailed for Russia on Friday - His object is health.

This day I have attended worship at M<sup>r</sup> Channing's, & have heard from him two very good sermons. That in the morning was on the three first petitions of the Lord's prayer - "*Hallowed be thy name - thy Kingdom come - thy will be done &c*". M<sup>r</sup> C[hanning] began by explaining the important objects which these words signified - He then, with admirable eloquence & force, inculcated the duty of promoting these objects, (the diffusion of piety, religion, & Christian virtue), by an example, by our conversation, by supporting the institutions of religion &c. -

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This afternoon the sermon was on "*benevolence*" - "*By ye kind, one to another - tender-hearted - forgiving one another*" - The benevolence recommended was not an occasional good will, confined to particular persons, but a general benignity & kindness of temper - M<sup>r</sup> C[hanning] explained this duty, & enforced it, with his usual clearness, zeal, & accuracy of distinction - He considered it as opposed to anger & violence of temper, which displays itself in sudden bursts of rage - and to fretfulness & peevishness. - The first he compared to a storm, which agitates the atmosphere, & spreads gloom & terror for a while - but is often succeeded by a brighter sunshine & a serene sky - The second, to a gloomy & unwholesome atmosphere, filled with vapors -

	<p>passed the ev[ening] at home, preparing to write the <i>review of Wheaton</i>.</p>
<p>Contract for publishing 2<sup>nd</sup> vol[ume] of <i>reports</i>.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>99</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sunday - P.M. 20 April [18]17</b></p> <p>I have attended worship at M<sup>r</sup> Channing's &amp; heard two very good sermons from M<sup>r</sup> Tuckerman of Chelsea. That in the morning was on the value &amp; importance of the Scriptures. - His subject this afternoon was "<i>self-denial</i>" - The morning sermon was by far the best. -</p> <p>I read this morning, &amp; before meeting this afternoon several pages of <i>Burgh's Dignity of Human Nature</i>, with which I am very much pleased.-</p> <p>I now proceed to writing the <i>Review of Wheaton</i>, which I must finish this evening.</p> <p>The last week I have made a contract with Wells &amp; Lilly for printing &amp; publishing a second volume of <i>Reports</i> - It is to be put to press immediately - They publish it at</p>
<p>D<sup>r</sup> Bigelow's marriage</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>100</b></p> <p>their own risk entirely.</p> <p>D<sup>r</sup> Bigelow was married on Tuesday ev[enin]g last to Miss Mary Scollay. - On Thurs-</p>

day ev[enin]g, I was at his wedding-party. He sets out with every prospect of happiness.

When will a similar fortune be mine!

Alas! I fear never.

**Sunday - 27 April - 1817.**

I attended in the morning at M<sup>r</sup> Channing's, & heard an admirable sermon, on the duty of a strong and habitual desire of righteousness - "*to hunger and thirst after righteousness*" - I was confident that I had formerly heard a sermon from this text - but think it was not the same sermon - // - After meeting I walked over S[outh] Boston bridge, & called at M<sup>r</sup> Greele's as I returned.

In the afternoon heard M<sup>r</sup> Channing again - ~~He announced his intention of setting out on a journey the ensuing week -~~