

<p>Sunday - 1 June</p> <p>Dinner at Uncle Sewall's</p> <p>Sunday 8 June</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">111</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sunday - 8 June - 1817 -</p> <p>The last sabbath I attended worship all day at M^r Channing's, & heard my class-mate Goodwin, now settled in Sandwich. His sermon in the morning was on the duty of an open profession as well as practice of [^]the Christian religion - "<i>Let him, that is in darkness, shew himself</i>" - - It was an ingenious sermon - I cannot now recollect the subject of his afternoon sermon - but it was useful & well-written. -</p> <p>On Friday last I dined at Uncle Jos. Sewall's with M^{rs} Story, widow of the late J. Story, formerly clergyman at M[arble]h[ea]d. - M^r & M^{rs} Porter - M^r & M^{rs} Whitwell - Miss Story - a Miss Parks - & M^{rs} J. Williams - // - -</p> <p>I was occupied thro' the week in the usual way. I read several proofs of the second volume of <i>Reports</i> - // -</p> <p>This morning, M^r Channing being still absent</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">112</p> <p>on his journey, his desk was filled by a M^r Shawford Bridgwater. He appeared to be a man of very tolerable parts - but he was a very uninteresting preacher -</p>

<p>M^r Gannett</p> <p>Removal of the Sewalls from M[arble]h[ea]d</p>	<p>This afternoon I have been highly gratified by the preaching of M^r Gannett of Cambridge-port. - His sermon was on the danger of over security & confidence - "<i>Let him, that standeth, take heed lest he fall</i>". - His prayer especially was calculated to awaken devotion in the most languid - His petitions were appropriate - his language chaste - his manner affecting. My feelings have not been for a long time, more powerfully arrested.</p> <p>On Friday last I called in the evening at M^r Greele's - & found there the whole of the late Judge's family, who had arrived that day with</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">113</p> <p>all their baggage, excepting what they had disposed of at auction. - They have entirely quitted M[arble]h[ea]d & will, in future, reside in Boston, or in Burlington. I saw only Cousin Henry, who was busily at work, unpacking trunks &c - & made his appearance in an embroidered waistcoat, which his father had worn at his (Henry's) christening - & which he had just found in a trunk. Henry is on a visit from N[ew]York with his wife & infant child.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sunday ev[en]ing 15 June 1817 -</p> <p>Yesterday I dined at Uncle Sewall's in company with H.D. Sewall & wife - It was an uncerimonious fam-</p>

	<p>ily dinner - no other guests present - & I enjoyed it very highly, tho' not in very good spirits to talk. - I had after dinner, an opportunity of seeing for the first time Cousin Henry's boy - a fine child of seven months -</p>
<p>Sunday</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">114</p> <p>I was rejoiced to perceive an evident alteration for the better in Aunt S[ewall]'s health & spirits -</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">A circumstance occurred on Friday which afforded me no little pleasure, as an evidence of the kind remembrance, in which my most valued friends hold me. - M^r Prescott had shewn me a letter from M^r Bowditch detailing the circumstances of a hardø unfortunate case of M^{rs} Higginson, & her daughter, relatives & very dear friends, of M^{rs} J. Sewall, who reside in Salem. In talking of these ladies, I observed that I had never seen them - M^r P[rescott] seemed surprized & said, that they expressed a great interest in my welfare. - This interest must have been communicated entirely from my Uncle J. Sewall, his most excellent wife, & her sister. -</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">This morning, I was prevented from going to church</p>
	<p style="text-align: right;">115</p> <p>by a heavy rain, my umbrella being left yesterday at Uncle Sewall's. I spent the time in reading <i>Taylor's Holy Living</i> - This afternoon I went before church to Uncle Sewall's - & accompanied</p>

Cousin Thomas to Trinity Church, having had for some time a desire to hear D^r Gardner. His sermon was on the “*uses of adversity*” - “*It is good for men that I have been afflicted*” - It was an ingenious elegant, neatly written performance, & though it contained no very new or striking views of the subject, it presented in a clear & forcible manner the usual arguments upon this head -

This evening, I called at D^r Bigelow’s, where I passed an hour very pleasantly - I then went to Uncle May’s, & remained there till after ten.

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The letters of the Br[itish] Spy ^[7] having been mentioned, Uncle May, at my request, read aloud the interesting letter describing the eloquence of Waddell, the blind preacher - & also, the characters of C. J. Marshall - & of M^r Monroe, the new president of the U[nited] S[tates]. The hour of course was spent profitably & agreeably.

Sunday - 22 June. 1817.

During the past week, I have been chiefly occupied with the business of the office - and with the second volume of *Reports*, now in the press. - In the course of the week, I have completed the case of the Brutus, by making a sketch of the arguments of M^r Dexter & M^r Prescott. Some part of my time has been spent in reading proofs, to which I generally devote the morning. - M^r Prescott

	<p>went on Tuesday to Pepperell, & returned yesterday.</p> <p>- On Sunday last intelligence was rec[eive]d here of the</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">117</p> <p>death of Sylv[ester] Bourne Esq[ui]re, Amer[ican] Consul in Amsterdam, whose son about 17 years of age, arrived in this Country in October last, & is now a student at Cambridge. This event has caused the deepest affliction to the sister & son of the deceased. I called at Uncle Gray's to see the latter on Tuesday ev[enin]g & found him in great distress. - To-day, he has spent some time ^{^ in my room}, & has been with me to meeting. He seems more composed, & intends returning to-morrow to Cambridge - -</p> <p>M^r Gilman has preached all day at M^r Channing's. In the morning his sermon, was on "religious experience" - this afternoon, on "being fruitful in good works & increasing in the knowledge of God" - Both were very tolerable sermons.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">10 o'clock ev[enin]g</p> <p>After tea I spent an hour & an half in arranging my papers & notes for a reference, wh[ic]h is to take place to-morrow between S. Higginson sen[ior] & Sewall, Salisbury & Co[mpany] - I then called on Aunt Scott, & had considerable conversation with her on the subject of her affairs.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">118</p> <p>I was sorry to perceive, that she entertains very unfounded expectations. - I then called at Uncle</p>

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J. Sewall's - but perceiving that Uncle & Aunt S[ewall] had intended to go out to walk, & that my coming prevented them, I staid only a few minutes, & went to M^r Greele's, where I found cousin Henry & wife - Miss A. Sterns & cousin Thomas. After spending an hour quite pleasantly, I walked home with these friends - M^{rs} Greele, I was glad to learn, is somewhat better.

Sunday - 29 June - 1817.

I began the day with an early walk over S[outh] Boston bridge - After breakfast, I read a portion of *Isaiah*, & then a chapter of *1 Cor[inthians]* in the Greek of Griesbach - // - I went to meeting with my mind better disposed than it has for some time been for devotional exercise - It was with pleasure I saw M^r Channing again in the pulpit after an absence of ~~al-most~~ nearly two months, on a journey for his health. I looked anxiously in his countenance to see if it discovered any marks of benefit

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from his tour. There is an evident improvement, though his health appears not near so well confirmed as I could wish. - He seemed deeply affected by this reunion with his people after an interval, which he observed was longer, with one exception, that [*sic*] any that had occurred during his ministry. - Instead of a regular sermon, which since his return he had not had time to prepare, he proposed to deliver the ~~express~~ the [*sic*] sentiments & reflexions, which had occurred to him since his return, without much attention to method, and in a familiar style. The address was

	<p>indeed the overflowing of his heart, & it found, I believe, the hearts of his hearers. His own duties & ours were the theme of his discourse. He declared his resolution to devote himself with new zeal to the great work, which he had to perform, though a consciousness of human imperfection, & the</p>
	<p style="text-align: right;">120</p> <p>precariousness of his health, with-held him from giving the pledge that his feelings prompted. - But his hearers too had duties. He earnestly exhorted us to unite our endeavours with his own, and to strive sincerely for the attainment of Christian excellence. - Without this attention on the part of the people, it was scarcely possible that the minister's zeal should not flag, & his spirits sink. -</p> <p style="text-align: center;">At this time, reflexions upon the importance of his duties pressed on him with peculiar force. This month completed the fourteenth year from his ordination to the pastoral charge - and the fifteenth from his entrance upon [^]into the sacred profession - A calculation had been made, that thirty years was the average period of a clergyman's remaining with his people. This period, which he thought too large for this town, he could not but reflect, that he had now half passed. He could hardly realize the lapse</p>
	<p style="text-align: right;">121</p> <p>of time. Much was yet to be done. With what painful feelings should he close his labours, if compelled to witness their want of success! - On</p>

the other hand, with what joy & serenity sh[oul]d he retire from life, could he be permitted to see many by his instructions, called to repentance & to lives of seriousness & virtue. -

Another remark which made a deep impression upon his feelings, was the smallness of the number of those now remaining, who were his first friends & hearers. When he looked round, he could discover but here & there one. - Some entire families were blotted out by death - Others were scattered & dispersed. Among others, he would mention the family, into which, on his first settling, he was rec[eive]d as a child - that of M^r Thomas Davis - and that highly valued & useful officer of the Church, Deacon Wright -

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Just before dinner Cousin Thomas Sewall called, & wished me to dine at their house, as his father wished to confer with me resp[ectin]g a transfer of property, which M^r Williams had rec[eive]d in Portland from Martin Wells - I consented to go - I found at table Cousin Henry & wife - We had quite a social dinner - talked of M^r Channing &c &c -

This afternoon M^r Channing again preached. His sermon was on "*Christian perfection*" - "*Be ye, therefore perfect, even as your Father, that is in Heaven, is perfect*". - It was an interesting dis-

	<p>course - full of elevated sentiments - & the most powerful arguments for proposing to ourselves the highest possible standard of virtue & holiness.</p> <p>I called at Uncle Sewall's after meeting - & spent a few minutes.</p>
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