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	Saturday ev[enin]g 1 March 1817.
	On Friday I dined at M ^r Prescott's, with
Dinner at	quite a literary party. There were present,
M ^r Prescott's	the Rev[erend] Pres[ident] Kirkland - Dr Vaughan
	from Halliwell - Hon[orable] Judge Dawes - Dr Aaron
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	Dexter &c &c - The ladies present were
	Miss Hannah & Louisa Putnam, from Sa-
	lem, daughters of the Hon[orable] Judge Putnam, both
	admirable girls - and the elder particularly
	possessing superior intelligence, dignity and
	sweetness - Louisa is beautiful, playful, and
	ingenuous - I took my seat at table next
	to Hannah, & an enviable one I found it.
	- I did not hear much of the conversation
	at the upper end of the table, where sat
	the literati One subject was physiognomy
	- Dr Vaughan quoted Hogarth, as main-
	taining that those passions, which are most
Physiognomy	frequently exercised, leave an impression upon
	the features ^ muscles which they call into action - Dr V[aughan]
	favored this opinion - & indeed, there can be no
	doubt of its correctness Judge Dawes began
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	this conversation by remarking, that it was
	a very common observation, that those who
	had lived long together resembled each other
	in countenance - Another topic was the
John Jay -	character of Mr Jay and the occupations of
	his retirement - D ^r V[aughan] said he had formerly

known him very intimately, & had expressed a wish to call on him, if he should make a meditated journey to Philadelphia. But had been told, it was unpleasant to him to see Company, & that he was entirely engrossed in theological pursuits, & particularly in the interpretation of the prophecies - The Hon[orable] Judge Davis opposed this idea, & said, it was true, that M^r Jay was fond of theological pursuits - but not that he was particu-

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larly engaged in the interpretation of the prophecies - M^r Prescott said, from what M^r Jay's son had told him, he was led to suppose that his attention was very much directed to this object - It was remarked that M^r Jay had always expressed a resolution not to continue in public life beyond the age of fifty - - I could have remarked but did not, that this was also Sir W[illiam] Temple's period - Dr Kirkland mentioned a singular fact with regard to M^r Jay, viz[it] [namely], that when he was asked, upon the eve of his departure on a public mission, what salary would be sufficient for him, he replied, "you must give me enough to live upon, & to lay up for my family \$1000 per year - and whatever

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you give me, I shall live in such a manner as to lay up that sum yearly. My duty to my family requires it." -

On Friday ev[enin]g I went by invitation to M^{rs} Amory's in Newbury Street, the relative

of M^{rs} Prescott - - I found there a most brilliant party of ladies, young & old, who seemed to have no care, but to enjoy, & make others enjoy themselves - There was no dull formality - all was life and spirit & glee - Several ladies played on an excellent piano. The Miss Putnams played & sung with great taste & execution - A dance was proposed. M^{rs} Prescott, the soul of every thing, persevered till she had got it up. I joined, having the younger Miss Putman

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for my partner - - M^{rs} Prescott was particularly cheerful, & took great pains, to make me join in the merriment - She promised me, that if I would come to her house this evening, I should hear more of the Miss Putnam's music -So, about eight o'clock, after a day spent rather sluggishly in business, I went thither - I found only M^r Amory's family, & a Mr Dabney present -The young ladies soon began their music, and I was indeed highly gratified - Miss H. Putnam played - Miss Louisa sung - and their joint powers were indeed great - Miss Preble also played, but I was less interested in her music, because perhaps it was more scientific -After the music I joined reluc-

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Reluctantly [*sic*] in a game of whist, a game for which I have no affection, & which now prevented my conversing with Miss Putnam - But I feared, that my refusal might appear affected or morose. - - Now, that I am returned, I feel all the symp-

toms of a severe cold - Perhaps, I may shake it off. **Sunday - 2 March 1817 -**After a feverish & restless night, I woke "emerging from a sea of dreams; When my wreck'd desponding thought at random drove -Her helm of reason lost" - I found myself much indisposed, but resolved not to keep house, thinking that exercise & occupation would aid me to subdue the disorder. - I have been to meeting both forenoon & afternoon - M^r Channing, in the morning, **62** gave us one of his admirable sermons, upon Lord's supper the institution of the Lord's supper - He gave an historical account of the abuses & errors to which this institution had given occasion particularly transubstantiation - and consubstantiation - Mr C[hanning] in his strongest & most animated manner exposed to view the absurdities of these doctrines - It was almost incredible that errors, so contradicted by the senses, and the common principle of reason, should have been received & defended by numbers in the Christian community - - M^r C[hanning] then explained the causes of this corruption, viz[it] [namely] - the passion for something new and wonderful - and the ambition of the clergy whose power was greatly increased by the primary importance attached to the sacraments – Zuingluis [Zwinglius] & Calvin, the Swiss reformers, had the merit of first 63 affixing a rational meaning to the words of our Savior

"this is my body &c" - interpreting them in the

same manner, as they did other passages, such as "I am the true vine" &c. Mr C[hanning] then considered the causes of the neglect of this institution at the present day - He addressed the conscientious scruples of those, who abstained from principle - the folly of those (which with a gesture for him unusually violent he characterized as "monstrous folly!") who desert the ordinance under the false idea, that they are thereby under a less necessity of strictness of life & conversation - The arguments of Mr C[hanning] were very powerful - & almost persuaded me to be a communicant - Indeed, I know not what restrains me - It becomes me certainly to think of it seriously -

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As I returned from meeting, I went thro[ugh] Summer Street for the purpose of calling on M^r Theop[hilus] Parsons, who is seriously sick from ulcers on the lungs - Mrs Prescott had informed me, that he had expressed a strong desire to see me. This surprized me not a little, as there has been very little intercour[se] between him & myself. - I found in the parlour M^r Charles Parsons, Judge Jackson - a lady, that I supposed to be M^{rs} Parsons, & supposed rightly - Miss C. Preble - & Miss H. Parsons, whom I had often before met at M^r Prescott's, without knowing her to be the daughter of the late C[hief] Justice - They seemed all sad, in consequence of Mr P[arson]'s increasing illness - They had resolved to keep [him] in future from

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company, for which he has a strong desire - Accordingly, I did not see him.

In going up Summer Street I met Miss
Ann Sterns returning from Church - She stopped
to tell me, that Aunt Sewall had requested her,
if she should see me, to ask me to come home
& dine with them. This was, as always, a gratifying invitation, & tho' unwell I thought the
company of so good friends would cheer & animate me - I found there Miss Dana, &

M^r Greele, & passed a very pleasant time, though
continually under the operation of an ague -

- At M^r Channing's, this afternoon, the desk was filled by a young man, whose name, I believe, is Clarke - He gave us a very decent sermon upon the nature & good effects of godliness or piety –

After meeting, I felt so unwell, that

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I was very glad to reach home - and do not go out again this evening.

I have read to-day some pages of *Taylor's Holy Living*. -

Sat[urda]y ev[enin]g 8 March - 1817 -

On Sunday ev[enin]g last, after making the last entry, I employed myself in preparing for the argument of a cause until about ten, when I went into the sitting room, & conversed for some time with M^r Shaw - I had felt all day cold & agueish - I rose to retire to my room, & was taking a glass of water, when I found my sight failing -

Fessenden & M ^r Shaw, After this, I was con-
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g, till I seemed to be returning
moment doubted my own
perceived that Miss F[essenden] &
mployed in rubbing my hands
collected my fainting, &
ver - I was however very near
But by getting up & walking
M ^r S[haw's] assistance, I recovered.
ny cold fits ceased By
ce of Miss F[essenden] & Mr Shaw,
up, & to soak my feet -
and getting into a warm
comfortable through the
ter on Monday, tho'
nt to the office & at-
ss - but not with much
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care as to my diet - & in
dry, I am now nearly recovered
esterday & to-day, I have
ell in every respect, but a
the faeces, which admonishes
ny care -
been spent almost altogether
reparing the business The
on Tuesday.
nce Mr L. Shaw proposed to

	sation, consisting of M ^r S. Swett, M ^r Hale, him-
	self & others - I declined on account of a lite-
	rary society, which had been purposed by Hale -
	But understanding, that this was given up,
	& that Hale would join Swett's club, I expres-
	sed my wish to be considered an associate.
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	But a day or two after I was requested to
Literary Club	go to Hale's to form the literary club. I
formed	accordingly went on Thursday ev[enin]g - & found
	there Phillips, Channing & Dexter. We a-
	greed to assemble every Thursday ev[enin]g & by
	turns to prepare essays & reviews, for the
	support of the N[orth] Am[erican] Review, & of Hale's
	paper - I think the arrangement will be
	a pleasant one, but I fear I shall be but
	a meagre contributor - This ev[enin]g, however,
	I certainly passed pleasantly - I came away
	refreshed in my spirit - & have been more
	animated ever since.
	Last evening I went about nine o'clock
party at	to a large party at M ^{rs} Prescott's. I pas-
M ^{rs} Prescott's	sed the time more pleasantly than hereto-
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	fore in consequence of meeting several ladies, with
	whom I was acquainted, particularly M ^{rs} Hale
	& M ^{rs} T. W. Ward.
	Sunday noon - 9 March 1817 -
	I have attended worship at the Fed[eral] Street Church -
M ^r McKean's	& heard an admirable sermon from M ^r Mackean
Sermon on	on reconcilement with God. 2 Cor[inthians] [chapter] 5 - [verse] 20 - "we
Reconciliation	pray you, in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God' -
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The Preacher began with remarking, that to some it might seem strange, that man, the offender, should be entreated to become reconciled with him, whom he had offended - Yet such was the uniform tenor of the *Old & the New Covenant*. He cited several passages from both to prove this - He then proceeded to explain the grounds of this mode of address - All the attributes of God afforded a reason for it - But he could only notice his <u>immutability</u> - and his <u>mercy</u> - He then at considerable length, and with great elo-

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quence of manner and diction, deduced from there qualities of the divine nature, the propriety and reasonableness of man's being reconciled. God's purposes are unchangeable - All his ways are right - But we, weak and erring, offend ^ violate his laws & rebel against his authority - All that is to be done then is on our part - We have only to return to our obedience - to be reconciled to him, whose holy decrees we have transgressed, and we shall be received - His mercy assures us of pardon if we are sincerely penitent -

He then enumerated & explained the various signs by which we may know whether we have made any progress towards this reconcilement - Some of them escaped me from my habitual wandering of thought, but I rem[em]ber the following - a pleasure & delight in contemplating God's holiness and excellence - gratitude for his mercies - resignation in affliction - That which escaped me, I should think

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might have been, - a sincere desire & effort to increase in virtue & holiness -

The sermon ^ concluded with a powerful exhortation to be reconciled to God, now while our day lasts - while the voice of truth & mercy is yet sounding - -

After meeting I went to M^{rs} Parsons's house, to inquire after the health of her son - I was happy to learn, that he was somewhat better -

Sunday ev[enin]g -

Tit[us] [chapter] 2 [verse] 6

I attended meeting at M^r Channing's this afternoon.

M^r C[hanning]'s sermon was addressed to young men - and was an exhortation to be "sober minded" - He defined the virtue of sobriety - enumerated the dangers to which the young were exposed - and the evil consequences produced by excessive indulgence in pleasure.

I called after meeting at Uncle Gray's, where I found Cousin Mary, & Miss Shillaber.

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Monday ev[enin]g 11 o'clock 10 Mar[ch] 1817.

I rec[eive]d a gratifying invitation to day to dine at Uncle J. Sewall's with Aunt Scott, but being detained in Court until more than half past two - and having neither umbrella nor boots, to protect me from a heavy rain, & very wet streets, I was disappointed - Cousin Thomas, however, again very kindly came in the afternoon, at his Mother's request, to invite me to come in the evening, informing me also that M^{rs} Quincy would be there. - I accordingly went about eight o'clock - I found M^r, M^{rs} & Miss Quincy - M^r & M^{rs} Lee - M^r & M^{rs} Greele - & Miss Greele - Aunt Scott. - I was much re-

	joiced to have an opportunity of being intro-		
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	duced to M ^{rs} Quincy, a lady whose character		
	I have long admired To M ^r Q[uincy] I was		
	introduced, but received very coldly & haughtily.		
	I passed, upon the whole, a pleasant evening.		
	I had some conv[ersatio]n with M ^{rs} Q[uincy] whom I		
	found so intelligent, affable & pleasant, that		
	I regretted I could not enjoy more of her		
	society -		
	This afternoon, I rec[eive]d a very friendly bil-		
	let from M ^{rs} Prescott, informing me, that		
	M ^{rs} J. Head J[unio]r gave a cotillion party on Wed-		
	nesday ev[enin]g & not being acquainted with me		
	had requested her to invite me in her		
	name to join the party - She added, that		
	she knew it would afford pleasure to M ^{rs} H[ead]		
	if I would should visit them, & it would		
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	please them (herself & family) to meet me		
	then How kind & undescending! how		
	truly polite & good! - I returned an answer		
	of acceptance imm[ediatel]y, with my warmest thanks.		
	Thursday ev[enin]g 13 March - 1817.		
	Tuesday was spent in the occupations of busi-		
	ness. The same of Tuesday ev[enin]g - On Wednes-		
M ^{rs} J. Head's	day ev[enin]g I went to M ^{rs} Head's cotillion party.		
party	The most remarkable personage there was		
	Miss Johnson, a young actress, said to be		
	very respectable & accomplished; who has been		
	recently performing on our boards. Her mother		
	who was formerly celebrated as an actress, &		

vas received into very respectable company in his town, was also present - Miss J[ohnson] was ressed rather fantastically, but and her
ressed rather fantastically, but and her
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nanners had the air of study & affectation, but she
vas upon the whole, interesting in her appearance -
I did not dance, but spent my time rather
greeably than otherwise in looking at
ne dancers - and conversing with the
entlemen, & such of the ladies as I
new - M ^{rs} Prescott I found as usual
all of animation - Miss Preble & the
fiss Putnams accompanied her I re-
red at a little before twelve
This day has been spent in writing - two
ours of the evening at Hale's at the North-
merican club, where we had some very
ood productions from Channing & Phillips -
Henry Phillips, convicted for the murder
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f Denigré, was executed to-day - Crowds
f people flocked to the place of execution - He
said to have behaved with considerable
ortitude - and just before being swung off
e sung or chanted a hymn - of his own
omposition.
Sunday - 16 March - 1817
Friday passed in my usual occupations - I wrote
n Friday night until after one o'clock, which has
nade me unwell - Yesterday I dined at

M^r Prescott's - The dinner was intended for the Court - but neither the C[hief] J[ustice] nor Judges Jackson and Putnam were there - the last having gone to Salem - Gen[eral] Cobb, D^r Vaughan - The Sol[icitor] General - M^r Thorndike - Sheriff Bradford & Judge Tuder - & M^r W[illiam] Sullivan - M^r Francis C. Gray & myself constituted

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the rest of the party, except the ladies. Of these there was a fine company - the two daughters of Judge Putnam - both highly interesting, & accomplished - Miss Prescott & Miss Preble - - I enjoyed but little, however, for my eyes were very much inflamed and I was sick and out of spirits -

We had much table-talk - Gen[eral] Cobb, as usual, was seldom silent - & to me his conversation was highly entertaining - During a part of the time it turned upon the capture, & death of André - Gen[eral] Cobb said he had a command of a post near West Point at that time - that the account lately given by Col[onel] Talmadge was true, viz[it] [namely] that the three men who brought André in, and whose praises have been so

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loud & general for the act, were in truth of a class of men who made a trade of stealing cows, & selling them to either party indifferently - & there were called "cow-boys" - that the only ^ reason why they preferred bringing André to the American camp, rather than to let him escape was that they could not feel secure of obtaining the reward, he prom-

ised them - viz[it] [namely] 20000 guineas in English goods -

He related many interesting facts relating to this event of our revolution - It seems that Arnold, who then had the chief command at the post, had notified Jamieson who commanded the outpost, that he expected a friend from N[ew] York, whose name was John Anderson, & if such an one should present it

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himself, that he should let him pass - It had been arranged, that André should come by land. But it was afterwards thought by the British most safe, that he should go up by water. Accordingly a ship of war moved up the river nearly opposite to Smith's House, a noted place on the bank, where the conference was to be -André landed, & was rec[eive]d by Arnold at the shore - The motions of the Br[itish] having occasioned some alarm, a regiment had been ordered to march to West Point - & this reg[iment] accidentally, on its way, encamped for the night directly before Smith's house, when André and Arnold were - This, of course, created some alarm - And either want of provisions, or some other cause, detaining the reg[iment] there until

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late on the following day, the fear of having been detected became so great, that Arnold advised André to disguise himself in Smith's old clothes & make his escape. Arnold furnishing him with his pass, to enable to go clear through the American posts - He accordingly went

and when challenged, upon exhibiting his pass he was suffered to go on - He had got beyond all the American posts, & into a country which was scoured by both parties, but principally by the English, when the three men started up from the bushes, & demanded who he was ^ of which party he was, upper or lower? He, thinking himself within the British territory, replied, that he was of the lower, (i.e. British) party - They imm[ediatel]y seised him, and after many offers on his part, which they were willing

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to accept, if he could in any manner have assured them of their performance, he was brought to Jamieson's post - He then called himself John Anderson, & produced Arnold's pass - But there had been discovered in his boot plans of the works at West Point, drawn by the American Engineers, which caused a strong suspicion of some fould work - Jamieson accordingly, being much at a loss, detained him, while he despatched a vidette⁴ to Arnolds quarters, informing him of the arrival of Anderson & of his suspicious appearance - This vidette arrived at Arnold's house early in the morning. Col[onel] Hamilton was with him - About the same time, came a messenger from Gen[eral] Washing-

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ton informing Arnold, that he would be at his quarters at an early hour that morning.

- Arnold finding that all was lost, requested Hamilton to make his apology to the Commander in Chief - that important business called him to West-Point - but - he should return in fifteen minutes, & perhaps as

soon as Washington would arrive - He mounted the vidette's horse - rode to the river side - where he went on board his barge, & ordered the crew to row down the river - They obeyed & he was soon aboard the British Ship of War - but not till a few shot had been fired at him. For Gen[eral] Washington arriving imm[ediatel]y after Arnold's departure the first

André h[ad]

Arnold had taken leave of his wife, as a last farewell, without informing her where truly he was going sounds he heard, upon entering the house, were those of a hollow voice echoing through a spacious entry (for it was a large & elegant house) - "gone, gone, forever - O - - - - - - - - - h" - The General of course paused in astonishment - "Gone, Gone, forever" sounded again from the stair-case - "Gen Washington come here, I beg of you - gone, gone, for ever" - The Gen[eral] then knew the voice to be that of M^{rs} Arnold - & hastening up the stairs, he was met by her, almost frantic, her hair dishevelled - & still repeating "gone, gone, for ever" - Having called the domestics to take care of the woman, he inquired, what could be the cause - Col[onel] Hamilton

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told him of the vidette's arrival - of Arnold's departure & his excuse - The vidette, when questioned, told what he knew of the cause of his errand - that a suspicious person was detained at Jamieson's post - Gen[eral] Washington instantly saw through the treason - gave orders, that the barge should be fired upon but she was already beyond reach - -

André was examined before a board of twelve

general officers - & after about six days, was hanged as a spy - _ This morning M^r Channing's desk was filled by M^r Frithingham, who delivered a sermon on the return of the Jews to Judea from their captivity in Babylon - The passage selected was that representing the people as agitated by diff[eren]t senti-86 ments, some shouting for joy, while others wept aloud - - M^r F[rithingham] began by a very poetical & interesting account of these mingled emotions. He then went on to compare this with human life in general -This afternoon, a Mr Warne from N[ew] York delivered the sermon - which was on "confessing Christ" - . I dined at Aunt Scott's for the first time this great while - Miss E. Davis, Miss Clap, Miss Prescott from Portsmouth - & Miss Gardner were present -This ev[enin]g I have called at Uncle Sewall's & passed more than an hour - but I was stupid, and dejected. 87 Sunday ev[enin]g 30 March 1817. The engagements of the Court have obliged me to suspend my journal for a fortnight -Dinner at Soon after the last entry, I was invited by Mr Parkman's my class-mate, Rev[erend] M^r Parkman, to dine

	times taken up Swedenborg's works, but never
	book, he remarked that he had many
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	turning upon M ^{rs} Prescott's Sweden borgian
Judge Thacker	time - The Judge was very social - & the conversation
Hon[orable]	with Judge Thacker, & had a very pleasant
	I dined at my cousin Greele's, in company
	& his subject was "the excellence of the gospel".
	In the afternoon M ^r Channing preached
	me of M ^r Everett
	M ^r P[rentiss]'s voice & manner strongly reminded
	sermon - well-written & well-delivered.
	periods of our existence It was a good
	was the diff[eren]t views taken of life at diff[eren]t
	& the reflexions which occur to us at diff[eren]t periods - The subject, more particularly,
	was on "human life" - its brevity & uncertainty,
	preached for M ^r Channing His sermon
	man, ordained & settled at Chester last Wednesday,
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Sunday. 23 March	Last Sunday M ^r Prentiss, a young clergy-
	on Sweden borgianism ⁵ -
	resp[ectin]g the book lately published by M ^{rs} Prescott
	nor did he make any display of learning or wit. - I had some conversation with M ^r Lowell
	est & intelligent - He did not converse much,
	with him M ^r Warner appeared mod-
	ell was also present - & I was much pleased
	was M ^r Warner, from N[ew] York, - Rev[erend] M ^r Low-
	party mostly of clergymen, among whom

could get from them a single idea. He then related a pleasant anecdote of a conversation he had with D^r Tupper, a very singular character, who lives in the Eastern Country, & is celebrated for a pamphlet called the *Tchneuman*, & for having many years ago ruined his fortune in an attempt to carry a timber ship across the Atlantic.

On Sunday afternoon I called to see M^r Theop[hilus] Parsons, & was surprised to find him below. He seemed rejoiced to see me, & was very cheerful. There is now a strong prospect of his recovery.

In the ev[enin]g I called at Uncle Gray's

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& at Aunt Scott's. I then went to M^r Prescott's, hoping to find the Miss Putnams there, & to enjoy some of their sacred music - But they had gone. I passed, however, a very pleasant hour.

Nothing of much importance has occurred during the week, excepting that on Wednesday it unexpectedly devolved on me in consequence of Mr Prescott's absence in the Dist[rict] Court, to argue a cause of great interest in the S[upreme] J[udicial] C[ourt] - viz[it] [namely] "Aspinwall v[ersu]s Mason adm[inistrato]r de bon nom of Dan[iel] Sears." - I lost my dinner to gain time for preparation - but made miserable work in closing - & the next morning, the Jury returned a verdict ag[ain]st my client.
- I was very much mortified by this occurrence.

Sunday 30 March

This day M^r Channing has preached both morning & afternoon. In the morning the sermon was one I had heard about three years ago, on the "future state" - The object was to demonstrate that it would not be a state of rest & inaction - but that we should still continue to make attainments - to rise higher & higher - & should also exert ourselves ^ our powers actively in doing good. - It was a sublime & animating sermon.

After meeting I walked over S[outh] Boston bridge, & found it delightfully pleasant.

I met E[dward] T. Channing on the bridge - he was good enough to join me - & I had a most delicious walk - We talked mostly upon sub-

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jects connected with the sermon -

This afternoon M^r C[hanning]'s sermon, was on the Love of God - as a duty of religion -

This ev[enin]g I have called at Uncle Gray's - at M^r Prescott's - & at Uncle Sewall's. M^r Prescott has, in the course of the week, moved from Summer Street to a house in Pond
Street, formerly belonging to M^r Rowe I found M^{rs} P[rescott] quite delighted with her new
habitation, which she has taken great pains
in preparing - She received me with much
cordiality, & conversed with her wonted goodhumour - -

Miss P[rescott] & Miss Preble are absent on a

	visit to the Miss Putnams in Salem.
	visit to the iviss i dinams in Salem.