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Sunday - 7 Feb[ruary] 1819.

On Tuesday ev[enin]g I was present at a large & splendi[d] party given by M^{rs} Thorndike, late Miss Dana. - - [It] was like all such parties. -

Wednesday ev[enin]g went to M[arble]h[ea]d in the stag[e] the next day being appointed for a hearing of the case between my Father & Tours. - I had th[e] happiness to find all my friends well - Cous[in] Mary especially appeared much improved in health & spirits - - The ev[enin]g of my arrival I accompa[nied] her to M^{rs} Mary Blackler's, where we found th[e] Misses Humphreys, & Miss Charlotte Orne - The la[dy] I had not before seen, since her childhood. - Sh[e] entertained us with several songs -

Attended the referees, Hon[orable] W[illiam] Reed & Nath[aniel] ____ - er, at eleven o'clock, & explained my Father's c[ase] by which I occasioned their allowing him, as [I] suppose, some forty or fifty dollars less, than they otherwise would have done - - In the morning & afternoon I staid at home, enjoying a peace, as

I had not known before for a long time, in reading *Hall's Travels in Canada [and the United States]*, a book I have undertaken to review ^[6] - - In the evening I saw a client, & made some visits. -

It was my intention to take a chaise, & invite

<p>Friday 5 Feb[ruary]</p>	<p>Cousin M[ary] to ride with me to Salem - The day was fine as could be wished, but I forgot my purpose in thinking of the reference & other matters, till it was too late. -</p> <p>In the morning wrote a beginning of my review, and made a call on Rev[erend] M^r Bartlett, & others.</p> <p>- In the afternoon went in the stage to Salem. The weather was foul, & prevented my executing the intention of yesterday - - I found J. King not very well - I did not go to his house, having ordered the stage to call for me at his Office - I called on Miss Shillaber, but did not find her at home at M^r Cole's, where I staid some time, & saw all the family but himself, he being at school.</p> <p>Lynde Oliver appeared unaltered.</p>
<p>Saturday 6 Feb[ruary]</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">151</p> <p>I returned in the stage to M[arble]h[ea]d - passed the ev[en]ing mostly at home, but made some visits.</p> <p>Returned in the stage to Boston, after del[ib-]erating considerably about staying till Mond[ay] which I was desirous, but afraid to do, ha[ving] left word at my office, that I would retur[n] on this morning - And it proved fortunate, [that] I did so, as my business would have suffered, had I remained. - M^r Bourdoin was goo[d] eno[ugh] to keep my office during my absence. -</p>

Sunday
7 Feb[ruary]

M^r Channing preached this morning. -
His sermon was a fervent, & zealous one on t[he]
“*intercession of our Saviour*” - its nature & limits -
& more particularly the benefits to be expected
from it - M^r C[hanning] inculcated with great force &
earnestness the duty of ascribing to God this inte[r-]



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cession, & of being grateful to him for all the benefits, we
receive from a Saviour - He opposed most strenuously
the doctrine, that the pardon of sinners is claimed
or obtained by the Saviour as a right, founded on
his merit or sufferings - It is, he said, the effect
of God’s benevolence - while it is, at the same time,
the reward of our Saviour’s goodness, that he may
obtain such favours for those whom he loves. -
The idea of vicarious merit or punishment M^r C[hanning]
pronounced to be altogether “*a fiction of theologi-
ians & a monstrous fiction too*” - Penitence, he
maintained, was an object of approbation & favour
to God, independent of such intercession - & “should
a good & holy purpose arise in the breast of Satan
himself, it would be approved.” - -

The text was - “*Who is he, that condemneth; even
Jesus Christ the righteous &c*”.

Afternoon - M^r Channing again preached, &
delivered an excellent sermon on “the proper manner

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of attending public worship” - Text - “Take heed how y[ou] hear” - This discourse was an admirable exposition of the improper motives, which led many to the house of God and the true spirit & manner, that were necessa[ry] to make the services interesting or profitable - Parti[cu-]larly he insisted upon the great impropiety of attend[ing] to gratify literary taste. This was degrading the mi[nis-]try to the mere office of public entertainment. F[ine] elocution, ingenious reasoning, were not indeed to [be] despised. The preacher should make religion att[rac-]tive, if he can - But he has a higher business. It is to instruct - to impress the truth - to awaken t[he] affections - This he cannot do of himself - The heare[r] must cooperate - And unless he do, he will mos[t] often go away dissatisfied -

Another subject of M^r C[hanning]’s remark, was the going to c[hurch] with the expectation of having the feelings excited, feeling there as one feels no where else - This cou[ld] lead men to be satisfied only with violent declarat[i]ons

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and terrifying denunciations.

Wedn[esday] 10 Feb[ruary] 1819 - I dined at M^r Josiah Salisbury’s in company with Hon[orable] M^r Waldo & others. It was a pleasant social party - & conversation brisk -

Thursday - 11 Feb[ruary] - I rec[eive]d a note from S. P. Curtis Esq[ui]re inviting me to pass the ev[enin]g at his house

	<p>with M^r & M^{rs} Greenleaf - D^r Biglow & wife & I found also the two daughters of M^r G[reenleaf] - Miss H. Curtis & brother - & father - B. Whitwell Esq[ui]re & wife - I did not go till it was late - but passed the time very pleasantly. It was only a neighbourly visit, & a very social one. -</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Friday - 12 Feb[ruary] - I was invited by B. Guild Esq[ui]re to pass the ev[en]ing at his house with the Miss Buckminsters at a friendly party without form - I went at near nine - found a large circle, hardly one of whom did I know - I was bold eno[ugh] at last to approach Miss Cath[erine] Eliot, & had considerable conversation</p>
<p>Books arrived</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">155</p> <p>with her. She seems to me very pleasant & amiable, certainly has a fine face - Miss L. Buckminste[r] I saluted with a gentle inclination of the head, in orde[r] to ascertain, whether she remembered me. She retu[rn-]ed with averted eyes - & I could not determine, wh[ether] she looked on me as one she had never before se[en] or whether she waited for me to address her. - Thi[nk-]ing she might not chuse to renew her acquaintan[ce] with any connexion of my cousin Henry, I sai[d] nothing to her. -</p> <p>On Monday morning last I had the pleasure of seeing announced the arrival of the <i>Roxan[ne]</i> and the same day rec[eive]d an invoice of books on board of her sent by M^r Eliot - I had determined to procure insurance, if they had no[t]</p>

	<p>arrived on the very day, they did. - I was much gratified at receiving them, & am under gre[at] obligation to M^r E[liot] for his promptitude in executing a rather troublesome commission - They came</p>
	<p style="text-align: right;">156</p> <p>into my hands this day (Friday) in fine order.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sunday - 14 Feb[ruary] 1819.</p> <p>The weather continued fine all the last week until yesterday. Indeed on Tuesday & Wednesday it was so warm, that doors & windows were opened as in summer time. - Yesterday came on a N[orth] E[astern] snow storm, the first winter we have had since 1st January. - But to-day again it is very fine, & so warm, that the snow is fast disappearing. -</p> <p>M^r Channing delivered this morning one of his finest sermons on "<i>Prayer</i>" - He enforced the reasonableness, & advantages of a regular performance of this duty. There should be certain portions of our time set apart for devotion, and nothing, but the most unavoidable necessity should induce us to break in upon them. - There would also be particular states of the mind favorable</p>
	<p style="text-align: right;">157</p> <p>to prayer. Of these we should avail ourselves, fo[r] softening our hearts, & increasing our piety - There would be in the life of every man peculiar</p>

circumstances, in which he could find incalculable relief in prayer - 1. - When we [have] to decide upon any step to be taken, which may change our course of life - such ~~xxx~~ as a new connexion &c - 2. - In time of trial - 3. - In time of temptation, p[ray-]er is peculiarly seasonable - 4. - In mome[nts] of sorrow & affliction. - ^ 5. In times when we have experienced som[e] signal blessing or deliverance. Upon each of these M^r C[hanning] enlarged, and with most touching & soothing eloquence, pointed out the propriety of raising our hearts & min[ds] to our Heavenly Father, in all the chang[es] of good or ill - -

After meeting I called at Uncle Sewall's where I saw M^r Henry Sterns, M^r S. Higgin[son] & daughter - Aunt Scott &c - On my way

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thither I was joined by Cousin Edmund, who, I was sorry to hear say, that his lungs were so weak he had nearly resolved to give up preaching. -

I then called at M^{rs} Parson's to see her son Theop[hilus] - who has been sick for some time. He had just returned from riding & was somewhat exhausted - but seemed pleased with my call.

This afternoon M^r Channing's sermon was on the duty of applying our thoughts closely to the

situatio of those who are afflicted, so as to sympathize with & relieve them. - “Let every man attend not to his own things, but also to those of others” - M^r C[hanning] mentioned as the two great classes of those, who selfishly confine their thoughts to their own wants - **1.** - Those who are prosperous & gay of heart - **2.** - Those who have sorrows of their own. -

This morning I read *Hooke's sermon on Pride*, and was much instructed & gratified by it. It contains some admirable passages.

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Boston - Wedn[esday] ev[ening] 17 Feb[ruary] 1819.

This evening I have passed in a manner most gratifying to myself. I rec[eive]d this afternoon a ver[y] friendly invitation from Hon[orable] M^r Quincy to pass the ev[ening] at his house with a few friends - When I arrived there I was surprized, & somewhat[t] alarmed at the sound of a violin - On goin[g] into the room I found M^r Q[uinty] reading - & in the front room a party of young ladies & chi[l-]dren dancing cotillons. - M^r Q[uinty] rec[eive]d m[e] warmly - M^{rs} Q[uinty] soon came, & told me, [I] must not think I was invited to a ball - t[hat] this was only the children's dancing school - that M^{rs} Guild & others of my acquaintance want__ - So I sat down, & talked with M^r Q[uinty] ab[out] various matters, till M^r Dwight of the Senate came in, who talked about the tax manctions[?] & other

	<p>legislative matters. - The dancing was soon ov[er]</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">160</p> <p>& the party came into the parlour - I was glad to see Miss Martha Higginson & others that I knew - M^{rs} Guild, Miss Guild, & Miss Cath[erine] Eliot & her sister were among them - After tea, we had music, which I enjoyed very much - - With Miss Cath[erine] Eliot I was very much pleased. Her countenance is expressive of all that is excellent. There is a frankness, & sweetness in her manners blended with dignity, which makes her to my view the most interesting young lady I have ever seen - - With M^{rs} Quincy I have always been much delighted - She has every quality that should cause her to be loved & respected.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">I was gratified beyond measure at receiving both from M^r & M^{rs} Q[ui]ncy an earnest invitation to visit them. I shall certainly avail myself of it.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">I have today finished & delivered to Channing a Review of <i>Hall's Travels in Canada & the U[nited] States</i>.^[6]</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">161</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Boston - Sat[urday] 20 Feb[ruary] 1819.</p> <p>The referees met to-day at my office to deci[de] the case between my Father, & the estate of [the] late M^r Sylvanus Gray. - My Father was [not in] town, but returned by the evening stage, lea[v-]</p>

ing the discussions unfinished - We were engaged from ½ past 11 to ½ past two, [and] again from 4 to near 7 o'clock. - Th[e] referees are Lem[uel] Shaw Esq[ui]re. -
Caleb Loring }
W[illiam] Roper. }
All excellent men with whose determination I shall be entirely satisfied. -

Sunday - 21 Feb[ruary] 1819.

M^r Channing preached in the morning. The [ser-]vices were interrupted by an alarm of fire. I went out to ascertain where it was, and aft[er] ascertaining that it was a shed in Hart's S[hip] Yard, I returned & found M^r C[hanning] deliveri[ng]

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his sermon, which he had begun about five minutes - My attention was somewhat disturbed by the occurrence of the fire - but I attended enough to be highly gratified, as well as instructed. The subject was Fear of God, & M^r C[hanning] after describing that slavish fear, which regarding God as an arbitrary tyrant, seeks to appease him by adulation, & unmeaning ceremonies, proceeded to describe that fea[r] which religion enjoins - The impenitent & sinful have cause to fear - for when the mercy now offered is finally rejected, justice will have its turn, & there are in scripture many fearful demoncrations of punishment - The joy

	<p>& gaiety of such, M^r Channing compared to a condemned criminal sporting on his way to the place of execution - or a drunken man sporting on the edge of a precipice - - The fear of a good man, was of a different kind - it is a reverence of God, and</p>
<p>Mainly in the preacher's words.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">163</p> <p>a due conviction of his danger, & of the temptatio[n] to which he is here exposed, as a place of trial. He had much of real enjoyment, but enjoyment is not the end, for which he lives - [I] have represented indeed that enjoyment is [not the] end of our being - But whence is this noti[on] derived? Do you read it, in the cry of the [in-]fant upon first entering into this world? - in the severe ta__s & the ^{^strong} passions of childhood - in the toils, pains, cares, disappoint[ments] of maturer life - in the infirmities of old age - in the appalling circumstances of death? - Life made for enjoyment! - Why then d[o] those, who give themselves up to enjoyment, [be-] come despised & miserable? - "<i>Why is the deep draught poison?</i>" - Life made for enjoyment! - Why then are these enjoyments allowed</p>
<p>Sermon in the afternoon by M^r C[hanning] on the Christian's de</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">164</p> <p>to so few? - The good man seeks indeed to enjoy as far as he can with innocence - but he feels, that his conscience tells him, that he is placed here for the performance of duty - This therefore is the first object of his attention -</p>

-sire of a better life - and his feeling, that he is a stranger in this life- - It was an excellent sermon.

Called on M^r Greele --passed an hour & took tea at M^r Hale's & finished up__ th[at] __ at Uncle Sewall's

Elijah [fed] by Ravens

Let us all pray, "*that we may pass the time of our sojourning here with fear.*"

This was an admirably eloquent and impressive sermon.

Monday - ev[enin]g 22 Feb[ruary] 1819.

I rec[eive]d this morning a very gratifying letter from Steph[en] Sewell Esq[ui]re of Montreal, in answer to mine informing him of his success in a reference with S. Dana. - He acknowledged great obligations to me, & gives a carte blanche as to fees. - -

I drew up in the morning a written statement of the points in my Father's case - & sent it to the Referees.

I went with E[dward] T. Channing to see M^r Alston's picture of "*Elijah fed by the Ravens*" - It is now at M^r Nath[aniel] Amory's, & exhibited to all decent visitors.

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in his front parlour. - I was very forcibly struck with this piece after contemplating it a little wh[ile.] The immense wilderness gives to the mind a _____ & solemn sense of solitude - while the sight _____ the only living beings, Elijah bending in ado[a-] tion, and the ravens ministering to his wants, calls to mind that Providence, which can [pro-] tect in the most trackless desert - You feel the insignificance of man, & the greatness of

God - - The effect if much heightened by t[he]
solemn still lake, black with the deep sha[dows]
of the rocks that skirt it, while the stre[am]
that supplies & runs from it, enlivens the s[cene]
as it [is] seen tumbling over the rocks. - -

Judge Davis came while we were there.

Tuesday ev[enin]g 23 Feb[ruary] - 1819.

Went to M^r Channing's - met there our usu[al]
number together with D^r Channing, Ja[me]s Savage & M^r
Appleton, whom I had seen in Portsmouth before.

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We conversed about forming a society in the Parish,
& raising a fund to be applied by a committee for
various benevolent purposes, moral, & religious -
M^r C[hanning] had matured a plan, wh[ich] he read, &
wh[ich] was adopted with some slight variations.

Wedn[esday] 24 Feb[ruary] 1819.

Went in the ev[enin]g to a party at M^r J. Salisbury's -
but stopped at Judge Prescott's Offices by the way,
and being engaged in an interesting concern with
him, I staid till ½ past eight. At M^r
Salisbury's I found a large, & very pleasant
collection - All my friends were there, except Uncle
J. Sewall's family, who were represented by Cousin
Thomas. - I conversed principally with
Miss R. Lee & Miss Higginson - about M^r
Alston's painting, & paintings generally &c -

	<p style="text-align: center;">167</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Boston - Sunday ev[enin]g 28 Feb[ruary] 18[19].</p> <p>This morning M^r Ware preached for M^r Channing & delivered an excellent sermon on "<i>Liberality and Religion</i>". - His text was from Rom[ans] Ch[apter] 2. - "<i>h[im] that is weak in the faith receive ye, but not un to doubtful disputations</i>" - He explained with grea[t] force, and distinctness, the character of Paul, affording an unparralleled example of cand[our] and liberality joined with a most fervent zeal. He then proceeded to describe liberality, and to expose those false appearances, which are often m[is-] called by that name - He insisted that the term liberal should never be used as the name of a se[ct] for there were liberal men of all persuasions -</p> <p>There were in this sermon marks of great thought and a spirit of magnanimity, & generous regard to the rights of conscience in others, which do honour to this young preacher -</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">168</p> <p>After meeting I walked with Cousin Tho[mas] Sewall & E[dward] T. Channing - I dined at Uncle J. Sewall's - The Rev[erend] M^r Bowers also dined there, formerly the clergyman in M[arble]h[ea]d - I was pleased once more to meet him. He seemed depressed, & conversed but little. -</p> <p>This afternoon M^r Channing delivered a most</p>

fervent, eloquent & impressive sermon on “*Godliness as having the promise of this life*” - I cannot follow him thro’ this admirable discourse. It was deeply affecting - so much so, that at one passage I was near to shedding tears. - He explained the reasons, why the opinions & practice of the world are so opposed to the truth asserted in his text. - They were - **1.** - wrong ideas of happiness - making it to consist in trifling gaiety - & **2.** - a wrong notion of religion, supposing that

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those are eminently devout, who subject themself[es] to severe & unmeaning austerities - & who are [alter-]nately transported or in gloom. -

He then pointed out the way, in which relig[i]on contributed to happiness & peace here - by des[ir-]ing our worldly & vicious propensities, & especial[ly] our selfishness. - “*You need not ask, said he, a[ny] greater curse upon your enemy, than that he should be entirely selfish. Let his own interes[t] be his God, & you need not with for Satan to [tor-]ment him*” - -

I took tea at M^r Greele’s, where I again [met] M^r Bowers & passed a social evening hour - - I called at D^r Biglow’s, & passed another hour v[ery] happily - then at Col[onel] Thorndike’s, where I w[as] well rec[eiv]ed, & remained in social converse t[il] near ½ past nine - . I had intended to [call]

	<p>at M^r Quincy's - but was prevented</p>
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