

Boston - Thursday morn[in]g 15 July 1819.

Sundry events have occasioned the suspension of my journal for three weeks past. - I shall now attempt a rapid review under the several dates. -

Sunday. 27 June - Pres[ident] Kirkland preached, M^r Chan-ning being out of town. He delivered two admirable sermons - but I cannot recall the subjects.

In the course of this week, I was called upon by D^r Noah Worcester, who in the name of the Executive Committee of the Peace Society requested me to deliver the address at the next annual meeting. - I was most gratified by this honour - & at once answered that I would attempt it. - He then very modestly suggested Privateering as a good topic - & I agreed to adopt it - May God assist my weakness, so that I may perform this work in a manner acceptable to him, and profitably to his servants.

Wednesday. 30 June - Attended this evening a meeting of the Religious Conversation Society at

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M^r Ch[arle]s Tappan's - The subject was - Christian Humility - The discussion was a most interesting one -

Saturday - 3 July - I went in the 11 o'clock stage

<p>At M[arble]h[ea]d on Sunday I first heard of a brilliant comet now visible in the North West - I saw it in the evening - & it has continued visible, tho' retiring, ever since.</p>	<p>to Salem - dined at the ordinary - called on J. G. King, & other friends. - One object in my visit was to see M^r Saltonstall, & converse with him on the subject of our duty as members of a committee of the Peace Society on the subject of Privateering. - I had intended to go with M^r S[altonstall] to see D^r Worcester, who is chairman of a committee for the same object from the convention of clergymen - But M^r S[altonstall] was out of town. - I was also disappointed in not seeing my Cousin Mary - I walked to M[arble]h[ea]d & called at M^{rs} Treadwell's on my way - but M^{rs} T[readwell] & Cousin M[ary] were both abroad. - I had a very pleasant walk to M[arble]h[ea]d for at the Mills I turned into the fields - & found the path perfumed with roses & sweet-briars - the birds chanting & chirping all around me - & every thing fresh with verdure & blooming with beauty. - At M[arble]h[ea]d I had the happiness to find all my friends in good health & spirits.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">56</p> <p>Sunday - 4 July - I attended Church all day - M^r Smith preached, probably for the last time, as they cannot pay him. I regretted this for there is something very satisfactory, when I am in M[arble]h[ea]d, in going to the place of worship, where all my earliest associations are revived. -</p> <p>I visited my several friends in M[arble]h[ea]d & remained there next day - 5 July. which was the day of celebrating independence - -</p>

Jos[eph] Lancaster

In the forenoon I strolled upon the beach for two hours - visited the old familiar rocks - & enjoyed it highly. In the afternoon I would have gone to Salem - but I did not wish to walk & could not get a horse - .

Tuesday - 6 July - Returned to Boston in the Stage - Court of C[ommon] Pleas sat, Judge Ward taking his seat for the first time.

Wednesday - 7 July - Dined at Uncle J. Sewall's in company with a M^r Kinder from New York. - The evening previous I had attended Mr Jos[eph] Lancaster's Lecture at the Old South. The system of Lancaster was the principal topic of con-

versation. -

Saturday. 10 July - dined at Sheriff Hall's with a Bar-party - The Justices of the Court of Sessions were present - - It was a pleasant dinner eno' - but I was glad to get away as soon as possible it being extremely hot.

Sunday - 11 July - D^r Kirkland preached in the morning - & D^r Ware in the afternoon - Both were good sermons. - I attended my class at the Vestry - & had the pleasure to find them improving -

Wednesday - 14 July - The Religious Assoc[iation] met

at L. Tappan's - It was my turn to preside -
I had given as a subject the "Love of Praise"
- It led to a very interesting discussion, in wh[ich]
all the texts of scripture were searched & produced
& compared. - - M^r Ward being next in turn
to preside, proposed the same subject for the
next meeting - & as we had not exhausted
it - this was cheerfully assented to.

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Passed the ev[enin]g at M^r Greele's with a few friends - Con-
versation principally about Jos[eph] Lancaster & his system,
& his last lecture - Several anecdotes of his relating
were repeated.

Friday - 16 July - 1819

This day was finally settled an unpleasant contro-
versy which has been long depending between W[illiam]
H. Bordman & others, heirs of A. Boynton - & M^r
Sam[uel] Dillanay, resp[ectin]g an estate in Marlboro' Str[ee]t.

In the ev[enin]g the N[orth] A[merican] Club met at Channing's
Office - Little being said or done, I went away
soon to Uncle J. Sewall's, whom I wished much to
see, as I had understood that he was unwell.
I found him better, & was happy to meet there
Uncle & Aunt May.

Saturday. 17 July. 1819

Going to the Bath in the morn[ing] met M^r Jno.
Lee, from whom I was sorry to learn, that his

daughter Rebecca had the night before been again attacked with spasms - The acquaintance of this amiable young lady I had much valued - God grant, she may not be remov-

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ed from the circle, where her virtues are so conspicuous. - In the ev[en]g attended club at Hale's - W. Alston Esq[ui]re was there - & Professor Tickner - Channing - L. Shaw & Pickering - I was dull, & it seemed to me, the others were so too. I took no interest in the conversation - & came away soon after ten.

Sunday ev[en]g 18 July. 1819

This has been to me a day of rich satisfaction. - I was dull and dissatisfied in the morning - but by reading a chapter of Law's Serious Call, I was brought to a better state of mind - I then prayed with some satisfaction - and after reading over & thinking of the portion of scripture selected for the boy's exercise in the vestry today, I went to meeting - M^r Channing preached - His sermon was from ~~Romans — one St Paul's epistle~~ ^{^ Romans Ch[apter] 6 - v[erse] 11}, in which he exhorts those, to whom it is addressed to ~~be~~ ^{^ "reckon themselves"} dead to sin, and "alive unto God" - - M^r Channing said, he had selected this passage on account of the clause "alive unto God" - - that there was a manifest difference between merely believing in God, or in the redemption of man, and

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that conviction, which is expressed by being "alive to God". - that few, very few, he feared, possessed this living

sensibility to God - He then, in his eloquent & impressive manner, insisted on the infinite importance of this conviction, above all earthly riches & distinctions. - learning, & fame & power were poor possessions, compared with it - He appealed to the man of great knowledge & wisdom, that the unfortunate suffering poor might in this surpass him. - God had impartially distributed his blessings - suffering turned the heart to God, & the sufferer found there a peace, which the world could not give - He then enumerated, & explained some of the causes of a want of sensibility to God - & next, the means of obtaining it, of which the first was - a humble sense of our own deficiency & want - 2 - prayer, to which, if sincere, the aids of the spirit were promised - 3. setting apart a portion of time for reflexion on God's perfections. -

But the close of this sermon, though I cannot forget it, it is utterly out of my power to convey any just idea of on paper - -

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It was sublime & startling to a degree, which I can only feel - & it amazed & astonished me too much for accurate recollection. - After speaking of God's goodness, his tenderness & love - the preacher with an animation such as I never before witnessed in him, exclaimed in words of which these are a faint similitude - "And if this be not enough, then let affliction, let anguish, dis-

ease & death, rise us from our earthly attachments, and awaken in us, a living conviction of God's excellence - Let the earth shake beneath us &c -" - but I can remember no more.

It was highly gratifying to me, to attend my class in the vestry - & to hear the interesting instruction, of M^r Channing to the children - - It was also a most gratifying circumstance, that I dined at Uncle Jos. Sewall's - M^{rs} Hinckley was there, having arrived ~~there~~ yesterday - Miss Margaret Newton also dined there - an intelligent, interesting girl, with a countenance indicating much goodness of heart. We talked, of course, of the sermon & of M^r Channing - somewhat also of M^r Lancaster - & on every subject,

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Miss Newton discovered correct judgment, combined with modesty -

M^r Channing preached again in the afternoon - & his text was from Romans - "Be not conformed to this world" - He explained the limitations with which this command must be understood - & with his usual distinctness pointed out the boundaries, where compliance with the customs of the world becomes sinful. - When Chr[istianity] obtains its perfect reign, to conform to the [^] world will be a duty. - After meeting read some of Count Rumford's first Essay at the Athenæum.

Sunday - 25 July - 1819 -

M^r Channing out of town - M^r Reid, a young man -

preached in the morning - He delivered a good sermon on the evidences of the Resurrection, first of Jesus Christ - 2^{[n]dly} of all mankind - In the afternoon M^r A. Biglow preached - His sermon was on the goodness of God "God is Love" ~~xxxxx~~ His style was in general too inflated, but better than heretofore, & his delivery much improved - There were many marks of genius in his composition, tho' accompanied by false taste.

I attended my class in the vestry at noon.

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After meeting read at the Athenæum several work preparatory to writing a Review of Buxton on Prisons - particularly L. W. Jones's Institutes of Hindu Law, wh[ich] I found very interesting & instructive. -

Called in the evening at M^r Lee's, where I passed an hour with M^r & M^{rs} L[ee] & Aunt Scott - I was very sorry to hear a bad account of Miss Rebecca's health - This excellent girl must, I am afraid, be lost to her friends on earth.

I then called at Uncle Sewall's, where I found Uncle May, M^{rs} Hinckley &c - I passed another hour here - & returned home -

Monday - 26 July - 1819.

Dined at Hon[orable] Israel Thorndike's - M^{rs} Hinckley from M[arble]h[ea]d dined there - & from Uncle J Sewall's family were Miss Robie, Miss Sterns & cousin S. Sewall. M^r & M^{rs} Greele were also there - The other guests were M^r Rogers, a merchant - Professor Tichener - &

Rev[erend] M^r Greenwood - - M^r Tichener was, by the inquiries continually directed to him, obliged to be most of the time talking, & communicating, as he did very obligingly, what his residence in Europe had enabled him to learn of the Literary men, & principal characters there. - I rec[eive]d en-

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tertainment & instruction from his conversation - -

I was to have returned to Col[onel] T[horndike] in the evening, but found myself occupied to a pretty late hour - & withal somewhat indisposed by my cold.

Tuesday - 23 July - 1819.

This evening I passed at Uncle J. Sewall's, where was a very considerable party - - M^{rs} Hinckley may be considered the immediate cause, being their guest: - Aunt Scott was there - Many of the Salisbury family - Col. Thorndike's family - M^{rs} Avery, M^{rs} Mansfield &c. - I was pleased to see so many united who have been mostly moving in diff[erent] circles. - It was a pleasant party - & I left it with regret - - I was the greater part of the evening talking with M^r Josiah Salisbury on the subject of prisons, the poor &c -

In the forenoon meeting the Solicitor General in the Law Library, I had made some inquiries of him respecting gaols - increase or decrease of crimes &c - He said that in the Dist[ri]ct of Maine crime had much diminished - but the older parts of the State, he thought, held their own: - In all the ~~We~~ Eastern Counties, excepting the three lowest, and in the

	<p>County of Essex, comprising together a population of ab[out]</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">65</p> <p>250,000 the indictments the last circuit were 24 in number, & very many for trifling offences, while in Middlesex, having a population of 60,000 - the indictments at the last Court in Oct[ober] were 25.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Wedn[esday] 28 July. 1819</p> <p>Business all day - In the Evening attended the Religious Conv[ersation] Club at T. W. Ward's - The subject was "Love of Praise & Reputation" - We had a very interesting meeting. M^r Ward, at the close, read a very well written paper of remarks on the subject - but we were disturbed by a false a- larm of fire, and tho' the reading was finished it was difficult to attend. - I returned from this meeting highly gratified with our plan of discussion.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Thursday. 29 July. 1819</p> <p>I was all day employed as a referee, with L. Shaw Esq[ui]re & C. Winston J[unio]r in hearing evidence concer[n]ing a long account between an Engine-maker - & a Forger of Iron - - In the evening I employed my- self in reading in the subject of crimes, police, poor &c -</p>
<p>E. Q. Sewall's sickness</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">66</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Friday. 30 July. 1819.</p> <p>Forenoon business - afternoon - read Sir S. Romilly on Criminal Law - Evening, called at M^r Greele's to see E. Q. Sewall, who I had been informed in the morning, had returned in a very ill state of health from N[ew] York. - He was in bed, & I did not see him. M^{rs} Greele informed</p>

me, he had kept his bed all day, except about half an hour - & was very weak - - I was alarmed to hear, that D^r Jackson pronounces his lungs, & his liver to be affected - - The weather being excessively hot, I walked in the Mall for ½ an hour, & enjoyed a fine moonlight evening - and returning read 5th Ch[apter] of 2 Cor[inthians] & then went to bed.

Saturday - 31 July - 1819.

In the forenoon, closed the hearing upon the reference - Dodge v[ersus] Alger & vice versa - In the afternoon, prepared a sketch of an article for the N[orth] A[merican] Review on crime & punishment & prisons - In the evening, attended club at Hale's - only Shaw, Channing, Hale & myself present, and Pickering, who came late. - Conversation turned upon the character of Jesus Christ, & the manner, in wh[ich] his death operates to salvation of sinners. - Channing expressed a decided belief, that it is taught in the New-

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Testament, that the death was in some way a necessary condition to man's salvation. - I agree with him in this, adding only, necessary according to God's eternal purpose

I slept none this night, from the excessive heat & other causes -